



Suzie's Diner in Bryson is closed for the foreseeable future after snow buildup caved in the building's roof on Feb. 18. Owner Suzie Romain-Pullen said she is currently weighing her options regarding the businesses' future. "I don't give up too easily," she said.

Donald Tuema-Castelletti, The Equity

CALEB NICKERSON
BRYSON Feb. 18, 2019

A Bryson entrepreneur is reeling after the roof of her restaurant caved in early last week due to built up snow. Suzie's Diner was located right in the heart of Bryson, situated in what was formerly the old Bryson movie theatre. Owner Suzie Romain-Pullen purchased the building back in 2013, with the intention of turning it into a cabaret style restaurant where patrons could take in a show along with dinner. At the time she operated the neighboring Café Canusa, a bakery and café.

Unfortunately, in January 2014, the building was gutted by a fire. Undeterred, Romain-Pullen was able to re-open the business as Suzie's Diner in August of 2015. "It's hard," Romain Pullen said. "The roof's been the same since the fire. We've never had any problems with it, it never even leaked." The collapse deposited a heap of snow in the middle of the restaurant's dining room. When THE EQUITY reached Romain-Pullen, she was working to remove the snow and salvage what's still usable.

In addition to this latest setback, she added that the diner was burglarized late last year. "I'm going to have to get a brand new roof for sure, or demo the whole building," she said. "I'm not too sure what my plans are right now." Despite the harsh hand she's been dealt, Romain-Pullen was optimistic and thanked the local community for their compassion. "I'm very community supportive, so of course the community supports me," she said. "I built it before, I can build it again."



Hébert fired

Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY
Former CISSSO CEO Jean Hébert was fired by Quebec Health Minister Danielle McCann on Feb. 20. Hébert and CISSSO administrators have been facing heat from Pontiac residents after the reform of the province's healthcare network in 2015.

CHRIS LOWREY
PONTIAC Feb. 20, 2019
The CEO of the Centre intégré de Santé et Services Sociaux de l'Outaouais (CISSSO), Jean Hébert, has been fired by Quebec's Minister of Health, Danielle McCann. Hébert got his marching papers on Feb. 20 after the minister was presented with a report that chronicled the issues that have been facing CISSSO and drawn the ire of Pontiac residents. He had been in the position since the creation of CISSSO in June 2015. CISSSO has come under fire in recent years in the Pontiac for several cutbacks to the region's healthcare network. One of the most polarizing decisions was to implement paid parking at the Shawville Hospital. Residents quickly mobilized and formed a Facebook group called Pontiac Voice. With over 2,500 members, the social media page regularly directed anger at both former Health Minister Gaetan Barette and Hébert. In fact, Pontiac Voice representatives called for Hebert's resignation in December of 2018. They joined others like the Warden of the MRC Gatineau Valley, Chantal Lamarche, who also called for a change at the top of CISSSO. Many of the complaints directed at CISSSO from this region centre around excessive centralization in urban areas at the expense of rural ones. McCann responded by appointing Sylvain Gagnon as a special representative tasked with compiling a report for the minister. Pontiac Voice issued a statement applauding "the quick actions taken by Minister McCann." The statement went on to say that the group is hopeful that the residents of the Pontiac will get the level of care they were accustomed to before the cutbacks. "We used to have the best organization," the statement said. "Decisions were made locally, by management who listened to the residents and employees." In the meantime, CISSSO's former assistant CEO, Josée Filion, will take on Hébert's duties. Filion has served as CISSSO's Assistant CEO since December.

150 on the 148

CALEB NICKERSON
PONTIAC Feb. 18, 2019
Police in the Pontiac area have been busy nabbing several speed demons over the past week. On Feb. 18, MRC des Collines Police clocked a young Dale Earnhardt fan going 150 km/h eastbound on Hwy. 148 at the four-lane section of the highway in Luskville. The driver, an 18-year-old man from Campbell's Bay had his licence suspended for seven days and his vehicle towed from the scene. He also received a \$1,078 fine and 10 demerit points. Those under 23 have a maximum of eight demerit points and those with learners or probationary licences only have four. Once the fine has been paid, the SAAQ will revoke the license of someone who exceeds the limit for three months to a year, depending on the severity of the charge. "It's many months and when he's going to renew his license, there's going to be extra fees," explained MRC des Collines Police Sgt. Martin Fournel. Fournel added that unfortunately, speeding is fairly common on the highway, and it's hard for the force to cover so much ground. "I would say the 148, it's basically a straight line, that's why we're doing lots of speed [checks]," he said. "We don't see them all, so when we catch someone like that, we like to tell. It's a good reminder that people need to slow down." "There's lots of animals crossing the 148, we have a lot of accidents with deer, so it could have been a lot worse if you think about it," he added. In a separate incident on Feb. 20, a 38-year-old Shawville man was stopped by MRC des Collines Police in Masham going 96 km/h in a 50 km/h zone. He received a \$666 fine, 10 demerit points and had his licence suspended for seven days.



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

The Fort Coulonge Senior Comets were eliminated from the Outaouais Senior A Hockey League playoffs this weekend following two back-to-back losses to the Cornwall Prowlers. Pictured, Stéphane Paré battles with a Prowler player during the game at the Fort Coulonge arena on Friday night.



Your old waiting room chair



Your new waiting room chairs

Your customers need NEW in the office? Steve can help! Think **Pontiac Printshop** More than just printing and free delivery too! **Pontiac Printshop** 819-647-2204 133 Centre St., Shawville QC

MoP tax hike a “difficult decision”: Labadie

CHRIS LOWREY
MUNICIPALITY OF PONTIAC
Feb. 27, 2019

With some businesses in the Municipality of Pontiac facing a tax increase by at least 40 per cent, entrepreneurs are making their frustrations known to Mayor Joanne Labadie.

The tax rate for commercial properties has gone from 67 cents per \$100 of evaluation on a property to \$1.10 per \$100.

While she acknowledged that businesses will face a steep increase this year, the municipal council decided it was easier for businesses to shoulder the increase than residents.

“The feeling of council was that the 4,000 residences of the municipality

had been subsidizing the businesses and they felt that it was time that businesses – like in other municipalities – paid for their share of the taxes as well,” she said.

She pointed to the fact that, in other municipalities, businesses must make their own waste disposal arrangements whereas in the Municipality of Pontiac, businesses are able to use the municipal waste removal.

She also said that many businesses have the ability to write off some of the increased costs.

Labadie said this was fair because in many cases, the businesses pay the same rate as residents do but they use more of the

services.

“The thinking at council was that the businesses hadn’t been paying the taxes and we certainly went lower than we could have,” Labadie said. “We’re still below what many of the other municipalities are charging their businesses.”

Labadie said that with the floods of 2017 and the recent tornado that tore through the municipality, several property evaluations decreased. Coupled with the residents moving out of the municipality after their properties were condemned after the flooding and Labadie said there was a severe shortage in tax revenue.

“We had no growth in 2018,” Labadie said.

Labadie pointed out several factors that led to the need for a tax increase: MRC des Collines municipal shares increased by 5.89 per cent, a new collective bargaining agreement – along with retroactive pay – and an increase in the snow removal budgets are among the reasons.

She pointed to the 4.3 per cent property tax increase for residents and said that when the savings in service taxes for things like waste removal are factored in, it drops the average property tax increase to around 2.2 per cent.

But that still doesn’t help some businesses.

For instance, Siri Ingebrigtsen runs Avant Garde Horse Farm in

Luskville and said she’ll be facing a tax increase of around \$1,500.

“Why do we have to pick up the slack for everybody else?” Ingebrigtsen asked last week.

Although Ingebrigtsen runs an equestrian farm, her land isn’t classified as agricultural. In order for that to be the case, she would have to raise her horses for slaughter or breeding or she’d have to sell \$5,000 worth of agricultural products per year.

While Ingebrigtsen said she could be classified as agricultural by selling \$5,000 of hay and then buying it back, she feels like she’s being punished for playing by the rules. Labadie said that while

some business owners have told her the tax increase could push them to the brink, Labadie said that council will take that into consideration going forward.

“I did speak to a number of business owners and for some of them, [with] a tax increase they may choose to close their business and I regret that,” she said.

Labadie added that while business owners will have to pay more in taxes, it was the lesser evil compared to a higher increase for homeowners.

“It’s a difficult decision because I think it would have been a far greater burden on a lot of citizens as well to add a few hundred dollars to their tax bill and they have no ability to be able to write that off,” she said.

**Royal Canadian Legion, Pontiac Branch 162**
Campbell's Bay
DINNER
Friday, March 8 - 6 pm
Smoked Meat Dinner
with all the trimmings plus
tea, coffee, desserts - \$16.
Entertainment starts at 4:00 with
Garry Cummings and Friends.



**PASSPORT PHOTOS**
DONE HERE!

\$15 including taxes
No appointment necessary.
Also: Health Card, Native Status, FAC
Pontiac Printshop
Home of **THE EQUITY**
133 Centre St., Shawville • 819-647-2204

MRC requests meeting of economic SWAT team

CALEB NICKERSON
CAMPBELL'S BAY
Feb. 28, 2019

MRC Pontiac officials called for regular meetings of the local economic development taskforce at their last council of mayors meeting on Feb. 20, decrying what they regard as a lack of urgency in the group's actions.

Warden Jane Toller put forth a motion to send a letter to Pontiac MNA André Fortin requesting a formal gathering of the entire task force, as well as regularly scheduled follow-up meetings.

“The point was made that the SWAT team as a large group has not met for quite a while,” she said, estimating that the last time the whole group met was around a year ago. “We think that with our investment attraction contract and all of the other economic development steps that we’re taking, we really need to know that there’s urgency.”

The GTI taskforce or “economic SWAT team” as it is known, was formed in the spring of 2017 and met for the first time on March 27 of that year at the MRC office in Campbell’s Bay. The group is made up of local business leaders, government officials such as Toller and representatives

from organizations like Investment Quebec. It’s headed up by Ministry of economy, science and innovation Regional Economic Director Jeffrey MacHan.

Toller said that though some taskforce projects such as the abattoir in Shawville have come to fruition, she thinks that more regular meetings will spur more decisive action.

“There have been conference calls involving small groups of people but the group as a whole has not had the opportunity to meet [for quite a while],” she said. “I feel ... that the more regularly a committee meets, it keeps the pressure up to get results.”

“Usually, when you have a SWAT team with police ... it’s to get in and out quickly, to get things done,” she concluded. “I just... I don’t want to feel that we’re spinning our wheels.”

During the TNO council meeting, the council approved the purchase of a boat, trailer and off-road vehicle in accordance with the emergency plan for the territory. The Suzuki LT-A500 ATV (\$9,427) along with the boat, trailer and engine (\$10,114) were purchased from Bois-Fort Auto Parts in Mansfield.

To start off the regular council meeting, Toller recounted her activities

over the previous month, from touring Chalk River Laboratories to meeting local business owners and even a rendezvous with the leadership of Renfrew County.

It was announced that a replacement had been found for long-time MRC clerk Nancy Dagenais, who will be retiring shortly. MRC Director General Bernard Roy said that the new hire, Travis Ladouceur, is currently a clerk with the federal government and will start on April 1.

The mayors approved changes to the major events financing policy, a move that MRC Economic Development Director Danielle Newman explained would clarify some text surrounding declining amounts available for returning applicants.

A request for \$3,750 for the Festival Country Mansfield and Fort Coulonge was approved unanimously, as were two donations of \$500 for local students skiing to Parliament Hill Feb. 24-27 (for security and food respectively).

The meeting closed with Toller recounting her meeting with CAQ MNA for Gatineau, Robert Bussière, who assured her that improvements to Rte. 366 are priority.

Amos presents rural internet motion

CHRIS LOWREY
OTTAWA Feb. 21, 2019

Pontiac MP Will Amos is using one of his most limited legislative tools – the private members motion – to bring more attention to the internet connectivity issues plaguing rural Canadians.

The motion was introduced and debated on Feb. 21.

Members of the House of Commons can only use one private members motion per term, and Amos said it was a no-brainer to choose rural internet for his.

“This is the only motion I get to bring,” Amos said. “I’m investing a lot of political capital in this.”

Amos’ motion argues that internet connectivity is essential for Canadians in the modern age.

“When you have dozens if not hundreds of residents who are still operating on dial up, that’s an inequity that needs to be solved,” Amos said. “And that’s why I keep turning up the pressure on this issue.”

With that in mind, his motion asks that the government continue investing in rural internet connectivity, examine the possibility of further investments, to continue to work with telecommunication companies and various levels of government to enhance rural internet connectivity, and for the government to further study how to

improve rural internet service.

Specifically, Amos wants the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology to examine the causes of wireless infrastructure gaps, the regulatory role of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) and the best ways to incentivize more investments in rural internet services.

He also wants the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security to study the public safety implications of wireless infrastructure in rural Canada.

