



# CONNECTIONS

*Connecting to Your World*

Spring Is here!

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Have you been watching? The days are getting longer and the temperature is warming up and I have seen a few geese and a robin. I think the ground hog made a mistake this year.

We have been busy. The Coffee House was on 26<sup>th</sup> February and that always keeps us hopping for several weeks.

We wrapped up a computer class in Ear Falls in February also.

We have an English as a Second Language course running in the evening here now. It has been well attended.

We've also finished up more renovations in the computer lab and have made our bathrooms more handicapped accessible. We have also just finished the installing of lift chairs.

We have numerous courses ongoing. English as a Second Language has continuous intake so please call if this will fill a need for you or someone you know. Excel and Simply Accounting at 2 levels are running in the evening. It is a bit late to register now, but please call to register for the new sessions that will be offered in September.

We always have a drop-in computer lab on Friday mornings. Gene is available to walk you through questions on almost anything computer related. Don't sit and wonder; drop by and learn.

Meatless Cooking is another exciting new offering. A 5 week course (meals included) will be starting April 27<sup>th</sup>. The classes will be offered Tuesday and Thursday evening. Register today.

To see what we have to offer or if there is something that you are interested in, please visit our website at

[www.redlakeadulthoodlearning.org](http://www.redlakeadulthoodlearning.org)

## Coffee House



The Coffee House of 2010 was a success. We had a variety of artists, and they were all fantastic. We had some that sang and some that read stories and poetry. We had some that played guitar, piano, accordion and mouthorgan. We even had some comedians. We had a couple of people that shared their art with us. And we had free coffee and homemade dainties. It was a recipe for a fun evening.



We strive every year to have a place where adults can display their talents. We feel that children always have lots of places to demonstrate how talented they are, but adults do not get that opportunity. We have been asked to have children perform on the night of the Coffee House and we reluctantly decline, so that we can keep it strictly for adults.



And we try to get enough sponsors so as to keep it a free evening for the Red Lake Community to enjoy.

It seems to be just what the community needs, as it is always well attended and participants are eager to fill up the time allotted.

We skipped last year, only because we were without a sound system and lighting. This year the Legion had received a generous \$5,000.00 donation from the Chukuni Community Development Corporation and Local Initiatives funding. It worked very well and with the lighting lent to us by the high school, we were able to lend a very professional touch to the evening.

We are already planning next years Coffee House for February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011



## Enabling Accessibility Fund

We had a visit from Greg Rickford on February 5, 2010, when he presented us with a cheque enabling us to improve our access for people with disabilities.

We have used this cheque for \$29,895 to install lifts to the computer labs and restrooms. The restrooms have also been upgraded to accommodate those in wheelchairs or walkers.

We have a growing population in Red Lake of people that are aging or handicapped. But they are still wanting to get out and about and are still wanting to learn new things, especially computer skills. We were anxious to upgrade to accommodate these people. We are very grateful for the grant that made this possible.

## Spring Basket

Cindy Alcock of Balmertown was the winner of the Spring Basket drawn on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone for supporting us through ticket purchases. Hope Cindy enjoyed all the goodies



## Recipe Corner

### Goofy Cake

- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp soda
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- ½ tsp cloves
- 2 tbsp vinegar
- ¾ cup oil
- 2 cups applesauce
- 1 cup raisins or dates or nuts

Sift first seven ingredients into a 9 x 13 inch pan. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Bake at 350° for 45 - 50 minutes.

## Ear Falls News

Our Ear Falls office is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with an instructor present at all these times. You can find us at 14 Spruce Street, Ear Falls. Our phone number is 222-2413 and our email address is [eflearn@bellnet.ca](mailto:eflearn@bellnet.ca)

## Computer Classes in Ear Falls



On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the Red Lake District Adult Learning Center offered a free computer skills course to workers in Ear Falls affected by Canada's current economy. Instructor Gene Vallee taught two classes each day at the Labour Adjustment Center for six weeks. Up to sixteen students who desired to learn more about computers and the software used in today's workforce attended the classes. The students were taught basic computing fundamentals, and then moved on to the Microsoft Office 2007 suite. The students become proficient in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, creating projects ranging from Résumés and Cover Letters, to Budgets and Presentations. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, a Graduation ceremony was held in honor of the hard work and dedication of all the Students. Pizza, pop, and cake were handed out along with certificates of completion from the Adult Learning Center.

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## Sponsors for 2010/2011

"It is not how much you give or do, but how much you put into giving or doing." ...and we are very grateful for those people in our lives.

Here is a list of this year's Corporate Sponsors.

- Contact North
- Goldcorp – Red Lake Mine
- Hotel 105 Bar and Grill
- Keewaytinook Okimakanak
- Lundy's Foods
- Red Lake Career & Employment Services
- Red Lake Marine Products Ltd.
- Red Lake Lions Club
- Royal Canadian Legion – Red Lake
- Russel S. Smart, Barrister and Solicitor
- Sobey's – Red Lake
- Subway
- The Water Buffalo

If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor for the 2010/11 year, we have an information package available to anyone interested. Please contact our office for more information.



## Thermal Heating & Gardening Classes

Dave Erb was back to his old science tricks at the Learning Centre on April 08<sup>th</sup>. He provided an entertaining evening while making us more aware of the fundamentals of a Geothermal Heat Pump. Dave never just lectures; he gets everyone involved and working.



Of course it wouldn't be Dave without some fireworks

Ian Mochrie provided a 5 week gardening course with practical tips for successful gardening in our area. Below is a picture of some plants we started in class; notice how beautiful they still are!

