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August, 2006

### Some past, Some present, BIG Future!



Every day now as I drive into work I see the town changing right before my eyes. Not big major things but enough to notice that progress is happening right here in Washago. It seems like yesterday I was writing about the demolition of the Blacksmith Shop because of the danger in the old building, and our Community Center closing because the quality of air was not up to standards. Both situations are in the process of being rectified and Tim-br Mart has succeeded in acquiring the necessary permits and documentation to proceed with construction of their new show room on the grounds of the X Blacksmith Shop. As it stands today it's hard to envision all the products sold from the store, fitting in the framework visible to this point, but after speaking with partners Tom Denne and James Elliott, the feeling is that more square footage being provided in the new structure will be ample to fill the needs of their future plans. The present building housing the showroom and offices is marked for destruction and set up of a simpler operation for truck traffic in and out and easier access to some stock items. When this phase of reconstruction at the Tim-br Mart yard is complete the plan is to have a more efficient operation for customers, suppliers and all their employees. With all the stock on the main floor of the new structure, consisting of 3780 square feet, we as shoppers will have no trouble finding all our needs, while the behind the scenes managerial stuff will be going on in the offices which are located on the mezzanine floor providing another 920 square feet. It's hard to envision the look of the finished building but I've seen the pictures and drawings and I am excited for James and Tom and the staff who are all looking forward to serving us in this community, with a much different and beautiful new building. As I sat with Tom and discussed the details of phase 1, there were definitely hints of phase 2 coming in the near future, so stay tuned.

Times are changing and it's nice to see that the needs of the community are being met by some individuals who are concerned for the wellbeing of us all. As changes occur, let's hope they inspire others so we can see more "past, present, and future" stories to go along with this one. (How about one for the Community Center)

P.S. Thanks Tim-br Mart for all the help, plans and contributions towards the completion of our Community Center thus far!!!

#### Saturday, August 5 Washago Centennial Park

- 7:30 a.m. Bacon on a bun at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Hwy. 169 & Quetton St.
- 9:00 a.m. Arts & crafts/food & clothing vendors
- 9:00 a.m. Antique & collector car show
- 9:00 a.m. Garden Club Sale of Perennials at St. Paul's
- 11:30 a.m. ZOO to YOU - Wildlife interactive show featuring lots of animals
- 12:30 p.m. MAD SCIENCE Spectacular Science Show for children of all ages
- 1:30 p.m. Mad Science Fun Station (hands-on, mind-on activities for children)
- 3:00 p.m. Cars & vendors leave
- 8:00 p.m. Dance at Washago Lions Club

*Come & join the fun - there's sure to be something to please the whole family !!*



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### How BIG can you think?

Just the other day I recall someone saying something to me along the lines of quote "It takes the same amount of time to think big as it does to think small, so which way will you think?" Without giving it much thought at the time I kind of let it slide until today. A gentleman came into our office today with all kinds of drawings, plans and budgets that were more than enough to convince me that this man is one who does not waste much time thinking small. The budgets consisted of our hard earned, (quickly lost) tax dollar expenditures that our Severn Township Council has deemed fit to spend the money on throughout the municipality, while the plans and drawings were more directed to local projects like our beloved Community Center and the newly vacated (of trailers) Centennial Park in Washago. I do have to say it

is great to see the local residents using the park much more, and after some conversation with the powers that be it has been brought to my attention that or government officials are planning to run the park as a provincial type setting and they will be monitoring water contaminations and maintaining grass, waste, etc... None of this will really matter though if in the future these dreams and visions come to pass. There are proposals of such things as 200 room hotels and motels, a new mall including, Police, Fire, Bank, restaurant, shops, Medical Center, Ambulance service, Hospital Clinic, Boutiques and even a Washago Museum. Then of course we will need a covered docking area, a Marina in the park for small boat rentals and such, waterfront development, a renovated train station and service to Orillia, stopping at the Casino, and Fern Resort. Along with the train how about the Trans Canada trail hooking up with Orillia and Gravenhurst. There's lots more I could go on with but you get my drift of this whole venture. We all know none of this can go very far if first an upgrade of our water and sewage plant is not completed. So as soon as our beloved Community Center is ready for the OPENING CELEBRATIONS, maybe then we can start nagging our newly elected Ward 5 Councilor to start looking at things like first the water supply, and how about a dome over the skating rink, then a soccer, baseball, and skateboard park, a tourism office, a technical school, and for those who made all this possible here in lovely Washago, how about a low cost nursing home to go along with some low cost housing! Then if they still don't see the potential in all this beautification of our area, how about we also entice them with the feasibility of firing up the Wasdell Falls electrical power plant and producing not only our own power but we will even cut them in on the proceeds of the extra that we will sell. Like I said in the beginning folks, it doesn't take any longer to dream big.

