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Guided Tours: Saturdays and Sundays, July & August, 1:30pm

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Candlelit Tour: July 19 & August 9, 8pm

Labour Day to Thanksgiving: Fall at the Fort Thursday-Monday, 10am-5pm

Fort Wellington was built during the War of 1812 to defend the St. Lawrence River shipping route between Montreal and Kingston from possible attack by the United States. During this time, the fort was the staging point for a successful Raid on Ogdensburg New York in February 1813. It was later abandoned. Fort Wellington was called into service and rebuilt in 1838 during the Rebellions period when invasion from the United States was once again imminent. Fort Wellington was used as the rallying point for British forces and local militia to repel an invasion at the nearby Windmill Point in November 1838. The fort continued to be used for military purposes up until World War I, with occasional periods of abandonment. It was opened to the public as a National Historic Site in 1923.

Today Fort Wellington is operated by Parks Canada and is restored to the 1840s when the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment were stationed there. Costumed interpreters interact with visitors, provide historic rifle and cannon demonstrations, and share stories. The site also boasts a new Visitor Centre featuring the wreck of an 1812-era gunboat and a gift shop. Children can make their visit an adventure by becoming Parks Canada Xplorers to discover the elaborate earthworks, three-storey blockhouse, and caponniere tunnel. Visits are self-guided, with guided tours offered on weekends throughout July and August. The fort is open seven days a week in July and August, and closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from Labour Day until Canadian Thanksgiving. Yearround, visitors can explore the Prescott Heritage River walking trail which runs along the St. Lawrence for the length of the Fort property and is enhanced with interpretive panels exploring the history of the property and the use of the river as a transhipment route.

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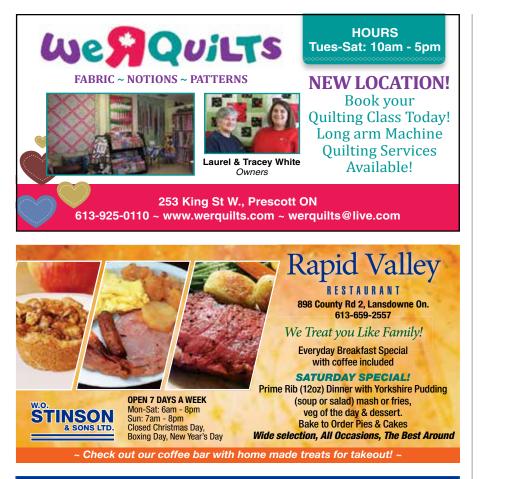
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CLARIFICATION

In the May/June, 2014 issue of Living Here (pg 16)

Gananoque: Fishing in Ontario's Ultimate Fishing Town a sentence in the article should have read: The Marketing for a contest (\$150) with the prize being a Guided Fishing Excursion for four children and one adult with a fishing guide, Dan Spencer (all parts of the prize itself were donated free of charge of charge by Dan Spencer)



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Karen's Recipes





Tomato Bacon Soup

You'll need...

- 1 tbsp butter or margarine
- 4 slices bacon chopped
- 4 green onions finely chopped
- 1-2 stalks celery finely chopped
- 2-3 lbs peeled and diced fresh ripe tomatoes
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 tsp tarragon (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

To create...

→ In large pot cook over medium heat cook bacon until soft stirring so it doesn't burn add margarine, onions and celery, cook until vegetables are turning golden. Add tomatoes and chicken broth; simmer until tomatoes are cooked approx. 1/2 hour. Remove from heat allow cooling and pureeing with food processor or hand blender. Return contents to pot, add cream and spices. Reheat being careful not to burn. Short cut 2 large cans pureed or diced tomatoes can be substituted for the fresh tomatoes. To peel fresh tomatoes place them in hot water for 5-10 minutes to loosen skins.

Ice-cream Cake with Strawberries

You'll need...

- 1 store bought pound cake
- 4 cups vanilla ice-cream softened
- 1 container Cool Whip frozen
- dessert topping
- 2 personal size containers of strawberry yogurt

To create...

- Small container of fresh strawberries washed, hulled and sliced add ½ cup of sugar and allow marinating in fridge.
- Put the ice-cream, Cool Whip and yogurt in a large bowl. Stir until well mixed.
- Cut pound cake into thin slices. Cut slices in half. Line sides and bottom of an 8" spring form pan with pound cake (slightly overlap side pieces and push against sides of pan so they will stick). Pour ice-cream mixture into prepared pan. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for at least 4 hours. To serve release the sides of the pan slice and serve with prepare strawberries. Any fruit can be used just change the yogurt flavour.

Rice Salad

You'll need...

- 3 cups cooked rice 3 ½ cups diced celery ½ cup chopped green onions 1 cup cooked peas Combine in a large bowl
- Dressing 1/2 cup salad oil 1 1/2 tsp mild curry powder 1/2 cup sugar 3 tbsp vinegar 2-4 tbsp soya sauce

To create...

 Wisk until well blended then add to rice mixture. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving. Can be garnished with oven roasted almonds if desired.



LOCAL MUSEUMS & SIGHTS

By Becky Bridger

The areas between Prescott and Gananoque are rich in our Canadian Heritage. From the battlefront of the War of 1812 to the local grist mill, there are plenty of sites to visit this summer just outside your door.

ARTHUR CHILD HERITAGE MUSEUM

Gananoque

This museum in Gananogue features permanent and seasonal exhibits that present the cultural and natural history of the 1000 Islands. The permanent exhibits invite visitors to learn about the local ecosystems, First Nations people, early settlers, and military leaders. This summer, enjoy two new seasonal exhibits:

Through The Lens: *Revisit Gananoque's* past through the photography of Lorne Prosser. As well, you will find his cameras and other memorabilia on display.

Remembering WWI: The 100th Anniversary: An exhibit that commemorates the sacrifices of the men and women of Gananoque during WWI.

Where: 125 Water Street, Gananoque ON Hours: Daily from 10-4pm Admission: By donation Contact: (613) 382-2535 Website: www.1000islandsheritagemuseum.com

BROCKVILLE MUSEUM Brockville

This museum is located in the historic downtown of Brockville. It features exhibits and programming relating to Brockville's social and commercial history on the St. Lawrence River. Here you will find displayed both early carriages and the story of Stetson Hats, a true reflection of the varied past in this city. This summer they are featuring a travelling exhibit on "Public Health" from the Ontario Archives.

Where: 5 Henry Street, Brockville ON
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm
and Sunday 1-5, Victoria Day through
Labour Day
Admission: Adults \$4.50
Seniors/Youth\$3.50
Children \$2.50
Family\$11.50
Contact: (613) 342-4397

Website: www.brockvillemuseum.com



FORT WELLINGTON Prescott

Fort Wellington was built to defend the shipping route between Montreal and Kingston from possible attack by the United States during the War of 1812. It is located in the small town of Prescott, and boasts a beautiful view of the St. Lawrence River. For an additional cost, the fort offers various programs this summer, such as:

Fort Kids: On Tuesdays from July 8th to August 19th enlist your children as a British Soldier. With this one day program, your child will experience life as it was in the 1840s.

