

The Equity

Fishin’ in Swisha



Photo submitted
On Aug. 31, the Rapides des Joachims Outdoorsmen Association (RDJOA) held it's annual fishing derby at McConnell Lake. Pictured, winner of the pike category Duane Scharff holds up his prized catch.

J.D. POTIÉ
RAPIDES DES JOACHIMS Aug. 31, 2019
More than 20 anglers convened at a campsite at McConnell Lake in Rapides des Joachims to participate in the town's 14th annual fishing derby.
Organized by the Rapides des Joachims-Outdoorsmen Association (RDJOA), the event consisted of a contest where participants hit the water trying to catch the biggest fish they could find. The criteria focused on a combination of the weight and length of each fish.
According to one of the event's main organizers, Debbie Foley, the purpose was to promote the town and to uplift local residents by giving them a place to congregate.
Most of the participants were adults as only two kids registered for the event, Foley said.
The competition comprised of catching pike and pickerel. However, participants were invited to pull up whatever kind of fish they could.
With relatively cold weather throughout, the derby didn't draw as many people as it has in years past, with upwards of 100 participants in previous editions, Foley said.
Nonetheless, everyone seemed to have had a good time.

When it was all said and done, Duane Scharff from North Gower, Ont. landed the first prize for pike after pulling up a 60 centimetre-long, 2.4 pound fish. Gord Bowes of Chalk River came away with the top prize for pickerels with a 44 centimetre catch weighing 1.4 pounds. Each of the winners walked away with brand-new sets of fishing rods and reels, Foley said.

For Foley, the event has been very beneficial for the community over the years. Having been involved with the RDJOA for nearly five years, she's found the fishing derbies very enjoyable and feels grateful for the constant support from local families year after year.

"It's a lot of fun and we get kids out," she said. "It's a family-oriented event, so we usually get a great response back from them."

Following the derby, RDJOA volunteers raffled off a collection of door prizes purchased from a number of local businesses, Foley said.

"Most people leave with something," she said. All the proceeds raised from the event will be used to subsidize community initiatives benefitting local youth, Foley said.

Next year, the RDJOA might look into expanding the variety of categories considering the diverse ecosystem of the lake, Foley said.

"I think next year we're probably opening up because the lake where we're fishing has everything from bass, perch right up to sturgeons. Trout have been caught in that lake too, so you never know what you're going to get. We have catfish as well."

Established in 2005, the RDJOA is a non-for-profit organization built with the purpose of promoting hunting and fishing for local youth in an effort to keep them active and healthy.



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Winner of the pickerel category Sylvia Waito and Gord Bowes showing off the winning fish and a couple of bass.

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Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY
Sass Jordan rocked the main stage at the Shawville Fair on Friday night, kicking off the weekend with her hard-hitting rhythms and powerful vocal range. The 163rd edition of the fair also featured electrifying performances from the Hunter Brothers, Brett Kissel and many more. See pages six through eight for the full story.

EQUITY STAFF
SHAWVILLE Aug. 27 - Sept. 2, 2019
On Thursday, the 163rd edition of the Shawville Fair finally opened to the public, drawing thousands of people to kick off the festivities.
The gates opened at 4 p.m. and the midway started up an hour after, the sight of carnies setting up their attractions mixed with the strong odors of food trucks and diesel, made it apparent that the biggest celebration in the Pontiac was about to get underway.

When things initially began, the foot-traffic was minimal, but the fairgrounds got significantly more lively as the night went on.

At around 6:30 p.m., flocks of people migrated to the outdoor ring behind the arena to find the best seats to catch the mightiest motors in town at the Truck and Tractor Pull.

The event was quite popular as both sides of the track were lined up with hundreds of people packing the wooden bleachers as many others stood along the railing, by the time the sun came down.

Organized by owners of M&L Enterprises Mel and Lynne Langton, the event was emceed by local tractor-pull announcer Marc Chartrand.

According to Lynne, she and her husband have been putting on around eight to 10 truck and tractor pulls around Ontario and Quebec every year and have been doing so for the last 25 years.

"It's always very well-attended," she said. "It's always been on Thursday night."

The contest featured over 25 riders competing in eight separate classes, using their powerful machines to pull a large, metal float weighing upwards of 60,000 pounds as far as they could down the track.

Inside the arena, a different kind of competition was taking place, this time a cake decorating showdown.

Making its debut at the fair, the event featured 12 teams battling it out to see who came out with the best masterpiece, while people packed the stands, cheering them on as loud as they could.

Each team was presented a cake with the challenge of decorating it in the most festive way possible according to a specific theme in limited time. Teams were judged on their end product's overall look, the creativity of their design and their ability to best represent their respective theme.

When it was all done, judges assessed the results and at the end a team made up of Beachburg and Cobden fair board members came out on top.

After participating in the event, Pontiac MP Will Amos

It's a huge testimony that after 163 years there can be so much community spirit and good will to keep an event like this going ...

Pontiac Warden Jane Toller



J.D. Potié, THE EQUITY
2019 Shawville Fair Ambassador Cadence Beck addresses the crowd during her speech at the opening ceremony.



J.D. Potié, THE EQUITY
Kyle Hamelin competes at the truck and tractor pull with his powerful Ford truck on Thursday night.

spoke about how much he enjoyed the sense of amicable competition the contest provided.

"It's an intergenerational event," he said. "It's for everyone. It lights everyone up, we laugh and it's not too serious."

Right after the competition, emcee Phil Holmes kicked off the fair's official opening ceremony by singing "O Canada" as the crowd joined in harmony.

Holmes highlighted the significance of the fair throughout his life and how grateful he is to have been a part of it from one year to the next.

"When you grow up in Shawville, the Shawville Fair is such a big event and to be standing on this stage as the master of ceremony of the opening ceremony really is an honour."

Afterwards, several people including MRC Warden Jane Toller, Amos and Shawville Mayor Sandra Murray delivered speeches detailing their appreciation for the fair, its volunteers and its significance to the culture of the Pontiac.

"Through thick and thin, no matter what the Pontiac has been through, agriculture remains," said Toller. "It was a heritage and we celebrate it today. This is a wonderful weekend for families."

"It's a huge testimony that after 163 years there can be so much community spirit and good will to keep an event like this going," she added.

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J.D. Potié, THE EQUITY
Peter Houghton and Andrew Simms hold up a plaque after each being commemorated with dedicated service awards.

Multiple charges laid after violent home invasion



Sacha Issajenko was one of the victims of a violent home invasion in Sand Bay earlier in the summer, and suffered numerous injuries to her face. The accused, 45-year-old Daniel Chartrand, is currently in custody, with his pre-trial scheduled for Sept. 24 in Campbell's Bay. Both Issajenko and the homeowner, Darlene Allen, are expected to testify.

CALEB NICKERSON
CLARENDON
July 12, 2019

A 45-year-old man is in custody and facing numerous charges following a violent home invasion in Sand Bay earlier this summer.

Daniel Chartrand, of Gatineau, is accused of breaking into a home on chemin Hobbs in Clarendon in the early hours of July 12 and assaulting the homeowner, Darlene Allen, as well as his former partner and the mother of his child, Sacha Issajenko, with at least one weapon.

Chartrand is facing seven charges, according to Crown Prosecutor Simon Pelletier:

break and enter, two counts each of assault with a weapon and assault causing bodily harm, forcible confinement and mischief.

None of these charges have been proven in court, as the pre-trial is scheduled for Sept. 24.

Pelletier said that he couldn't confirm the weapon used, but when Issajenko contacted THE EQUITY last week to disclose her harrowing tale, she said he used a taser, and also had a knife. Allen did not respond to THE EQUITY's request for comment in time for print.

"I had been at Darlene Allen's, it was going on two weeks," Issajenko began. "I'm

dating her son, Troy Allen."

She explained that Chartrand is the father of her daughter, and the two were involved for seven to eight years before she left for her hometown of Toronto nearly a year ago. She said the last time she saw him was in April, but that he had called her weeks prior to the attack and threatened to kill her. She said she had been careful not to disclose her whereabouts on social media, but he managed to find her.

"My two-year-old daughter [and I] were there, just for a little vacation thing, we usually spend our summers in Sand Bay," she said. "It

was a regular day, we went to the beach, we came back, played, watched movies, went to sleep. The next thing I know, I'm waking up to, like a burning, electricity sensation through my body and a bright, bright light."

She said that Chartrand punched and tased her in the face numerous times, in full view of their toddler.

"He beat me in the room for quite a bit, while my daughter watched," she said. "Then he dragged me outside and he repeatedly kept punching me, and punching me and punching me ... and only in the face, he never hit me in the body at all with the taser, his fists or the knife."

She said that he attempted to drag her into his vehicle before she passed out.

"He kept punching me, I don't know if he thought I was already dead because I had lost consciousness," she said. "The next thing I remember is he's gone and I'm crawling back into the house."

Issajenko was taken to hospital with severe facial injuries. She said that Allen required stitches, but Issajenko didn't witness what happened to her.

"I was covered in blood, I don't think I'd ever seen that much blood in real life," she said. "I had to go to a facial reconstruction specialist

and they said that I took the cake for the worst beating they had ever seen."

She said she was notified by the police that Chartrand had turned himself in a week after the attack.

Both Pelletier and the SQ couldn't confirm the time or circumstances of Chartrand's arrest, but Pelletier said that he had a bail hearing in August, where it was determined he would remain in custody until trial, in the interest of public safety.

Chartrand's defence attorney, Mélina Cham, did not respond to THE EQUITY's request for comment in time for print.

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Bloc candidate enters the Pontiac political race



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Jonathan Carreiro-Benoit is running in Pontiac on the Bloc Quebecois ticket this fall in the federal election. The university student previously ran for the Parti Quebecois in Gatineau in last year's provincial elections, finishing fourth with nine per cent of the vote.

CALEB NICKERSON
PONTIAC Sept. 4, 2019

With the federal election fast approaching this October, there are now six candidates vying for a seat in the Pontiac riding, the latest being Jonathan Carreiro-Benoit of the Bloc Quebecois (BQ).

The young student currently resides in Cantley, and is studying history at the University of Laval. He previously ran in last year's provincial elections in the riding of Gatineau, finishing fourth with nine per cent of the vote.

An avowed sovereignist, Carreiro-Benoit believes that Quebec is better off as an independent nation, and blamed the federal government for the economic state of the region.

"For me of course, it's to prove the federal level of government is not good enough for us in Outaouais," he said, referring to why he chose to run. "We are one of the poorest regions in Canada because of federal negligence."

He was critical of the federal government's handling of several files, from the purchase of the Trans Mountain pipeline to concessions in the newly negotiated trade deal with the US and

Mexico. He said an independent Quebec would be a better champion for supply-managed industries such as dairy.

"It's not normal for a small to medium enterprise to be in this position of insecurity," he said, of the region's dairy farms.

When asked how a single province would be able to negotiate as effectively on an international level as an entire country, he said negotiating a separate deal for Quebec would be more "efficient".

He was also supportive of the growing separatist sentiment in Alberta.

"I think it's a pretty good idea, I think it's pretty good for all of us because with this point, we can prove it's not just Quebec that needs its independence, it's everyone," he said.

He said that while there might not be as strong a will for Quebec independence in bilingual border regions like the Outaouais as there is in places like Gaspésie or south of Montreal, he remains undaunted.

"It's not about English or French, it's about us. I want to prove my point to you, that I still believe in the independence of Quebec for me, you and everyone," he

1.75 billion in funding for dairy farmers

J.D. POTIÉ
PONTIAC Aug. 16, 2019

On Aug. 16, Canada's Agriculture and Agri-food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau announced that the federal government will be allocating \$1.75 billion to over 11,000 Canadian dairy farmers over the next eight years.

From the total amount, \$345 million will be distributed in the first year via direct deposits and aiding dairy farmers depending on the number of cows they have. Owners of average sized farms, being around 80 cows, should receive a direct payment of \$28,000 in the first year.

Shawville based dairy farmer Robbie Beck said that the compensation program will be beneficial to his operation as he plans to use the funds to subsidize upgrades to his facility to increase efficiency and overall production.

