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DARK SIDE OF THE SUN: Lyric and Amy Croteau, Nina Shah and Samm MacLean were just a few of the millions of people across Ontario who took time Monday afternoon to view the solar eclipse behind the safety of special eclipse glasses. While Deep River and area were not within the “path of totality,” the skies noticeably darkened around 3:30 pm as the moon blocked all but a sliver of the sun.

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COMMUNITY MOURNS LOSS



LOCAL STUDENTS SHINE IN SCI-FAIR

QUOTEWORTHY:

“These are the kinds of things that can happen when people work together.”

- **MPP John Yakabuski,**
on DRDH project.

DRDH breaks ground on new build

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Shovels have hit the ground in earnest for construction of a new primary care building at Deep River and District Health (DRDH).

Construction crews which have been laying the groundwork for the building took a pause from their efforts on Thurs-

day as hospital officials joined with local dignitaries in a groundbreaking ceremony for the new addition to the health-care facility.

The ceremony took place just less than two years after the provincial government announced it would be funding the project to the tune of \$9.159 million.

The primary care building, when com-

pleted in 2025, will be a one-story, 11,194 sq-ft building, providing a safe, welcoming and accessible space for the North Renfrew Family Health Team to provide both primary and preventative health services for patients in its catchment area.

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PLEASE RECYCLE



Braving the elements at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new primary care building at Deep River and District Health (DRDH) last week were, from left to right, Dr. Caitlin Armer, lead physician at the North Renfrew Family Health Team, DRDH board chair David Cox, MPP John Yakabuski, DRDH president and chief executive officer Janna Hotson and DRDH executive vice president and chief financial officer William Willard.

Photo: Vance Gutzman

DRDH breaks ground

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The building has also been designed with space to grow in the coming years, to ensure it can evolve along with the changing needs of the community it serves.

Cold rain and sleet did little to dampen the enthusiasm of those in attendance at last week's ceremony.

In fact Janna Hotson, DRDH's president and chief executive officer, said the fickle weather was symbolic of the many hurdles the project has needed to clear since it was first proposed some 12 years ago.

"Now nothing is going to stop this project from going ahead," Hotson said.

David Cox, chair of DRDH's board of governors, also spoke at the ceremony, and hailed the potential of the primary

care building.

"Completion of this project will have longstanding and deep benefits for our community," Cox said, citing as one example the health care campus' ability to recruit new physicians to the family health team.

"It will really provide an edge-up on that capability."

STRONG ADVOCATE

Cox also pointed out the fact the project wouldn't be possible without funding from the province, and singled out MPP John Yakabuski for his efforts in helping to secure that funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

"He's been a very vocal advocate for us," Cox said of Yakabuski, and that was a sentiment shared by Hotson.

"His support over the years has been instrumental in allowing this to go ahead," she said of the MPP's collaboration with DRDH.

Council representatives from all three local municipalities, along with

Petawawa Mayor Gary Serviss, were on hand at the ceremony, along with many members of the community at large who have supported the project since its inception.

"It's a great representation of the community, because this is about the community," Yakabuski said in his address to those in attendance.

The long-serving MPP also spoke to the important role the primary care building will play in the community in the face of ever-changing demographics.

"The need is greater now than it was in the past," Yakabuski said.

"These are the kinds of things that can happen when people work together."

In a statement, DRDH said last week's ceremony "underscored the organization's unwavering dedication to providing an excellent, compassionate care experience as well as the positive impacts the new building will have for our community."

Construction of the new building is expected to be completed within the next year.



Bert Fleury preparing for his retirement from the grocery business in 2016

Community mourns sudden loss

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Area residents are mourning the unexpected loss of a local businessman who gave back so much to the community.

Bert Fleury passed away in Naples, Florida on March 28 at the age of 61.

Fleury was predeceased his wife, and the love of his life, Heidi, and survived by their three children, Chloe, Tanner and Logan, as well as extended family members.

Together Bert and Heidi opened Fleury's valu-mart in 1988 and, through dint of hard work, the couple grew the business into a local icon.

Their efforts, while raising three children, quickly paid off.

Just one year after opening the store the Fleurys won the prestigious National Grocers Award for Excellence and, by 1996, had expanded the store from 9,000 to 17,000 square feet.

Heidi passed away in 2009 after a lengthy illness, leaving the community to mourn the loss of one of its leading lights, and Bert soldiered on with the business the couple had built

together until 2016, when he announced he was winding down his career in the grocery business.

"It's been a lot of fun," Fleury told the NRT when it did a story on his retirement at that time.

"I think I'm ready for the next journey."

Fleury went on to say in that interview that, while he was looking forward to other business ventures, memories of running the store would stay with him for a long time.

"Deep River's been a great place to raise a family," Fleury said.

"I'm going to miss the staff and the customers... all the interaction."

Many in the community are expressing both sorrow at Bert's passing and admiration for the legacy he leaves behind.

"A giant of a man with the biggest heart for his community," "an amazing guy, gone too soon," and "a beautiful man. Kind, generous and friendly. He will be missed by all who knew him," were just a few of the comments.

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Ottawa company pleads guilty for fatal explosion



Danny Beale was remembered as a loving son, brother and uncle in tributes following an explosion at Eastway Tank in January 2022

The company at the centre of a deadly workplace incident that took the life of a Deep River man and five others pleaded guilty last week to two charges, while the owner of the company pleaded guilty to one.

Danny Beale of Deep River died in an explosion and fire at Eastway Tank on Merivale Road in Ottawa on January 13, 2022.

Three charges were originally laid under the Occupational Health and Safety Act against the company, while another three were laid against owner Neil Greene.

According to reports by CBC and CTV News, Eastway was ordered Friday to pay a total fine of \$600,000, alongside a 25 per cent victim surcharge.

Greene was ordered to pay an \$80,000 fine and a 25 per cent victim surcharge.

An agreed statement of facts read to the court said that between 1:20 p.m. and 1:30 pm on January 13, 2022, flammable liquid vapours in the area of one of the trucks ignited and caused an initial explosion.

A few seconds later, there was a larger explosion that caused the roof in the shop area to collapse.

The agreed statement of facts notes two sources of gasoline being used for testing a truck cross-contaminated, causing the explosion to happen.

“Eastway failed to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of workers at a workplace,” the

statement said.

President of the Ottawa and District Labour Council Sean McKenny told CTV the charges were expected.

“Six people lost their lives,” he said.

“When people go to work, they are expecting to come home at the end of the day. We had six workers that perished that day... just devastating and terrible.”

No penalty can bring back the victims, Justice Mitch Hoffman said in his decision.

Beale, 29, was remembered as a loving son, brother and uncle in tributes following the blast.

In a memorial, Beale’s family said “Danny was eclectic in his interests.”

“When not working, Danny filled his spare time with a multitude of projects, ranging from etching wood and mounting antlers, to raising saltwater fish and coral, to honing his bushcraft and snaring skills, to propagating lemon trees and nurturing indoor plants.

“Danny was a pilot (of drones), an artisan cheesemaker, a fermentation expert (his kombucha, sauerkraut, and sourdough were divine), a vodka connoisseur, and a self-proclaimed Soviet Union history buff.”

They said he was “easygoing and uncomplicated, caring and humble, inquisitive and compassionate, and especially eager to engage with those around him.”

“Those that spent time with Danny will always remember his sense of humour and attitude towards life.”

