



## Protecting our Natural Heritage



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### *Walleye Stocking in October*

About 25,000 Walleye fingerlings were stocked in Crowe Lake on October 19, 2016. It brings the number of fingerlings stocked to about 95,000. This is a continuation of an effort that started in 2005 with the first stocking in October 2011. It has been a joint effort of Fisheries Management Zone 17 Council, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests and CLWA members. As with other fingerlings stocked, the left front fin has been clipped so the fish can be identified as part of the stocking program when caught. The volunteer stocking workforce included Bill Neill, Wayne White, Norma Taylor, Andrew White, Alan Hebert and Elinor White, plus 3 representatives from MNR.



The Walleye should be harvestable in two or three summers after stocking. A tremendous amount of time, effort and expense has gone into this program. Please do your part to make it a success. Report any clipped walleye caught to MNR or to CLWA. Don't keep Walleye outside the harvestable size of 35 to 50 cm. Report poaching and overharvesting to MNR.

### **GORDON ARTHUR CLIVE CALLAN**



Gordon Callan died on October 20, 2016 at the Belleville General Hospital in his 83rd year. He is survived by his wife Elaine (nee: Mumby) and children Christopher (Christy-Mae) Callan, Susan (late Michael) Callan, Dawn Callan, and the late Sandra. He had 7 grand-children and 8 great-grand-children. He was the son of the late Clive & Gertrude Callan, brother of Marion Bible, brother in law of Roberta (nee: Mumby) & Kelvin Barlow, brother in law of Peter Mumby & Ann (nee: Jamieson). A memorial service was held on November 4. Donations to the St. Paul's Anglican Church Accessibility Fund or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Gord was Vice-President and President of the Crowe Lake Waterway Association in 2009 and 2010. He was active in the organization for many years. A tribute to Gord was posted on the CLWA Facebook Page.

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**Crowe Lake Matters**

2017

## Words from the President

**Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year to you and your family. I hope the holiday season was enjoyable and I wish us all a prosperous and happy 2017.**

This is our annual Photo Contest Results issue. We always get great pictures and this year is no exception. There are some new photographers in the group of contestants and a broader range of subjects. We always get sunset pictures, who can resist them and they're really a part of the Crowe Lake experience, and this year we have more family-type pictures. That is encouraging. We have 3 winners and an Honourable Mention in each category – a dozen great pictures. Maybe we should make a calendar? We'll use our winners, and others, all year long and the Tourism Office is interested in possibly using some for postcards.

For the anglers – we have good news. We had another stocking of fingerlings in October and that brings the total to almost 100,000 walleye fingerlings. Also, there is a reminder about the February Ice Fishing Pike Only Fishing Derby. Check with Chris's Live Bait and the CLWA website for details.

The Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA) sent material about Hydro One in November and December and I've shared some changes that probably will impact our Hydro bills. FOCA will be intervening in the Ontario Energy Board proceedings on behalf of FOCA members. You're represented by FOCA because you belong to CLWA. Visit the FOCA website for the latest on the Hydro One plans.

And, 2017 is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation. The CLWA Executive Board wants to celebrate the occasion but we need to hear from you. What should we do? Maybe Fireworks on Canada Day is enough or should we do something special? We need your ideas!!!

Finally, I was very saddened to hear about the death of Gord Callan. He was a good friend and a great supporter of CLWA and all things Crowe Lake. I relied on him for advice and suggestions many times. I found him to be a great source of information and he often helped me put things in perspective. I will miss visiting him and will be grateful we had a chance to share a small taste of scotch at the end of the summer. It's been suggested in emails and in the obituary that donations be made to the Accessibility Fund at St Paul Anglican Church or the Canada Cancer Society.

*Ritch Smith*



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Anniversary of Confederation

We need your ideas and answers, please.

- Should CLWA do anything to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation?
- Are there local accomplishments and histories we want to commemorate in 2017?
- What role can different organizations play and can we partner with other organizations?
- How do we involve local youth so they have a chance to lead, contribute to and enjoy 2017?
- Should we be part of the Marmora and Lake celebrations?

