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2018 Photo Contest Results

There were 23 entries in the Photo Contest this year and while it was a decline in numbers from 2017 there was no drop off in the quality of the photos. They captured the full scope of life and activity on the waterway. As usual, most of the photos were in the Beauty of Crowe Lake category and sunsets were very popular. But isn't that to be expected? The winning pictures are featured throughout the Newsletter and will be used in CLWA publications all year. All the entries will be posted on the CLWA website and Facebook page.

Thank you to the judges, who have been promised anonymity, for their hard work and willingness. Thank you to the following for sharing their photos with us. Bob Prentice, Bruce Orpwood, Chris Carson, David Green, Debra Quesnelle, Hannah Maynes, Heather Lemieux, Janis Green, Karen Maynes, Lombardi Family, Maxine Prentice, Michael McCabe, Pam Ayres, Sharon Pollock, Suzanne Jones, Trevor Winn.

Mining Exploration in Limerick (Ritch Smith)

Pancontinental Resources (PanCon) is considering the possibility of mining cobalt, nickel and copper in the Lake Steenburg area in Limerick Township. Mike Stevens and I attended a meeting in September at the Limerick Community Centre to hear presentations from the mining company and the comments of the local residents. Many of the residents and many of the lake associations are opposed to any exploration or mining activity.

A group of lake associations is drafting letters of opposition to send to Township and County Councils. CLWA has been part of the discussion but has not taken a position as we are looking for more information on the project. We are seeking comments from CLWA members.



Bonter Polaris Re-Opening in May

Winter

Crowe Lake Matters

2019

Words from the President

Hello to 2019. I don't know about you but I am ready for another try at another year.

This issue may get to you a little later than normal but I know you'll enjoy it anyway. It's the Photo Contest issue. The judges had a difficult time but they persevered.

In addition to the Photo Contest Winners, we've given you some of the CLWA Committee Reports from the AGM. The balance will be in the next newsletter. Marmora and Lake has a new council and you get the official swearing in photo. The Ford administration is proposing some changes to environmental protection. We may finally get a hunting season for cormorants. There is talk of mining exploration to our north in the Lake Steenburg area and many of the lake associations and residents are in opposition. In addition, we have an email subscription opportunity from *News on 7* bi-weekly publication.

Some things that didn't make the newsletter but deserve notice. In the October election, CLWA member Bonnie Danes was elected to the School Board (Acclaimed). CLWA sponsored the placement of a wreath during the Remembrance Day ceremony in November. In January,

the M&L Council took up the issue of the acquisition of the empty Earl Prentice school building. The CLWA Board told the Council we did not support the acquisition based on the age of the building, the potential costs for repair and maintenance, and the impact of these expenses on the taxes of CLWA members. Finally, CLWA lost a friend and great volunteer when cancer claimed Jim Rose. He had worked for many years with Bill Neill on the CLWA Fireworks. His expertise and guidance will be missed.

The Board is looking forward to 2019. We're supporting the Pike Only Ice Fishing Derby in February. Chris' Live Bait does a great job and we appreciate all their efforts. Planning has begun for the 2019 Canada Day activities. The Fireworks and Boat Parade will probably be on the Saturday before Canada Day because Canada Day is on a Monday. In addition, behind-the-scenes things are happening, things like planning for the membership renewals, design of the 2019 CLWA Membership signs, work on the next newsletter and more.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter. Your comments are always welcome.