Amos said the timing for his motion is ideal, since the finishing touches are being put on the 2019 budget.

He said the motion is an attempt to bring the issue of poor rural internet services to the attention of his fellow parliamentarians.

“It increases the pressure to examine what legislative opportunities are there to promote universal rural access,” Amos said. He said he plans to mount a “full force lobby campaign” to convince Finance Minister Bill Morneau to increase investments.

With the CRTC Act in the process of being reformed, Amos said now is the time to address different aspects within the act – specifically

section seven.

Amos would like to see the CRTC prioritize rural access in the legislation.

Although the connectivity of rural regions is currently listed as an “objective” of the CRTC Act, he’d like to see it become a “priority.”

He’d like to see more binding language that would force the CRTC to prioritize rural internet services instead of merely paying lip service to an objective.

Ultimately, with cell and internet providers weary of investing in infrastructure for rural area, Amos hopes the government can step in to incentivize those investments in the future.

The debate on Amos’ motion continues on April 27.

PLAYSAFE:
Don’t Let It Happen to You

The War Amps new “kids-to-kids” safety video, featuring stories from young amputees who have lost limbs in accidents, delivers the hard-hitting but positive message: “Spot the danger *before* you play!”

Visit waramps.ca/playsafe for the video and safety resources.

**The War Amps**

Meet J.D. Potié: new to THE EQUITY’s newsroom

J.D. POTIÉ
SHAWVILLE Feb. 27, 2019

Hello, my name is J.D. Potié and I’m delighted to announce the start of my tenure in THE EQUITY’s newsroom.

As the newest member of the voice of the Pontiac, I look forward to familiarizing myself with the many municipalities of this county, as well as forming close connections with the residents who live here and drive this community.

Having recently graduated from Algonquin College’s journalism program, I’m thrilled to be able to work in my field of study, almost directly out of school – something I see as equally a great opportunity and important responsibility.

With seemingly everything

in the world going digital nowadays, including newspapers, I’m honoured to take on the task of getting new

readers interested in the online version of our paper as well as keeping our current subscribers pleased with our original, accurate and dynamic online content.

Born in Regina, Saskatchewan and raised in Aylmer Que., I’m definitely what you’d call an outsider to this area. Plus it’s certainly a weird transition, going from living in the city to working in a small town setting. But I’m ready.

My sense of familiarity with the Pontiac goes as far

as my experiences in minor hockey driving to Shawville with my dad for big games, tournaments and early



J.D. Potié

morning practices or rushing my siblings to the hospital to avoid unbearable waiting

periods in the emergency rooms of Ottawa and Hull hospitals.

I remember enduring the pain of the rink’s ice-cold air freezing my toes to numbness, making my skates almost unbearable to wear, as soon as I’d hop on the ice.

Before I came here, I used to think of the Pontiac as just Shawville. I knew about the arena, the hospital and that’s about it.

What I didn’t know about was everything else that surrounded the area, such as the vastness of the land, the municipalities that comprise it, the historical importance of the forestry industry. After just a single day of

working here, I already see how much more this community has to offer than I previously imagined, in terms of presence of small businesses, fun activities and eye-catching environmental beauty.

There’s so much to this community that I don’t know about or that I’ve yet to see for myself. So, whatever cool discoveries and surprises are waiting for me, I feel excited to find out and I’m eager to learn about them.

If there’s anything interesting going on in the region, whether it’s a delicious eatery, a fun place to hang out for drinks or if you just want to chat about something going in the community, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me. I’d love to hear from you.

Grain on the brain: new marketing strategies

J.D. POTIÉ
CLARENDON Feb. 20, 2019

On Wednesday, around 10 people gathered, at the Little Red Wagon Winery in Clarendon for an agricultural seminar and training session on how to assess marketing strategies in the grain industry.

The presentation, spearheaded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPAQ), was intended to provide grain producers with secrets in marketing their products to yield higher efficiency in business.

Conveying the information was Jean-Philippe Boucher, a University of McGill graduate and an expert in the grain market, with over 10 years of experience in the field.

After a successful appearance around the same time last year, Boucher said he was invited by MAPAQ to do

another training session. This time, it was a more in-depth demonstration showing producers how to put together marketing plans tailored for their business and how to implement them, as soon as the next day.

“The goal is that once you’ve completed your training, you should start working differently in terms of marketing,” said Boucher.

“We talked about how to calculate one’s base [cost] and from there figure out how to conceive commercial strategies around that, get some flesh on the bone, and eventually be able to sell grain at a higher price.”

According to Boucher, success in the agricultural industry is the lifeblood of rural communities like the Pontiac, stating that the healthier the farming community, the more it perme-

ates throughout the rest of the community.

Christine Rieux, a field crops advisor with MAPAQ, says she was satisfied with the turnout, despite the low number of attendees.

“To me, it’s not the quantity that counts,” said Rieux. “But it’s producers that I know will use the information in the future.”

She says that she expected the amount of people to drop from the usual 20 to 40 people, considering this seminar was planned to be more elaborate than at the last one.

Cole Smiley, a grain farmer from Clarendon, said he found the information useful, as far as discovering new ways to market his products. He says he looks forward to implementing his newly acquired knowledge to his marketing plan to expand on how it currently stands.



J.D. Potié, THE EQUITY

Jean-Philippe Boucher, the speaker, is a University of McGill graduate with over 10 years of experience in agriculture.

“There’s so many different ways that you can do it, to capitalize on the markets,” said Smiley. “You just need to know how to do it. So, just everything I’ve seen so far,


has been really good.”


For Stephane Alary, a farmer and operator of Ferme Stepido in Luskville, events like these are important as they don’t come around often. Having not attended a training seminar about grain marketing in about 10 years, he said it was important for him to attend this one.

“There’s always something to learn, in marketing,” said Alary. “It moves, it’s never constant.”


Satisfied with the meeting as a whole, Alary said he wished more grain producers had attended, stating that to acquire knowledge about marketing grain, one must constantly make efforts to keep up with the latest information.

“School is every day,” said Alary. “Just because you’ve gone to school, it doesn’t mean you know everything.”

**Pontiac**
Channels
ÉTÉ - SUMMER 2018




2019 PONTIAC TRAVEL GUIDE
Call Kathy, Bonnie or Steve at THE EQUITY to be included.
819-647-2204. Deadline fast approaching.
Pontiac Printshop Ltd., 133 Centre St., Shawville

**THE EQUITY TRAVEL GUIDE**
TOURISTIQUE
#PONTIACNATURE
WWW.TOURISME-PONTIAC.COM

À MOINS DE 50 MINUTES
D'OTTAWA-GATINEAU

LESS THAN 50 MINUTES
FROM OTTAWA-GATINEAU



Flying Fathers soar into Fort Coulonge

J.D. POTIÉ
FORT COULONGE
Feb. 19, 2019

Over 400 Pontiac residents packed the stands at the Centre de Loisirs des Draveurs, in Fort-Coulonge on Tuesday night, as école secondaire Sieur de Coulonge's hockey team faced-off against the Flying Fathers.

Organized by St. Peter's Parish and ESSC, the event was attended by young and old, including 81 kids among the 411 present.

Different than a regular game of ice hockey, this one consisted of two 30-minute periods, interrupted with a bunch of comedic antics on behalf of the Flying Fathers.

Among the many skits included were cream pies to people's faces, a literal puck on a string and even one player bribing an official to move a face-off from one end of the ice to the other.

There was even a clown on the ice, dressed in a baggy red and yellow jumpsuit, with a multi-coloured wig on his head, sporting a joker mask - like in Batman.

The clown, portrayed by Matt Romain, defenseman for the Pontiac Senior Comets, was a constant cause of disturbance on the ice from start to finish.

Not playing for any team in specific, he played a rather neutral role, roaming

mostly the perimeter of the ice, tripping some of the kids with his stick and tugging their jerseys to make them fall over. He rarely took full control of the puck. But when he did, he usually flipped it to the opposing team or turned the play in the opposite direction.

"He was a s—t disturber, that's for sure," said Stéphane Paré, ESSC's head coach, with a smile. "But he did a good job keeping it fun for the kids. You never really knew what was going to happen next."

It was a game of back and forth non-stop action and little defense, in which both teams started off by trading goals, finishing the first half deadlocked at 2-2.

The Flying Fathers held the majority of puck possession and time on attack throughout the game, however, the high schoolers held their own.

But, in the second half, things began to slip away from the kids. Midway through the period with the kids leading 4-3, the Flying Fathers scored a few unanswered goals eventually making it a 10-4 game with under 10 minutes left. The high schoolers responded with a few goals of their own, but it wasn't enough in the end, giving the win to the priests.

Benoit Beland, a forward for ESSC, said he couldn't

believe his eyes, stepping outside the dressing room, at the sight of the monstrous crowd in attendance.

"It was so fun. A lifetime experience for sure. I felt nervous when I saw that there were so many people in the crowd, but I was excited to play in front of them," Beland said. "I would love to do it again if I get the chance."

Despite the loss, Beland said it wasn't winning or scoring a goal that mattered in this one. It was more so about bringing the people of the Pontiac closer together and putting smiles on their faces.

"It's really important for the community, especially for the elderly people," said Beland. "It brings people together and it's so good playing with so many people cheering for us."

Paré, who also plays for the Pontiac Senior Comets, said he was happy to see his players enjoy something that many kids never get to experience in their hockey lives.

"For a lot of these kids, this might be the only time they get to play in front of this many people," said Paré. "It's a great experience for them to have all these people cheering for them. So, it's good to see them have that, and to see their smiles and them having fun is the best part."

Father Réal Ouellette,



J.D. Potié, THE EQUITY

Father Réal Ouellette, who helped organize the event, was excited when he saw an opportunity to host the Flying Fathers for the first time in a long, in the Pontiac. Pictured, Ouellette smiles after receiving a cream pie to the face.

who took a pie in the face, after singing the national anthem before the game, said bringing the Flying Fathers back to the Pontiac, after years of absence, was a no-brainer when he found out it was a possibility. The only question he had was who would they play against.

"In the past, they had

Pontiac Lions Midget A profile

THE EQUITY will be publishing a new weekly series of profiles of the Pontiac Lions Midget A players. Fans of local hockey can enjoy some insight into what gives these players the drive to come out and be the best they can be for their team at home and away. This week's focus is on Connor Gilpin, a first-year defenseman on the team.



CONNOR GILPIN - AGE: 15
NUMBER: 91
Dave Moore, THE EQUITY

Gilpin enjoys a lot of things that accompany hockey, including the chance to travel to tournaments, the competitive nature, and the adrenaline rush that fuels him. He's proud to boast of friendships he's formed and the hurdles that they overcome together, taking on all sorts of competition. According to Gilpin, you make memories and friendships that will last for a lifetime in hockey and knowing that you have a team that is there for you, both on and off the ice, means a lot.

Thanks to this camaraderie, Gilpin credits hockey with teaching him how to stand up for himself, and his teammates, when necessary. With this, he's also learned how to listen and take instructions from coaches and the team captain, an important lesson he knows will help him as grows older and enters the workforce.

Currently a grade 10 student at PHS, Gilpin is looking forward to lacing up again next year. According to the coach, he's got excellent analytical skills that allow him to read the ice to make the right decisions. Gilpin has a heavy slapshot, which has helped the team out of tight situations on more than one occasion, and always brings a calm demeanour to the team. Gilpin plays each shift with a smile on his face and carries a big presence on the team, displaying strong leadership skills on and off the ice.

Comets swept out of playoff hunt



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

The Comets lost a close battle to the Cornwall Prowlers on Friday night, eventually getting swept from the Outaouais Senior A Hockey League playoffs. Pictured, a Prowler gets a shot past defenseman Colton Keuhl, only to be blocked by Comet goalie Danick Boisvert.

CHRIS LOWREY
FORT COULONGE
Feb. 23, 2019

After a hard fought inaugural season, the Pontiac Senior Comets saw their playoff hopes come to an unceremonious end in Cornwall on the weekend.

The Comets took on the Cornwall Prowlers in a best-of-three series that kicked off on Friday.

Friday's game was a tight one, with both teams tallying two goals apiece in the first period.

The second period started with the Comet's Mitchell Gibson putting one past Prowlers goalie Frédéric Roy to put the hometown team ahead.

However, the Prowlers

bounced back quickly with two goals of their own to go ahead 3-2 at the halfway point.

The Comets' Stéphane Paré tied the game just over halfway through the period. But the Prowlers snatched the lead back on a late period goal by Storm Adams.

With the Comets trailing 4-3 at the start of the third, the team knew it had to come out with a strong push.

Most of the third period went by without any goals being scored, but it was the calm before the storm that was the end of the game.

With less than five minutes left, Daniele Dissipio and Vincent Proulx scored to give the Comets a one-

goal-lead.

With just over a minute left, Cornwall's Olivier Donovan notched the tying goal, setting up an even more exciting finish.

