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Message from the President

It is hard to believe that we are a few days away from 2012. It really does seem like just yesterday we were preparing for that special year, 2000.

It is pretty cold out there today. We had our first real snowfall last night. This morning was a beautiful sight, a winter wonderland. Everything is white with all of the trees snow covered.

2011 was another great summer, good weather and the return of the very anticipated and much enjoyed Regatta for Cordova Lake.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated, with a very special thanks to Dave Carr and Rick Gubb who took control, and with very little time, organized a great day for all. We now need someone else to step up to the plate for next year (unless of course Dave and Rick would like to do it again!). Perhaps some of the younger generation who have grown up enjoying this tradition over the years might like to give it a try!!

Anyone who is interested or has any ideas please send us an email so that the planning can begin.

On December 19th we got a bit of an early Christmas gift from the Township. For those of you who were following the budget debate you will be pleasantly surprised to hear that Ron Gerow with the help from Council decided that they would not go through with the suggested 5.7% increase in taxes but instead use the rate of inflation at 3% for the tax increase this year. There are some sacrifices for this reduction of 2.7% so please try to get to the website at http:// havelockbelmontmethuen.on.ca/. for more information regarding this budget.

Wishing everyone all the best in 2012 and looking forward once again to the buzz of activity four months from now when all of our summer neighbours make their return to Cordova.

Joanne Butkevics



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In Memoriam

Jason Vance wants to let friends at the lake know the sad news of the passing of his father Doug on December 31, 2011. For many years, Doug cottaged at FR57 #166.

His funeral service was held on Saturday, January 7 in Toronto. Our sincere sympathies are extended to Doug's friends and family. For those who wish, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Soci-

ety.



Stroke is a medical emergency. Recognizing and responding <u>immediately</u> to the warning signs of stroke by calling 9-1-1 or your local emergency number can significantly improve survival and recovery. If a person is diagnosed with a stroke caused by a blood clot, doctors can administer a clot-busting drug available only at a hospital, and only within a few crucial hours after symptoms begin.* That's why it is very important to be able to recognize the 5 warning signs of stroke and **immediately** call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.



Weakness - Sudden loss of strength or sudden numbness in the face, arm or leg, even if temporary.



Trouble speaking - Sudden difficulty speaking or understanding or sudden confusion, even if temporary.



Vision problems - Sudden trouble with vision, even if temporary.



Headache - Sudden severe and unusual headache.



Dizziness - Sudden loss of balance, especially with any of the above signs.







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PETITION TO GET

CELL PHONE COVERAGE FOR CORDOVA

When following up re issues with getting high speed internet access for cottagers on the east side of Cordova Lake at the north end, I was told that there may be funds available to improve cell phone coverage in eastern Ontario. This is an opportunity for us to band together and let the politicians know how important cell phones are to us.

Cell phones mean cost savings and service improvements:

- 1. If you already have a cell phone you could <u>save the cost of a land-line</u> for your cottage by using your cell phone for cottage calls.
- 2. A "Rocket stick" which works over cell phone lines could be used in a laptop computer at both cottage and city, <u>saving the cost of high-speed internet service</u> at one of those locations.
- 3. Emergency cell phone coverage both on the lake and in the Cordova area.
- 4. Increased convenience when using Blackberrys, iPhones, android phones and tablets, which can use either a cell phone connection or a high-speed internet connection.

Please email Ian Sturdee at <u>iansturdee@rogers.com</u> or phone him at <u>613-472-2646</u> to add your name to a petition he will present on your behalf. A total of 200 names will give us some clout. Every possible person needs to sign up.

Leave No Trace

A lake resident on Fire Route 54 is requesting your assistance in keeping garbage on the roads to a minimum. If you rent your cottage, it would be appreciated if you could remind your tenants that garbage should be taken to the dump rather than left at the sides of the road for someone else to dispose of.



Do You Play Bridge?

