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Annie Irvine feeding the cats and kittens. Read "As Others Saw Us (A Memoir of the Irvine Farm)" in *The Oxen and The Axe*. Photo: *Brown Family Album*

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President's Message

Hello again to all our members, patrons, and friends. It has been wonderful to resume our regular monthly meetings and see so many of our friends.

We had a very successful Christmas Luncheon catered by Hunters Creek Golf Club. Carolyn McCulloch led us in a couple of fun games and Eileen Flieler and Margaret Axford provided some poetry and readings.

In January we had a wonderful presentation by David Savigny on the Northern Emergency Organization (NEO). This group of first responders preceded the local ambulance service in our area and had members in every village.

The February presentation was on the local connection to the 48th Highlanders Regiment.

The March meeting was a video about memories of Camp Mazinaw – An Interview with Jim Smart. There were special guests to reminisce about the camp.

I will no longer be living in the area so I have resigned from the Board of Directors. I have worked with some really wonderful people over the years and I hope to stay in touch.

Many thanks to my fellow board members and all the committee members for their work over the past year. Special thanks to Warren Anderson for taking on the leadership at our monthly meetings since I have been away. Ian Brumell has done a great job as treasurer for several years. He has also dealt with our applications for funding for our students each year. We are looking for someone to take on this function and give Ian a well-deserved break. If you feel you could do this, talk to Ian for more information,

Continued success to everyone and enjoy the summer.

Sincerely,

Shirley Sedore, President ✂



Treasurer's Report – Spring 2023

The summer of 2022 saw the Historical Society begin to flourish as it had before the epidemic. Tourists began returning and our Museum was open for the full two months of July and August. We saw close to 1300 visitors and Museum revenues, through both donations and book sales, of just over \$4,500.

In addition to the museum revenues, the CDHS took part in several 'outside' ventures with our mobile display and book sales. These included the summer market set up by the local Lions club as well as a display at the school. Further to this, the Historical Society has established an eTransfer account along with our new website to sell items and transfer funds to the Society. These endeavours accounted for an additional close to \$1,000 in revenue. For your interest, the eTransfer address is cal21@mazinaw.on.ca

As has been the custom over the past many years, we were fortunate again to receive funding from both of the Federal programmes we have used, namely The Young Canada Works programme and the Canada Summer Jobs programme. These two granting agencies along with our two local Municipalities allowed the Society to flourish and to again employ 3 students for the summer.

Other sources of income include the Provincial HODG grant, member donations, Patron and general memberships and several other smaller sources. The Endowment Fund, established in 2006, continues as a major source of funding as well, with over \$3,500 being contributed to our general account. All these numbers can be seen on the Financial Reports elsewhere in this newsletter.

As far as expenses are concerned, our major expenses, other than the employee expenses, remain insurance and utilities. In 2022, an additional major expense was the reworking of the CDHS website. However, we were able to receive a grant to cover this expense. The website

<https://pioneer.mazinaw.on.ca> was enhanced to accommodate more up to date user's devices such as tablets and phones and to allow a smoother ability for folks to order on line.

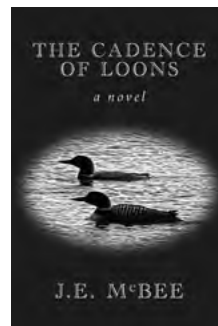
In summary, we would suggest that you consult the attached financial reports and feel free to ask questions about the numbers. As in the past, the Cloyne and District Historical Society remains one of the most financially sound organizations in the area and we appreciate very much the member dedication and interest in the organization. Please direct any questions to our email pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca.

Ian Brumell, Treasurer. 🌿 Financial Report Page 5

Bookstore Report

There is some good summer reading on the horizon. Charter member Margaret Axford will release *In the Shadow of the Rock*, *The Bon Echo Story* in time for the Museum Opening at the end of June. It is a historical account of Bon Echo Park, and how that piece of property went from being a farmer's field to a provincial park. The people involved in the process were Janie Weese (who tells much of the story from her memoirs), Weston Price, Flora Macdonald Denison, and Merrill Denison.