Ritch

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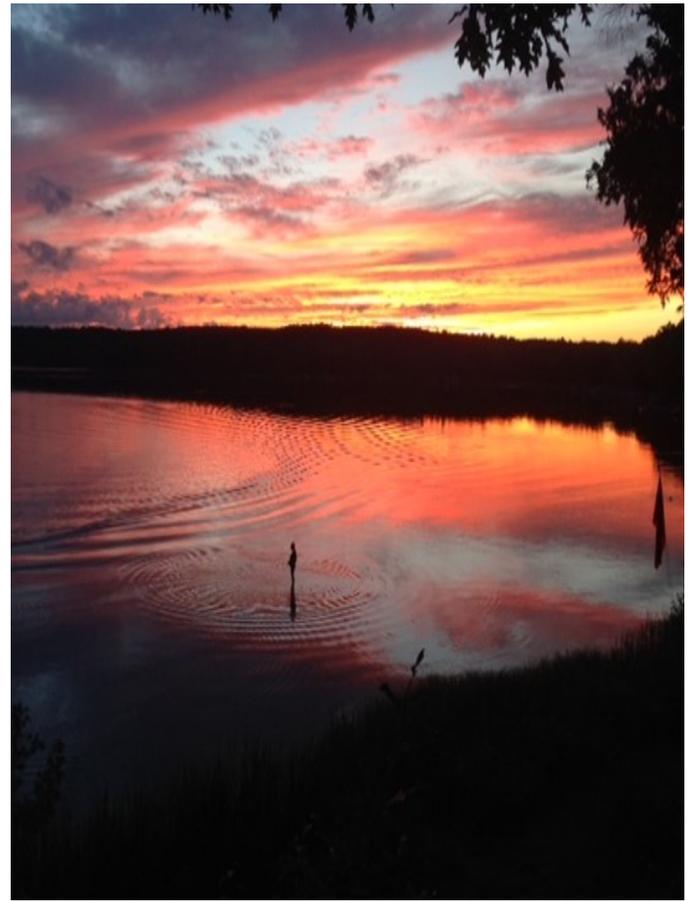
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The Beauty of Crowe Lake

Top Left: First Place

Maggie's Landing

Debra Quesnelle

Above: Second Place

Ripples of Life

Maxine Prentice

Left: Third Place

Fishing By Canoe

Heather Maynes





M&L Council Takes Office December 4

Left - Right: Councillor Ron Derry, Deputy-Mayor Mike Stevens, Mayor Jan O'Neill, Councillor Bernie Donaldson, and Councillor Jason Carman

Did You Know That...

... Cornell University in Ithaca NY says it will cut down more than 2,000 Ash trees in the next few years because of the invasive emerald ash borer. (USA Today)

... the world's oldest known wild bird has laid an egg, again. Wisdom, a 68-year-old Laysan albatross, has returned to her home at the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and laid what could be her 37th egg. Wisdom was banded in 1956 and has been under observation since. She has outlived her first researcher.

.... Distracted driving in Ontario will lead to higher fines and more license suspensions as of January 1, 2019. Distractions include eating, drinking, reading, putting on makeup, programming an electrical device, or talking on a phone without hands free. (Newman Insurance)

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2018 AGM Committee Reports

The AGM was Saturday July 14th at the Marmora Curling Club. The following reports are from the AGM. Some activity were reported in the last newsletter and the rest of the Committee Reports will be in the next newsletter.

Treasurers Report (Elinor White)

Our financial report balances with the bank statements.

We thank our generous donations from our members. We have only three other sources of revenue: advertising in our newsletter/web page, Canada Heritage for Canada Day celebrations, and Booster Park Canada Day donations. Crowe Lake Waterway Association cannot exist or function without your donations to our programs. We are however bankrupt with volunteer time and in danger of collapse without several people stepping forward to assist even on a limited basis.

We have our 2018-19 operating budget on hand. This fiscal year we will need to be cognizant of two expenditures which will impact our budget:

Quarterly newsletter because increased printing costs will no longer be covered by our advertising revenues.
Canada Day Celebrations because of no funding from Canada Heritage in 2019 for not celebrating on July 1st.

Our thanks to donations from Booster Park – they came close to matching our Canada Heritage funding this year! You kept us in the black with your donations. We are going to look for outside grants to support our endeavours this year.

Newsletter Report (Ritch Smith)

We are working on three potential problems in the coming year. First is a printing cost increase. Second is the retirement of our advertising and public relations Board Member. We urgently need someone to take over this position. And third comes with the loss of our publisher Pierre Chabot. Ritch Smith is taking on the Newsletter publisher duties and he would like to have some help or pass off some of his other jobs. Judy O'Grady, Pam Ogburn and David Savournin have been a great help getting the newsletter mailed out.



Above: First Place

Are We There Yet?