Commercial vehicles pulled from road

On March 28, members of the Upper Ottawa Valley, Renfrew, and Killaloe detachments of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), with the assistance of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), conducted a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) safety initiative in Renfrew County.

Officers and police resources were strategically deployed to locations on the Highway 17 corridor based upon local analytics involving CMVs.

Officers focused on mechanical safety of the vehicles and unsafe driving behaviours.

During the safety initiative, 21 CMVs were stopped and inspected by OPP and MTO officers. Four CMVs were taken out of service for issues including mechanical defects, load security and safety issues.

A total of 27 charges were laid under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) for a variety of offences including speeding, annual inspection violations, following too closely, distracted driving, and failure to wear a seatbelt.

Notable offences include a CMV with an oversized load entering Ontario from Quebec with no oversize load permit.

A radar detector was seized, and the driver was charged with speeding and use of a speed measuring warning device.

One CMV driver was charged with impaired driving under the Criminal Code.

Further CMV safety initiatives will occur in 2024 and officers remain vigilant on a daily basis for all types of violations that put the safety of all road users at risk.

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County backs call for public worker training

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Who's going to plow and maintain the roads?

That's a concern being expressed by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS), and the concern is shared by the County of Renfrew.

County council has endorsed a resolution from AORS calling on the provincial government to fund the creation of a Municipal Equipment Operators Course to address looming labour shortages in the field.

AORS is asking all municipalities in Ontario to back its resolution, citing the importance of equipment operators to maintaining critical infrastructure.

"Your local public works department provides invaluable services within your community," the association states in its letter to municipalities.

"Without the dedicated public works employees you are fortunate to have, many of basic functions in your community would not be able to happen.

"Without maintained roads your

emergency services would not be able to respond to calls, school buses could not run to get children to school, and your residents would not be able to leave to work, school, appointments, and any other activity important to them."

AORS goes on to note that, as municipalities work with the provincial government to address the housing crisis, more core infrastructure will be needed to handle expected growth in that regard.

MANY RETIREMENTS

"For the health and safety of our communities, it's important that we keep our public works department staff full, and well-trained," AORS states, adding it's becoming increasingly difficult to achieve that goal.

"Public works departments across the province have already begun to feel the impact of labour shortages, and as we will begin to see many retirements across the province, the shortage will

become even more exasperated."

AORS cites a recent survey of municipalities it conducted showing that 91 percent of respondents plan to be hiring entry-level positions within the next five years.

"However, we are already seeing the start of the labour shortage," the association's letter goes on to state.

"From our survey, we found that 70 percent of respondents already reported getting less than five applications for entry-level positions when they're posted, and the top-three challenges currently facing municipalities are a lack of applicants, applicants not meeting the required qualifications, and municipalities having to compete with private-sector positions."

AORS says it has been working closely with Fanshawe College "to develop a Municipal Operators Course that would train potential municipal equipment operators to come to your municipality with the basic knowledge they need to begin maintaining your core infrastructure."

The course would be the first of its kind in Ontario, AORS notes, and it has applied for money from the province's Skills Development Fund for its creation.

"We are reaching out to you," the association states in its letter to municipalities, "for your support in our application, and your advocacy to the province on why having more, and qualified, applicants to our public works department is so imperative."

The resolution in support of AORS's proposal says the county "fully supports" the association's work to develop a municipal operators course, and that the province should "fully fund" the course through the Skills Development Fund in 2024.

FORESTRY SUPPORT

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Notice of Public Meeting

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that Council for the Town of Deep River will consider the passage of the 2024 Municipal Budget at the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Prior to the passage of the proposed 2024 Municipal Budget, a Public Meeting to receive public input on the budget will be held on April 10th, 2024 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Deep River Town Hall, 100 Deep River Road, Deep River, Ontario, K0J 1P0.

Residents wishing to provide comment on the proposed 2024 Municipal Budget may appear before Council at the Public Meeting on April 10th, 2024 at 6:00 PM, or may provide written comments by email to: the Clerk at jmellon@deepriver.ca

A copy of the proposed 2024 Budget is available for examination at Town Hall during regular office hours (excluding holidays), or on-line at www.deepriver.ca

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West end of Town beginning Monday April 29
East end of Town beginning Monday May 13.

Flushing is part of a routine maintenance program that is necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system, remove sediment from water mains, verify the proper operation of hydrants and valves, and maintain firefighting capability.

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Deep River Police Service



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The Deep River Police Service is a strong supporter for organ and tissue donation.

Through our DRPS communications platforms and social media presence we will share the activities planned and promotional events throughout the month. More to come...

We are asking for your support to share these activities with your teams and to promote the BeADonor month.

One of the biggest ways people can contribute is to register for organ and tissue donation. Only 35% of Ontarians have registered for donation, despite 90% of people in favor of organ and tissue donation. When people register for organ donation, families almost always proceed with donation. In the absence of registration, families have to make the difficult decision during a difficult time, and we see consent in only about half the situations. I encourage all of you to talk to your families, parents, aunts, uncles and friends about your wishes and theirs.

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Community Memory Vault question of the week: The Strand Theatre in Deep River was an important cultural landmark for many years. Are there any memories in your family about the Strand that particularly stand out for you?

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Knitting Group meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm. Watch our social media pages for what the new project will be!

NEW Knitting: We will be offering a nighttime knitting group starting on April 9th at 6pm, and running every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night of the month. Bring your current WIP and grab a seat near the fireplace. This group is open to all level of knitters! Mentors will be there to answer questions and help when things get tangled (metaphorically, and possibly literally too).

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- Babytime: Mondays 10:15am
- Storytime: Tuesdays 10:15am - aimed at toddlers, but all welcome
- Bedtime Storytime: Last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm (come in your pjs!)

Forestry support

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The ask comes in the wake of the closure of another corrugated mill in Trenton, Ontario.

“Traditionally this has been a major destination for pulpwood, particularly poplar pulpwood from forestry operations in Renfrew County,” a report from the county’s development and property committee stated last week.

“This follows the closure of other feasible pulpwood destinations in Espanola and Thurso.”

The few remaining pulpwood mills, in Maniwaki and Temiskaming “will feel additional pressure and will likely be unable to take all the material from this area,” the committee went on to note.

“As a result, some harvest areas with high pulpwood volumes will have to be bypassed, meaning sawmills will receive less sawable materials.

“The increased complexity and less area available for harvest will further exasperate the already challenged logging workforce, attracting less entrants, and making it even less viable to invest in new equipment.”

The committee also issued a caution about the impact on the overall local forest itself, “as areas with a high component of over-mature and degrading poplar will continue to decline and succumb to natural mortality.”

“No forest sector can be viable without a market for low-end material,” the committee stated.

“Local industry and government reports point to biomass as being the solution to the excess of pulpwood volume.”

NAME CHANGE

The development and property committee is also seeking an update on the renaming of a portion of the Renfrew County Forest (RCF).

The county owns 53 separate tracts called the RCF, covering 16,000 acres of land used for timber harvesting, hunting and outdoor recreation.

In the spirit of reconciliation the county decided, in 2022, that the “Indian River” tract of the RCF should be renamed.

A resolution was passed by county council at that time directing staff to engage with the Algonquins of Ontario for a review of the name, and a request for possible new names “that may reflect the historical significance of the geographic location of the tract to

the Algonquin Nation.”

A request was also made in 2022 to the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation (AOPFN) asking them to propose alternative names for the tract of forest.

County council endorsed a recommendation from the committee last week requesting a meeting with Ontario Municipal Liaison Norm Lemke and the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs for an update on the review and the communication process going forward.