Photo and Concepts contributed by Bernard Hallett



*How would this look in our Park?*



*CN and area transfigurations!!!*



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Washago's Group of Five relocates to the Severn River Inn.

The talented Group of Five – actually made up of 10 local artists – lost their Washago Hotel gallery space at the end of the 2005 season. They have spent the winter and spring looking for an appropriate location to display and sell their work, and are pleased to announce their new location at the Severn River Inn.

James and Wendy Fairbairn, the new owners of this lovely building on Cowbell Lane, have generously provided viewing space to the Group of Five. A variety of works now hangs in the dining rooms, and weekends will feature a larger selection from individual artists. A schedule will be posted at the Inn. Drop by anytime for a preview of the art, and stay for a delicious meal!

- July 1,2,3 Maureen Haines Stained Glass
- July 8, 9 Carolyn Irwin Stoneware Pottery
- July 15,16 Liz Schamehorn Paintings
- July 22, 23 Ellen Fox Photography
- July 29, 30 June Veitch Paintings
- Aug. 5, 6, 7 Kathy Nicholson Paintings
- Mike Turner Books
- Aug. 12,13 Sylvia Lak Paintings
- Aug. 19, 20 Becky Fitchett Paintings
- Aug. 26, 27 Linda McRae Photography
- Sept. 2, 3, 4 Carolyn Irwin Stoneware Pottery

Liz, June, Kathy, Sylvia and Becky paint in oil, watercolour and acrylic to explore the beauty of the area. Linda and Ellen photograph well-known local spots, as well as some you may have yet to recognize. Mike records the stories and histories of the surrounding communities. Maureen creates stained glass with an unusual three-dimensional quality you won't see anywhere else. And Carolyn takes impressions from leaves gathered near her Kahshe Lake studio, and shapes them into unique stoneware. The Severn River Inn, together with these local artists, is providing local, beautiful keepsakes of this marvelous area. Please drop by and show your support!

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left to right - Kathy Nicholson  
James Fairbairn and Carolyn Irwin.

Snapper Rescue - Washago Style

A large 20 pound female snapping turtle was found on the south side of Hwy #169 just west of the Black River, Monday June 19th 2006 around high noon. Soon about a dozen people had stopped to observe the approximately 30 year old turtle heading across the the road. Fortunately Laura Gallagher from the Wildlife Sanctuary on Hwy# 11 was one who had stopped and told us that the pregnant female was crossing the highway to lay her eggs. Laura demonstrated the proper way to pick up the fragile mother to be, by grabbing the tail with one hand and lifting with the other under the stomach. Transportation was then provided across 169 for the turtle to be deposited in the tall grass 20 or so feet in off the highway. Several pictures were taken including the one shown here. Everyone on the scene enjoyed learning more about this wonderful creature. May she go on for many years adding to the turtle population.

submitted by William Hooker  
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Erosion Plus

Melvin and Lorraine Masters have a very good cause in complaining to the District of Muskoka Public Works Committee. I have often taken my wife and I along the patch of road in question here and felt the fear that they speak of. Even on my motorcycle, which is very thin in comparison to a car, I find that section of road very tight when encountering another vehicle and especially where the rock cuts are on one side and a very sharp drop off on the other leading straight down 20 or 30 feet, to the Black River. The Masters are campaigning for some guard rails along that very dangerous stretch of road just south of the main section in Coopers Falls on District Road 6. Their point is well made when they speak of the increased traffic flow in the summer which causes more possibilities of dangerous situations, and the ice and snow in the winter with no barriers to stop cars from sliding into the river. Every year the danger level increases with the flow of spring run off eroding the foundation



under the road surface and removing a little more of the already none existent soft shoulder. District Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works Tony White, is checking into the Master's concerns and says the District is allowing funds to be put aside in next years budget, for road widening where possible and reinforcements if necessary. Fear has changed their lives considerably when it comes to inviting friends and family over if they have to travel that road. The alternative adds significant mileage to the trip from the south so many don't make it and family relations suffer. On the 9th of August there will be a public meeting at the Public Works District Offices at 70 Pine Street in Bracebridge at 9am. A petition will be presented at the meeting suggesting guard rails along the dangerous stretch of road and possibly a slower speed limit. You can be sure to find my name on the list and if you travel that section of road please be careful.