Guided Tour: At 1:30pm on weekends be escorted throughout the fort by a costumed interpreter who will share exciting tales of the past. It features a 11/2 hour tour of the site with period refreshments at the conclusion.

Sunset Tour: On July 19th and August 9th experience the fort by candlelight by taking this tour with a costumed guide at 8pm.

Where: 370 VanKoughnet Street
Prescott ON
Hours: 10 – 5pm daily from
Canada Day to Labour Day
Admission: Adult \$3.90
Senior \$3.40
Youth\$1.90
Family \$9.80
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of two adults)
Contact: (613) 925-2896
Website: www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/on/
wellington/index.aspx



FULFORD PLACE MUSEUM Brockville

Fulford Place is an incredible Edwardian mansion that overlooks the St. Lawrence River. Here you will experience the grandeur of the lavish furnishings and decor, as well as learn about the life of Senator George Taylor Fulford and his "Pink Pills for Pale People". This mansion was built between 1899-1901, and also features beautiful gardens and a tea room.

Special Events over the summer include: What They Wore to Roar - A fashion show and talk by Norma Shephard of the Mobile Millinery Museum and Costume Archives featuring clothing from the flapper era. Tickets are \$20.

Where: 287 King Street East, Brockville ON Hours: Museum – Daily 11-4pm, with the last tour leaving at 3:10pm,



Fulford Place owned and operated by the Ontario Heritage Trust

HERITAGE PLACE MUSEUM

In the small village of Lyn we can find the Heritage Place Museum. This 19th century building houses many artifacts and photos from Lyn's historical industrial past. It also features a working blacksmith shop.

Where: 19 Main Street West, Lyn ON Hours: Sundays from 1-4pm, May to October Admission: By donation Contact: (613) 342-3785

HOMEWOOD MUSEUM Maitland

Located just outside of Maitland, this two-storey stone house was built in 1800 and reflects the lives of the Jones family. This site contains original furnishings and instruments of Dr. Soloman Jones. This summer, Homewood is featuring several new exhibits, including one that showcases clothing the Jones family wore. This summer, check out their special events which include:

Family Day: On July 27th, which includes wagon rides, a pie eating contest, games, and crafts.

Victorian Medical Show: On July 6th at 1:30pm, there will be a presentation on Victorian medical procedures and Victorian medical equipment. **Victorian Fashion Show:** On August 10th at 1:30pm is a Victorian Fashion Show featuring clothing from the 1860s, which some audience members will get a chance to wear.



Homewood owned and operated by the Ontario Heritage Trust.

MALLORY COACH HOUSE Mallorytown

This small house built in 1853 features a WWI exhibit honouring the 156th battalion. It also contains displays on the history of Mallorytown Glass Works. There are a number of special events this summer, including:

Blueberry Social: On August 3rd from 1-4pm featuring live music by Fiddlers Plus. Bring a chair and spend a relaxing afternoon in the gardens.

Mallorytown Village Fair: On August 23rd from 9-4pm is an old fashioned fair which includes children's games, horse and wagon rides, artisans, vendors, and heritage demonstrators.

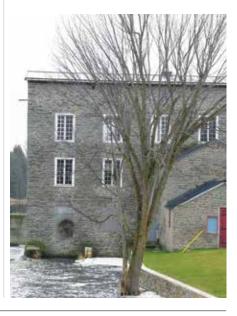
Where: 1523 Leeds and Grenville 2, Mallorytown ON Hours: Sundays from 1-4pm, until September 14th Admission: By donation Contact: (613) 923-2251



THE SPENCERVILLE MILL Spencerville

In the small village of Spencerville one can find the Spencerville Mill. This once operational grist turned feed mill is now the last standing mill on the South Nation River. The building that we can visit today was originally built in 1864 by Robert Fairbairn, and was operational until 1972. Although the mill no longer is in operation, there are turbine demonstrations throughout the summer months during tours. Also onsite is a beautiful park with seating, and a boat launch for canoeing or kayaking on the South Nation River. Special events this summer include a music series: July 12th Music and Moonlight with Catalina, July 17th Neil Diamond Tribute Show, and July 24th Mally Krock (additional cost).

Where: 11 Water Street, Spencerville ON Hours: 10-4pm Daily, July 1st to September 1st Admission: By donation Contact: (613) 658-5885 Website: www.spencervillemill.ca



COMING HOME TO CELEBRATE 150 Years of the Lansdowne Fair

By Lorraine Payette



In January of 1864, when a brave soul suggested that Lansdowne get an agricultural society and fair going, folks probably leaped at the chance. What better way to get everyone together to think about warm weather and all the good things to come?

William Beatty was a diarist, and the Society's first president. His diaries contain the only known information still in existence concerning the origins of the Fair.

"We know he (Beatty) attended the first meeting of the Society in Johnston's School (Rapid Valley) in January 1864, and was elected president," said William Boulton, historian and editor of the Newsletter for the Leeds and 1000 Islands Historical Society. "At this time the fair had no property of its own. The fair was held at the end of Grand Trunk Avenue, on the triangle between the railway and King Street. This was probably a busy site as it also contained Weston's Hotel, William Vanorman's store and the post office with William H. McNeil as postmaster. Cattle were tied to the railway fence (while) displays were housed in the drill shed on King Street."

This was a time when fairs were usually held in the fall to show off the harvest and all the wonderful accomplishments of the summer. However, dates could vary widely, and swung from July 11 in 1866 through September 8, 1869, going up to October 12 in 1871. Being the greatest show in town, families would save up their money in 1875 to be sure they had the admission to get in – 10 cents for all, children under 12 free of charge.

"The Agricultural Society was very proactive in promoting the improvement of agriculture," said Boulton.



It took several years and a lot of careful planning and negotiation to acquire property for permanent fairgrounds. Starting with a lease in 1874, the Society gradually purchased a few acres here, a few more there, until they finally were up to the current holdings. Buildings were designed and erected, and the track, developed.

Various groups and associations began to take an interest in the Fair. The Women's Institute and 4-H are only two among those who contributed exhibits and entries. In 1985, the Junior Fair Board came into being. Made up of members aged 11-18, they are the future of the Fair administration, participating in many important activities, including fund raising, maintenance, helping with booths and parades – almost anything involved in keeping the fair alive and vibrant.

The Lansdowne Fair has always been a chance for neighbours to get together for fun and friendly competition.

This year's theme is "150 Years - Coming Home to Celebrate". Old favourites and brand new activities are in store, including the Mini King & Queen Contest, Senior Sovereignty, Youth Ambassador Competition, Rabbit Hopping Contest, Country Costume Contest, Parade, Pancake Breakfast, Chainsaw Challenge, Antique Car Show, Horse Shoes, Pig Scramble, Milking Competition and Cow Chip Bingo. Vendors will be on hand to fulfill any need you may have, whether food, drink, or something to bring home. Old and new groups and organizations are participating, and there will be plenty of entertainment for everyone, from live shows to rides and games on the midway.

