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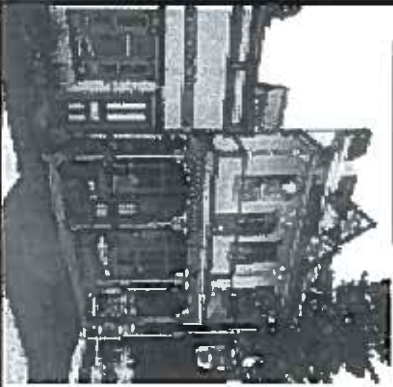

...connecting communities - July 2011

July is definitely the month of celebrating food and Summer! It is National Recreation & Parks Month, National Ice Cream Month, Social Wellness Month, National Picnic Month, National Hot Dog Month, National Blueberry Month, National Grilling Month, National make a Difference to Children Month & National Anti-Boredom Month ... just to name a few ...



Recreation & Social Wellness are Abundant at the Pines! Recreation means different things to different people. The residents of The Pines in Powassan look at gardening more as a way to keep busy and an enjoyable past time then as work.

This year there was an additional garden put in at the request of a new resident Mr. Larry Evers. He has given generously of his time and has offered to be the caretaker of this vibrant garden. We weren't able to chat with Mr. Evers when visiting the Pines but the residents we spoke to mentioned how he enjoys caring for the gardens and it shows with hardly a weed in sight. There are other smaller plots around the building overseen other residents and by Mr. Evers. Flowers and vegetables are in abundance. Along with the gardening, residents here have maintained an active community within the Powassan community—with many activities and celebrations are organized by those that live here—from card games, to BBQs, dinners, Birthday celebrations, Hymn sings and get together for almost any occasion including the upcoming Canada Day where they will be having a 'Dominion Day' dinner. Our best wishes for abundant gardens at The Pines ... we hope you enjoy every bite!!



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Days to REMEMBER in JULY!

- 1 -- Canada Day
- 2 -- I forgot Day
- 3 -- Compliment your Mirror Day
- 4 -- Indivisible Day
- 7 -- Chocolate Day
- 9 -- Hop a Park Day
- 10 -- Pina Colada Day / Teddy Bear Picnic Day
- 11 -- International Town Criers Day
- 15 -- Ice Cream Cone Day
- 16 -- Toss Away the "Could Haves" & "Should Haves" Day
- 18 -- Global Hug your Kid Day
- 20 -- National Lollipop Day
- 23 -- Gorgeous Grandma Day
- 24 -- Cousins Day
- 26 -- Aunt & Uncle Day
- 27 -- Take your Houseplant for a Walk Day
- 28 -- Accountants Day
- 29 -- National Talk in an Elevator Day
- 30 -- Father-In-Law Day

The Chisholm Community Services Committee would like to share our sincere gratitude to those who made our **First Annual BBQ** possible by making donations:

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Community Updates

POWASSAN Peter McIsaac, Mayor - pmcisac@powassan.net Congratulations to the participants of the 2011 Relay for Life held June 17th, in Trout Creek. The volunteers who dedicated countless hours and the 14 teams who walked to raise over \$30,000 this year. That puts the five year total for this event at over \$120,000. The survivors lap proves that events like the Relay for Life make a difference and someday cancer will be beaten.

On July 5th and August 16th The Municipality of Powassan will be holding its Council Meetings at the Trout Creek Community Center. This was made possible with the acceptance of the new Procedural By-Law.

After much discussion and a little debate, the Powassan Council has reviewed and recommended changes to some of the speed limits around the municipality. The posted speed limits will be changed after Council passes the third and final reading of the proposed By-Law at the July 5th Council Meeting.

I would like to personally thank all the sponsors and participants of the Sportsplex Booster Club golf tournament held June 17th, at Highview Golf Course. This year the Booster Club was able to donate \$30,000 to the Municipality to be used toward the renovations and upgrades that are ongoing at the Sportsplex. Dean, Judith and all the staff at Highview guarantee a successful event every year.

Happy Canada Day everyone. Enjoy the festivities at the Glendale Park on July 1st and the Com-manda and Area Anglers and Hunters fish Fry at the Trout Creek Community Center.

