



The CALLING LAKE Spirit

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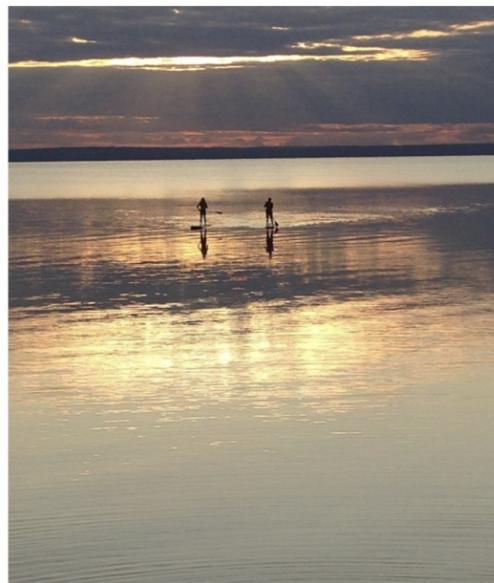
IT IS NOW OFFICIAL!!

We are "The Calling Lake Community Society"

Alberta Corporate Registries has worked collaboratively to evolve from the "Cottage Association", through the term "Community Association" and the Calling Lake Pelican has landed on "The Calling Lake Community Society" which allows us status from the original Registrations back in 1997 along with our proposed Bylaws and name change.



Honouring
THOSE BEFORE US
Serving
THOSE WHO LEAD US
Supporting
THOSE WHO NEED US



Contact us

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Connect with us on Facebook...

THE CALLING LAKE COMMUNITY SOCIETY



Email us at...

CALLINGLAKECOMMUNITY@GMAIL.COM

KITO SAKAHEKAN SENIORS

*Kito Sakahekan
Seniors
Celebrate Christmas*

The name of every Calling Lake Senior will be entered in a draw for a gift card. Daily draws will take place at the post office during the month of December.

*Good Luck!! &
Merry Christmas*

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance is CANCELLED

Patience everyone, stay healthy and connected and we will get through this then back to bingo and birthday lunches.

We have been advised that Job Corp will be shutting down operations so the future of our wood program is unknown. We have enjoyed working with them in support of our wood program and will miss the opportunity to continue.

At this time we cannot estimate when we will be resuming the birthday lunches or bingo but I will tell you we have missed your smiling faces and will start up as soon as we can.

Claudette Ouellette
Chairperson,
Kitosakahekan
Seniors Society

Hands are meant for Reaching out...
Welcoming - lets shake hands
Caring - just hold my hand
Helping - I will lend a hand
Loving - lets hold hands together forever
No matter if old or young,
work worn or smooth as silk
Hands are meant for Reaching out
Covid changed all that
and locked our hands behind our backs
So, our hands can only reach out ...
for a squirt of sanitizer
But hearts and hands belong together
Our hearts are still free for Reaching out
Welcoming, Caring, Helping, Loving
So, Let us keep our hearts busy
Reaching out day by day and
may God go with us day by day



Photo submitted by Shelly Clearwater



Well we managed to get together with our group a few times since September. Due to COVID it has been challenging along with the closures of the buildings. This hasn't stopped any of us from quilting and sewing, we each are working from home and share pictures of what we are working on or have completed.

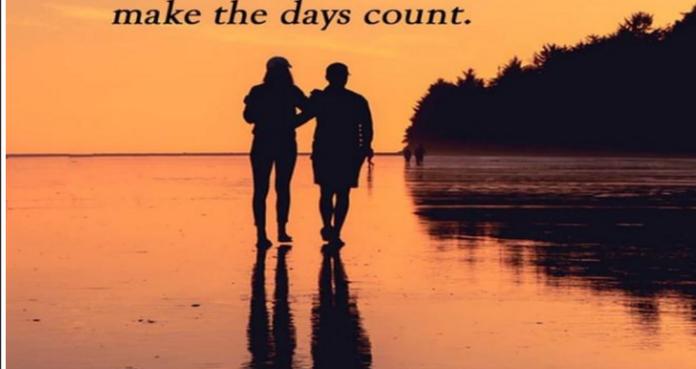
We are also sewing a few quilts which we would like to donate within our community. We need your help on where we can distribute them. If you know someone who is in need and would appreciate the warmth and love a quilt would bring then please send in a nomination. We just need you to submit your story as to why you nominate this individual.