With the crowd ready for overtime, the hopes of the Comets' fans were extinguished when Cornwall's Kenneth Neal scored with less than 30 seconds left in the game.

The heartbreaking loss meant that the Comets had to win Saturday's game in Cornwall otherwise their season was finished.

The Comets started strong in game two with Proulx notching the opening goal just over a minute into the game.

But in quick succession,

the Prowlers responded with two goals of their own to take a 2-1 lead going into the second period.

The Comets again opened the scoring in the second period when Paré buried less than a minute in.

With the game tied 2-2, Cornwall turned it up a notch and responded with four straight goals before Miguel Laurin stopped the bleeding for the Comets.

With the Comets trailing 6-3 at the start of the third period, the players knew they had to come out strong.

Unfortunately they were blanked in the final period while Cornwall scored three more times for a final score of 9-3.

Meet your new Pontiac Agricultural Society executive



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

The newly elected executive of the Pontiac Agricultural Society pose for a photo at their monthly meeting. From left: President Tyler McCann, VP Kayla McCann, Treasurer Mavis Hanna, VP Mike Guitard, VP Erin Dittburner, First VP Charleen Moore and VP Lisa Coles. Missing: Secretary Beth Knox.



GROUPE
SANTÉ
DENTAIRE

326 Main St., Shawville, Que.

Shawville Dental Health Centre

Town or Country,
you can trust us with your smile

Shawville Dental Health Centre, now part of, same great caring service,
covering all your dental needs throughout western Quebec.

Call for your
appointment today

819-647-5271



A RIDE
YOU CAN
RELY ON



SHOP FIRST & SPEND LESS



2015 Dodge Ram Sport
S0302-2



2015 Toyota RAV4 XLE
P19014



2014 Ford Escape
T0179-1



2012 Scion TC coupe
T0157-1

Feature Car

2014 Toyota Sienna SE

only \$28,495

or \$93.84 weekly oac

taxes not incl • T0116-1





2016 Hyundai Sonata
T0097-2



2015 Lexus NX 200T
P19015

* DISCLAIMER: All payments are over 84 months at 4.99% OAC.
Eg: \$10,000 interest \$1,338.60, total cost \$11,338.60,
weekly payments \$43.61 + tax.

Petawawa Toyota

Toyota Canada's #1 Dealer



613-735-1717

petawawa-toyota.com



Published weekly by Pontiac Printshop Ltd.
133 Centre St., Shawville, QC J0X 2Y0
Call 819-647-2204 Fax 647-2206
www.theequity.ca

Copyright 2019 Publication Mail Reg. No. 08560
Legal deposit in the National Library of Quebec
Member of CCNA, QCNA, Hebdo Select & ISWNE

Funded by the Government of Canada
Financé par le gouvernement du Canada



Subscription rates
Pontiac-\$34.49 (\$1.50 gst, \$2.99 gst included)
Quebec-\$45.99 (\$2.00 gst, \$3.99 gst included)
Canada-\$42.00 (\$2.00 gst included)
U.S-\$117.81 (\$5.61 gst included)
On-line-\$20.00

Publishers| Charles Dickson - charles.dickson@theequity.ca
Ross Dickson
Editor| Chris Lowrey - editor@theequity.ca
Assist. editor| Caleb Nickerson - caleb@theequity.ca
Reporter| Donald Teuma-Castelletti - donald@theequity.ca

Ad Manager| Katherine Hynes - kathy@theequity.ca
Sales| Bonnie Chevrier - bonnie@theequity.ca
Steve Forbes - steve@theequity.ca
Gen. Manager| Ann Taylor - prepress@theequity.ca
Classifieds| Janey Duff MacDougall - news@theequity.ca
Circulation| Dave Moore - dave@theequity.ca



Editorial

Two times the tax

Business owners in the Municipality of Pontiac are venting their frustration after council announced a commercial property tax increase of at least 40 per cent this year.

Because of the increase, some businesses will have to pay an additional \$1,500 on their tax bill.

Mayor Joanne Labadie tried to justify the tax increase by pointing to the fact that residents of the Municipality of Pontiac still enjoy some of the lowest residential taxes in the MRC des Collines.

Labadie said a major cause was the fact that the municipality just negotiated a new collective bargaining agreement with public works employees who've been without a contract for four years – which means four years of retroactive pay.

She also said that with the amount of residents who left the region after the floods, coupled with the decrease in property evaluations, there is less revenue coming into the municipality.

To add insult to injury, Labadie also noted that the Municipality of Pontiac's municipal shares have gone up 5.89 per cent.

These issues are a small consolation for entrepreneurs like Siri Ingebrigtsen, who owns Avant Garde Horse Farm. She said she's on the hook for a tax increase of \$1,500 this year.

"It's almost like they don't want us to be here," Ingebrigtsen said of the municipality's treatment of local businesses.

Social media pages dedicated to the Municipality of Pontiac have been flooded with angry residents demanding answers.

They're afraid this isn't the end of the increases.

Many people have pointed to the deferred capital expenditures budget from 2019-2021 as a potential source of increased tax rates in the future.

These budget items include new fire stations, new fleet vehicles and several road repair items. The deferred capital expenditures budget is basically a wish list for the municipality – not everything on the list will be done in the next three years.

Municipalities must come up with a capital expenditure budgets by law. They list all of the deferred maintenance projects in the municipality. It's essentially a list of what has been neglected over the years.

With millions of dollars in projects listed, it's safe to say that the can has been getting kicked down the road in the Municipality of Pontiac for some time.

Clearly, the municipality's poorly managed finances go back further than the current council.

The Quyon Community Centre, which is surrounded by a flood plain, sits idle while the municipality goes over the building with a fine-toothed comb after disputes with the contractors.

Neither of the municipality's fire stations – one of which is a former jail and the other a former public works garage – are equipped with showers for firefighters. On top of that, the municipality has listed new Luskville and Quyon fire stations on the last two capital expenditures budget.

With the municipality feeling the need for a 50 per cent increase in business taxes, many people are wondering what the future holds with so many projects on the horizon.

To go four years without having a contract with public works employees seems less than ideal. But to act shocked when a new deal includes retroactive pay shows a stunning lack of foresight.

To be so surprised by the contract – one that has needed to be renewed for four years – that commercial taxes shoot up 50 per cent in some cases is downright negligent.

Maybe a better solution would have been to increase residential taxes to bring them in line with the rest of the municipality in order to ease the burden currently being foisted on small businesses.

To top it off in the most tone deaf way, Labadie extolled the fact that residents are still paying a much lower tax rate than the rest of the MRC while saddling business owners with a hefty tax increase.

As Ingebrigtsen said last week: "If I as a business would have made that kind of error budgeting, I would have gone bankrupt."

Chris Lowrey

The Parents' Voice

By Shelley Heaphy

Raising siblings

For as long as I can remember, my parents' motto in our home was, "Someday your sisters will be your best friends." Not that we believed it. Our family sure saw it's fair share of fights, I think four girls will do that to any household. My parents definitely did something right though, because now that we are all adults, we definitely are each other's best friends. I try to instill the values my parents taught me with my own children and my children definitely hear the same phrase that was on repeat in my home.

When you first bring home a second baby (or third, or fourth, or fifth) you are concerned with how that first baby is going to react. Will they feel abandoned, less loved, jealous, or angry? Parents fear and prepare for the worse. Believe it or not, this is when sibling bonding begins, right from day one.

Try to include older siblings in baby's routines, allowing them to help with diapering, bathing, dressing and any other way possible. Making sure each child feels they have a role in your family is paramount in developing a healthy sibling relationship and hopefully will avoid any resentment.

CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE



Dave Moore, THE EQUITY

Peeking through

Why should I feed my family Canadian milk? by Chris Judd



Outstanding in his field

In 2019, we expect all food for sale to be safe to eat and nutritious. Every year though, people return from a vacation to some far off paradise partially sick. Every year right at home we are warned on radio and TV about food recalls and warnings about some kind of bacterial contamination. Many of these warnings or recalls are for foods imported from outside Canada.

I too like my salad in winter and some fresh fruit in February but I know that some fruits never grow in Canada in winter or summer. Some fresh vegetables are grown in Canadian greenhouses but when there is snow on the ground; most veggies are imported from a place with no snow.

Most developed countries now have some type of controls on dairy products. When my grandfather delivered his own fresh milk with a horsedrawn milk wagon there was local control on milk quality. There were three farms that delivered milk in our little town and if the milk quality from one farm wasn't good enough then the housewife switched to another farmer to supply the bottled milk.

In 1997, Dairy Farmers of Canada began working on the Canadian Quality Milk program that would give Canadian dairy farmers a 150 page binder full of information and rules to follow which would make the quality of our Canadian milk the best in the world.

By 2004, the C.Q.M. program was released to Quebec dairy producers. When the C.Q.M. program was introduced, every milk producer was invited to a one day introduction and explanation of the C.Q.M. 150 page instruction manual. The training and manual was

provided at no cost to the farmers. At that time there was also provided at a greatly reduced price to the dairy farmer, a time temperature recorder, better known as a T.T.R. machine. This machine was connected to the milking equipment and bulk milk tank. It constantly recorded the temperature of the water used to wash the milking equipment and

the bulk milk tank. It also recorded the temperature of the milk 24 hours a day. All this information and the time it happened were recorded in the machine and if there was a problem, different alarms and blinking lights signaled to farmer before there was a serious problem. There was also a premium paid on the farmer's milk if the program was adhered to.

An S.O.P. (standard operating procedure) must be written by the dairy producer so that everything that happens in the dairy barn is best for the animals, best for efficiency, best for milk quality, best for employees to understand and follow and traceable when needed. Best Management Practices (B.M.P.) must be adhered to. Staff training and communication, animal health and biosecurity, dairy facilities must meet standards. Use and storage of pesticides, medicines, chemicals, manure, milking management, animal health and biosecurity; how feed is stored, prepared and delivered and mangers kept clean.

Many heifer calves raised to replace cows that retire are fed a medicated calf grower to prevent the little calves from getting sick. This very common medicated calf feed and even dog and cat food must be stored separately from dairy cow feed to help prevent contamination of the milk cows' feed.

All medications must be recorded when purchased and every time one is used. The purpose or animal it is used on must be recorded with the exact time it was administered and any withdrawal time also recorded.

All animals born must be recorded, along with any problems while being born, all vaccinations and any medications given. Every time that an animal is treated or even moved to a barn on another farm, this too must be recorded.

Animal welfare has always been at the top of every dairy farmers' mind. Not only are these animals the livelihood of the dairy farmer and for an animal to be most productive. All stress must be eliminated from an animal's life. That means the best feed available, a clean dry place to rest, no beating the animal, no violent shouting or even use of a violent dog, not too cold and not too hot; (ideal cow temperature is 42 degrees Fahrenheit). The C.Q.M. program demands that Canadian dairy farmers treat their animals with respect and use pain killers whenever something like dehorning or any other operation is carried out.

The last edition of the C.Q.M. manual was written in 2010. The C.Q.M. manual can be downloaded from the browser on your computer.

For several years now, all Canadian dairy farmers are required to adhere to the C.Q.M. standards. This law was voted on and passed by Canadian dairy farmers. Not by politicians. It was passed to help assure our consumers that when they buy or serve Canadian dairy products from a package with the little blue cow on it, they are serving the best dairy products in the world produced by the best looked after cows in the world.

Chris Judd is a farmer in Clarendon on land that has been in his family for generations. gladcrest@gmail.com

Mar. 2, 1994
25 Years Ago

Dry flood zones block development: Municipalities along the Ottawa River are finding that some of their choice development land is off-limits. This problem resurfaced at the Feb. 28 MRC meeting. Paul Ryan, mayor of the municipality of Waltham and Bryson, says that there are two areas in Waltham that are ideal building areas if it were not for the fact that they lie in a designated flood zone.

The area in question only flooded once, Mayor Ryan says, in 1968 when something happened up-stream at the hydro dam at Rapides des Joachims.

Environment Quebec designated approximate flood zones years ago. They established a 20-year flood zone on which it is illegal to build anything. They also designated a 100-year flood zone on which some construction is allowed.

Wesleyan thanks firefighters: Shawville Wesleyan Church hosted an appreciation service and banquet for the Shawville/Clarendon Volunteer Fire Dept. on Feb. 20. The theme of the service was "Using our abilities for the Glory of God." Chief Bill Black received a plaque from Rev. Stuart Marples expressing the appreciation of the congregation for the dedicated service of the department in the community.

One hundred and five people attend the service, 75 of whom stayed for the banquet served immediately after the service. Chief Black thanked the con-

gregation for their thoughtfulness and the hard work that made the occasion so meaningful.

Compiled by
Bonnie Chevrier

from the Minister of Health and Welfare that the application for building an old folks home in Shawville was approved.

