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Two of our own receive volunteer award

On July 3rd, Norma Sedgwick and Robert Taylor were recipients of Marmora & Lake Civic Awards recognizing their volunteer services over the years. In past years, Norma has served on our CLWA board and Robert continues to do so in the roll of Fishing Representative. For years, they have hosted and assisted MNR personnel for weeks at a time in some of their research on Crowe Lake and its rivers. They are both directly responsible for



Norma and Robert receive their award from councillor Sandy Frasier

last October's stocking of Wall-eye in the lake. Robert sits as Zone 17 volunteer representative for Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). Each (freezing) February and (hot, hot, hot!) July they are the face of the two Pike Derbies held on Crowe Lake. Both Norma and Robert travel weekly to Barrie to sing in the OPP choir. Congratulations, Norma and Robert, for all your devotion to making Marmora and Lake a better place to live!

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On August 10, Donna Bennett passed away after a long illness. Donna had served as the Secretary for CLWA. Her husband, Lionel, has been active in CLWA. She is survived by children Darryl (Patricia), Ottawa; Jennifer (Derek McNab), Marmora and Andrea (Cameron Mead), Etobicoke. A memorial service was held in Marmora on Sunday, August 19th. The family asked that donations be made to the Heart of Hastings Hospice or V.O.N. We extend our sympathy to Lionel and his family.

Fall

Crowe Lake Matters

2012

Words from the President

This has been a busy summer for CLWA. We started with an outstanding Summer Newsletter. Then there was an awesome Boat Parade and Fireworks for Canada Day. The Celebrate Marmora Day in August was a really good program in spite of the heat and somewhat disappointing crowd. And, we had a nice turnout for the AGM. All in all, for me, it's been another good summer on the lake.

My cottage and I are the same age. Our first summer at Crowe Lake was 1947. It was the 4th of July weekend and I was six months old. The cottage finally had electricity and I finally had a tooth. We lived in Western New York and my grandfather had been coming to the Marmora area to hunt and fish for several years. He liked it enough to buy some property and build a cottage. It was the first of many summers at The Crowe's Nest.

Every summer I would come to Crowe Lake and Marmora, sometimes for a few days, sometimes for a few weeks if I was lucky. We had lots of card games, swimming, cheese curds, good Canadian beer, and even a little fishing. We even had a wedding on the boat-house roof. The cottage journals are full of happy times from four generations. I always left looking forward to the time when I could stay as long as I wanted.

Now I'm retired and I can stay as long as I want, weather permitting. The cottage hasn't changed much since 1947. My summer still includes cheese curds and Canadian beer, but now there is also a lot of fun with CLWA activities and friends. It is still the best part of summer.

Ritch Smith



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*CLWA
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Again this year, CLWA was part of the July 1st Canada Day celebrations at the Marmora Visitor Center. Approximately 350 cupcakes were baked and decorated to resemble the Canadian Flag. The cupcakes were handed out by your board members and some family members along with flags, pins and O'Canada book marks.

Our parade float was a Jet Ski boat loaned by new members, Pat and Dave Mannette, pulled by Wayne and Elinor White in their red ATV, and topped with a large jeweled crown representing Queen Elizabeth's 60th Jubilee. Our CLWA banners decorated the sides of the boat. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up a hot day on the lake with their families to participate in the Canada Day celebrations.



CLOSING UP THE COTTAGE

The Marmora Helping Hands Food Bank would appreciate any unopened, non-perishable food that you may have left over at the cottage when you close up. The food bank is in the basement of the Public Library and is open Tuesday 1-3 pm but the librarians will gladly take your donation to forward on to us. Have a safe winter and we will see you in the spring!

Elinor White

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Special thanks go to the Federal Government who assisted with funding under Heritage Canada for the Boat Parade, Fireworks, Cupcake giveaway and the land parade. Thank you also to Bayview Trailer Park and Northland Power for their corporate donations. Without donations from our membership, our corporate sponsors and the Federal Government, we would not be able to put on these events.

Submitted by Elinor White



THE LIGHTED BOAT PARADE AND LAKE FIREWORKS

As summer winds down we reflect on the July Holiday Weekend celebrations. Perfect weather, and the actual July calendar date falling on the weekend, contributed to what has been described as the best display of lake fireworks ever. The CLWA would like to recognize and thank Randy Vilneff and his very capable crew on their great Pyrotechnic skills. The planning, set up, detonation and clean up requires a great amount of time. The "Pyro" team has always given freely of their time and we sincerely thank them.