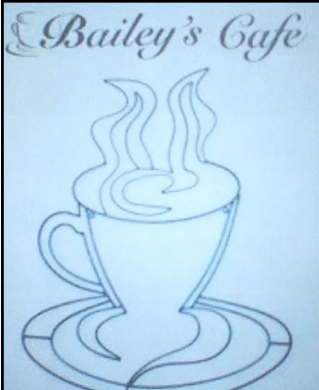
Send us an email at [info@clwa.ca](mailto:info@clwa.ca) and let us know what, if anything, you think we should do.

# Marmora Sno-Fest



The eastern part of Ontario has become renowned for sled dog competitions. It has been part of the winter activities of our area since 1979 and grows every year. This year, Sno-Fest will be held on the weekend of Feb. 10, 11 and 12 and encompasses other attractions such as a lumberjack competition, craft sale, chili contest, little nippers contest, sale of sleds and dog supplies, sleigh rides, environmental displays, a curling Bonspeil, old timers' hockey, skating and various food and beer facilities.

The dogs and their drivers are amazingly skilled; be sure to check the SnoFest website for latest information on races and other events in the weekend [www.MarmoraSnoFest.ca/event-schedule/](http://www.MarmoraSnoFest.ca/event-schedule/).



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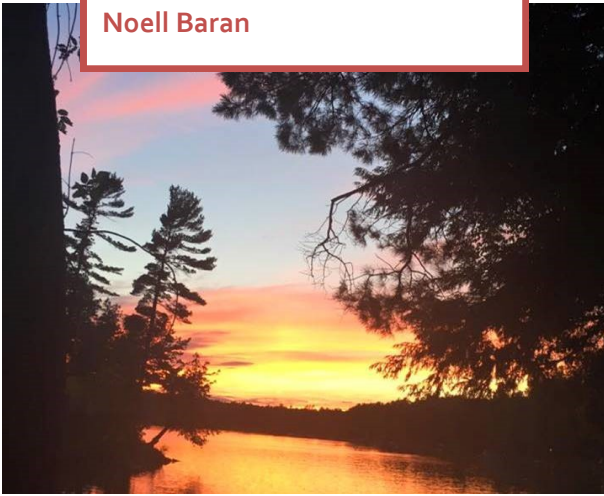
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# Photo Contest Winners

## Beauty

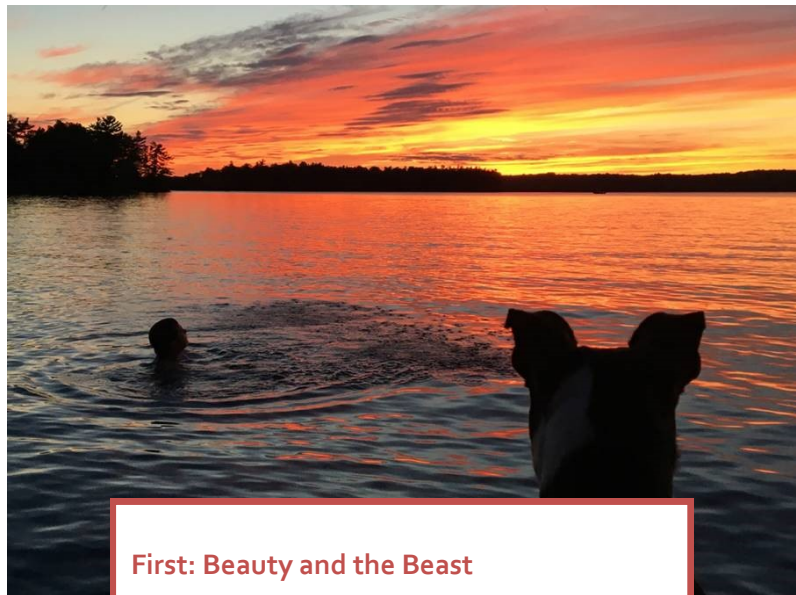
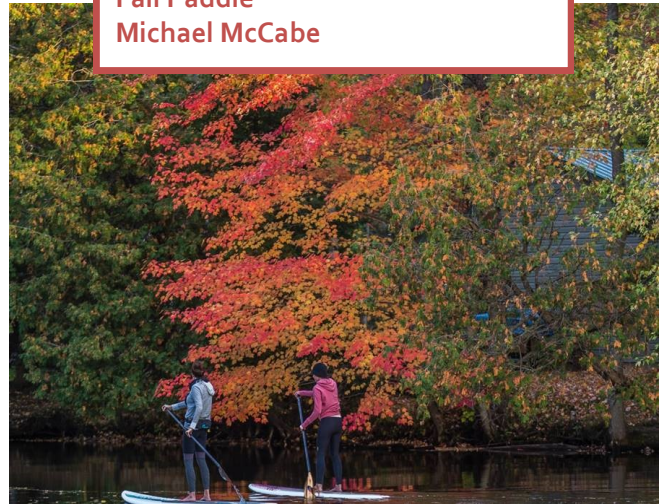
Second: Sunset at the Cottage

