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Photo Contest Winners

Thanks to everyone who submitted a photo and to our judges. This year we had 45 entries from 20 people. Winning pictures are on pages 6-9.

Fishing Derby Winners



The Crowe Lake Waterway Association sponsored a fishing derby for its members and their families and friends on Labour Day weekend. A second category was added to the contest – Pike.

Winners on page 15

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Editor’s Explanation: Artificial Intelligence has been used to write several articles for this newsletter. It is a practice that will probably continue. I have always tried to the best of my ability to identify sources for articles used and I will continue to do so when using Artificial Intelligence generated articles. Often, Artificial Intelligence is shortened to AI, capital A and capital I. This confuses me so I will identify these articles using brackets around a small letter a and a small letter i.



President's Message - Terry Murphy

I wish to offer my heartfelt thank you to all our incredible volunteers at the Crowe Lake Waterway Association. Your time, dedication, and hard work make a real difference. Because of you, our waterway is safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable for everyone in our CWLA community. Whether you helped with maintenance, safety, events, or behind the scenes, your efforts truly matter and do not go unnoticed.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited about what's to come—but we can't do it without continued CWLA community support. I encourage anyone who is interested in getting involved to consider volunteering with us this year. Volunteering is a great way to give back, meet new people, and help protect and enjoy the lake we all care so much about. No matter your experience level, there is a role for you.

With winter here, I also want to remind

everyone to enjoy all the winter activities Crowe Lake has to offer—whether it's skating, snowshoeing, ice fishing, or simply spending time outdoors. At the same time, please remember to stay safe. Check ice conditions, dress warmly, follow safety guidelines, and always look out for one another.

Once again, thank you to our volunteers for everything you do, and thank you to those considering joining us in 2026. Together, we can continue to make Crowe Lake a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable place for everyone.

Stay safe, enjoy the winter season, and thank you.

- TJM

Upcoming Events

May 18	Victoria Day / Long Weekend
Jul 01	Canada Day
Jul 11	CLWA AGM
Aug 01	CLWA Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks
Aug 03	Civic Holiday
Sep 04 - Sep 07	CLWA Members Fishing Derby
Sep 07	Labour Day
Nov 15	CLWA 2025 Photo Contest Deadline

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Executive Board Changes

The 2025 AGM saw some changes in the CLWA Executive. Two long-term members stepped down, and two new members stepped up.

New to the Executive are Sean Graham and Paul Herbert.

Retiring are Ruth Burger and Brian Facey. Ruth joined the Board in 2019 and Brian joined in 2013. Both made significant contributions and their service is greatly appreciated.

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2025 New Members

Erick Vorstadt	Mikolla Rd
Dave Sharp	Bayview Park
Vytautas Zinkevicius	Bayview Park
Laurie Nickle,	Bayview Park
Siegfried and Colleen Kiefer	Big Island Rd
Peter Hulsman, Judy Watts,	Marble Point Rd
Dean Mawer	Caverly Lane
Linda and Phil Martin	Bayview Park
Brian Carlick	Lakeshore Rd
Anthony & Holly Green	Bayview Park
Jason Holmes & Amanda Hover	Bayview Park
Mirjana & Asmir Alicelebic	Booster Park Rd
Jacque Meyers	MacKenzie Rd
Mike & Kelly Walsh	Mackenzie Rd

Fish for Free



Four times a year, Canadian residents can fish in Ontario for free. This means you do not need to buy a fishing licence if you want to fish during:

Family Fishing Weekend (February 14–16, 2026)
Mother's Day Weekend (May 9–10, 2026)
Father's Day Weekend (June 20–21, 2026)
Family Fishing Week (June 27–July 5, 2026)

Seminar Source Water

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority hosted an information session on source water protection at the Marmora Public Library on September 17, 2025. It was a small crowd, but the visual aids were terrific.



109 Pike Caught 'N Kept

Chris's Live Bait held their 2025 summer Pike Catch 'N Keep Fishing Derby on July 4th and it was a big success. 175 anglers caught 109 Pike. All fish were cleaned and some were cooked by the Madoc Lions Club for all to enjoy! CLWA was one of the sponsors and gave a \$100 Gift Certificate. It was presented on behalf of CLWA by Robert Taylor. Robert has a long history of involvement with Pike Derbies going back to 2008.