"Many well known names have played at the fair over the years, including The Carleton Show Band, Gordie Tapp, Ann Banks, Wayne Rostad, Ronnie Prophet, Gail Gavin, and many more," said Boulton. "For the past few years, Saturday evening has hosted the demolition derby."

Competition includes Commercial, Vegetable and Farm Produce, Floral, Poultry, Handicrafts, Community Service Projects, Culinary Arts, Organization/ Community Group Displays, Hobby Crafts, Visual Arts, Photography, and Antiques & Collectibles. New for this year is the Lansdowne Association for Revitalization Garden Theme and Contest.

"We have a colour theme for our hanging baskets and planter boxes in the Lansdowne community," says Donna



Dempsey of LAFR. "This theme is 'Canada, Eh?' using red and white flowers. We have a summer garden contest with winners to be announced at the 150th Lansdowne Fair, July 18-20. There are also red and white themed categories in the Floral Section of the Lansdowne Fair Prize Book."

Perhaps one of the biggest attractions at the Lansdowne Fair is the horse element. There are heavy horse shows, horse pulling, horse racing, and Western horse shows, almost anything you can think of concerning horses. Local families like the Griers have been showing in Lansdowne for generations, while others come in from all over.

Last year in the Junior "Under 18" Handler division of the heavy horses, an amazing young man named Jacob Bourbonnais of Metcalfe, Ontario participated. At the ripe old age of seven years, he had been showing Percherons and competing for three years.

"Jacob is fourth generation showing Percheron horses," said Greg Bourbonnais, Jacob's father. "He was born doing it, and so was I."

Horses and handlers come in from many

Above: Jacob Bourbonnais of Metcalfe, Ontario, Junior Handler

areas, including Potsdam and other towns in New York, as well as Metcalfe and many other places in Ontario, and all were pleased with what Lansdowne had to offer. Some of the competitions available here have been said to be fuller and more varied than could be expected in many larger fairs, and may have rivalled the Ontario Winter Fair itself.

While the Fair has grown over the past century and a half, its richness and character have remained the same with new friends and neighbours coming out every year to compete and enjoy each others company. William Beatty would be proud. LH

Come out to celebrate the 150th Lansdowne Fair, July 18-20, 2014. For more information, please go to www.lansdownefair.ca or contact them at 613-659-2124 or lasinfo@1000island.net .



FOR RIVER CITY JUNCTION, It Just Feels Right

By Jan Murray

River City Junction has been around for close to 20 years. This latest incarnation of River City Junction, Jason Fryer (vocals /guitar) and Caroline Addison (drummer), has been together about 7 years. Tom Joanisse (Bass) joined in about 10 years ago.

"Caroline and I have known each other since we were teenagers. We would hang out at the mall together and I would play guitar." Jason began.

"Music is definitely what brought us together." Caroline added. "He would play for me all the time and I happened to sing for him one afternoon. I sang him a verse of this one song and he's like, 'you should come sing back up in my band" but Caroline confessed, "no way. I sing in the shower. " Years went by before that fateful day, when Jason and Caroline's paths would cross once more. This time when Jason asked her to sing for him, she said yes. "I swear that didn't come from me! "She laughed.

Their first band together was Radical Usurper.

Jason adds, "We didn't' keep that name long, changed it to Sonic Prophecy and actually had Gerry Mercer from April Wine playing with us for 4 years."

Then they took a break for a bit, had children and music took somewhat of a back seat for awhile.

Then when Tom joined the band they switched gears. They were asked to do a blues gig and when they finished, they had this unbelievable feeling of contentment. It was a completely different aura then when they played hard rock, and it felt, 'right.'

Jason added, "Tom came in and has become part of the core. Tom dug in and it became just us three and we realized it's just us 3... just do it."

Tom adds, "Early on I learned to just not question what happens, just go with it. If I got laid off I'd just look for another job. So one night I crashed on their couch and I just never stopped crashing on their couch."

Although the band had seen a couple different drummers over the years, with Caroline on drums, after just 2 weeks, it just 'fit' and they knew this was what they were supposed to be doing.

Caroline smiled, "Wasn't sure how long I'd be doing it as I wasn't sure I would be any good at it but now I wouldn't even consider not doing it. It's my drum kit!"

Content to be where they are, Jason adds, "our whole lives; every waking moment is dedicated to music."

They simply love to play. It really is all about the music and the people to them. Playing smaller venues means that the connection is often what makes the night.

Jason explains, "The Keystorm Pub in Brockville is really diverse. You will find doctors, lawyers, nurses, everybody. All the places that we play are very community oriented."

Over the winter months RCJ finds themselves on stage about 3x per week, but through the summer it is not unusual to be front and centre every single day. With an average of 200 shows per year, it's not surprising that their summer is already fully booked.

To spread the joy, one must feel the joy. When listening to RCJ, the deep satisfaction and elation at sharing their love of music with those around them is evident.

Tom claims, "Getting paid to do what we do is pretty awesome. We can't take it for granted."

"I always felt that if I could have my own house, pay all my own bills and play my music that I would be totally happy with that. I would love to keep going and get bigger, but if this is as good as it gets, I'm gonna die a happy man" Jason summed it up in a nutshell.

Now with owning their recording studio, Tone King Records, we are surely to see much more of RCJ. LH



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LET'S ALL GO TO THE DRIVE-IN and Have Ourselves a Treat

By Lorraine Payette





Aba-daba-DOO! With a scurry of feet and a cloud of dust, the Flintstones, Rubbles, Dino and Baby Puss pile into the car at the end of a long day working at the gravel pit in Bedrock to take off for the drive-in movie. The main feature for the evening is "The Monster", and as the sun goes down, everyone eagerly awaits the best entertainment in town.

Every episode of "The Flintstones" started with a trip to the drive-in. There wasn't a family around who didn't indulge in this perfect way to spend an evening together. No air conditioning? No TV? No other way to entertain the kids on a hot summer's evening? No problem.

Richard M. Hollingshead Jr. was onto something big when he decided to experiment and show a movie in his backyard. The first drive-in opened in Camden, New Jersey, on June 6, 1933, with a huge marquis boldly announcing "Drive-In Theatre – 'World's First' – Sit in Your Car – See and Hear Movies" with prices of 25¢ per car, 25¢ per person, three or more people \$1.00".

By the time it reached its peak in 1958, there were 4,063 theatres running in the US and 250 in Canada.

At the drive-in, everyone could have a private viewing of a great show in a public venue. It didn't matter what you wore or who you were - your car was your own private box and you were the lord of this domain. It was a deal that couldn't be beat – always a double feature (sometimes triple or even an all nighters') for the same price as a ticket for the indoor theatre. The kids could cry or fight, the dog could get over excited, you could talk or laugh or cry or throw popcorn and it was okay. No one would tell you to sit down or shut up because this was your space to have a good time your way. You could sit in the car, in front of the car, or even on top of the car.