Noell Baran



Honourable Mention: Beautiful  
Fall Paddle

Michael McCabe



First: Beauty and the Beast

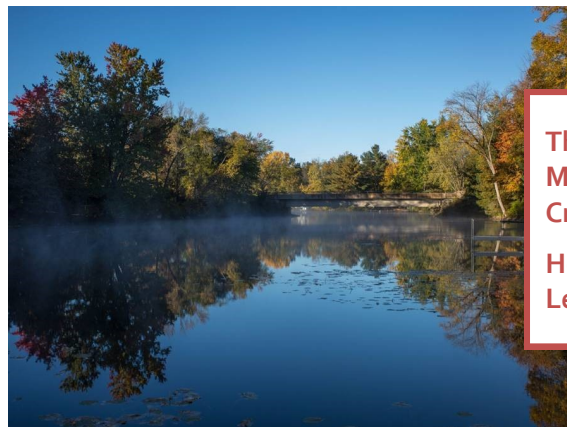
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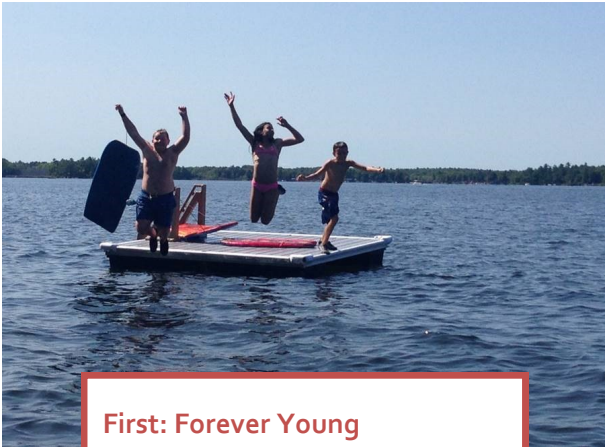
Third: Autumn  
Mist (Beaver  
Creek)

Heather  
Lemieux



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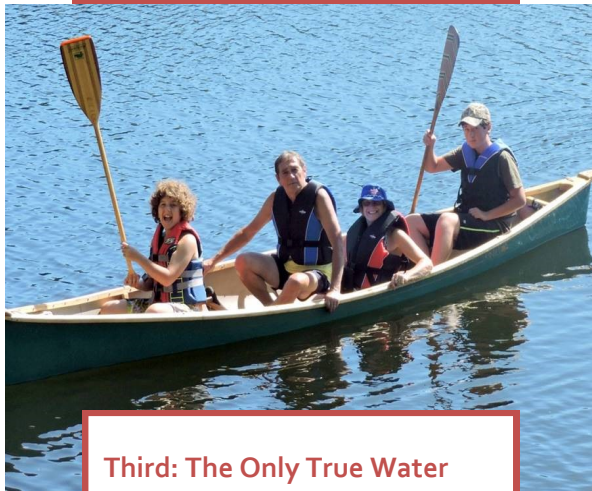
## Recreation