Please address your letter to:

The Spruce Country Stitches
PO Box 7
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T0G 0K0

Gerry Stockburger for
The Spruce Country Stitches

Memories remind us that
nothing lasts forever.
Time is precious and
should not be wasted.
Enjoy life and remember,
*don't count the days,
make the days count.*



The Spirit Advertising rates starting spring issue

In order to help covers costs of "The Spirit" Newspaper we will be offering limited Advertising effective our Spring Edition:

Business card size ad: \$25.00

One Quarter Page: \$100.00

Special Feature:

1/2 page of Advertising

1/2 page of approved editorial \$200.00

(Maximum TWO special features per Edition)

Contact **Kathy Stubbs** to book your Advertising space **Phone or Text 780-719-9949** and thank you for supporting "The Spirit"

Calling Lake Search and Rescue

Welcome New Members!

Calling Lake Search and Rescue is pleased to welcome 5 new volunteer members to our team! Our new recruits successfully completed the SAR Basic training this October with the assistance of Bear Lake Bushcraft Company. The Basic Training included a fantastic weekend of practical instruction on search techniques and wilderness survival skills.



Community members interested in joining Calling Lake Search and Rescue can contact Allan Thompson at trainingofficer@callinglakesar.org. We are currently working with other SAR Teams in Northern Alberta to develop on-line training for new members.

Please email sarcl.president@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to learn more about Search and Rescue in our community.

Allan Young
President

Community Calendar Update THANK YOU

We received just under 200 photos to choose from to create our 2021 Community Calendar. So many have captured the beauty of nature in these pictures submitted. We are so fortunate being a part of a community nestled in the midst of it. These calendars will be available this December \$10



Contact Jennifer 780-777-5390

Zero Degrees Celsius

water cold, crystal clear
water cold, ice mirror

Winter water stills
waves into ice caps
heaves, moans, cracks and calls
translucent blue glows

Winter water forms
solid lake walkways
crusted snow cover
altered by augers

water cold, crystal clear
water cold, ice mirror

Winter water ice
blocks out much of light
plants grant oxygen
resuscitation

Winter water freeze
suspends ebb and flow
captured air bubbles
melt into freedom

water cold, crystal clear
water cold, ice mirror

© Cheryl McConnell



If you pack it in...pack it OUT
Please eliminate GARBAGE IN THE BUSH

I am an avid outdoors person who has been very fortunate to have seen a lot of western Canada's fantastic landscape. This is something we need to pass on to our children and their children into eternity. I am not talking just the parks I'm meaning everywhere every crook and cranny. In the Calling Lake area if one is fortunate enough to get into the bush it is disappointing to find trash that has been left by man both privately and corporately.

There is a motto for anyone going into the wild IF YOU PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT.

Us that are out there let us do our part, let's help clean up, pick up the trash and deposit it in the proper disposal area. Again IF YOU PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT.



CALLING LAKE CITIZENS ON PATROL
 WE ARE OFFICIALLY A REGISTERED SOCIETY!!!!
 Although patrols are limited at this time, we do have members actively keeping an eye on things.
 Stay tuned for future updates. Please sign up if interested.
 Our email address is:
callinglakecop@gmail.com

Be a reflection of what you'd like to receive. If you want love, give love. If you want truth, be truthful. If you want respect, give respect. You reap what you sow.



CALLING LAKE NATURE



Bald Eagle / Mikisiw

Haliaeetus leucocephalus

The Bald Eagle is well established in Alberta. On a typical outing, or anywhere near open water, you are likely to spot one of these birds. Bald Eagles are a part of the sea eagle group and they feed mainly on fish, including fish carrion and the stolen prey of Ospreys. Aerial battles between Osprey and Bald Eagles are among some of the most spectacular sight to witness. The Bald Eagle is not really bald, of course it is merely white headed. The Bald Eagles nest in trees bordering lakes or rivers. Huge stick nests can be up to 4.5 meters across and is sometimes reused by Ospreys, Ravens and Great Horned Owls. In native culture, the Eagle is considered the strongest and bravest of all birds. For this reason, it feathers symbolizes what is highest, bravest, strongest and holiest. An Eagles feather are displayed with dignity and pride. They are handled with great regard.



Photo submitted by Cher Lynn

Raven or Crow?