Marilyn and Bill Schultz are bridge players who tried to find a local club last summer, however, neither Havelock nor Marmora have one and they didn't want to travel any further afield. They spend the summer at the lake and would like to play once a week or so. They are interested in finding other folk who would also like to play bridge. Depending upon the number interested, they could organize a rotation or a marathon to be played throughout the summer, each couple hosting another for a game and recording the scores. Marilyn would like to get something organized for next summer. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Marilyn by email at mandbschultz@telus.net

Shrink Your Energy Bill

Old beer fridges suck 4 times the electricity of a new one and may cost you as much as \$130/year. At least unplug it when not in use.

Unplug remote control devices or adaptor devices or hook them into a power bar.

Switch from incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescents to use $\hat{A}\frac{1}{4}$ of the energy for 10 times longer.

Danny O'Dell

Few things are as soothing as a warm beverage on a cold winter's day. Whether you're hiking through the woods, snowmobiling or skating on the lake, a warm drink always hits the spot. Whip yourself up a glass of this White Hot Chocolate and you'll be in for a real treat!

6 oz. White chocolate or

1 cup white chocolate chips

1 cup heavy cream

4 cups half and half

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Whipped cream for garnish

Combine white chocolate and heavy cream in saucepar over medium heat. Stir until chocolate melts. Add half and half and vanilla extract. Heat through. Pour into mugs and garnish with whipped cream, a sprig of mint, sprinkles, a dusting of cinnamon or cocoa powder or grated white chocolate.

4-6

servings



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- Welding -



Nature is making a comeback!

Bob Brace tells me that he has been on the lake for twenty-five year and has recently seen:

-2 mating pairs of osprey

and a dozen or more flying squirrels trying to get food from his bird feeders each evening. Quite a sight!



Save Money On Your Insurance

Many cottagers may not be aware, that the Fire Emergency Services in Cordova Mines, acquired the Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation.

This means that the Fire Department can pump 200 gallons of water per minute for a period of 2 hours, to anywhere within eight kilometres of Station Two in Cordova Mines. If you are within eight kilometres of the station this could potentially lower your Home Insurance, if approved by your Insurance Company. Although many are over 8 kilometres away from the station, there are still several cottages on the lake that could benefit from a possible lower insurance rate. The paperwork for the shuttle can be forwarded to your insurance company.

A copy of the form is available on the township website... www.hbmtwp.ca

Click on the Services & Departments tab at the top of the page, and then click on Fire & Emergency Services.

Fire chief, Ray Haines, has kindly offered to answer any questions you may have. He can be contacted at 705-778-

With thanks to Sandra Hallowell for writing this article.



Many readers were intrigued by the size of the fish captured in the photos in the last newsletter. Hans Heim sent me this link showing Flying Silver Carp in Indiana! http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=x3Bf0WhvsNk&vq=medium

Thought you might like to watch this one!

Fun In The Sun

Regatta 2012 was a great success in large part due to the hard work and organizational skills of our two co-chairs Dave Carr and Rick Gubb along with a host of volunteers.

We were very fortunate in the weather as the day dawned bright and sunny. The event was well-attended and wellreceived. There were games for old and young alike, two silent auctions and refreshments for all.

Your CLCA executive was present to greet old friends and meet new and to share information about the organization. President Joanne took many photos which can be found on our lake website.....www.cordovalake.ca

We thank everyone who worked at the regatta and everyone who attended. You all helped to make it a roaring success and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



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The diversity of life on earth - biodiversity - provides us with a range of benefits and essential services. Therefore, we must protect biodiversity and ensure our use of it is sustainable. Healthy ecosystems support healthy people, animals and plants, as well as a healthy economy.

Healthy ecosystems give us:

- Plants that make oxygen for us to breathe
- Soil for growing crops and trees
- Bees and other insects that pollinate the plants we use for food and other purposes
- Wood for building materials and paper
- Fibres for clothing
- Forests and wetlands that help control floods and disease, and clean our water and air
- Sources of medicine

 A stabilized and moderated climate

A beautiful world to enjoy and explore.

What Can You Do?

All Ontarians need to be involved to stop the loss of biodiversity. Here are some things you can do to help:

Help monitor Ontario's biodiversity. Citizen science is a great way to get involved in monitoring species and their habitats in your community. Whether you are young or old, there are lots of opportunities to get involved!