“Several follow-ups have occurred since 2022, and recently discussion has taken place with councillors of the AOPFN,” the committee stated in its report.

“It has been communicated by the councillors that staff, knowledge keepers, and language specialists will be required for this consultation, and there will be an associated cost for this and any other consultation.”

The committee also noted that all previous consultations for activities on the RCF have occurred through the Algonquins of Ontario office.

“It has been communicated by the AOPFN that any consultation should occur separately from now on, consultation is expected on all activities that occur on Renfrew County Forests, and a cost would be associated with all AOPFN staff time.”

Bert Fleury

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“Bert had a million-dollar smile and was definitely your ‘community twin’,” one local resident posted.

“He was happiest at family time and whenever he was supporting teams and events, both openly and anonymously. Had so many talks and laughs that were genuine and memorable.

“He will always be one of our most favourite people, and I can’t imagine the impact of his passing

on Chloe, Tanner, Logan and the entire Fleury family.”

Former local businessman and Deep River mayor David Thompson expressed similar sentiments on social media.

“Heidi and Bert were pillars of the Deep River community... their generosity will never be forgotten,” Thompson stated.

Comments about Bert’s legacy are also pouring in to Valley Funeral Home’s tribute wall, with one posting there about how he cared for her mother, who shopped regularly at Fleury’s valu-mart but didn’t drive and lived alone after the passing of her husband.

“Bert, invariably, would chat with her and when she was ready to leave he would call a taxi for her or, most often, bring his car around, load her groceries into his car and run her up the hill to her house,” the post reads.

“Bert brightened her life with his all-encompassing smile and his unending capacity for care and concern. My thanking him was met with a little bow and wink.”

Funeral arrangements for Bert will be announced at a later date.



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Restaurant chain's "carbon fee" sparks controversy

BY SYLVAIN CHARLEBOIS

A recent initiative by a Toronto-based restaurant chain, Goodfella's, which operates seven establishments known for their wood-oven pizzas, has sparked considerable debate. The chain introduced a two percent "carbon fee" on all orders, ostensibly to contribute to carbon capture efforts by supporting Tree Canada's National Greening program, which aims to re-forest areas in need.

Its decision, revealed by a CTV News report, ignited a flurry of social media criticism. The chain has since changed its policy and now offers an opt-out option.

The policy was implemented at the point of sale, with receipts clearly stating the intention behind the levy: to offset the carbon footprint associated with dining by investing in environmental sustainability.

While the legal standing of this surcharge is not in question — provided it is not characterized as a tax — the public's response was predictably divisive. The concepts of "carbon" and "fee" alone are sufficient to provoke a public outcry, particularly in a climate of heightened sensitivity towards both food prices and environmental politics.

This situation intersected with several broader socio-economic issues. First, it underscores the volatile nature of consumer attitudes towards food pricing, an area already under scrutiny due to incidents like Wendy's dynamic pricing controversy, which was perceived as an unfair price inflation tactic.

Goodfella's introduction of a carbon fee, regardless of its noble intent, was received with skepticism, with some interpreting it as yet another financial burden.

Furthermore, the initiative touched upon the politically charged debate surrounding carbon taxation. With Ottawa's carbon tax policy serving as a contentious cornerstone of Canada's environmental strategy, the imposition of a similar charge by a private entity can be polarizing.

Consumer reaction to Goodfella's initiative is indicative of a broader discomfort with policies perceived as mandating lifestyle changes, particularly when the public discourse around carbon emissions and climate change is so fragmented.

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Solar eclipse over North Renfrew

Photo: Nina Shah

THE LIGHTER SIDE

GRANDCHILDREN

• I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colours yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what colour it was. She would tell me and was always correct.

It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I really think you should try to figure out some of these colours yourself!"

• When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in.

Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

• When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."

"Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

• A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today."

The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool.

"That's interesting," she said. "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."



NUCLEAR HERITAGE

The art of accelerator targets

BY J. UNGRIN

Nuclear physicists using accelerator beams require specialty targets for their studies. During the 1940s, experiments with relatively low-voltage accelerators (2 million volts (MV) or less) looked at scattering particles such as protons or deuterons from elemental targets such as gold, magnesium or copper.

In these experiments, the beam particles lose energy to, or exchange nucleons between, the beam and the target nuclei; the energy levels of the target nuclei can be determined by measuring the energy of the outgoing particle.

It soon became clear that high resolution work could only take place if the target could be made very thin (a few micrograms per square cm).

Producing these thin targets at Chalk River, for early researchers such as Harry Gove and Allan Bromley, became the job for Walt Woytowich.

The process began by spreading a few drops of VYNS (polyvinyl chloride-acetate copolymer) on water.

The thin copolymer would then be picked up and dried on aluminum target frames,

typically several square cm in area. The desired element would then be vacuum deposited on the VYNS to produce a thin target.

Walt developed a vacuum chamber with appropriate manipulators to produce such excellent targets that Allan Bromley, after leaving Chalk River for Yale, attempted to get Walt to move there.

The Canadian Nuclear Heritage Museum collection has not only Walt's original vacuum chamber but also a copy of an October 1960 letter from Bromley to Woytowich, who was still a bachelor, with the enticement that, "I might add by way in inducement that we have a Swedish girl (ex-Swedish TV) living with us this year."

Despite this, Walt declined the move.

After Walt's retirement in 1976, Joe Gallant, assisted by Wayne Perry, took on the role of target manufacturer for the nuclear physics group.

Two important advances had happened since the start of work with accelerator beams.

Initially targets were made using elemental samples, but experimenters now desired single-isotope targets.



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8-10:30 am, Coffee Club, Chalk River Lions Hall (daily Mon-Fri)

10 am - 4 pm, Canadian Clock Museum hours (Tuesday to Saturday; closed Sunday-Monday), 60 James St, Deep River (for more information or to confirm, call 613-584-9687)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm, St. Andrew's United Church soup and sandwich luncheon, Chalk River Lions Hall

1-6 pm, North Renfrew Family Services Free Counselling Clinic, call ahead for appointment (for information, call 613-584-3358)

1:15 pm, Social Bridge, hosted by Friends of the Library, Deep River Library program room

7-9 pm, Photography slideshow, with photographers featured in DRLAC exhibition, Deep River Library

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

10 am, Seniors Friendship Club: Coffee, Tea and Conversation, Deep River Library program room

1:15 pm, Duplicate Bridge Club, DR Library

7 pm, Fun Euchre, Deep River Legion

7:30 pm, Deep River Community Band rehearsal, DR Legion

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

5-7 pm, "Messy Church," crafts, activities and meal, St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Deep River

7-9 pm, Casual bowling, Deep River Bowling Alley

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9 am, Poker Run for Crystal Fischer & family, begin at Swisha municipal hall, 48 rue de l'Eglise

11 am - 4 pm, Income tax clinic, Real Hope Christian Assembly, Highway 17 Deep River

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

1-4 pm, Casual bowling, Deep River Bowling Alley

MONDAY, APRIL 15

10 am - 1 pm, Deep River and Area Food Bank open (weekly except holidays), at the Deep River and District Hospital (for more information, phone 584-3333 ext 7910)

10:15 am, Babytime, Deep River Library

7 pm, Fun Darts, Deep River Legion

7 pm, Al-Anon, group support for families & friends having alcohol addiction, CE Centre (behind DR Community Church)

7:30 pm, Deep River Choral Group, Childs Auditorium, Mackenzie Community School

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

10:15 am, Spring Storytime, Deep River Library

1 pm, 49ers euchre, Deep River Legion

To submit your event, email nrt@northrenfrewtimes.ca

Carbon fee

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Goodfella's implementation of this initiative also deserves criticism. The absence of an opt-out mechanism at the beginning or clear pre-dining communication about the fee suggests a lack of transparency, which is crucial in fostering consumer trust.