Lorraine Masters stands on the road indicating the sudden drop off into the Black River



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FROM THEIR HEARTS TO OURS

To the Soulvine  
Moving to Washago last October was exciting; we had a bigger home in a wonderfully natural setting. We were eager to watch the seasons change, and eager to find out what this little rail-side village was like. But moves don't come without a sense of dislocation; we missed the faces of friends we'd left; missed familiar landmarks; missed the feeling of belonging. A lot of that sense of dislocation changed over the Canada Day weekend. On Saturday night, we had gone out for a celebratory dinner. The night turned grey and threatening, and along with the continuous rumble of nearby thunder, Washago was lit and shaking with fireworks from what seemed like every other back yard in the village. It was thrilling, but anyone who owns nervous dogs would have been thinking the same as we were when we arrived home: our poor senior citizen pets would be turning inside-out with panic. And in our rush to get away for dinner, we had left them outside in their doghouses. Mocha, the German shepherd, yowled in relief as we pulled in the driveway. Pogo, however, was nowhere to be found. The hound I have called The Goofball all her goofy, hound-brained life, the dog with the softest ears in all dogdom, had pulled herself loose and had disappeared into the night, dragging 15 feet of chain with her. We searched for her half that night, all day Sunday and all day Monday. We were, to say the least, distraught. The thought of our Pogo (she's named after the first dog I got as a child), baking in the sun, or choking because her chain was wrapped around a tree, left us guilt ridden and frantic with worry. We'd have been much worse off, though, if it hadn't been for the people of Washago. As we called neighbours, asked strangers on the street and stuck posters around town, we were flooded with expressions of kindness and concern. Every time we mentioned our plight, faces saddened and people promised to keep a lookout. The OSPCA told us that, every thunderstorm or night of fireworks, they get calls of at least half a dozen runaway dogs. Strangers phoned to check and see if we'd found Pogo, and finally, as our hope was waning, a neighbour stopped by to say her friends, across the Green River, had seen a white dog by the river bank. It was, indeed our dog. She squirmed with glee as my wife untangled her, bounded around her a few times - and then promptly found

Clumsy??

I went for a trip  
And bruised my hip  
Then fell back and tore my slip  
And cut my lip.  
Now that wasn't good enough you know-  
When I found my watch was slow  
And off to work I must quickly go.  
Each traffic light was red  
And I leaned forward and bumped my head.  
When I got to work, there was no parking space  
And I had yet the crowd to face,  
To clamber for a spot to sit  
Although I didn't look very fit.  
Now this is just a silly rhyme  
To remind you to take your time  
To amuse and forget our needless fears  
And keep our sense of humour  
Throughout the years.

Written by Ruth Mould, November 1, 2004

The Poem, "One day at a time" in last months issue was submitted, but not written by Ruth Mould. Sorry for the mix-up.



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CANADA DAY IN REVIEW

FANTASTIC!

Sorry to have to inform you that if you did not make it out to the Canada Day festivities on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> you missed one of the best organized and funnest days of the Washago year. The weekend weather was perfect and the street was lined with spectators for the parade again. It seems to me every year gets a little bit bigger and better than the year before. This year we can give a great big thank you to Kara Little for her undertaking of putting this whole package together. When speaking with Kara she was quick to pass on the praises to all the volunteers who did such a good job in helping out in whatever there job happened to be. Our MC for the day, Butch McClintock, kept us all informed of the events on the go as well as what was coming next. The Lion's pancake breakfast was super well attended, which got the day started, then lead into the bike registration and judging for the kiddies, while the participants of the parade prepared for their short trek up and down the main street of town. The first prize for the parade went to the gymnastics group and second to The First Cumberland Boy Scouts. When the street was clear of all the vehicles etc... the venders along the sidewalks began to sell their wears to the inquisitive crowd of fun seekers. From all the conversation I've had with the various venders since the event, all say that sales were good and they thought they had been well represented to the public. The mood was festive and joyful as people wandered from one end of the street where the fire fighters put on an awesome display with the jaws of life then battled for bragging rights in a tug of war, all the way to the other end of town where the Catholic church was having a garage sale and providing a delicious lunch if you so desired. It was tough to get that far without tasting the back bacon, or pulled pork, sausage dogs or scrumptious strawberry short cake along the way. Then of course you had to save room for the celebration cake being served up in front of Ben's Pharmacy and SOULVINE MEDIA. While all that was happening the kids and instructors put on a wonderful demonstration of gymnastic skills and agility in front of the Hotel, then the dancing girls strutted their stuff with a graceful performance of line dancing etc... Fortunately this year the rain held off for most of the day and people were able to wander around for the better part of the day until the roadblocks were removed at around two o'clock. Around then the music started at the Lions hall so many patrons went to rest their weary bones from the days activities, while relaxing to some great entertainment and some liquid refreshments. Aside from a sprinkling of rain around dinnertime it seemed all had a great and rewarding day when it was all said and done. I was thrilled to hear that so much of the money that was raised by the different organizations represented throughout the event, will be going to needy organizations locally and around the world, including our own project which is about to begin soon, our Community Center. Thanks also to all our Political Representatives that were able to participate in what turned out to be one Fantastic Canada Day Celebration right here in Washago. Now let's all hope and pray for another day just the same for Washago Fest on Saturday Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. YAA HOO!!! See you there.

