

THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **Windermere House** - Lots of things happening at WH. Stop in for a drink or meal at one of their lovely dining options.
 - **Windermere Pub & Patio** - Lunch & Dinner - patio open weather permitting. Reservations on Open Table
 - Until June 15th - 12pm - 10pm, weekdays
 - Weekends - 12pm - 11pm
 - After June 15th - 12pm - 11pm weekdays,
 - Weekends 12pm - midnight
 - Live music - Fri.&Sat. 7-10pm
 - **The Rosseau**, upscale dining, beautiful setting 7 days/week - 5-9pm. As of June 26th - 7 days/week - 12-9pm
 - **High Tea** returns June 28th - a timeless tradition
 - **The Trading Post** - Artisanal goods & produce, chafuterie, souvenirs and more.
 - **Spa at Windermere** - Daily 9am - 6pm
- **Windermere Marina** NEW HOURS! -As of June 26th open 7 days a week - 9am - 5pm.
- **Windermere Golf Club** - Open to all for lunch and dinner throughout the season at **Iron and Strings Restaurant**. - "**Wing Night**" -every Thursday with live entertainment.
- **Windermere Garden Centre** Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm. Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun. Great Cappuccino and Lattes at the cafe!
More details at taylorfarms.ca/market.
Or email strawberries@taylorfarms.ca
- **Lagree by the Lake** - *Fitness Studio right in Windermere. Check out lagreebythelake.com*

Windermere Lions Club is offering a bottle drop off for your recyclables - this is part of their fundraising for all the great things they do for the community and beyond. Drop off at Taylor Farms.

Ice Cream Scoopers and gas attendants WANTED @ the Windermere Marina!

A summer of fun!! Must be 16 years old.
E-mail Sherry at windermere@muskokamarinas.ca

- **Christ Church Windermere** - services Sunday at 10:30am. Welcome all.
Strawberry Social - June 27th - 1 - 4pm
- **Windermere United Church** -services Sunday at 10:30am. Check out "Upcoming Events" for Taize & meditation schedule.

Tucked in the bay close to Parkers Marina is a beautiful old log cabin, built in 1901. It belongs to **Bob MacKendrick**, a long time summer Windermere community member, who's family played a pivotal role in establishing a golden era of Canadian sport that helped shape the cultural identity of the Muskoka lakes.

This story begins with the extraordinary canoeing history of Bob's grandfather, John MacKendrick, and John's brothers Will and Harry. The family have preserved physical traces of this legacy in their cottage on Lake Rosseau - a single-story log cabin filled with photographs, trophies, and painted canoe paddles documenting their American Canoe Association (ACA) heritage. A verandah wraps around the building's east side, connecting to an outdoor kitchen and dining area. Hailing from Galt (now part of Cambridge, Ontario), the MacKendrick brothers — primarily Dr. Harry F. MacKendrick and John MacKendrick — built a multi-generational racing dynasty out of the Galt Canoe Club. Operating alongside their father and a third brother, the family dominated canoe racing at the local, provincial, and national levels during an era when canoe racing was one of Canada's most popular spectator sports.

Harry MacKendrick's individual accomplishments were staggering: after retiring from singles competition, he held an undefeated streak of 122 consecutive single-paddling victories. The brothers were also versatile athletes beyond the water - Harry starred on the Canadian all-star soccer team that won the World's Soccer Championship in 1885. The ACA, founded in 1880, served as the premier governing body for canoeing across North America, with a mission "to unite all amateur canoeists for the purpose of pleasure, health, or exploration." Its annual summer encampments drew thousands of spectators and the continent's best paddlers.

At the ACA's international regatta of 1890 in New York, Harry set a world record to win the Singles World Championship, then teamed with brother John to win the Tandem World Championship the same year.

Counting team events with their father and brothers, the MacKendrick family amassed four world titles during this golden age of canoe racing. Harry pioneered the "One-Knee" Advantage, a highly efficient "one-knee stroke" that attributed to his dominance of the sport. They raced in traditional cedar-strip, wide-beam open canoes manufactured in Ontario

At just twenty years old, in 1886, Harry MacKendrick won the American Championship at Thousand Islands Regatta.

The 1900 American Canoe Association (ACA) encampment was located on "*Big Island*" (also historically known as **Tobin Island**), immediately off the shore of the village of **Windermere**.

The August 1900 ACA encampment and regatta on Lake Rosseau showcased the strategic use of the local geography. **Windermere** was the hub with the main docks, regatta headquarters and social events for international attendees centred at Windermere House, connected to "Big Island" by rowboats, canoes, and steamships.