First: Forever Young  
Karen Callery



Second: First Catch of the Day -  
Michael McCabe



Third: The Only True Water  
Travel - Lynn Gapes



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Mention:  
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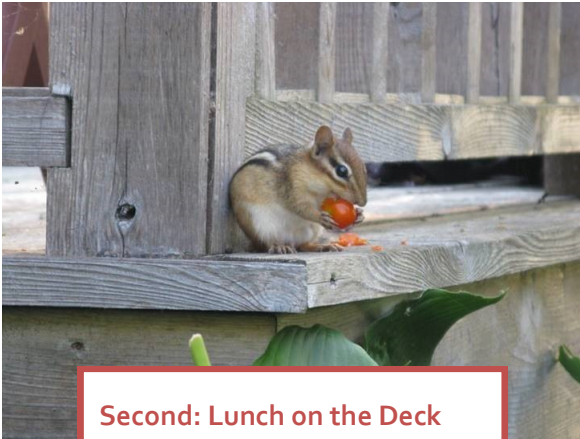
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# Photo Contest Winners

## Wildlife



Second: Lunch on the Deck  
Mary Sinko



Third: Hummingbird  
Kelly Welsh



First: Loon with Crayfish  
Lloyd Holmes



Honourable Mention: Green  
Heron - Michael McCabe

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**But that's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used?**

Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates designed the U.S. Railroads.

**Why did the English build them like that?**

Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

**Why did 'they' use that gauge then?**

Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they had used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

**Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing?**

Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

**So, who built those old rutted roads?**

Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (including England) for their legions. Those roads have been used ever since.

**And the ruts in the roads?**

Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

Therefore, the United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot.

In other words, bureaucracies live forever.

So the next time you are handed a specification, procedure, or process, and wonder, 'What horse's ass came up with this?', you may be exactly right – Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses.

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### Photo Credit to Valeriy Serenko

We used three pictures of fireworks in the Fall Newsletter sent to us by Valeriy Serenko and neglected to give proper credit. We appreciate the photos and apologize for the oversight.

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# Hydro One News

(from material provided by FOCA, Hydro One and other sources)

## Time-of-Use Rates Unchanged

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) sets rates for customers on time-of-use pricing every May and November. Rates set on November 1, 2016 were not changed and they are:

- 18.0 cents/kWh Peak rate (7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays)
- 13.2 cents/kWh Mid-peak (11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. weekdays)
- 8.7 cents/kWh Off-Peak (7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. weekdays and all day weekends and holidays)

Ontario electricity customers will continue paying the same rates until May 2017.

## HST Removed From Hydro Bills

September 12, 2016, the government of Ontario directed Hydro One to remove the provincial portion of the harmonized sales tax (HST) from hydro bills to offset rising costs for ratepayers. They said removing the eight per cent provincial share of the HST as of January 1, 2017 is expected to result in savings of \$130 a year for the average household.

## Delivery Rates Structure Changing

The Delivery Rate is the price you pay to have your electricity delivered to your home. It covers the cost of maintenance and upkeep and the cost of transmission. Hydro One includes the cost of delivering electricity to customer's properties on the bill under the Delivery Charge. The delivery charge is calculated at a fixed amount and at a variable amount based on electricity usage. Residential and Seasonal customers pay different delivery rates.

Last year, the OEB directed all utilities to move to fixed distribution rates for residential customers. This means distribution rates are gradually changing to an all-fixed monthly service charge over a four to eight year transition period depending on your service type.

According to Hydro One, most residential customers won't see a significant change in their distribution rates due to the move to fixed distribution rates. Customers who use very little electricity will see an increase on their bill, while customers who use a lot of electricity will see a decrease on their bill. Customers who have electric heat will benefit from this move to fixed rates.