After preliminary investigations are completed by the department, the Lions Club will proceed with the project and it is hoped that the home will be built in 1970.

Certificates presented to former PCH Candystripers: There is a girls' service club in Shawville which involves youngsters aged 15 and over in one of the most useful activities known to women - giving to the sick.

Each day after school, four members of the Candystriper squad arrive at the Pontiac Community Hospital with service in mind. The hours they spend there each week are of such help to the rest of the hospital staff that last week, at a small ceremony in the Nurses' Residence, beautiful certificates were issued to 25 past members.

In handing over the certificates, Hospital Superintendent Al Cunningham mentioned that the service the girls do helps them to make

up their minds about following a nursing career and in fact a number of the girls who were not able to be present at the annual event were actually in training in district hospitals.

Mar. 5, 1969
50 Years Ago

Approval received for Old Folks' Home here: Speaking at the regular meeting of the Shawville Lions Club last Thursday evening, the Hon. Raymond Johnston said that he had received word

from the Minister of Health and Welfare that the application for building an old folks home in Shawville was approved.

Local news: The annual Women's Day of Prayer service was held in the Wesleyan Church with an attendance that filled the building with representatives from all churches of the village.

In the second of the best three-five games in the play-offs for the Cahill Cup in the Pontiac League, Shawville Wildcats were defeated by Fort Coulonge on Monday night at the Shawville arena by a score of 6 to 4. The rink was packed with hockey fans with a large contingent from the Fort to cheer on their favourites.

The league leaders had a considerable edge on the play for the first two periods and although using 16 players and changing frequently, they appeared to tire while Shawville with only 12 players seemed to improve as the game advanced. H. Dale and White with two each getting all their scores in the third frame, the scores for the winners were made by St. Denis 2, Davis, Soucie, Proudfoot and Duke.

A delegation from Pontiac County Council journeyed to Quebec last week and interviewed the government with respect to two projects of interest to the county.

CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE

Letters

Response

Dear Editor,

Please accept this letter as an open response to Mr. Robbie Beck's letter to your paper last week under the leader of 'Surprise and disappointment.' Since Mr. Beck has chosen to convey his disappointment in regards to my personal political beliefs and also in my conduct as a businessman I am compelled to reply back in this forum as so chosen by Beck.

First, yes, I support the People's Party of Canada. I believe in and support their initiatives for standing up for rural Canada, cutting federal taxes, scrapping the carbon tax, balancing the budget, abolishing corporate welfare and enacting sensible immigration all of which I think Beck and I can find common ground on.

However, with respect to supply management, we disagree. I, as do many other Canadians, are not content with a system that forces all of us to pay twice the price on dairy products based purely on a quota system that covers producers production costs while setting a price that is not in the consumers' interest. I, being an agricultural producer of hops and beer (the world's oldest agricultural product) do not possess the luxury of a supply management system that permits me to sell my products at uncompetitive prices to the public. Nor was I able to have the benefit of such a system when producing and selling concrete.

In my case, as well as the case of other agricultural producers, such as beef producers, cash croppers and fruit and vegetable growers to name but a few, we're all subject to a free market that determines the price rather than a supply management system. In essence supply management is what is known in economic parlance as 'command economics' that is utilized by many left-leaning governments.

While supply management is a favored tool of the left, supported in Canada by both the Liberals and NDP, I find it, to use Beck's words "surprising and disappointing" that the Conservative Party endorses such policy that hinders a competitive free market. Obviously the Conservative Party does so because it is politically convenient. At least we in the People's Party have the courage of our convictions to state what we truly believe and are true economic and fiscal conservatives.

Arguably supply management is causing more problems for itself than pressures from other nations to that system, or even from that of the People's Party. Clearly, due to higher dairy prices the consumer is buying more substitutes such as almond or soy milk at increasingly higher volumes. It is also important to note that many of these products are non-Canadian in content.

Secondly, Beck implies that I am in essence a hypocrite for taking dairy producers' money while at the same time not supporting supply management. I took Beck's money, which he freely gave to me, because I provided both a product and service that he valued as having quality. More importantly however, he bought from me because it was sold within a truly competitive marketplace that was beneficial to both of us as opposed to the supply management system whereby the consumer falls short on receiving the best possible price.

In Beck's world he would have us meshing business transactions and politics together. They are two separate spheres. If I have to operate a business in a world where I need to explain my political, religious and philosophical beliefs in order to be awarded work or make a sale, I would quickly lose my stomach in being an entrepreneur, as would a great many other individuals. If I was to accept Beck's argument and invert it, that would mean that he would not permit his milk to be sold to persons who disagreed with him. I think not. This would be akin to a baker who refuses to do a wedding cake for a same-sex couple because such a union is against his or hers beliefs. That's clear discrimination. A business person leaves their judgements about others at home.

I'll conclude with this one point. Beck details the economic stimulus that dairy provides to the area. I have no doubt about this, just as I have no doubt about my impact to the local economy over the last 37 years. Therefore, I'm willing to put my contribution and commitment to the economic development of the Pontiac up against Beck's for public display if he should so desire. Just say the word.

Todd Hoffman
Litchfield, Que.

Lean times in the MoP or not

Dear Editor,

The new budget in the Municipality of Pontiac was tabled with approximately a 50 per cent increase on business taxes.

The mayor's explanation for the additional taxes on businesses is that she felt that it was unfair to spread it equitably between business, residential and farms because it would have been an unjust strain on them.

When questioned "Why the businesses?", she referred to the tax rate in big cities which have an endless number of customers walking in the door to purchase goods and services.

When questioned why there was such a high increase, she explained that due to the floods that we had lost homes and that for the first time in many years our tax base was smaller (less revenue coming in).

Instead of tightening our belts and trying to maintain the budget at last year's rate, she exceeded this year's budget by approximately \$500,000. This does not include the three year triennial of capital expenditures which may be purchased this year. Thereby, guaranteeing that taxes will increase next year. I shudder to think who is going to shoulder these increases.

Seeing as there are less people in the municipality due to the floods, my taxes should be going down because I will have less customers due to the floods and tornado.

Why is it that in lean times you just spend more?

Remember your local businesses are not evil entities or multi-national businesses. They are your friends and neighbours that support the community groups in the area.

Melvin Maxsom
Pontiac, Que.

Opps

In a photo on page three of last week's edition of THE EQUITY, Jake Ireland was mistakenly identified as Kaelan Ireland. THE EQUITY apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

Long-time palliative volunteer passes the torch

BY CALEB NICKERSON

Thinking about death and dying isn't comfortable. Many would do almost anything to keep these thoughts off their mind, locked up in the deep-cellar of their subconscious. A terrifying prospect, but that's why it's a relief to know that there's a group of volunteers at the Pontiac Community Hospital (PCH) committed to improving quality of life for patients with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

Shirley Green retired to Norway Bay in 2006 after a long nursing career in Ottawa. Since her husband, Dr. Gerald Green, had worked at the PCH for a decade, Shirley felt she had to give back as a volunteer. "I go back to the 70s when palliative care was introduced to Ottawa," she said. "In my day, it was lumped in with critical care. It caught on very quickly because people that were dying on an active treatment floor were put in what we called the silent room. It was not a very nice place to be; palliative care was obviously needed." The palliative care movement started gaining attention in England in the late 1960s after Dame Cicely Saunders founded St. Christopher's Hospice in south London. When Saunders recognized that patients with terminal illnesses weren't having their pain managed adequately, she pioneered the movement, which prioritizes the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of the patient.

In 1975, Canadian physician Dr. Balfour Mount (who incidentally went to high school with Shirley) coined the term as it is currently used, after meeting and working with Saunders at St. Christopher's. Mount went on to become known as the father of palliative care in North America, founding the Royal Victoria Hospital Palliative Care Service in Montreal. Shirley helped establish the palliative care unit at PCH in 2006 and became volunteer coordinator shortly after. More recently, Shirley has been in the process of passing the torch to Rick and Carole Valin, but will remain as an advisor with the program. "I'm backing off a bit," she explained. "I've had some health issues, so that's where the Valins come in." "It's tough getting volunteers," she added. "Palliative care is not for everybody." "When I started three years ago, we were about 35, now we're down to 22, 23," noted Rick. "It's hard on people ... It's a small community, so it's very likely you know the person that's in palliative care." "It's always harder emotionally when you know the people, which is like 80 per cent [of the time]," Carole added. The palliative volunteers act to supplement the work done by doctors, nurses and support staff. Shirley stressed that they don't deal with the medical side of



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

Retired nurse and long-time palliative care volunteer coordinator at Pontiac Community Hospital, Shirley Green (left) is passing on responsibility for the program to fellow volunteers Rick and Carole Valin. Green helped establish the unit back in 2006 and remains quite passionate about ensuring quality of life for the terminally ill.

things, only providing care, comfort and companionship to those in the palliative unit. "I would say our volunteers spend about as much time with the family as they do with the patient," she said. "The medical care is directed by the physicians and the nurses." The palliative unit is made up of three rooms located in a quiet section of the hospital's second floor. The rooms are spacious and include a partitioned area where the patient's family can stay. Some days, the rooms can double as overflow for newborns and their mothers. Volunteers work in three shifts, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (except in winter, when they don't have an evening shift), and take meticulous notes on the patient's condition, preferences and needs. Shirley explained that the group clocks several thousand hours worked each year. They handle anything from fetching coffee for family members to holding a patient's hand or singing to them.

"You might be incredibly busy or you might be incredibly bored," Rick said, noting that depending on the number of patients, or how medicated they are, workload can vary quite a bit. Volunteers have a contact list for the patient's family, as well as a host of local faith groups. The hospital even has its own small chapel just around the corner, if patients desire to pray. Volunteers also coordinate with a group of local knitters, who provide blankets and other garments for use in the unit. "I always use the phrase, 'If they want their hair dyed purple, we'll do that too,'" Shirley said with a laugh. "You

get to know the person and then there's a trust that builds up between you and the patient. Very often, we're the one that they confide in." "The objective of the team is to remove the fear," she added. "It's not nice being pushed through those doors. ... It's just to create a peacefulness, a peacefulness that doesn't exist on the main floor." Shirley explained that potential volunteers first undergo an interview process, to ensure they have the proper motivations and constitution for the work. "One thing that I really stress is, 'Have you suffered any recent losses?'" Shirley said. "People need a good year to get over a death of a loved one in their family ... This is not going to cure it." She said that volunteers adhere to a strict code of confidentiality, and "sightseers" are quickly weeded out. "You have to respect the privacy of the patient and you don't want someone coming as a curiosity seeker, especially in a small town," she said. "I used to get stopped in the grocery store. People mean well, out of curiosity, but they don't understand what we have to live with." "Motivation is key thing," Rick added. "One of the things you have to deal with is that somebody is probably going to die on your shift," he added. "The worst shift I ever had was two. Two people died in a four hour period. Some people are only in there for minutes, literally minutes and others for weeks." On a more positive note, Rick said that in rare cases he's seen patients released from hospital after a stint in palliative.

"Sometimes, we'll get miracles," he said. After the interview process, volunteers take a two-day course with nurses and are then paired with a mentor for their first few shifts. Rick noted that they have a training course planned for the spring and encouraged anyone interested to sign up. Carole encouraged those that might be hesitant to give the course a try to see if volunteering might be right for them. "That's what so many people say when they find out I'm in palliative care, 'Oh I couldn't do that,'" she said. "Well, never underestimate, because I was one of those people." Shirley emphasized that while the demands on volunteers are great, the relationships you build are even more rewarding. "You get back more than you give," she concluded.

