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Another month of summer under our belts and we dive into another 4 weeks of making memories before school is back up and at it again.

How has your summer been?

I have to share, it has been a learning curve for my famma jamma - all my babies are done school. My daughter graduated college and my youngest graduated highschool and I am officially a mom of the working class. For the first time in 20 years, I won't have school lunches, backpacks and alarm clocks to worry about when summer is over. More on that in the next edition of the Backroads, where I share the trials and tribulations of parenting young adults...

August weekends in North Kawartha are ACTION packed...Regattas, BBQ's, Sailing Races, Film Festival, A Car show and even some Karaoke!! Come out and support your community, meet someone new, make some memories.

This edition has some recaps on some fun things that happened last month - Canada Day celebrations, Fishing Derby and our ever popular Gaming night once again raised a record breaking amount.



Also, with a mountain of emotion, I share that the Backroads is officially up for sale. After 11 very successful years, I am actively looking for a new owner to continue the legacy Jude and I have built with this community magazine. With intention to change ownership by Dec 31st 2026, or unfortunately, the Backroads Magazine will be closing its doors. I will be offering mentorship and so much more, please reach out if interested.

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Submitted by Roxanne Lambert,
Treasurer, Coe Hill Riders ATV Club (CHATV).

Coe Hill Riders ATV Club Charity Ride Returns August 15 in Support of North Kawartha Food Bank

ATV enthusiasts will once again hit the trails for a great cause when the Coe Hill Riders ATV Club (CHATV) hosts its annual Charity Ride in support of the North Kawartha Food Bank on Saturday, August 15, 2026.

The event has become a popular summer tradition, bringing riders together while raising much-needed funds for local families. Since 2022, CHATV has donated more than \$13,000 to the North Kawartha Food Bank through this annual fundraiser. Participants contribute through ride registration fees, with additional funds raised through a raffle held under a Township lottery licence. Last years ride raised \$2,900.

This years event is once again proudly sponsored by Anstruther Marina. CHATV also thanks the many local businesses and individuals who generously donate prizes each year to help make the fundraiser a success.

Established in 2018, the Coe Hill Riders ATV Club is an incorporated not-for-profit organization and a proud member of the Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicles (OFATV). Governed entirely by volunteers, the club promotes safe, responsible, family-oriented ATV recreation throughout North Hastings and North Kawartha.

CHATV has mapped and maintains approximately 600 kilometres of ATV trails, funded through club memberships. The club is committed to rider safety,



environmental stewardship, promoting tourism, supporting local businesses, and giving back to the communities it serves. Since its inception, CHATV has donated more than \$55,000 to local charities and community organizations, including the Tri-Township Food Bank, Wollaston Public Library, Wollaston Fire Department, Community Care North Hastings, Coe Hill Legion Branch 581, and the Limerick Firefighter Association.

Registration details were posted on the clubs Facebook page in mid-July.

For more information, visit www.chatvc.ca or email admin@chatvc.ca.

The Coe Hill Riders ATV Club welcomes riders of all experience levels to enjoy a day of adventure while helping support local families in need.





VIEW FROM THE CABIN

by Rick de Haan

The \$150 Fish

Ahh, the joy and serenity of fishing in a canoe on a remote lake or river just as the sun peeks above the trees. The gossamer mist on the quiet waters slowly vanishing in the first slanting rays of the rising sun. What an idyllic picture in your mind as you look forward to a week at the cottage. But . . . it doesn't always go quite as perfectly as your romantic dreams would seem to portray.

So, off we went to our rental cottage . A week of kicking back and fishing with our daughter Jodi and her family.

Like the past five years, we had booked the first available week of the season, which always coincides perfectly with "Ontario's Free Fishing Week".

After a three hour drive northeast

to the Bonnechere River, the cottage looked to be as it always had been—except for the dock. The dock wasn't in yet, in fact it had not yet been rolled into the river (yes, it was on big wheels). The whole bulky affair sat on the bank looking forlornly at the river. The water levels had been too high for it to be installed by the owner. Understandable. Ok, we'll manage somehow; adapt and overcome, right?

At this particular cottage, I always prefer to sleep in my sleeping bag on the screened-in porch overlooking the river. This porch has glass all around the bottom, with screening up above. That way I can look at the towering pines and listen to all the haunting night sounds: whip-poor-wills, frogs, and owls. That night there was a glorious moon shining through the trees, and fireflies lighting up like tiny shooting stars.

It was about 6 o'clock on the first morning when I awoke to the sound of two or three frogs croaking somewhere along the shore. I opened my eyes and marvelled at a sight that has always thrilled me—the river shrouded in an early morning mist with the rising sun just kissing the tops of the distant pines. It was a beautiful, peaceful scene.

After a few minutes Jodi and her husband Jon departed the cottage carrying a mountain of fishing gear and made their way to the shore. Then began the wordless clattering of gear and bumping of kayaks. Kayaks that had to be launched from the bank. After loading the boats with all their gear and placing two rods in the holders of each kayak like double aerials, they liberally sprayed themselves with insect repellent. Jon, like a true gentleman, then lovingly helped his wife onto her kayak and made sure she was all set before he gently pushed her off.