Fiction writer Jeff McBee, author of *The Skootamatta Ozone Ball* and *The Riverstock Effect* loves our area. He is bringing us another story of intrigue.



A Cadence of Loons involves two warring cottaging families on Skootamatta Lake. Jeff promises a thriller that will keep us in suspense until the last page.

Both books have not yet been released, but will be available at the Museum and through our website in July 2023.

Looking Back by Marcella Neely is last year's booklet about the business development on Highway 41. It has been highly popular, and there are still copies available.

The Bookstore is located in the Museum. We also take our books to various events throughout the community. Look for us at The Farmers' Market at The Lions Hall in Northbrook this summer.

Carolyn McCulloch 🌿

Flickr Gallery – Part of Our Digital Archive

Our Flickr page <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cdhs> of historical photos, videos and documents has surpassed a milestone of over 2,000 images! We joined Flickr Commons 10 years ago and are one of 100 museum members around the world posting images for public use. As of the March 31st, we have 464 followers and our photos have had 5,612,993 views with some days seeing in excess of 7,000 views. On March 29th we set a new record with 24,910



views. On that day, the most popular photo was Mr. and Mrs. Blackstock – Camp Mazinaw, 1956 in the Eileen Flieler Album. The photo received 1% of the views on that day.

The most popular photo of all time is the still the Northbrook Girl Guides – June 1950 which has received 50,372 views. The 2nd most

popular is Davison Farm and Barn – Flinton with 44,350 views. The 3rd most popular is Our old school house No. 11 – Kaladar, 1890 with 25,190 views.



Our Flickr cemetery page has 1591 photos from 13 different local cemeteries with more to come in 2023.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/cdhs-cemeteries> 2023.



Other Social Media

Our social media sites have been a great way to spread the word on upcoming events. The most popular site is the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/people/Cloyne-Pioneer-Museum-and-Archives/100057087025392/> with 667 followers, followed by our YouTube Channel with 115 subscribers. And finally, our Instagram page <https://instagram.com/cloynepioneermuseumarchives/> with 53 followers.

Contact: kenwhook@gmail.com 613-336-3211.



[Cemetery](#)



[YouTube](#)



Click on an icon above to visit one of these CDHS social media sites.

Cloyne and District Historical Society Financial Statements to 31 December, 2022

Profit & Loss

<u>Revenue</u>	
Historical Society Income - 4-1000	
Misc & Museum Donations	\$3,481.96
Other Donations	\$2,085.69
Federal Gov't Grants	\$20,816.99
Provincial Grants	\$1,545.00
Municipal Grants	\$1,000.00
Endowment Fund Interest	\$3,350.00
Membership	\$190.00
Calendar Sales	\$131.00
Other Item Sales	\$119.50
Book Sales	\$2,129.51
Calendar Advertising	\$784.00
Special Events - Trunk sale	\$439.60
– Opening	\$211.00
– Christmas luncheon	\$540.00
Website Redo - Grant	\$3,730.00
Patrons	\$900.00
Endowment donations	\$385.00
In-Memorium donations	\$175.00
Misc & Interest	\$28.27
Total Revenue	\$42,042.52

<u>Expenses</u>	
Historical Society Expenses - 6-0000	
Accounting & Office Services	\$471.62
Meeting Expense	\$240.00
Utilities - Hydro, etc.	\$2,066.03
Outside Services	\$2,017.50
Maintenance & Repair	\$200.26
Postage & Shipping	\$182.33
Office Expenses	\$26.98
Museum Grounds Expense	\$820.20
Archival digitizing	\$103.15
Insurance	\$2,593.08
Book Purchases	\$715.00
Sales discounts	\$56.00
Special Events - Lion's CFFLA	
– Opening	\$209.29
– Christmas luncheon	\$555.78
– Books@Market	\$120.00
– Looking Back booklet	\$972.00
Website Redo - Expenses	\$5,313.52
Patron Expense	\$60.01
Professional Memberships	\$365.00
Endowment Transfers	\$3,015.93
Misc. Expense	\$909.98
Museum Wages & Salaries	\$19,135.08
Museum Payroll Expenses	\$1,488.92
Total	\$41,637.66

