The Beacon

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News

·We've been fortunate to again welcome the Hills, our third generation family. They visited in May and for Thanksgiving weekend.

·Our 5th Annual Serenity Weekend was held in June

·Our 1st Annual Beach Volleyball Tournament with Spikes of London came alive on Labour Day Weekend.

· The Lighthouse Landing team (Jim, Sean, Mark, Meaghen & Alyssa) put up a great showing and made it to the finals. Mark was amazing and even came out to cheer after he hurt his foot.

·Our 1st Youth Leadership Week held in August was absolutely spectacular. This was initiated by Peter Buckley and the Diocese of London with 38 youth attending, chaperones and a formation team. The host team worked diligently to plan and prepare homemade camp meals and help with a canoe trip, hike, life guarding and a swim to the underwater sidewalk. My sincere thanks goes out to the 60 individuals who participated or helped to make it all happen

The Lodge Activity Pavilion

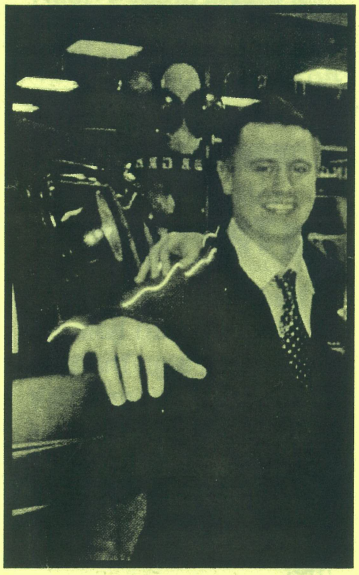
It began with ideas on how and where! We then had to empty the old shed and find a lot of homes for things. The shed was built in the early 70's by a Mr. Morin from Sarnia. He was our handyman and a genius. I could remember that he could fix anything. He made a home for himself in the top of the shed. It served us well! With the help of a back hoe this archive was flattened in seven minutes. Then there was the cleanup, the cement pad, the erection of the building, a window and door and garage door installation, electrical wiring and a breaker system. There were many dear hands that made this possible. Thanks again and again for giving your time and energy to this project. The building has been used this summer for birthdays, pot lucks, kid's time, coffee breaks, Serenity Weekend, Youth Leadership Week, games, singing, painting, card nights, puzzle making, indoor shop, meetings and winter equipment storage.

On The Town

·The Ice Cream Stand in Magnetawan has a new bright sign thanks to the suggestion and volunteered artistic ability of Jim & Alyssa. Our young people never cease to amaze me.

·Jim, Alyssa & I were part of the Summer Singers Choral group. We enjoy sharing the music inside and outside Lighthouse Landing.

·Magnetawan celebrated 140 years and this summer they had a trivia history game. We travelled the roads of our first settlers looking for clues. It was fun and educational.



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The Family

·Alyssa has been a counselor at the camp for five summers and had a fantastic year at Brescia College UWO. She continues with her honour average and earned her Grade 10 piano and Life-Guarding Certificate. WOW!

·Jeff graduated with a degree in Economics and I was lucky to attend his graduation from Simon Fraser University and meet Robert Mundell (Nobel Prize Winner in Economics). Let Jeff tell you the story how that happened. Jeff has returned home and has been hired as an FSR for TD in Byron. Jeff & I toured Vancouver and the Rocky Mountains. What memories!! Jeff also went on to study a summer French course in New Brunswick. While there he met Pamela who studies at UWO in London. What a great couple. Welcome Pamela and family.

·Jim graduated from Althouse College UWO and is now teaching at St. Mary's in West Lorne and his home school Sir Arthur Carty in London. Jim was instrumental this summer in the building of the "Lodge" and solely built a tool shed that looks like a miniature of our last shed. Jim has found a love for building and the list goes on with benches a long table and wooden end table. With the help of Alyssa they put up the soffit on the "Lodge" and designed and built a new shade awning by the volleyball court. Imagine!

·Sean continues with his full time job at Wharncliffe Chrysler. He was recently awarded "Employee of the Month" and his name was up in lights. Congrats! Sean was up for the "Lodge" project and to spread his contagious spirit wherever he could.

·Our billet son, Steve was traded to the Sarnia Sting. We miss him and his curls but we're his biggest fans.

·Rick enjoys retirement and extra time to do what he likes. Thanks for lighting up our world at LL with a new breaker system in "The Lodge" and for building a deluxe fence surrounding our yard in London. – Sudoku anyone?

Spirit Events

What an exciting fall, winter, spring & summer!
It all started with the "Raise the Roof" Fun-raisers at Spikes Indoor Volleyball in London with teams coming out in November and March. We raised $2000 for the Activity Pavilion Project. A special thanks to the supporting souls and soles that played awesome volleyball, music or helped with registration, scorekeeping & prize donations. This keeps us all believing in the wonder of Lighthouse Landing.

Our upcoming tournaments are Saturday November 18th from 11am-4pm and Saturday March 24th at 7pm at Spikes in London. We'd love you, your family and friends to come and play on a team, play music on our open stage and/or donate a small prize.

Special Dates

·In late summer 2005 we decided to enter our favourite summer photos in the Lake Cecebe photo contest. Jim took the picture of Alyssa and young Meghan looking for frogs and it won 2nd prize in the "Life At The Cottage Category."

·Lighthouse Landing made the Almaguin News in August with an interview about an economic outlook on tourism.

Rob & Lori announced their engagement in Magnetawan in the summer of 2003. This past January they welcomed a baby girl named Alexa, a cute sister for Katie.