Chisholm - Councillor, Teresa Miller - www.chisholm.ca teresamiller@live.com A big THANK YOU to all those who helped make this year's Community Yard Sale a HUGE success! To our office staff for the maps, the community Services Committee for hosting the 1st Annual BBQ at the United Church. To our donors and of course to our Participants! Our next Community function will be August 27th - We are organizing a Horseshoe Tournament, Sand Castle building contest (for the kids) and a Corn Roast that will wind up the day! ... For details and to sign up your teams please feel free to contact myself or Kim at the Township Office. We have been looking into some funding to help with adding playground equipment beside the tennis courts. This will be finalized in September

We are also looking to get organized for the Centennial Celebrations for next year! If you have some ideas please bring them forward! We will be having our first meeting on July 20th at 7pm at the Chisholm Township office hope to see you there! Be sure to enjoy the walking trails and the beach area this year - as well as our tennis courts! Lots to do and see here in Chisholm :) Happy Canada everyone - Happy Summer!

BACKROADS NEEDS U!

We are looking for persons wishing to contribute to the paper by writing stories, articles, jokes, announcements etc. Anyone interested please contact Teresa at miltownsyntems@live.ca (please place "BACKROADS" in the Subject line) or at 705-752-0383 and let me know what you want to contribute!

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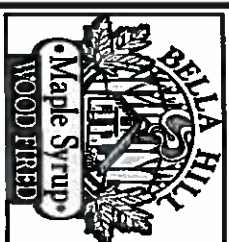


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The Chisholm United Church Women have a hand done quilt for sale—Queen size, white and burgundy/wine with a burgundy/wine border. The design is called a school-house ... workmanship is amazing! They are asking \$350.00. Please call Elinor at 705-724-6223 if you want more details.

*** Grammar has got to be one of the most importantest things ever!***
*** A plateau is the highest form of flattery. ***
*** I have a twin brother; he's identical, but I'm not. ***
*** Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.**



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- In the war of 1812, started by America, Canadians pushed the Americans back ... past their White House. Oh, did I mention that we also burned their White House?
- Our civil war was fought in a bar - it lasted a little over an hour
- A Canadian invented Standard Time
- The Hudsons Bay Company (aka The Bay) is the world's oldest company
- The average dog sled team can kill and devour a full grown human in under 3 minutes — (I am not sure I needed to know that :-)
- We invented: Ski-doo's, jet-ski, Vello, Zipper's, Insulin, Penicillin, Zambones, and the telephone
- A Canadian invented Superman

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July is Anti-Boredom Month

so fight back with these boredom-busting activities!

- Summer's here, you're outta school and you're probably screaming, "Free at last!" But when there's no one telling you what to do, boredom can creep up on you.
- Boredom Busters - Wacky Workout**
 Learn a new sport, literally. Forget typical sports like baseball and basketball, but pick up something that's totally weird and wacky. Whether it's unicycling or parkour (free running), you'll get in great shape and enjoy it cuz you've never participated in such a sport before!
- Boredom Busters - Backyard Camping**
 Camp out in your backyard! Ask the 'rents to help you pitch a tent and invite a few friends over for a sleepover. You can toast marshmallows on a grill and sit around the "campfire" telling each other spooky ghost stories.
- Boredom Busters - Virtual Tours**
 Pick a country and learn everything there is to know about that place. Read up on its history, customs and major tourist sites because you may end up traveling to that place one day. Also try exploring another culture through the library, cultural centers and ethnic restaurants.
- Boredom Busters - Games Night**
 Break out classic board games like Monopoly, Backgammon and Yahtzee! They're fun to play and a great way to spend some time with the fam. If you're not a fan of the old-skool games, then check out new ones like Snap TV 2006 FIFA World Cup Game or Harry Potter Scene It.
- Boredom Busters - Get Scrappy**
 Start a scrapbook. Make it your mission to go on a fun adventure every few days, like hiking a new trail in your neighborhood park or discovering seashells and cool-looking rocks at the beach. Take pics and collect fun things from your adventures and add them to your book. By the end of the summer, your scrapbook will be bursting at the seams! (Article taken from: <http://www.kidzworld.com/> - a great resource for activities and learning!)