<u>Expenses</u>	
Communications Committee - 6-3000	
Website Expense	\$241.62
Newsletter Expense	\$560.35
Total	\$801.97

Equipment Expense - 6-1200

Computer/peripherals	\$6.19
Total	\$6.19

Balance Sheet

<u>Assets</u>	
Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$7,100.97
Reserve Fund	\$16,953.23
Inventory	\$2,050.00
Receivables HST rebate	\$1,324.07
Total	\$27,428.27

Fixed Assets

Buildings & Property	\$155,000.00
Display fixtures	\$7,404.00
Computer & Hardware	\$6,160.12
Office Equipment	\$4,000.00
Other Equipment	\$1,555.00
Museum Artifacts	\$23,000.00
Total	\$197,119.12

Total Assets	\$224,547.39
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Liabilities & Equity

Payroll Withholdings	1599.66
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Equity

CDHS Equity	\$90,304.63
Opening Balance Equity	\$58,738.59
Retained Earnings	\$74,307.81
Net Income	-\$403.30
Total	\$222,947.73

Total Liability & Equity	\$224,547.39
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Total Expenses	\$42,445.82
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Net Income	-\$403.30
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Notes

1. Inventory consists of copies of unsold books, calendars and other sales items.
2. The Cloyne and District Historical Society Endowment Fund ended the year with a value of **\$96,222.**

Land O'Lakes Speakers' Forum

The Cloyne Pioneer Museum & Archives in partnership with the Land O'Lakes Lions Club is presenting a cultural/educational Speaker' Forum. Each month from April to September 2023, experts in their field have been invited to speak on a variety of topics which include Art and Art Restoration, Geology and Local Mines, Armed Forces Cargo and Search and Rescue, Climate Change as well as Financial Investing. This event has something for everyone!

April 12, 2023

Ray Charbonneau

**Art Consultant, Fine Art
Restorer, Lions MDA Historian**



Ray has spent 40+ years working in the Fine Art industry. Based in Toronto his work has taken him all over North America and beyond. He has had the pleasure of working with galleries and museum as well as private, corporate and government art collections. His experiences also include working with artists, curators, registrars, archives, exhibitions, auctions, appraisals, designers, architects, framing, conservation, installation, lighting, packing, moving, and storage.

Speaking Topics

What is fine art?

Are art gallery openings the same as in the movies?

How much is something worth?

What is the right height to hang a painting?

What are the most expensive things you have worked with?

Should you buy art?

<https://razart.ca/>

The evening starts outside at 6:15 pm with the Inauguration of the Friendship Arch. Ray Charbonneau will begin speaking inside at 7:00 pm.



Doors open at 6:30 pm. Speakers will begin at 7 pm followed by a Q&A and ending at approximately 8:30 pm.

We acknowledge generous funding for this event from the County of Lennox & Addington Activation Fund! Thank you for your support!

May 10, 2023

Garry K. Smith

P.Geo/ Geology / Mines



Garry is a registered professional geologist that has explored for minerals throughout North and South America, and Australia. Recently, he has managed exploration programs on a number of historic mineral properties in the greater Bancroft-Madoc-Flinton-Cloyne region. He has property in Barrie Twp.

We have asked him to speak on some of the interesting mining history of our area.

Speaking Topics

The geological history of the area

The lore of the Addington

The Golden Fleece and Ore Chimney Mines



Lions Friendship Arch

The Friendship Arch began as a symbol of the friendship between the Lions of the USA and the Lions of Canada. It is now used to symbolize the friendship of Lions to the communities in which they live and serve.