Now all alone, Jon began the awkward task of placing himself in his kayak from the side of the river. A task he was used to doing from the stability of a dock. The grassy bank he was forced to use was wet and



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slippery. Jon is a big lad and somewhat top-heavy. Yet despite his lack of sprightliness, and against all odds, he managed to get most of himself safely onto the kayak—except for one foot. But due to the wobbly nature of kayaks, made even wobblier by Jon's sudden presence upon it, his left foot caught on the side of the unstable vessel. Jon, quickly realizing he was in an escalating and irreversible situation, over-corrected himself and in short order disappeared from view over the opposite side of the kayak with a resounding splash. Jon resurfaced surprisingly quickly and by sheer reflex began to spew river water like a fountain cherub. Fortunately the kayak hadn't flipped over, but "had" relieved itself of a variety of fishing paraphernalia which bobbed cheerfully about in the now not-so-calm water.

Not to be undone by this small inconvenience, Jon gathered all his gear, lures, net, and anything else he could find on and below the water's surface, spread his legs, floated the kayak deftly between them and sat gingerly down. Jon looked around him and smiled. He was quite proud of his new and ingenious method of getting onto a kayak.

All went reasonably well for Jon during the hour that followed. He managed to catch three largemouth bass, two of which he released, keeping only the largest one. Wondering where his stringer was, he looked all around him, whilst holding the wriggling bass. He then realized that his daughter had used the kayak the afternoon before. He checked inside the circular hatch at the front, and there it was. The orange emergency bucket was normally attached to the long cord that this type of stringer was made of, but as he pulled on it, he realized it was caught somewhere inside and wouldn't move. Jon pulled and pulled but it was no use. The bucket was hung up somewhere in the bowels of the kayak, leaving only three or four clips of his stringer for him to use. So, he clipped his fish on and threw it overboard.

Ten minutes later, while casting from the middle of the river into the lily pads near the shore, he hooked a monster bass. After fighting the big fish for a minute or two he scooped it up into his net. The bass then did what bass normally do at this point and thrashed wildly about. It was after a few moments of this that the fish jumped out of the net. Luckily for Jon the lure caught on the net's rim, suspending the bass tenuously on the outside of the net. Jon and the bass eyed each other for a second or two before the fish started up again. The lure then became unhooked from the net, sending the fish on its way back toward the water. Jon, now running on pure adrenaline, leaned out and batted the big bass back into the boat with his free hand. He then quickly thrust his rod into the holder behind his right elbow so he'd have both hands to work with. The bass, after a few more seconds of floundering, managed to jiggle the rod free—which was barely seated in the holder—sending it over the side. The bass, with one final shake

of its head then dislodged the lure from its mouth and lay heaving at Jon's feet. The fishing rod, now free from all encumbrances, began to sink. Jon tried to grab the rod—his favourite one—complete with premium quality reel, and brand new 10-dollar lure before it disappeared forever into the murky depths. Jon looked woefully down into the water as his prized fishing rod sank out of sight.

Jon slumped a little lower in his seat, drew in a deep breath and let it out slowly. What a morning! He looked at the big bass. It lay before him, mouth opening and closing, one eye staring up at him. Jon picked it up by the lower lip. He felt its weight and admired the fight that the fish had within it.

"Well, you just cost me a hundred and fifty bucks!" He then clipped the four-pound bass safely onto what little of the stringer he had left, and slipped it in the water.



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What's Happening at the Library

Check out our calendar of events on our website for up-to-date information about library events:
www.northkawarthlibrary.com

Turtle Guardians

Saturday, August 1st - Drop in between 10am - 2:00pm - Apsley Branch.

Don't miss this opportunity to come and learn from The Turtle Guardians! They are bringing their LIVE turtles to town to show off and teach families all about them. While interacting with the turtles you will learn about identifying turtles, their habitats, and other cool turtle facts. Come and learn how you too can best support these amazing creatures! Themed merchandise will be available for purchase from the Guardians. Free drop in. No registration required. All ages. 175 Burleigh Street.

Touch A Truck Event!

Saturday, August 8th: 11am to 2pm. New Location: Apsley Lions Park!

Come young and old to our 2nd annual Touch a Truck Event and meet the local drivers behind the wheel! We will be welcoming many local trucks including the local Roads Department, OPP, and Fire Department. Kids can get up close and personal to the vehicles and their skilled operators. Food will be available for purchase from the Lions Food Truck. Donations will be accepted for the local food bank. Rain or shine. This is a free, family event! 335 McFadden Street.

Scientific Learning with Kathy Gringich

We welcome Kathy Gringich back to the Library for two programs to share her scientific knowledge with our young library patrons:

Sticky Water: Thursday August 13, 3:00 pm – Apsley Branch.

Kathy will demonstrate some water experiments and talk about how water around us reacts and interacts with things. Come find out why she calls water "sticky"! Free drop in. No registration required. All ages. 175 Burleigh Street.

Learn About the Moon

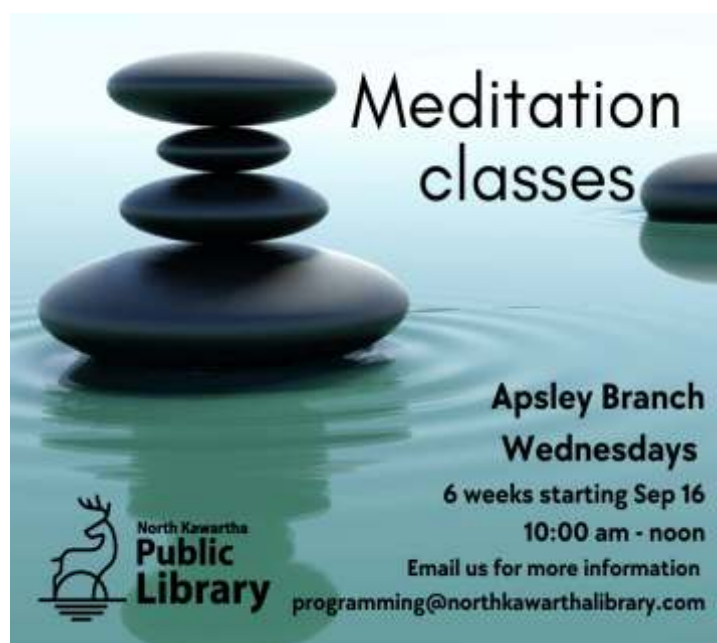
Saturday August 29, 10:30 am pm – Woodview Branch.

