

CURVE LAKE, ONTARIO K0L 1R0
NEWSLETTER

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COUNCIL MEETING

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 5TH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES BUILDING.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

MENU: ROAST TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

ATTENTION

RECREATION COMMITTEE CHANGED THE LAST ROCK & ROPE CLIMBING FOR FRIDAY MARCH 2ND TO MINI SLOT CAR RACING ON SATURDAY MARCH 3RD AT 6:00 P.M. ON CHEMONG ROAD. THERE WILL BE A BUS LEAVING THE 4 CORNERS AT 5:15 P.M. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE 657-8045 BY 4:00 P.M. MARCH 2ND.

THANK YOU

WINTER CARNIVAL

DON'T FORGET TO COME OUT AND HAVE FUN AT OUR WINTER CARNIVAL ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH & 25TH

THANKS RECREATION COMMITTEE

LANDFILL SITE HOURS OF OPERATION

SATURDAY 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

SUB STAFFING OPPORTUNITY

CURVE LAKE FIRST NATION OCCASIONALLY REQUIRES SUB STAFF TO COVER SICK DAYS AND HOLIDAYS AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE IN CARETAKING, OFFICE ADMIN., ETC. AND ARE INTERESTED IN OCCASIONAL EMPLOYMENT PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME WITH GAYLE AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE RECEPTION @ 657-8045.

ENHANCED FOOT CARE

CURVE LAKE FIRST NATION IS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE SOUTHERN ONTARIO ABORIGINAL DIABETES INITIATIVE TO SUBMIT INVOICES AND AN APPLICATION TO BE REIMBURSED FOR FOOT CARE. THIS IS A NEW INITIATIVE FUNDED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH FOR FOOT CARE. ON-RESERVE MEMBERS ARE RECEIVING SERVICES THROUGH NON INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM AT THE HEALTH CENTRE. MEMBERS SEEKING FOOT CARE SERVICES OFF RESERVE MUST PAY FOR THEM. THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE RECEIVING FOOT CARE IN THEIR HOME COULD ALSO BE ELIGIBLE, BUT NEED TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION TO S.O.A.D.I. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HEALTH; PLEASE CALL ME, JANICE MCCUE OR MELINDA TAYLOR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING.

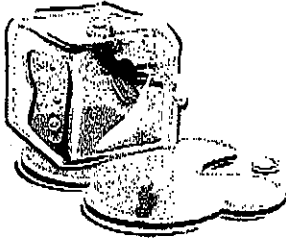
CAROL TAYLOR, MANAGER HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES

Ice Age

At one time cutting natural ice at Curve Lake was a big event as far as the boys were concerned, we would all go down to Henry's Landing to watch the men with their big ice saws. It was a wet job their feet would be in water all day, right in the slush and it was a lot colder in those days. The men worked from day light till dark, of course in the winter it gets dark at five o'clock, but Chief Dan Whetung hire the best men for the job. Like Wally Jacobs and Georgie Jacobs, Claybone Taylor, Herb Irons, Dalten Jacobs, Ben Taylor and they all were great at handling ice tongs.

First of all they have to find a place where there were no weeds, but they pretty much knew the best place to go – right off the sandbar where it was deep and where the ice was 3ft. thick, it was a harbor so it was protected from wind. Like a lagoon or cove it was a great place to go skating and play hockey too.

So Chief Dan Whetung hired a team of horses and it was Veteran Amos Johnson who handled the team to get the hauls to the ice house. The gasoline bar sits on that location now, but I can still picture it as clear as ice. It was made out of logs and good lumber like barn boards making it a well insulated and good sturdy building, it had no problem holding a ton of ice. They stored the ice in neatly placed rows, and then poured sawdust over them. This stacking of ice would continue until it would reach the ceiling. The sawdust was brought in from Lakefield at \$25.00 a ton and was an important insulator; it acted like a blanket so the ice would not melt in those hot summers we used to have.



Fish would be buried in the ice house to keep for a long time, and would be sold to the Americans who were holidaying in the area. They would pack up their ice boxes with our beautiful ice to keep their *feed* well preserved for their journey home. The Americans would come back year after years not only for the great fish we had, but the great guides. Guides like Hollis Taylor, papa Dow Taylor, and Ben Taylor. A lot of these guys worked at Oak Orchards and it was good fishing in them days... meanwhile back at the cove where the ice was 3ft. thick and clear as glass, you could see right through them. After cutting the ice into blocks they would pile them up double onto the sleigh – they would freeze instantly together causing them not to fall off. The boys, including myself would jump onto the back of the sleigh and go for an uninvited ride. We would do this all day... jump on then get in heck and be told to guochmaw, then jump off - team would ride up the road a bit and we would jump back on. Geez we were always in the way, but what fun we had!! But sometimes we would get someone that drove the team and was in a good mood and let us hang around on the sleigh.

But sadly those days are gone and that way of gathering the ice. The lakes are a little more weedy, soupy and buggy. The pollution and algae are thick, so thick that the shagi can walk right on top of them.