ENJOY!



Loud Lions



Kid's don't have all the fun



Three Winners



## IN THE COMMUNITY



*Bacon & Shortcake crowd*



*Kara's kids*



*Where did all these kids come from?*



*Wet in good fun*



*Truly Canadian Winnie*



*What does Washago look like upside down?*



*Thanks Magda for the beautiful cakes*

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Joanne Barton

## Random Tippage

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## IN THE COMMUNITY - FROM THE PAST

FROM JOHN AGNEW'S DAYBOOK -1891

John Agnew was the village blacksmith and a carpenter. Examining his day book, a lot of familiar names appear that have descendants still living in the area or their names are on some of our geography. Some of the people for which he did work include names such as: Abial, J.C. and Thaddeus Marshall, William Watson, George, Henry and William Robinson, John McArthur, Robert, John and David Genoe, Joseph Wasdale. Roary McDonald, Thomas Cooper to name just a few.

They ran a tab that would go for pages that would reach a grand total of about \$6.00. Rarely did a job cost as much as a dollar. Most things cost 10, 20, 25 cents. To remove a horseshoe cost 10 cents a remove. To put on a new shoe was 32 cents. This price never changed and was the same in 1906 which was the last date at which I looked. Most paid their bill with cash but some used a sack of potatoes, apples, bushels of peas and in one instance, a lamb. One entry listed a cow at \$ 1.00 but surely that can't be right!

John also did jobs for several organizations. He fixed a road scraper for Rama Council for \$1.00. For the Mickle Dymont & Son, a lumber company, he did some shoeing and repaired spokes for their wagons. In 1904 a Peter Thompson from the Department of Public Affairs Ottawa must have done work in the area, as John Agnew sharpened hundreds of drills for 8 cents a piece.

John also did some hauling for the James Bay Station (railway) and for the Orillia Construction Company, unloading and drawing goods to and from the station for them. Goods such as lumber, coal, and various other items. He unloaded a rail car of oats for ten hours for \$3.50. He usually was paid 35 cents an hour and he hired a helper for 15 cents. One time he got the great sum of 45 cents an hour. The money sounds awfully low by today's standards but it probably wasn't for that time as John was able to acquire a lot of real estate in the area. One of his early blacksmith shops near the river has recently been torn down to make way for a lumber company.

Submitted by Elizabeth Agnew Ritchey, great granddaughter of John Agnew.



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Minister's Message for Soulvine August 1, 2006

A number of years ago I lived in Sturgeon Falls, Ontario, where one of the great midsummer events, that all the folk in the area looked forward to, was the Step-Fiddling contest. It was (still is I believe) a week-long event that drew people from all over to listen to some of the best fiddlers in the country. If you have an affinity for that kind of music, then you'll relate to this story that Robert Fulghum tells in his book, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.

Fulghum writes that every year he spends a week in Weiser, Idaho, a small town of 4000 souls, that once a year becomes the home of the Grand National Old-Time Fiddlers' Contest. On the last week in June, people come from all over the U.S., and some from as far away as Japan. They come to play and sing and generally have a good time.

A few years back, he says, fiddlers were pretty conservative folk. The men all had very short hair, their wives stayed home and cooked, and everybody went to church on Sunday. But through the years the Fiddler's Convention has changed. Long-haired, tie-dye types began to show up. People with tattoos and leather jackets arrived on their motorcycles. And some of these strange looking people were wonderful fiddlers.