Janis Green

Above Right: Second Place

Paddle Boarding on Beaver Creek

Michael McCabe

Right: Third Place

1st Place at Bayview Park

Lombardi Family



Recreation on Crowe Lake





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More Reports from the AGM

Lighted Boat Parade, Fireworks and Concert on the Lake (Bill Neill)

This year we used two barges and about 250 shells for a 15-minute show. We have four accredited detonators and a large team of volunteers who prepare the barges and the fireworks shells. We would appreciate photos of the boat parade and fireworks. Please submit to [in-fo@clwa.ca](mailto:info@clwa.ca).

Jim Nichols and his posse have taken over the lighted boat parade. There were about 40 to 50 boats in the parade and the groups on shore were numerous by all appearances enjoying the parade prior to the firework display.

David Bedore has taken over signage placement and removal.

A new event this year was the Concert on the Lake on Canada Day. It was well received by a large crowd at Booster Park and in the nearby cottages. Thank you to Elinor White and Renette Pelletier for their great work making this happen.

Water Quality Report (Sandy Fraser)

Testing was done this spring with the following results:

Phosphorous: 6.8 and 7.4 micro grams/litre meaning algae will not happen,

Water clarity is 4.6 to 4.8 which is good and the same since 2000,

Calcium is moderate to high at 23.3 mg/litre. Fish need 1 mg to live so the lake is healthy.

There is very little change in the lake quality. These test results are reported as part of the Lake Partner Program and are part of a database with water quality information on over 800 lakes in Ontario.

Fishing Report (Paul Morton)

Over 200 pike are removed from Crowe Lake annually due to the fishing derbies run by Chris's Live Bait. The ice fishing in February and boat fishing in July were very successful. Crowe Lake Waterway supplied gift certificate prizes for both events.

Cormorant Hunting Considered

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Fisheries is proposing to create a hunting season for [double-crested cormorants](#) in response to concerns that they have been detrimental to fish stocks and natural habitats. The proposed approach would allow persons who hold a small game license to hunt these birds and the rules would generally be consistent with regulations related to migratory birds.

The following regulatory changes are being proposed to create a hunting season for double-crested cormorants beginning in 2019:

List the double-crested cormorant as a "Game Bird".

Hunters would be required to have an outdoors card and small game license to hunt double-crested cormorants, similar to other species of game birds.

Create an open hunting season for double-crested cormorant from March 15 to December 31 each year across the province.

Create an exemption allowing small game licenses to be valid for double-crested cormorant hunting in central and northern Ontario from June 16 to August 31 each year.

Establish a bag limit of 50 cormorants/day with no possession limit.

Prescribe shotgun and shot size/type requirements consistent with migratory bird hunting regulations outlined in the federal Migratory Birds Regulations. This would include use of shotguns that are not larger than 10 gauge, that cannot hold more than three shells and use non-toxic shot as described in the migratory bird regulations.

Allow hunting from a stationary motorboat.

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act currently prohibits anyone who kills game wildlife (including game birds), or who possesses game wildlife killed by hunting, from allowing that meat to spoil. Via this posting, the Ministry is also consulting on a proposal to amend the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act to add provisions so hunters could allow cormorant to spoil. This proposal would add provisions to the Act, so that persons who lawfully hunt (or possess) cormorants could be exempt from this requirement and would be subject to conditions that require the person to retrieve and dispose of the carcass. Should this proposal proceed, it may be accompanied by regulations to implement the exemption and requirements.

