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jumping into fall

Adapting to the ever changing Covid guidelines, Recreation Director Linda Rogozinski has been offering up a full plate of socially-distanced programs and opportunities in the Lakeland and surrounding area. Here are just a few:

CPL received funding for a COVID-19 Senior Meal Delivery Initiative. Based on specific criteria, thirty-one seniors registered for a coordinated meal delivery program supported by local businesses in the communities of Christopher Lake, Northside and Paddockwood.

Fitness Classes are offered in both Christopher Lake and Paddockwood and have gone virtual and outdoors to ensure adherence to social distance guidelines. There is a small drop in fee and the classes are instructed by skilled fitness leaders.

After the success of the summer program, Forest Kids, CPL partnered with the Lakeland Early Learning Cooperative to facilitate Fall Programming at the Centre once a week. Programs are outside and instructed using the Growing Wild curriculum - giving toddlers hands-on and interactive experiences in nature this season!

Contact CPL Recreation for more information on local program opportunities.

thanks a bunch!



Vacationland News is a community and submission-based newsletter focused on business, services, community groups, programs and events in the Lakeland and surrounding area.

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faces of the lakeland - NOLAND HENDERSON

A glimpse into the lives of local people from around the Lakeland area, who contribute to the vitality of our communities!

By Jacquie Moore

It's an early evening in fall at Northside's Full Circle station; the sky is dramatic with clouds and the geese are on the move in their perfect 'V' formations. A Toyota Hybrid pulls up and parks. Noland Henderson enters the restaurant, gently nods and smiles at the waitress, and in a soft voice, orders Earl Grey tea with honey.

Brandy Smart (publisher of the Vacationland News) has asked me to do a story on Noland. He and his wife Shirley are her neighbours in the Lakeland, and she is clearly very fond of them. Over our refills of tea, I understand why. A member of the Montreal Lake Cree Nation (MLCN), Noland is respected for his leadership in Saskatchewan. He was a teacher for four years, a principal for seven years, and has always been a mentor to local youth. He was an RCMP officer for 3 years and on the SK Police Commission for 7 years, an advisor for aboriginal policing. He has served the Montreal Lake Cree Nation as the director of resources and environment, as well as three terms as the elected Chief.

Noland grew up in a small community 15 km north of the reserve. "Although my family comes from Montreal Lake, my dad decided to raise us on Timber Bay," says Noland. "He was a trapper - he lived a very nomadic lifestyle now when I think back on it - so part of my life has been in the provincial student residence at Timber Bay. I was there part-time, whenever my parents had to leave to go to the trapline." As the years passed, Noland and his siblings learned to trap and hunt too. "We'd trap for squirrels, weasels, mink, I remember snaring fox ... and then we hunted rabbits, chickens. Most of the northern kids came from environments where it was survival off the land, so dressing and cooking wild animals was second nature." Noland points out the window at the #2 highway. "Just the other night, there was a vehicle disabled here by hitting a big buck. They were community members of Montreal Lake so I got a phone call asking if I'd be willing to come and salvage as much of the deer as possible. The volunteer fire crew was here managing the traffic on the highway. We salvaged about ¾ of the deer - it didn't take us long, about 20 minutes. I brought bags, and we packed up all the meat." I ask Noland where the meat went, and he replies: "The meat went to the family that engaged with that deer."

Noland has many interesting stories to tell about his days as resources and environment director for MLCN. One project was revitalizing the fishery on Montreal Lake, which had been heavily fished commercially. "In 1989 there was a crash, the fish were not there anymore," says Noland. While he notes that beavers and climate were factors as well, it was when the gill-netting stopped that the fish populations came back. "Today the fishery is very healthy on Montreal Lake."

Another project involved working with the provincial environmental department and other First Nations to reintroduce wild elk to the region. "Starting in 2005 and concluding around 2009, we brought in 1300 head of elk where there were no more. We tagged those animals and released them." Noland is obviously very knowledgeable about the natural world, although modest in that. "In consultation with people older than ourselves," he says thoughtfully, "we heard that

nature is a very difficult animal to control. It's got its ways." He smiles. "I can tell you that I think we fed a lot of wolves with the elk that we brought here! Those elk came out of a national park, an enclosed land base with no real predators - they were probably thinking 'What is this thing running at me?'" he laughs.