"I think it's actually going

to be useful," he said. "It's going to be important for improving efficiency however possible to become more competitive. In respect to the way we make milk and respect to other countries it's important that we keep up our competitiveness that way."

But at the same time, he's worried about the potential negative repercussions the agreement could have on Canadian dairy markets in the future.

He referred to the compensation program as a great "Plan B" and a positive fulfillment of the government's promise to back up Canadian dairy farmers. However, he claimed that it wasn't the result he and other dairy farmers at the bargaining table hoped for. What they wanted was more security for the overall state of the dairy markets.

"The ideal outcome of trade negotiations at the time would have been not to

negotiate any of the Canadian Dairy Markets. Then, there wouldn't be any need for these payouts.

"During trade negotiations, we weren't lobbying for any kind of compensation," he added. "We were lobbying for market protection and really that's our first act. Our "Plan A" is to protect the market that we've developed in Canada and to protect the borders from outside milk that's from other countries."

While he's grateful that the government is making efforts to recognize the importance of dairy farmers for the national economy, he's concerned about the precedent it might set for future negotiations.

"In future trade talks, maybe this will be a model used again in the future where a portion of our market may be traded away with this kind of a compensation program where you can make up for the loss and

that's not really want."

Beck explained that the program was designed to compensate nearly eight per cent of Canadian dairy markets and he worries that the government might be using the program to make up for the dairy industry's future financial woes.

"Next time there's a trade negotiation, I would think it makes it slightly easier to make those concessions at the trade negotiation table."

The declaration comes after the implementation of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

Along with a \$250 million investment program benefiting over 3,000 Canadian dairy producers, the total amount of money granted by the government reaches up to \$2 Billion in government funds.

All payments will be administered by the Canadian Dairy Commission

and the government will continuously work alongside the Dairy Farmers of Canada in order to pin-point future terms and conditions.

Pontiac MP Will Amos believes the grant symbolizes the importance of the dairy industry in the eyes of the federal government by protecting the supply management system and helping out farmers financially.

"They're getting fair and full compensation in a matter that they have designed," he said.

To maintain a strong agricultural sector, it's important for the government to stand by Canadian farmers who specialize in exporting products, Amos said.

"We need to support our dairy farmers and drink Canadian milk," he said.

To register for the payments, farmers are advised to get in touch with the Canadian Dairy Commission to fill out a form, Amos said.



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Back to school barbecue at McDowell Elementary



J.D. Potié, THE EQUITY

On Aug. 27, Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary held its annual back to school barbecue, along with “meet the teacher night” and a parent’s assembly in the gymnasium. Pictured, volunteers Greg Hayes, his son Sam and Ken Bernard manage the grill station during the barbecue.

J.D. POTIÉ
SHAWVILLE Aug. 27, 2019

With the smell of hot dogs and burgers in the air, loads of local parents and their kids gathered at Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary for its annual back to school barbecue.

Held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the event started with a barbecue outside the school in front of the parking lot where kids and parents got a chance to reunite with old friends while feasting on some delicious food.

Greg Hayes, his son Sam and Ken Bernard worked the grill, doling out tons of

delights to the hungry attendees.

According to one of the volunteers at the event Alina Holmes, the evening comprised of three events bundled up into one with the goal of increasing overall attendance.

“When we do it part way through September the attendance has been quite low,” she said. “Teachers have already been introduced to their students; parents have already had a lot of communication open. So, there hasn’t been a reason for then to necessarily

come.”

Along with the barbecue, teachers decided to simultaneously host “meet the teacher night” giving families a chance to meet their educators for the year and take a tour of their classrooms, Holmes said.

In the gymnasium, parents filled a modest portion of the seats for the general assembly. Parents were introduced to the institution’s new Principal Grady Robson.

Before the assembly, the hallways in the building were bustling with kids and parents

taking tours of their respective classrooms. Parents were handed a collection of documents, which included a welcome letter, the transportation schedule and how kids could get their lockers.

During the assembly, Robson opened with a speech explaining his plan on continuing to build upon an ongoing tradition at the school. Coming from Onslow Elementary in Quyon, Robson is an adamant supporter of physical education programs in schools.

Jessica Ballard, president and treasurer of the school’s



J.D. Potié, THE EQUITY

The school’s newest principal Grady Robson introduces himself to parents during the general assembly.

Home and School committee, followed up by inviting parents to volunteer for the initiative.

Plus, two positions on the school’s governing board were open for election, which were filled by Chris Beimers and Keena Judd Kelly respectively.

For Holmes, the event is a great way of making the transition from summer to school more comfortable for the kids.

“It helps ease anxiety for kids who are brand-new to the school, those who have a hard time going back to

school, to be in the building and find out that information before they put on a bus on Thursday to go off in the unknown,” she said.

In previous years, “meet the teacher night” was held later on in September but with both events happening at the same time it added to the kids’ eagerness to finally get back in the classroom, Holmes said.

“It’s kind of exciting that the kids, before school starts, they get to find out who their teacher is, where their classroom is and see them.”

20th annual Labour Day Classic in Norway Bay



J.D. Potié, THE EQUITY

On Sept. 1, Norway Bay played host to a group of sailors during its 20th annual Labour Day Classic sailboat race. Pictured, the eventual winners Carl Swail and Richard Hart set their Y Flyer sailboat onto the water.

J.D. POTIÉ
NORWAY BAY Sept. 1, 2019

A group of amateur sailors

convened at the Norway Bay pier for the town’s 20th annual Labour Day Classic

sailboat race.

At around 10 a.m. participants set out with their sail-



J.D. Potié, THE EQUITY

Swail and Hart get their boat ready for the big race on Sunday morning.

boats onto the Ottawa River with the goal of completing the marked course in fastest time possible.

Like most sailing races, the course was set in a triangular pattern with three buoys spread out at different points in the water, according to the event’s organizer Jamie Alexander.

“Ninety per cent of boat racing around the globe is like that,” he said. “Unless you’re ocean-racing from point A to point B, it’s all done in a triangle.”

With 11 teams participating, the event comprised of two kinds of races.

The first featured Y-Flyers, which are smaller sailboats with two-man crews. The other showcased keel boats, which look like small sailing yachts and require a larger crew to maneuver.

Each race lasted around 45 minutes and at the end of the day participants gathered at Alexander’s cottage for an informal awards ceremony.

The winner of the keel

boat race was Rob Oakes and his crew, while Richard Hart and Carl Swail came out victorious in the Y Flyers category.

Alexander noted that the event was one of the most well-attended Labour Day Classics in recent memory.

The event started 20 years ago when Alexander and a few of his friends decided to organize a sailing race for bragging rights to wrap up the summer.

“Four of us had the same type of boat and we decided to have a race on Labour Day Sunday,” said Alexander.

For Alexander, the event is always an enjoyable one as he gets to do what he loves while surrounded by good people with similar interests. He believes sailing should be a more popular sport considering its affordability and the joy that it brings from being out on the water.

“Sailing is completely inexpensive and everybody seems to busy to do it,” he said. “Motor boating is great but you hop in the boat, it

burns gas and you have insurance and you go from A to B and you’re done. In a sailboat, you hop in and sing songs... and it doesn’t cost you anything. It’s a lot of fun.”

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Pontiac pool committee seeks \$25,000

CALEB NICKERSON
FORT COULONGE
Sept. 4, 2019

The Piscine Pontiac Pool committee is moving forward with their community project with a recent application for regional grant funding.

THE EQUITY spoke with committee President Todd Hoffman to go over the details of the project.

Spearheaded in June of 2017 by current Warden Jane Toller prior to her election run, the most recent push for a pool in the Pontiac is

planned for a plot of land next to the arena in Fort Coulonge.

The cost is estimated at \$12 million, and the facility will feature multi-purpose rooms, a lap pool and also a warm therapy pool. Hoffman said that he was asked to be president in April of this year, and that the committee is currently made up of nine people.

He said they have made an application through the Regional Support Fund (FARR), which finances regional projects, for

\$25,000. After pointing out the obvious health benefits of a multi-use facility, Hoffman added that the future of the only other pool in the area, the Kinsmen in Pembroke, is in jeopardy, and now would be an opportune time to attract swimmers from across the river.

“That’s why we think the pool project fits quite well into the [health and wellness] criteria of the FARR grant,” he said. “We feel it fits the other criteria quite well, with the cross-border

competitiveness.”


The funds would go towards hiring an architect to draw up preliminary plans for the facility. Hoffman added that with a detailed drawing in hand, making applications and calls for donations would become easier.

“Once we have the drawing and preliminary plans, that can be disseminated and ... that helps for interest too,” he said.

Hoffman said that in addition to seeking out other

funding applications, including a new provincial envelope for sports and recreation, they would also be seeking out community partners in the coming months as well.


“This project is not just all contingent on government money, we’ll also be starting fundraising initiatives,” he said. “We had a little bit of a hiatus there for a bit, you know in the spring with all the flooding and that, and summer. We’re starting the wheels back up in motion again.”



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Editorial

Thinking about what to think about

Once again, an armada of boxy, yellow torpedoes will be making their way through the streets at dawn, transporting legions of young people to the area's schools. They will line up in hallways, file into classrooms and the assumption is that they will absorb mountains of useful information like good little sponges.

It's now, in the tumultuous wake of summer and dawn of the new scholastic year that it would be prudent to think about what our children should be thinking about.

(To the teachers reading this, please wait until the end of this layman's analysis of your profession before pelting the office with rotten tomatoes.)

Our systems of learning are set up to give a basic understanding of the world as efficiently as possible, to a broad range of students. However, among the obviously useful nuggets, like basic math and spelling, there are some subjects that are harder to square with everyday life.

Many readers will remember taking hours of lessons in cursive writing, a skill that's no longer mandatory for students in many provinces.

I distinctly remember one of my teachers telling our math class that we wouldn't have a calculator with us at all times when we ventured out into the big, wide world. A little more than a decade later, (yes, I'm very young) practically everyone carries a fairly powerful computer in their pocket.

This is not to say there is no value in these "old" skills, they can really come in handy when your phone's battery dies or when you have to read a letter from your great-aunt. But rapid changes in technology, or more accurately, the changes in lifestyle that they bring about, have had huge impacts on what, and how we learn.

The sheer amount of information available through the internet is the biggest technological change that recent generations have grappled with, and while the benefits are numerous, so are the downsides. In the midst of being bombarded with megatonnes of information at all times of day, we're also stuck with the task of determining which skills will be useful when children reach adulthood, and which ones they can just look up on Google or YouTube.

As the British author and philosopher Aldous Huxley wrote, "Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted." Children that grow up in the present day have no conception of the analog world and its various skill sets, just as their parents had no experience with the telegraph or the horse and buggy.

Not only has technology become abundant, but the *rate of change* has increased as well. There were slightly more than 100 years between the invention of the land line and the invention of the cell phone. There were less than 50 between the first cell phone and the release of the iPhone. This stuff snowballs quickly, and the next big shift is just around the corner.

Will it be 5G internet? Artificial intelligence? Lightsabres? There's no way of knowing (but you can probably guess what I'm crossing my fingers for).

That is why the most important skill for young people to develop in their time at school is the ability to adapt to change with critical and independent thought.

Teaching kids *how* to think is easier said than done, and I'm sure our local educators have a better handle on the subject than a 20-something with too much caffeine in his bloodstream. But it takes a mind that's been carefully honed to discern what information is worth keeping and what should be thrown away.

We can't possibly imagine the future that this new generation will inhabit, but we can give them the skills, both ancient and new, to make their own way.

Caleb Nickerson

The Parents' Voice

By Shelley Heaphy

Changes

Each and every parent can somehow relate to change along with the fear and joy it can bring us.

This time of year has always been a time that marks changes in my life. The start of a new school year has always been met with anxiety for me, first as a student and then as a parent. The butterflies in my tummy were present when I went to school, when I taught and now when my children start a new school year. Although it is so much fun and so exciting I could never get rid of that lead feeling in the pit of my stomach. I know I'm not alone, there are many people out there who have a hard time dealing with change and as parents we certainly do go through a lot of change with our little ones.