## Hydro One Will Eliminate Seasonal Rates

Seasonal customers are also moving to [fixed rates](#) as directed by the OEB. On December 12, 2016 Hydro One filed an updated plan related to the OEB order. The full 196 -page report is linked from the [OEB website](#) and is entitled: *HONI\_SeasonalRateReport\_UPDATE\_20161202*.

### Some highlights include:

- The elimination of the Seasonal Class will result in over 70,000 customers moving to the R1 class and close to 84,000 customers moving to the R2 class, a large majority are low-consumption customers.
- Hydro One's detailed analysis demonstrates that the move to all-fixed rates alone (already underway) addresses the key concern of some customers that low consumption customers are not paying their fair share of costs.
- Seasonal customers moving to all-fixed R1 rates will see only a small benefit from the elimination of the Seasonal Class (i.e. a reduction of \$7 to \$9 in their bill)
- Seasonal customers moving to all-fixed R2 rates will see large unfavorable impacts from the elimination of the Seasonal Class (i.e. an increase of about \$65 in their monthly bill).
- In particular, low consumption seasonal customers will see a **177% increase** in their monthly bill if they move to the R2 class with an all-fixed rate. (Note: About 46% or 70,000 seasonal customers consume less than 150 kWh/month on average over the year.)

### More Information

Visit the Hydro One website at [www.hydroone.ca](http://www.hydroone.ca) for more information on the Hydro One pricing and policy changes and the 2017 rates.

The Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA) will be intervening in the Ontario Energy Board proceedings on behalf of FOCA members and will be advising us about how we can productively contribute ideas about the actions and pending electricity bills.

The January Hydro One bill will have information on these changes. The CLWA Newsletter will provide information as well. Let us know the impact of these changes and we will pass the information to FOCA.



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## Combating Phantom Power Reduces Energy and Saves You Money

Electronic devices left plugged in, even when turned off, still use a significant amount of power. It's called phantom power, and it's costing you money. It's also costing our planet even more with wasteful carbon emissions. For the average Ontario household, which uses about 1,000 kilowatt-hours of power a month, phantom power can cost up to \$100 a year.

The most effective way to eliminate standby power loss is to unplug your electronics when they are not in use. For electronics and appliances that you do not unplug, use a surge protector or power bar with multiple outlets and switch off the entire strip when you are not using it. Using a power bar is especially useful if you are switching off several devices that are often used together such as a PC, a monitor and a printer.

Top 5 Products that use Standby Power:

- Personal Video Recorder
- Desktop PC
- Satellite Cable Box
- Video Game Console
- Compact Stereo System

Consider buying energy-saving devices that offer a real or hard "off" switch which eliminate standby power. Look for the ENERGY STAR label whenever you buy new electronics or appliances. ENERGY STAR identifies the most energy efficient products, which reduce energy use even in standby mode.

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## Canada Now Has A National Bird The Grey Jay

The Grey Jay (*Perisoreus canadensis*), also known as the Whisky Jack or the Canada Jay, is poised to become our national bird.

Canadians flocked to vote when the Royal Canadian Geographical Society (RCGS) began its National Bird Project in 2015. After 50,000 ballots were cast online, the finalists were the Canada Goose, the Common Loon, the Grey Jay, the Black-capped Chickadee and the Snowy Owl.

A panel debate featuring five ornithologists (real bird brains) each assigned to represent one of the birds, was conducted. In the end, Canadians' enthusiasm for an underdog (or underbird) won out, and the Grey Jay knocked its rivals off their perch.

Grey Jay



Unlike the Canada Goose (the original Snow Bird) the Grey Jay largely stays put in the land of its birth and can be found in every province and territory. And while it may not be as cool as the Bald Eagle (the national bird of the USA) the Grey Jay is a hearty bird that thrives in temperatures as cold as -30C. Friendly and intelligent (like all Canadians) the Grey Jay "enjoys the same brain-to-body ratio as dolphins and chimps" according to a handout provided by Canadian Geographic.