What is Social Wellness? Social wellness refers to having and receiving a socially friendly attitude from people and a respectful attitude from the state. It refers to external safety. Social wellness means being aware of, participating in, and feeling connected to your community. It means developing healthy relationships with those around you. Social Wellness encourages contribution to the welfare of the community.



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HISTORY FROM... OUR BACK ROADS...

Commanda Heritage Centre Opens!

In this month's article we will have a closer look at the Commanda Museum (now know as the 'Commanda Heritage Centre'). The Gurd & Area Historical Corp purchased the building and opened the museum in 1981 after restoring the century old building. The building is a fine example of High Victorian architecture and was built in 1885 by a Mr. James Arthurs. He ran the General Store until 1906 when he moved on to represent Parry Sound District in the House of Commons. He is also noted for establishing the 162nd Infantry Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in 1914 and being a Senator for the Conservative Party from 1935 until his death in 1937.

August and Elisabeth Schwarze purchased and operated the store from 1906 - 1920 when it was taken over by Ben and Anthony Schwarze. In 1928 Mrs. Florence Edith Smith purchased the store and she had it moved from its original location south of Commanda Creek to its present location in 1934. It would have been quite the sight to have been there to see the store moving down the road. I believe it was cut into several sections for the move, but this I am not 100% sure of. There are not too many old timers around to ask, and even the younger generation is getting old (including myself)

You are welcome to visit my web site www.toeppner.ca for more Pictures and History. I also enjoy hearing from you on topics you would like to see in future BackRoads, please email me at jamie@toeppner.ca

The next proprietor was Charles Hoffman who took over ownership of the store in 1945 and ran it until 1958 when it was sold to George and Irene Hanselman. The store remained open until 1977 when it closed after 92 years of operation. As a teenager I remember stopping into the Commanda General Store with my Uncle Stan. He wanted to show me what an old time store looked like (although I do remember Cox's store in Powassan.)

At one time the general store was a very important part of a community. Local farmers and lumber camp workers relied on the merchants to supply food items, clothing, tools and just about anything else seeing as it was the only place you could shop. We are spoiled these days with shopping malls, grocery stores, convenience stores, specialty shops and internet shopping. Most general stores, including this one in Commanda, also housed the local post office.

If you have not yet visited the Commanda Heritage Centre, it is well worth the short trip. A fund raising BBQ with Dave Littlejohn providing live entertainment will be held on opening day July 1st. The hours of operation are Wednesday to Saturday from 11:00am - 4:00pm and the museum is open until the Labour Day weekend. The museum has done an excellent job in preserving and displaying artifacts of a bygone era and provides personalized Guided Tours. There is also a Tea Room and a Gift Shop with homemade baking and local crafts.



Game Pages

TIC TAC TOE
 Try to Fill in the Blanks The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 50. The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom. The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

TIC TAC TOE—June 2011 Solution

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CRYPTOGRAM A Cryptogram is a type of puzzle which consists of a short piece of encrypted text. Each letter is replaced by a different letter or number. To solve the puzzle, one must discover the original lettering. Last Month's Cryptogram: "Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. ~Henry James"

Word Search - July 2011

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- DID YOU KNOW ... Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth is Canada's Head of State and the Queen of Canada.
- Canada's land is divided into ten provinces and three territories. (Can you name them?)
- Canada has more donut shops per capita than the United States does.
- Canada's national animal is the beaver.
- Canada's two official sports are lacrosse and hockey.
- Canada's national colors are red and white.
- Canadians consume more Kraft Dinner (aka Kraft Macaroni & Cheese) per capita than any other nationality on earth.

Local Happenings

(Do you have something going on? Send in the details via email or by telephone.)