June 14, 2023
LCol Jean-Paul Landry

Search and Rescue

Commanding Officer of Royal Canadian Air Force's 424 Transport & Rescue Squadron at CFB Trenton. Landry is a graduate of the Joint Command and Staff Program and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's Degree in Defense Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada.

Speaking Topics

Search and Rescue across Ontario, Canada, Europe and the United States.

The planes used in the missions.
Challenges and procedures.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/air-force/corporate/squadrons/424-squadron.html>

June 14, 2023
LCol Dana Sliwinski

International Cargo

Commanding Officer of Royal Canadian Air Force's 437 Transport Squadron at CFB Trenton. Sliwinski has completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Physiology from McGill University. She is a recent graduate of the Joint Command and Staff Program at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, Ontario, and also holds a Masters of Defense Studies from Royal Military College of Canada.

Speaking Topics

The role played by the Royal Canadian Air Force Squadron in international Cargo.
Challenges and Procedures.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/air-force/corporate/squadrons/437-squadron.html>

July 12, 2023
Dr. Robert McLeman

Environmental Studies Wilfrid Laurier University



Dr. Robert McLeman is Professor of Environmental Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University. He specializes in research on the impacts of climate change on people and communities in Canada, and has authored multiple reports and studies on climate change in eastern Ontario. He is a Coordinating Lead Author for the most recent Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Ontario's climate is changing rapidly. Winters are becoming shorter and milder, summers are becoming hotter and drier, and the weather generally is becoming more extreme and less predictable.

Speaking Topics

What are the implications for forests, water, and biodiversity in the Land O'Lakes, and how will it affect the economic and social wellbeing of the people who live and vacation here?

<https://www.wlu.ca/academics/faculties/faculty-of-science/faculty-profiles/robert-mcleman/>

<https://rinkwatch.org>

Reserve Your Spot

Register early and in advance

Registration is free but the Lion's Hall has a 120 person capacity.

Register online at:

<https://lolspeakersforum.eventbrite.ca/>

or call Ken 613-336-3211

or Lion Newar at

778-384-3381

History of the Northbrook Bank of Montreal 1965 – 2023

In 1950 Joseph (Joe) and Madeline Bolton, moved to Northbrook and bought the Northbrook Hotel. Their son John was 13 at the time and can remember playing horse-shoes at the empty lot across the road. The old fellows would teach the kids how to play. He remembers hearing that there was even a tennis court there at one time.

Joe purchased the lot from Lorne Lloyd in about 1952 and used it as parking for hotel customers.

In the 1950s, local businesses and residents did their banking in Tweed either at the Bank of Montreal (BMO) or CIBC. Connie Wannamaker recalls that Jean and Clayton Wannamaker drove to Tamworth to bank at the CIBC. In the early 1960s, Robert Bell, then branch manager of the Bank of Montreal in Tweed noticed that a lot of customers were from the Northbrook area and would be better served with a local branch. This was especially

the case in the summer when the population increased with the influx of visitors to the lodges and campgrounds.

Joe Bolton spoke with Tweed branch manager, Harry McClean in the mid-1960s, and suggested the empty lot across from the hotel would be a good location for a bank. John thinks that Joe originally leased the property to the bank. A trailer was moved in and the new Bank of Montreal opened on May 17, 1965.

In the beginning the new bank was only open a couple of days a week with staff rotating in from the Tweed branch.

The trailer was replaced with a second portable building in the 1970s. The original trailer was moved to a mining operation up north. It must have been during this transition that the bank was temporarily located in the building next door, now the North of 7 Codfather Restaurant.