Dad would open the doors to the family vehicle, and everyone would rush to get in. Mum packed a picnic meal; the kids would be in their PJ's with favourite toy and blankets. The family dog would hop in with the kids and off you'd go for a great night of fun.

Every good drive-in theatre had a picnic and play area set up next to the big screen. No puny thumb operated job here – a good screen measured 50' x 100' (about 112' diagonal. For sound you parked next to posts and hung the attached speakers from your car windows. If you got lucky and the space beside you was empty, you could have two and pretend it was stereo. Families could enjoy each others company in the shadow of the screen, all watching the kids and sharing the end of the day.

As the sun went down and the mosquitoes came out, everyone would race back to their cars from the picnic area. The short subjects would start, followed by a children's movie and then something for the entire family. A playbill might consist of Porky Pig cartoons, a newsreel, "20,000 Leagues under the Sea", "Paint Your Wagon" and "The Ten Commandments". Kids had regular



Top: Thousands of people at a time could enjoy a private showing of a good film in a public venue

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Right: June 6, 1933, Camden, New Jersey – the start of a phenomenon

bedtimes back then, and most would be asleep before the end of the first feature, waking occasionally to the sounds of adults in the front seat. For tiny tots, it could get confusing. You would not remember getting home, and then wake up after having strange dreams of sailing in the Nautilus with Captain Nemo while Moses sang "Hand Me down That Can of Beans".

When kids started doing their own driving, the drive-in presented new, interesting challenges. Teenagers quickly figured out just how many of their friends could fit in the trunk of a D-body Chrysler so they could sneak them in. It got hot, smelly and crowded in there, and sounded like a train running over you if it started to rain, but it was all part of the game. University students parked on hillsides within sight of the theatres and watched the movies from there, making up their own dialogue.

Sometimes, car windows would get very steamed up due to extra entertainment going on inside. More than one life started at a viewing of "War of the Worlds" or "I Was a Teenage Wolfman".

Whether you patronized the Mustang, Sunset, Starlite, Stardust or The 5, it was always the place to go. You could count on long lines at the snack bar where popcorn, hot dogs and ice-cold pop had their own special taste. There were even longer lines at the washrooms as people hurried to get done before the next show started. More than one kid got a first taste of onion rings or pepper steak at the drive-in.



Most of these great entertainment centres are gone. They slowly lost their lustre over time, becoming crumbling hulks by the roadsides. Great screens fell apart, theatres were rezoned and demolished. A few still remain, bravely facing the latest threat – digitization of movies and projectors.

But the great memories will always be there, ready for reliving. At least 16 drive-ins are still alive in Ontario and ready to share that experience with a new generation of theatre goers. Yaba-daba-DOO! LH

Editors Note

Growing up near Alexandria, On. there was a drive-in at the Ontario/Quebec border near Lancaster called the Border drive-in. In Pembroke where I lived for 20 years until 2011 there was a drive in called the Sky-Light which did operate up to the year I left. Kingston has a drive in at Family Fun World. For a list of locations of drive-in theatres in Ontario, please go to www.waybacktimes.com/ drive-inlist.html .

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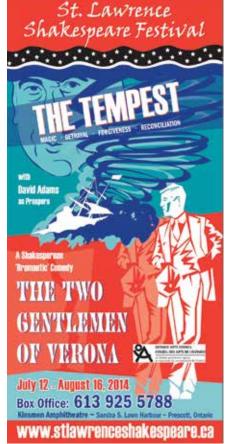
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Top: A chance to taste all that Gananoque has to offer Left: Great food and entertainment bring in the crowds

From its humble beginnings as a local-food only type of show, the event has spread to include ethnically diverse choices in both food and entertainment.

"We have tweaked the event over the past couple of years to give people what they want," said Bird. "Last year we were thrilled to have the Afro-Caribbean Association join us for some scrumptious Caribbean foods and island music. We are excited that they will be joining us once again.

"People loved the international choices. Therefore, we are urging our local restaurants to include an international flavour to their menu offerings. Aside from the Caribbean foods we have the Hot Roast Company serving not only their famous sliders but providing a sample of Haggis to present their Scottish Heritage. Here in Gananoque we have Greek, Chinese, French, and, of course, Canadian food vendors. People can try foods from all over the world right here in our little community – no passport required!" LH

Gourmets of Gananoque will be held Saturday August 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Lisa Bird, Executive Director, Downtown Gananoque BIA at 613-382-9900 or bia@downtowngananoque.com

GOURMETS OF GANANOQUE A Great Way to Whet Your Palate

By Lorraine Payette

ourmets of Gananoque are a tasty little mouthful of diversity. No matter what your palate may think it knows it can always find something new and exciting during this outdoor festival of food.

"The emphasis is on highlighting local foods and the food service industry," said Lisa Bird of Gananoque's BIA. "Restaurants are invited to participate by highlighting a popular menu item or trying a food item not on their current menu to see what people think about it as a potential addition. We also invite local merchants to put out items for a sidewalk sale. We have an assortment of crafters tables and a section for Community Non-profit groups who can participate in some way."

The event started in 2012 with 25 assorted vendors, and nine food booths. A year later two more food vendors had joined the fun, and it just keeps growing. About 750 people visited the first event, while last year crowds swelled to 3,000.

Gourmets of Gananoque take over the main block of King Street East in the town, and are a mini-festival well worth exploring. In addition to foods from all over and exciting vendors, visitors are treated to live music and children's activities throughout the day. Admission is free and food can be tasted for a minimal fee.

"At the event our volunteers will sell food coupons to visitors at \$1.00 each for redemption at any food booth," said Bird. "Menu prices can be set anywhere from 1 to 5 \$1 coupons. Visitors can go to a booth/ restaurant and purchase an item for the coupon amount indicated. Any money the BIA makes will then be put back into other community projects such as the Christmas Parade, Pumpkin Fest, Doors Open, and more. 'Gourmets of Gananoque' is an ideal way to generate good public relations and increase awareness of our restaurants, gain positive media exposure and have access to approximately 3,000 or more customers in our BIA area in just one day."

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Day 1: Picnic On an Island

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Day 2: Treasure Hunt

Paddle all the secret nooks and crannies a tour boat can't go.

Explore the many collectable shops. It's like a stroll through a movie set or your grandmother's living room. You'll find antiques, architectural salvage, and collectables. Don't miss Hank & Ginger, Bespoke, Old Love Antiques, Robeson's Country General Store, Never Enough Antiques and Collectables, and The What Not Shoppe. Recharge with ice cream at Sweet 101.

Day 3: Swim in the St. Lawrence

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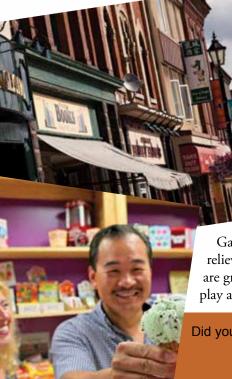
own beach and swim area. It's bordered by a splash pad and Joel Stone Park; a great place to relax, sunbathe, or stroll. Forgot your swim gear? Visit *Stuff for Kidz, Steel Style Garage*, unisex clothing, *The Gan Shoe Outlet*, *Overstocks* for discount pricing and *Your Dollar Store* for a towel.