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Citizen Science

(The Land Between newsletter, February 2020)

Conservation Needs Collective Knowledge: Why You Should Participate in Citizen Science.

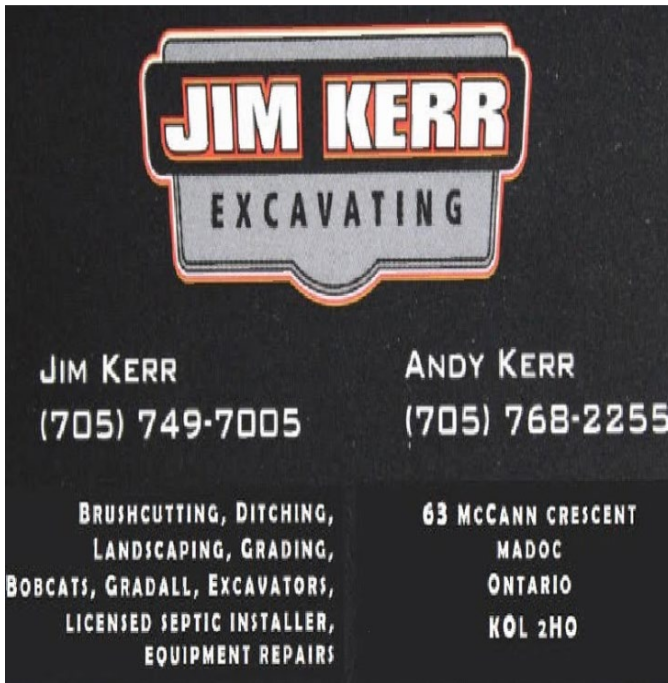
Citizen science, or community science, refers to public participation in recording scientific data across large areas. It allows for much more information to be gathered than would be feasible by organizations or scientists alone. This concept is being used across the world through websites, phone apps, or in-person data sheets to collect information on wildlife.

Online submission databases like eBird and iNaturalist are becoming increasingly popular, with users logging thousands of wildlife sightings every day. One of the oldest citizen science projects in the world is the Christmas Bird count organized by the Audubon Society. This annual birding event takes place in over 2,000 locations!

Bioblitzes are another forum for Citizen Science. Here communities of people head out to parks and nature reserves to help identify what species are present. They record sightings all together, on a given day or over a week. So, if you have any identification skills and knowledge related to local plants and animals, you can contribute to the larger body of scientific knowledge and conservation! However, some Citizen Science projects provide people with training, and no prior experience is required.

Ecologists and other scientists can take samples in order to get an idea of the organisms that are in an area, or to monitor concentrations of nutrients and contaminants in soil and water. Taking these measurements gives scientists an idea of how natural systems are changing over time and helps to identify problems and also solutions. However, collecting data can be very labor-intensive and expensive. Citizen science is a great way to gather data over a large area in a cost-effective manner. This information can then help groups, agencies and even governments effectively manage resources, influence policy decisions, help set conservation priorities, and reduce environmental impacts. [CLWA has done this type of data collection for the Lake Partner Program and, last year, through an invasive species sampling.]

Gathering public support and participation in Citizen Science has been very effective in the birding community. Because many bird species migrate long distances, it can be hard to understand their distribution and movement patterns. Projects like Feeder Watch, iNaturalist, and Christmas Bird Counts harness the knowledge of thousands of people across continents to produce maps and trends. The value of Project Feeder Watch alone has been estimated at about \$3 million per year.