Change happens when we first find out we are pregnant/expecting. We begin to change our diet, change the activities we participate in, change our perspective on the future. Change continues when we have our baby. Our family of two changes to a family of three (or more), our sleeping patterns change as we awaken with our baby, our habits change as we alter them to encompass a newborn.

As our children grow we experience more change. We go back to work and experience the change of bringing our children to day care, our child begins school and we experience the change of putting them on a school bus.

Our children continue to grow and we experience the change of giving them more freedom towards making choices and decisions until life changes again and our children are moving away to attend school.

As they get older and begin new stages and chapters in their lives, we experience change. Some of it is much harder to swallow than other parts I suspect.

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Dave Moore, THE EQUITY

A nice end to the day

There is an old saying; "You can live without your relatives, but not without your neighbours." This was a common saying of my grandfather.

When our ancestors pioneered this valley, they emigrated from far away lands and often many of their family members remained behind in the old country. Sometimes a brother or a son came about the same time but your neighbours, be they family or friends, relied on each other to get important jobs done.

Whether you were clearing a field of stumps, having a threshing bee, butchering hogs or beef for the winter to come or having a barn raising so you had a shelter for the animals and storage for the feed, many of these jobs could be much easier and more fun if the neighbours worked together.

The neighbour ladies also planned the meal and worked together to feed all the men who showed up at the bee. The ladies also got together and socialized at quilting

bees and even jam making. When there was a fire and a building burned or when a new house had to be built in a hurry to replace it before the cold winter arrived there was no time to wait for permits or inspectors, only for the neighbours to choose the most knowledgeable neighbour to lead the project while other neighbours went into the bush and cut trees to build with. Many of those buildings still stand proud today as a testimony to the quality of workmanship that a group of neighbours could put together.

If you are lucky enough to partake in one of the sumptuous church fall suppers that can be found throughout the valley, take a minute to appreciate the organization of preparation, presentation and the super quality of foods. Then realize that this was all accomplished by a group of neighbours who learned how to make this happen because they worked and socialized together.

When we visit the many fall fairs and

county plowing matches that dot our valley we are amazed at the variety and quality of events to enjoy. All of these successful events are organized and run by hundreds of neighbours who volunteer endless hours of time.

At 4-H, where the motto is "learn to do by doing," young people learn how to appreciate and select quality. They also learn how to work with and depend on each other, how to meet people and speak in public, how to win, and how to lose. My dad once told me that if you come last in a class you make the person that came second last really happy. Members of 4-H quickly learn that success does not come easy. They also learn that friends and neighbours are the real prize and are priceless wherever they are from.

I once wrote a series called "The Seven Bank Accounts of a Farmer." Neighbours are one of the important seven bank accounts. It's not much fun farming if you don't have and work at being a good neighbour.

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

Sept. 7, 1994

25 Years Ago

Biggest day in 138 years caps record fair: The 1994 Shawville Fair was a "massive success," agree fair board president Ron Hodgins and manager Edrie Sharpe.

Sunday saw the biggest one-day crowd in the 138-year history of the fair, upwards of 14,000, came through the gates on a beautiful afternoon.

The weather, of course, was the key to the success, with only a brief Friday sprinkle to interrupt a five-day stretch of perfect "fair weather."

Mr. Hodgins says the number of exhibitors was up in most categories, such as the horse draw, heavy and light horse competitions and the steer auction. "We had an excellent air show," he added.

The recently completed new buildings on the grounds helped things run more comfortably and efficiently and organizers credit the local RCMP security staff for making things run more safely.

Tireless community worker moving on: We usually take them for granted, the men and women of the community service clubs who put in countless hours to organize fundraisers.

But most people who know Eric Sutton will agree his presence will be sorely missed when he leaves the Pontiac region for Ottawa this week.

He is an active member and past president of the Shawville and District Kinsmen, belongs to a number of committees on his local church, is a former Legion member and at one time ran a store on Wolf Lake Road.

It may seem like ordinary involvement but for Eric, a simple thing like breathing takes up an extraordinary amount of energy. He suffers from Cystic Fibrosis but watching him and listening to him, its easy to forget he's a very sick man.

Diagnosed with CF in 1986, Eric joined the Kinsmen two years later because their national objective is to raise money for the disease.

Sept. 10, 1969

50 Years Ago
Johnston proposes politics to bridge the generation gap: Participation in poli-

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Compiled by Bonnie Chevrier

tics as a means of bridging the generation gap was proposed by Hon. Raymond Johnston to the members and friends of the Young Progressive Conservatives of Pontiac County at their fundraising dinner held on Sept. 6 at Forest Inn, Bryson.

Appealing to the young, so many of whom will be eligible to vote in the next election whether it be held in 1970 or 1971, Mr. Johnston urged that they become involved in politics.

Chairman of the YPC-YUN for Pontiac County is Kenneth Kilgour who thanked the guest speaker and gave an amusing account of his early days in politics. As a boy he had personally plastered Johnston stickers on every car in Shawville, later to discover that there was no way of removing them.

Shawville Women's Institute last project: The Centennial project of the Shawville Women's Institute was to erect a "Welcome" sign to greet visitors to our town. This project finally came to realization this week and the sign is now up at the edge of the Centennial Park on Highway 8.

This was the last project ever for the Women's Institute of Shawville which has now disbanded and has become the Shawville Women's Service Club whose latest meeting was Monday evening at Mrs. Art Hayes' cottage in Sand Bay. A potluck supper was served to twenty-five members and visitors and an interesting evening was enjoyed trying to decipher quaint historic Ottawa Valley expressions.

Sept. 17, 1944

75 Years Ago

Local news: The closing dance at Coronation Hall in Bristol on Friday night had George Dube's orchestra in attendance. The manager, Mr. D. McDougall, takes this opportunity to thank his friends for their splendid patronage since opening the hall since 1937.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Murrell of Wyman are happy having been informed that their youngest son, Lce. Bdr. Melvin Gordon Murrell is safe and back in England.

Mrs. Roy Dagg of Austin section, Clarendon, has received word that her nephew Cpl. Donald Gayler has been killed in action in France on Aug. 12. He was a member of the Hamilton Light Infantry and

was in the first raid at Dieppe where he was slightly wounded.

On Tuesday when going for the cows, Wilson McCleary of Bristol Ridge encountered and shot a bear which weighed 290 pounds. Its' front leg girthed 16 inches and its foot was seven inches long.

Last week Freeman Grant, North Clarendon shot a mother bear and two cubs and someone else in the same district shot all the branches off an apple tree but failed to bring down Mr. Bruin. Bear are still roving the country in numbers.

Flight Lieutenant Harold Walker, S.F.C., D.S.O., was one of two hundred Canadian repatriated flyers arriving in Ottawa last week.

Mrs. Walker, the former Miss Evelyn Dale of Shawville, was at Union Station to meet her famous flyer husband. A short time before his arrival, it was announced that Flt. Lt. Walker had been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for skill and courage as a bomber pilot.

Greetings for liberators: French lassies, joyful over their liberation from Nazi rule, greet Allied troops entering Paris with hugs and kisses. The boys just grin and bear it.

Sept. 4, 1919

100 Years Ago

Local news: This section of the county had a visit from a couple of bands of gypsies last week. The first lot were of the horse-trading variety, travelling in vans and were apparently all right, as gypsies go, but the second lot were a slick bunch, the slickest thing about them being their method of putting it over people and then getting off without the punishment they deserved. They travelled in big autos, a fact which enabled them to touch the different places along the route in remarkably short time. On Monday, parties in Portage du Fort and Bristol, it is stated, were victimized through a unique method of fortune-telling which the ladies of the outfit featured as a sort of camouflage in relieving people of their good money. No one was bitten by the game here in Shawville, but one of the women deliberately stole a two spot from a roll of bills which Dr. Klock for an instant laid on the counter while she was in the drug store. The doctor missed his coin before the thief got far away and promptly made her cough up on pain of immediate arrest.

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Letters

CNL's floating false information

Dear Editor,

Recently CNL placed a full-page ad in various regional newspapers on both sides of the Ottawa River, entitled "There is a Lot of False Information 'Floating Around' About CNL's NSDF Project". The ad claims to provide the facts.

However, what are CNL's facts? Let's start with the title of the ad. CNL calls its nuclear waste project a "Near Surface Disposal Facility" (or NSDF). However, the proposed facility is not near surface. It is an above ground mound, a landfill, as shown in all its depictions.

CNL claims it has "conducted remarkable work over the past 60 years." This is an amazing claim. CNL was incorporated in 2014, and a management contract was awarded to the consortium in 2015. Except to tear down numerous buildings on the Chalk River site and to close down the NRU reactor, it has yet to achieve anything substantial.

CNL's answer to "What is the NSDF?", i.e. an "engineered containment mound," is an admission that the moniker "NSDF" is misleading.

CNL then asks: "Does the location pose a threat to the Ottawa River?" Hmm, the location itself does not pose a threat. It's what CNL proposes to place in their mound that is the threat.

How credible are CNL's other answers? One only has to consider the number of questions/comments about CNL's project documentation submitted by public and Indigenous groups, and Federal and Provincial reviewers, in accordance with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

That number may surprise you. Even after combining similar comments, that total is 894 – including 669 from the public and 194 from Federal and Provincial reviewers.

Is CNL dismissing all 894 comments/questions as "false information"?

By the way, all comments/questions are on the public record and can be found by a web search on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry using the Reference Number: 80122.

Consider CNL's last question, "Where can I get the facts about this Project?" With 894 unresolved comments/questions, CNL's web page cannot be the best source.

I suggest that the first action to address all the "false information floating around" is for CNL to stop referring to its project as the "NSDF". Using either "landfill" or "mound" as descriptors is more accurate.

One more observation. What does that lifeline shown in the top right corner of the ad symbolize? To me, it looks as if CNL wants someone to rescue its project from drowning.

W. Turner
Deep River, Ont.

Unbelievable

Dear Editor,

The Liberals said they would create a responsible and independent environmental assessment process.

They failed to do so in relation to the National Energy Board mandated to assess the environmental impact of pipeline projects (i.e. appointed with officers of petroleum industry, indifferent to the effects on Pacific orcas and aboriginal communities whose livelihood is destroyed by oil spills alike, governed by regulations dictated by petroleum producers to Senators pleased to do their bidding). And they have failed to do so in relation to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission which is reviewing the proposed waste site at Chalk River.

Three projects to manage Canada's radioactive waste threaten to contaminate the drinking water of millions of Canadians: the waste dump on the the Ottawa River at Chalk River, and the entombment of two other reactors, one on the Ottawa River in Rolphton, Ontario and the other on the Winnipeg River in Pinawa, Manitoba.

The dump would abandon one million cubic metres of radioactive waste — on a site located on a major seismic fault, above porous and fractured rock, contrary to International Atomic Energy standards, less than one kilometre from the Ottawa River! Action Climat Outaouais, the Old Fort William cottagers association, Concerned Citizens of Renfrew County and Area, le Ralliement contre la pollution radioactive and the Coalition Against Nuclear dumps on the Ottawa River are all fighting for an end to these insane proposals and our common safety.

These three projects are presented by a consortium of private for profit corporations chosen by the Harper government and maintained by the Trudeau Liberals. And the environmental assessment process for approval of these three projects is the responsibility of the same agency that promotes the nuclear industry.

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Preserving local Monarchs

by CALEB NICKERSON



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

A group of concerned citizens near Otter Lake are doing their best to increase the local population of monarch butterflies, by taking them from the side of the road and raising them in special enclosures. From left: Michaela Accardi, Wyatt White and Kaleb Accardi show off the habitat they've been looking after.

A group of concerned citizens near Otter Lake are doing their best to preserve the population of monarch butterflies in their community.

Several butterfly habitats have popped up around Clark Lake, part of a concerted effort to increase the local population of the beautiful insect. The screened in enclosures are piled with monarch's sole food source, milkweed, and can hold more than 100 at a time.