Kathy will teach us all about lunar eclipses and moon phases. Come find out how the moon in outer space can make water move on Earth's surface! Free drop in. No registration required. All ages. 66 Northey's Bay Road

Story time with Author Donna Reid

Saturday August 22 10:30 am – Woodview Branch.

Bring your kids to the for our last Saturday Summer Story in Woodview. Donna will share excerpts form her book Fiddle is Missing, as well as some other work. A great opportunity for kids to meet an author and understand the writing process. Her book Fiddle is Missing will be available to buy. Free drop in. No registration required. All ages. 66 Northey's Bay Road.



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North Kawartha Public Library

Coffee and Chat with Local Author Ramune Luminaire
Saturday August 15, 11:30 am – Woodview Branch

Join the author of *Coming Of Age...Again* as she shares the inspiration for her book. This fiction book is a great read for women who are entering that next chapter of life or their partners. It's about relationships and love in older women and takes place in the Kawarthas. Ramune lives on Big Cedar Lake and will have her book available for sale at this event. Free drop in. No registration required. 66 Northey's Bay Road

Tween Scene

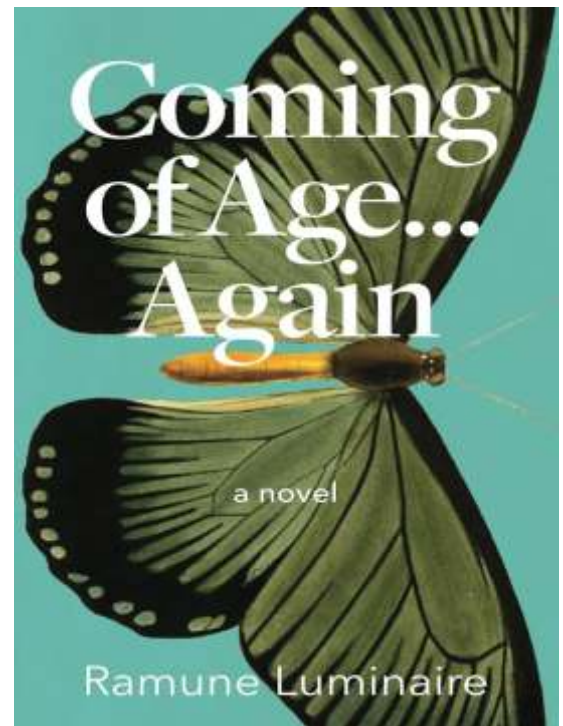
Wednesdays, 2 pm – 3 pm - Apsley Branch.

Calling all Tweens! Chill at the library every Wednesday this summer for an hour of activities, games, or crafts. Ages 10+. Bring your friends or make new ones! Free drop in. No registration required.
175 Burleigh Street.

Ukulele under the Gazebo

Fridays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm - Apsley Branch.

Join us for a relaxed social hour of ukulele. Beginners and experts welcome. Bring a lawn chair, your uke, and your desire to share your musical interests with your community. Don't own a ukulele? No problem, the library has a few in our Library of Things! Free drop in. No registration required. Weather permitting.
175 Burleigh Street.



Summer Mah Jongg Club
Apsley Branch and Woodview Branch.

Beginners and experts have been gathering at the Library to play this very popular game in June and July at both branches. If you are interested in joining a session (or two!) in August, call the Library or check our Calendar of Events online for dates and times. All skill levels welcome!



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Gayle Davis, Freelance

Life is Just Ducky

New craze has folks driving around with cute, squeaky company

When asked how you are, have you ever replied, “Just ducky”? Well, thousands of people can now say that on a daily basis while driving their vehicles!

My daughter purchased a Jeep earlier this year. It came with some nice options and one unexpected item. A rubber duck! When I first saw it in the front window of her Jeep, I thought it was cute. But at that point I didn’t realize that this was actually a ‘tradition’ with Jeep drivers everywhere. In fact, it was given to her by the dealership to welcome my daughter to the ‘Jeep owners’ community’. I’m sure it also made her smile!

The connection between Jeeps and ducks originated in 2020 in Ontario by a Jeep owner named Alison Parliament after a particularly frustrating encounter. She bought a bag of ducks and went around placing them anonymously on other Jeeps, as a random act of kindness, a way of brightening someone’s day. It’s also another way of saying ‘cool Jeep’, as well as promoting a sense of community among proud Jeep owners who highly value their choice in vehicles.

So, what do you do when you find you’ve ‘been ducked’? Well, you can keep it and add it to your collection, or you



can choose to pass it on to another driver to say, ‘You’ve been ducked!’