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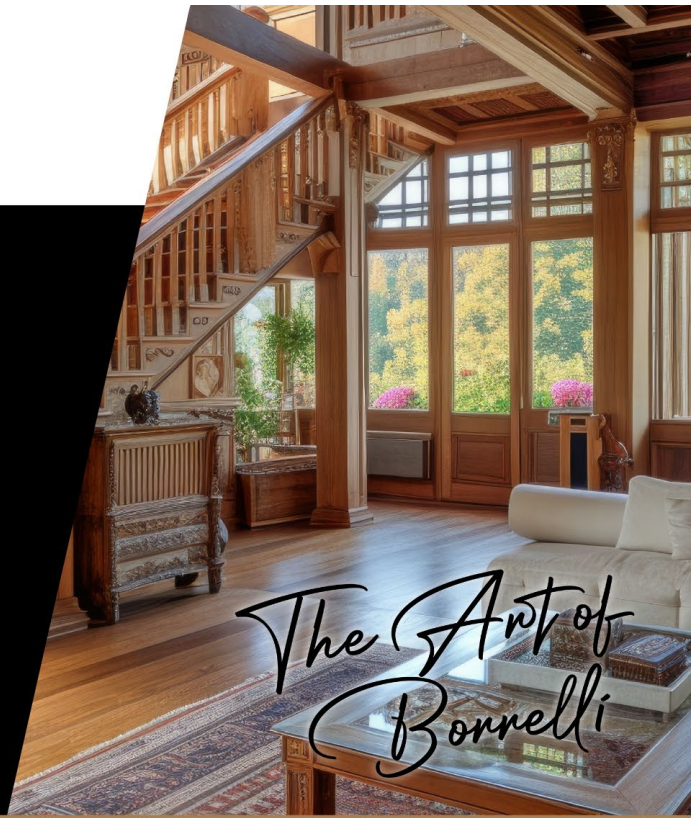


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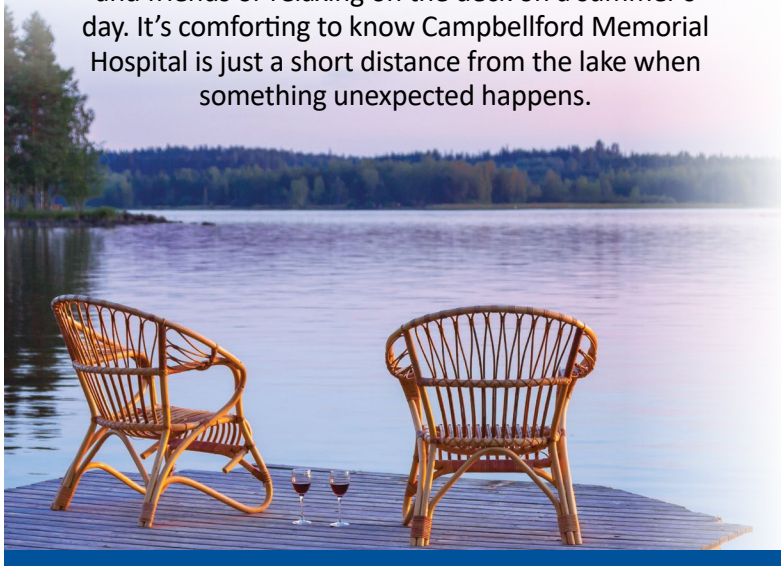
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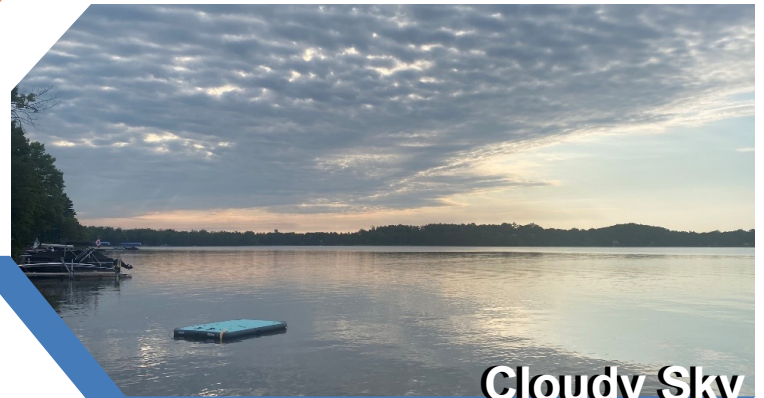
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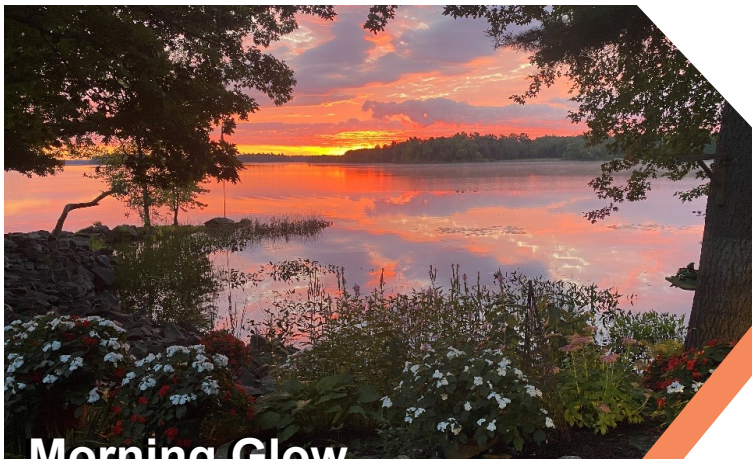
Even Dragon Flies Stop To Smell The Flowers