<p>Ravens are larger than Crows.</p>  <p>Length: 17-21" Weight: 15.4-18.9 oz</p>	<p>Ravens have a heavier bill and shaggy throat feathers.</p>  <p>Length: 22-27" Weight: 15-3.3 lb</p>	<p>Ravens often travel in pairs, while Crows are seen in larger groups.</p> 
<p>Ravens and Crows have different tail shapes in flight.</p>  <p>CROW</p>	<p>Ravens often travel in pairs, while Crows are seen in larger groups.</p>  <p>RAVEN</p>	<p>TORONTO</p>

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Apple Cider

One gallon of apple juice • Whole cloves
Oranges • Cinnamon sticks

Pour juice into slow cooker, add cinnamon sticks and cloves, slice oranges, add to cooker. Cook on low for four hours, scoop into warm mugs, serve with cinnamon stick.



RECIPES AND MORE

Butterscotch Squares

Ingredients:

2 packages butterscotch chips	3/4 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup butter	3 cups mini marshmallows
1 cup coconut (fine)	1 cup walnuts (chopped)

Procedure:

1. Melt butterscotch chips in double boiler
2. Add butter and peanut butter, stir.
3. In a separate bowl mix marshmallows, coconut and walnuts.
4. Remove melted mixture from stove and pour over marshmallow mixture.
5. Stir mixtures together and place in 8" square, greased pan.
6. Cool and slice into squares.
7. Enjoy!



Louise C.



Purdys Chocolatier Fundraising

Milk or Dark chocolate bars 40 grams	\$2 each
	\$20 pkg of 10
	\$40 pkg of 20
Family size bars 85 grams	
Milk Chocolate with Almonds or	\$5 each
Milk Chocolate with Crisps or	\$25 pkg of 5
Dark Chocolate with Salted Toffee	\$50 pkg of 10
Milk chocolate Mini Hedgehogs or	\$5 each
Himalayan Pink Salt Caramels	\$20 pkg of 4
	\$40 pkg of 8

Great for gift giving and stocking stuffers. Get yours while quantities last.

Jennifer at Post Office or text or call 780-777-5390

Nancy text or call 780-519-2748 or

Angie text or call 780-909-8203

All profits will go toward the Calling Lake Community Society to support the productions of The Community Lake Community Spirit

CALLING LAKE
PUBLIC LIBRARY



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UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE DUE TO
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IN PLACE BY MD OPPORTUNITY AND
BIGSTONE CREE NATION.

THERE WILL BE A BOX OUTSIDE THE
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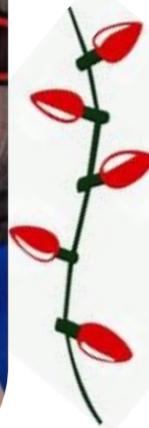
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDER-
STANDING. PLEASE BE SAFE.

"Reading
gives us some
place to go
when we have
to stay where
we are."



GIVE A LADY A QUILT AND SHE HAS
A CHERISHED, PRICELESS GIFT.

TEACH A LADY TO QUILT AND SHE WILL
BUY FABRIC, A SEWING MACHINE,
NEEDLES, THREAD, SEAM RIPPERS,
BOBBINS, QUILTING RULERS, PINS,
PIN CUSHIONS, CUTTING MATS,
ROTARY CUTTERS, BATTING, PATTERNS,
AND MORE FABRIC!



COMING
Soon

Calling Lake
Community Society
FACEBOOK Page



Soak pine cones in 4 liters of water
mixed with an ounce of red food
coloring. Let sit over night and then
dry on a paper towel. Gorgeous
colored cones for Christmas decor!



Orange Shirt Day Sept 30/20

A day to take the opportunity to have meaningful discussions
about Indian Residential Schools and the impact on our children
and Community.

Thank you to the community for creating awareness of Orange
Shirt Day! Bigstone Health and Commission staff were also
participating in Orange Shirt Day by recognizing and honoring
the survivors of Indian Residential Schools in our Community

From the Bigstone Facebook Page





Calling Lake School Update

It has been an interesting start to our school year. The pandemic has impacted every aspect of our day to day operations. Our students, families and staff are doing the best they can under very difficult circumstances.

As we look forward to the future, the school will continue our focus on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes across all of our grades. We are deciding how to re-purpose space in the school to offer different types of programs that will offer highly engaging learning opportunities. We are planning on expanding our land based learning program to connect our students essential learning outcomes, the community and the environment. We will strengthen our Cree language program. We are committed to working hard to make the school a little better every year.