UPCOMING EVENTS

If you have a community event to announce, let us know!

Muskoka Arts and Crafts at the Village Hall!

Open Weekends until the end of June, 10am - 4pm and then 6 days a week for July and August.

June 25th - Wing Night (every Thursday) - WG&CC

June 27th - "Strawberry Social" at Christ Church Windermere, 1-4pm at the church

July 9th @ 7:30pm @ Windermere United Church - *Mindfulness Meditation* in the traditions of Thich Nhat Hanh (also August 6th & Sept 6th)

July 13th - "Grand opening" of the Village Playground - All are welcome!! **Name the Bear contest...**more details coming soon!

July 15th @ 7:30pm @ Windermere United Church "*Peace and Presence in Taize Tradition*" - (also August 12th & Sept 16th)

August 7 - 16

- **The Muskoka Chautauqua Festival** A great line up of music, art, literary and kids events - watch for their flyers. Stay tuned for additional details here....(a few of the events...)

August 8th - CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!

August 9th - Caroline Marie Brooks

August 10 - Toronto All-Star Big Band

August 11 - Maggie's Wake

August 12 - Candlelit Taize

August 13 - The Muskoka Philharmonic Orchestra

August 14 - Beverly, Charlie & Friends

August 15th - Northern Lights Steel Orchestra

August 16th - Family Fun Day

June 21st and once per month for the summer, our two churches will be holding joint worship services - to be held @ Christ Church.

July 26th - The churches are holding a joint outdoor worship service at the Wharf.

Submissions, content, or to subscribe windermeregazette@icloud.com

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police - Non-Emergency 705-645-2211

Fire Department 705-765-3156

District of Muskoka Office 705-645-2100

By-Law Office Township 705-765-3156

Wharf Master 705-769-3611

Windermere Golf Club 705-769-3381

Windermere Marina 705-769-3661

Windermere House 705-769-3611

Taylor Farms 705-769-2368

Windermere Garden Centre 705-769-3238

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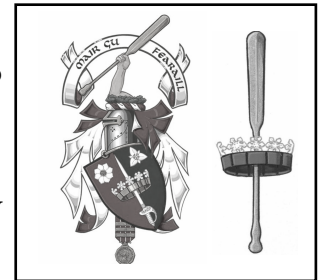
The brothers' arrival in Muskoka coincided with the region's emergence as an elite resort destination. They first visited Lake Rosseau drawn by its waters and the growing community at Windermere, staying initially at Windermere House.

Their prominence in canoeing extended into ACA leadership. Both John and Will MacKendrick were elected Commodore — John in 1896 and Will in 1899. As Commodore in 1900, Will was chiefly responsible for organizing that year's encampment and regatta on Lake Rosseau.

Using their international fame, the brothers promoted Muskoka as Canada's premier paddling destination, organized local regattas, and mentored younger Ontario paddlers — helping cement the "Muskoka summer" tradition still associated with the region today.

These Heraldry symbols are registered to the MacKendrick family testament to the great success that family members had in the sport of canoeing.

The MacKendrick family have respectfully preserved the family history and legacy, much of it right here in Windermere.



Don't miss the Strawberry Social this **Saturday, June 27th 1 - 4pm**

@ Christ Church Windermere.

Handpicked local berries, home made shortcake and fresh whipped cream!

Support the church and enjoy the strawberries!

GRAND OPENING of the "new" Windermere Village Children's Playground!

Monday July 13th @ 4:30pm

Fun for all.

Name the Bear Contest - submit your ideas to windermeregazette@icloud.com

Now Open!!

Lagree by the Lake - a Fitness studio for all levels.

Details at lagreebythelake.com

August 8th...mark your calendar, buy your tickets!

CHOIR!CHOIR!CHOIR!

at the Chautauqua Festival!

Belt out the biggest 80s hits with **Choir! Choir! Choir!** in this fun, interactive live music experience!

Choir! Choir! Choir! is the fully interactive, participatory show that turns the audience into performers! So get ready to laugh, dance and **SING!** your hearts out with hundreds of other music-lovers just like you. It's like a big birthday party for the greatest songs of all time, and you're invited!

So grab a friend (or ten), and come out ready to GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT! - all voices welcome, no experience necessary. **They**

Teach, You Sing! Everyone Wins!

This time, Choir!Choir!Choir! presents: **An EPIC 80s Sing-Along!**

BUY TICKETS

Or visit the Chautauqua Festival website