The Parents' Voice

CONTINUED FROM PAGE FOUR

As siblings grow, there's no doubt you will be dealing with many fights from which chair they'll have for supper to sharing clothes. When mediating these fights try to have them figure out the right thing to do. Phrases we try to use include "Who had this cup first?" "How will big sister feel if you take her shirt from her?" "How would you feel if little sister took your bracelet?" I think the most important value to teach our children is respect, for themselves, and everyone around them. When a child has a chance to fix a problem on their own and see how their decisions make others happy it shows them how to respect each other and hopefully enables them to solve problems without you. As our children are getting older the fights and arguments seem to be increasing. My husband asked simply, "How can they love each other so hard one minute and be at each other's throats the next?" It definitely can be perplexing, as it changes in the blink of an eye. Deep down they do absolutely love each other and have each other's backs even in the middle of a fight but as they get older our tactics are definitely changing. For instance, our go to punishment when they've hurt each other's feelings or hurt each other physically is that the one doing the hurting has to help the other person feel better. So they'll say, I'm sorry I said that to you, how can I make you feel better? This means they are at the mercy of the other person (with some exceptions of course) and have to comply with their wishes; ie. You have to help me make my bed, you have to help me put my clothes away, I would like to colour a picture together, you have to come play outside with me. They seem to feel justified when we use this method. However, it's simply just not easy to know how to handle the million arguments/fights/wrongs. Since I'm no expert I went searching for help and advice. Krissy from her blog, B-Inspired Mama has shared some great tips on how to help siblings bond. Check out her website for a full list. I've pulled out a few examples to share with you, <http://b-inspiredmama.com/17-tips-to-encourage-sibling-bonding/>. 1. Teach empathy and understanding — Siblings get a chance to practice being empathetic each time a sibling is hurt or sad. They can see first hand how their actions affect someone they love. We can take this time to point out how our actions affect others and figure out how to help make it right. 2. Honour their individuality — I think this is a big one for my family. Because I have two daughters I want to be careful about sibling rivalry, and this tip helps remind me that each child has different interests, skills, likes and dislikes. I find it easy to say "the girls can..." but to help them have a healthy relationship it's detrimental to remember that they may not like the same things. I also have read that a way to help siblings bond is by having them in different extra curricular activities. This makes sense as it allows each child to have their area of expertise, leaving less room for competition and more room for each child to excel and lead at different activities. 3. Go on a date — Sometimes the best medicine is an hour alone with one child at a time. Picking something that can be special between you and your child will help them feel loved, included and heard. It can be something simple like a hike, going for a hot chocolate together, baking their favourite dessert, whatever makes them happy. Just make sure it's time for just the two of you. Try and make it a routine so that each child knows when they really want you to themselves, their time is coming. Of course each family has their own challenges to deal with, this article is just meant as a reminder that we can help our children bond. Children are born unique, with their own temperament and personality, sometimes these different personalities coexisting in one house can be a challenge; to parents —try and keep your sanity and celebrate the little wins.

THE WAY WE WERE

CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE

The committee, which consisted of Simon Downey, Mayor of Sheenboro; S.W. MacKechnie, Mayor of South Onslow and James Ward, Mayor of Fort Coulonge urged the continuation of the paving of No. 8 Highway during the coming summer and the construction of the Sheenboro-Temiscaming Road as a post-war project. A pleasant time was spent at the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening of last week when a banquet was tended the Rev. K.C. Bolton who leaves this week to take charge of the parish of Knowlton, Que. Canada's butter ration will be temporarily reduced according to a prices board announcement. Allies' Anzio Beachhead withstands repeated heavy German attacks. Nazi legions are attacking the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead in force while Allied armies are seeking a breakthrough in the Cassino bulge. With the return of weather which permits the resumption of air operations, the Allies have renewed their offensive. The fighting is still indeterminate but the tide seems to be running in our favour.

Feb. 27, 1919

100 Years Ago

Local news: Some of our young people attended the carnival at Bristol rink on Wednesday evening which was postponed from the 14th to that date on account of unfavourable weather. The dwelling house on the A.E. Posselwhite farm at the east end of the corporation was destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon last. The fire apparently started from a spark on the roof which was all ablaze before it was noticed by some parties who were driving along the 7th line. The loss is partly covered by insurance. On Thursday evening over sixty friends and relatives of Rev. L.C. and Mrs. Whitelaw including a sleigh load from Shawville, by way of a surprise, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Smart, Stark's Corners. After a most enjoyable social time, Rev. Mr. McCallum on behalf of those present read an address of good will to Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw and Miss Gladys Dean presented them with a purse containing \$45 to be used by them as they desired. The building of a bridge connecting lower Allumette Island with the mainland in the vicinity of Food's Ferry at Waltham seems a certainty. In response to a heavily endorsed petition by the residents of this district, Mr. Wm. Hodgins, M.L.A., has secured the promise of a liberal grant from the provincial government and federal aid has also been assured. Engineers under the direction of the Minister of Public Works have made preliminary surveys and reported favourably.

Mar. 1, 1894

125 Years Ago

Local News: Mr. Wm. Schwartz is busy engaged painting Mr. J. Muldoon's house in Eardley at present. The *Pembroke Standard* office narrowly escaped being burned down Wednesday evening. A stove had been left burning in the composing room and it is supposed it ignited some kindling wood nearby. The flames caught on a gallery rack filled with matter for the following day's issue of the paper. G.F. Hodgins is selling 7 gallons Best Canadian Oil for one dollar. This is the lowest price coal oil has every been offered in Pontiac. Mr. Jas. Armstrong came down on a visit to his family from Mattawa on Thursday last. He reports all the boys from this section are getting along well, roads good and plenty of work for the teams. Mr. Armstrong is well ahead with his contract and expects to be through by the last of March. Mr. Silas Richardson left there on Tuesday with his stock of horses, cattle and farming implements for Sandpoint where he intends loading them for his prairie farm, which is located at Pakan, N.W.T. Two years ago Jack Allan, an engine driver on the C.P.R. gave \$6 to an actor named Morris who was stranded at Calgary. Allan had almost forgotten the matter when he was reminded of it a few days ago by being informed that \$1,000 had been willed to him by a party in New Orleans. The party in question was Mr. Morris who hadn't forgotten Allen's kindness.

Job Opportunity General Manager, Pontiac Agricultural Society



The Pontiac Agricultural Society (PAS) is looking for a full-time General Manager. Reporting to the President and Board of Directors, the General Manager is responsible for overseeing the day to day operations of the PAS and the ongoing success of its main event, the Shawville Fair.

The GM is responsible for supporting and engaging with the Board of Directors, the operations of the PAS, including the preparation and execution of the Shawville Fair, office administration, bookkeeping, communication with visitors, customers and fair partners, grant applications, sponsorship development and management of employees.

The ideal candidate will be an independent, self-starter with a keen interest in the Fair. They will have experience effectively managing a not-for-profit organization, a strong commitment to customer service and the ability to work flexible hours, including evening meetings and additional hours in the months ahead of the fair. It is essential that the candidate be able to work in French and English, fluency in both is considered an asset.

This is a salaried position, based on 40 hours a week. Compensation will be based on skills and experience. Additional incentives may be offered based on success increasing rental, sponsorship and grant revenue.

Cover letters and resumes must be submitted to info@shawvillefair.ca by **March 13th, 2019**.

Please visit www.shawvillefair.ca for more information.

OUR PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

SEPTIC TANK PUMPING



**SEPTIC AND
HOLDING TANK
PUMPING SERVICE**

Summer or Winter

Toll Free: 1-800-267-0118

Local: 1-613-582-3459

**MacGREGOR CONCRETE
PRODUCTS (Beachburg) LIMITED**
Beachburg, Ontario

NOTAIRE - NOTARY



**TRÉPANIÉ & ASSOCIÉS,
NOTAIRES INC.**
Notaires - conseillers juridiques -
Notaries

Me Jean-Pierre Pigeon
jpigeon@notarius.net

Me Nathalie Chrétien
nachretien@notarius.net

CAMPBELL'S BAY - 37, rue Patterson / **819 648-2525**
MANSFIELD - 289-3, Route 148 / **819 683-3434**

GATINEAU - 510, boul. Maloney Est, bureau 202 / **819 643-2021**

CLEANING SUPPLIES

Products for
• Hotels • Restaurants
• Super Markets • Food Service
**Floor Maintenance
General Sanitation
Disinfection & Biotechnology**



Steve or Janey 819-647-2204

Pontiac Printshop Ltd.

133 Centre St., Shawville

NOTAIRES - NOTARIES



**OFFICE NOTARIAL DU PONTIAC
PONTIAC NOTARIAL OFFICE**

Me/Mtre Nancy Suominen

305, Main, Suite 1
Shawville, QC J0X 2Y0

Tel. 819 647-2994

Fax. 819 647-2997
nancy.suominen@notarius.net

Me/Mtre Bernard Monnet

201, Principale
Fort-Coulonge, QC J0X 1V0
117, Front, Suite 206,
Gatineau (Aylmer) QC J9H 5S9

Tel. 819 683-3085

Tel. 819 684-8299
Fax. 819 682-1453
monnetb@qc.aira.com

CONSTRUCTION

CONSTRUCTION PIESCHKE

Entrepreneur général - General Contractor

Construction neuve et rénovations

New Construction and Renovations

• Résidentiel • Commercial • Industriel

Estimation gratuite - Free Estimates

Cell: 819-962-6010 - Cletus

info@constructionpieschke.com RBQ : 8327-0819-17

PONTIAC'S REALTOR



ROYAL LEPAGE

VALLÉE DE L'OUTAOUAIS

Laurena Matechuk

Real Estate Broker

819-962-4640

Lmmatechuk@hotmail.com

FREE EVALUATION

Skills Link sets up program grads for success

DONALD TEUMA-CASTELLETTI
ALLUMETTES ISLAND
Feb. 24, 2019

Sunday afternoon proved a proud moment in the lives of seven Pontiac residents, as they gathered to celebrate their graduation from West Pontiac Connects' Skills Link program.

However, their pride was only surpassed by those of their program coordinators, who've worked closely with the tight-knit group as they look to advance their career options and life skills.

"Our goal is for them to not be sitting at home," said program coordinator Marielle Lair. "Our goal for them is to be working or going to school."

After spending 10 weeks in a classroom and 13 on work placements, the seven graduates were excited to receive their certificates. The class had become a close-knit group, as jokes spilled over into the ceremony and spirits were high in Ancienne Banque.

This session's group was made up of Joey Boisvert, Shawn Demers, Blake Grieve, Cloé Lavigne,



Donald Teuma-Castelletti, THE EQUITY
Seven graduates emerged from West Pontiac Connects' latest Skills Link session, a federally funded program helping youth prepare for and find their place within the labour force. Back row, from left: Board President Gene O'Brien, Josh Mitchell, Blake Grieve, Brett Soulière, Joey Boisvert, and assistant coordinator Linda Thompson. Front row, from left: Program coordinator Marielle Lair, Shawn Demers, Cloé Lavigne and Cassandra Longpré.

Cassandra Longpré, Josh Mitchell and Brett Soulière.

The program saw the group first learning a variety of skills, from money management through to workplace etiquette, literacy and computer skills, before applying them on their placement. As well, West Pontiac Connects has the

students volunteering within the community, often helping seniors with a variety of needs.

Lair said this service is much appreciated and sought after, as it helps locals with yard work and other tasks. In return, these individuals usually provide references for the graduates,

helping to build their resumés.

The graduation represents their determination to find their fit in the work force, explained Lair. With the intimate class number, the program coordinators can learn about the individuals and guide them to potential interests and possibilities for

their skills. This can range from options to go directly into the workforce or pursuing further education.

"This program is to get to know and assess each individual by themselves," said West Pontiac Connects Board President Gene O'Brien. "The good thing about that is that by learning your weaknesses and your strengths, it allows them to find you an employer that will really recognize your strengths."

Being such a manageable size, the educators clearly grew to understand the needs of the group, as demonstrated by their speeches Sunday afternoon. Assistant coordinator Linda Thompson had a special message tailored for each graduate, a sentiment which was clearly appreciated.

"I'm really proud of all of you," she said to the graduates. "In spite of a few challenges ... we learned a few things, you guys all stuck together ... and you all went on to succeed in a job market setting."

Students left the program more comfortable with their understanding of the work-

force and how they can succeed within it.

Some, like Grieve, said he found the volunteer work to be a rewarding experience as he met and helped those in the community. Mitchell added that learning about the island's history through the church's museum was interesting.

Now that they're wrapped up with the program, they have a better idea of what they plan to do next. Grieve said he plans to go west and find work in the oil industry, while Mitchell is considering joining the military.

Skills Link is a federally-funded program under the Youth Employment Strategy, meant to encourage youth overcome barriers to their education and employment. Students are paid during the 23 week session and develop a better sense of the needs for the local labour force through their participation.

Registration is still open for the next session beginning on March 4, with two spots available as of press time. Those interested can contact Lair at 819-689-2878 or email wpconnects@gmail.com.

Shawville's winter family fun

DONALD TEUMA-CASTELLETTI
SHAWVILLE Feb. 23, 2019

From skating to sledding, painting and even a bit of dancing, the Shawville arena was the place for kids to be on Saturday morning.

That's because it was the return of the Shawville Winter Carnival, a free event for local families, complete with fun for all interests and a hot dog lunch to stay fueled up, all organized by the municipality.

As an annual event, councillor Jaime Christie-Stewart said the carnival is meant to provide fun for children, so they can burn off some energy and socialize in the colder

months.

Inside the community centre, kids were able to hit the ice for a free skate or grab some colouring sheets to fill in their own masterpiece. Outside, children had the chance to paint piles of snow with bottles of dye or head to the mountain for a bit of tobogganing.

Built up from the winter's worth of plowing, the snow pile proved popular for the children. With a few parents climbing up to give their young ones a hand, kids had a blast rocketing down the pile along two slopes.

The youngest ones seemed to enjoy the steeper slide, sending them soaring

into the parking lot at an impressive speed.

New this year was an addition on the part of the Parents' Voice Shawville Area, who brought an interactive storyteller to the Lions' Club.