"It's really the kids that got things going," said Sharon Gray, one of the instigators of the project. "There's been people on the lake over the last couple of years that just had little projects going, but last year we did it and then the kids found out and they all got on board."

One of these habitats is on the property of Marilyn Amyotte, and is taken care of by her grandchildren Kaleb and Michaela Accardi, along with their friend Wyatt White. Gray's husband George Rioux built the box out of old window frames and screens, and it fits perfectly into a little shed.

Michaela explained that they take turns

completing the daily chores, which include replacing the milkweed, misting them with water and cleaning up the surprisingly large amount of waste that the little bugs excrete while they're caterpillars.

"They're as proficient as doing that as the Canada geese," Amyotte

joked.

Numerous bright green chrysalises perch on the ceiling of the enclosure, and it features a hinged door for when they start to hatch. Michaela explained that the pods become transparent as they go through their life cycle, eventually

exposing the bright orange and deep black wings that the species is known for. Once the temperature is right, they will hang upside down to get the fluid flowing in their wings, in preparation of fluttering off into the wild.

"The chrysalis gets lighter and lighter, until it's almost transparent," she said. "It's just beautiful watching the butterflies hatch."

Kaleb said that they go out for walks along the road around the lake to find both caterpillars and milkweed for their little pets to eat.

Gray explained that they don't just take any caterpillars, but only those from areas along the road that are in danger of being mowed down. She said that the time to avoid is between the end of June and the middle of September. She praised the efforts of Kaleb and Michaela's mother, Sarah Edge, for taking the issue to the local council.

"The big thing that we're trying to get across to townships and municipalities, is that when they mow [the ditch], they just eliminate whole generations of monarchs," she said. "This year we had quadruple the number of caterpillars found, because Sarah's been instrumental about asking the town, Otter Lake from mowing around the lake."



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

Concerned citizens near Otter Lake are attempting to increase the local population of monarch butterflies, by preserving the milkweed that they eat. Pictured, they have placed signs around Clark Lake Road to raise awareness.

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Mr Amos, an environmental lawyer who should be leading the charge against these projects, would rather just let the process happen. There is even a series of new proposals to build "small modular reactors" on the same site — when it is clear that nuclear energy is expensive, far from clean, and, on its way out internationally. Unbelievable.

Denise Giroux
NDP Candidate for Pontiac
Cantley, Que.

Not low hazard

Dear Editor,

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) has placed an ad in THE EQUITY on Aug. 28, claiming that it has "conducted remarkable work over the past 60 years, including the production of lifesaving medical isotopes, and the development of CANDU reactors..." But in fact, CNL has existed only five years and played virtually no role in this work. The Harper government created CNL in May 2014 as a subsidiary of the federal crown corporation Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL). In September 2015, it gave a group of Canadian and foreign corporations all CNL shares, along with a 10-year contract to run Chalk River and other federal nuclear sites. Two U.S. corporations, Fluor and Jacobs, and one Canadian corporation, SNC Lavalin, now own CNL.

During its 62-year history between 1952 and 2014, AECL carried out research in nuclear physics, accelerator physics and materials science, developed nuclear reactors, produced plutonium for U.S. nuclear weapons, and produced medical isotopes. Today AECL is only a 40-person shell that funnels roughly a billion dollars of federal tax money each year to CNL and the corporations that own it.

We would also like to point out that the "low-level waste" that CNL wants to pile up in a giant mound beside the Ottawa River is not "low hazard." It includes many long-lived radionuclides such as plutonium that can be deadly if inhaled or ingested and non radioactive hazardous substances such as PCBs, asbestos and arsenic. For more detail on what the term "low level waste" means, please see the fact sheet "Quick Facts about Low Level Waste" at www.concernedcitizens.net.

Lynn Jones, Concerned Citizens of Renfrew County and Area
Johanna Echlin, Old Fort William Cottagers' Association

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Some of us accept change with arms open wide, excited to take on

new adventures. Others cross our arms and push the change away hoping to distract or side track them from coming. Still others run in the other direction and close their eyes to hide from the coming changes.

Change can be scary. Change can be hard. Change can be great. Change can be rewarding. Sometimes the greatest changes and rewards in our lives happen when we take a leap of faith and change something in our lives. Whether we like it or not, change happens.

Coping with change is really in the eye of the beholder. With big changes happening in our household right now, I'm talking a lot with family and friends. Putting my fears into words helps me to let go of them. Listening to other people's perspectives helps me to find positive in the changes that we are going through. Taking the changes one day at a time is helping me get through them. And lastly, deep breaths and positive speech is really helping to go a long way in my day to day happenings.

Before I know it, we will be going through a new change in our household and maybe I'll be one step closer to accepting that change with wide open arms.

If you and yours are going through changes in your lives right now or when new changes come in the future I hope my words and honesty help you out. We've all been there momma.

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The Standard Church purpose holding a camp meeting in Hodgins' Grove (near railway track) Shawville, commencing Sept. 12.

Sept. 6, 1894

125 Years Ago

Local News: The work of putting the mansard roof on Mr. J.H. Shaw's new store is well underway. Mr. D. McKillop has the job of laying the galvanized iron.

A carload of hogs, lambs and sheep were shipped from here on Tuesday morning by Mr. Jamieson of Renfrew. The lot was purchased by Mr. W.J. Stark.

The young man Lafleur of Otter Lake whose accidental shooting was recorded in these columns a few weeks ago, died on Sunday the 26th from blood poisoning.

A deaf mute by the name of Gordon was struck by an engine and seriously injured on the K & P railway at Renfrew on Saturday last.

Mr. H.H. Elliott is recovering from a critical attack of typhoid fever.

The water in the Ottawa River was seldom ever lower at this season of the year than at present.

Prayers for rain were offered in a Kingston church on Sunday last.

Owing to low water in the Quyon River, Thackray's saw mill has been closed down for a time and some of the staff laid off.

The new creamery that is being erected in Renfrew village will be 126 feet long and 40 feet wide, with an addition at the back 50 by 20 feet which will include the engine house, salt room and wash room.

See you in THE EQUITY winners from Ladysmith, Quyon and Campbell's Bay

Charles Dickson, THE EQUITY

Shawville Fair Ambassador Cadence Beck, assisted by Eric Dickson, draws the winners of the grand prize in the See you in The Equity game at the Fair on Monday.

The names were drawn from the 23 entries that correctly matched names with faces for all one hundred photos in this year's game selected from the more than a thousand pictures published by the newspaper over the past 12 months.

The winners – Joyce McCleary Binder of Ladysmith, Jimmy Gibbons of Quyon and Charles Heaphy of Campbell's Bay – will each receive \$100 off anything sold at Pontiac Printshop, whether printing or promotional products, advertising in the newspaper, stationery, office furniture or cleaning supplies.

Meanwhile, 11 participants won online subscriptions to THE EQUITY for correctly identifying 30 or more photos, and 11 won online subscriptions plus See you in The Equity T-shirts for correctly matching at least 60 photos. Grand prize winners won all three prizes.

A popular new feature at THE EQUITY fair booth this year was a large poster of the front page of THE EQUITY with a face-sized hole in it to enable fair-goers to take pictures of themselves as if they were appearing in the newspaper. Many have posted their photos to THE EQUITY facebook page from which three will be drawn for free EQUITY subscriptions. All prizes may be claimed at Pontiac Printshop.



Another successful Shawville



On Thursday, the 163rd edition of the most family friendly fair in the Valley kicked off, drawing thousands of people from far and near to enjoy the festivities. Pictured, Carney Kim Lalonde shows of his ability to stay balanced on the wobbly bridge.

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For Amos, Labour Day weekend has always been an exciting time that he's looked forward to year after year and an event that holds an undeniable place in the region's history.

"I love the Shawville Fair," he said. "Every single year this is a happy, happy moment... it's so much fun. I feel as though this is really the pre-eminent tradition in the Pontiac. This event pre-dates confederation... it really is as old as community in the Pontiac."

After the speeches, 2018 Shawville Fair Ambassador Alex Mayhew presented ribbons to each of the five best exhibits at the fair. First place went to Kelly King, Paul Scheel and Elwyn Lang with their beer tent exhibit.

As Mayhew's final duty as the fair's ambassador, he followed up by passing the torch to the 2019 Shawville Fair Ambassador Cadence Beck.

Beck thanked everyone who made her opportunity possible and invited attendees to stop by and have a chat with her and other ambassadors over the weekend.

She also spoke about the that led to her getting the position and explained what she thinks makes the annual fair significant for the Pontiac.

"As someone who lives in the agricultural world, I think the fair is important because it gives us a chance to celebrate the cropping season coming to an end and the beginning of preparation

for the new one."

Pontiac Agricultural Society President Tyler McCann followed up with a lengthy speech of his own, delivered in both French and English. In his speech, he referred to agriculture, entertainment, families and visitors as cornerstones for the fair's sustained success.

"Welcoming you all to the fair is like welcoming you all to our house," he said. "A house that was built in 1856... because it was built on a strong foundation, it is a house that stands strong after 163 years."

Directors Sara Knox and Vaughan Bastien ended the ceremony, as they presented the dedicated service awards to two long-time volunteers: Andrew Simms and Peter Haughton.

At the end of the ceremony, the decorated cakes were auctioned off to the highest bidders in the crowd. Raising nearly \$2,500, all the funds are to go towards subsidizing a new elevator in the Shawville Lions Hall.

Friday

The fair opened up on Friday morning with a visit from several hundred children from neighbouring schools and daycares. The youngsters got the chance to take in a host of different agricultural demonstrations, from livestock to produce and everything in between.

Director Charleen Moore said that they had 550 children for the morning and it took more than 50 volunteers to keep them all corralled. She explained that the purpose of the day was to teach children about all

aspects of agriculture.

"It's to educate the kids to know where their food comes from," she said.

In the arena, the local 4-H Club had their steer judging and achievement day, parading their animals through the ring in their pristine white outfits. (See results on page eight)

In a neighbouring barn, Rebecca Hamilton was giving Reese Rusenstrom a hand preparing the Simmental she would be showing, Gorgeous (Rosbern Farm). Hamilton explained that they had to ensure that the bovine's hair was washed and combed, to look their best for the judges. She added that the temperament of the animal is also important, especially for the 4-Hers.

"For a kid, you definitely look for a calmer animal, make sure she listens well" she said.

Just after noon, the lawn tractor pull got underway at the outdoor ring. A new event this year, it featured a dozen souped-up lawnmowers competing to drag a modified sled down the track.

Thirteen-year-old Braden Smaglinski of Cobden had a great start to the competition, with a mighty pull of 240 ft.

As the sun began to dip in the sky, the arena was filled with the pounding of hooves for the heavy horse show. Two-, four- and six-horse hitch classes kicked up dirt as they trotted around the ring, with their harnesses making the distinctive jingling that fans love to hear.

New this year, there was a

Golden Fork competition in the four-horse, judged by Gail Tracey of Double-G Farms and Mayors Sandra Murray and John Armstrong. Congeniality went to Pana-Len Percherons while best display went to Steadholm Farms.

Director Erin Dittburner

said that she had made an effort to introduce the public to the world of heavy horses, with an open barn and interactive demonstrations.

"I wanted to be sure the public could access the barn and see the animals close up," she said.

That evening, the enter-



Pontiac MP Will Amos contemplates how he can use a pair of festive glasses as a dessert decoration for his team's Canada Day theme, during the cake boss contest.



Sisters Canyssa, Beatrix and Carissa Moffatt treat themselves with some sweet beaver tails on Thursday night.

tainment at the main stage got underway with local headbangers Beyond Driven

firing up the crowd with their covers of popular rock hits. At nine, headliner Sass

Jordan appeared and closed out the night with her electrifying vocals.



Pontiac Agricultural Society President Tyler McCann got to hitch a ride with Bourbonnais Percherons' four-horse team on Friday night during the heavy horse show.



Local rockers Beyond Driven warmed up the crowd from the main stage on Friday evening with their headbanging rock and roll covers.