In the current climate, any policy perceived as inflating costs is met with intense scrutiny. The restaurant industry, competitive and customer-oriented, is especially susceptible to backlash over perceived financial impositions.

Trust is another critical factor. The onus is on Goodfella's to ensure that the collected fees are transparently and effectively channelled towards the intended environmental projects.

This is analogous to the broader issue of tip distribution within the service industry, where there is growing concern over whether gratuities reach the intended recipients.

MISALIGNMENT

Ultimately, Goodfella's initiative raises important questions about the effectiveness and acceptance of environmental surcharges within the restaurant industry. The critical response to this policy suggests a misalignment between the chain's intentions and consumer expectations.

While addressing the carbon footprint of dining is commendable, the approach to doing so must consider consumer sentiment, especially in a leisure context where patrons seek respite from broader societal concerns.

If this initiative was intended as a publicity stunt, it reveals a strategic miscalculation and underscores the need for deeper insight into modern marketing trends. The complexities of consumer behaviour, particularly when tied to political and environmental matters, demand a sophisticated approach.

Ultimately, Goodfella's situation serves as a warning about the challenges of incorporating environmental responsibility into business practices.

It highlights the importance of clear strategy, engaging with customers, and being sensitive to the wider social and political environment.

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TRAVEL TIPS

#11 Non-Airbnb Accommodation

BY LARRIE THOMSON

Although Airbnb is hugely popular, hotels and motels are still the traditional choice for short stays.

There are many online websites offering cheap accommodation in various locations. These can change from week to week so it pays to check often.

Travel sites like Expedia and TripAdvisor make it easy to search for and compare hotels to find deals.

After finding a potential hotel on one of these sites, I often go to the hotel's own website to check whether the prices are better there.

Usually, hotels have toll-free phones you can call to ask about details such as room distance from noisy elevator shafts or whether you can check in early or leave late.

You may notice the online prices for the same room in a hotel can differ, based on the hotel's cancellation policy.

The cheapest rate will be with no cancellation allowed. If you want the option to cancel up to a few days before arrival, you may have to pay slightly more for the same room, but this could be worth your peace of mind.

If you're celebrating an anniversary, birthday or some other special event, be sure to tell the hotel

while checking in; they often give a room upgrade for these things.

Before you unpack, look around your room. If there's something you don't like, tell the hotel immediately.

If they can't fix the problem quickly, they might offer you a different room rather than have you disgruntled for several days in an undesirable room.

Economical accommodation can often be found if you stay for a month or longer. These can be called long stays, self-catering, vacation rentals, or something else.

Cheap accommodation can also be found at hostels, with "working holidays," or on group educational holidays.



Actual free accommodation can be found through house swaps or opportunities with volunteer groups ("voluntourism") that travel to

interesting places and help with local projects.

Free accommodation can also be found in unique locations through websites such as Trusted Housesitters if you're willing to look after a pet for example, while the owner is away.

If you're a true animal lover, some of these pets can be unusual!

Send your tips for accommodation to tipsfortrips4@gmail.com.

Nuclear heritage

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The often-rare and expensive isotopes necessary became increasingly available from the isotope-separators at Oak Ridge.

The second advance was the 1959 arrival of the world's first tandem accelerator at Chalk River.

With the tandem, not only was much higher voltage (up to 7 MV) available but, in addition, the positive, high-voltage terminal was located in the centre of the accelerator - this introducing a great advance.

Negative ions, for instance chlorine (charge state -1), injected from an ion source would be accelerated to the high-voltage terminal gaining 7 MeV of energy.

At the terminal, the beam would

pass through a thin carbon-on-VYNS film and would emerge having lost not only the extra electron but several more.

These, now positively charged ions, would be accelerated further along the accelerator to exit at higher energies.

A +5 charge-state chlorine ion, for example, would gain five times the terminal voltage (7 MeV x 5 = 35 MeV) and would emerge with a total energy of 42 MeV.

COMMERCIAL SUPPLY

The production of these thin carbon "stripper" targets became a large part of Joe's work and he became a world-leading expert on them - not only on the first, EN, tandem but also for the later MP or Emperor tandem.

Chalk River also became a commercial supplier for targets for other accelerator laboratories.

Joe Gallant's retirement resulted in the transfer of the target-maker

mantle to Peter Dymtrenko.

Peter further refined the task of target making for Chalk River and outside laboratories and developed the stripper targets needed for the next stage of experiments at Chalk River, when beams for the tandem accelerator would be further stripped of electrons (typically chlorine to charge state +11).

These ions were injected into the superconducting cyclotron of the TASCC facility to be accelerated to even higher energies.

Chalk River's reputation for world-leading nuclear physics research in the era from 1945 to 1990 is often remembered by the names of the prominent physicists attached to publications.

Walt Woytowich, Joe Gallant, Wayne Perry and Peter Dymtrenko were some of the excellent technicians who developed the needed tools for that research.

Photo: 1950s era vacuum chamber for producing targets

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: TOWN BUYS KEYS CENTRE PROPERTY

70 YEARS AGO

APRIL 9, 1954: The Guides of First Deep River Company held their annual Mother and Daughter Banquet in the Camp Cafeteria on Thursday evening. Over 90 sat down to a delicious meal prepared by Crawley McCracken Ltd. The highlight of the event was the presentation of badges by Mrs J White, badge secretary. First Class badges went to Yvonne Gosselin, Julia Ann Mungham, Marina Gervais; Second Class badge to Marilyn Tooley.

APRIL 9, 1954: Members of the Deep River Branch of the Canadian Legion are now engaged in an all-out campaign to add to the membership rolls of the branch every available war veteran who is not yet a member. President Don Medd is anxious that every non-member veteran of this community should have an opportunity of becoming associated with the branch, which in addition to providing a medium for good comradeship, also does commendable work in dealing with the problems and difficulties of individual veterans in connection with pensions, allowances and other veteran privileges.

60 YEARS AGO

APRIL 8, 1964: Deep River's council received the first draft of the town's 1964 budget at their regular meeting Wednesday night. The figures were not disclosed to the press, but Reeve Peter McConnachie warned new council members against worrying about the "astronomical figures" shown, since council would have a chance to "whittle" them down before the final draft is approved.

APRIL 8, 1964: Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd has put out the first issue of a new monthly publication for their employees and their families which will help to keep them up to date on all the latest developments in their fields. Published on April 2, the six-page illustrated "AECL Review" is prepared by the Public Relations Office.

50 YEARS AGO

APRIL 10, 1974: The appearance of Stephen Lewis, leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, in the Bernard Childs Auditorium on Friday morning, drew an attendance exceeding that of any other course in the two days of mini-courses offered at Mackenzie last week. After some brief comments about his personal past and political career, Lewis responded to a wide range of questions put to him by students, teachers, and other adult members of the audience.