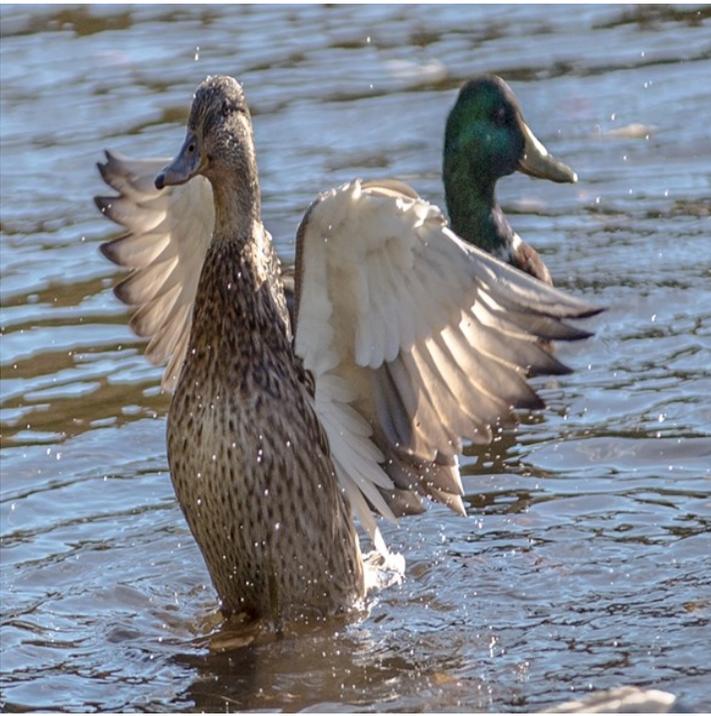
Watch the CLWA Facebook and Website pages for more information.

To Contact CLWA

Website: www.clwa.ca Email: info@clwa.ca Facebook: Crowe Lake Waterway Association



Wildlife Around Crowe Lake



Top Left: First Prize



Stretching My Wings

Heather Lemieux

Above: Second Prize

Great Blue Heron on Beaver Creek

Michael McCabe

Left: Third Prize

Look – My Friends Are Back

Suzanne Jones



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Honourable Mention

Top Left: Morning Reflections

Heather Lemieux

Above: My Heart Will Go On

Suzanne Jones

Left: Fall Morning Mist on Beaver Creek

Michael McCabe

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If you haven't had a chance to come in for a visit, we look forward to seeing you!





Honourable Mention

Top Left: Relaxing Cruise on Beaver Creek

Heather Lemieux

Above: Father Swan

Maxine Prentice

Left: Chocolate Chip Ice Cap

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Ford Proposes Elimination of Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

The Ford government has proposed abolishment of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO) by transfer of their duties to the Auditor General, and the Ministry of the Environment, Parks and Conservation. The move has been opposed by the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA). The CLWA is a member of FOCA.

Below are portions of the FOCA letter to Premier Ford, Andrea Horwath, John Fraser and Mike Schreiner stating the reasons for the opposition.

This move would defeat the entire purpose of an independent, non-partisan officer in the important role of environmental oversight. The ECO is the people's environmental watchdog, appointed by the Ontario Legislature—not the government in power—specifically to attempt to shield the ECO from undue political interference.

The ECO's role supports public participation through the Environmental Registry, as well as government accountability for decisions that affect our environment. The ECO's office reviews and reports on government progress on daunting environmental issues such as invasive species, water protection, pesticide management, and climate change.

The Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) provided a detailed analysis related to the ECO. Their analysis found *no persuasive legal, jurisdictional or environmental rationale for abolishing the ECO or otherwise amending the EBR in the manner proposed and that eliminating the ECO and amending the EBR will reduce—not restore—public trust, transparency and accountability in the environmental context.*