The school Christmas concert has been a community highlight for many years in Calling Lake. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to gather in large numbers at the school. We are going to try a virtual Christmas Concert this year. Class performances will be captured on video and published on the school website. Students learning from home many also send Christmas theme videos to be included in the presentation. It is our attempt to offer a bit of holiday cheer in difficult times.

The school staff would like to thank the community for all the support we have received this school year. The school is looking forward to continued partnerships and connections to our community. Have a good winter and stay safe.

Jason Wiks
School Principal

Calling Lake School History

School was first taught in Calling Lake around 1920 and the first School House was built of logs in 1924 near what we now know as the Cultural Grounds. Amazing that a school lead the way on this land we all share and have an amazing view of our lake.

We know this because Dora Shwaga who taught School in Calling Lake for 30 years (1960-1990) took the time to research and write a book in 1997 called "By a Lake of Sparkling Blue".

Sadly, Dora passed away in Oct 2020, but did leave an amazing legacy with many students and also with an amazing piece of history in which she wrote this poem.

Dedicated to the pioneers of Calling Lake who journeyed into the northern wilderness...

With gun and ax With trap and snare

With net and hook and song

With strong determination

Although the road was long-

By a lake of sparkling blue they stopped

A life and home to make To help their neighbours

And to start

A school at Calling Lake

Dora Shwaga



Canada Post can help you with your Christmas shopping.

Become a Member...

CLCS has a mandate to:

Provide a forum for community development.

We will do this by improving relations within the entire community. We will support community projects as possible for all folks from Youth to Seniors. We will engage all citizens, including full and part-time residents and guests to Calling Lake.

We will seek to be a voice and a conduit for information sharing of matters within the Bigstone Cree Nation, the MD of Opportunity and the community at large including from Youth to Seniors.

Your support by buying an annual membership for \$20.00 is appreciated and will provide you a forum to offer input and learn about who we are.

This membership will provide you with an annual report and access to information regarding Lake Matters, along with community development and events.

You will receive the Quarterly Community News Paper online and via E-Mail and an Annual report and mail out once each year.

BUY a membership as a guest or a family member to support our community.

Each Residential Property or household will be entitled to one casting vote at our annual AGM in May of each year. Purchase your membership now and it will be honored until May 2022.



2020 Membership Application

Calling Lake Community Society

This membership is active until the AGM in May, 2022

We encourage multiple memberships per household, or family & friends. Households are limited to **one** voting member at the AGM.

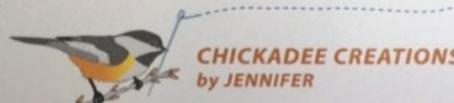
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COMMUNITY SHOUT OUTS



Going out to the founding members, and all who served on the board of the Calling Lake Cottager Association also, to those who support the transition of serving the community as a whole.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To three young gentlemen that on November 14/20 helped us on the 1000 mile road. When they noticed a tie down holding my quad on the trailer had broken and the ATV was starting to fall off, they flagged us down. They then proceeded to help my husband Don reload the machine and confirm that we were fine to carry on.

The next day I was stopped on the highway between Popular Street and the river when another gentleman stopped to ensure that I didn't need help.

It renews ones faith in mankind to see such caring considerate strangers willing to look out for a fellow traveller.

Kathy Stubbs



I would like to commend the Calling Lake MD staff on their attitude and abilities. I have lived in a number of communities over the years, and Calling Lake is at the high of the list. We are fortunate to have a community summer or winter that is well

kept, be it snow removal, grass cutting, garbage management or road maintenance its all done to a top standard.

The staff in the offices, recreation centre, arena, all the MD facility are always friendly and helpful which in this age of negativity is so welcoming.

A BIG thanks to FCSS/MD of Opportunity for the Seniors PPE. We really appreciate all involved.



The Calling Lake Sailing Club

We participated in the ASA casino last month. It was a short notice call for volunteers and I would like to thank Mike Znak and Sarah Leighton and the Manning clan for stepping up and volunteering to work it! We really really appreciate your time and efforts!



Send in your shout outs
callinglakecommunity@gmail.com

LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAY CALLING LAKE COMMUNITY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

Judging on

Dec 20th 2020, 5pm-9pm

Register w/ Nancy Young 780-519-2748 or Angela Lightning 780-909-8203

\$100 Christmas food hampers (top 10 homes will win)



All Calling Lake residents are welcome to enter