Day 4: Hike and Bike.

Gananoque has a fantastic 12 km

trail. It takes you from the waterfront, up the

Gananoque River and into the woods. Trail maps are found at the Gananoque Visitor's Centre. Or rent a bike from *Thousand Islands Cycle* and cycle the Thousand Islands Parkway. Finish the day with a beer and pizza on *Moroni's* patio.



Day 5: Restaurant Hopping

After day four you're going to need this. Grab a drink or share a small plate. Go for fish & chips at the *Old English Pub*, spaetzle at *The Maple Leaf*, or fish tacos at *the socialist pig*. Breakfast is battled out between *The Village Deli* and *Anthony's*.

Day 6: Go Fishing or Talk a Walk

Gananoque was voted as Ontario's Ultimate Fishing Town! Charter a guide that knows the secret spots—*Muskie Rush* specializes in trophy muskie fishing. Don't forget to take a fish home from *Forty Fathom Aquariums*. Info is available at the Visitor's Centre. If fishing makes you squirm, take a historic walking tour of Gananoque and grab a book at *All About Books*.

Day 7: Spa and a Show

Gananoque is the perfect place for a spa day. The Aveda Concept Salon, *Rapunzel*, offers stress relieving scalp massages, hand relief treatments, and full body massages. *1000 Island Nails* and *H&T* are great for a mani/pedi. Silk and Cornerstone can offer you a new 'do. After your pampering, see a play at *The Thousand Islands Playhouse* and enjoy an intermission cocktail on the deck above the river.

Did you know we have our own beer? The Gananoque Brewing Co. is in the lower historic downtown. The Gananoque Farmers' Market is every Thursday 4pm-7pm in the town park. There are many other great shops that we just couldn't fit on one page! Check out thedirectory athttp://www.gananoquedowntown.com.



WEIGH ANCHOR AND SET SAIL for Pirate Fest 2014

By Lorraine Payette

hoy, mateys', and welcome aboard. The port o' Gananoque be right willing to see ye and yer friends for Pirate Fest 2014.

The 1,000 Islands Pirate Fest will be hitting Town Park in Gananoque from July 11-13 this year, and is guaranteed to be three days of piratical fun and games for all who attend.

This event started small in 2010 with a few balloons and a Captain Jack Sparrow impersonator, and has been growing ever since. It is a time when people can let their hair down, dress as pirates, "larn the lingo", and truly indulge all for the fun of it.

"We recommend this festival for all ages, and especially families, as it is such a fun theme," said Kathrine Christensen of the Thousand Islands Accommodation Partners (TIAP). "It resonates with our spirited history of piracy, which is fairly recent (150 years), and a lovely quirky part of our history."

TIAP has been supporting the Festival for

three years and is looking forward to more.

"The 1,000 Islands Pirate Fest brings another great, exciting weekend to Gananoque and the area", said Lori Higgs, Marketing and Sales Associate for the Gananoque Inn & Spa. "One of many summer signature events for Gananoque and the area, it gives adults, young at heart and children of all ages a look into the life of a pirate."

"It's not just a festival where you sit back, watch and enjoy," said Kathy MacRae of the Gananoque Boat Line (GBL) and the organizer of the main event. "You have multiple opportunities to become a pirate and get involved in the festivities, such as the pirate parade, grog contest, 'Blades of Glory' interactive sessions, pirate puppet making for the kids and lots of other questionable pirate activities."

MacRae has been involved since the beginning, and is always looking for volunteers and ways to make the event

bigger, better and all encompassing for the town of Gananoque. Every year she seeks new acts and entertainment, making sure it never becomes stale.

One brand new component of Pirate Fest is the grog competition. All of the businesses in town that sell beverages have been invited to participate and have been asked to come up with secret recipes for grog, whether alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Once the contest starts, the recipe cannot be altered. A business may sell both types of grog, but only one recipe of each. Judging is done by the public ballots assessing every aspect of the drink with a one to five tankard system. The competition is all in fun, and those who fill in ballots qualify for a draw for a special prize package. The winning businesses get an engraved tankard for their efforts in the category and bragging rights.

Two popular restaurants have already signed up. They can't wait to share their special menus and secret grog recipes with all who stop in.

"The Pirate Fest is another great event that brings our community together to showcase the many great things we offer," said Jamie Higgs, partner at Cousins on King Bar and Grill. "Although we are at the far end of town, we have always supported this event by offering our own themed food and beverage menu as well as entertainment to add to this great weekend. We look forward to the Grog Contest this summer. Stop in, try us out and be sure to vote for Cousins on King."

Favourite entertainers will also be returning to the festival. Among these are Ronnie Rodriguez in his role as Captain Jack Sparrow, popular band Celtic Kitchen Party and Capt'n Tor and the Naer-Do-Well Cads.

Canadian recording artists, troubadours, and thespians Capt'n Tor & The Naer-Do-Well Cads Pirate Invasion (www. piratesparties.ca) provide a total immersion experience for all-ages audiences with their highly-interactive pirate musical-theatre shenanigans. The Pirate Troupe is based out of Brockville, and is highly versatile in its activities – performing either All-Ages or Bawdy Adult-oriented material at Festivals, Corporate Events, Pubs, Schools, and Private Parties and more recently, in Pirate Flash Mob/Invasions in Kingston, Brockville, and Ottawa. They will be taking part in the Pirate Parade on the Friday, and performing on Saturday (2 shows) and Sunday (1 show) on the stage located in the Gananoque Town Park.

"Blades of Glory" is a new edition to the Festival which adds a new dimension of fun and history to this popular event.

"'Blades of Glory' provides all entertainment for a Medieval Festival in your town or city," says their website, http://www. bladesofglory.ca/. "Performers include: Medieval Dancing (interactive), Falconry show, Magician, Story Telling, Medieval Weapons Display and show, Medieval Armour Display & Show, Chainmail making activity, Heraldry Shield making activity, Face painting, Western Medieval Martial Arts Display (Sword Fighting School), Medieval gift shop, and of course the Blades of Glory Knights will provide fighting shows throughout the day. Our DJ provides medieval background music to enhance the experience."

The Knights have agreed to give safe passage to the Pirates, and assure them they come in peace and with consent.

"What a great way to spend a weekend in the summer in Gananoque & the 1,000 Islands," said Lori Higgs.

For a full program of events and other information concerning Pirate Fest in Gananoque, please go to www. piratesofgananoque.weebly.com . The site also includes links to songs and colouring pages for children, an Englishto-Pirate translator, and pirate style maps of Gananoque or anywhere else you might want to go as well as lots of pictures from previous Pirate Fests.

Welcome aboard, Gananoque be lookin' farwahrd to seein' ye! LH







TOP TEN PICNIC DESTINATIONS

By Becky Bridger

One of the best ways to get out of the house this summer is by taking a packed lunch and eating it outdoors. Even the most basic of picnic baskets will be enjoyed at one of our top ten picnic destinations in our region.