Thirteen-year-old Braden Smaglinski of Cobden had a mighty pull on his lawn tractor, travelling an astonishing 240 ft.

Fair in the record books



Rebecca Nugent accepts the award for Grand Champion Showperson from Shawville Fair 4H director Kayla McCann on Saturday during the regional 4H show.



Fair 7: Amber and Andie McLaughlin of McLaughlin Clydesdales from Haley Station, Ont., are awarded first place in the Light Draft Team event during the Heavy Horse Show by Judge Troy Thomas and Eastern Regional Clydesdale Queen Kayla Roffey.



Fairgoers got a chance to get a feel for a freshly sheared sheep after Renfrew native Tyler Armstrong showed off his sheep shearing skills in the Agriculture Awareness Barn on Saturday.



Shannon Crabb, the winner of the Ladies Commercial Cart class, pilots her cart smoothly across the horse ring during the Heavy Horse Show on Saturday.



Nathaniel Rankin thrills the crowd as he juggles two sharp knives and a stick with two active rat traps attached – all while balanced precariously on his contraption.



Canadian Country music Hall of Famer Wayne Rostad banters with the crowd in between two songs.



First place winner Hope Morissette dashes towards the finish line during the apple dunking contest.



Ottawa-based acrobatic aficionado Rockabilly Joe performs a handstand on two pillars supported by a rolling cylinder.

Saturday

The crowds at the Shawville Fair numbered into the thousands as blue skies with the odd cloud made for a great day weather-wise.

The day kicked off with the Regional 4H show – followed by the Pee Wee show – inside the arena as young agriculture enthusiasts showed off their skills inside the ring.

As the day went on and the crowds swelled, the entertainers started taking to the stages.

The children's stage featured everything from puppet shows to exotic animal displays to a juggling show featuring knives and rat traps.

One of the crowd favourites was Nathaniel Rankin and his aforementioned juggling routine. He had the crowd in stitches as he invited members up to serve as his assistant for several of his magic tricks.

For the juggling routine, Rankin balanced himself atop a crate which stood on top of a tube which sat on top of another crate. Not only did he juggle his own weight, before the crowd knew it he was flawlessly tossing two knives and a stick with two active rat traps attached.

As the afternoon wore on and the sunshine brought the temperatures up, fairgoers were treated to live music from the beer tent.

Ottawa band Young Bucks took to the flatbed stage as Lead singer Randy Frobel, Tim Anderson and Rory Mahew put on a solid show for the afternoon crowd with their classic rock stylings.

Outside, the horse ring continued to be a busy place as participants in the more than 150 classes got their chance to compete and put on a show for those in the grandstands.

As ring announcer Bonnie Nolan's voice boomed over the loudspeaker, horses of all sizes and breeds kicked up dust as they trotted around.

Nolan's specialty is announcing horse pull competitions, which she's been doing for more than 35 years. Word of her talent has reached as far afield as the United States, where she's announced a few events.

Nolan was joined in the announcers both by Shawville Fair Board members Erin Dittburner and Rhonda Morrison.

The horse ring was one of many for Dittburner as she travelled the grounds.

As a member of the board, Dittburner said there is never a shortage of tasks waiting to be done on fair weekend.

Board members help out with everything from making sure the stalls are ready for the animals to adjusting to a last-minute kink in a plan.

And while this year's fair is the focus this weekend, the calendar turns over to next year when the gates close on Monday night.

"We end Monday and Tuesday it's Shawville fair 2020," she said.

Dittburner added that while many people come out for the fried food, the midway and the live entertainment, the organizers want to keep the spotlight on the agriculture.

"We've tried to make the barns more accessible," she said. "People like to see exhibitors getting ready to show. It's a great experience

for people to get, especially first-hand."

That focus on agriculture was on full display at the agricultural awareness barn which showed fairgoers how to make honey, milk a cow shear a sheep, among other things.

After Renfrew native Tyler Armstrong gave the sheep shearing demonstration, youngsters gathered round to feel the fresh cut on the sheep and thumb through the clippings.



The Hunter Brothers' lead singer Ty Hunter gets the crowd going during their first song on Saturday night.

Back inside the arena, the Simmental, Angus, Hereford and Crossbred show got underway as judge John Van Cyse from Stayner, Ont. cast his keen eye towards the cattle on display.

As the sun started setting and the evening rolled around, the Holstein show got under way in the arena.

As the cattle made the rounds in the rink, Ottawa band Ransom took to the main stage and warmed up the crowd with some country music along with some classic rock.

By nine o'clock, the crowd in front of the main stage had swelled in anticipation of the night's main act, Hunter Brothers.

The Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) Award nominees are a family of four as the band is made up of four brothers from Shaunavon, Sask.

While each brother showed signs of promise as hockey players – each of them played at least junior with a couple making it to the professional ranks – before injuries ended some of their careers while the calling of the family farm ended others.

The band is currently touring in support of their sophomore album, State of Mind.

Sunday

On Sunday, the Shawville Fair was once again packed with hundreds of people ready for one final big party before calling it a summer and they couldn't have asked for more better weather.

In the morning, the action began inside the arena with the Light horse show, which featured over 50 riders competing in 48 different classes.

Emceed by Veronique Thomas-Ewen with Kirk Douglas serving as the judge, riders showed off their equestrian ability and elegance while soft melodies played on the organ emanated through the speakers.

Classes ranged from individual riders roaming the course and jumping over a series of obstacles while some featured people rolling around the perimeter of the course in horse drawn car-

riages. For one of the classes Thomas-Ewen explained that the goal was for the horse to lift their knees as prominently as possible whilst roaming the course.

The top riders from each respective class earned ribbons, and the overall winners went home with cash prizes as well.

Over at the outdoor ring, hundreds of people packed the stands while many others stood alongside the railing hoping to get the best

view of the horse pull.

Boasting 23 contestants coming from all over Quebec and Ontario competing in light and heavy classes, the event showcased pairs of robust horses attached to a sled weighing over a ton hitting to the track trying to pull it as far they could.

Bonnie Nolan served as the emcee and at the end of the competition, just like last year, Kazabazua's Brent Gabie walked away as the grand champion of both classes.

Inside the Agricultural Awareness Station, there was a number of workshops taking place, including demos on milking cows, grain grinding and beekeeping. A sandbox and a petting zoo were also on site, giving kids a chance to pretend riding trucks in the dunes or hang out next to the livestock.

Pontiac Agricultural Society Fairboard Director Josey Bouchard explained that the station aims to teach people who aren't from agricultural-centric areas what farming is and the process behind how farmers ensure that Canadian-grown commodities are safe to consume.

"It's to show the city dwellers what [agriculture] is all about," she said. "They get to see how producers take care of their animals, how they grow and manage their crops. They get to see what happens before they take their package of meat out of the freezer."

Outside, festivities continued as usual with all sorts of family activities and entertainment throughout the day. Plus, a solid lineup of musicians took the main stage throughout the afternoon.

Featuring a number of local performers, the acts consisted of the Steve Stock Band, acoustic duo Michaela Cahill and Rene Bertrand and none other than Ottawa born and bred 2010 Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame inductee Wayne Rostad.

Giving the crowd a good slice of humorous tunes with plenty of personal interaction in between songs, Rostad spoke about what it

meant to him to be putting on a big show in the region he's from.

"There's no where I'd rather be than in the great Ottawa Valley," he said. "This is God's place isn't it?"

At the main stage area, Ottawa-based circus phenom Rockabilly Joe held a hands-on juggling workshop for kids where he taught youngsters and adults how to maneuver a variety of objects in the air.

The objects included white

each one as action packed as the next, Hope Morissette ended up as the winner with a total time of 25.87 seconds.

The final event and perhaps the most highly anticipated was the Musical Stalls.

With 11 contestants and only 10 bags of feed lined up across the length of the middle portion of the course, A game of musical chairs on horseback, contestants had to walk their horses along the perimeter of the course as country music blared on the speakers.

As the beat stopped, riders had to dismount their horses, run them over to the nearest bag and jump on it to avoid being the lone one left out.

Participants were rattled off one by one until it came down to two contestants: a familiar finalist in Ethan Law and Natasha Kargus who looked determined to steal his thunder with almost the entire crowd behind her.

Judging by the sounds of the crowd, the spectators were hungry for a memorable finale and the final showdown certainly didn't disappoint.

When the music stopped, Law seemed to have gotten the best of Kargus as he dismounted his horse to near perfection, simultaneously turning in the direction of the bag.

Kargus on the other hand stumbled on her dismount causing her to be dragged on her knees by her horse for about a yard before finally being able to dash towards the bag.

By that time, Law had

already secured the bag and started running to the far end of the course where Kargus wouldn't be able to reach him.

Whether he caught a gust of wind on his sprint or it simply slipped from his grip, Law lost control of the bag leaving it flying in his wake.

At that point, it was all about who wanted it the most.

They wrestled along the boards, rolled in the dirt and tugged away at the bag for what seemed like a solid few minutes before Law eventually broke away and ran off with it, leaving Kargus lying in the dirt – completely exhausted.

However, being the gentleman that he is, Law returned to Kargus where he sat down beside her and invited her to put her feet into the bag at the same time as he did to call it a draw – a true mark of respect from one competitor to another.

Despite all that, Law came out as the grand champion, while Kargus earned herself a well-deserved second place finish.

Back outside as sunny skies turned to dusk, hundreds of folks gathered in front of the main stage to take in live music courtesy of Pontiac native country artist Phil Denault who got things heated up for the headline show.

Capping off the night in grandiose fashion, Canadian Country music superstar Brett Kissel rocked the crowd under the bright lights in front of a sea of thousands of exuberant fans.

On Sunday, the fair was packed with thousands of people ready for the final big day of the festival. Pictured, a pair of horses owned by Tom Cole from Kemptville pull a sled weighing over 3,000 pounds.

Ethan Law goes hard for the bucket during the apple dunking contest.



Miranda St. Aubin gives her best shot at the skeeball machine at the carnival.

Last day at the fair; see you next year

If they were tired of all the animals at the fair, gear-heads of all ages were in for a treat on Monday, with plenty of cars, trucks and bikes getting shined up or smashed to bits, depending on the event.

On the main lawn, more than 100 vintage vehicles sat gleaming in the sun for the annual car show and shine.

Bruce Robertson of Braeside had his blue 1934 Chevy on display with the hood popped. He said that this is the third time he's shown at the fair.

"It's just a really fun

hobby," he said.

Lucy Kingsbury, the director of the event, was thankful for all the volunteers that helped make the event a success.

The highly anticipated demolition derby brought out an enormous crowd to the outdoor ring. Members of the Shawville-Clarendon Fire Department were on hand to keep things safe and to keep the dust down with water from their hoses.

Before the mayhem got underway there was a special announcement, as competitor Wayne Harris got down in the dirt and pro-

posed to his beau Hilary, to massive cheers from the audience.

Jer's Auto Service won the best decorated vehicle with their sinister clown car.

After the crowd was pushed back to a safe distance, things got underway with the team V8 competition, with dirt and smoke flying in all directions.

Division winners were as follows:

Team V8 – Darwin Lapenski and Chris Hardwick
Mini Feat. – Super Dave
Mid-size – Dr. John Chartrand
Vans – Robbie Chartier
Full-size – Dave Coy

Over in the homecraft hall, as exhibitors arrived to take home their work, two of the categories were donated to separate charities.

Knitted scarves and hats, along with a \$25 donation in the name of the winner, Lorraine Hodgins, were given to local women's shelter L'EntourElle.

Hand crafted pillowcases were also donated to the Palliative Care unit at the Pontiac Community Hospital.

Director Elaine Lang said that they decided to start the new projects as a way to do something community-minded and give some much-needed attention to two worthy local causes.



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

Demolition derby competitor Wayne Harris got massive cheers from the audience when he dropped to one knee and proposed to his sweetheart Hilary before the things got started on Monday.



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

A donation of knitted hats and scarves, along with a \$25, for local women's shelter L'EntourElle was presented to community worker Vanessa Chabot on Monday afternoon. From left: Elaine Lang, Lorraine Hodgins and Chabot.