We give a special Thank You to Bonter Marine for donating the barge to transport the fireworks. Without their assistance, the lake show would not be possible

We would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Lighted Boat Parade. This year we had the largest number of decorated boats ever. Thanks to all for your efforts. Thanks as well as to the spectators on shore for their vocal support, flag waving, cheering and general good time. We also want to thank all of our members who made an extra contribution to the Fireworks fund. Your financial support contributes to a bigger, better display.



The Lake Association now turns its thoughts to planning for next year's extravaganza! We would like to hear any thoughts you might have to further improve the lake celebrations. We realize that the parade has to start a little later and the actual staging and the pace need fine tuning. With your ideas and suggestions, the parade will truly become "World Famous".

Please send any suggestions, compliments or complaints to PO Box 192, Marmora ON, K0K 2M0, the CLWA box at Marmora Insurance on Forsyth Street in Marmora, our website at www.clwa.ca, or our email at info@clwa.ca.

Submitted by Bill Neill

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership has grown steadily and we end August with 169 members. At the AGM in July membership stood at 155 and this is 4 higher than the membership count at the 2011 AGM. We have 9 new members in the 2011 – 2012 year.

Our new members are:

Bayview Trailer Park

Mitchell Birken and Orna Hollander, Big Island Road
Diane and Mark DeBlock, Cook Road

Pat and Dave Minnette, Big Island Road

Scott Moore, River Garden Road

Scott and Judy Reid, Peepycorn Road

Andy Sharpe, Shanval Road

Rob and Erica Weir, Marble Point Road

Andrew and Allison White, Blairton Park

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September 1st, Happy Turtle Hatching Day

While pulling out the kayaks for a ride on the lake Sunday morning, our son saw movement just by his foot. A closer examination found a little newly hatched turtle covered in its camouflage sand. Soon a collection of grandchildren and neighbouring children gathered to see the wondrous sight that took place over the next two hours.

Out of a hole in the sand, one by one came fourteen more turtles. Beady black eyes were the only part distinguishable until the front feet pulled their bodies up from the hole. Then the body could barely be determined with the tail being the most recognizable. These little turtles scurried to the water's edge where they had a good bath and could now be recognized.

They left little drag marks in the sand with their tails. Look hard at the photos – the turtles were very well disguised! From our "Turtles of Ontario Identifier" by the Toronto Zoo handed out at our AGM this July (if you attended, you would have one too!), we determined these were Snapping Turtles.

By the time the last turtle made its way to the lake, we had over 20 children watching the miracle.

The kayak ride eventually happened.

By Elinor White

Photo Contest Accepting Entries July 1st to November 30th, 2012

This year's photo contest is open to anyone with exception of the CLWA board members. Photos must be in a JPEG digital or printed 4"x6" formats for the three categories:

Crowe Lake and Its Beauty Wildlife Around the Crowe Recreation of the Crowe Lake Waterways

Prizes for each category are: 1st prize \$50; 2nd prize \$30; 3rd prize \$20.

Photographs must be taken around Crowe Lake, Crowe River or Beaver Creek to be eligible. Each photo requires your name, address, telephone number, *photo caption or title*, date and information on where the photograph was taken. To win, photos must be within two years of contest.

Each person can enter a limit of one entry per category for a total maximum of three (3) pictures. A maximum of two prizes per person will be awarded. By entering, you are acknowledging your permission for CLWA to use your photo.

Printed photos are to be mailed to: Crowe Lake Waterway Association, Box 192, Marmora, ON, K0K 2M0 or dropped in the CLWA box at Marmora Insurance (Bennett's) on Forsythe.

On line entries are to be emailed to:
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Full contest rules are on our web site at:
www.clwa.ca



Emerging



At the edge



Water bound



Historic Log House in Marmora

Andy Sharpe is a cabinet maker, a CLWA member and the owner of an historic log house. The log house was built about 1825 by the first settler in Belmont Township to obtain a patent for his land. Andy and his family are rebuilding and restoring it on land they own outside of Marmora.

The house was built by Robert Stewart, an Irish immigrant given a land grant to settle Upper Canada. Stewart came to what is now Havelock-Belmont-Metheun, cleared the land, built the 20-by-26 foot log house, planted crops and was given the patent for the property. The government provided an auger, a saw and hammer, an axe, 200 nails, cooking equipment, a cow and seed corn or potatoes.

A log cabin had a dirt floor but this is a log house and it had a wood floor. The walls were cedar and the floor was pine. The walls inside were whitewashed and there was a second floor for bedrooms. Sharpe numbered each log and piece, took it apart, and moved it.