At this point, he politely excuses himself from the table to go over and say 'hi' to a former student. Once back, Noland tells me about a project he continues to be involved in: partnering with provincial outfitters to get wild goose meat up into northern communities. "Birds in flight bypass all those northern communities," he explains. "They come and land here. The outfitters guide these American hunters, but then they can't really take the birds back across the border, so we made arrangements where we were getting those birds - something like 10,000 birds each season. We'd work with the community leaders to get birds to the Elders, and to school groups to teach them about dressing the birds, and share recipes for cooking them. Covid has stopped that now, I don't expect this year there will be much of that."

In his teaching days, Noland was an outdoor educator. "I organized all the canoe trips, winter trips, ran the Nature and Culture program. That involved taking the kids out of the classroom and teaching them some of the cultural skills of our people - trapping, skinning animals, fishing, preparing fish for food, learning to sustain yourself out in the wild. We'd take out a group of kids, teach them how to survive in the wilderness; how to dress for that environment, how to get dry and warm - what will make a fire, what will burn, we'd send them into the forest with three matches. It was about getting them proud of what they can do, getting them proud of themselves."

Noland retired from full-time work five years ago - but he's still busy. He has been a board member on the First Nations Trust since it started in 2003; this organization distributes a portion of the net profits from the province's seven casinos - some \$55 million annually in recent years - to First Nation communities for specific uses. He's also a senator with the Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC). "We are a sounding board for the Tribal Council decisions," says Noland. "It's basically an advisory role. Most decisions usually have to do with the protection of treaties, and treaty positions. As senators, we will evaluate - to the best of our ability - as to how things will work out and what the best possibility of success is." And if that's not enough, he is the Chair of the Board of Directors for Montreal Lake Business Ventures, as well as for some of their subsidiary companies.

For the last 33 years, Noland and Shirley have divided their time between Montreal Lake and their Lakeland home. Shirley was a Councillor, an elected official, with the MLCN for 22 years. "Shirley is currently the PAGC women's chair," says Noland. "She is very involved with the decision makers of PAGC which would be the Grand Chief, Chiefs, and Vice Chiefs." Their daughter, now 37 and a nurse, went to Christopher Lake school. Their son stayed in MLCN, he's the Vice-Chief there now.

The waitress comes over to our table and asks, "Where's my little princess?" Noland beams and replies that she's back in school now, "but maybe after 3 tomorrow, we'll bring her over here." Noland is also a grandfather. When the waitress leaves, I ask Noland what more he would like to accomplish, what work still needs to be done. He's thoughtful, then answers softly: "I think one of the things I've always wanted is that, as citizens, we accept one another for what we are. For who we are. I think that there's so much bringing out the differences, and less accepting the differences."

There are some people who, after talking with them, you feel better about the world in general. Noland Henderson is one of those people.

The writer, Jacquie Moore, is a book author and freelance journalist. She and her husband Scott have a cottage in the woods at Emma Lake.



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local municipal projects recommended for infrastructure funding

The Government of Saskatchewan issued a press release last month with the announcement that over 120 infrastructure projects are being recommended for final approval under the Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) - a total over \$192 million in provincial funding.

"The two infrastructure funding streams accepting applications during that intake were Green, along with Community, Culture and Recreation. The province recommended projects to the Government of Canada as part of the process. Funding contributions from the federal government, provincial government and approved applicant can vary for each project, depending on its type and the final contribution agreement. Any additional costs for an approved project is the responsibility of the applicant."

District of Lakeland project McPhee Lake Landfill Cover \$ 353,270
Village of Christopher Lake Park Enhancement 2020 \$ 246,700
Plans within the Park Enhancement project include, the completion of the outdoor rink and an outdoor community gazebo structure - both of which can be used to enhance community programming and partnerships.

Government of Saskatchewan. More Than 120 Saskatchewan Infrastructure Projects Submitted To Canada (Sept. 16, 2020).
Available from: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/september/16/icip-project>

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NOTE: Events will be added as they resume. Contact the listing directly for information on COVID related safety guidelines and procedures.

Tues. Oct. 20th Lakeland and District Fire Department Annual General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Christopher Lake Fire Hall. Social distancing and sanitization procedures will be enforced.

Sat. Oct. 24th Flu Shot Clinic 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ambrose Pharmacy, 191 Ambrose Lane, Emma Lake. Call (306) 982-4998 for details.