Jacqui Du Toit told stories of her native continent, Africa, revolving around animals and geography. Using song and dance, she had children captivated as they followed along.

Parents' Voice member Shelley Heaphy said that the group had brought Du Toit to the Pontiac a few years ago at a Christmas party, and because she was so entertaining, they'd been

looking for an opportunity to have her back.

Heaphy said the show is meant to introduce children to experiences and culture that they may not be privy to. This kind of show is meant to not only get them up and moving, but to inspire their own storytelling skills, too.

Her high energy performance, set to the beat of Denis Kashi's drumming, had kids and parents alike travelling to different African ecosystems and meeting a variety of (stuffed) animals. The group was excited to continue with the carnival's fun once the show wrapped up.



Donald Teuma-Castelletti, THE EQUITY
From left: Jake Childs, Peter Mahon, Noah Shanks, Sydney Newberry and Yanni Newberry hit the ice.

Donald Teuma-Castelletti, THE EQUITY
The Parents' Voice Shawville Area brought a special guest to the Lions Club, in the form of an African storyteller. Pictured, Jacqui Du Toit entertains with tales of monkeys, lions, giraffes and much more.



Nothing "fowl" at this meal



Donald Teuma-Castelletti, THE EQUITY
The Pontiac chapter of Delta Waterfowl held their annual fundraising meal at Davidson's Magnum Outfitters on Saturday. From left: Rhéo Fortin, Wilfrid Ladouceur, Marc Fortin, Maurice Soucie, Maurice Kenney, Benoit Ladouceur, Luc Ladouceur, and Sebastien Fortin.

DONALD TEUMA-CASTELLETTI
DAVIDSON Feb. 23, 2019

Vacationing south of the border proved a fine choice for local waterfowl on Saturday, as Pontiac's finest duck hunters gathered at Davidson's Magnum Outfitters for an annual fundraising meal.

With over 120 in attendance, the Pontiac Delta Waterfowl's gathering was a sold out event celebrating local hunters, complete with games and prizes to be won.

Chapter president Chris Bertrand said the evening is an important event for the group, as it's a huge fundraiser. Last year it raised \$11,000 for Delta Waterfowl, which helps greatly with their local conservation mandates.

Now in its fourth iteration, the meal proves to be

a hugely successful fundraiser for the Pontiac chapter. Drawing in folks from all over the area, it's meant to help bring the waterfowl hunting community together while also stimulating an interest in the activity amongst the younger crowd.

To help with this, the group gave away a youth-designed gun and had some activities oriented for their age. One such was a testing out of duck calls, and to add to the fun, the gun was awarded to the lucky guest who had a reed taped within their call. When Anna Sallafranque found hers to appear defective, she took home the 20-gauge youth Benelli shotgun.

But that wasn't the only gun to be won that night, as the group had six to give away. Chances to win the

guns were based on participation in the various games, such as a peg pull.

All of the event's fundraising supports the group's various initiatives, from conservation through to education and more.

For some members, like Pembroke's Alex Hynes, volunteering with Delta is a way to give back and encourage conservation. An avid hunter since he was nine-years-old, Hynes said their winter gathering was also just a great opportunity to socialize, meet more of their community and have some fun.

Bertrand said volunteers like Hynes are what's really important to keeping the event, and chapter, alive. There's a lot that goes into the evening and their season, and without reliable help it'd be much harder to pull it all off.

Parliament skiers glide through rain, icy conditions



Donald Teuma-Castelletti, THE EQUITY
Following a wet first day out, the students skiing to Parliament Hill this week met with Karina Carlson, a 17-year-old from Chelsea who recently completed the 160 km ski tour, the Canadian Ski Marathon. Pictured, Carlson shares all about the experiences that the sport has offered her.

DONALD TEUMA-CASTELLETTI
SHAWVILLE Feb. 24, 2019

After a long day of skiing on Sunday, pushing through both rain and freezing rain, and ultimately having to cut the trip short, the crew of École secondaire Sieur de Coulange students skiing to Parliament Hill were greeted by a special guest.

Karina Carlson, a 17-year-old from Chelsea, joined them that evening, where she shared her experiences in cross country skiing, the opportunities it's presented her, and her knowledge in the 2019 Canadian Ski Marathon.

Kicking off their grand trek, the students left Fort Coulange on Sunday morning, with the expectation to reach Shawville by the day's end. Due to the unrelenting weather, everyone ended up drenched and the group stopped in Campbell's Bay

to warm up. Eventually, they were transported to the Shawville Lions Club where they stayed the night.

Though it was a wet and tiring day, the students showed no signs of weariness as they hung out in the hall. In fact, one student said the icy conditions of the morning may have helped save them energy.

"I liked that it was a bit icy, so it was an easy glide," said Sam Eadie. "It wasn't slow."

As for the weather, Carlson said it was an authentic experience for the skiers, providing a taste of one of the harder times to stick with the sport.

"We would definitely race in all sorts of conditions," said Carlson. "There was one race where it was literally just slush, the track is gone, you're just in slush and there were rocks, too. But as long as you're not going to get hypothermia,

the races are on."

Organized by the Canadian Ski Marathon's Ski at School program, this adventure is meant to stimulate a lifelong passion for cross country skiing.

"I've gotten a lot out of skiing, [from] actual experiences like a cultural exchange, friendships, and learning experiences," said Carlson, of what she hoped to share with the skiers. "There are a lot of really, really painful parts but then if you push through you feel really satisfied and accomplished when you're done."

The Canadian Ski Marathon is an annual ski tour and the largest of its kind in North America. Participants can choose to ski in as little as 12 km through to the full 160 km route.

As they continue the ski trip, the group is expected to arrive at Parliament Hill on Wednesday.

Pour tous vos besoins de propane

For all your propane needs

Our local Sales Rep Pontiac Propane 819-647-3547

1.800.205.2776 | Québec | budgetpropane.com

Licence R.B.Q.: 8246-7994-08

RRSP?? TFSA?? OR BOTH??

Can't decide? We can help!

Labadie Financial Services

Randy Labadie
Debbie Kilgour

Tel:819-458-3202 Cell:613-851-0765 1-800-747-4110

labadie@sympatico.ca

MacGregor

CONCRETE PRODUCTS (BEACHBURG) LIMITED

Serving Ontario & Quebec Since 1975

SEPTIC TANK PUMPING

- Concrete Floors
- Effluent Filters
- Well Tile

READY MIX CONCRETE

- Precast Concrete Septic Tanks
- Precast Concrete Holding Tanks
- Ready Mix Concrete
- Septic Tank Pumping
- Year Round
- Precast Concrete Steps

www.macgregorconcrete.com

Plant Office: 1-800-267-0118

or Day or Evening: 613-582-3459

Fax: 613-582-7383 • Email: macgregor@nrtco.net

Embroidery • Silk Screen • Engraving

• Trophies - We do it all!

Call 819-647-2204 Pontiac Printshop

Readership speaks numbers, not distribution!

THE EQUITY...

A PAID SUBSCRIPTION NEWSPAPER.

Paid subscription newspapers have REAL READERSHIP NUMBERS to back up their claims.

Quality reporting, effective advertising and fabulous big photos EVERY WEEK...

Go on-line at www.theequity.ca to subscribe.

\$20.00 per year

THE EQUITY

PONTIAC'S ONLY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1883

Pontiac Printshop Limited

133 Centre Street, Shawville, QC

819-647-2204

Classifieds

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Friday Join us in the Shawville Anglican Church Hall for an evening of music (Hooley in the Hall) from 7-9:30 p.m. Admission is free. 50/50 held. Everyone welcome. xtc

The Lighthouse Bookstore – 1225 Hwy. 148, Campbell's Bay - Business Hours: Wednesday – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Lighthouse Bookstore Pop Up Shop – 119 Victoria Ave., Shawville, QC - Business Hours: Fridays – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 4bf27

Fri., March 1 – Shawville Shenanigans at 586 Main St. from 9:30-11:30, join us for play, socializing and activities! ff27

March 2 – Bryson Lions Club Dance 8 p.m. - 12 a.m., light lunch served at 11 p.m. Entertainment by Nelson Towns. Cost \$10.00/person. For more information contact Betty 819-648-5424. bf27

Sun., March 3 – Pancake Brunch (Pancakes, eggs, sausages, ham, beans, salads, desserts, coffee, tea, & juice) 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fundraiser for Anglican Parish of Northern Pontiac. At T.C.R.A., Ladysmith, QC. Cost: Adults \$12.00. Children \$6.00. Everyone welcome. 2bf27

March 5 – Pancake Supper at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall from 4:30 - 7:00. Adults \$10, children \$4. Everyone welcome. xf27

Tues., March 5 – Family Pancake Supper. 4:30 to 6:30 at Quyon Legion Hall. Ham, sausages, beans, assorted salads, coffee, tea and juice for the kids and "All you can eat fluffy pancakes" with "local" Maple syrup. Adults \$10. Kids \$5. Kids 5 and under free, big family rate \$25 2 adults and all the kids. Sponsored by the Quyon Lions Club. bf27

Sat., March 9 – St. Ann's CWL Pre-St. Paddy's Kitchen Party Live Fundraiser, 3 to 7 p.m. Municipal Hall (upstairs), 8 Montée Monseigneur Martel, Grand Calumet Island. Music by local musicians. Tickets pre-sold or at door: adults \$10, children under 10 \$5, under 5 FREE. Irish stew, home-baked bread, poorman's pudding, tea and coffee. Door prizes and many draws. Bring your own wine/beer. Everyone welcome! 2xm6

Sun., March 17 – Gavan's Hotel St. Patrick's Day Party **MARCH 17, 2019**. Please note the date!!! 3bf27

SAT., MAY 18 – at The CORONATION HALL in beautiful BRISTOL, QUEBEC. Dinner & Show featuring MICK ARMITAGE & JOANNE DUBEAU. Dinner & Show is \$25.00 per person with limited seats available...buy your tickets now. Call NORMA GRAHAM at 819-647-2547 for tickets and information. bf27

MISCELLANEOUS

QCNA offers a one-order, one-bill service to advertisers. Call us for details on reaching English Quebec, and through classified ads French Quebec and every other Canadian province & territory. 819-893-6330. qf27

SAWMILLS from only \$4,397 - **MAKE MONEY & SAVE MONEY** with your own band-mill – Cut lumber any dimension. In stock ready to ship. FREE Info & DVD: www.NorwoodSawmills.com/400OT 1-800-567-0404 Ext:400OT. qf27

Pontiac Lions hoodie jerseys in-stock at Pontiac Printshop. Adult sizes M, L and XL. Taking orders for youth sizes now. Personalized and plain available. 133 Centre Street, Shawville, 819-647-2204. xtc

FARM PRODUCE

Why do birds cheep? Why do deer flutter their eye lashes? Why do cattle smile? They know you went to M&R Feeds! Sunflower and wild bird seed, deer chow, protein and mineral lick tubs, brood cow minerals, calf starter/grower, feeds for all livestock and poultry, bags and bulk. It's time to stock up on calving supplies, de-icing products, wood pellets, gates, feeders, and order your maple syrup supplies. We are now taking orders for spring cropping needs, seed grain, hay and pasture seed, corn, soybeans, fertilizer and more. See us soon. M&R Feeds Shawville 819-647-2814 www.mandrfeeds.com 6bf27

Hay for sale. Round bales 4" x 5". Luskville area 819-664-0286 Roy., 819-661-1274 Gerald. 2bm6

FOR RENT

Shawville – A newly renovated one bedroom apartment is available for rent. No pets allowed. For further enquires, please call 581-995-9724. xtc

Shawville – Apartment for rent, 329 James, suite 2, available for February or before, \$850 a month. Call 819-593-6411. etc.

Shawville – Apartment for rent. Looking for mature, quiet tenant. No smoking. No pets. Utilities not included \$495. 819-647-2652. etc.