10 THE 1000 ISLANDS WATERFRONT TRAIL Brockville - Gananoque

Running alongside the 1000 Islands Parkway between Brockville and Gananoque, one can find The Waterfront Trail. This paved section is removed from the highway in most spots, and features numerous car lookouts along the way. Either pack your bike and hit the trail, or stop along the waterfront at one of the many lookouts throughout.

9 THE BATTLE OF WINDMILL Prescott

Set back from HWY 2, just east of Prescott, one can find the quiet Battle of Windmill site. Although the structure is not always open to the public, there are a number of benches and a large grassy area that is perfect for a picnic. Enjoy watching the busy St. Lawrence River below at this historical site from the War of 1812.

Spencerville MILL

The Spencerville Mill is one of the last remaining grist mills on the South Nation River. Here you will find a lovely park and gazebo that is open for public use throughout the summer. Picnic tables are available, and there is a great ledge that runs along the river's edge. Keep an eye out for the resident Emden Geese (who may want to share your lunch) and Herons that frequent the mill waterway.

FORT WELLINGTON WATERFRONT

Located in front of the historic Fort Wellington is the waterfront trail of Prescott. With plenty of parking, it is easy to enjoy a hot summers day along the St. Lawrence River here. There is a covered picnic area and a number of benches along the trail where many enjoy strolling along the paved walkway.

LYNDHURST BRIDGE Lyndhurst

In the small town of Lyndhurst, one can find the oldest bridge still standing in Ontario. The three span bridge features a lovely grassy area by the river's edge. Under the shade of the old trees, enjoy a lazy afternoon picnic on the grass or on one of the benches along the water. Don't forget to stop in town for some ice cream before heading home.

5 THE GALOP CANAL Iroquois

The Galop Canal is a beautiful waterfront, first constructed in 1844 to bypass rapids on the river. It stretches 7.5 miles between Iroquois and Cardinal. Along with a paved pathway, the area provides lovely views of the St. Lawrence waterway and the many different ships that use it. If you are lucky, you will also see some local waterfowl located along the banks.



HARDY PARK Brockville

This park in Brockville features a stunning view of the waterfront from a groomed path with large trees and a garden. It also has a huge green space for games, a volleyball court, washrooms, and a fun playground for the little ones (or the young at heart). There is plenty of parking close by, and if you live in the city, it is an easy walk from most neighbourhoods.

JOEL STONE BEACH Gananoque

The Joel Stone Beach ranks in the top three picnic places as it provides tables, a public washroom, and easy entertainment. Everyone can cool off with a dip in the St. Lawrence River or a run in the Splash Pad. The whole family is sure to enjoy an afternoon at this beach, where sandcastles and sculptures can be made and destroyed to your heart's content. Confident swimmers will delight in a deep water dock to jump off of.

2 THE MERRICKVILLE LOCKS Merrickville

Enjoy watching the locks operate throughout the summer while you sit along the bank of the river at the Merrickville Locks. The locks operate much in the same way they did when they first opened in 1832, and provide a great glimpse into our local history. There are washrooms and tables available, and the quaint town of Merrickville is full of various shops and galleries for a post lunch stroll.

MAC JOHNSON WILDLIFE AREA Brockville

The top place to picnic in our list is the Mac Johnson Wildlife Area in Brockville, as it offers an amazing glimpse at the many different ecosystems found in our part of Ontario. There is a large picnic area located on the north side of the area, as well as a smaller one on the south. If you are really adventurous, I recommend taking your lunch on one of the many trails and enjoying it somewhere along the way. Keep your eyes open for various birds and animals that inhabit Mac Johnson, but it is best to keep your food to yourself.

Speaking of wine

By Russ Disotell

Several years ago I conducted a "hot dogs and wine" tasting at the Thousand Islands Food & Wine Festival. My two abiding memories from that day: the surprise and delight of the participants as they realized how different wines enhanced and changed the flavour profile of the hot dogs and the self-important sommelier who stood in the background making snide remarks about the tasting.

Thad taken part in a similar tasting twenty five years before as part of the LCBO's Vintages Purchasing Department aimed at taking the snobbery out of wine and reinforcing the idea that wine is a superb food beverage for every dining situation. We were ahead of the curve.

So let's have some fun and match some refreshing wines and tasty grilled dogs. This column only, because of the ground to cover, I'll just mention grape varieties, no specific wines. The first item to consider is the frank itself. They will be fatty and meaty, but our concern is their saltiness. The more salt, the more you might want to steer towards a white wine. Salt clashes with the tannins found in red wines, so at best, if you want a red, make sure it has medium-soft tannins.

Look to your toppings. For instance that tangy sour treat, sauerkraut. This provides the perfect background for a Gewurztraminer or Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris, both grown extensively in France's Alsace region, home to some very exquisite sausages, and cousin to our humble hot dog. The soft, round, predominantly apple flavours of these grapes nicely counterpoints the sharp, sour edges of the sauerkraut. Red matches that will work equally well include, a fresh crisp Rose or a lighter bodied Pinot Noir. Their fresh berry fruit and crispness will work wonders with the kraut.

If you like your dog smothered in onions, pickles and peppers, try a crisp, dry white with some tanginess to match the salt and acidity of the topping. A bright Sauvignon Blanc or an Ontario Riesling will match up quite nicely. For the meat lover and the ever popular chili dog you'll want a red with medium tannins, fresh berry fruit and a touch of sweet oak to cool the heat and spice of the chili. Superb choices range from California Zinfandel to Australian Shiraz to Beaujolais to Ontario Gamay.

Invite friends and family and have a wine-tasting party. Don't tell them about the illustrious dogs and watch the raised eyebrows! Start the festivities with a good quality sparkling wine matched with plain hot dogs and mustard, a super partnership. Enjoy!

Russ Disotell enjoyed a twelve year career with the LCBO. He spent the last four years as Product Advisor in Vintages purchasing where he was a member of the buying panel and endured the arduous task of tasting products every week! Since leaving the Board he has written columns and articles on wine, helped develop wine lists and conducted wine tastings. LH





OFF THE BEATEN PATH Summer Activities for the Whole Family

By Beck Bridger

ummertime is clearly one of the busiest seasons for many families, and a personal favourite. Kids and teens are out of school, the weather is usually sunny, and everyone is eager to get outside and play. Of course swimming at one of the many beaches is always a fun day, but Stand up Paddle boarding (SUP) takes a day on the water to a whole new level. SUP is a combination of a surfboard and a paddle. Beginners will find it difficult to stand, but you can still gain strength and stability, learning from your knees. This whole body sport is a great way to explore the banks of the St. Lawrence. Check with your local canoe/kayak outfitter for a rental to try out this excellent family friendly sport.

