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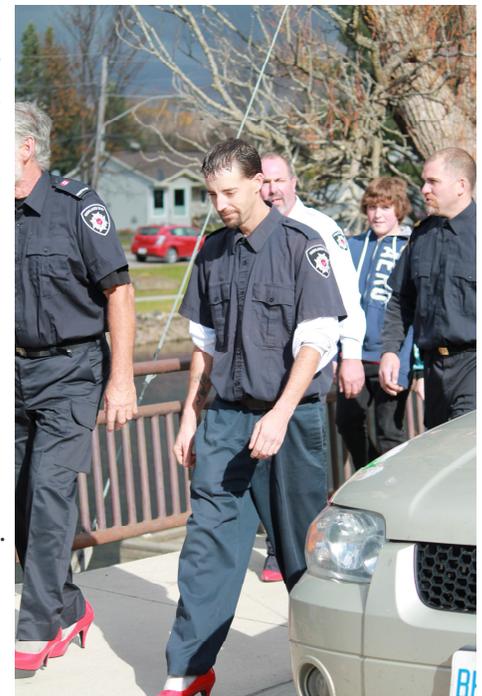


Firefighters Walk To End Abuse

“The intensity and dedication of the Highlands East Firefighters' fundraising for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes was exciting to see and impressive to all who were keeping up with their growing tally. In just a few short days, they rose to the top; with \$2800.00 of donations brought in that will make a difference in the lives of women and their children suffering domestic abuse in Haliburton County. The people of Gooderham are blessed, and should feel proud, to have such top-notch men serving to keep the community safe. YWCA is appreciative of the Highlands East Fire Department Station 3 and the generous donors who rallied to make their incredible achievement possible.” by Sarah Adams, Resource Development

Coordinator YWCA Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton.

We are very proud of Team Highlands East Firefighters, which consisted of 5 guys from Station 3: Brian Horner, Kevin Murphy, Cec Ryall, Jason Hintermeister and Dan Charlebois. Despite the sore calves and blisters, these men walked a full mile around the River Walk in Minden last month. They raised a lot of money and awareness to the serious issue of domestic violence. But most of all, hopefully they inspired someone, somewhere who is living in an abusive relationship to call 1 800 461-7656 for help.



Come Celebrate with us on New Years Eve December 31st, 2012

At the Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre

The Bandstand Committee is planning a gala celebration on New Years Eve and you are invited to come and join us for an evening of fun and great music. We will start with a delicious Roast Beef dinner at 6:00p.m. complete with all the trimmings. Dinner tickets are \$20.00 each. Dinner will be followed with a dance beginning at 8:00p.m. and ending at 1:00a.m. D.J. For the evening will be Amanda Bacon. Dinner and dance tickets are \$30.00 per person or if you just wanted to come to the dance those tickets are available at the door for \$15.00. There will be light refreshments served at 11:00p.m.

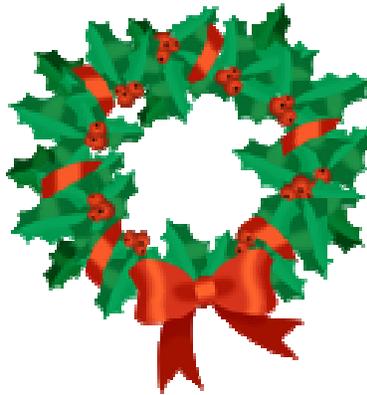
Don't miss out on this exciting evening of good food and fun with family and friends, get your tickets early. They can be purchased by dropping in to the Beary Good-erham Place to Eat, or call Donna Graham 705-447-3448 or Clayton Marsh at 705-447-2388.

All proceeds from this dinner and dance will go towards the New Bandstand.

Christmas Dinner

This year our Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday, December 1 at the Robert MacCausland Memorial Community Centre. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at the Building Department or from Barb Bader, 447-2207, Bonnie Ryall, 447-3473, Marilyn Wooder, 447-9664 or from Mary Cox 447-3446. There will be only 80 tickets available this year, so get your tickets

early or you might miss out on a delicious old fashioned turkey dinner and an evening of fun and fellowship.