For more information on different projects, visit: www.citizenscience.ca.

Reduce your ecological footprint. At school, at work, and at home, we all do things every day that put pressure on biodiversity. The amount of resources that you use in your everyday life is your ecological footprint. There are lots of ways to reduce the size of your ecological footprint:

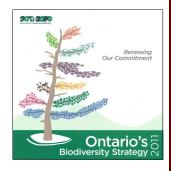
 Drive less! Try walking, riding your bike or using public transit.

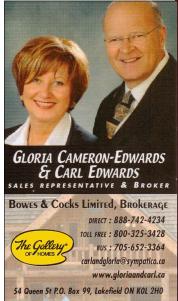
- Reduce your energy use turn your lights off, turn your thermostat down and use ceiling fans instead of air conditioners! For more tips on how to conserve energy, visit: www.energy.gov.on.ca/ index.cfm? fuseaction=conservation.tips
- Peduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Avoid buying disposable products, reuse products, containers, and bags whenever you can, and recycle those that you can't reuse. For more information on the 3Rs, please visit:

 www.rco.on.ca/3r.htm

Get involved in biodiversity conservation. Plant native flowers and trees in your garden, avoid using pesticides, and get involved in community environmental conservation and awareness efforts.

Biodiversity sustains us and enriches our lives - and we need to protect it.





A Sign of Spring!

Cottage Life Show



International Centre, Toronto



Changes to Website

Matthew Santos has been busy at work on our website which can be found at:

www.cordovalake.ca

The photo gallery has been updated and new photographs have been added. In addition, to facilitate ease of use, the businesses and links have been categorized. Should you have any suggestions for improvements to the site, please don't hesitate to let us know.

The Water Column

The mission of this column is to bring about an awareness and understanding of just how grave our world water crisis is and will become. Each column will examine, paraphrase and constructively critique an article written by one of our foremost leaders in water awareness.

Dear Readers

As I write this column amid the blazing colours of autumnal foliage, I am reminded of how truly blessed we are in this great nation, and in particular, here in the Kawarthas. We have never had to enter into the fight for water, the fight for *our right* to water. Ontario is home to more than 250,000 lakes, including the renowned Great Lakes, as well as countless rivers and streams. Most of us are gratefully and hopelessly blasé when confronted about our right to water. We lump it in with the right to breathe. Not so, the naysayers among us are quick to point out. Is our time coming when we may have to fight for our right to water?

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The Epoch Times, by their own definition, is an independent voice in print and on the web. "We report news responsibly and truthfully so that readers can improve their own lives and increase their understanding and respect for their neighbors next door and around the globe. In our approach and in our content, we uphold universal human values, rights, and freedoms." It is published in Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and Montreal, the epicentres of the voices of this country. Thus it is with no small expectation that we might fail to be surprised by an article entitled, Water is Now and Forever a Human Right penned by Anil Naidoo, the project coordinator of the Council of Canadians' Blue Planet Project. In his article he explores the statement that, "water is profound and sacred; it can foster peace or create conflict." Naidoo commenced his article by invoking the voices of two leading authorities who might be expected to know a little something about water.

A year ago the United Nations General Assembly voted overwhelmingly in favour of the human right to water -a right that is essential for life itself. One year later, at the commemoration of this historic vote, the President of Boliva referred to the right as "the Mother of all rights.|" Boliva, the poorest country of central South America, is landlocked. Despite its eastern lowlands being located in the Amazon Basin, it has a water problem. Boliva has consistently sought to regain access to the sea ever since its entire coastline was annexed by Chile following the 1879 War of the Pacific. A Peace Treaty in 1904 granted Boliva access to two ports, later rescinded. The more grateful among us, to attempt sympathy or empathy for this country may try to build a comparison between Boliva and Ontario. As the saying goes, it is like comparing apples with oranges. Boliva has no Great Lake system connecting her with a mighty body of water like the St Lawrence Seaway linking her to the sea. Boliva has a major water problem.