Ron & Kim were blessed with baby Ethan in March 2006. Our "New Little Lighthouse Landing Campers" came out to say hi at the spring Volleyball Tournament.

·Honeymooners this year at LL were Shawn & Ruth and Rick & Denise.

·17 year Anniversary of Charlene & Steve, 3 years for Gord & Aileen and 30 years for Rick & Fran

·Birthdays for Jeff, Alyssa, Anne, Melissa and Dr. Kate. Joe, Dylan & Josh celebrated their birthdays on their visit from B.C.

2nd Prize Winner in the Life At the Cottage Category

Nature News

·In early July, Roland and his nephew Barrington, went canoeing on the Distress River and found a jelly mass attached to a branch. We sent a digital picture to the Ministry of Natural Resources and met Eric. He identified the specimen as a Bryzon-Pectinatella. There are over 3,500 of these species with 50 varieties inhabiting fresh water. They are "moss animals" with a fossil record dating back 500,000,000 years. Imagine!

·In early August we were visited by a homing pigeon that we named Peter. We were able to look closely at his tags and his home was Scugog, ON (near Peterborough).

·In August we contacted Eric about the late tent caterpillars. He called this fall webworm that feeds on 100 species of shade trees and in the north produces the white moth.

·Eric also spoke about the curious red fox. We've been lucky to see them at some distance. They seem to look at us and then walk away. He said the fox can be easily tamed and it is unwise to encourage them. They can become an unwanted nuisance and we do them a disservice by reducing their natural fear (wariness) of humans.

·In late August, another trip up the river and the splashing tail of Mr. Beaver and a sighting of a Mother Merganser and babies.

·Rick & I visited the Muskoka Wildlife Centre north of Orillia on the east side of Hwy 11. What a wonderful stop over and a place to view the wildlife sanctuary with many native species. Being up close to moose, bear, cougar, fox, deer, wolverine, owls, eagle, opossum, ground hog, frogs etc. etc. was amazing. You can rest awhile in their picnic area. For details and cost visit muskokawildlifecentre.com.

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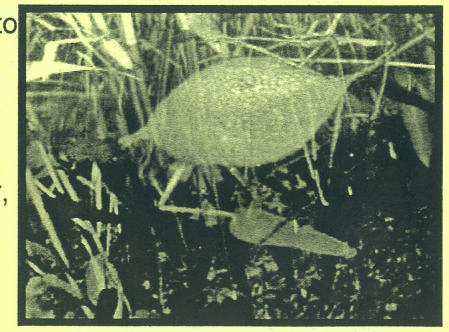

Camp Recipes

Frozen Yummy Treat
From Julia & Christine's Kitchen

Line the bottom of a pan with ice cream sandwich bars. Cover with a ½ layer of cool whip.
Drizzle with caramel or chocolate sauce and top with broken pieces of Skor bars.
Keep adding layers if you wish. Keep frozen till ready to serve.

O Henry Bars
From Alyssa's Kitchen

1 cup peanut butter
1 cup corn syrup
1 cup of brown sugar
Stir on the stove until creamy
Add to 5 cups of Rice Krispies
Melt one cup of chocolate chips in a double boiler and pour over top – Enjoy

"From all the Slee family thanks for this supreme privilege.."

Improvements

13 large dead trees were cut down over the winter by our electrical contractor helping to make the camp and hydro lines safer.
The hawthorne bushes were thinned out and our new buildings were erected along with additional perennials added along the fence line or throughout the camp. Thank you friends for your gifts of perennials.
#1 - Two cozy wooden chairs on the porch
#2 - Dry land border on our beach to protect our waterway from more sand entry. Natural formed steps made of rock by our young campers to help with our exit from the beach. A fun water trampoline for all to enjoy (that's if you can get up on it).
#3 - Fresh new mural and coat of paint on the windows that look out on Lake Cecebe
#4 -Tree removal and new perennials
#5 -Upgraded floor and drainage system to divert water away from the door at #5
#6 - Freshly painted floor and privy interior decorating
#7 - Outdoor trim work
#8 - Floor painted and rainbow drapery and a natural wood curtain rod and a hydro breaker system
#9 - Cupboards were painted, new wooden chairs and tree removal
The Beach Volleyball Court has a new pressure treated Shade Awning.
Throughout the camp the hand hewn benches were sanded and stained.
The main campfire area has a more picturesque view of the lake with underbrush removed.

We Appreciate You Draw

Every time you visit; your name is put in a draw for a cabin or camping gift certificate to be applied towards your next visit to LL. The draw will be made at the Volleyball Tournament in November.
Camping Gift Certificate is $50 and Cabin Gift Certificate is $100.

New Booking Incentive: Tell a family member or friend about LL. Upon their first visit (minimum 3 day stay) you will receive a $50 gift certificate.

Fran's Farewell

I am fortunate to be blessed with a great family who came by to offer their love and support. Anne-Marie, Jesse, Rob & Jane, Gord, Aileen, Shawn & Taylor, Joe, Dylan & Josh from B.C., Patti, Scott, Mitchell & Elizabeth, Cathy & Kevin and Joi & Christopher. What a wonderful summer filled with the visits of family and friends. The camp has given us a great extended family too, with reunions week after week. We can always pick up where we left off and create new memories. Jeff returned from B.C. and enjoyed his time after being away. In his youthful wisdom he summed up a part of what we do at LL. We help to "imprint a memory". We love the photographs that we can keep and treasure but if we can imprint a memory on someone's heart, what a great, great, great honour. This would not be possible if you and you and you and you did not enter the gates of Lighthouse Landing. From all the Slee family thanks for this supreme privilege.