

**NEBAGAMON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY, 2018**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To welcome businesses, community groups, and citizens of Lake Nebagamon, WI to participate in the promotion of the community. Our objective is to work together to inform Lake Nebagamon, WI area of local news.

**MEETINGS:** We meet the second Tuesday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. The location is at the Lake Nebagamon, WI Auditorium, downstairs on the lower level. Please use side entrance.

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**NEWS SUBMISSIONS:** Deadline is the 20th of each month. Publication is on the 23rd of each month. News items can include community events, business events, school activities, church activities, etc. We will, publish articles on people of interest, local history, etc. Please contact the Editor, Debra Anderson. (Contact information provided above.)

If there is anyone that would like to volunteer to help with the distribution of the Newsletter, please let Debra Anderson know,

This Newsletter is a "Work in Progress" and will eventually have the format a Newsletter should have. In the meantime, we are working on formatting, the logo, and layout. Thank you for your patience.

Another goal of ours is to be on Facebook and to have a Web Page designed. This will enable the public to have access to information for our area, be up to date on events that are occurring, and provide input.

Also, if you would like to have the newsletter e-mailed to you, please contact Debra Anderson at [deblnews@outlook.com](mailto:deblnews@outlook.com). She will add you to the e-mail list for distribution of the newsletter. We will not be mailing the newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service.

**FEBRUARY, 2018 EVENTS:**

1. Buti Yoga is taught at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium (upstairs) by Elizabeth Kessler. Buti Yoga is a style of yoga that combines jump training, dancing, and yoga. This is a more intense workout. Buti means "a secret remedy or cure." The classes will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. During the month of February, 2018, the classes will be held on February 5th; February 16th; and February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Everyone is welcome.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **ABOUT OUR FEATHERED AND FURRY FRIENDS**

During the freezing weather, animals' paws or feet can suffer frostbite in a matter of minutes. Once frostbitten, the area can take over a year to heal. This of a burned and raw paw that will be walking on hot asphalt this summer. This is double the pain and suffering for our furry friends.

Leave your animal companion out for a very short time to relieve him/herself and switch to using baking soda to thaw ice. Rock salt contain toxic chemicals that burn feet. When the animal cleans him/herself, the toxins are deadly.

There are WI State Statutes that protect animals from neglect and abuse. The Statutes require shelter, water, food, and cleanliness. The State Statutes are 951.01 to 951.15.1.

We all must be the eyes and ears for those that cannot speak for themselves. So, please help protect neglected animals by taking a stand and reporting animal abuse. And, be kind to your own pets. Pets get just as cold and lonely as humans do, so do the right thing and take care of them properly.

## **NATURE ALL AROUND US**

Written By Barb Resheske

The GBBC is coming!

The Great Backyard Bird Count will take place February 16th through the 19th, 2018.

Why count birds???

In 2017, 210,000 participants in 140 countries counted 5,940 species, with a total of 986,786 birds counted. The survey showed birds moving and staying farther north than usual. You might notice that wildflowers are changing too. As birds fly over, they carry and release seeds in their droppings. I'm seeing wildflowers new to this area. I now have asters in my garden that I didn't plant.

You can help by counting as little as 15 minutes in your yard, at your feeder, or from your window. Just go to [www.audubon.com](http://www.audubon.com) to register.

FYI, there is a "Rare Bird" alert that notifies thousands of birders to areas where rare birds appear. These birders stay, shop, eat locally and often return the following seasons. Cities can receive up to \$130,000 in grant money for enhancement of its bird habitat.

Birding has its advantages in many more ways than tracking birds. It can benefit municipalities too. You can visit the "American Birding Association" site for information. Three years ago, I had a Western Grebe land in my yard. Far off course, it is usually found on the Pacific Coast. The D.N.R. confirmed the bird. That was very exciting.

Birders have life lists and will travel all over the world to add to their list. My list is a paltry 93, while some baby boomers have 7,000. An intriguing non-fiction book a man's quests is "All the Birds in the World".

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## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### GOOD NEIGHBORS!

It's snowing again. Every time it snows, I worry about how I'll get out of my driveway. And, every time it has snowed for many years, my wonderful neighbor, Kevin Knaack, snowblows me out. When I had pulmonary embolisms and was on death's door, my wonderful neighbors, Kevin Knaack and his Father, Fred Knaack rushed me to the hospital.

Sainthood runs in this family. Their boys are always willing to help with lawn care. The family driveway is filled with teenager's cars, their basketball hoop a draw for many kids all summer long. Hearts as big as Texas, Stacy and Kevin Knaack open their home to many.

In 2015, Stacy, Kevin's generous wife, took it upon herself to start a Robotics program for the Northwestern School District. Even after their own children went to other pursuits, she was the force behind the continuation of the program. Fundraising, borrowing kits from CESA in Ashland (the kit contains 700 small pieces and had to be counted after every use...which Stacy and Kevin did), writing manuals, attending Board Meetings, finding used computers for kids to program, being at the Elementary School to teach and mentor children in the STEM system of Robotics every Tuesday and Thursday since 2015. And, all of this was done on their own time and after work... come rain, snow, and blizzards.

Denfeld High School students took second in the world championships. There is a \$40,000 budget just for robotics in one Duluth School.

The STEM system uses science, technology, engineering, and math to program robots. All children can participate in this program and use their abilities.

Without Robotics, we wouldn't have prosthetic limbs and other pertinent medical devices. Refrigerators that make ice, automatic door openers, conveyor belts, car starters, you name it—they all had to be programmed for the convenience of our people.

Our own Northwestern STEM teams have gone to state competitions, having created robots that must meet certain criteria, i.e., run, climb, lift, navigate, and be properly programmed to compete with other teams in a maze challenging format.

Expenses are paid for with a few donations, fundraisers, and with the help of the Knaacks. Please consider helping this worthy educational opportunity for children of this School District. The program is in need of used laptops, mentors, coaches, and money.

Please contact Stacy and Kevin Knaack at 218-310-2303.

THANK YOU!

The Nebagamom Community Association wants to thank all of the volunteers who made our Halloween and Christmas events a success! We couldn't have done it without you. The following are students who generously donated their time to help decorate, clean, and assist the Nebagamom Community Association. You Kids rock!

Alyssa King, Ryan Kelly, and Isabella Gerber, a million thanks!

### CHURCH NEWS:

The Lake Nebagamon Presbyterian Church will meet at Solon Springs Presbyterian Church for the month of February, 2018, The Solon Springs Presbyterian Church will meet at Lake Nebagamon Presbyterian for the months of January and March, 2018. Services at both Churches will begin at 10:30 Sunday morning.

Everyone is welcome.

PLEASE NOTE: If other Churches in the area have news, please contact Debra Anderson to get the information into the next Newsletter.

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Will return in March, 2018 Issue.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"The first to apologize is the bravest.  
The first to forgive is the strongest.  
The first to forget is the happiest."

Unknown.