Gift Drive

Local LCBO's are currently collecting new, unwrapped gifts for the YWCA's gift drive. Gifts for babies, young children, teens and even the mom's can be dropped off before December 10 to any of these locations: Gooderham, Wilberforce, Haliburton, Kinmount and Coboconk. Cash donations and grocery store gift cards are also accepted.

Thanks for your support!

Gooderham Fire & Rescue Auxiliary

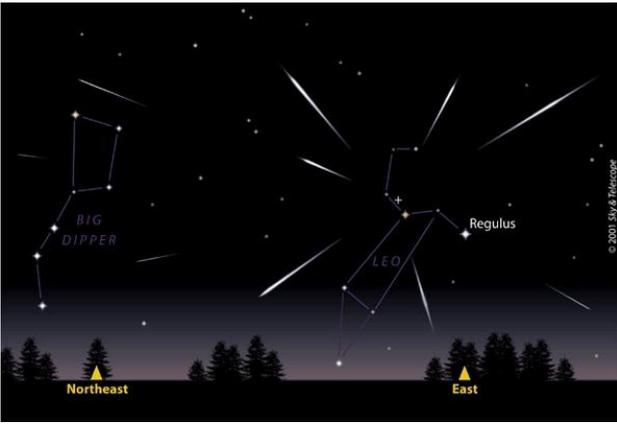
From the generous support of our local people and cottage residences the Gooderham Fire & Rescue Auxiliary have raised enough money to install a kitchen nook at Gooderham Station 3 Fire Hall. The group raised the money through the sale of the Gooderham Fire & Rescue Auxiliary cookbook, a book sale and selling Little Caesar pizza kits. The kitchen nook was built and installed by Brian Horner owner of Horner Carpentry. The nook gives the firefighters a place store their kitchen supplies and a countertop to make coffee after attending a fire call or an evening of training.

The Gooderham Fire & Rescue Auxiliary have made a commitment to make a yearly donation to Camp Bucko (Burn Camp for Kids in Ontario). This camp is a fun, safe and caring camp program free to kids ages 7 ~ 17 with burn injuries. Adult burn survivors, firefighters, healthcare providers and burn support staff attend camp to support the experienced Kinark Outdoor Centre staff. There are campers from all across Ontario with over 70 children attending the week long camp in August. The program runs through generous donations to fully fund each child attending camp, this includes their transportation to and from camp and each child receives a camp t-shirt.

We also made a donation to the Gooderham Station 3 firefighters participating in the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" held in Haliburton County. This donation supports the YMCA Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton's Women's Centre in Minden which reinforces the YMCA's important mission to provide leadership on issues affecting women and their families.

The auxiliary is looking at other ways to raise money to help support the Gooderham Station 3 Fire Hall. We meet once per month and are looking for new members from the community. If you are interested in helping better our fire department and become a member please contact: Dorene at 705 447-3425, Jennifer at 705-447-2556 or Mary at 705-447-3446.

"Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny."



The Gooderham Sky

One of the most spectacular natural astronomical events are meteor showers and this November brings favourable conditions for the annual Leonid meteor shower. The three day old moon will set early on the peak night of Nov. 16/17 and the clear dark skies of Gooderham will enhance the show. This meteor shower gets its name because it appears to radiate from the constellation Leo the Lion but the real cause lies a

little closer than the distant stars that make up Leo the Lion.

Meteor showers happen when our orbit around the sun crosses paths with the debris trail from past comets. As a comet approaches the sun, the warmth and radiation melts some of the comet's dirty iceball core and the debris marks the path it took. As our planet plows through this debris, the small particles slam into our atmosphere and burn up creating shooting streaks of light. While the sheer number of meteors hitting our atmosphere may suggest some might make it to the ground, in reality, the particles are just too small. Most are the size of dust grains and the bigger streaks may be the size of a pea. The random meteors that do make it to the ground have origins other than comets.