First Place : Heather Lemieux

Second Place : Liz Alderson



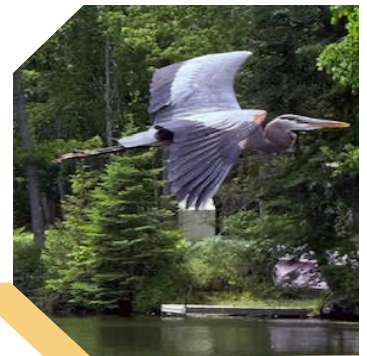
Cloudy Sky



Morning Glow

Third Place : Kendra Savard

Honourable Mention - Heron Over Beaver Creek - Mirian Lombardi



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Fishing



Sundown Fishing

First Place : Tammie Wheeler



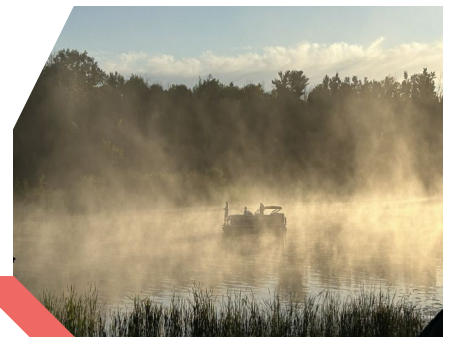
Fishing

Second Place : Tammy Skinner



Bending the Pole

Third Place : Laurie Nickle

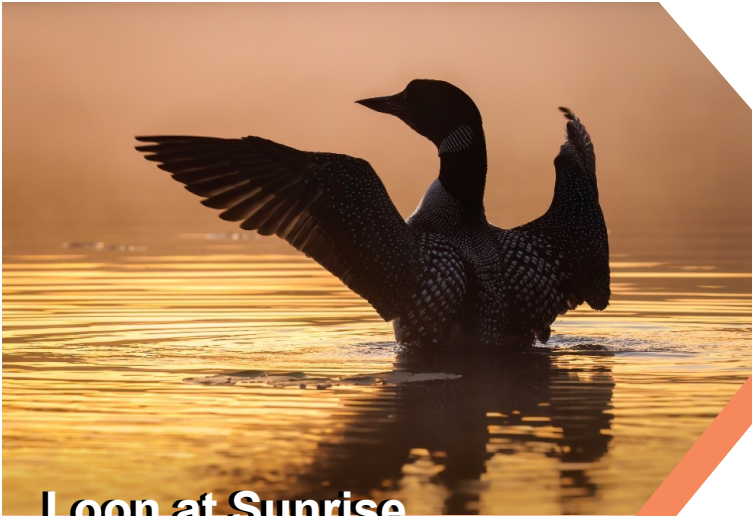


Honourable Mention - Misty Morning Fishing - Jeremy Price



Photo Contest

Wildlife



Loon at Sunrise

First Place : Robert Ferguson

Second Place : Don Black



Sharing the Remains



Painted Turtle Reflections

Third Place : Michael McCabe

Honourable Mention : Frog Catching - Liz Alderson



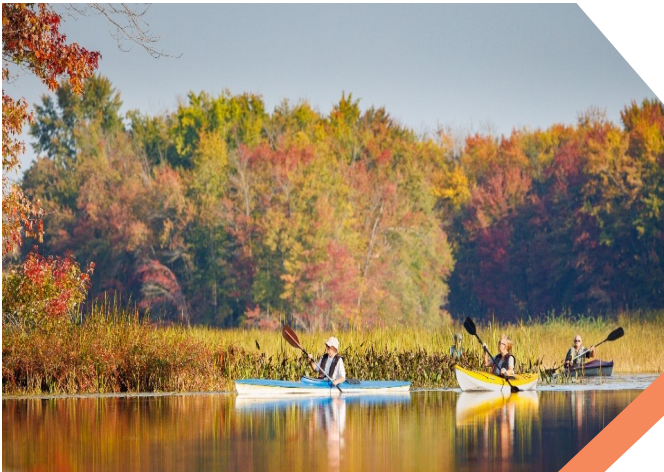
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Recreation



Crowe Water Kayakers

First Place : Robert Ferguson



Goodbye Summer

Second Place : Allison White



Skating on Crowe Lake

Third Place : Liz Alderson



Honourable Mention : Water Fun - Kendra Savard

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Which Came First: Wine or Beer?