The first Bank of Montreal in Northbrook opened on May 17, 1965 in a trailer. *Frontenac News*, May 14, 2015. A second portable, below left, replaced the trailer in the 1970s. *Mary Lloyd Johnson Album – photo date 1988*. During the transition the bank was located in the building next door, below right. The date on the photo is 1970. *Photo is in BMO.*





The Northbrook branch of the Bank of Montreal is closing September 29, 2023 after 58 years in our community. The house above right is located on Hwy 7 west in Kaladar. This building served as the Northbrook BMO from the mid-70s to 1991. *Photos: Ken Hook, March 2023.*

The portable was replaced by a permanent bank building in 1991. Northbrook resident Peggy Boomhower bought the portable and had it moved to Hwy 7 west in Kaladar. Peggy operated a successful blueberry and pie business from the building for many years. When Peggy sold, the portable was renovated into a house.

The first ATM machine north of Hwy 7 between Perth and Marmora, was added in the mid-90s.

The internet has brought about the biggest change in the banking industry. Most transactions take place outside of a banking centre now through online, mobile and telephone banking. The banking landscape became even more digitally focused during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bill C-86, introduced in the House of Commons in 2018 set out the process for banks to close rural branches. Banks in rural areas must notify the municipalities and customers of the closure six months in advance. Customers of the Northbrook branch of the Bank of Montreal received letters of notification during the week of the 20th of March. The branch is closing September 29th, 2023. Customer accounts will be moving back to Tweed.

Researched by Ken Hook. Information courtesy of John and Elaine Bolton with additional information from Connie Wannamaker, Don Brown, Nora Timmerman, Peggy Boomhower and the Frontenac News, May 14, 2015.



Lorne and Pat Lloyd built the building next to the bank that now houses the North of 7 Codfather restaurant just after World War II, replacing the Lloyd house which burned in the Northbrook fire of 1941. The photo seen here is of "Richard's" which sold gas, paint, dry goods, hardware and provided tourist information and bookings. The building has had several owners and functions over the years but has most often operated as a restaurant.



Vi Hope ran a restaurant/post office in the building beginning in 1956 with the post office replacing the dry goods section. Calvin and Elsie Snider ran a restaurant from 1966 to 1970.

In 1970 the north end of the building was temporarily the Bank of Montreal. In the late 70s Freida Bulpit had a sewing business. In 1986 Brian Hawley ran the Dodge City Restaurant. For many years it operated as a Greek Restaurant (remember Louie). In 2007 it was Captain John's Fish & Chips, in 2010 the Lighthouse. *Photo: CDHS Archives*



Top LtoR: Everyone's favourite Santa. The Land O'Lakes Lions Club held their Santa Clause parade November 26, 2022. It was very successful – they had 32 parade participants/floats and a live reindeer display. Ken Hook made a video which you can view at our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9IR-lhkG5vU>. The Lions Club held their Christmas Extravaganza December 3rd and Carolyn McCulloch was there selling books from our Bookstore.

Photo: Middle LtoR: After a two year absence our

Christmas Luncheon was back. We had a great meal and visit at Hunter's Creek Golf Club. Dave Savigny was the guest speaker at our January 19 meeting. He gave the history of the Northern Emergency Organization (NEO) – the forerunner of the volunteer ambulance service.

Bottom LtoR: There were about 70 people at our March 20 meeting to view the video *Memories of Camp Mazinaw*. Camp Mazinaw was a camp for boys, operating from 1940 to 1986. Jim Smart was a camper there as a young boy and later a councillor. Jim was interviewed by Ken Hook at his home on Mazinaw Lake in 2008. This video was created 15 years later. James Crawford Smart passed away at the age of 85 in 2018. Photos in this video were contributed by Paul McLean.

There were several former campers at the viewing as well as folks who had worked there all anxious to share memories. We have received some photos from Eileen Flieler's three sisters who were in attendance and worked at the camp and a letter written to the parents of a former camper, Ian (Chip) Morch. These now have a home on our Flickr site. If you have stories or photos to share please contact Ken Hook at kenwhook@gmail.com. You can view the video at our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ndpr-Pa0Tkg&t=405s>.