The society will now lobby the federal government to officially adopt the Grey Jay as Canada's national bird in an Act of Parliament in 2017 to mark Canada's 150th birthday.

The Beaver and the Canadian Horse are the only animals holding the status of Canada's official symbols.



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# Cooking With Cast Iron Skillets

*from Cottage Life, Southern Living, Fine Cooking*

## German Pear Pancake in Cast-Iron Skillet

This light and airy German-style pancake is traditionally made with apples, but Bosc pears are a delicious variation. Puffy right out of the oven, the pancake will deflate a bit when you slice it.

**1 large firm-ripe Bosc pear, peeled, cored, and cut into 1/8-inch-thick slices**

**1 large lemon, finely grated to yield 1/2 Tbs. zest, squeezed to yield 2 Tbs. juice**

**4 large eggs**

**3/4 cup whole milk**

**1/4 cup granulated sugar**

**1 tsp. pure vanilla extract**

**1/2 tsp. kosher salt**

**3 oz. (2/3 cup) all-purpose flour**

**1-1/2 oz. (3 Tbs.) unsalted butter, cut into 3 slices**

**3 to 4 Tbs. confectioners' sugar, for garnish**

**Crème fraîche (optional)**

Position a rack in the center of the oven and heat the oven to 400°F.

In a medium bowl, toss the pear slices with the lemon juice and set aside.

In a large bowl, beat the eggs with an electric hand mixer on high speed until thick and frothy, about 3 minutes. Add the milk, granulated sugar, vanilla, salt, and lemon zest and mix on low speed until combined. Sift in the flour and mix on low speed until combined (don't worry if there are lumps).

Heat a 12-inch cast-iron skillet over medium heat until hot, about 2 minutes. Add the butter, and when it begins to foam, add the pear slices, quickly turning them to coat with the butter, and arranging them in a single layer. Pour the batter evenly over the pears and transfer the skillet to the oven. Bake until the pancake is set in the middle, the sides have risen, and the bottom is nicely browned, about 20 minutes.

Sprinkle the pancake with the confectioners' sugar. Serve immediately with a dollop of crème fraîche, if using.

### Nutrition information (per serving):

Calories (kcal): 240, Fat (kcal): 10, Fat Calories (g): 90, Saturated Fat (g): 5, Protein (g): 7, Monounsaturated Fat (g): 3, Carbohydrates (mg): 31, Polyunsaturated Fat (mg): 1, Sodium (g): 160, Cholesterol (g): 140, Fiber (g): 2.

### How to Care for Cast Iron

- To clean, use a stiff brush or plastic scrubber under running water while the cast iron is still warm but cool enough to handle with ease. Kosher salt is also a good scrubbing agent for baked-on stains.
- Soap or No Soap? – sources varied but Lodge Cast Iron Skillet Company said soap is OK but not necessary. The cookware reaches 400° in 4 minutes and is sterile at 212°. But dishwashers and strong detergents are not recommended because they remove the seasoning.
- Rust? – scour the rust with stiff brush or steel wool pad, rinse, dry, season again.
- Never marinate in cast iron. Acidic mixtures will damage the seasoning.
- Season if food particles start to stick, rust appears, or you experience a metallic taste.



### Season Your Cast-iron Skillet in Five Steps

1. Scrub skillet well in hot soapy water
2. Put in oven at 450° to dry
3. Spread a thin layer of unsaturated oil over the skillet, wipe off excess
4. Place in oven at 450° for 1 hour.
5. Let cool in the oven.



## Currency to Feature Female Rights Activist

(from Wall Street Journal)

A civil-rights activist who refused to leave an all-white section of a theater in 1946 will appear on Canada's next \$10 bill, marking the first time a Canadian woman will feature prominently on a bill in regular circulation. The government said Viola Desmond would be featured on the new bill, which is expected to go into circulation in late 2018.