Which Came First: Wine or Beer? — History Facts

While it was once thought that humans domesticated grapevines no earlier than 8,000 years ago, a 2023 study of the DNA of more than 3,500 vine samples showed that wine grapes were domesticated in the Caucasus region of Western Asia and Eastern Europe as far back as 11,000 years ago. Table grapes were also domesticated in the Middle East



around that same time, and it was these crops that were crossbred with wild versions to launch the wine varieties that became popular throughout the continent.

The idea of an 11,000-year-old wine is certainly impressive, but the archaeological record suggests the possibility of an even older brew: In 2018, a Stanford University research team found the 13,000-year-old remains of starch and plant particles called phytolith, which result from wheat and barley beer production, at a Natufian gravesite near modern-day Haifa, Israel. Although critics believe the evidence points to breadmaking, the Stanford team contends that both bread and a thick, grog-type beer were created at this site.

For now, we'll give the edge in this battle of seniority bragging rights to beer. But with more discoveries sure to pop up in the coming years, it's likely this debate will be revived — and continue past many a closing hour.

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Moles in Your Lawn? [ai]



The presence of moles in your yard can quickly turn a lush lawn into a patchwork of tunnels and mounds. These elusive creatures, while rarely seen, can cause significant disruption to gardens and landscapes by digging extensive underground networks as they search for food. Homeowners often struggle to manage mole activity, seeking effective solutions to protect their outdoor spaces from ongoing damage and maintain the beauty and health of their yards.

To get rid of moles in your lawn, you can use methods ranging from humane repellents to lethal traps. Moles are primarily drawn to your yard for food—specifically earthworms and grubs.

1. Lethal Control (Most Effective)

Trapping is widely considered the most reliable way to eliminate moles.

Locate Active Tunnels: Step on several raised tunnels to flatten them. The tunnels that are pushed back up within 24–48 hours are "active runways" and the best spots for traps.

Types of Traps:

Harpoon (Spear) Traps: Best for shallow tunnels near the surface.

Scissor Traps: Effective for deeper subsurface runs.

Poison Baits: Use specialized baits which are shaped like earthworms to trick moles into eating them.

2. Natural Repellents & Deterrents

If you prefer non-lethal methods, use their sensitive sense of smell and touch against them.

Castor Oil Mix: Mix 3 parts castor oil with 1 part dish soap. Add 4 tablespoons of this mixture to a gallon of water and spray it on active areas.
Smell Deterrents: Sprinkle coffee grounds or spray a homemade garlic and chili pepper mixture into the tunnels.

Mole-Repelling Plants: Plant daffodils, marigolds, or alliums (garlic/onions). Moles dislike the scents produced by their roots.

Vibrations: Install ultrasonic spikes or wind-powered pinwheels. The constant vibration can make the environment feel unsafe for them.

3. Long-Term Prevention

Remove Food Sources: Use grub control products to eliminate one of their primary food sources. Note that they also eat earthworms, so this may not work entirely.

Manage Moisture: Avoid overwatering. Moles and their prey prefer soft, damp soil.

Physical Barriers: For garden beds, bury a hardware cloth or sheet metal fence at least 12 inches deep with the bottom bent outward in an "L" shape.

Summary of Effectiveness

<u>Method</u>	<u>Effectiveness</u>	<u>Best For</u>
Trapping	Very High	Direct removal of established moles.
Castor Oil	Moderate	Temporary relocation or deterrence.
Sonic Spikes	Variable	Detering moles before they settle.
Grub Control	Long-term	Reducing overall yard "attractiveness."



Weather Forecast Summer 2026 [ai]

The Old Farmer's Almanac 2026 Canadian Edition predicts a warmer-than-average summer for much of Ontario in 2026, with above-normal temperatures expected, though specific details (like rainfall) often come with their detailed regional forecasts, available on Almanac.com/Summer-CA. While the Almanac focuses on long-range trends (often hot/dry or hot/wet), expect typical Ontario summer patterns but potentially leaning hotter, with some chances for thunderstorms and heatwaves, based on their general outlook for warmer Canadian summers.