Geocaching is like a mini-treasure hunt that is sure to create fun for the whole family. Essentially you navigate your way to a hidden geocache (or container) through coordinates and clues left for you. Once you find the cache you can take something from the box, but if you do, you must leave something of equal or greater value for the next person. You can then sign the log book, and also check in on the website. The only necessities for a day of Geocaching is a GPS device (or a GPS-enabled mobile phone) and a membership (free). Visit www. geocaching.com to access your local caches and for more information. Though I am not very coordinated, Beach Volleyball is one of my favourite activities during the summer months. There is nothing better than hitting a ball over a net in your bare feet (and the added knowledge, that when you dive for a ball in the sand it won't be as hard as a court). The rules of volleyball are simple, and can be easily searched online before heading out. In Brockville, a Beach Volleyball court can be found at Hardy Park (St. Lawrence Park will have one as well at some point this summer).

Little ones may have trouble hitting a volleyball over a large net (such as the one at Hardy Park), so it may be best to set up a badminton court to start off with. This will serve double duty, as Badminton is also a great outdoor activity for the whole family to enjoy. A simple set can be purchased at your local sports store for about twenty dollars, and can be used in any of our local parks.

For the family that enjoys racquet sports, another great activity is Tennis. Both Schofield Park and Butler's Creek (Church Street near Beecher Street) have public use courts for everyone to enjoy. All you need to bring are some tennis balls, a racquet, and your enthusiasm. I tend to bring the brightest balls that I can find, as I often hit mine way out of the playing area, thus making it easier to retrieve.

Another fun outdoor sport/activity is the good "ole" Frisbee, which can virtually be played anywhere. It can be played by just 2 people or a whole group. There are even variations of games that can be played with a Frisbee (Frisbee football, Frisbee baseball, Frisbee golf for example) leave it to your imagination and check out the internet for rules and find a playing field (park) of size and the family can have a great time with a simple toy and lots of laughs and exercise.

Finally, two of my favourite lawn games that are easy to transport to any outdoor location, are Bocce Ball and Croquet. Bocce Ball can be played with teams of any number, and Croquet can include as many people as you have balls. Both games are great for both young and old, are very easy to set up and learn.

Once you have tried some of these 'off the beaten path' summer activities, I am sure that you and your family will find your new favourite pastime to enjoy for years to come.

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In search of the **PERFECT CUP OF COFFEE**

By Jan Murray

When one goes in search of a good cup of coffee, each individual's particular tastes come into play.

Some are looking for the typical 'wake me up and get me moving' strong or semi strong cup of java to wake them in the morning and provide them with enough caffeine to complete the day. Others however, may be in search of more flavours; perhaps something lighter with a hint of chocolate, or caramel or another sweet flavor they have been craving. Whilst others still may need a little more oomph and go in search of

an espresso shot to really get their blood pumping.

No matter what your particular taste, surely you will be able to find what suits you considering the abundance of coffee shops in and around the 1000 Islands.

Should you happen to find yourself in Gananoque, (and considering the multitude of summer activities going on in that neck of the woods, it would be surprising if you didn't simply camp out there for days on end), there are a couple cozy shops that stand out above the rest.

The Socialist Pig, located directly across from Confederation Park. If you hit it at the right time of day you can even enjoy a hearty lunch with your savory cup of coffee. Offering everything from Americano style coffee to espressos and cappuccinos, they are determined to please your taste buds. Taking special care to ask what flavours and strength you prefer, your satisfaction is clearly their top priority. A step back in time of sorts, you'll find the unusual décor rather amusing and quite a conversation starter.

Toddle down the main drag just a wee bit and you will find the Hot Roast Coffee House. Again, an establishment that clearly strives to put the customer first and fulfills their tastes. A wide variety menu of sandwiches, soups and salads, a great place to relax, read a paper and sample what they have to offer.

Also on King St E, All about Books Internet Café, used book store that you can sit read the book you just bought and try some of their specialty coffees: espresso, mocha, latte, and Fair Trade Organic coffee you can purchase by the pound. For tea lovers they have it all from regular tea to Fair Trade Organic.

For those looking to take a step back in time, you might want to take a short drive to Athens. Lainee's on Main Street might be just the spot you are looking for. Depending on the time of day that you visit, the atmosphere may be guite different. Should you visit early in the day, before work, you will see a hubbub of friends and community gathered for their morning coffee and chat session. There is even an oversized 'living room' setting available just inside where many gather and begin their day, telling stories and reminiscing of adventures of days gone by. Visit a little later in the day for a more peaceful, tranquil cup of coffee, either alone or shared with the shop owner, who is more than happy to stop and chat. It's a handy spot to stop off for a bag of milk on the way home from work and take advantage of a few moments to unwind with a relaxing cup of coffee before venturing home to the kids.

Should your next stop be in downtown Brockville, you will have a variety of choices and where you stop certainly depends on what you are looking for. For a quick bite you might want to try Boboli's on King Street. The shop is usually quite packed, with seating for roughly 30. Coffee varieties are quite limited, but they do serve a delicious blueberry pie, if that happens to tickle your taste buds.

Almost directly across the street is another fine choice, Ogies, with a few more varieties of coffee to choose from. (Hazelnut vanilla being the most popular) The shop is a bit smaller, seating approximately 15. The Owners are friendly and welcoming, taking the time to ask your preferences and ensuring you get the perfect blend for your afternoon break.

When you visit the 1000 Islands Mall doing some shopping at their varied shops and venues, why not stop in at The Sleepless Monkey for a quick brew. They offer many specialty coffees, as well as your average cup of java and a great selection of loose leaf tea. They also offer a tantalizing array of homemade menu items to satisfy those hunger pangs from a day out shopping. They are conveniently located almost in the center of the mall, so a perfect spot for people watching or meeting with friends.

For years many have enjoyed the friendly and welcoming setting of Tait's. Be it uptown or downtown, the service and



products have always been a favorite of many locals. Some may put them more in the 'bakery' setting than coffee houses and yet customer satisfaction has never been doubted. They have, over the years, acquired a rather dedicated following, and for good reason.

Venturing even further down hwy 2, the spot to stop in Prescott is surely Piccolo's. Located right on King Street, your only issue might be parking once word gets out about this little gem. Quiet and relaxing, the shop is the perfect stop, be it after a long day at the office, or a much needed break in the middle of the day. A menu is available if you require a snack and the service is top notch. Top: Phyllis O'gilvie (owner, Ogie's Cafe Deli, Brockville,On) enjoying her special blend coffee

Above: Magdalena Duris (owner Piccolo cafe, Prescott,On) enjoying her specialty Caramel Cappuccino

Another Coffee shop just opened in Prescott called Katrina's (King St W) and offers a nice menu of lunch choices and delicious treats of baked items.

The possibilities are endless. One must only decide if it is a regular coffee, old fashioned type of coffee or a newer, more flavorful type that the pallet so desires. Once that decision is out of the way, you are pretty much home free. LH



HIKING AND CAMPING Waking Up Summer

By Lorraine Payette

It just wouldn't be summer in our region without camping and hiking.

ommuning with nature, sleeping in tents and cabins, walking trails from sweet and simple through rugged and challenging, are part of what the warm weather is all about.