Final results from fair

4-H Regional Dairy

Intermediate Brown Swiss – 1st Riley Drummond, 2nd Khl e Drummond

Junior Jersey –1st Madison Rean, 2nd Kaleb Ingalls, 3rd Keagan Ingalls

Pre-Junior Holstein– 1st Dryden Frob l, 2nd Payton St. Pierre, 3rd Molly Dowe

Junior Holstein– 1st Hannah McOuat, 2nd Kelsey Edwards, 3rd Emily Laforest

Intermediate Holstein – 1st Jeremy Laforest, 2nd Rebecca Nugent, 3rd Presley Rochon

Senior Holstein – 1st Alex Mayhew, 2nd Kaylee Coles

Summer yearling Holstein – 1st Joshua McOuat

Junior yearling Holstein – 1st Matthew McOuat

Champion Holstein – Hannah McOuat

Reserve Champ – Alex Mayhew

Champion Dairy Calf – Hannah McOuat

Reserve Champ – Madison Rean

Dairy showmanship

Peewee (6-8) – 1st Payton St. Pierre, 2nd Riley Drummond, 3rd Kaleb Ingalls

Novice (9-11) -1st Emily Laforest, 2nd Algina Matheson, 3rd Presley Rochon

Junior (12-14) – 1st Liam Dowe, 2nd Alex Mayhew, 3rd Madison Rean

Intermediate (15-17) – 1st Rebecca Nugent, 2nd Hannah McOuat, 3rd Joshua McOuat

Senior (18-25) – 1st Kelsey Edwards, 2nd Matthew McOuat

Grand Champion Dairy Showperson – Rebecca Nugent

Reserve Champ – Emily Laforest

Junior Beef Cattle

Crossbred Junior Yearling – William Orr

Crossbred Senior Yearling – James Orr

Hereford Calf – Warren Behnke

Herford Senior Yearling – Rebecca Hamilton

Shorthorn Pre-Junior Calf – William Stephens

Shorthorn Junior Yearling – Amy Sheppard

Shorthorn Senior Yearling – Bradley Dubeau

Simmental Calf – 1st Ben Judd, 2nd Reese Rusenstrom

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Junior (12-14) – 1st Amy Sheppard, 2nd Reese Rusenstrom

Intermediate (15-17) – 1st William Orr, 2nd James Orr, 3rd Rebecca Hamilton

Senior (18-25) – 1st Tyler Tubman, 2nd Bradley Dubeau

Junior Small Animals

Rabbit conformation and showmanship – 1st Laura Mayhew, 2nd Molly Dowe, 3rd Charlotte Graham

Poultry conformation and showmanship – 1st Alex Mayhew, 2nd Felix Vereyken

Goat conformation and showmanship – Roselyn McCann

Sheep conformation – 1st Ben Judd, 2nd Mason Vereyken, 3rd Felix Vereyken

Sheep showmanship – 1st Amy Sheppard, 2nd Bradley Dubeau, 3rd Ben Judd

Regional Steer Finishing Club

Heavy steer – 1st William Orr, 2nd Sheena Tubman, 3rd James Orr

Intermediate showmanship – 1st James Orr, 2nd Sheena Tubman, 3rd William Orr

Senior showmanship – 1st Tyler Tubman, 2nd Nicholas Tubman

Light steer – 1st Tyler Tubman, 2nd Nick Tubman, 3rd Thomas Beck

Regional Lamb/Goat Finishing Club

Goat conformation and showmanship – P n lope Lamontagne

Lamb conformation – 1st Felix Vereyken, 2nd Ben Judd, 3rd Mason Vereyken

Lamb showmanship – 1st Bradley Dubeau, 2nd Amy Sheppard, 3rd Mason Vereyken

4H Auction

Champion Steer – Tyler Tubman (1,245 lbs.)

Reserve Champ – William Orr (1,450 lbs.)

Champion Goat – P n lope Lamontagne (87 lbs.)

Champion Lamb – Felix Vereyken (94.5 lbs.)

Reserve Champ – Ben Judd (100 lbs.)

Holstein Show

June 2019 Calf– Champion: Double-G Lustre-P Cola, Reserve: Elmside View Prince Tammy

Intermediate Calf– Champion: Boaview Laurie Octane, Reserve: Robdot Army Carminy

Senior Calf– Champion: Blondin Unstopabull Evil, Reserve: GAL089 Doorman Krissy

Summer Yearling – Champion: Harvestacre Caught Ya Looking, Reserve: Bonnie Brae MVP Aruba

Junior Yearling – Champion: Harvestacre Breaking News

Intermediate Yearling– Champion: Harvestacre Overnight Celebrity

Senior Yearling – Champion: Breezeview Callen By Chance, Reserve: Harvestacre Shes A Diva

Junior Two Year old – Champion: Boaview Leann McBeemer, Reserve: Breezeview Brad's Ice Cream

Senior Two Year old – Champion: Bonnie Brae Ape

Quinn, Reserve: Elmside View McCutchen Georgia

Three Year old – Champion: Double-G Elude Annette, Reserve: Don-Hope Air Sherry

Four Year old – Champion: Lanormande Doorman Annabelle, Reserve: Elmside View Doorman Sparkle

Five Year old – Champion: Bonnie Brae Windhammer, Reserve: Elmside View Wind Rachel

Mature cow – Champion: Bonnie Brae Ape Trinity, Reserve: Dannan Red Cora

Charolais Show

Bull calf, three months – Champion: Cornerview Gunner 34, Reserve: Cornerview Guinness 334

Two year old bull – Champion: Cornerview Express 2E

Heifer calf, three months – Champion: Cornerview Cevetta 13G, Reserve: Cornerview Grace 214

Two year old Heifer – Champion: Cornerview Willow 13F, Reserve: Fondoak Foxy 2F

Senior Female with calf – Cornerview Dream Date 13D

Breeder's Herd, Get of Sire, Progeny of Dam – Cornerview Charolais

Maine Anjou Show

Bull calf, three months – Champion: Gilcroft 19G, Reserve: Gilcroft 2G

Bull Yearling – Champion: Trurray's Future

Heifer calf, three months – Champion: Gilcroft Grace 9G, Reserve: Gilcroft 21G

Yearling Heifer – Champion: Gilcroft 28F, Reserve: Gilcroft 26F

Two year old Heifer – Champion: Gilcroft 18F, Reserve: Gilcroft 14F

Two year old Female with calf – Gilcroft 2E

Senior female with calf – Champion: Gilcroft Zelda 11Z, Reserve: T&T Xaria 44X

Breeder's herd, get of sire, progeny of dam: Keith Gilbert

Shorthorn Show

Bull calf, three months – Champion: Edmund Gunslinger, Reserve: Inkerdale

Bull yearling – Champion: Triple E Flash 13F, Reserve: Meehan's Kodiak 5F

Heifer calf, three months – Champion: DGE Grace 1G, Reserve: Cedarview Augusta Pride

Yearling heifer – Champion: Cornerview Farms, Reserve: Meehan's Roan Lady 3F

Two year old heifer – Champion: Cedarview Destiny Child, Reserve: BJH Princess 2F

Two year old female with calf – Champion: Triple E Donna 2E, Reserve: Edmund Euphoria

Senior female with calf – Champion: Triple J Autumn

Rose 15Z, Reserve: Meehan's Lady Byng 7Y

Breeder's herd – Champion: Edmund Farms, Reserve: Meehan Farms

Get of sire – Champion: Edmund Farms, Reserve: Meehan Farms

Progeny of dam – Champion: Edmund Farms, Reserve: Meehan Farms

Angus Show

Bull calf, three months – Champion: Hawthorne Gridiron, Reserve: Rolling Meadows Stout 37G

Heifer calf, three months – Champion: Hawthorne Bumblebee 9G, Reserve: Hawthorne Georgia

Yearling heifer – Champion: Kemp Brothers Mayflower 105F, Reserve: Henning Georgina 8021

Two year old heifer – Champion: Colburn Saras Dream, Reserve: Hawthorne Blackbird 4F

Senior female with calf – Champion: FLC Dakota 25D

Breeder's herd – Champion: Hawthorne, Reserve: Cedarview Cattle

Get of sire – Champion: Hawthorne, Reserve: Cedarview Cattle

Progeny of dam – Champion: Hawthorne, Reserve: Cedarview Cattle

Simmental Show

Bull calf, three months – Champion: Barlee HR Remedy, Reserve: Alliance Black Ace

Yearling Bull – Champion: Academy Hill Falcon 12F

Two year old bull – Champion: Donovandale Bailout

Heifer calf, three months – Champion: Alliance Double Black Sarah, Reserve: Academy Hill Gertie 5G

Yearling heifer – Champion: FGAF Shakira 085F, Reserve: Bristol View Farms

Two year old heifer – Champion: Jamg Casabella, Reserve: FGAF Barbl 018F

Two year old female with calf – Champion: WF Dream, Reserve: Alliance Black Sarah 1205813

Senior female with calf – Champion: KDL Ciana

Breeder's herd – Champion: Academy Hill Livestock, Reserve: Alliance Simmental

Get of sire – Champion: Academy Hill Livestock, Reserve: Alliance Simmental

Progeny of dam – Champion: Alliance Simmental, Reserve: Dunraven Simmental

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6-horse hitch

Saturday night winner: Pana-len Percherons

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Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

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DEATH



Meredith, Barbara Ann (nee Thomas) 1960-2019
In hospital, Shawville, Quebec, surrounded by family and friends, on September 1, 2019 at the age of 59, after a brave struggle with cancer. Predeceased by her parents Alex and Agnes Thomas. Beloved wife of Stuart Meredith for 35 years. Loving mother of Cory (Laura Palmer), Travis (Tammy Cheslock) and Kyle. Precious Nana of Keira, Ethan, Owen, Emma, Adeline & Madison. Loving sister of Alex Jr. (Lucille), Annie and William and predeceased by Mary and Margaret Ann. Sadly missed by nieces and nephews Patrick, Shawna-Leigh, Amber, Stacey, Mario, Liam and Logan. Deeply missed by Vera, Ann, Bruce, Terry, Shelley, Erica, Katelan, Allysha and many friends. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, September 6, 2019 in St. Mary's Church, Quyon, Quebec at 11:30 a.m. Interment Parish Cemetery. A reception for family and friends will be held in the Quyon Legion immediately following the committal service. Donations to the Royal Canadian Legion – Quyon Branch would be appreciated. www.hayesfuneralhome.ca



Mohr-Bronson, Doris "Elaine" (nee Hamilton) – It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear mother, Doris Elaine, peacefully on August 27, 2019 at the Bonnechere Manor, Renfrew, Ontario. Dearly loved wife of the late Lyle Bronson and the late Charles Mohr. Much loved mother of Shirley-Mae Davis (Lorne), Erwin (Rita) and Frederick (Linda). Predeceased by daughter Winona Keon, brother Hillis Hamilton, daughter-in-law Kathy, sons-in-law Harold and Robert and parents Noble and Maye Hamilton. Grannie to many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She will also be missed by nieces, nephews and friends. We send special thanks to Dr. Pinard and the caregivers at the Bonnechere Manor for their exceptional care. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Shawville Recreation Association, 455 Hillcrest Ave., Shawville, Quebec on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2 p.m. A private funeral will be held at a later date. www.hayesfuneralhome.ca



DEATH



Vibert, Grace
On Friday, August 30, 2019 in hospital, Shawville, Quebec at the age of 90 years. Much loved mother of Mike Kellaris (Nicole) of Indianola, Iowa. Cherished Nana of Alexa, Cassie and Hailey and great-granddaughter Brylee. Dear sister of Eleanor "Jami" and Lorraine and predeceased by Cecil, Bert and Jean. She will be missed by many nieces and nephews and sister-in-law Doreen. Funeral will be held in St. John the Evangelist Church, Campbell's Bay, Quebec on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Campbell's Bay Lions Club or the Campbell's Bay-Litchfield Fire Dept. would be appreciated. Grace has moved on to her next big adventure. www.hayesfuneralhome.ca