The builder of the house, Mr. Stewart, may not have been much of a carpenter. The logs were joined by simple half-flaps instead of dovetail ends, the gaps in the wall were filled with wood instead of mortar, and the back wall is 12 inches longer than the front wall. But it was still standing outside of Belmont after 200 years, until Andy persuaded the owner to part with it.



The rebuilding is a family project for Andy, Sonya, Melina and Keegan. They plan to rebuild and restore the log house as closely as possible to the original condition.

By Ritch Smith

(Material for this article came from conversation with Andy Sharpe and an article in the Community News, Sept 2011 by Mark Hoult)



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It is designed not to be seen and so it becomes a trap for wildlife and water fowl and a hazard on the beach, shore or in the water. It stays around and is more than just another piece of litter.

So, how do you properly dispose of it? Unfortunately, the Blue Box is NOT the answer.

Quinte Waste Solutions provided this comment. "Monofilament fishing line, or any other fishing line for that matter, is not material type that Quinte Waste Solutions accepts as part of the Blue Box Recycling program.

Fishing line that is accidentally placed in the Blue Box can become entangled in the mechanical equipment on our sorting line potentially causing downtime or damages. Further, Quinte Waste Solutions does not have a market for that type of material".



There are recycling programs in the United States and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is studying the issue.

The Eagle Claw Fishing Tackle Company has a line called Bioline that breaks down into carbon dioxide and water after prolonged (5 year) exposure to sunlight and microbes.

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By Norma Crofts

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POSITIONS TAKEN

The Crowe Lake Waterway Association (CLWA), as steward of the Crowe Lake waterway, has a long-standing history of protecting this extremely valuable natural resource.

CLWA is deeply concerned about the health of our waterway and has made every effort to protect it for future generations. In that capacity, the Executive Board has developed and presented CLWA positions on a number of issues over the past year.

Waterfront development is one of the issues of major concern to us. We support developments that will have no negative impact on the waterway.

We have always worked cooperatively with the local municipal governments, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of the Environment and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters with such issues as shoreline projects, lake capacity studies, water levels, water quality testing, invasive species sampling and the like.

Information on these issues and copies of letters sent can be found on the CLWA website at www.clwa.ca.

Northland Pumped Storage:

CLWA was the first civic organization to express support for the proposed Pumped Storage project. Letters were sent to M&L Council, the local newspaper and the Ministry of Natural Resources stating CLWA support and the reasons.

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority:

A letter of concern was presented to the M&L Council expressing the CLWA position that the core responsibilities of the CVCA, i.e. monitoring and controlling water quantity in the waterway and flood control, and repair and maintenance of the infrastructure to do this core responsibility, must be given priority consideration in the on-going discussions about the funding and operation of the CVCA.

North End Boat Launch:

A letter of support for a proposal to study issues related to the North End Boat Launch was sent to the M&L Council. The study evaluated the economics and logistics of a fee and recommended that no fee be charged. Recommendation accepted.

Property Severance Request in Havelock:

An application in September 15, 2011 to sever two vacant lots on Crowe Lake in the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Metheun. CLWA took the position of not opposed to the plan to sever two vacant lots on the assumption that each residential lot has only one single-family dwelling which, when completed to today's standards, would not negatively affect the quality of our waterway.



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SUMMARY

- 27 adult registrations
- 9 youth registrations
- 38 pike weighed in
- 91.6 lb. total weight of all pike

PRIZES		
BONUS PRIZE: <i>Rheo Savard</i> \$100 Gift Certificate (provided by CLWA) + Keurig Coffee Maker (donated by Wayne White)		
	13 AND OVER	12 AND UNDER
HEAVIEST	6 lb. 8 oz. <i>Steve Kerr</i> (\$60 Gift Certificate)	2 lb. 9 oz. <i>Tyler Ward</i> (\$30 Gift Certificate)
LONGEST	31.25 in. <i>Cory Phillips</i> (\$60 Gift Certificate)	23.5 in. <i>Aaron Adair</i> (\$30 Gift Certificate)
MYSTERY WEIGHT 13 & OVER: 1 lb. 15 oz.; 12 & UNDER: 2lb. 3 oz.:	1 lb. 12 oz. <i>Ryan Little</i> (Rod and carry case)	2 lb. 4 oz. <i>Joshua Adair</i> (\$30 Gift Certificate)
MYSTERY LENGTH 13 & OVER: 20"; 12 & UNDER: 21.5"	20 in. <i>Geoff Cromie</i> (Reel)	This PIKE got away!