Cloyne Big Chair Project



Northbrook resident, Tammy Whitelock made a presentation to members of the CDHS at our March meeting. Tammy wants to save the big muskoka chair that now sits on the Shell Service Station property. It is her opinion that the chair is beyond repair so Tammy's plan is to raise funds in the community and have the chair rebuilt. It will look like the original, complete with the three hearts.

Tammy approached the CDHS because folks in the community think a good home for the chair would be next to the museum. The CDHS board has approved this plan in principal but the property is owned by the Township of North Frontenac and would need their approval. There are some other considerations – insurance and ongoing maintenance. Tammy will be approaching the township next.

The chair was built in 1989 by Richard and Olive Hook as a tourist attraction and to draw customers into their Lazy Days gift shop. When the store closed the chair was sold to Cloyne Village Foods. The Shell Service Station and Cloyne General Store now operate at this site. The owner is receptive to having the chair rebuilt at a new location.

Search for "Cloyne Big Chair Project" on Facebook.



We lose friends

Rev. Hugh A. A. Rose



On December 2, 2022 our Hugh Rose died at age 93 in Ottawa. He and Sheila were enthusiastic members of The Cloyne & District Historical Society. They were the ones who were frequently found with BBQ tongs, aprons and wide smiles

at our outside events. They summered on Lake Skootamatta for 60 years.

In his professional life, Hugh was a United Church Minister, and served in many locations across the country. He loved good conversation, music, his family and the community. We shall miss him.

Carolyn McCulloch

25 Years Ago – 1998 by Cathy Hook

The Insurance Bureau of Canada has a list of the top 10 natural disasters in Canada for insurance payouts (in 2021 \$CDN): Last year's derecho made the list at #6: \$875 million. In January, twenty-five years ago, our area was impacted by #2 on the list, the eastern ice storm (1998): \$2.3 billion. The storm did more damage to Ottawa and Quebec but the farm we owned at the time, Flintshire Farms, in Flinton, sustained a great deal of damage and we barely managed to save our breeding flock of pheasants as our outdoor pens were falling in. The Insurance Bureau lists the Fort McMurray wildfires (2016) #1: \$4 billion.

In 1998 amalgamation changed municipal governance in our area. North Frontenac was formed through the amalgamation of the Townships of Barrie, Clarendon-Miller, Palmerston and North and South Canonto.

That same year, the Township of Addington Highlands was formed through the amalgamation of the Townships of Kaladar, Anglesea & Effingham with Denbigh, Abinger and Ashby. Henry Hogg was the 1st Reeve of this new township.

We welcome your input. If you have more to add or corrections to any information in our newsletters or online media, please let us know.

If you have local family history and photos you would like to share we would love to receive them. Photos can be scanned and returned.

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Events - 2023

General Meeting Dates

General Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, 1 pm at the Barrie Community Hall in Cloyne. Visit our website to confirm meeting dates and speakers ahead of time.

<https://pioneer.mazinaw.on.ca/>

April 17

This is our AGM. There are board positions available. We are asking members to "bring a thing and tell a tale" (the CDHS version of "Show and Tell").

May 15

Marlean and Wayne McLean will be presenting the history of the Spicer Farm and the "Rock of Ages".

Land O'Lakes Speakers Forum

Read more about our April – July speakers on pages 6-7. In August, Jacqueline Power of Mackenzie Investments will speak about the importance of having an executor. In September a representative from the OPP will speak about scams and fraud. Look for more information on our website.

June 19 - Rock of Ages Tour Flinton (weather permitting)

CDHS member Marlean McLean has invited us on behalf of the McLean Family of Flinton to visit their property and see the "Rock of Ages". The rock has a huge crack on one side, large enough that Solomon Spicer, who built his house in front of the rock in 1923, could walk into it and still have room to work. He began carving the family history there.

Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Archives
Open Daily from 10AM – 4PM
End of June to September 4

You can become a Patron of the Museum (\$25 per household) or a Member of the CDHS (\$10 per person for 2023). The fee can be paid from our Website (Membership tab) or by sending an Interac e-Transfer to the following email address: cal21@mazinaw.on.ca