SERVICES

Roof shovelling call Pierre, 819-647-5128. 2xf27

Labombard Electric Motors sales and service of electric motors, starters, alternators, power tools, welders, generators, pumps, etc., C54 Stoney Batter Rd., Shawville, QC. 819-647-2591. bf27

DEATH

Brinkworth, Eva (nee Malette) – 1927-2019

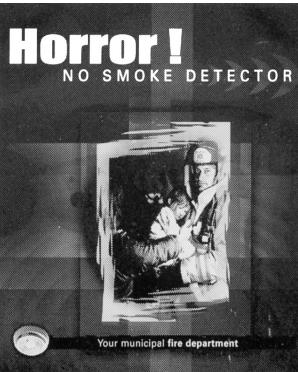
It is with profound sadness we announce the peaceful passing of Eva Jean Brinkworth (nee Malette) at Shawville Hospital February 17, 2019 after a brief illness. Eva and her twin sister Edna were born May 2, 1927 at home in Portage du Fort, Quebec, the eldest children of Joseph and Beatrice (Manwell) Malette. Eva completed her nursing degree and worked at the Grace Hospital in Ottawa before marrying Howard Brinkworth (1928 – 1970) on January 27, 1951. She is survived by her brother, Ted, her sister Edna, her children Les (Sharon), Charlie (Cheryl), Stephen (Liz), Tom (late Ami), and JoAnn. Eva also leaves behind 14 loving grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Through her life, Eva used her training as a nurse and reached out with her care for others as she helped many of her family's seniors during their late years in life, when they needed the help and compassion the most. Eva was predeceased by her husband Howard in 1970 and yet managed to raise five children on her own, as well as finding the time to pass on her affection, love and quick-wit to her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Eva extended these special gifts to a wide range of nieces and nephews. For the past 15 plus years her daughter JoAnn lived with Eva helping with her care and of course managing to play a few games of cards in the evenings. Although she was small in stature, Eva's love of friends, family and people in general, having a heart that burst with care and compassion, as well as a quick razor sharp wit made her larger than life itself and unforgettable to the folks she touched. She played piano and sang beautifully on stage, at weddings, in church, at family gatherings and, of course, around the kitchen table. She loved socializing and really enjoyed a good old kitchen party. Just two weeks before her passing she was singing along to songs and had a dance (at 91+) while her son played guitar. During her latter years her short term memory started to fail her, however, her sense of humour, love of life and family, more than offset the challenges. Enjoying life, having fun and helping others could summarize some of Eva's attributes however her willingness to give everyone she met a little gift will be remembered - a bit of her boundless love. It was her specialty and she was superb at it. One phrase can sum up and describe our mother and if you ask any one of her children the reply would be: She was AWESOME! She will be so terribly missed. In accordance with Eva's wishes there will be no visitation or service. A Celebration of Life will be held on April 20, 2019. Eva adored babies and little children. In memory of Eva, donations can be made to the Pontiac Community Hospital Foundation - Obstetrics Department. www.hayesfuneralhome.ca

DEATH



Brownlee, Elwyn Bruce – It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Elwyn Bruce (Teddy) Brownlee on Monday, February 18, 2019 in his 73rd year. Beloved husband of Betty Brownlee (Hodgins) for 47 years and much loved father of Marty (Beth) and Cory (Jacqueline). He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren Ethan, Cole, Mary Jane, Remi and Hadley. Special uncle to Kathy Tubman (Stuart) and their boys, Michael and Devon. Survived by his sisters Marie and Barbara Ann (Rudy Lorrain) and brother Elson. Predeceased by sister Jean (Versal Smith) and brother Denzil. Ted was an active and dedicated member of the community who enjoyed contributing his time to helping others –whether it was coaching and managing minor hockey, serving as a long-time member of the Shawville Lions Club or driving taxi. He always displayed a passion for the area he called home. An avid wood worker and golfer, he enjoyed the simple pleasures and time with family, over all else, and will be greatly missed. There will be no visitation or service at this time. Funeral arrangements to be completed in the spring. www.hayesfuneralhome.ca

H hayesfuneralhome.ca 1-844-647-2221



DEATH



Riebertz, Walter Wilfred – Peacefully at home on February 23, 2019 with his loving wife of 75 years, Irma (nee Stanley) by his side, Wilfred passed away in his 104th year. Dearly loved father of Shirley (Charles Kucharik), Wayne (Donna Mousseau) and Janice (Alfège Rivet). He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren Tanya (Dirk Beimers), Kristopher, Susan (Rob Morgan), Cathy (Danny Bishop), Wayne Jr. (Tina Bailey), Brendan (Taylor Gilbert) and Connor. He will be fondly remembered by great-grandchildren Gerrit, Levi and Sawyer Beimers, Victoria and Alexandra Morgan, Alyssa (Kevin Truesdell) and Jonathan Bishop and Justin and Taylor Riebertz. Wilfred was the great-great-grandfather to Lincoln and Michael Truesdell. He is survived by his brother Hilliard (Meryle Sparling). Predeceased by his sister Alice (Archie Marshall). Wilfred will also be sadly missed by his many nieces and nephews. Born in 1915, Wilfred grew up in a small farmhouse in the township of Leslie, Quebec. He opened the first mechanic shop in Bryson and then spent many years hauling pulp. Wilfred was a kind and gentle man who loved his antique cars and trucks, anything Ford, square-dancing and, above all else, his family. His was truly a life well lived. He will be forever missed but never forgotten. The Riebertz family extend sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. Lamarche and the Pontiac Hospital Centre staff as well as caregivers Erin Barber, Tracy Milford and Gracie Ostrom. Friends may call at Hayes Funeral Home, 134 Centre Street, Shawville, Quebec on Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Friday from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Funeral will follow in St. Paul's Anglican Church, 530 Main St., Shawville at 11:30 a.m. A reception to celebrate Wilfred's life will be held at the Lions Club in Bryson, Quebec from 1 to 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Wilfred's memory may be made to the Bryson Fire Department or the Bryson Lions Club. www.hayesfuneralhome.ca



Walsh, Sandra Theresa – It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we share the sudden passing of Sandra Walsh on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the age of 58. Beloved daughter of Veronica Stafford and the late James Walsh. Cherished sister to Genny (Bill Pink), Karen (Louis Chevalier) and Edward (Connie Stephens). Fun-loving aunt who will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews, as well as being the proud Godmother of Jeff Walsh. Special thank you to the doctors and nurses at the Shawville Hospital Emergency Department. A graveside service will be held in St. Brigid's Cemetery, North Onslow, Quebec at a later date. Donations to the Tubman Senior's Home or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. www.hayesfuneralhome.ca

DEATH



Racine, Keith June 26th, 1958 - February 25th, 2019

After a brave and courageous battle with cancer, Keith passed away peacefully in hospital on February 25th, 2019 in his 60th year. Caring and loving husband of 37 years to Danielle Francoeur. Cherished dad to Terry (Kristin Morin) and Marc (Miranda Greer). Best Poppa ever to his girls, Avery, Ivy, Macie and Paisley. Loved by his sister, Claire (Brian Hearty) and his brother, Ken (Laurence Endale). He will be missed by his brother and sister in-laws, Claude (Ginette Fortin), Francine (Serge Proulx), Pierre (Patsy Dagenais), Yves (Brendalee Roberts), Gilles (Josée Bilodeau) and Marie (Daniel Belair). Loving uncle to his nieces and nephews. He will be missed by many friends. Keith was a hard-working man who enjoyed spending time at the farm with his boys. He also dedicated 30 years to the Campbell's Bay Litchfield Fire Department as a volunteer fire fighter. When not hard at work, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He always looked forward to summer camping trips with his 4 little angels. Special thanks to Dr. Thomas O'Neill, Dr. Sonia Brisson, Dr. Derek Jonker, oncologist nurse, Linda Rooney, CLSC nurses, as well as, the staff and nurses at the Shawville Hospital. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, March 1st, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, 162 Front Street, Campbell's Bay, Quebec. Celebration of Life to follow at the Campbell's Bay RA Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Pontiac Community Hospital Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be greatly appreciated. www.hayesfuneralhome.ca

Young, Bob and Lorna – The family would like to express their thanks for the generous community support throughout this difficult time. A special thanks goes to all of the staff at the CAP for their outstanding care of our father. They truly became an extended family to him. In addition, the family wishes to thank everyone who was able to join us for the Celebration of Life/Irish Wake. It is at times like these that we realize how fortunate we are to have such thoughtful neighbours.

Most Holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honours you and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases and things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use, I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and suffering, particularly (here make your request) that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour you as my special and powerful patron and gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

H hayesfuneralhome.ca 1-844-647-2221

IN MEMORY

Argue, Charlie – Feb. 15, 1957 - Feb. 28, 2018 One long year has passed since you left. You are often in our thoughts. "PERHAPS" Until we meet again. Your Buddies

IN MEMORY

Cole, Cecil Waller – In memory of our father who passed away February 29th, 1972. Gone but never forgotten, Always in our hearts. Love always the Cole Family

THANKS

Brownlee – Nothing is more difficult than saying goodbye to someone we love. The outpouring of support shown to our family has truly helped us in these early days. The family of the late Elwyn "Teddy" Brownlee would like to send a note of gratitude out to all that have sent flowers, food, cards or shared kinds words and memories of Ted. Thank you for the visits and the phone calls, letting us know that you care and miss Ted as well. A very special word of thanks goes out to the nurses and doctors at the Pontiac Community Hospital. A thank in our own backyard! You all truly went above and beyond to help us everyday. Whether you were caring for Ted or just popping in to check on us and say hello; thank you for all you did!

We are going to miss him everyday; we know that he has touched many lives and so many of you will miss him as well. Thank you for reaching out to let us know you care and for remembering Teddy. Betty, Marty, Cory and families

Young, Bob and Lorna – The family would like to express their thanks for the generous community support throughout this difficult time. A special thanks goes to all of the staff at the CAP for their outstanding care of our father. They truly became an extended family to him. In addition, the family wishes to thank everyone who was able to join us for the Celebration of Life/Irish Wake. It is at times like these that we realize how fortunate we are to have such thoughtful neighbours.

Most Holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honours you and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases and things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use, I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and suffering, particularly (here make your request) that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour you as my special and powerful patron and gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

Most Holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honours you and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases and things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use, I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and suffering, particularly (here make your request) that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour you as my special and powerful patron and gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

Conclusion du 2^e Forum des communautés forestières

FQM - Communiqué **QUEBEC** Le 21 fév. 2019

Le 2^e Forum des communautés forestières de la Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM) s'est conclu cet après-midi par la signature de la Déclaration verte demandant au gouvernement du Québec d'intensifier sa lutte contre les changements climatiques par des investissements massifs dans les forêts publiques et privées.

« Il ne reste plus beaucoup de temps pour renverser la tendance et limiter les impacts du réchauffement. Les Québécoises et les Québécois se sont dotés d'un outil majeur pour lutter contre les changements climatiques, le Fonds vert. Pour l'année 2017-2018 seulement, ce sont 932 M\$ qui y ont été versés, et les régions doivent en bénéficier. En misant sur les travaux sylvicoles, nous sommes tous gagnants, la forêt, les communautés forestières, le gouvernement et la planète. », a déclaré M. Yvon Soucy, président du Regroupement des communautés forestières, premier vice-président de la FQM et préfet de la MRC de Kamouraska.

Rappelons que le forestier en chef, M. Louis Pelletier, avait affirmé dans son rapport de 2017 que « le gouvernement du Québec doit compter sur le potentiel de contribution de la forêt dans l'atteinte des cibles de réduction des gaz à effet de serre. (...) L'intensification de l'aménagement forestier et l'augmentation de l'utilisation du bois font partie des stratégies internationales reconnues dans la lutte aux changements climatiques. »

« La Déclaration verte endossée par l'ensemble des participants est un appel direct au gouvernement pour qu'il passe à l'action et recon-

naisse les forêts publiques et privées comme des atouts stratégiques dans la lutte aux changements climatiques. Une stratégie doit être déployée pour accroître la séquestration de carbone par une intensification des travaux d'aménagement forestier et assurer un financement adéquat des initiatives durables du secteur, tout en favorisant le développement des régions, », a ajouté le président du Regroupement.

Le 2^e Forum des communautés forestières a également été l'occasion de lancer, en collaboration avec le Conseil de l'industrie forestière du Québec (CIFQ) et le Centre d'expertise sur la construction commerciale en bois (Cecobois), deux guides et un logiciel pour aider les municipalités à accroître l'utilisation du bois dans la construction de bâtiments, de la biomasse résiduelle dans la production d'énergie et pour qu'elles puissent mesurer leur impact dans la séquestration du carbone.

« Depuis quelques années déjà, nous mettons de l'avant les économies de la forêt, car cette ressource stratégique a un impact sur plusieurs secteurs économiques au Québec. Que l'on parle du tourisme, de la chasse et de la pêche, du secteur bioalimentaire ou de l'énergie, notre forêt est en pleine effervescence, et elle est un facteur de prospérité pour de nombreuses régions. Cultivons-la au meilleur de nos capacités. », a conclu M. Soucy.

En terminant, la FQM tient à remercier l'Alliance forêt boréale, le ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs, ainsi que Produits forestiers Résolu, partenaires de cet événement.

Vous pouvez consulter la Déclaration verte ici.

Avis public

Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux

AVIS DE DEMANDES RELATIVES À UN PERMIS OU À UNE LICENCE

Toute personne, société ou association au sens du Code civil peut, dans les 30 jours de la publication du présent avis, s'opposer à une demande relative au permis ci-après mentionné en transmettant à la Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux un écrit assermenté qui fait état de ses motifs, ou intervenir en faveur de la demande, s'il y a eu opposition, dans les 45 jours de la publication du présent avis.