"We are blessed in this area to have so many wonderful places to hike, right here in our own backyards," said Trail Master Peter Murray at the official grand opening of the Riverside and Narrows Loops on the Lions Section of the Gananoque Trails in 2010.

These words still hold true. Leeds-Grenville has well over 650 Km's of trails and thousands of acres of land available for exploring. Whether hiking for fitness or serious adventure, there will be something to fit everyone's needs.

Fitness trails can be found at the Bay of St. Lawrence Park on Island Drive in the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands (TLTI), and the Seeley's Bay Vita Parcour Trail on Cranberry Lake. They include fitness stations, benches, board walks and bridges, with a low to medium level of difficulty.

For more of a challenge, there are places like the Gananoque Trail System, Landon Bay Walking Trails, and the trails at Bellamy Park Family Campground on Bellamy Lake (just west of Toledo, Ontario). Still easy enough for beginners, they wind through breathtaking scenery and give a chance to get up close to nature.

Experienced hikers will find what they like at places like the Cataraqui Trail, a four-season hiking area open to cyclists, cross-country skiers, hikers, snowshoers, equestrians and snowmobilers. Following the former Canadian National Railway system, it extends 104 Kms from Strathcona to Smiths Falls, passing through Eel Bay and Chaffey's Lake, while crossing the Frontenac Axis.

For something a bit different in hiking, there are activities like the Rockport Heritage Walking Tour. A self-guided excursion, participants can walk from site to site throughout the historic village, reading signs and looking at murals, all the while getting exercise as they learn about this fascinating settlement.

Many hiking trails are located at campgrounds throughout the region. Thousand Islands National Park is the only national park in Ontario that features ten oTENTiks which can be reserved and used by campers. A cross between a cabin and a tent, five are located on the mainland at Mallorytown Landing, three on McDonald Island and two on Gordon Island.

Camping is also available with sites fitted for trailers/RVs or tents at Landon Bay, Ivy Lea Campground and Misty Isles Lodge. These are just three of the more than 25 campgrounds listed at the Leeds-Grenville camping and accommodations website, with more being listed all the time.

"Camping is an institution in Leeds and Grenville," said John MacLeod of Landon Bay. "We aim to give people what they want in an experience with nature, while providing enough amenities to keep them comfortable at all times." LH



Whether alone or in organized groups, hiking can be fun for everyone.

The oTENTiks at Thousand Islands National Park are just one of many great options for summer camping. L-r, MP Gord Brown, Leeds-Grenville; Kim St. Claire, Field Unit Superintendent, Georgian Bay and Eastern Ontario, Parks Canada; Mayor Roger Haley of Front of Yonge and Jeff Leggo, Superintendent Thousand Islands National Park

For more information on camping and hiking in Leeds-Grenville be sure to go to http://www.leedsgrenville.com/en/ visit/thingstodo/HikingTrails.asp, www. frontenacarchbiosphere.ca and http:// www.leedsgrenville.com/en/visit/ accommodations/Camping.asp . The county is yours to explore and enjoy.



BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOMES One Brick at a Time

By Jan Murray

ust over 3 years ago, Ron Noseworthy began building homes in the Woodland sub development in Prescott. Since then Mapleview Homes has earned Noseworthy a reputation of quality and respect, building homes that are not only affordable but built to stand.

When starting out, it was important to Ron to produce homes that he himself felt provided a specific level of quality and style. Homes that he, as a consumer would be willing to put his money into.

To Ron, Prescott was the ideal place to start. "Prescott is a town on the verge of significant growth. We wanted to be a part of building a community that we can be proud of, to make a contribution."

"We created a model home for viewing by the general public so we could showcase our product." Ron explained. "We have built 19 other homes over the last 3 years." The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. "We try to help our prospective home owners understand that cosmetics in a home do not tell the tale." explained Linda Fleming, client services administrator. "We allow our clients, with guided access of course, to visit any time to see how we build and why our homes are different. We do not hide anything and we always take the time to explain what our home owners see when they come on site."

General business manager and project administrator, Bill Dorion, further explained, "Prescott has made it known that development is a priority. We are presently in phase 2 of 5 for new residential buildings."

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Above: Ron Noseworthy, (Owner Mapleview Homes) Top: A Mapleview Home

With 27 years of experience building homes in the South Grenville area, Ron is known to employ local tradesmen and contractors.

Homes are not demographic specific. Instead the appeal lies in the size, great use of space, the affordability and the sense of community where they are built.

Royal Lepage Gale Broker, Heather MacKay added, "People just like to live here. It's only 40 minutes to the city." She continued, "We have a mixture of first time buyers; seniors with travel plans and seniors who prefer to remain at home in comfort during our harsh Canadian winters. We have families who do not fit in either of those categories, but want the style, price and location."

Mapleview homes offer an interior layout that is customizable, to some extent, thanks to an onsite home designer who very often works with purchasers to add the personal touches.

"We are not the typical developer who creates mirror homes and spends little time helping their clients make the house into their own." Linda assured. "We know we are doing it right as our home owners tell us quite frequently. We even have some who bring over cakes and treats when their schedule permits! LH



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By Jon Marshall

elcome to our July/August edition of "Living Here" magazine, the fourth edition of 2014 and our 5th issue. We thank our advertisers again who believed in our publication.

We publish on a bi-monthly basis and our next issue will be out the week of September 2nd. This will be our September/October issue.

Summer time, for a lot of us, is the best time of the year. Vacations to look forward to, fantastic weather to go out boating, fishing, golfing, camping, hiking or whatever outdoor activity you enjoy by yourself or with your family. Our whole area, from Brockville to Prescott to Gananoque, offers tremendous offerings in terms of shopping, attractions, outdoor adventures, museums, arts and entertainment, iust to mention a few.

In other words, why go on a vacation outside our area when there are so many things to do right here and have a "Stay-cation" and spend money in our local communities.

This brings us to our current issue where we have articles on Camping and Hiking; Picnic spots for family enjoyment; Activities such as Gourmets of Gananogue and Pirate Fest 2014. We relive our youth about the fun of drive-in movies when we were teens,

and we reminisce about the history of The Lansdowne Fair, which is celebrating its 150th year. We profile a band; River City Junction and their love of music. There is a story about a developer who is building a top notch community of homes in Prescott that, are not only affordable but are attracting a lot of new buyers form outside our area. Finally, one of our writers takes us on a coffee tour of the area in search for a good cup of java. We have a lot of stories packed in this issue and we hope you will enjoy what we have produced for you.

Our cartoonist, Murdock has produced a fun cartoon on the ever changing face of Late Night Television and how a young comedian 'Jimmy Fallon is now the "King of Late Night!"

Lastly, I encourage all readers to "Shop Local", especially now that summer is here. Help support our local business community. "Living Here" will NOT feature USA ads. We'll only advertise local businesses and Canadian companies.

Until our next issue, THANK YOU for reading and for those who would like to subscribe to Living Here and never miss an issue, you can for just \$15.00 (includes Hst) This will give you 6 issues (1 full year) and will cover the cost of shipping and handling. LH





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