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"To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations"

Buck Lake News – 2013 March

President's Message:

Here we are in March already with longer days and warmer temperatures. I saw flocks of geese over Glenburnie today so spring can't be far off. So too begins the season of trying to discourage the wretched Canadas from taking over the lake from the loons and other longer term denizens. I think I am going to need to up my game this year from plastic alligators!

This is also the time of the year when one starts to think about another wretched thing....golf. I actually hit a few balls in an indoor range today and I must say it was a much better experience than in previous years when I had to deal with a very uncomfortable left knee. By now readers will know that I underwent a total knee replacement operation last October and, after much whining and wincing I can say that it was well worthwhile because I am already pain free and can do much more than before the operation. Of course, now I have to relearn a swing that does not involve anticipating pain!! So, no more excuses for lousy play.

Many of you tuned into CKWS this past Sunday to witness the presentation of a cheque to the Easter Seals Telethon by the Buck Lake Boatilla Committee. The amount was an incredible \$20,012! Over the last eight years this event has raised more than \$84,000 making Buck Lake the gold standard in terms of generosity towards this excellent cause. The funds are directed to the support of "Send a Kid to Camp"; Camp Merrywood in Perth where children of all ages can go for 10 days every summer to enjoy activities that you and I take very much for granted. They are under the care of qualified caregivers who happily cater to all the needs of these children, many of whom are wheel chair bound and worse. The stay in Camp Merrywood allows parents of these kids to relax from the onerous task with which they are faced the rest of the year.

Presenting the cheque were Saundra Rider, Crawford MacIntyre and Duncan Sinclair, all three very active in our community.

To raise this much money in this day and age (\$84,000 in the past 8 years, with \$20,012 in 2012) in a community as small as ours is nothing short of miraculous. The Boatilla Committee and all residents of Buck Lake are the driving force behind this undertaking. They are all volunteers who labour without recognition but with the knowledge that this cause is a very noble one. Buck Lake has become an inspiration to others. This year, a 12 year old young lady named Montana Wilson has placed a donation jar at her parent's store in Perth Road Village (Perth Road Store). The jar is called "Coins for Kids" and all proceeds go to Camp Merrywood. The next time you are in the store, drop your spare change into the jar and congratulate Montana for a great initiative. Pat yourselves on the back for being an inspiration to a younger generation.

I thought I was imagining things when I saw what I thought was a cougar paw print in fresh snow on my property a few weeks ago. The rounded paw form was quite distinctive and it was

large I can assure you. Upon checking around, I learned that cougar prints have been spotted around the area in recent years but there have been precious few actual cougar sightings. The male can weigh up to 120 kg while the female can weigh as much as 70 kg. That is a good segue to announce an education evening being put together by the Friends of Buck Lake Committee and tentatively slated for 18 July at the church annex in Perth Road Village; the contemplated title is "Coyotes, Cougars and Fishers". Stay posted.

So, until next time, I look forward to seeing the first daffodils and developing my cunning in dealing with the dreaded Canada Goose.

Best wishes,

Peter Dawe



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Benefit, Evening Entertainment:

On Saturday night, April 20th, HEATWAVE will be bringing on the heat at a Motown Dance Party at Zorba's to raise money for Joe's M.I.L.L. (the Joe Chitalen Memorial Musical Instrument Lending Library). Tickets are \$20 in advance from Gord McDiarmid (see email link below) or \$25 at the door.

Joe's M.I.L.L. has more than 500 instruments and other pieces of equipment that they loan to members of our community (including many children) for free. They have been "instrumental" in turning many many people on to playing music. HEATWAVE is proud to be working with and supporting Joe's M.I.L.L.

We hope to see you there. So, can I sell you a ticket? Or five? For more details, email Gord at gordmcdiarmid@yahoo.ca

Submitted by Gord McDiarmid



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Bereavement:

Buck Lake lost a well-known resident when Maureen Matthey died on December 5, 2012.

She and Ron became involved in various volunteer endeavours and made many friends in the community. Maureen became an enthusiastic member of the Perth Road Village Crafters and helped work toward the addition to the building. She also helped raise money for Camp Merrywood and volunteered at Kingston Seniors Association.

Her passing has left a hole in many lives. A celebration of her life will follow in May. Spring was her favourite time of year, partly because of spring flowers and also because she loved to compete in the Easter Bonnets parade held at the PRV Crafters.

Submitted by Sharon Payne

Perth Road Minor Softball Registration:

March 27th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

March 30th, 10:00am-12:00pm at Harris Park Hall (5612 Perth Road Crescent)

For children born in 2007 (age 5 and up)

For more info contact Terra Gower @ 613-353-2344 or bandtgower@xplornet.ca



Beavers & Us Aggressive Colonists *Submitted by Judith Versavel*

- Beaver effects on water tables
- Landowner/CA management partnerships
- Natural history of beavers
- Baffling beavers
- Spotting beaver dams from satellites

Monday April 22, 9-4

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Mid-Winter-Fest 2013:

The Buck Lake Mid-Winter-Fest was a huge success February 2, 2013 - even bigger and better than last year! At last count there were 103 people who turned out for all or part of the event. The weather was great! The skating was great! The food was great!

Many thanks to: Ross, Liz, Donna, Dave, Kevin C., Bonnie, Don, Karl, Kevin B., Cheryl, Fred, Moe, Grayden and to all those who pitched in to help out on a great day.

Also, a big thank you goes to the Ruttan Family for the use of the campground.



More pictures:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/113068383477993245024/MidWinterFest2013?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCMuzle-X07DCIQ&feat=directlink>

Greetings: We are very pleased to announce that Chapters (2376 Princess Street) is supporting educational initiatives for the girls and women of Afghanistan by donating 10% of its sales proceeds, from customers who register, to *Canadians for Women in Afghanistan*. Many titles related to Afghanistan will be available for purchase.

When: Wednesday, March 20th
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Please join us - get some great reading material and support the girls and women of Afghanistan at the same time.

Submitted by Reine Dawe



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Perth Road Maple Syrup Festival:

Saturday, March 30th

Celebrate Easter Weekend with us!

Pancakes & Sausages (9:30 - 3:30) with Fresh Maple Syrup in the Sunday School Hall!

Adults \$7.00 - Children \$4.00 - under 3 years of age free.

Home Baking, Hand-made Crafts, Preserves and Fresh Syrup for sale!

Children's Games, Fish Pond, Face Painting (10:30 - 2:00), Pony Rides (11:00 - 1:00).

Tour a working Sugar Shack!

Dress for the weather and the mud!!!

Spring Weather Outlook:

While meteorologists at The Weather Network are predicting near normal spring conditions for most of Canada, some regions can expect patterns that fall outside of the normal averages. A milder trend is likely for central and eastern Canada, while much of the west will be cooler than normal.

Ontario

Above normal temperatures are forecast across most of southern and eastern Ontario and parts of northeastern Ontario as well. Wetter than normal conditions are likely for the southern half of northeastern Ontario and adjacent to the Manitoba border. Wetter than normal conditions are also expected in extreme southwestern Ontario with near normal elsewhere.

Full outlook: <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/outlook/>



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