Have a good day’. Some people have a number of ducks in the front window of their Jeep. It almost looks like a ‘duck pond’. My daughter currently has only two as her visiting grandson has helped her give away her ducks to unsuspecting Jeep owners. He gets a real kick out of the exercise, and they share a fun time together, as well as it teaches him how great it is to give and do something nice for other people.

What other fun traditions are out there? As a direct nod to the Jeep tradition, Ford Bronco owners have been known to leave tiny horses on the windshield of another Bronco as a sign of admiration for the vehicle. Many Bronco owners, however, are not as keen to participate the way Jeep owners do. Subaru owners respond to the ‘Moo Moo Subaru’ movement by leaving tiny cows on a fellow-owner’s car. Honda drivers have left ducks or small, specialized honeybee figurines on fellow owners’ cars.

It all speaks to community. Humans crave a sense of belonging to something. And it is nice to be recognized by another individual who has made the same choice you have, whether it’s a car purchase or wearing the same style of clothing. It gives people a needed sense of ‘brotherhood’.

In the 60s and 70s, my dad and I had several discussions about the ‘counterculture’ movement.

He very cleverly pointed out that even though the young people at the time protested against their parents’ culture and prided themselves on being non-conformists, they actually did conform through their music, clothing, and hair styles, connecting them with the culture which was protesting ‘the old ways’ and striving to make a new way for their generation. So, in fact, in being ‘non-conformists, they actually did ‘conform’ and in doing so, they created and ‘belonged’ to their own community.

Whether it is ducks on the dashboard, music choices, or long hair, humans seek ways to be in community with others, sharing like interests and activities. Enjoy and celebrate your own community, whatever that may be. And have a ‘ducky’ day!

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About Community Care Peterborough Community Care Peterborough supports seniors and adults living with disabilities across the City and County of Peterborough. With the dedication of more than 800 volunteers, the organization provides Meals on Wheels, medical transportation, friendly visiting, home help and other essential services that promote safety, independence and social connection.

5th Annual Community Apsley Gaming Night Raises A Record-Breaking Amount

Community Care Peterborough's service office in Apsley hosted its fifth annual Apsley Gaming Night on Saturday, June 20, 2026. The night was full of casino games, delicious food, fabulous prizes, and laughter amongst attendees.

The event attracted over 100 people and was a major fundraising success – raising \$11,411 for the Apsley community. The event's fundraising total was enhanced by an anonymous \$10,000 donation, which pushed the grand total raised to an incredible \$21,411 – a record for this annual community event.

"We are so grateful for the generous support from our Event Sponsor, Clark Breuls of RE/MAX Country Classics Ltd, and from our other sponsors, donors, local businesses, and community members who attended this important fundraiser," said Katie Bryck – Community Development Coordinator in Apsley.

Community Care Peterborough would also like to thank all its event volunteers for their assistance with the Gaming Night. "This event would not have been a success without our dedicated team of volunteers and supporters from the community," said Bryck.

The entertaining night took place at the North Kawartha Community Centre and was enjoyed by guests who often return each year.

"It's wonderful to see returning sponsors and community supporters who come out each year for a fun evening that also supports our programs for seniors and adults with disabilities," added Bryck.

For more information about this event, or about Community Care Peterborough in Apsley, please call Katie Bryck – Community Development Coordinator at: 705-656-4589.

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LIONS COMMUNITY REPORT

by Brenda Lenson
Apsley and District Lions Club

What a month July has been. It started with Canada Day, and what a day it was. The temperature was 31 degrees, but the humidity factor was in the 40's. Just as we were decorating our floats for the parade and wicked storm came through and we thought that might be the end of the parade, but the sun did come out, and we were able to carry on. The kids had a lot of fun playing games in the park; the foam was absolutely the favourite activity. The bike rodeo was also a success, and three kids won new bikes. Unfortunately, the thunderstorm returned just as the fireworks guy got to the park. After watching the weather for a while, the decision was made to cancel the fireworks show. The fireworks have been rescheduled for Saturday, September 5, the Saturday night of Labour Day weekend.

On July 7th, we moved all the flea market items into the NKCC from the portables in the park. A special thanks goes to Fire Chief Jesse Lambe, and the volunteer firefighters who came and helped us move all our items over to the NKCC from our portables in the park. We are so very lucky to have them

in our community. For the next week and a half, it's set up time and again, we are very lucky to have many volunteers who come to help us out.

As I write this, the Flea Market hasn't happened but I'm sure it will be a resounding success thanks to the volunteers who help us out, to you who have donated items and the ones who come and support us by buying up the various treasures. Have you been to Lions Park lately? Work is progressing on the soccer pitch. The ground has been leveled and will be seeded soon, and there is an irrigation system being installed. Our thanks to John Trotter, Doug Clear, Bernie Neubauer, and Jeremy Wilson for all your help.

Would you like to serve your community? Think about joining the Lions, it's a great way to give back to the community, make friends, and have fun. Please contact our Membership Chairman, Ted Topping at (705)313-5266.



APSLEY LEGION BRANCH #381

Contributed by Lori Brock

Apsley Legion Branch 381 had the honour of presenting Zane Mace with the Peacekeeper Award at the 2026 Apsley Central Public School Graduation. The Peacekeeper Award recognizes a graduating student who demonstrates respect, leadership, kindness, cooperation, and service to others. Congratulations to Zane and all of the 2026 graduates!

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate Canada Day with us. It was wonderful to see our community come together for the parade and festivities. A very special shout out to our Colour Party, who proudly represented our branch and braved the unimaginable heat while marching in full uniform.

