



Winter Wonderland - Winter is in full swing here in Indian Lake.

Moose River Plains is drawing throngs of snowmobilers, ice shanty's are appearing on our lakes and ponds, and almost every other car has a rack on top to carry ski's or snowboards. The smell of woodstoves and fire-places fill the air with the scent of warmth.

For the sportsman Varying Hare and Ruffed Grouse provide a reason to venture out into the woods. The ice shanty's also give a reason to spend an afternoon outside. Some shantys are simple pop-up devices that can be pulled along on a small sled. Others are more ambitious with comfortable construction and a well designed heat source.



First snowmobile ride out to the leanto. Note the Chainsaw!

For the business community this can be a challenging time of year. If the weather is just right, and we receive regular snowfall, it can also be an opportunity to meet new customers and and make new friends. People tend to linger longer in the restaurants and pubs, enjoying the conversations and learning more about happenings in our town.

While winter can be a time to take a break for some businesses here at the Chamber it seems things do not slow down. We are always busy helping our winter visitors locate trails and restaurants, retail stores and cultural facilities, or where they can find materials to fix or improve their camps or locate contractor's. Telephone and email contacts pick up after the holidays as remote tourists start planning their vacation trips to the North country. It is also a great time to get a jump on planning more events, updating hiking maps (and getting another 10,000 printed), and spending time visiting our member businesses to learn more about their plans for the year. If your organization or business has something planned please let us know and we will do all we can to promote it.

*- Bill Murphy, President -
Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce
Board of Director's*

- Business After Hours -

This year on January 23rd the Chamber will sponsor the first of a series of Business After Hours events. It will be an opportunity to have all interested parties come together to share business ideas and offerings and upcoming events Residents are also encouraged to attend and share their thoughts and ideas on local businesses. We will collect input on topics of interest and arrange professional speakers for further gatherings. The evening hours (6:30 - 8:00 PM) will allow most business owners to attend without taking time away from their daily business requirements. The first event will take place at the Indian Lake restaurant & Tavern.

Snocade is Coming!

This year's Snocade week will be bigger and better than ever! During the week of February 18-25 there will be all kinds of events, from dogsled rides to fireworks. From snowshoeing to barnfires. Our outdoor sports, cultural and culinary opportunities will be on display. Visitors will find something to fulfill their interests no matter what they are. For a full schedule contact the Chamber office.

Ice Fishing?

**Indian Lake/Blue Mountain Lake
Fish & Game Club
annual Ice Fishing Derby,
January 21 at Byron Park.
This event usually sells out so
register early.
Hourly prizes and great door
prizes.
Contact the Chamber office for
full details.**



Member Spotlight -

Proprietor Tim Pine, Pine's Country Store

We interviewed Tim on December 31, 2016

How long have you lived in Indian Lake?

I've lived here full time for 23 years.

When did you start the business?

My father Stu Pine retired here in 1984 and purchased the store from Dick Seacord . In 1993 my wife Joanna and I moved to Indian Lake and got in on the family business.

What is the best part of running your own business?

The best part about running your own business is meeting new people and the new challenges every day. The other best part is getting to live here in Indian Lake.

What is the funniest thing you ever saw in Indian Lake?

I remember one of the first winters my parents moved to IL. There was an 18 wheeler parked on the ice on Lake Adirondack, or the time there were 2 pigs running around the Grand Union parking lot.

What do you do for recreation?

Skiing, snowmobiling, ice hockey, boating, waterskiing, hiking, and the list goes on. Everything and anything outdoors. IL has everything!

Why are you a Chamber member?

Pine's Country Store is a chamber member because everything and anything the chamber does brings people to town which benefits everyone, even non-chamber members. So why not support them.

What services would you like to see the Chamber add?

Wow services the chamber could ad... I think the chamber already does a good job , but maybe more outreach to the town and towns people. We need to get more people involved and working together because we are all in it together.

Thank you Tim for all you do for Indian Lake - Indian Lake Chamber



First Responders News -

On February 18 and 19 the all-volunteer Indian Lake Fire Department and Ladies Auxillary will man the very popular Pancake Breakfast. Not only will you have an opportunity to support these great organizations but you will get a fantastic breakfast in the bargain. Contact Chamber for hours. Hope to see you there!

Chef in Training



Supervisors



Future Fireman



Calendar Highlights -

- January 21 - Ice Fishing Contest
- February 17-25 - Snocade
- February 17 - Tricky Tray ILCS
- February 16 - Spaghetti Dinner American Legion
- February 17 - 25 - **Snocade**
- February 18 - Book & Bake Sale Town hall
- February 18-19 - Craft Fair ILCS
- February 18-19 - Firehouse Pancake Breakfast
- February 20 - Cold Water Rescue Demo
- February 21 - Snowshoe Hike
- February 22-23 - Snowmobile Ride (2)
- February 21 - Starscape ADK Museum
- February 23 - Murder Mystery Dinner ILT
- February 25 - Duct Tape Sled Races
- March 17-19 - St. Pat's Day Weekend Events
- March 18 - Irish Road Bowling

These are just a few of the events scheduled. For a complete list contact Darrin or Sylvia at the Chamber - 518-648-5112