The annual Leonid shower has Comet 55P/Tempel-Tuttle to thank for its origin. Discovered in 1865 by German astronomer Ernst Tempel and independently found in 1866 by American astronomer Horace Tuttle, it has a diameter of 4km and an orbital period of just slightly more than 33 years, its last appearance being in 1998 and we've been slamming into that debris trail every November ever since as we cross that spot on our orbit around the sun.

Leonid meteors are fast, they slam into our atmosphere at 71km/hour, the fastest of any shower and their high speeds mean they produce a greater number of fireballs that leave longer trails and some may even be bright enough to cast a shadow from a dark site. While they peak on Nov. 16/17th, they may be seen anytime a week before or after that date. The best time to see meteors is after midnight, as our planet turns to face the sun again it slams head-on into the debris trail. Predicting the rates of meteors maybe as challenging as predicting how many snowflakes may land on a given plot of land, you'll never know until its done and some of the more memorable meteor "storms" have come quite by surprise. The safest predictions are between 15 and 20 meteors/hour but anything can happen, less or more.

No special equipment is needed to view the show, just patience and warm clothes...it is November. Look toward the east about half way up and the wider the view, the better. If you're a photographer and want to try to capture some, set your camera on a tripod and aim it northeast or south-east (to capture longer streaks) and about half way up. Use your widest aperture and a high ISO (800 or higher) and take a 15 second or longer exposure. More then about 15 to 20 seconds will produce trailing stars but it just might enhance the picture and will increase your chances of capturing some meteors. Most of all, just enjoy the show and hopefully it'll produce some brilliant displays.

Until next time,
Clear skies,
Brian Mould

*“Now you stay in school and get a good education. It is the only thing no one can ever take away from you.”
A quote from Nellie MacDuff...many, many moons ago, submitted by Melissa Billings*



The Beauty Of Fall

By Barb Bader

Once again our beautiful Fall has come and gone. It was

breath-takingly beautiful, the brilliant reds, oranges and yellows were awesome and I hated to see it come to an end. Driving down any of our country roads was an amazing sight. There is nothing more beautiful or amazing than our spectacular display of Fall colors in the Hali-burton Highlands.

I watched the young loons flex their wings in preparation of flying south and observed a mother loon teaching her baby to fly. What a sight to finally see that young loon take flight for the first time.

However, all good things must come to an end and now for some of us, our thoughts are already turning to fun in the snow.

We have already had our first snowfall and I am sure there will be lots more to follow.

Have a safe fun filled winter.

THE VOICE

There is a voice inside of you
That whispers all day long,
"I feel that this is right for me,
I know that *this* is wrong."
No teacher, preacher, parent, friend
Or wise man can decide
What's right for you—just listen to
The voice that speaks inside.



Giggles

"I love work; it fascinates me; I could sit and watch it for hours." -Jerome K. Jerome

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Dexter –Gooderham’s Famous Seadooring Dog



Pine Lake cottagers Brian Lytle and Crissie Thompson took this picture of their dog Dexter doing what he loves...seadooring with Brian around the lake. After a few laps around the lake, Brian noticed that the wind was bugging Dexter, so he put these goggles on him. Dexter figured them out pretty quickly. The result was one cool, safe, seadooring doggy! Brian entered this picture in Cottage Life’s photo contest and won first place in the action

category! The judges especially liked that Dexter is wearing a PFD—not something pet owners often think of! Dexter loves doing everything that Brian does so you may have seen Dexter cruising the lake last summer. If you missed it, you can check out his YouTube video by searching seadoo doggy-meet dexter.

Hobs The Crippled Bear

Hobs is one of the resident bears at the Tory Hill dump sight and you can usually see him in the morning as he hobbles along to forage for food. You see, Hobs is a crippled bear who has stolen the hearts of many and has even made his debut on the internet. He is now the most famous bear in all of Haliburton Highlands. Somehow last winter or spring he broke his leg. Although his leg has apparently healed it has left him unable to use that leg. He likes to come early to get his fill of food and before the other bears come.



