

**WINTER FUN AT CHARLESTON LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK**

by Linda Sutterlin, Park Naturalist

Looking for a winter outing that's fun - and close to home? The rocky landscape is blanketed in snow and the forested trails are still and quiet. Bluejays, nuthatches, chickadees, woodpeckers and grosbeaks add a touch of colour to the winter woods. You can spot the tracks of squirrels, deer, porcupine and red fox in the snow.

The park maintains two cross country ski trail loops of different length and difficulty. Beginners will enjoy the flat Homestead Trail Loop (6 kilometers) while more advanced skiers will prefer the rugged, more difficult Tallow Rock Loop (10 kilometers).

Two warm-up cabins are located along the ski trails. Each is equipped with benches, a stove and firewood - hot lunches and drinks can be prepared on the stove.

The fee for using our ski trails is \$2.50 per day for each vehicle, so pack up the car and bring the whole family! As an added bonus, during the ski season, our Ski Chalet will be open on weekend afternoons. Stop in for a hot drink and warm up by the fireplace.

For more information on trail conditions and Ski Chalet hours, call the park office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays (659-2065) See you at Charleston Lake this winter!

**SWEET'S CORNERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

At the meeting on December 10, Karen Hudson reported that the profit from the Bake Sale was \$447.30 and from the last movie, \$34.04. Barb Donaldson, Pres. explained that raffle tickets (for a hockey stick bench) will be available for purchase at the bank in Seeley's Bay.

A new committee was established to organize the movie nights. The committee was asked to draft a policy outlining the procedure when the projector breaks down and the remainder of the movie cannot be viewed. It was decided to schedule the next movie on Jan. 30th.

Marci Nightingale gave a report on the cost of building picnic tables for the school. It was agreed to ask Rideau District High to build two cedar tables at \$70.00 each.

Dawna Loucks reported that 40 questionnaires were returned concerning the creative playground equipment. 35 replied in favour with 5 not in favour. The committee will make a decision about the purchasing of equipment at the next regular meeting on Jan. 14.

Larry Winters, Vice-Principal, introduced guest speaker, Pen Baxter, Computer Co-ordinator for the Board. Mr. Baxter gave a talk outlining the present use of computers, Board policy and future goals. The broad goal is for every student graduating from Grade 8 to feel comfortable operating a computer and able to make a rational decision as to future courses they may wish to pursue. Computers are used as a teaching tool within the regular curriculum. The Board's aim is that there will be two computers in every classroom by 1990. Mr. Winters noted that presently there is one computer for every 48 students at Sweet's Corners. This is better than the average ratio. It was also noted that our school has a good supply of software. All students have some exposure to computers starting at Grade One.

**LYNDHURST U.C.W.**

The December meeting was in the form of a potluck supper held at the Legion Hall. Mary Townsend was in charge of the devotional. Her theme was Christmas with readings, lighting of candles and singing of carols. The offering was taken and dedicated.

A brief business meeting followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The next meeting will be held Jan. 6 at the home of Helen Moorhead.

It was moved and seconded that a donation be made to the M&S fund. The meeting closed with the benediction. A vote of thanks was given to all who helped with the meeting and a special thanks to Mary Townsend.

**CANADIAN RED CROSS CAMPAIGN RESULTS, 1985**

ELGIN - 575 letters sent (9.6 %) - \$1,145. (16.7%) DELTA - 325 letter sent (5.4 %) - \$370. (5.4 %) GANANOQUE 2350 letters sent (39.1 %) - \$1,605. (23.4%) LANSDOWNE - 820 letters sent (13.6 %) - \$705. (10.3 %) LYNDHURST - 380 letters sent (6.3 %) - \$628. (9.2 %) NEWBORO - 120 letters sent (2 %) - \$160. (2.3 %) PORTLAND - 400 letters sent (6.7 %) - \$1,145. (16.7 %) SEELEY'S BAY - 425 letters sent (7 %) - \$445. (6.5 %) WESTPORT - 600 letters sent (10 %) - \$777. (11.3 %) TOTAL - 6010 letters sent - \$6,860.

In view of the fact the postage spent for this campaign was nearly \$550. and printing was nearly \$200., we did not net as much as last year when we cleared \$6,700. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of the donations received. We fully realize the number of requests received these days. We hope to continue to provide a valuable service to the West Leeds and Gananoque area in 1986 and wish everyone in the area a happy and healthful new year.



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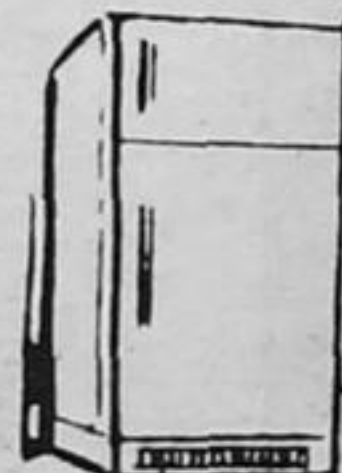
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