IN MEMORY



Angus, Donald Duncan – In loving memory of a wonderful father, father-in-law and Poppy who passed away 20 years ago, September 5, 1999. If tears could build a stairway, And memories were a lane, We would walk right up to Heaven, To bring you home again. No farewell words were spoken, No time to say goodbye, You were gone before we knew it, And only God knows why. Our hearts still ache in sadness, And secret tears still flow, What it meant to lose you, No one will ever know. Love always, Don, Lynne, Kristin and Ryan

Stewart, Brian – In loving memory of a dear son, brother and uncle who died as a result of an accident Sept. 3, 1992, at the age of 29. There will always be this heartache And often silent tears We shall cherish the precious memories Of the days when you were here. We hold you close within our hearts And there you will remain. Remembering you is easy We do it every day But missing you is a heartache That never goes away. So many things we didn't do So many things we didn't say You didn't go alone For part of us went with you The day God took you Home. Forever in our hearts. Mom, brothers and sisters



IN MEMORY



Troke, Wayne – God's angels took you away just when things were right. You're happy and free and gone of all pain. It's lonely down here with you up there, You're always in my thoughts and in my heart. I made you a promise I would stay by your side the whole way through And I kept that promise. I never left your side til the day the angels took you away. I hope you see the candles I put out for you shining bright. I look up into the stars and know you are watching over me, I feel it in my soul. You have your whistle with you, blow it any time you want I will listen for the sound in the wind. I know I should have said yes to you but we were happy the way we were. Dancing and waltzing all over the floor, We were the happiest couple in the world. It just did not last long enough. You are always here in my heart and I am by your side. I promise Lynne



Troke, Wayne – The angels took you away from us way too soon. Anyone who knows you, knows you were a strong hardworking man. And we all thought we would find you up in the bush one day, in the winter, frozen to a tree. So, when you got sick it was a shock to all. We had no time to prepare ourselves for the outcome. At least your days were as happy as could be. So we all did our best to keep you happy. We kept you home as you wished. Times got hard but with family and friends we made it through. You had all your family by your side til the end. Angels came down from Heaven and took you away. Rest in peace, no. 62. Lynne, family and friends

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Quand un défi devient une occasion pour les régions

Cher éditeur,

Groupe Capitaux Médias (GCM) a déposé un avis d'intention pour se placer sous la protection de la Loi sur la faillite et l'insolvabilité. C'est un coup dur pour les régions et les travailleurs des médias de l'information qui y évoluent. Rapidement, notre gouvernement a annoncé un financement intérimaire de cinq millions de dollars sous forme de prêt afin de permettre la poursuite de la publication des six journaux appartenant à GCM. Un comité interministériel s'affaire également à préparer un programme spécifique d'aide aux médias. Parallèlement, les membres de la Commission de la culture et de l'éducation ont adopté un mandat d'initiative portant sur l'avenir des médias d'information et viennent d'amorcer leurs travaux.

La présence d'une presse locale et régionale professionnelle contribue au dynamisme et à la vitalité de toutes les régions du Québec. Les journaux sont importants pour la circulation de l'information et la préservation de la vie démocratique. C'est d'ailleurs l'un des principes fondamentaux qui guident les travaux de la commission.

Néanmoins, nous sommes d'avis que la réflexion doit aussi se faire plus largement parmi les élus, les gens d'affaires et les citoyens de chaque communauté autour de la place qu'occupent les médias et l'information dans nos milieux de vie, la forme qu'ils peuvent prendre et les moyens d'assurer une couverture médiatique pluraliste à la grandeur du Québec.

Le développement des régions dépend nécessairement de leur capacité à innover et à mettre en place des moyens de prospérer. L'entrepreneuriat et la prospérité économique passent aujourd'hui par la création de solides partenariats et de maillages entre plusieurs secteurs d'activité (privé, coopératif, associatif, public, financier, etc.). L'industrie de la presse écrite n'échappe pas à ces nouvelles réalités. Des acteurs de milieux variés ont maintenant l'occasion d'imaginer de nouveaux modèles d'affaires viables, privés ou collectifs qui offriront une information objective et de qualité accessible à tous les Québécois.

Cette crise que traversent les quotidiens de GCM et qui secoue sérieusement les régions représente une occasion à saisir pour nous réapproprier notre vision de l'information régionale et la renouveler. Nous incitons donc fortement les acteurs de toutes les régions à s'approprier les enjeux concernant l'avenir des médias. Il est primordial que ceux-ci maîtrisent cette conjoncture et s'expriment face à cet important défi. Il en va de l'avenir de notre information, un des piliers de notre démocratie.

Marie-Eve Proulx

La ministre déléguée au Développement économique régional, ministre responsable des régions de Chaudière-Appalaches, du Bas-Saint-Laurent, de Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine et députée de Côte-du-Sud, Nathalie Roy

La ministre de la Culture et des Communications, ministre responsable de la Langue française et députée de Montarville

L'Université du Québec en Outaouais peut compter sur 1,5 M\$ supplémentaire

GOUV. DU QUÉBEC

Communiqué

GATINEAU Le 28 août 2019

Le ministre de la Famille et ministre responsable de la région de l'Outaouais, M. Mathieu Lacombe, se réjouit de de la décision du ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur, Jean-François Roberge, de pérenniser le financement supplémentaire de l'Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO) afin de la soutenir dans sa mission régionale. Concrètement, l'établissement universitaire pourra ainsi compter sur un financement récurrent de 1,5 million de dollars par année qui l'aidera à renforcer son rôle de pôle de développement économique, social et culturel.

Rappelons que le précédent gouvernement libéral avait supprimé l'enveloppe destinée à soutenir le rôle de moteur des universités en région. Dès sa prise de fonction, le ministre avait octroyé une aide d'urgence afin de compenser les établissements touchés pour la fin de l'année universitaire en cours.

L'annonce viendra donc pérenniser ce financement pour les prochaines années. Parmi les nouveautés confirmées par les règles budgétaires qu'ont reçues l'ensemble des universités et dont profitera l'Université du Québec en Outaouais, notons également :

Un ajout de 1,8 million de dollars (UQO : 90 000 \$) alloué aux universités francophones pour accroître leur capacité d'attraction et de rétention des étudiants étrangers;

L'attribution de 20 millions de dollars (UQO : 751 100 \$) pour la réalisation de mandats stratégiques (soutien aux parcours de formation en sciences de l'éducation, élaboration de projets inédits en sciences de l'éducation et soutien aux initiatives avec les entreprises privées).

« Véritable moteur de croissance, l'Université du Québec en Outaouais constitue un pôle d'innovation et d'excellence pour le développement

social, économique et culturel de la région. Votre gouvernement fait un choix logique et porteur d'avenir en investissant de façon soutenue dans les universités. » Mathieu Lacombe, ministre de la Famille et ministre responsable de la région de l'Outaouais.

« Au Québec, dans nos régions, les universités sont au cœur de nos communautés. Leur financement et leur soutien sont fondamentaux. Dès notre arrivée, nous avons rétabli l'enveloppe pour soutenir les établissements universitaires dans leur rôle régional, annulée par le précédent gouvernement libéral. Je suis fier aujourd'hui d'annoncer qu'elle sera de retour année après année, au plus grand bénéfice de nos jeunes talents en région. » Jean-François Roberge, ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur.

Faits saillants

Les règles budgétaires des universités déterminent le niveau de ressources financières accordées par le gouvernement pour assurer la qualité des services aux étudiants et définissent les moyens retenus pour y arriver. Trois mesures budgétaires ont été mises en place pour l'année universitaire 2019-2020.

Renforcement de la mission des universités en région

Aide financière de 15 millions de dollars pour soutenir les universités dans leur mandat de développement régional, particulièrement pour répondre aux besoins suivants :

Accroître l'attraction et la rétention d'étudiants canadiens et étrangers dans les établissements universitaires et les régions;

Soutenir la capacité des entreprises et des autres organismes employeurs à trouver sur place un bassin de main-d'œuvre qualifiée et diversifiée;

Soutenir les entreprises et les organismes de la région par du mentorat ou de l'accompagnement;

Aider les entreprises et les autres organismes employeurs de la région à relever les défis de main-d'œuvre et d'adaptation aux changements technologiques dans le but de créer des emplois à plus grande valeur ajoutée;

Collaborer au développement de créneaux de recherche particuliers et de zones d'innovation au service des entreprises.

Attraction et rétention d'étudiants étrangers

Soutien additionnel de 1,8 million de dollars aux universités francophones pour accroître leur capacité d'attraction et de rétention d'étudiants étrangers :

90 000 \$ à chaque université francophone pour permettre de développer les activités de promotion, de recrutement et d'accueil d'étudiants étrangers;

450 000 \$ au siège social de l'Université du Québec pour mieux structurer l'offre des universités francophones en matière d'internationalisation.

Mandats stratégiques

20 millions de dollars pour favoriser la réussite à tous les ordres en améliorant l'offre de formation en matière d'enseignement et pour encourager la collaboration entre les universités et les entreprises :

Volet 1 : Soutien aux parcours de formation en sciences de l'éducation (7,8 M\$); Un montant de 600 000 \$ est alloué à chaque établissement offrant des parcours de formation en sciences de l'éducation.

Volet 2 : Élaboration de projets inédits en sciences de l'éducation (4,2 M\$).

Soutien financier accordé pour des projets inédits retenus à la suite d'un appel de projets au sein des établissements universitaires offrant un parcours de formation en sciences de l'éducation.

Volet 3 : Soutien aux initiatives avec les entreprises privées (8,0 M\$).

Soutien financier à chaque établissement pour des initiatives avec les entreprises privées.

Inondation 2019

GOUV. DU QUÉBEC

Communiqué

ISLE-AUX-ALLUMETTES Le 20 août 2019

La députée de Vaudreuil et porte-parole libérale en matière de sécurité publique, Mme Marie-Claude Nichols, et le député de Pontiac, M. André Fortin, sont allés à la rencontre des citoyennes et citoyens du Pontiac, afin de constater les effets des inondations du printemps dernier et de la cartographie de la zone d'intervention spéciale présentée par le gouvernement.

Au cours de cette tournée, Mme Nichols et M. Fortin ont fait des arrêts à Luskville, à Fort-Coulonge et ils ont pris part à une rencontre publique du comité des inondations à l'Isle-aux-Allumettes. Sur le terrain, les deux

élus libéraux ont pu entendre les préoccupations des résidents victimes des inondations du printemps 2019 et constater leur détresse psychologique. Les citoyens rencontrés sont pour la plupart laissés à eux-mêmes et attendent impatiemment leur rapport d'inspection du ministère de la Sécurité publique qui tarde à arriver. Certains se sont vus dans l'obligation d'abandonner leur résidence secondaire, dont les réparations sont nécessaires à la conservation, mais impossibles à réaliser.

La députée de Vaudreuil et le député de Pontiac, invitent la vice-première ministre et ministre de la Sécurité publique, Mme Geneviève Guilbault, et la ministre des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation, Mme Andrée Laforest, à venir dans le

Pontiac afin d'entendre les histoires des sinistrés et corriger les non-sens du programme d'indemnisation et d'aide financière et de la cartographie de la zone d'intervention spéciale.

« Alors que la ministre des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation, Mme Andrée Laforest, est toujours à corriger les non-sens de la première carte de la zone d'intervention spéciale, les sinistrés sont à court de ressources et vivent dans le stress et l'incertitude. La ministre Laforest aurait dû dès le départ impliquer les élus municipaux dans ce dossier, au lieu de remettre le fardeau sur celles-ci en pleine période estivale. » Marie-Claude Nichols, députée de Vaudreuil et porte-parole libérale en matière de sécurité publique.



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Painting with fibre in Portage

J.D. POTIÉ
PORTAGE DU FORT
Aug. 30, 2019

Several art enthusiasts from the Ottawa Valley gathered at the Stone School Gallery last week, to partake in a two-day, hands-on workshop led by a local artist.

Hosted by Art Pontiac member Janet H. Tulloch, the class focused on painting with fibres.