Fulghum asked one of the old-timers what he thought about the new crowd that was joining them. The old man said, "I don't care who they are or how they look. They can have a bone in their nose as far as I'm concerned. It don't matter. If you can fiddle, you're all right with me. It's the music we make that counts."

It's the music we make that counts! I love that! Wouldn't our world be a much better place, a much safer place, if we all felt that way? And surely that is the message that the Christian church needs to convey loud and clear. The church should be (and fortunately some of them really are!) a place where all can come, where all are welcome. Despite our very real individual differences, the church is the place where all must find safety and wholeness. Age, gender, social or economic status, sexual orientation - none of that matters. Like the fiddlers in Weiser, Idaho, it isn't our differences, it's the music we make together that matters. It's the melodies we create when we tell one another our stories. It's the harmonies that develop as we grow in faith together. It's the lively syncopation that emerges as we worship the Holy One who is creator of all.

When the church- and remember, that's not a building or an organization, it's just you and me - when the church is faithful to singing this great freedom song; when we make this beautiful music together, then we can begin to look at even the hard things of life, not with despair, but with eyes of grace, wonder and faith, and then the world does indeed seem to be a mighty fine place.

Submitted by,

Rev. Toni Birtch

Pastor of Heritage United Church, Washago

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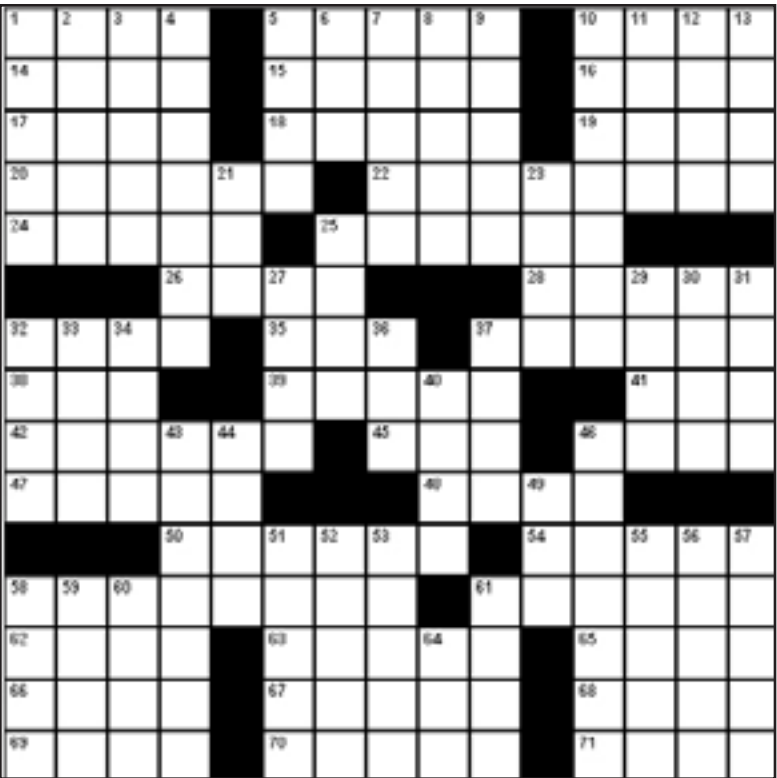
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**Down**  
1- Writers of verse; 2- Shoelace tip; 3- Large wading bird; 4- Dog-houses; 5- Agitate; 6- Bit; 7- Isolated; 8- Actor's parts; 9- Result; 10- Taxi driver; 11- Mine entrance; 12- Wife of a rajah; 13- Energy units; 21- Yale student; 23- Network of nerves; 25- Adriatic wind; 27- It's owed; 29- "\_\_\_ grip!"; 30- Russian range; 31- Match up; 32- Church recess; 33- Sullen; 34- Take a meal; 36- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet; 37- Objectionable; 40- Askew; 43- Dense tuft of hairs; 44- Engrave with acid; 46- Underwater missile; 49- Where some vets served; 51- Do something together; 52- Sam, e.g.; 53- Funeral fires; 55- Radioactive gas; 56- In play; 57- Satisfies; 58- Slovenly person; 59- Exclamation of fright; 60- Flesh; 61- Hostelries; 64- Cereal grass;

