



Apsley Lions

February 2019

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Our annual Winter Carnival was on Saturday, January 26th. The day was bright and sunny but cold! Since we hadn't had much snow and things were icy, we decided not to try and tempt fate and we wouldn't have many outside events. Well wouldn't you know, the week leading up to it, we got snow and lots of it!

I would like to thank Doug Clear, Bernie and Sandra Neubauer for coming out and helping our brave Lions who ran the outside food booth! Frank Pacheco also braved the cold and had ice sculpturing for the kids. Inside the NKCC, we had a yellow python; an alligator who thinks he is a baby lying in his keeper's arms; a tortoise wandering around and many other animals for the kids to look at and learn about. Razberry the Clown and her partner, a face painter had the kids lined up from opening until closing! Various games and cookie decorating kept the kids amused. Lil McCauley and Lorie Vahey cooked up a delicious meal for everyone and then we had an open mic evening. What amazing talent we had entertaining us. Thanks to Merle Post and Frank Pacheco for a lively evening.

February is going to be a quiet month for the Lions. This doesn't mean that we aren't working on our upcoming events. I have it on good authority that the Easter Bunny is planning a visit in April.

We need bingo players!! Wouldn't you like to come out and have an enjoyable evening and maybe even win a little bit of money? Bingo is on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm at the NKCC. We would love to have you.

On January 31, we once again went to Apsley Central School to do vision and hearing screening on kids in JK, Kindergarten and grade one and on February 4th, we are going to the school in Coe Hill.

**Have you ever thought of being a Lion?
Just ask a Lion!**

Don't forget that we host weekly **bingo** games, set for **Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm** at the NKCC.

SNOWMOBILERS RECOVERED

Jack Lake Holiday Tragedy

Two days after Christmas, the OPP were called to assist with a report of snowmobilers that had been located in the waters of Jack Lake.

These two snowmobilers did not return from a late evening ride and were last seen at 11:00pm. The next day, they were located at 10:00am on December 27th, approximately thirty feet from shore and were pronounced dead at the scene. The deceased snowmobilers have been identified as Gerald White (age 76) and Patricia White (age 69) of Toronto, Ontario. They were transported to the Coroners Complex in Toronto for a post mortem examination.

The Peterborough County OPP is advising snowmobilers to avoid driving on lakes and rivers. If it can't be avoided, check ice conditions beforehand, *wear a floater suit and carry ice picks and make sure they are accessible*. No ice is safe ice.

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Summer Jobs + Tourism

- Further to last month's article, the deadline for employers to apply for summer help via the Canada Summer Jobs program has now been extended to February 3.
- On a related topic, the province is inviting visitors, students and tourism industry stakeholders to contribute to a survey intended to help maximize the economic impact of Ontario's \$34 billion tourism industry. The focus areas of this initiative is to "strengthen tourism and attract more visitors" via :
 - embracing a visitor-first approach
 - improving the business climate & sector alignment
 - focusing provincial interests and roles in tourism
 - supporting business and community development
- Before the end of February, please go to Ontario.ca/tourism and click on the Tourism Strategy link.

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Letter to the Editor:

I read the ApsleyVoice with some articles related to ice activities in the January publication.

I just wanted to offer some advice for people that have gone through the ice - your cell phone is going to be useless once dunked. Any time you head out (fishing/snowmobile), **put your cell in a zip-lock bag**. Double zip lock it. It is your lifeline!

Gord Smith, Coe Hill