The workshop served as an opportunity to initiate local artists to a craft that they likely hadn't experienced before in order to encourage them to implement it in their respective repertoires, Tulloch said.

"The Stone School tends to attract painters," she said. "Most of the people around here are painters, water colours, oil paintings. What I wanted to do was introduce a new medium to create an image."

Throughout the workshop, participants learned how to use different forms of fabric like felt, roving and yarn to craft artistic portraits that came out looking like furry paintings.

Relatively easy to learn, the workshop was divided into two parts, Tulloch said.

Day one consisted of what Tulloch referred to as pre-



J.D. Potié, THE EQUITY

On Aug. 30, the Stone School Gallery in Portage du Fort invited artists to participate in a workshop focusing on painting with fibres. Pictured, ArtPontiac instructor Janet H. Tulloch guides Nicole Forget through her design.

felt.

After implementing colours and designs on a blank canvas, participants used a mix of hot water and soap, followed by agitation with bubble wrap and pool noodles in order to change the integrity of the fabric causing fibres to come together as a unit.

Drawing inspiration from the same image, each partic-

ipant interpreted it in their own ways to come up with their final products.

The second day comprised of needle-felting, where participants used special needles to push wool underneath the fabric. This is where the details in the images started to make themselves present.

With a very soft feel to the portraits, the works can be

displayed in a multitude of ways, whether they be hung up on a wall, used as a cover for couch cushions or even a warm comfy blanket, Tulloch said.

With a good group of hard-working participants joining the workshop, Tulloch was very pleased with how everything played out.

"It was excellent," she said. "I couldn't handle any



Sheenboro

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Our condolences and deepest sympathies go out to Paul Coulombe on the sudden passing of his wife Nicky St. Pierre Coulombe of Pembroke, Ont.

Birthday greetings and best wishes go out to Christine Marcotte Moncion on Sept. 4, to Amanda Sullivan and Donna Sullivan on Sept. 5, Brenda Tallon on Sept. 8 and Jean Gleason and my cousin Louise Benoit on Sept. 9. We wish you all a great week.

Congratulations to Hotel Pontiac Trivia teams: Party Time (Josh Agnesi) first place and Ottawa River Boomers (David Prentice) second place. These two teams have been basically unbeatable all summer.

A large crowd attended mass on Sunday in Sheenboro to celebrate 100

years for St. Paul the Hermit. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Mulhall and Fr. Moyle followed by a nice lunch in the Sheen Hall. Four Parish Committee members, Betty Morris, Laetitia Peacock, Angie Retty and myself retired after many years of service. We are very fortunate to have replacements like Joann McCann, Martin and Rosemary Flood and Peter Gleason. Jean Gleason and Joann McCann will be in charge of the hall rentals. Also, I would like to mention that the Sheen Hall was beautifully decorated. Very nice and well organized indeed.

Just a reminder that the fire ban for Chapeau, Chichester and Sheenboro is still on. Western Pontiac got some rain but it is still very dry.



Waltham

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On Saturday afternoon, family, friends and neighbors gathered at Rhonda and Mark's for a post flood celebration party. It was to thank all those who helped them and their neighbors and supported them during this difficult time. There were many stories shared of what went on during the terrible flood and the struggles, fear, frustration and uncertainty that they faced and are still struggling with. Everyone enjoyed the music drinks, snacks, a barbecue, cake and other desserts. The party went on by a campfire well into the evening.

On Sunday, our family took in the Shawville Fair. The grandchildren enjoyed the rides and we enjoyed the exhibits, entertainment and the tasty food.

Warm birthday wishes are extended to Mary Pilon of Pembroke, Ont. who is celebrating her birthday on Sept. 7. Maggie Duff, daughter of Anne and Chris Duff is celebrating her 10th birthday on Sept. 8. Birthday wishes are extended to Sue Ethier who is celebrating her birthday on Sept. 10.

On Sept. 8, Waltham United Church will be having their 35th Homecoming Memorial Service at 2:30 p.m. at Ivy Hill Church. A fellowship lunch will follow at the town hall.



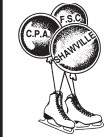
Shawville

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Happy birthday to the following people celebrating this week: Annie Evans, Sadie Evans, Olivia Judd, David Graham, Kathleen Kelly, Sean Thomson, Mark Conrod, Carole Graham, Steven Fahey, Doreen Davis, Robin Judd, Ryan Barber, Karl Erfle, Mike Brunet, Ron Stewart, Janet Orr, Hudson Daniel Moore, Dorothy Stafford, Donna Judd, Travis Cluff, Natasha Plouffe, Doug Bean, Ezekiel Boyd Barber-Campeau, Benjamin McCredie, Mary Hodgins, Bonny Davis, Chris Louis Judd, Stu Stark, Scott Young, Nancy Campbell, Bria Hearty, Jacob Horner, Laura Murray, Courtney Ann Gray, Eldon Zimmerling, Mary Rowat-Kaupe, Abby McBane and Karen Campbell.

Happy anniversaries to the following couples celebrating this week: Scott and Ange Brownlee, Elmer and Jane Alexander, Robert and Jee-Eun Murray, Tim and Sylvie Smart, Roy and Shirley Thoms, Les and Monique Atkinson, Bob and Norma Charette, Alan and Tammy Horner, Bill and Susan McCleary, Barry and Linda Horner, Philippe and Jean Lacourse, Frank and Marlaine Palmer, Barry and Karen Bell, Laurence and Jody Smith, Tammy Stafford and Steve Jacobs and Sarah Jones and Will Tubman.

Congratulations to the Pontiac Agricultural Society for the spectacular fair once again this year. Thank you to all the sponsors, exhibitors, and participants to this wonderful annual event.



The Shawville Figure Skating Club is holding registration on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Shawville Arena.

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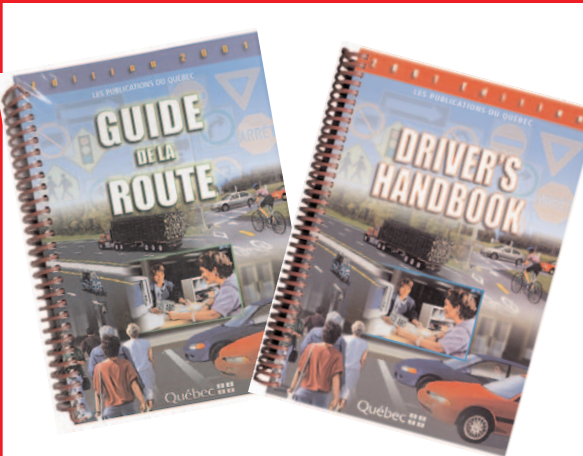
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CSHBO hosts open house in Coulonge



J.D. Potié, THE EQUITY

On Aug. 27, the Commission Scholaire des Haut-Bois-de-l'Outaouais hosted around 50 teachers from its adult education institutions in Maniwaki and Gracefield for its annual meeting at the start of the school year. Pictured, CSHBO assistant director for adult education Yves St-Jacques, Director of professional training Serge Lacourcière and assistant director of professional training Daniel Larche stand alongside one another during the event.

J.D. POTIÉ
FORT COULONGE
Aug. 27, 2019

Around 50 Commission Scholaire des Haut-Bois-de-l'Outaouais (C.S.H.B.O.) adult education teachers and directors from different parts of the province dropped by the Centre Pontiac adult education institution in Fort Coulonge for their annual meeting before the school year.

The event consisted of an open house where attendees toured the different departments of the school while also discussing a number of important subjects.

According to Marie-Pier Aubrey, office administrator at the Centre Pontiac, CSHBO staff from its adult education institutions in Maniwaki and Gracefield attended the event.

At the start of the session,

a large crowd of people poured into the building at around the same time and since much of the staff came from different parts of the province, the meeting had a reunion-like atmosphere to it.

Folks socialized and caught up on each other's lives while sipping and munching away at fresh coffee, fruits and pastries before finally getting things underway.

Before starting the meeting, attendees were divided into two groups.

Those working in professional training and the ones in the adult education department headed into separate classrooms for their annual meetings.

The discussions covered topics such as pedagogical days, roles that still needed to be filled, and introductions to new policies and textbooks, Aubrey said.

The groups followed up with a guided tour of the Centre Pontiac, its kitchen and l'école secondaire Sieur de Coulonge in Mansfield et Pontefract to check out the classrooms in the school's professional training department, Aubrey said.

According to the CSHBO's coordinator of Adult Education, Vocational Training Services and Material and Technology Resource Services Normand Beupré, the open house is a great way for teachers from the different CSHBO schools to work cooperatively as it gives folks an inside look on what's going on in other institutions.

"The fact of knowing what is happening everywhere else brings us closer together," he said. "It creates links between the staff members."



Vinton

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What a great week and weekend we had for the Shawville Fair. I wasn't able to go but I heard a lot of stories about the rides, exhibits and food. Another amazing turnout.

There was a lot of activity in Vinton too. I had a surprise visitor on Friday. Susan Hearty stopped in when I was just finishing my pickling and invited me out to lunch. I had to take a shower first so she went over and visited with Shirley Pepin. We had a very nice lunch at Micky Creek. It was so great seeing her again.

On Saturday, Sharon

Crawford came for a visit in the afternoon and had supper with me. She had to go to a birthday party that night but returned the next day and we made zucchini sticks together. Then we got into an old pile of clippings from THE EQUITY that my mother had saved. They were mostly from the late 1960s and early 1970s. There were stories about accidents, tragic fires, weddings, birth announcements and obituaries. It took a very long time to go through them and read the articles. It sure brought back a lot of memories, some good, some bad.

I had a fantastic weekend

visiting with Sharon. We had a lot of laughs and a few cries remembering stories and events from the past.

I was extremely busy all week picking the vegetables out of the garden cleaning, freezing and picking them. I made over 150 jars of pickles and I have more to go this week. I love making them and giving them away as gifts.

Soon I'll have to get my wood in and prepare the house and yard for winter. Apparently it says in the *Farmers' Almanac* that this winter is going to be even longer and colder than last year. Wonderful, I hope it

snows a lot so I can cocoon the house and protect it from the wind.

I would like to wish the following people a very happy birthday: Claude Pilon on Sept. 4, Neil Desjardins on Sept. 8, Keith and Karen Sauriol on Sept. 9.

Happy anniversary to Kim and Brian McCoshen who celebrate on Sept. 6 and to Colleen and Brian Hewitson on Sept. 8.

Remember to purchase your tickets for the Shania Twain tribute on Sept 20 from Faye or Susan Belanger and help support Animal Aide Pontiac.

Otter Lake Golden Age dart and card results

Card results for Tuesday Aug. 20 were: 50/50 was won by Janet Lafleur and the door prize went to Ray Gillespie. Ladies first was won by Sandie Beaudoin and second by Beverly Dubeau. Mens first was won by Ivan Leblanc and second by Ray Gillespie. Lunch was prepared by Michel St. Aubin and Ray Gillespie.

Dart results for Aug. 22 were: 50/50 was won by Barbara Zimmerling and

the door prize went to Benny Zimmerling. Ladies first was won by Lucie Belsey with second going to Mabel Kluge. Mens first was won by Larry Blazek and second by Bob Zimmerling.

Happy belated birthday to Linden Anderson who celebrated on Aug. 25 and to Bill Campbell who celebrated on Aug. 29.

Card results for Aug. 26 were: 50/50 was won by

Giselle Beaudin and the door prize was won by Ray Gillespie. Ladies first went to Charlene Johnston and second to Debbie Lackey. Mens first was won by Ray Gillespie and second went to Ray Dubeau.

Lunch was prepared by Beverly Dubeau and Yvonne Lamoureux.

Dart results for Aug. 28 were: The 50/50 went to Laurier Francoeur and the door prize was won by Liz

Buelhow. Ladies first went to Phyllis Dubeau and second to Esther Dubeau. Mens first was won by Carl Kappes and second by Henri St. Aubin

Happy birthday to Richard Dumoulin and Evert Hodgins who both celebrated today.

We welcome new members Jennifer Quaile and Bob Kanasy.

Submitted by Velma Lafleur



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