The Edge youth group for grades 6, 7, 8 Monday 6:45pm - St Joseph Church, Powassan in the downstairs hall All welcome. Call for more details 724-5964

Computer Classes: Free beginner and advanced computer classes every week at the Powassan & District Union Public Library, call 705-724-3618 for schedule

Raising Readers a reading program for pre-schoolers, every Tuesday from 6:15-7 pm at the Powassan & District Union Public Library

TOPS Every Tuesday weigh-in 5:30, meetings 6:45-8pm in the lower level of Powassan Legion. For info call Donna 724-5791

Line Dancing Tuesday & Thursday at 9am-10am at Golden Sunshine Club (walk-in basis \$2 charge) Contact Connie Barber 705-474-5922 for more information

Low Impact Aerobics Tuesday & Thursday 10am - 11am (walk-in basis \$2 charge)

Second Chance Shoppe (Grace House) - Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm & Saturdays 9am-noon

Lake of Stew plays Piebird's 3rd annual Picnic Garden Concert Sunday Aug 7th. This lively blue-grass band hails from Montreal and will be sure to please the crowd from the hay wagon stage in the garden! Bring your picnic blanket, sunhat, lunch or call us to order your lunch grown right at Piebird. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the garden gate. See www.piebird.ca/picnic for more details 724-1144

Legion Friday Night Dinners - Every other Friday night 5pm - 7pm, Call the Legion for Menu - Pricing depends on menu \$8-\$10 per plate. 705-724-2235

Commanda Heritage Centre July 1st Grand Opening BBQ with live music of Dave Little Johns— from Noon - 2pm All Welcome

Commanda Heritage Centre Week of July 20-23 Come and join us for FUN FEST WEEK!

Commanda Heritage Centre July 23rd Community BBQ from Noon - 2pm

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WARNING: Dates in the Calendar are closer than they appear!

From the Kitchen

July is National Hot Dog Month & National Blueberry Month!

Wiener Winner

Ingredients

- 2-3 Thinly sliced potatoes
- 1 sliced onion
- 2 cups of carrots
- 1/2 cup long grain rice, raw
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 6 wieners
- 1 can of condensed cream of tomato soup
- 1 cup of water

Directions

- Arrange layers in order given in casserole. Put wieners on top. Combine soup with water. Pour over top of wieners. Cover. Bake 2 hours at 350F or until veggies are tender.
- Number of Servings: 4
- From www.recipes.sparkpeople.com

Red, White & Blueberry Crisp

Ingredients

- 2 cups blueberries
- 2 cups strawberries, hulled and quartered
- 1/2 cup uncooked old fashioned oats
- 4 tsp sugar, divided
- 4 tsp unpacked brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp light butter, melted
- 1/2 cup Cool Whip, light

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375°F.
- In a small bowl, toss blueberries with 2 teaspoons of granulated sugar; set aside.
- In another small bowl, toss strawberries with remaining 2 teaspoons of granulated sugar; set aside.
- In a third small bowl, stir together oats, brown sugar and butter. Spread mixture in a single layer on a sheet pan; bake, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 15 minutes.
- Spread blueberries and strawberries in an 8 x 8-inch glass dish, alternating to create stripes. (Or prepare in individual serving bowls.) Sprinkle with oat topping; decorate with whipped topping and serve. Yields 8 servings
- From www.recipes.sparkpeople.com

* Lemonade and iced tea—the tastiest drinks for a summer barbecue—are perfect with hot dogs
* Always dress the dog and not the bun

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I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
I wonder how much deeper would the ocean be without sponges

.... from my side of the Road

Dog days of summer - Summer Vacations - Summer School - Summer Camp ... so many memories of what summer means to me and how I spent some of the vacations in years gone by. I'm not sure what my favourite holidays were ... but I do remember some favourite moments ... picking apples from my Grandma Miller's tree in the orchard, picking raspberries with my Grandma Paddison, playing school with my cousins, walking the edge of the fields picking corn for dinner, long walks around the neighbourhood when I stayed at relatives in town, listening to my grandparents read a loud, or chatting with friends about how it was when ... summer camps where the evening fire was my favourite time - singing campfire songs and watching the flames flicker, summer dances and ballgames Oh I could go on and on ... Summer time like all the seasons has its good and bad ... bugs for example aren't my favourite—although I am theirs! :) Weekends that are too short and work weeks that seem to take forever . Taking each day as a fresh salad ... not all that is in it is wonderful but there are parts that explode with flavour and together all ingredients make the day a special one. Summer is like that for me - parts of it are okay and other parts are amazing But together Summer is really good. Enjoy your July everyone - be sure to take time to see the sights in your neighbourhood and remember to let the flavour of your Summer EXPLODE and create Amazing memories ... that's how I see it from "my side of the road" ... Teresa