APRIL 10, 1974: On St Patrick's Day, 11 brave Track Club runners defied the blowing snow to race the 2.7 miles down Balmers Bay Road. The footing was atrocious but everyone finished with no serious mishaps. Kit Coleman won by almost one minute but there was a good race for second place with only five seconds separating Nick Cox in second from Alistair Baird in



The Deep River Rug Hookers, including (left to right) Mary Laing, Girlie Lloyd, Marg Bradley and Ann Smith, meet regularly to compare notes and give one another constructive criticism. In the foreground is a display of their handiwork. (NRT April 10, 1974)

fifth. Ian McCready was third and Tony Burger fourth.

40 YEARS AGO

APRIL 11, 1984: Deep River's fire department no longer meets minimum requirements for a fire department, according to the organization that assesses municipalities' fire protection services for insurance purposes. Fire Underwriters Survey says, in a letter to the town, that the department needs to increase its manpower and provide a training program. If it does not, the town will be downgraded and homeowners' insurance premiums will increase as a result.

APRIL 11, 1984: The luck of the Irish was with the green-clad Stonecliffe Rangers hockey team as they journeyed to Mattawa to take part in the annual "Huff and Puff" Hockey Tournament sponsored by the Gay-Lor Tavern. The locals won it all. Lloyd Desjardins, no. 33, one of the team's two goalies, took the most valuable player award for the tournament.

30 YEARS AGO

APRIL 6, 1994: The town of Deep River has purchased the Keys Conference Centre property from AECL. The purchase price has not been made public, but town officials have suggested it is very close to the \$804,400 list price. Town council voted at an emergency meeting last Tuesday to make an offer on the property. "Now that we own it, we can call the

shots on how it is to be developed," said Councillor Denise Walker.

APRIL 6, 1994: After 10 years of operation, Deep River and Area Community Care has decided to disband. Its programs, including organizing transportation to medical appointments and Meals on Wheels, will be taken over by the new long-term care centre. Mary Middleton, president of Community Care, said the changeover will take place on May 2.

20 YEARS AGO

APRIL 7, 2004: With less than four months to go, the pieces are starting to fall into place for Summerfest 2004. This year's festival will be the first since the record-setting event in 2002, held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Mackenzie High School. Attendance that year hit more than 9,000 for the four-day festival and Summerfest spokesman Saulius Fidleris says this year's committee is just trying to keep up the momentum.

APRIL 7, 2004: Renfrew County has opened its doors to ATV riders. County council passed a bylaw last week allowing all-terrain vehicles on most county roads. But the decision did not come easily. Several county council members, including Head, Clara, Maria Reeve Bill Croshaw and Deep River Mayor Ann Aikens, argued strongly against the bylaw, saying it would leave the county open to higher road costs and possible lawsuits.



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THEOP

The Sarah Hagen Variations

BY MARGARET MACPHERSON

Listen intently. Laugh uproariously. Reflect, recover, repeat.

That's the sure-fire formula for audiences at a Sarah Hagen show. And audience engagement is the key in her sit-down comedy performance entitled "Perk Up, Pianist," the last in a series of unforgettable shows offered by THEOP this season.

Last month's songstress Irish Mythen gave a ringing endorsement to the upcoming Friday, April 19 show at Bernard Childs Auditorium, saying: "I may be witty, but Sarah Hagen is hilarious!"

COMIC TIMING

In an unusual combination of repartee, storytelling and unvarnished musical talent, Hagen leads her audience down the often-uneven pathway trod by every touring musician.

"Her comic timing is as solid as her musical metre," wrote an Edmonton Journal arts reporter.

A consummate touring musician, Hagen is well-aware of the perils and pitfalls of the traveling pianist.

Her grand piano may not be portable, but

her talent and ease with an audience makes up for the cumbersome nature of her chosen instrument.

Tinkling the ivories is one thing, offering outrageous and scintillating commentary that activates the proverbial funny bone, is quite another. Sarah Hagen does both.

"When as a child I first understood what it meant to pull notes off a page, throw them in the air and wonder at their magical effect, I knew that music would forever be my life: my oxygen, my solace, my offering," she said.

She brings that offering to Deep River between a Western Canadian swing and a Maritime tour, prior to summer gigs in the United Kingdom where she will perform the Goldberg Variations in London and occupy centre stage at the Cambridge Folk Festival.

Prepare to not only laugh, but also be astonished by her precision, her polish and her ability to take interpretive risks on the piano.

"Perk Up, Pianist" is an expression of invention in the vein of Victor Borge and is not to be missed.

Doors open at 7 pm. Tickets can be purchased through the THEOP website (theop.ca) or at the door.



Sarah Hagen

Deep River "Music Fest" ready to go for 2024

"Music Fest" is returning for its third season!

This year's version will be held the weekend of April 19, once again at the Deep River Community Church.

For those who may be unaware, "Music Fest" provides music students from Deep River and Area with the opportunity to perform before a live audience.

It is an initiative of local music teachers and is operated under the auspices of the Deep River Symphony Orchestra (DRSO) as part of their outreach program.

All involved see performance as a vital part of the music experience, for both the musician and the community they share.

"Music Fest" involves a series of

three to five sessions presented in concert format and there is no adjudication, or marks involved.

The sessions are arranged according to Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels and involve a variety of instruments in each session.

We know for sure there will be an opening session on the evening of Friday, April 19 at 7:30 pm. Further sessions will occur on the Saturday and Sunday with details pending following the close of registration.

Details on the timings and content of these subsequent sessions will be available through posters, postings and an ad in next week's NRT.

All sessions are open to the public; there is no admission fee although donations will be gratefully accepted.

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DRSO

Concert of celebration to close out 70th season

The Deep River Symphony Orchestra will close out its 70th season with a concert of joy, dance and celebration Saturday, May 4.

The concert will feature the return of soloists Susan Butler on oboe and Megan Jones-Reeves on violin who will dazzle in solo pieces to open the concert.

Susan will perform Folk Song and Afro-Cuban Baroque from a work by Canadian composer, Bill Douglas. Megan will perform Monti's fiery Czardas.

They will then join forces with the orchestra to perform JS Bach's Double Concerto in D minor for Violin and Oboe.

The orchestra will close out the concert and anniversary season with a performance of Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5 "Reformation" composed in 1830.

Susan, a professional oboist, pianist, and recorder player, is well-known in Deep River as a dedicated music teacher, director of the Summermusic day camp, conductor of the Deep River Youth Orchestra and choir director for the Community Church.

She is also principal oboist of the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra and has an active career as a freelance musician in the Ottawa area.

Megan (right) started her music career in Deep River as a student member and concertmaster of the DRSO before earning her music degree from McGill University.

Based in Southern Ontario, she was Orchestra Manager for the National Academy Orchestra of Canada based in Hamilton.

An accomplished freelance musician, she has performed with orchestras throughout Southern Ontario. This March she was appointed as the North Bay Symphony's new concertmaster.



And in exciting news, Megan is returning to the Valley to live with her family later this year!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The concert will be followed by a short presentation in recognition of Peter Morris' 32nd and final full season as DRSO Music Director.

Peter will return once more to conduct the first concert of the 2024-25 season next October.

The remaining concerts of the season will feature guest conductors as the DRSO embarks on its search for a new music director. More details of next season coming soon!

Tickets for the May 4 concert are available now by calling Anne at 613-584-3737 or email drsoemail@gmail.com.

Tickets will also be available at the door cash only.

Concert time is 7:30 pm at Childs Auditorium, Mackenzie CS. Visit drso.ca for more information.

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Spring grants close April 17

The Deep River and District Community Foundation (DRDCF) would like to remind everyone of the closing date of Wednesday, April 17 for its 2024 Spring Grant Cycle.