We are excited to keep summer going with our August events at the Apsley Legion Branch 381!

We will be hosting a meat draw and BBQ on August 8th. Open at 10 a.m.,





with meat draws starting at noon. With our patio open, we encourage you to join us outside or stay cool in our air-conditioned hall. A deep thank you to The Border Town Cafe for donating a pie to all of our Meat Draws.

On August 15th, we once again will be partnering with the local artisan community to host another craft sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and we look forward to seeing you there.

We are also hosting our second karaoke event on August 15th, hosted by Terry Soullier of Visually Sound Entertainment. His catalogue contains music from the '50s to today! Doors open at 6 p.m., and karaoke starts at 7 p.m. This event is open to those who are the age of majority.

The Apsley Cenotaph Veterans Banner Project is continuing, and we are still trying to source photographs for the following veterans whose names appear on the Apsley Cenotaph:

- Ernest W. Bentley
- John Gifford
- Roy McCauley
- Fred Tanner
- William Bronson
- Gerald Forbes
- Raymond Lean



Photos in uniform are preferred, but civilian photographs will also be accepted. Photographs, along with information about which war or wars they served in, can be dropped off at the Apsley Library.



A special thank you to the Township for funding this important project, as well as to Kim Tucker, Debbie Hall, Sheelagh Hysenaj, Susan Northey, Apsley Legion, Lori Brock, Gary Geraldi, and Shawn Tucker and crew for their contributions and for installing and storing the banners with such care.

If you have any information, or questions, please contact Bill Roter at 705-875-4552.

The members of Apsley Legion Branch 381 would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Bill Roter for championing the Veterans Banner Project. Bill's dedication, and unwavering commitment have helped bring this meaningful project to life. Thank you, Bill, for your commitment to Remembrance. Your efforts have made a lasting impact on our community, and we are truly grateful for everything you have done.





SUSAN NORTHEY RETIRES

Submitted by Susan Northey



Dear Valued Clients,

After much reflection, I have made the decision to retire and begin a new chapter in my life.

For many years, it has been my privilege to build Accurate Accounting and Tax Services from the ground up and work alongside so many wonderful individuals, families, and businesses in our community. Many of you have been with me for decades and I have had the pleasure of watching your families and businesses grow. The relationships we have built have meant far more to me than simply providing accounting and bookkeeping services and I will always be grateful for the trust, loyalty, friendship you have shown me.



Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey. Your confidence and support have been the foundation of this business, and I will always look back on my career with great pride and gratitude.

As I considered retirement, my greatest priority was ensuring you would continue to receive the same high standard of professional service and personal care you have come to expect. For that reason, I took great care in selecting the person who would continue the practice.

It is my pleasure to introduce Fahad Ali, who will be carrying Accurate Accounting and Tax Services forward. I know he will continue to care for you with the same commitment and personal attention that have always been at the heart of this practice.

From the moment I met Fahad, I knew he shared the values that have guided this practice from the beginning: integrity, professionalism, genuine care for clients and a commitment to our local community. I would only entrust my clients to someone I believed would uphold these values and I am confident Fahad is that person.

Fahad is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) with more than 16 years of accounting and taxation experience. Growing up in Toronto and graduating from the University of Toronto, he spent nine years with KPMG Canada, CPA firm, developing extensive expertise in corporate taxation, financial reporting, strategic business advisory and sophisticated tax planning. His experience also brings additional services that will benefit clients, including compilation engagements, advanced corporate tax planning, estate and succession planning and strategic business advisory.

Just as importantly, Fahad and his family are making Lakefield their home. Together with his wife and two young children, he is putting down roots in the community and looks forward to building lasting relationships, supporting local organizations, and serving clients not only as their trusted CPA, but also as a neighbour.

While the practice will benefit from Fahad's expertise, clients can also expect continuity. The familiar Accurate Tax Team members, you know and trust will remain, and the personal service and attention that have always been central to Accurate Accounting and Tax Services will continue. Fahad will keep the business services, staff and pricing of our services the same, while he concentrates on expanding the business offering experienced CPA services, business advisory and tax planning. Although change can bring uncertainty, I genuinely believe the future of the practice is in excellent hands. I have every confidence that Fahad will earn your trust and continue providing exceptional service for many years to come. I hope you will extend to him the same friendship and support you have so generously shown me throughout my career.

I would love the opportunity to introduce you to Fahad; I will still be around for a while to make a smooth transition. I trust that you will give Fahad a warm welcome to our community.

Fahad also wishes to carry on the same gratuitous services for the non-profit/charity's I have worked with.

Thank you once again for your loyalty, kindness, and support, It has been an honour to serve this community, and I wish you, your families, and your businesses every success and happiness in the years ahead.

With heartfelt thanks,

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COUNCIL'S CORNER

by Mayor Carolyn Amyotte,
Township of North Kawartha

Please visit www.northkawartha.ca for all things municipal in North Kawartha. If you would like to receive regular municipal updates you may also subscribe to North Kawartha's email alerts via the website as well. If you would like to watch the Council meetings, please subscribe to the Township's YouTube Channel. For those of you that are active on social media please follow me @MayorAmyotte. It is my intent to share positive, factual and timely information about issues, events and happenings that impact our community and residents. To contact me directly, my phone number is (705) 931-1342 and my email is mayor@northkawartha.ca.