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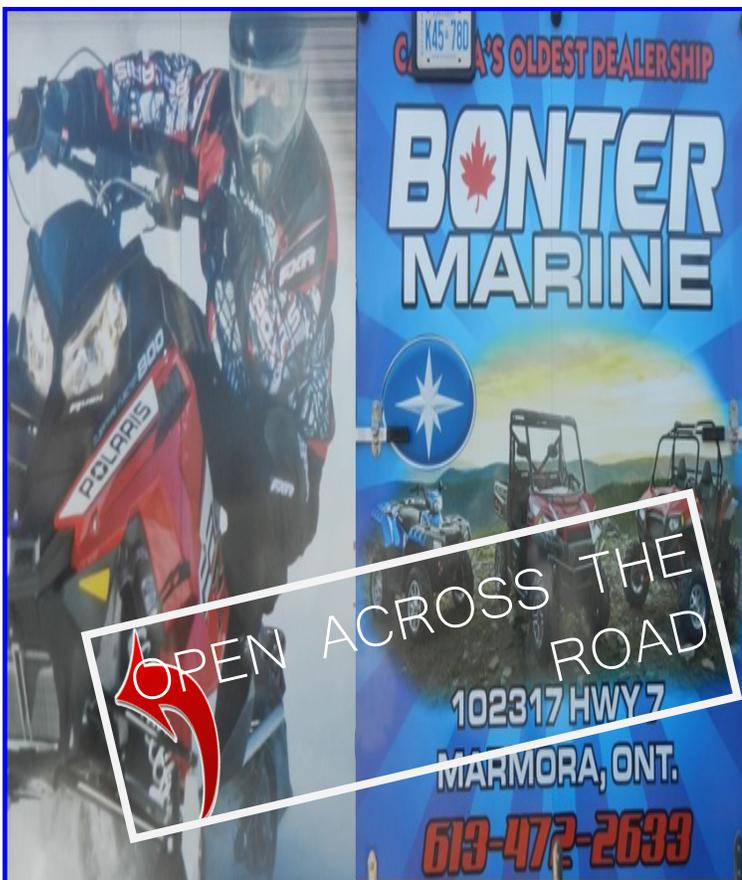
News on 7 E-mail Subscriptions Available

(I asked Marg Kitchen for some information about the News on 7 publication she puts out every two weeks and if CLWA members could get an email subscription. She was kind enough to provide the following.)

Thank you so much for thinking of placing a short piece inviting people to be added to the email list. It's a pleasure to put the issues out each time, twice a month. The original idea took hold with the first issue printed in February 2016. Since then, as you know, our larger local newspapers have been discontinued, so there is a real need for our local news and announcements to go out to the community. We are going into our 4th year of production. At this time, we print 500 copies for the Madoc-Marmora area, and have been placing copies in Havelock and Tweed as well. The email version goes out to about 150 addresses at this time, and of course the Facebook page is open to everyone.

I produce the newsletter itself, and do as much of the photography and articles as I can. The community has been incredible in participating with articles, photos and stories of events going on. Many people have contributed their information. Byron Kitchen is in charge of distributing the copies, and advertising, and he does a great job at keeping our old commercial printer going. Our funding is strictly through advertisers, although this year, the Women's Ecumenical Group made a very kind donation to help us keep going. Our advertisers include many businesses in Marmora, Havelock and Madoc, as well as the Municipality of Marmora and Lake, our MP, Mike Bossio, and MPP, Daryl Kramp. Advertising rates are very reasonable, and starting in January, all paid advertising will be offered in colour. All non-profits receive free advertising, although I occasionally re-set copy submitted so that everyone can fit in.

Anyone who would like to receive an e-mail copy of the News on 7 is very welcome to send me their e-mail address (www.margkitchen@hotmail.ca) and I will be very happy to add them to the mailing list.



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Coffee Trivia Answers (from page 12)

Espresso literally means Forced out

Forty percent of the world's coffee is produced by Colombia and Brazil

Most coffees are a blend of Arabica and robusta beans

Coffee was the first food to be Freeze dried

Coffee – No Trivial Matter

Pour yourself a cup of coffee and see if you know beans about coffee.

Espresso literally means
Speed it up
To go
Forced out
Black and intense

Forty percent of the world's coffee is produced by
Africa
Columbia and Brazil
Turkey
Southeast Asia

Most coffees are a blend of
Light and dark roasts
Caffeine and essential oils
Arabica and robusta beans
African and South American beans

Coffee was the first food to be
Shipped from Europe to the New World
Freeze dried
Used in Aztec religious ceremonies
Roasted and ground for drinking

(Answers on page 11)

Coming Events

2019

- Jan 1 Happy New Year
- Feb SnoFest, no events scheduled for this year
- Feb 9 Pike Only Ice Fishing Derby, Chris' Live Bait and CLWA website for details
- Mar 1 - 8 International Women's Week. M&L website for events and details.
- June 29 CLWA World Famous Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks on the Lake (tentative)
- July 1 Canada Day
- July 13 CLWA AGM

Crowe Lake Pike Catch 'n Keep Ice Fishing Derby



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