DRDCF grants support organizations in Deep River, Head, Clara and Maria, Laurentian Hills, and Rapides des Joachims so that they can better meet the needs of our community.

Apply online at www.drdcf.ca/drdcfgrants. The Application process is simple and easy.

Successful applicants will be notified, and grants will be awarded by June 2024.

Who can apply?

Any organization that either is a registered charity or is partnered with a "qualified donee" can apply.

A "qualified donee" is recognized by the Canada

Revenue Agency (CRA) as an organization that can issue official donation receipts for gifts it receives from individuals and corporations.

What are the eligibility criteria?

1. Projects that support community needs in the areas of social services, health, education, environment, arts and culture, and community.

2. Projects that lead to self-sufficiency, promote co-operation and collaboration with other organizations, are efficient in their use of funds and are innovative.

3. Projects not for normal operating costs, religious or political projects, sports sponsorships (specifically excluded by CRA), deficit reduction or general fundraising.

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WEDNESDAY SMILE

“Dear Algebra, Please stop asking us to find your X. She’s never coming back and don’t ask Y.”

CREATIVE DANCE

Creative Dance with Kristen, 10:30 to 11:30 am in the Deep River Public Library program room, two remaining classes on April 16 and April 23. This was enjoyed by a full room of enthusiastic followers learning a variety of moves.

These dance classes are made possible by the generosity of the Deep River & District Community Foundation.

WEDNESDAY WALK

Wednesday Walk April 10: It is hard to plan ahead for a walk as the trails are transitioning quickly.

Meet at the chalet on Balmer Bay Road ready to walk at 1:30 pm and we

will decide then where to go.

PHOTOGRAPHY SLIDESHOW

Photography Slideshow, Wednesday, April 10, 7-9 pm at the Deep River Library. Photographers Nancy Elliot, Elizabeth Ells, Pam Martin and Janet Ungrin showcase their stunning photographs and reveal the stories behind their capture. This is open to all, not just SFC members.

POOL, SHUFFLEBOARD

Pool, Snooker, Shuffleboard, and Darts at the Deep River Legion: Beginning on Monday, April 15, shoot some pool, or play snooker, shuffleboard, and/or darts at the Deep River Legion from 1-3 pm.

This will be a weekly Monday activity on a trial basis for April, May, and

Seniors Friendship Club



possibly June. If it is popular we will resume running it from September to May. Pay at the door.

Beverages:

The bar will NOT be open but everyone is free to bring their own (non-alcoholic) refreshments.

There is an additional small fee for pool, per table per game (exact change please: a loonie and 2 quarters). All other games are included in the weekly fee.

OWL PROWL

“Owl Prowl” has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 17. Due to the inclement weather forecast for last Wednesday we are again postponing the Owl Prowl walk sponsored by the Levante Foundation.

The instructions are the same as previously: meet in the Valu-Mart parking lot on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:45 pm

for a brief introduction to owl prowling and safety when travelling in a convoy.

Participants should dress for spring with warm coats, pants, gloves and footwear. Standing around listening for owls can be cold! A hot beverage and energy foods are also a good idea.

The signup for the Owl Prowl is full, but we will keep a waiting list in case anyone drops out. (Contact 23uovsfc55@gmail.com.)

Due to the large turnout we ask that you make plans to carpool, or show up a bit early at the rendezvous to make arrangements. The fewer the cars that we need to take the better.

SPRING WATERFOWL EXCURSION

We are also planning an excursion to travel by car to Pembroke to have a look at some of the ducks, geese and swans that are returning and passing through our area.

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sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.

cross word

answers use American spelling

ACROSS

- 1. Speak indistinctly
- 5. High sound
- 9. French peak
- 12. Relaxation
- 13. Realm
- 14. Respectful title
- 15. Special nights
- 16. Supper
- 17. Stallone, to chums
- 18. Zany
- 20. South-of-the-border food
- 22. Entity
- 24. Music and painting, e.g.

- 27. Television accessory
- 30. Beginning part
- 31. Dove's sound
- 32. Eyed
- 34. Moray, e.g.
- 35. Return the favor
- 37. Massaged
- 39. Shade sources
- 40. Con
- 41. Sailor's hail
- 44. Martini garnishes
- 48. TV promos
- 50. Not rich
- 52. Audition tape
- 53. Cashew
- 54. Honest
- 55. Rustle

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- 56. Sure!
- 57. Stage decor
- 58. Shopping bag

DOWN

- 1. Look
- 2. Liquid rock
- 3. Previously owned
- 4. Save
- 5. Packing down
- 6. Rage
- 7. Spiffy
- 8. Festive event
- 9. Varied
- 10. "____ Abner" (comic strip)
- 11. Move with leverage
- 19. Aggravate
- 21. Food container
- 23. Gabs
- 25. Sycamore, e.g.
- 26. Realtor's sign
- 27. Measure of farmland
- 28. Christmastime
- 29. Sail supports
- 30. Perfect model
- 33. Repeated performances
- 36. Cinder
- 38. Among
- 42. Selects
- 43. Days of ____
- 45. Presidential refusal
- 46. Shoot forth
- 47. Hurt
- 48. Whatever
- 49. Appropriate
- 51. Ump's call

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NINE PAIRS

There were four and a half tables, playing a Howell movement, at the Deep River Duplicate Bridge Club last week.

Out of the nine pairs present, first place, with an impressive 68.25% score, went to Ian and Sandy Towner.

Second place went to Geoff Edwards and Ro Nishimura with 65.75%. Peter Brewster and Anne Wills tied with Rosemary McGuire and Pat Mellors for 57.41% and 3rd/4th place.

ON THE VINE

Board 5 was passed out at one table, played in 1NT at two tables, and in 2NT at the last table, writes the director Geoff Edwards.

On first glance, there does not appear to be too much of interest in this hand. In a NT contract, East will lead diamonds or clubs.

Whatever the lead, NS will come to 8 tricks easily if they guess to play the AK of spades, dropping the queen, but a low spade to the Js is the higher percentage play when you can't see through the backs of the cards.

If declarer tries this spade finesse, losing to the Qs, then the spotlight shifts to EW. If the defence has not started diamonds yet, they must do so now and the critical play is to duck either the first or 2nd trick.



If the defence cashes the AK of diamonds to start the suit, then the fourth diamond in the East hand dies "on the vine" as East

has no more entries to their hand. Declarer will now have time to lead towards the Qh and recover their 8th trick.

During this week's games, the NS scores were: -200 (2NT down 2), 0, +120, and +150 for matchpoint results of 0, 1, 2 and 3 points to NS.

And what is so interesting about this hand? Try and figure it out - it's almost to the level of a bar bet.

The answer is that, with best play and defence (ie. everyone sees all the hands), NS can make 5 different contracts in order: 2C, 2D, 2H, 2S and 2NT.

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Easter Season

We continue to celebrate this joyful Easter season. Our services and music over the next weeks will celebrate new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We invite you to come and worship with us at 10 am each Sunday. St. Barnabas wishes everyone a wonderful Easter season.

MESSY CHURCH

Everyone is invited to join us at St. Barnabas this week for a "Messy Church" evening on Friday, April 12 from 5-7 pm. The theme for this event is one of the earliest stories in the Bible, Noah's Ark.

Games and activities for all ages will be downstairs in the church hall, followed by a brief celebration upstairs with singing, story-telling, and prayers. This is followed by a family oriented supper.



Everyone and all ages are welcomed to come to this special event.