Sat. Oct. 31st Flu Shot Clinic 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Christopher Lake Public School. Call 1-877-670-1226 to book an appointment.

Sat. Oct. 31st Lakeland Lions Community Halloween - stay tuned for details to be announced soon.

Mon. Nov. 9th R.M. of Paddockwood Municipal Elections 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Location to be announced.



PLN Yoga Free / By Donation Classes

Sat. Oct. 10th Thanksgiving Weekend outside yoga class 1:30 to 3 p.m., by donation, funds raised go towards Alagille Syndrome Alliance.

Thurs. Oct. 15 Restorative Yoga, by donation, funds raised go towards Canadian Mental Health Association - P.A. Branch.

Sun. Oct. 25th Sunday Morning Peace Practice 8:30 a.m.

Mon. Oct. 26th Facebook Live virtual yoga 7:15 to 8 p.m.

Email info@plnyogastudio.com to register and receive links to attend virtual classes

CPL Recreation Fall Fitness Classes

Mondays 6:30 p.m. (outdoors as weather permits) meet at the R.M. of Paddockwood building. \$5 drop-in fee.

Tuesdays 11 a.m. (virtual via Zoom)

Thursdays 12 p.m. (virtual via Zomm)

See CPL Recreation ad for contact details.

did you know?

Canadian Thanksgiving is actually older than the American holiday. The first reported instance of a Thanksgiving in what is now Canada was in 1578, when Martin Frobisher and his crew celebrated safely landing in Nunavut - well before the American feast at Plymouth in 1621.

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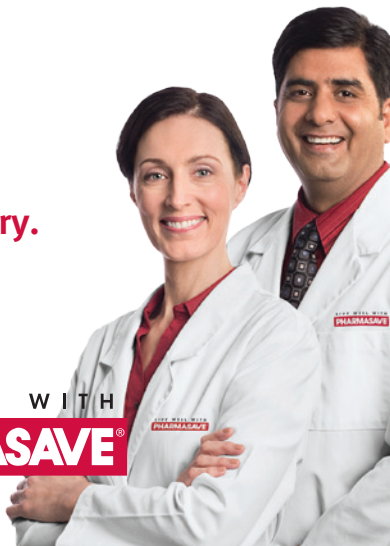
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Guidelines include, General Recommendations, Thanksgiving and Private Gatherings, Fall/Fowl Suppers and Similar Events, Trick-or-Treating, Haunted Houses, Pumpkin Patches and Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

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There is interest in curling this fall, but also uncertainty. To ensure opening is financially feasible, we are requesting curlers register and pay fees by October 15th. If there are enough to proceed, we will prepare the ice, and if not, all fees collected will be refunded. The curling season will begin the week of November 16th and run for 5 weeks, following COVID-19 guidelines from Curling Canada, CURLSASK & Sask Health Authority. If you haven't seen the details and reopening plan, email lakelandcurlingclub@outlook.com

Lake Country Cottage

Due to the cancellation of the annual Fall Supper due to COVID-19 restrictions, Lake Country Cottage is selling pot pies and will donate \$1 from each sale to the local legion branch.

Terry Fox Run

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Zenia Kalyn
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St. Christopher's Anglican Church

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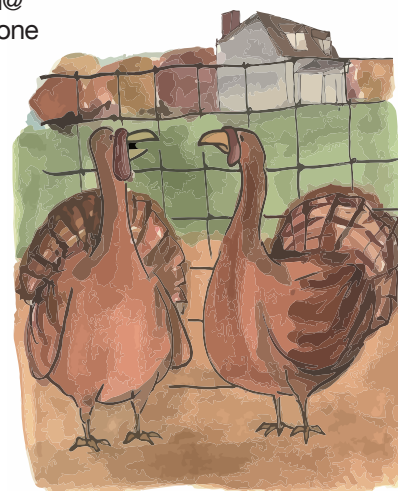
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Use a hollowed-out pumpkin to hold flowers for a table centre piece.

Cover the kids table with paper - set out crayons and give them artistic freedom!

Bake stuffing in muffin tins for easy serving and delicious, crispy edges.

Once cooked, keep mashed potatoes warm in a slow cooker.

Use a thermos as a gravy warmer to free up space on the stove.

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