Ms. Desmond, who was a beautician in the eastern Canadian city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, is best known for refusing to leave her seat in a whites-only section of a Nova Scotia theater until she was forcibly removed by police. The court case that followed marked the first known legal challenge of racial segregation by a black woman in Canada. Ms. Desmond died in 1965. (A similar action by Rosa Parks in Montgomery, Alabama, on December 1, 1955 sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Civil Rights movement in the United States).

## Did You Know That

... the Oxford University Press, after an extensive analysis, will credit Christopher Marlowe as a co-author on three Shakespeare plays. The three plays in the "Henry VI" trilogy will be credited to Marlowe and Shakespeare. [The Associated Press]

... Bird Watching is getting even harder because there are fewer birds every year. Two recent studies documented the decline: one, based on the annual Christmas count, reported that wintering North American birds are down by one third since 1966; the other predicts that unless conservation action is taken more than a third of North American bird species are at risk of extinction. (National Audubon Society)

... Black-capped Chickadees can remember where they hide food for at least a month after putting it in its hiding place

... an NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll asked Americans whether they had a favorable opinion of a variety of people, organizations and entities including Barack Obama, both major political parties and the media. The highest favorable rating went to none other than Canada, which drew a positive reaction from 75 percent of respondents and a negative reaction from only 3 percent.

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[www.clwa.ca](http://www.clwa.ca).

## Coming Events

2017

- Jan 1 Happy New Year
- Feb 10-12 Snow Fest, for details check:  
[www.MarmoraSnoFest.ca/event-schedule/](http://www.MarmoraSnoFest.ca/event-schedule/)
- Feb 11 Pike Only Catch 'N Keep Ice Fishing Derby,  
watch CLWA website for details
- July 1 Canada Day
- July 1 CLWA World Famous Lighted Boat Parade  
and Fireworks on the Lake

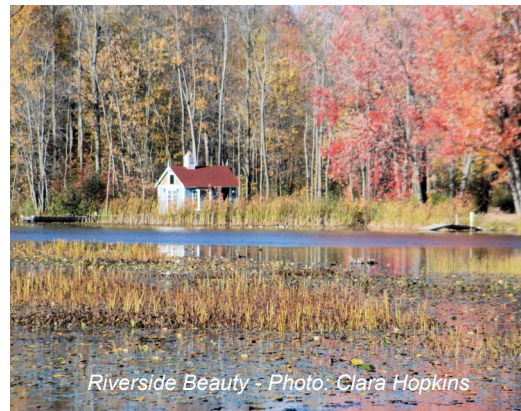
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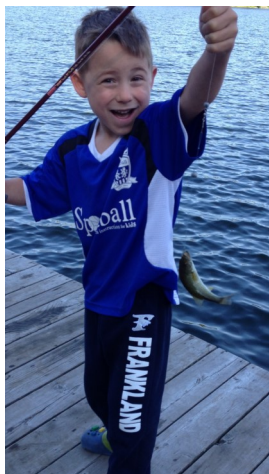
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Fall Reflections - Photo: Peter Ayers

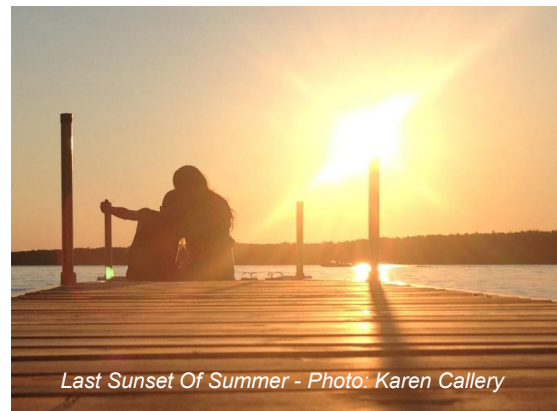


Riverside Beauty - Photo: Clara Hopkins



My First Fish

Photo: Janet Hossack



Last Sunset Of Summer - Photo: Karen Callery

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