CLUBS, GROUPS, AND OTHER EVENTS

**Washago Woman's Institute** held their 93rd Anniversary Dinner Meeting at The Severn River Inn on June 14 2006. We honoured Marie Hawke as a member of W.I. for sixty five years. Alana Robinson presented Marie with a bouquet of flowers and Glenys Hepinstal Awarded Marie with an Honourary Member Certificate. Rona Hinnisett and Marilyn Tucker had a few games. Marie Hawke was accompanied by three daughters which was a special honour. A delicious meal was enjoyed and good fellowship. WE invite and encourage new members. Our next meeting will be September 13th.  
P.R.O Marilyn Fowler 689-5590

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Washago Area Senior Citizens Club

**Lady's Golf** sponsored by Washago Area Senior Citizens Club is every Monday and Tuesdays, members only, at the Evergreen Golf Centre, Hwy. #11 and Sparrow Lake Road. Please come before 8.45 am, for further information please contact Lynda Miller 325-3615.  
**Men's Golf** sponsored by Washago Area Senior Citizens Club, everyone welcome, 9.15 am Mondays, 8.45 am Thursdays at the Evergreen Golf Centre, Hwy. #11 and Sparrow Lake Road. For additional information re Monday call Bernard Hallett 689- 8883 or Jack Aston 689-6878, Thursdays call Jim Davidson 689-0597

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**Pot Luck Luncheon**  
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# THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

## WASHAGO COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION AWARDED GRANT FROM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ORILLIA AND AREA



The Washago Community Centre was very pleased to receive a grant in the amount of \$925.00 from the Community Foundation of Orillia and Area, Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund. The grant will be used to purchase equipment for summer programs for children. New T-ball equipment will be purchased as well as equipment for swimming lessons.

A wide range of recreational activities for children, youth, and adults have been offered by the Washago Community Centre since January of 2004, including karate, gymnastics, skating and cooking. The goal of the programs is to promote a healthy, active lifestyle for the participants.

It has been a challenge to continue to provide programs since the closure of the Washago Community Centre last September, but continue they have thanks to the generosity of community partners! Local churches and service groups have rented and sometimes donated their halls so programs can continue until the Centre's renovations are complete. Support has been given by local businesses. The Community Foundation of Orillia and Area is also to be thanked for recognizing the efforts the Centre makes to help improve the quality of life for area children and youth. Programs are offered year round through the Washago Community Centre. For information about any programs, please contact Ann Inha at 689-6424.

### DRAGON BOAT

We are still looking for more paddlers – we just need 3 or 4 more to make sure we have some backup in case someone can't make it. This will be a fun event and even if you have not done it before, experience is not necessary. Paddlers will be expected to get pledges and we are also looking for sponsors – let's get our community spirit going here for this great new event. The race will be on September 30 with 2 practices before (dates to be advised). Call 689-6424 if you are interested in paddling or sponsoring.

### WASHAGO FEST

We will be ready to go bright and early Saturday morning, August 5. Buy a button for \$2.00 and come out to enjoy all the great activities and things to see. Fun for the whole family. See cover for event schedule.

### FALL PROGRAMS

Our Program Planning Committee is busy planning new programs and firming up some of the popular ones which we have been doing for years. We hope to get the swimming pool back at Bayview Wildwood. In future, the Washago Gazette will be published as part of the Soulvine so look for the September issue to find out what will be offered for fall. There will also be an Active 2010 promotion the week of September 11-15 to expose families to new opportunities for physical ACTIVITY. The activities offered that week will be free – more details in the September issue.

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## Community Centre Update

Where we last left off in the SAGA of the Dead or Alive Centre was I believe that the drawings submitted by The Slavish & Steenhof Group had been approved by Severn Town Council. Now tests have been done on the present structure to see if it's solid enough to hold the new roof and it is!! Other tests were performed as to construction configurations etc... and all seemed to be OK. As I type, I believe tenders are being submitted to the township and the successful bid will be chosen early this month. We of the Community Centre Board have been asked to have all our belongings out of the building by the 15th of August so we can assume that renovations and reconstruction will be starting on that date. Some local building suppliers have been contacted to give quotes on building supplies so hopefully all will go according to plans and the process will begin and end with no more delays. If all goes well and the weather man co-operates we hope to be having our OPENING (again) CELEBRATION early in the new year of 2007. We on the Board have some big new Ideas for the centre and we are **excited** to say the least. (Some of us anyways) KEEP THE FAITH !!! P.S. Thanks to all who turned out to help make our Community Centre Garage Sale a big success.

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