The other bears do not seem to like Hobs hanging around while they do their foraging and quickly chase him away. However, Hobs is well fleshed and appears to be doing quite well for himself. Be sure to look for him next time you are at the dump.

"Thank you to all the community members who helped make the garden such a success this year".



The History of “Taps”

submitted by Brent
Davies

In 1862 during the American Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison’s Landing in Virginia, the Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Capt. Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Capt. Decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through gunfire, the Capt. Reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South

when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth’s uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody we now know as Taps used at military funerals was born.

The words are:

Day is done

Gone the sun.

From the lakes

From the hills.

From the sky.

All is well.

Safely rest.

God is nigh.

Fading light.

Dims the sight.

And a star.

Gems the sky.

Gleaming bright.

From afar.

Drawing nigh.

Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.

For our days.

Neath the sun

Neath the stars.

Neath the sky

As we go.

This we know.

God is nigh.

Worth Remembering

*Jealousy
comes from
counting
others'
blessings
instead of
our own*

**Sometimes you
have to burn
a few bridges
to keep the
crazies from
following you.**

BISS

MAY EVERY
SUNRISE
HOLD MORE
PROMISE,
AND EVERY
SUNSET
HOLD MORE
PEACE.
·BLESSING·

The Next Homestead

by Andrew von Zuben
(bedrockandbrambles.blogspot.ca)

The Simple Life

One of the many lures of homesteading life is the simplicity. Focus is placed on providing food and shelter with less interest in accumulating wealth and material goods. I don't think very many people imply that 'simple' translates into 'easy', but it may come as surprise to eager new homesteaders that the financial cost is high and the challenge of striking it out on your own, without a community to support you, is a tough one.

There is a foolishness to the way we have done things here. We're isolated and remote despite being within an hour of a large city centre.

The isolation comes from tackling an alternative lifestyle without being part of densely populated community.

Sure there are lots of people doing what we are in the same general area, but everyone is spread out and most folks keep to themselves.

Much of the reason homesteaders don't reach out more is that it becomes tiresome after a while when your lifestyle is viewed so frequently with disdain.

Also, it's great to find likeminded spirits to ease the feelings of isolation, but when it comes down to sharing and helping with the workload, everyone is too busy.

Most homesteaders will give help when asked for it, but many don't ask for help knowing that others need their valuable time for their own goals.

The romantic ideals of barn raising and knitting bees comes from tightly clustered communities of large multi-generational families.

In fact, many of the difficulties associated with contemporary homesteading stem directly from the dissolution of the traditional family and the wide dispersion of the homesteads.

There are simply fewer hands to share in the work.

This problem is well recognized and as a result there have been many attempts at developing intentional communities throughout the country.

Unfortunately, municipal by-laws are set up to prevent such 'communes' from arising. Perhaps due to complex logistics or maybe a carryover attitude from the Cold War.

Also, property has been developed with an eye for profit and not for community building.

Seldom seen are large tracts of developed land severed into 5 or 10 acre lots suitable for small scale farming.

There are farms of several hundred acres and there are subdivisions comprised of lots of less than an acre.

The developers carve up large properties into the smallest possible denominations to ensure the greatest profits.

It is my view that community leadership is more often conducted with self-interest in mind rather than with forward thinking intentions for the long term welfare of the communities themselves.

Making the choice to lead the homesteading life may not be as it seems.

Our culture has not prepared the land and our social fabric for homesteading.

In fact, there has been a steady exodus from that kind of life in exchange for the simple urban life. The urban life where all you need to worry about is going to your job for five days a week and using that

pay to buy whatever food and shelter needed.

In return for simplicity, however, one must endure the 9-5 grind or worse.