How to find the detailed Ontario Summer 2026 forecast:

Visit the Almanac's Website: Go to Almanac.com/Summer-CA.

Look for Ontario-Specific Regions: The Almanac breaks Canada down, so find your region (e.g., Southern Ontario, Eastern Ontario) for specifics on temperature and precipitation.

What to expect (General Trends):

Warmer Temperatures: Expect above-normal temperatures for most of Ontario.

Potential for Heatwaves: Hotter-than-normal conditions often mean more intense summer heat.

Thunderstorms: Keep an eye out for potential severe thunderstorms, especially in Southern Ontario, as warmer, humid air fuels them.

Note: Almanac predictions are long-range and should be used as a general guide; always check local forecasts closer to the date for daily accuracy.



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Cottage Q&A: Cleaning the dock without causing lake pollution



BY JACKIE DAVIS COTTAGE LIFE MAGAZINE
PUBLISHED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

I'm going to be cleaning the dock this season. Could you tell me what product I can use that will not pollute the lake?—Peter Kuzik, via email
Sadly, no. Unless you count water.

"There are lots of 'biodegradable' cleaners out there, but you're best not to add them to the lake," says Rob Davis, the owner of EcoEthic. "Biodegradable" doesn't mean "go ahead and fling it into the environment." After all, "everything is biodegradable. My car is biodegradable if I leave it long enough."

Biodegradation itself isn't good for the water and its inhabitants: "It uses up a lot of valuable oxygen," says Davis. Then, there are the by-products; whatever breaks down can get into the tissues of fish and other lake dwellers.

Your safest option? Plain water and a stiff-bristled brush, and a baking soda-water paste to spot-clean any very stubborn oil stains, mould, or mildew. While you wouldn't want to dump box after box of baking soda into the lake, "it's fairly benign stuff," says Davis. "Plus, there's a coarseness to it. So, it does a really good job of getting rid of anything greasy or slimy." Happy scrubbing!

Five things you should do before taking a boat out on the water

1. Have the proper safety equipment on board

"Safety equipment is our number one concern," says Bigley.

The type of equipment required depends on the type of vessel you're using, but you must have access to a life jacket. Bigley stresses the importance of ensuring that the life jackets actually fit the people on board, particularly children.

Although adult life jackets may look like they fit well, children can slip out of the jacket once in the water.

2. Get your boat operator card

Although many rental companies don't require

renters to have a boat operator card, Bigley suggests that renters go through the training program online or in-person. While you'll be informed of a safety checklist, she says that most rental companies won't cover everything you should know such as rules about right of way in waterways.

"It's a lot of information to take in when you're standing at the end of a dock renting a boat," she says.

3. Make a plan and share it with someone

Before you head out to the water, you should always make a plan and share it with someone on shore. Bigley recommends sharing your general location and how long you expect to be out on the water. In the event of an accident, this will give emergency officials a better idea of where to look.

4. Have a communication device on board

In tandem with creating a plan, Bigley says it's important to have a communication device on board, such as a cell phone, in case you need to call for help.

5. Drive sober

Under the Criminal Code of Canada, if you are found operating a motorized vessel under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you will be charged with the same impaired driving offense that you would if you were driving a car under the influence. "Make sure you're in a good position to be driving," Bigley says.

The public can expect to see a lot of police presence on the water this season, she says. They will be encouraging safe boating and enforcement where necessary.

"Take the time to make sure that you're educated and put yourself in the best possible position to have a safe day out on the water," she says.



M&L Fire Department

Anne MacNeill. Aug 26, 2025, in Community Press

The wildfires across the country, particularly those that are too close to home, have made me think about firefighters, particularly part-time fire fighters. I realized I knew nothing about the role, so I called interim Chief Mike Levi who was generous with his time and answered many of my questions. I will take him up on his offer of a tour of department facilities when I don't have a deadline!

Like many rural municipalities, Marmora and Lake has a part-time fire department – officially Marmora and Lake Fire and Emergency Services. We have one full-time paid firefighter – the chief. All other members of our fire service are part-time and are trained to the same level as full-time firefighters. Training is provided once a week, much of it locally (“in house”); it takes four to five months to be fully trained. They are always on call.