Here's a few things that happened since my last update:

- Council approved the purchase of a new front line pumper for our Fire Department
- We approved funding to expand our Veteran Banner program to add more banners and hardware for this year
- Council adopted a policy regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by Council and Staff
- We endorsed the purchase of new backup generator for the Wilson Park Community Centre and Fire Station 1 along with the installation of a second radio repeater to enhance emergency communications coverage in the southern portion of our Township
- Council recommended approval for an Official Plan Amendment and endorsed a Zoning Bylaw Amendment for housing subdivision development in the Hamlet of Woodview

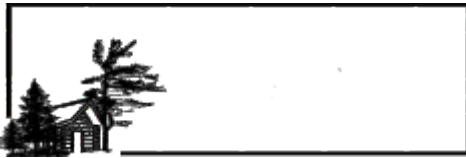
I also want to raise awareness about a very important issue. This is an election year for all municipalities in Ontario. Municipal elections are different from provincial and federal elections in that wherever you and your spouse own property you are eligible to vote. So, if you are a cottage property owner in North Kawartha you can vote in our municipal election in addition to voting in your hometown election. For years, the municipal voters list was maintained by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) but that responsibility has now been transferred over to Elections Ontario (EO). Unfortunately, many municipalities including ours, are seeing discrepancies in the voter counts provided by EO, compared to previous elections. Specifically in the number of eligible non-resident property owners which are significantly lower. I brought forward a Notice of Motion at Peterborough County Council calling on the province to address this issue and ensure that the voter lists are as accurate as possible prior to August 13 th , when Elections Ontario is set to redirect electors to register with municipalities. It is crucial for all North Kawarthans to visit www.RegisterToVoteON.ca to ensure that they are on the voters list. It's also a good idea for you to have your driver's license and your property assessment roll number on hand. Your Vote is Your Voice so SPEAK UP!



Here's the upcoming meeting schedule:

Regular Meetings of Council are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, except in July and August when Council meets on the second Tuesday

Regular Meetings of North Kawartha Library Board on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except in July and December



Guest contributor, Rev. Cayman Heath

The Land of the “Frozen Chosen”

Have you ever travelled north, to the far north? To the Yukon? The NorthWest Territories? Perhaps you have visited a place in Nunavut? As I write this, the one year anniversary of my northbound trip from Canadian Forces Base Trenton to Canadian Forces Station Alert approaches. About this time last year, I travelled aboard the Canadian Armed Forces Lockheed Martin CC-130J-30 Super Hercules, from the base in Trenton Ontario, with a stopover in Iqaluit on Baffin Island and then onward to the station in Alert Nunavut on the tip of Ellesmere Island, and located 817 kilometers from the North Pole. (See pic of map). The trip, from Trenton to Iqaluit is 2350 kilometers and then from Iqaluit to CFS Alert is another 2092 kilometers. My support team and I spent Wednesday night at a hotel on the Trenton base in order to board the Herc on Thursday morning. We then flew to Iqaluit and stayed Thursday evening and night there, and on



Friday morning flew all the way up to Alert, spent approximately three hours there touring the base, even shopping at the Canex or as they call it, The Trading Post. We then re-boarded the Herc for a return trip to Iqaluit for Friday evening and spent the night back there, on Baffin Island. On Saturday morning we boarded that Herc again and returned to Trenton, drove home to Coe Hill that afternoon and I was home in my own bed Saturday evening! It was an incredible “whirlwind” trip and a very rare opportunity afforded me as it is not a place you can just visit. So yes, you read that correctly - between Thursday morning and Saturday afternoon, I travelled to the North Pole, and back! The Commanding Officer’s invitation to return to Alert was indeed a gift, allowing me to put to rest some ghosts that have haunted me for forty years.

Wow forty years since I finished my tour with the Armed Forces; a tour that spanned only four years but took me to the beautiful province of Newfoundland and a place called Gander and from there I deployed to CFS Alert which at the time acted as Canada’s early warning station during the Cold War. I was what was known as a Comm Researcher or 291er as many referred to us. I was considered an expert in morse code, the main mode of communication for intelligence sharing between land, air and sea at the time, and my job was to intercept messages from communist bloc countries, but mainly Russia. I loved it. It was exciting. It was, however, not without its sacrifice. During my tour of duty in Alert I suffered a loss, an injury that haunts me even to this day. That haunting we call today post traumatic stress disorder, or injury. I am though on the road to recovery. That road of healing took me back to Alert, where it all happened. The Land of the “Frozen Chosen” as few are chosen for Arctic duty and the land there reaches temperatures as low as -60C and has an average yearly temp of -35C. This trip was a blessing in its entirety and a gift in my eyes from the Canadian Armed Forces and the many individuals that made it all happen. I returned to Alert, faced the demons, and returned with a healthier view of the mystical place I once called home.

On my trip to the far far north I took with me a sign that read Coe Hill (see attached picture), and the exact kilometers from Alert back to this place I have now called home for the past twelve years. The sign also included those kilometers written in morse code, making it a sign unique among the other signs there! The finger board stands as a beacon, always pointing toward home.

Someday, someone will stand there and say, “I know that place....I’ve been to Coe Hill...I have family from those parts” Someday, someone will see that board and see Coe Hill, and they will feel a little closer, a little less

lonely, and a little less sad. In that moment they will feel reconnected to those they love and to those they miss. They will smile and continue on for another day in their service to this Country.