The author of the article declared that water is a right that is so basic that violation can result in death within mere days. How many of us, upon hearing of a survival in the face of insurmountable odds, will read that that survivor, with no access to food, had at least access to spring run-off in the case of a vehicle tumbling over a cliff, precious drops of rain water in the event of being buried alive in an earthquake or stalactite rivulets in the case of an underground cave-in, and that all maintained life with even a meagre source of water. So if you have gotten this far in this column you are thinking that if you personally sat among these august bodies on that morning of July 28 last year, that you would have been among those who overwhelmingly voted in favour of the human right to water. Maybe. Maybe not.

Canada was among the countries who *abstained* from the vote. He says, "...some very powerful countries clearly stated their opposition. These included Canada, the United States and two thirds of the European Union." So, are you wondering why Canada abstained from voting? Or maybe you are among those who certifiably know why we refrained from voting. Fear, my friends. We sit on one of the largest supplies of fresh water, if not the largest. We are being educated to watch it carefully, protect it, lest other less privileged countries covet our water supply. If 'they' can run an oil pipeline from one of our provinces deep into the heart of America, maybe, in what, 40, 50 years, they can run a water pipeline right into the heart of South America with U.S. funding (naturally with some kind of a kickback to the U.S.) and siphon off mega tons of our clean, fresh, renewable, sustainable, Canadian waters, Huh? You think?

Keep in mind that the writer of this article is the coordinator of *Canadians* 'Blue Planet Project. Not a resident of a third world country (the Global South) but working and writing right here in Canada. He writes, "Until last year most governments could claim there was no legal obligation and were allowed to look away in the face of this tragedy. Today," he advises firmly, "looking away is no longer an option." Are you looking away? As you and I sit on our Cordova Lake deck admiring the last vestiges of Nature's spectacular panoramic display, as you and I encourage our children to drink eight glasses of water a day, as you and I use 325 gallons of water per day, are we looking away?

He concludes his article with a chilling though provoking observation: "Water is profound and sacred; it can foster peace or create conflict." After that historic vote in the UN Assembly, he determines that "water is now and forever a human right."

For Canada, for Ontario, for Cordova Lake, this is not a disparaging concept to accept. This opens up many positive measures, that is if you are one of the ones who choose to deal with inequity and injustice, one of the ones who believes in helping the have nots. He writes: "In many parts of the world, water is political and water is power." Has water become political here yet? Are we one of the power countries? Probably. But that is not the point of his article, his perspective is from that of the powerless and those who have no political voice. They have been ignored long enough. He concludes with a triumphant cry, "Water is for all!"

So, residents and cottagers of Cordova Lake, where do we stand?

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Anne Marie Beattie, an Oshawa based freelance writer, has been published in Canada, the U. S. and Bermuda. Like you, she enjoys sunsets on Cordova Lake and for most of her life the comfort of not having to worry about water.

Position Vacant

After many years of faithful service to the Cordova Lake Cottage association, Maureen Carlson has indicated that she will not stand for reelection when her term is up this summer. We would like to thank Maureen for her dedication to the CLCA and her support of its' endeavours!

As required by Article 7/ C/ J of our constitution, this is to serve as notification to the membership of a vacancy on the executive. If you are a member in good standing who is interested in assuming the role of treasurer, please contact Joanne Butkevics at imb@orderline.com



Indian Head Carving

Jan and Joe O'Neill were kind enough to send along this photo of the Indian head carving at the south end of Cordova Lake near the dam. Joe is doing some research on this artifact. which has the name 'Casbo' underneath it. If you are interested in helping him with this or in installing some sort of protective covering for it, we would love to hear from you. Perhaps you know all about it... who carved it, when they did so etc. If so, please get contact Melanie.



Cottage for Rent?

Cordova Lake cottage owners interested in renting their cottage for the week from Sunday, July 22th to Sunday, July 29th please call or email photos and details to Doug Barlett (owner of 557 FR 59). We have extended family coming in from France and would love to have them all spend a week here on the lake with us.



email: <u>dougvekter@gmail.com</u> mobile: <u>613 867 9962</u>

Weather Rhymes

In the 'good, old' days, farmers had many sayings about the weather and its effects on daily life. Although today's weather forecasters are guided by sophisticated systems which inform them and us of impending storms and other weather conditions, there is still a lot of wisdom to be found in those simple easy to remember rhymes.