Cette opposition ou intervention doit être accompagnée d'une preuve attestant de son envoi au demandeur ou à son procureur, par courrier recommandé ou certifié ou par signification à la personne, et être adressée à la **Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux, 1, rue Notre-Dame Est, bureau 9.01, Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1B6.**

NOM ET ADRESSE DU DEMANDEUR	NATURE DE LA DEMANDE	ENDROIT D'EXPLOITATION
Rabb Cobe LA GARE WALTHAM STATION 512, boul. Waltham Waltham (Québec) J0X 3H0 J0X 3H0 Dossier : 471 136	Cession de 1 bar et de 1 restaurant pour vendre	512, boul. Waltham Waltham (Québec) J0X 3H0

Québec

100 ans
Les Amputés de guerre
1918 - 2018

Les programmes des Amputés de guerre évoluent. Ils ont d'abord été au service des anciens combattants, puis de l'ensemble des personnes amputées, adultes et enfants. Il reste encore beaucoup à faire pour que les personnes amputées bénéficient des membres artificiels dont elles ont besoin pour mener une vie active. Pour y parvenir, nous avons besoin de vous!

Grâce aux dons versés au Service des plaques porte-clés, nos programmes seront là encore longtemps.

Pour commander des plaques porte-clés :
amputesdeguerre.ca • 514 398-0759 • 1 800 250-3030
N° d'enregistrement d'organisme de bienfaisance : 13196 9628 RR0001



THE EQUITY

The Voice of the Pontiac since 1883
Published weekly by Pontiac Printshop Ltd.
133 Centre St, Shawville, Que. J0X 2Y0

Deadline Monday 12 noon:

819-647-2204

Fax 819- 647-2206

www.theequity.ca

e-mail: news@theequity.ca

Invoiced:

\$15.00 first 15 words,

15¢ each additional word, plus tax.

Paid in advance:

\$10.00 first 15 words,

15¢ each additional word, plus tax.



Subscription rates (tax included)
Pontiac-\$34.49
Quebec-\$45.99
Canada-\$42.00
U.S-\$117.81
On-line-\$20.00

Junior Mustangs take on Wexford Raiders



Pictured, Izzy Swan Smith makes an attempt on Wexford's net, early in the game.

DONALD TEUMA-CASTELLETTI
SHAWVILLE Feb. 17, 2019

Feb. 17 saw the return of the Maniwaki Mustangs to the Shawville arena for their final local game of the season, though it appeared that the team's usual fire and energy on the ice was forgotten at home.

Hosting the Wexford Raiders in a regular season Canadian Premier Junior Hockey League (CPJHL) game, the Mustangs still came out on top with a score of 5-2 but the periods were marred with plenty of penalties and missed opportunities as the team looks to solidify their understanding of teamwork.

Coach Alain Vachon said

the team is playing too much as individuals but must learn quickly how to play as a unit of five. Especially with play offs coming up, if they're going to continue their success as the second place team in the league, they'll need to work together better, he continued.

The game started strong for the Mustangs, as they brought their speed to the first period, though penalties slowed the action down significantly. Olivier Plouffe and Philippe Gaudron led the team in scoring, putting the lads ahead 2-1 at the period's end.

Second proved tougher, as both teams had a hard time connecting their shots to the net. Though Wexford had 19

shots on net, none connected. Of Maniwaki's 12, only a single one from Aiden Morrisseau snuck in.

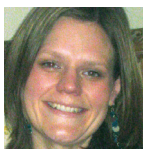
Third period saw both teams double their efforts, as Wexford sought to catch up. It was all for naught though, as the Mustangs outpaced them significantly. Plouffe scored his second goal early on this period, before Anthony Bédard got his first goal of the game.

This was the fifth and final CPJHL game scheduled for the season in Shawville, in what was an attempt to gauge interest in bringing a junior league team to town. Despite poor attendance, Maniwaki Mustangs owner Eric Gauthier said he still plans to start the Shawville

Express junior team in the upcoming season.

Gauthier said they had received an impressive coaching resumé from an individual in Aylmer and were meeting with Shawville arena officials on that night to discuss costs and organization for ice times.

He said that much of the organizational work is in motion, as they start to look ahead to recruiting, as they'll need 25 players to build the team. He was quick to add that the team is recruiting for players who are beyond their minor hockey career, as the league is meant to be the next step for players who have finished with their local leagues.



Quyon
JILL YOUNG
819-918-0623 jillianyoung6@gmail.com

The Quyon Lions Club have some long standing members who were recently recognized for their years of service by being presented with International Awards. Glen Leach was presented with an award for 30 years with the Quyon Lions Club, while Eric Provost and Roger Dubois were each recognized for 45 years with the Club. Congratulations and thank you to Glen, Eric and Roger for all they have done for our community. This year marks the 51st year of active community service for the Quyon Lions Club. We are so fortunate to have them and wish them continued success as a club.

Speaking of the Lions, they are keeping busy as usual with several events coming up. This coming Saturday, they will be hosting their annual Curling Bonspiel at the Shawville Curling Club. It is always a great day of curl-

ing and fun. They are also organizing the annual Family Pancake Supper on March 5 at the Quyon Legion. It is a delicious meal. I am already looking forward to it.

Belated birthday wishes are going out to Sara Richardson who celebrated on Jan. 24. We also have birthday wishes going out to Maureen McKenny on March 4. Happy days to everyone celebrating this week.

The Quyon Canada Day Committee is gearing up for this year's festivities by holding an online Facebook auction. It opened this past Saturday and will run until March 16. Be sure to join the group and get your bids in. There is a terrific array of items and services donated by local businesses and individuals.

Soup and sandwich is on today at Quyon United Church. It's a nice warm, cozy break from the winter cold.

Women's Institute hosts annual information day

CALEB NICKERSON
SHAWVILLE Feb. 20, 2019

On February 20, the Pontiac County Women's Institute (PCWI) held their long-standing information day, bringing out nearly 50 people to Shawville United Church.

The day features four speakers discussing a wide variety of topics, from health and education to agriculture and personal wellness.

PCWI President Beryl Smart explained that the group has put on the event once a year for more than

three decades.

"1989 was the first they had record of, but it was running before that," she said, adding that the group invites different guests educators from all over the Pontiac.

"The first section was Jennifer Russell and she spoke about agriculture, she works at the Exhibition farm in Ottawa," Smart said.

Next up was Louise Belec of The Golden Peak. She spoke about the non-profit organization's work in the

community, specifically their emergency sensor program. The group lends out sensors to seniors that alert contacts in case of an emergency.

After lunch, the group heard from Pontiac High School Principal Debra Stephens, who discussed demographics and education strategies at PHS.

Rounding out the day's presentations was motivational speaker Samantha Gagnon, who challenged attendees to set goals and achieve them.



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

The Pontiac County Women's Institute held their annual information day at Shawville United Church on Feb. 20, bringing out a crowd of around 50 to expand their horizons and learn something new.

Pictured, Pontiac High School Principal Debra Stephens was the third speaker of the day, discussing demographics and education strategies at the local secondary school.

Star Skaters participate in Kurt Browning seminar



Photo submitted

Star Skaters from the Shawville Figure Skating Club attended a Kurt Browning seminar in Renfrew, Ont. on Saturday. Back row from left: Alissa Czisny, Marissa Lang, Julia Lemay, Meredith Barr, Kyla Ferrigan, Haillee Hamelin-Dorzek, Madison Hodgins, Bree Barr. Front row from left: Kurt Browning and Delaney Murdock.

Submitted by Melanie Lang

On Feb. 21, a group of Star Skaters from the Shawville Figure Skating Club participated in a one day Kurt Browning Seminar hosted by the Renfrew Skating Club.

The group had the opportunity to be on the ice twice with Browning as well as two time U.S. Champion skater Alissa Czisny who is also a spin specialist. She absolutely wowed the crowd with her talents.

The day also included two off ice sessions and it wrapped up with Browning

and Czisny speaking to all the skaters and answering any questions as well as signing autographs and having pictures taken.

The skaters had a great day and appreciate the Renfrew Skating Club for inviting them to this amazing opportunity.

Dropping lines for Bryson, Grand Calumet, Portage



The BGCP Fire Department held their fourth ice fishing derby on Saturday, fundraising for their various initiatives. Pictured centre, Adam Frost took home the top spot in the derby.

DONALD TEUMA-CASTELLETTI
GRAND CALUMET ISLAND Feb. 23, 2019

Saturday proved a picture-perfect day for some classic Canadian fun, as anglers set up camp on Bertrand's Bay to compete in support of their local fire department.

With comfortable temperatures and a clear sky, folks hit the lake in support of the Bryson, Grand Calumet Island and Portage du Fort (BGCP) Fire Department at their fourth Family Fun Ice Fishing Derby.

The derby helps the fire department afford a number of quality of life improvements, as well as various charitable initiatives in the community.

Brigade coordinator Eric Harrington explained that

quality of life improvements can apply to any number of upgrades for the department. For equipment, it could mean pitching in to afford a better axe, which allows them to utilize the tool for multiple scenarios, or even endure harsher conditions. In terms of their vehicles, it could mean adding new visibility measures that will help not only their efforts, but the public, too.

"A lot of people ask, 'Why are firefighters raising money?'" he said.

Harrington said that as much as the municipalities afford their department the basic need in terms of tools, equipment and more, as set out by budget and necessity, their fundraising helps that money go much further.

The community, understanding this, still turned out in great number, not even necessarily to fish. A fair amount turned out just to sign up and add the registration fee to the pot, as they know it's a great help for the department.

Though the fish were slow to bite that day, the anglers stuck out the day, enjoying some cold ones and the company out on the bay. A few fish were brought in early, but the clear winners wouldn't turn out until later.

When it all wrapped up, Adam Frost came out on top, with his pike weighing 2 lbs., 14 oz. In second was Jeff Benoit, and third rounded out by Ryan Benoit. The 50/50 winner, Claude Ryan, scored \$156 in the draw, but donated \$100 back to the department.



Sponsored by the
DOUGLAS LIONS CLUB

You are cordially invited to come and share in the fun at our

DOUGLAS

St. Patrick's Day parade

Saturday March 9th at 7:00 pm

The Village of **DOUGLAS** would be honoured to have your family float, business float, school float, organization's float or Irish Hooper participate in our parade.

For more information check out our:
Facebook page - **Douglas Patrick**
Website - **prestoncull.com** or
Register with - Preston at 613-649-2378
Email - prestoncull@sympatico.ca
or **Email Billy - mchalea24@gmail.com**

Parade starts at 7:00 pm sharp at St. Michael's School, lining up starts at 2:00 pm
Food outside St. Mike's School and Douglas Tavern.
For each petal on the Shamrock
This brings a wish your way
Good health, good luck and happiness
For today and every day
The Committee: Art Jamieson, Billy McHale and Preston

Shawville
LYSE LACOURSE
819-647-5932 lysec38o@gmail.com

Congratulations to the volunteers of the Shawville Winter Carnival that was held on Saturday.

The seventh annual Fish Findlay Classic Hockey Tournament starts on Feb. 28.

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Shawville will be

Feb. 18 in his 73rd year.

Our deepest condolences to the Barber and Griffiths families on the loss of Amy on Feb. 19 in her 97th year in Renfrew, Ont. Amy was the sister of Isabel Elliott and Lois Callaghan.

Happy birthday to the following people this week: Lisa Orr, Thomas Corrigan, Diane Desabrais, Linda Murray, Louise Cowley, Dave Twolan, Debbie Ellison, Dylon Wysotski,

Brian Judd, Leslie Kilgour, Pat Ryan, Mary Finnigan, Trina Stewart, Barry Orr, Hillis Conolly, Macy Tubman, Wayne Campeau, Jeffrey Hannaberry, Richard Horner, Connie Stephens, Daniel Frost and Karen Bean.

Couples celebrating their anniversaries this week are: Terry and Linda Murray, Basil and Lorraine Hodgins.

Happy birthday across the miles to my sister Carol

Gregory who celebrates her birthday today.

Our condolences to the Walsh family on the loss of Sandra on Feb. 21 at the age of 58.

RAWQ opens satellite office in Shawville



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

The Regional Association of West Quebecers opened their satellite office in Shawville on Friday afternoon, allowing the group to offer a host of new services to the local Anglophone community. From left: Executive Director Linton Garner, board member David Gillespie, President Arthur Ayers, communications officer Aldo Jauregui, community engagement coordinator Hayley Campbell and board member Chris Judd.

Business and personal cheques and deposit books, we have a wide range for manual and laser printing.



Personal cheques starting at \$26.00 for 80 (2 books).



Deposit books starting at \$36.00 for 200 - 2 copy.



Single laser cheques starting at \$138.00 for 250



Cheques two-to-a-Page starting at \$85.00 for 200 - one copy

Call 819-647-2204 today for a quote on your business banking needs.
or email: kathy@theequity.ca
Pontiac Printshop Ltd.
133 Centre St., Shawville, QC