Guest contributor, Juliet Campbell

Baptiste Lake Association and North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery

When communities comes together great things happen! A fine example is the partnership between the Baptiste Lake Association and the North Hastings Fish Hatchery as they hosted the 6th Annual Pike Derby!

On July 4th, at beautiful Baptiste Lake, the weather was perfect when 77 boats and 195 anglers registered for the 6th annual Baptiste Lake Pike Derby. This special event accomplishes more than the necessary reduction of the Pike population, it brings a community together, raises funds for the Baptiste Lake Association and for the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery, all while feeding those in need in the local community.

334 Pike were caught reducing their population to a healthier balance

529 pounds of fish weighed in

\$3200 dollars was raised and shared by the hosting organizations

Cash prizes of almost \$2000 were awarded

\$380 was awarded to the 50/50 draw winner

8.8 pounder was the biggest fish caught

36.7 lbs, the heaviest amount caught by a single angler

A team of experienced fish filleters cleaned all donated fish. These fish were then transported to volunteers who completed the cleaning, smoked the donated fish and then distributed them among the homeless and needy in the Bancroft area.

Thirty volunteers worked tirelessly July 4th and accomplished three very

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North Kawartha Senior of the Year for 2026: Keith Warner

Submitted by Carolyn Amyotte, Mayor, North Kawartha



Council is thrilled to recognize Keith Warner as North Kawartha's Senior of the Year for 2026.

Keith is the kind of individual whose impact is felt every day, even though he prefers to work quietly behind the scenes. According to ABC Seniors President and past Senior of the Year recipient Pat Beck, Keith's consistent dedication and reliability make him an integral part of the success of all ABC Seniors activities and weekly luncheons. Keith can always be counted on to step in wherever support is needed. He approaches every task, no matter how big or small, with care, humility, and a genuine desire to help others. His steady presence ensures that events run smoothly, allowing seniors to come together and enjoy meaningful, well-organized activities.

In addition to his contributions with ABC Seniors, Keith is also a valued and active member of the Apsley Lions Club, further demonstrating his commitment to community service. Through his involvement, he continues to give back and make a positive difference in the lives of others beyond the seniors' programs.

What truly sets Keith apart is his selflessness. He does not seek recognition or attention, yet his contributions are essential to the sense of community and belonging that both organizations provide. His kindness, commitment, and quiet leadership embody the very spirit of what it means to be Senior of the Year.

For his unwavering support, behind-the-scenes dedication, and positive impact on the community, Keith demonstrates my firmly held belief that the greatest asset of any community is its people. Congratulations Keith, on this well-deserved recognition.

Fruit Salsa and Cinnamon Chips

Tested by Allrecipes Test Kitchen

Ingredients

Fruit Salsa:

16 ounces strawberries, quartered
2 medium Golden Delicious apples - peeled, cored and diced
2 kiwis, peeled and diced
8 ounces raspberries
3 tablespoons fruit preserves, any flavor
2 tablespoons white sugar
1 tablespoon brown sugar

Cinnamon Chips:

10 (10-inch) flour tortillas
butter-flavored cooking spray
2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar

Directions

To make the salsa: Mix strawberries, apples, kiwis, raspberries, fruit preserves, white sugar, and brown sugar together in a large bowl until thoroughly combined. Cover and chill in the refrigerator while you make the cinnamon chips.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line two baking sheets with

parchment paper.

To make the chips: Stack tortillas on a work surface; use a sharp knife to cut through the stack four times making eight wedges in each tortilla. Arrange wedges in a single layer on the prepared baking sheets. Spray wedges with cooking spray, sprinkle with desired amount of cinnamon sugar, then spray again. Bake in the preheated oven until golden and crispy, 8 to 10 minutes. Allow to cool approximately 15 minutes on the baking sheets, then serve with chilled fruit salsa.

Southern Sweet Tea Recipe

Ingredients

3 quarts plus 4 cups water, divided
12 tea bags), such as Lipton
1 cup granulated sugar
Ice, Fresh mint leaves or lemon slices (optional)

Instructions

Bring 4 cups of the water to a boil in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Remove from heat. Dunk tea bags a few times in the water to fully hydrate, then leave submerged with the strings hanging over the side of the pot. After 5 minutes, remove the bags and discard. Add 1 cup granulated sugar and stir until completely dissolved. Pour the tea base into a 1-gallon pitcher. If using multiple pitchers, divide the tea evenly between them. Add 3 more quarts of water to the tea base to make a gallon of sweet tea and stir to combine. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours or, ideally, overnight. Pour the sweet tea into ice-filled glasses. Add a sprig of mint or a slice of lemon to each, if desired.



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Chandos Lake had a fabulous 8th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby on Saturday July 4th. It was a wonderful event for all who attended. About 94 children between 4 and 12 registered and fished in this fun-filled day. Many parents, grandparents and younger siblings came out as well to enjoy the special day at Lakeview Cottages and Marina as well.

All children who registered in this fishing event received Chandos Lake fishing t-shirts to show their participation, donated by Apsley Home Hardware. Each of those children also

started off the day with a knapsack jewel or lure from Gilmore Bay Marina/Wally's and more treats bags from Kids, Cops & Canadian Tire & our Chandos Lake Property Owners' Assoc.

There were plenty of experiences to keep everyone entertained when they all got back with their catch. The Reptile Zoo came to entertain and educate everyone

about conservation, thanks to the sponsorship of Clark Bruels, Re/max Country Classics Ltd.