- 1. Onion skin very thin, mild winter coming in. Onion skin thick and tough, Coming winter cold and rough.
- 2. A cold wet May, a barn full of hay.
- 3. If on the trees the leaves long hold, The coming winter will be cold.





Canadian Winter Molasses Baked Beans

Molasses baked beans were once a common Saturday night meal in many Canadian homes. Economical, healthy and delicious, baked beans are perfect as a comfort food after a day of fresh winter air, or as a source of energy before a skiing or skating excursion. Beans are also an excellent source of protein. And if you really want a traditional maritime meal, serve your baked beans accompanied by piping hot home-baked biscuits... dripping with more molasses!

Serves 46.

| 1 lb | dry white pea or navy beans | 454 g |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | large onion, chopped | |
| 1 can (5.5 oz) | tomato paste | 1 can (156 ml |
| 3/4 cup | ketchup | 175 mL |
| 3/4 cup | molasses | 175 mL |
| 2 | garlic cloves, minced | |
| 1/4 cup | brown sugar, packed | 60 mL |
| 2 tsp | dry mustard | 10 mL |
| 1/2 tsp | salt | 2 mL |
| 1/2 tsp | black pepper | 2 mL |
| | | |

Do not add extra molasses: It will make the beans hard instead of tender.

Rinse beans and soak overnight in water. Drain.

Place beans in a large pot, cover with water and bring to a boil. Simmer for 10 minutes. Drain and rinse beans.

Transfer the beans to a slow cooker and add enough water to completely cover them (about 6 cups). Set the temperature to LOW and cook, covered for 10 to 12 hours (or until skins split and beans are tender). Drain, reserving 2 cups of cooking liquid.

In a separate bowl, combine onion, tomato paste, ketchup, molasses, garlic, sugar, dry mustard, salt and

pepper. Stir in reserved liquid and mix well.Pour over beans in slow cooker and stir. Cover and cook on LOW for 4-6 hours or on HIGH for 2-3 hours.



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It would be appreciated if you would let us know of the important events affecting your family. As a community, we, at the lake, like to be able to share your sorrows and multiply your joys. Has someone got married or had a new baby or grandchild?



Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on <u>Sunday July 8, 2012 at 10:00a.m.</u> at the Cordova Mines Community Centre. This building is air-conditioned and has sufficient seating for all.

Please be sure to put this date and time on your calendar and determine to attend. We usually have special guests who bring much pertinent information with them. Representatives from Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council are often present, too, and this is an opportunity for you to have face-to-face conversations with these elected officials to let them know what is of importance to you. In addition, we review the business of the Lake Association, listen to your concerns and provide answers to questions you may have.

In 2011, we had 42 members at the meeting. We would love to have even more people in attendance in 2012. We hope to see you there.

Good Memories of a Life, Well-Lived!

I recently received an email from Regina King informing me of the death of her mother., Mrs. G. Lapp, on December 22, 2011. She told me that her parents emigrated from Germany in 1951 with 3 children. Canada was the land of the future and it still is! They bought their property on the lake (FR18#1082) for \$500.00 which was a lot of money for them. They worked so hard and had very little money for this, but their father loved Deer Lake as it was called then and they as a family have never turned back.

Their father passed away in 1979 which means that his wife was alone for 32 years. However, the family is very close and she was never truly alone. Mrs. Lapp found new friends on her many travels and always joined those a little younger than she for the Girls Weekend at the cottage. They were a great bunch of ten to twelve ladies and Mama fit right in there like a dirty shirt. They always had different themes.

Though Mrs. Lapp will be dearly missed by her three children, all of whom continue to cottage at Cordova Lake, she lived a good, long life and the cottage is there for the younger generations to enjoy.

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Hans Heim sent along this link to the most amazing photography about the beauty of pollination. You'll love it!

http://www.youtube.com/v/xHkq1edcbk4?version=3%20%20%20%20