- **Prizes**
 - 2 prizes donated by Chris's Live Bait
 - all other prizes were gift certificates redeemable at Chris's Live Bait in Marmora, made possible by including registration fees and funds from Crowe Lake Waterway Association
- **Thanks** again to
 - **Chris's Live Bait** for their support and partnership
 - **Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)** and **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH)** for the variety of materials included in the **Youth 'Goodie Bags'**
 - **Bill Neill** and **Andrew White** for setting up a gazebo to keep us out of the weather...this time it was the rain and sun
 - **Bill Neill** for his assistance with the construction of a masterpiece...a new measuring 'box' for those squirmy pike...and his assistance during the "weigh-in"
 - **Ritch Smith** for the beverage
 - the volunteers and members of **CLWA** who made this a very successful **community event**
 - the **anglers** who drove long distances and braved the rainy start to the day to get those pesky pike out of the lake so the walleye could survive!
- The next derby will be held in **February 2013!** Watch for details in the CLWA newsletters, on websites (CLWA, Chris's Live Bait and OFAH) and around the town!
 - Article submitted by **Robert and Norma Taylor**



MINERS' LOOP (Or "How I Learned to Love Rock")

On the very hot morning of August 4, 2012, I discovered that my wife, Sandy, had signed us up for a tour featuring rocks. "Sounds enthralling", I said, quietly. The "Theory of the Earth" tour featured visits to four sites in the Marmora area. This tour was designed to allow the participants to learn about the geology and industrial history of the region.

Despite my original misgivings, as far as I'm concerned, the tour was a genuine success. The guide, a local resident by the name of Marc Forget, was extremely knowledgeable and genuinely passionate about his subject. With good humour and clarity, he answered every question posed to him – and there were quite a number.

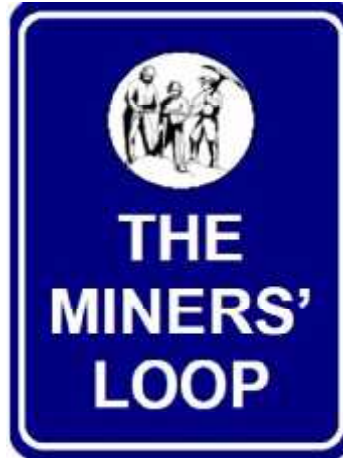
The first stop on the tour is the Marmora dam and Millside Park, where Marc describes the mills that once stood in that area and exactly how they functioned with the use of wheels and turbines. In addition, he identifies, in detail, the rock formations in the region and how, at one point, the entire area was covered in limestone shale. He also points out that this is one of the few areas where one can see limestone and granite (Canadian shield rock) juxtaposed with one another.

The weather is starting to get hotter – we are grateful for the air-conditioned tour bus.

The second stop is Hastings Trail, where we reluctantly disembark from the bus to walk (!) two kilometres to the next site. Once we arrive, we see two completely different layers of rock exposed at the side of the path. Marc carefully, but enthusiastically explains the significance of this formation. We all listen attentively, despite the perspiration forming on the tips of our noses.

Sweat staining our clothing, we return to the comfort of the bus. I should also mention, that the tour organizers also thought to bring sample rocks, water and a snack (not the sample rocks) for everyone – a very thoughtful and welcome gesture.

The third stop is the Deloro Mine site. There, we learn of the history of the old gold mine and precisely why it was closed down and why it is currently fenced off. Unfortunately the process used to extract the gold required the use of poisonous materials which are still present on the site in the waste material. Marc says that sometime in the future there are tentative plans to re-open the site for tours with the possibility of one or more of the buildings transformed into museums.



This site has multiple signs with old photographs showing the site as it was and describing in more detail its history.

The final stop is the Marmoraton Mine, where we are treated to the sight of the large open pit mine now filled with turquoise water. The immensity of the site is quite overwhelming, especially to those of us (old-timers) who remember the mine when it was in operation and the giant trucks and cranes at the bottom appeared to us like dinky toys.

Marc describes the function of the mine and how to determine where iron deposits would most likely be found (one of his first jobs after graduating with both Chemical and Electrical Engineering degrees). He also discusses the proposed pumped storage system currently being considered very thoroughly. His knowledge of a large number of subjects is quite astounding.

Marc's expertise and enthusiasm made this tour of the Miner's Loop sites worthwhile and entertaining, but it is also possible to visit all of the sites yourself. Sandy and I would heartily recommend the tour for local residents as well as tourists.

By Vesa Koivusalo

Sandy Koivusalo is a new CLWA Executive Board member. Vesa has also written an article on Cottage Succession which will be in the Winter Newsletter.

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