

# Queensborough caters to rapids runners



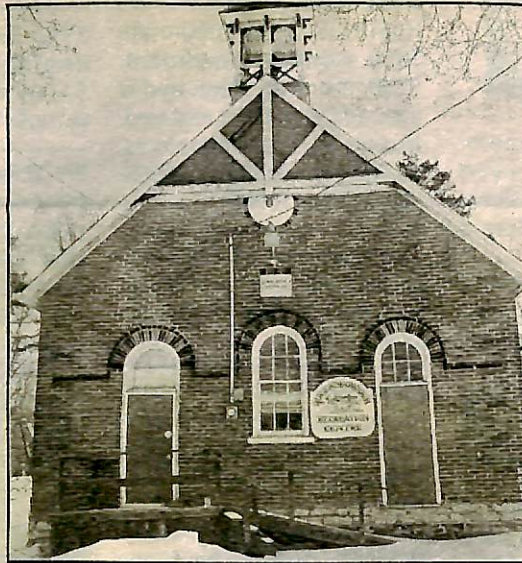
St. Andrews United Church - Reverend Barend Biesheuvel display the over 120 ties that Nancy sews as a fundraiser for the church. The ties are available by contacting Nancy Lou at 613- 473-2156. Photo: Laurel Moore

The hamlet of Queensborough is a little bit Madoc and a little bit Tweed which can make things confusing at times. The powers that be once decided to divide the community's boundaries in a peculiar manner, hence some of the area's residents have a Madoc phone number, while their neighbours have a Tweed phone number. But phone numbers and property tax differences aside, these tightly knit communities live as neighbours should, helping one another and coming together for

many events.

The hamlet has a rich history as a bustling mining town in the 1800s. Tell-tale signs of yesteryear can be seen all throughout the village; the old mill by the falls, one of the original hotels and several churches still stand today. The old schoolhouse is in use as the Queensborough Recreation Centre.

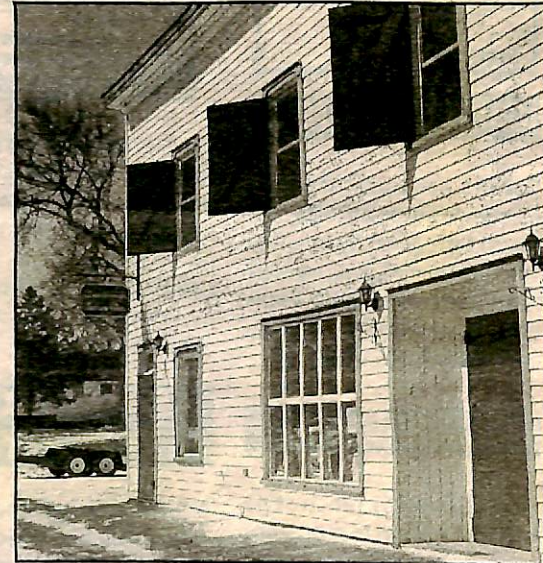
Situated on the Black River, Queensborough is home to the 2nd annual "Treats by the Black River," an event put on by the Queensborough Recre-



The hub of activity in Queensborough is the former school house, now the Queensborough Recreation Centre. The Centre offers facilities for functions year round and has a drop-in centre for youth during the summer. Photo: Laurel Moore

ation Centre Committee during the running of the rapids. As soon as the ice has gone from the river and the water levels are high, which could be as soon as this weekend or next, kayakers and canoeists arrive from all over the province to shoot the rapids. The swollen river carries the thrill seekers for miles downstream, offering excitement for onlookers and participants alike. Now for the second year in row, the Queensborough Recreation Centre Committee will be serving grilled burgers and hotdogs, coffee and home-baked pie, each weekend afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. during the event. Last year's fundraising efforts assisted the Centre in the purchase of swings and a basketball court. The funds raised from this year's "Treat by the Black River" event will be used toward running a new summer drop-in program for children.

Upcoming events include the Grand Opening of the new playground on June 23, featuring games, music and BBQ. The summer drop-in programme at the Recreation Centre will run from July 4 through August 8.



Once an important part of the bustling mining town, this former hotel is now a private residence and machine shop. The original shutters can be seen on the second floor windows. Photo: Laurel Moore

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