It is living for the weekend for most of your life until retirement, upon which time you reap the great reward of chronic illness and an under funded standard of living. Homesteading is not really a simple life, but one of greater intrinsic value.

Those who have chosen to go back to land find a depleted infrastructure where tools and expertise have been lost, farmland marginalized and spent, and a lack of coherent community that is so crucial to the success of agrarian life.

One of our most poignant questions is why so many well-intentioned people give up on homesteading and return to the mainstream?

Part of the answer lies in the heart-break of trying to forge a new lifestyle in a typically forsaken cultural landscape.

Upon deciding to take the challenge on, homesteading needs to be understood as both a compromise and a sacrifice.

The compromise is exchanging the simple and well organized urban lifestyle for a complex and rugged agricultural life offering values that transcend the worthless drive for financial and material wealth.

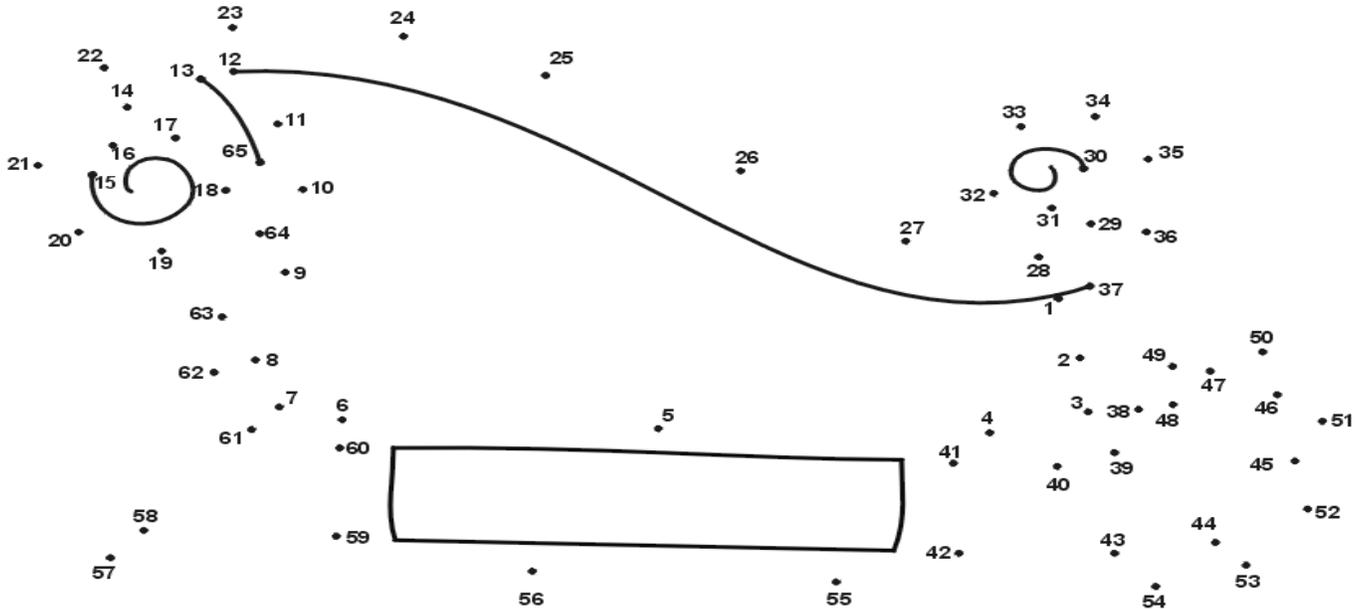
The sacrifice is for your children and their children.

We have the opportunity to rebuild a future that provides them with a clean environment, strong health, freedom from slavery, and values that reinforce a connection with the land and each other.

We are not homesteading to live the simple life.

We are homesteading to build one.

Kids Corner



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Show Me

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day.

I'd rather one should walk with me than merrily show the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear.

Fine counsel is confusing but example's always clear.

And the best of all Preachers are the men who live their creeds,

For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.

I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done.

I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true,

But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.

For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give.

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.