Every three weeks our department is on EMS (emergency medical service) duty. Currently, we have a total of 29 firefighters. Recruitment is ongoing.

Our department wasn't involved in fighting the fire just north of us a few weeks ago [early August]. That was handled by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), although Levi noted

Marmora and Lake firefighters are trained to fight wildfires and could be called on by MNR.

Members are paid a nominal amount to cover fuel and training, but the amount is so small the description of them as volunteers is justified. It strikes me that for anyone to take on this incredibly challenging position, they must truly care about the community they serve.

Personally, I rest easier tonight knowing what I know now about our fire department. Thanks to you all!

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Fishing Derby Results



8 Bass Entered

5 Pike Entered

1 Sunfish Entered
-disqualified-

Bass - Winners

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1. Germain Gagnard	18.5"	Paul Cocchio
2. Brad Cocchio	18"	Paul Cocchio
3. Germain Gagnard	17"	Paul Cocchio
Paul Cocchio	Mystery Bass	Paul Cocchio
Brad Cocchio	Mystery Bass	Paul Cocchio
Sam Morton	Mystery Bass	Paul Morton

Pike - Winners

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1. Brad Cocchio	26"	Paul Cocchio
2. Giuseppe Diljohn	25"	Sabrina Dilijohn
3. Jordy Cocchio	23"	Paul Cocchio
Emily White	Mystery Pike	Bill Neill
Ian Smith	Mystery Pike	Dave Smith

Sunfish - Disqualified

Catch

Jake Anstey 7"



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Fireworks Story

Hi Ritch,

I want to tell you about the end of my night after the fireworks. I was with my neighbour on his pontoon boat and we didn't rush to leave like many did. When we started out, he noticed a boat that had been fairly near us had someone paddling. He moved closer and were told he thought he had left his decorative lights on too long and his battery had drained as he couldn't start the motor. Dale, my neighbour, said he didn't really want to tow in the dark, but would take out his battery and put it in the stranded boat. He and his son managed to board their boat, while the rest of us in our boat held us in place, and accomplished the switch. However, it didn't work so it wasn't the battery. Sooo, now we are towing the boat with 5 people aboard across the lake to Cook Road. They were actually paddling in the wrong direction, but I figured today that maybe they were going to Glen Allan which was much closer. To shorten the story, we made it to their dock where a neighbour they had phoned was waiting with a there a light. Dale did an amazing job going parallel to the dock pulling the towed

boat close enough that the people on the dock were able to grab it. It was a slow, slow drive across the very dark lake while pulling another boat, but we made it there and home to our river homes at 11:35.

Fireworks were some of the best ever, but our exciting end was pretty cool, too. I have no idea what they would have done if we had not been there as there was not another boat in sight there or on the way to their cottage.

Thought you might enjoy this little story. Might make a good one for the next newsletter. What do you think? [yes indeed, thanks]

Lynn

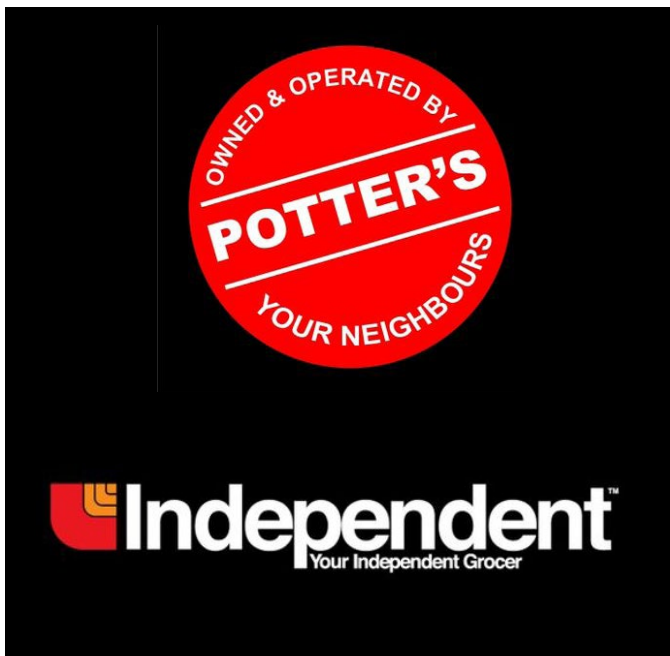
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