"Love Chandos Lake" also were kind enough to bring out their exhibit to help families understand the importance of conservation for our lake.

Two fine constables from the OPP attended to share water safety with families, answered many questions helping families to understand the rules and have a safe summer on the water.

The grand champion winner was Abby Wise with a 17-inch Small Mouth Bass. She won a \$300 Junior tackle box from Charley's Tackle from Coe Hill and a great rod and reel from Tuckers' Marine.

Other winners were as follows:

Smallmouth Bass – Nash Richards 15.5 in, Charlie Rohmer 11 in.

Largemouth Bass – Dane Cotter 16.5 in. Nelson Merrin 16 in.

Perch – Alice Carabine 7 inches.

Pan Fry Weight – Kieran McLester 5.25 pounds, Jack MacKenzie 5 lbs and Mason Youroukos with 4.5 pounds.

We also had a new category for the 4-6 year-olds and that was for the smallest fish.

Hunter Macay 5 inches, Henry Wall 5.5 inches, Keith McIntyre 6 inches and Norah Moore 6 inches.

All were awarded wonderful rods and reels donated by Tuckers' Marine and Kids, Cops & Canadian Tire. All children left with prizes and other gifts! A special thanks to Lakeview Marina who are always so kind and inviting, sharing their beautiful property each year and the additional donors that I have not yet mentioned:

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Thanks also to all volunteers who came out and made this event so successful. I was amazed how many committed to set-up, registration, hand out shirts, measuring fish, barbequing lunch and clean-up. We could not have made the 2026 Chandos Lake Kids Fishing Derby such a wonderful day for the kids without each and everyone of you.

I will be stepping down from the Chair position after finishing all the close out for 2026 so if anyone is interested it taking over this exciting and fun event for the kids on Chandos Lake and in the Apsley community, please contact me for questions and I will help you get in touch with Mike Lucassen, our director.

Sincerely, Lynne Moore



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Autumn Derks-Rockbass 18.1cm
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A Personal Story of One of our Members: Lucy Riley

The ABC Seniors has steadily increased its membership over the years, and there are some very good reasons why this has happened. The dedicated leadership team works cooperatively and is committed to providing activities and social events for local seniors.

It is truly a group effort, and no one is working in a vacuum.

And then there is Lucy — Lucy Riley — a loving partner to Peter, a “Mama Bear” for her children and grandchildren, and a caring, dedicated Seniors board director.

Lucy exemplifies what the club is all about. She lives each day with the well-being of others as her focus. You have probably met her along the way at one time or another.

She is the friendly woman who warmly invited you in when she noticed you peeking through the door of the banquet hall, wondering what was going on. With a twinkle in her eye, coffee was offered, cookies were shared, and a pleasant conversation began.

Before long, you were hearing about the next activity, potluck lunch, or card game — and you were encouraged to come again. Lucy noticed, and Lucy acted.

Her introduction to the Seniors Club began soon after she moved to the Apsley area sometime in 2010. She had committed to caring for her dad full time in his later years and regularly drove him to Seniors lunches and activities. When he needed more attention, Lucy stayed with him and became well acquainted with the members. This eventually led to being asked by B. Sutton to become involved as a director on the board. Her simple response of “I’ll try it” bloomed into



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something that has positively affected so many people. When Lucy recalls her role in the earlier days, when things were so different, her words are filled with passion. There were phones, but few cell phones, and personal computers and email were not used in the way they are today. Personal connections drew interested people in and potlucks were organized. Members were called every week about lunch and whether they could attend. Lucy had a gift for creating opportunities for people to come together — and very often, those opportunities began with food.

As director of activities, Lucy supported the introduction of Pickleball by finding the space and time that would work. Through networking with NKCC staff, purchasing equipment, and recruiting experienced players, the game became a favourite activity and brought many people together.

Her excitement about bringing Canasta to Tuesday afternoon cards was contagious.

Once again, she organized teaching tables and made sure there were enough carddecks, shufflers, and card holders for everyone. Progressive Canasta was introduced during the summer last year, providing another opportunity for continued social connection.

This year, Lucy learned a new game called CrossCribb. Her enthusiasm soon led to Wednesday afternoons filled with homemade game boards, snacks, and laughter. She

sets things in motion so others have the opportunity to gather, learn, and enjoy one another's company. The group keeps growing!

Of course, it is not all fun and games with a deck of cards for Lucy. Behind the lunch scene, she is constantly working with the kitchen team to develop the menu, take stock of inventory, look for the best deals and quality. She loves a good bargain, and she knows how to find one. Every week, she is out shopping for lunch supplies — every week.

Lucy also remembers the special touches: a mug of hot water with lemon for Ingrid, take-outs when there is a need, and a deep reluctance to ever turn anyone away at lunch. These small acts say so much about who she is.

Since June 2024, Lucy has been challenged by her cancer diagnosis, yet she still worries about everyone else. Her resilience is amazing and we are thankful that she continues to carry on when she is able. Even when she is at the hospital so often for her own treatment, Lucy still thinks of others and takes the time to visit

fellow members who are there, offering comfort, conversation, and the same caring presence she brings to everything she does. Lucy loves the online game of Monopoly, introduced to her by Peter B., and considers it a lifesaver during days of treatment, waiting rooms, and recovery time. It gives her a chance to be absorbed and, in her words, “think about nothing.”

Lucy, your smile is infectious, your kindness is unwavering, and your hard work is noticed and deeply appreciated. Thank you for all that you do and all that you are.

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