We always welcome last minute decisions by people to come. Bring a friend!

BOOK STUDY

Our book study, under the leadership of Archdeacon Patrick, continue on Monday evenings at 7 pm. The book that is being studied is "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time" by Marcus Borg. All are welcomed to come and join in the discussion.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

All are welcomed to come and join us every Wednesday at noon for a casual and short Eucharist service held in the narthex of our church. Stay and join us for coffee and conversation afterwards.

INCOME TAX CLINIC

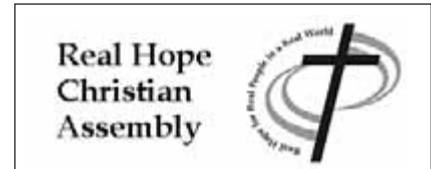
Real Hope Christian Assembly will be hosting a Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinic this Saturday, April 13, from 11 am to 4 pm. We are located on the highway next to the school buses.

If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, we may be able to help file your taxes absolutely free.

Perhaps you are a student, senior, new resident, or even just need to file to ensure you continue to receive your benefits. If so, let us help. We'll even provide coffee and snacks while you wait.

If you are unable to attend but still qualify and need help, please let us know. We will be happy to assist you.

Please call Pastor David at 613-584-4344 to arrange a time to drop off your files or email office@realhopechurch.ca.

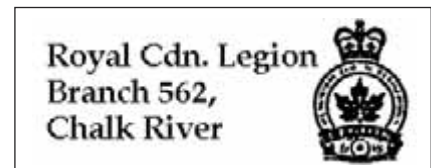


PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE

The Chalk River Legion will host its next four-hand Progressive Euchre tournament on Saturday, April 20.

Teams are not required. Registration begins at 6:30 pm, and play starts at 7 pm.

Legion hours are: Sunday 11-3, Wednesday 3-7, and Friday 1-4 and 7-11. Come out and play some cards, darts or shuffleboard.



MATCH UP

To put a free notice in Match-Up, phone the NRT office at 613-584-4161, or email NRT@northrenfrewtimes.ca.

FILING CABINET: A filing cabinet with two drawers (18 x 27 x 36") in excellent condition is looking for a new home. It will need to be picked up and will probably require two people. If you are interested, please call Carol at noon or after 4:30 pm at 613-584-4629.

WATERCOLOURS: Also available are two framed watercolour paintings by Deep River artists (S. Fletcher and Eileen Thurston). Both are in excellent condition. Again if interested, please call Carol at noon or after 4:30 pm at 613-584-4629.

EAR BUDS: A set of ear buds were found in their case on the sidewalk on Avon Road between Thomas St and Grouse Court late Thursday afternoon just before Easter. They are black Wicked Audio wireless. If you lost yours, perhaps they fell out of a pocket while out for a walk, please call 613-584-2936 and leave a message.

SHREDDER/MINCER: Two Braun attachments for the Braun Blender, model MX-32, desperately wish to avoid the landfill. The shredder and mincer are in very good condition. Please call Carole at 613-584-4418 if you can provide them with a new home!

NECKLACE: A silver necklace with a purple stone set in an ornate pendant was picked up recently at Jan's Valu-mart. It has been turned in to the NRT. To claim, call 613-584-4161.

SPORTS



Mackenzie takes on St. Mary's in elementary girls basketball action last Thursday. Below: Grace Walsh (11) goes in for a breakaway lay-up with Logan Hallett in support in the Grade 8 girls 41-2 victory over Valour.

MUSTANGS ROUNDUP

Grade 7-8 girls reach Tournament of Champions

Spring is arriving and so are all of the spring activities at Mackenzie.

Elementary basketball kicked off last week with the Mustangs hosting St Mary's and Valour Grade 7 and 8 girls and boys teams for a seeding tournament.

The top two teams in each division would move on to the Tournament of Champions and the third and fourth place teams to the Tier 2 playoffs.

The Grade 8 girls had the strongest showing winning their games easily, with scores of 41-2 and 50-7 over Valour and St. Mary's respectively.

The players have been working hard on their skills, playing basketball every recess, attending Valley Hoopstars and basketball camps, and their practice is paying off.

Due to a late cancellation by one of the Grade 8 teams in the tournament, the team had an opportunity to play a team made up of high school senior girls team players in a fun exhibition

game meant to push their development, and help their own.

The Grade 8 team will be joined by the Grade 7 girls team at the Tournament of Champions who also qualified with two wins and a tie.

Meanwhile on the boys side, despite some passionate play and good ball handling, both the Grade 8 and Grade 7 teams came in a respectable third and will be headed to the tier two tournament.

ROBOTICS

Mrs. Nolette's Grade 3 class participated in the Global Read Aloud of "A Rover's Story" by Jasmine Warga, and after developing a strong interest in the Mars rover and robots, were visited last week by the high school Robotics club.

The club, newly formed this year, have spent months learning, developing their skills, and building a robot, whom they call "Skooble."

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SWISHA HAPPENINGS

Poker run for Fischer family

BY DEBBIE FOLEY

There are several things going on up here, with our community coming together to help the Fischer family.

There will be a Poker Run raising funds for the family on Saturday, April 13, starting at 9 am, and leaving from the Municipal Hall here (48 rue de l'Eglise).

A 50/50 draw will add to the amount raised, and there will be prizes for entrants in the poker run. For more information call 873-746-2940, Doris will answer all questions.

Ongoing to Monday, June 3, you can purchase raffle tickets to help support the family. You can purchase them in an e-transfer to fischerfamily2024@gmail.com; at Lances Convenience; or from Kelsey Daly Mainville 819-360-0092; Linda Rousseau 819-763-2180 or Stephany Rauche 819-230-1690. Thank you to all that are helping out, even the smallest contribution!

On Saturday, April 20 Djembe drumming will be on at the municipal hall from 10:30 am to 12 pm. The doors open at 10:15, and information, registration and drum rental is available at info@djembefoley.ca.

This event has been a lot of fun, and absolutely no prior experience is needed! Early bird pricing if booked on or by Saturday, April 13.

MAISON DES JEUNES

The Maison des Jeunes is open, with the exception of Fridays and April 17, for seniors activities. After school drop-off is still on. The residents can access clothing, food items, get their taxes done, work on the computers and print documents in the mornings.

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Mustangs

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The team also competed in two Robotics First competitions in March: the first, at Durham College in Oshawa was a learning experience where they got to identify issues and troubleshoot Skoobles ability to perform set tasks.

The second competition in North Bay saw great improvement, with the team winning the Rookie Inspiration Award.

Several Mackenzie students

have also seen success at this year's Regional Science Fair, with Mark Wendland winning first place in Junior Engineering/Computer Science and the grand prize, as Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) Award with his Mental Math Arcade (game). He will be representing Renfrew County at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Ottawa from May 25 to June 1.

This will be Mark's second trip to the Canada Wide Science Fair in two years, last year winning an honourable mention.

Other notable Mackenzie results include Anna Phillion with a second in Ggrade 5/6 Engineering/Computer Science and a Canadian Nuclear Society Award; Sarah Snider and Ally Hogue with an Honourable Mention in Grade 5/6 Health Sciences; and Isaac Lebel with an honourable mention in Junior Physics/Mathematical Sciences.

Secondary spring sports seasons are getting ready to go, with soccer starting later this week, badminton next week, and track and field the first week of May - watch this space for details!



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DEATHS

AGNEW,

Iris Hazel (nee Cuthbert) Of Chalk River passed away on Tuesday March 26th 2024 in her 89th year.

Predeceased by her husband Tom Agnew and eldest son Alex Agnew (Jocelyne). Predeceased by her parents Ira and Laura Cuthbert, sister and brother-in-law Beth and Dick Marcotte.

She will be dearly missed by her daughter Heather Anne Ferguson (Richard) and son James Agnew.

Iris is survived by her siblings Dean Cuthbert of Fort St. John B.C. Winston (Cory) Cuthbert of Elliot Lake ON, Myrna (Tory) Belo of Ottawa ON, and Heather (Leif) Karlsson of Courtis ON.

Grandma was dearly loved by her grandchildren. Joelle Agnew, Holly (Zack) Fortney, Sarah (John) Goetz, Stephanie (Sylvain) Brisbois, Kaitlin (Michal) Gulinski and Scott (Kelsie) Bell. And her step-grandchildren, Mark Ferguson, Kimberly Christie and Katherine Mueller.

Iris also leaves behind 15 great-grandchildren with two more on the way later this year.

Cremation has taken place with plans for a memorial service at her beloved United Church in Chalk River this spring. Date TBA.

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A very special shout out to my amazing sister-in-law, Anne Knott and fellow outlaw, Steve Knott for their unending support, love and caring. I simply cannot give enough thanks to them for everything.

To my many nieces and nephews by blood, marriage or heart, I love you



all so very much and have enjoyed watching you all grow into the wonderful people you are. To my cousin, Andy Pettigrew (Nancy Vaughan-Pettigrew), thank you for always being there for me, whether or not we were actually together. I am so thankful you have Nancy.

Thank you to my work colleagues for making me laugh and greatly improving my life at work, especially the H.R. Department, your unwavering support was greatly

appreciated. To my friends, I thank you for being in my life, the life lessons you have taught me and what it is like to have real friends. I also need to say a huge thank you to the staff of the Renfrew Victoria Hospital (RVH) Oncology Unit who have seen me through this journey. In my opinion, the best care ever, the biggest hearts ever and the best hospital. RVH feels like a hug no matter which department you visit.

If you feel like you must donate, and in no way do I expect it, my choices are RVH Oncology unit, CHEO or SPCA. Final arrangements are entrusted to Zohr Family Funeral Home, Eganville. Tributes, condolences and donations may be made online at www.zohrfuneralhome.com

Love you all & goodbye.
-Kari



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Plan B Restaurant and Grill in Deep River is under new ownership, and is serving up items from its traditional menu, along with new tasty additions like the homemade dough for its popular pizzas, which are available for delivery. Open seven days a week, they also plan to begin offering catering services. Shown here in front are owner Randy Burns and manager Amber Tardif, along with some of the restaurant's employees, Kourtney Hepburn, Ainsley Ezerins and Amy Lynn.

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Rosaura Ham-Su (right), director of Reactor Fleet Sustainability at Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, presents the grand prize to Pembroke's Callie Dennis, Kimia Taherion, Petawawa's Maggie Alexander and Deep River's Mark Wendland.

Local students excel at Renfrew County Science Fair

Over 80 of the top science students in Renfrew County met at the Petawawa Civic Centre on Saturday, April 6 for the 44th Annual Renfrew County Regional Science Fair.

Students from across the county set up projects, being judged by experts from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and other scientific organizations.

Then, the students enjoyed an afternoon of interactive activities with "Let's Talk Science!" and Professional Engineers Ontario before an awards ceremony closed out the day.

The Canadian Nuclear Laboratories grand prize winners, who won a fully paid trip to the Canada Wide Science Fair, held in Ottawa from May 25 to June 1, are:

- Mark Wendland from Mackenzie Community School in Deep River with "Mental Math Arcade (Game)"
- Callie Dennis from Highview Elementary School in Pembroke with "Making my own bio-based plastics:

Which is the strongest?"

- Maggie Alexander from Valour School in Petawawa with "'70% Iso-propyl Alcohol" and

- Kimia Taherion from Bishop Smith Catholic High School in Pembroke with her project "Aiding in the early detection of neurological diseases by collecting breathing patterns."

The Renfrew County District School Board grand prize best Grade 5 and 6 winners were by Lindsay Harrison from Valour School in Petawawa with "Frost Weathering" and Bronwyn Popke from Our Lady of Lourdes School in Pembroke with "How Fast Does Your Brain Work?"

Divisional awards were presented by the town of Deep River, the city of Pembroke, SRB Technologies, the Petawawa Legion and Ontario Power Generation.

Special Awards were presented by Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, the Ontario Association of Certified Engi-

neering Technicians and Technologists, Ontario Power Generation, the Petawawa Legion, the Canadian Nuclear Society and the Chalk River Professional Employee's Group.

Other local winners include:

- "Bamboo Boom: Exploring Different Liquid Effects on Growth by Cecily Vaughan (St. Mary's School), third place Grade 5-6 Earth & Environmental Sciences

- "The Dance of Electrons to Make Things Go" by Anna Phillion (Mackenzie Community School), second place, Grade 5-6 Engineering & Computer Science and Canadian Nuclear Society Award

- "How much sugar is in pop and juice?" by Kaia Hanlon and Claire Priebe (St. Mary's School), third place, Grade 5-6 Health Sciences and RCRSF Judges Choice Award

- "Vaping / Smoking at MCS" by Sarah Snider and Ally Hogue (Mackenzie Community School), honourable

mention, Grade 5-6 Health Sciences

- "The Spectacular Sprout" by Lieve Neggers and Hillary Hoszowski (St. Mary's School), second place, Grade 5-6 Life Sciences

- "H2Onions" by Natalia Baschuk (St. Mary's School), honourable mention, Junior Life Sciences

- "How do solar eclipse glasses work?" by Isaac Lebel (Mackenzie Community School), honourable mention, Junior Physical & Mathematical Sciences.

For a full list of winners, please go to youthscience.ca/renfrew-county.

The Renfrew County Regional Science Fair is held every April and is open to all Renfrew County students from Grade 5 to 12.

No prior entry into a school fair is required and it is never too early to start your project.

Visit youthscience.ca/renfrew-county for details.

Spring grants

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The DRDCF was established in 2002 as a registered public foundation. Since its inception, DRDCF has proudly contributed over \$700,000 in grants, empowering initiatives that positively impact our community.

The generous contributions to our diverse endowment funds, which accrue earnings annually, make grant funding feasible.

These earnings are then allocated to eligible organizations within our community.

In 2023 alone, DRDCF disbursed over \$55,000 to local organizations such as North Renfrew Family Services, the Society for the Preservation of Canada's Nuclear Heritage, the Townships of Head, Clara and Maria, the Seniors Friendship Club, Scientists in School, the Deep River Public Library, Ontario Nature, and Theop, along with six scholarships for local students.

Additionally, in collaboration with the government of Canada and Community Foundations of Canada, DRDCF facilitated the Community Services Recovery Fund (CSR) program in our area, resulting in a significant grant of \$48,728 to the Deep River and District Hospital Foundation.

Join us in shaping a brighter future for Deep River and its surrounding districts.

Apply for the DRDCF Spring Grants today and join us on our journey toward meaningful change!

For more information, please contact us at info@drdcf.ca and check out our website at www.drdcf.ca.

Seniors Friendship

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This excursion is also part of the series of Nature Walks sponsored by the Levante Foundation.

Led by Robin Cunningham of the Pembroke and Area Field Naturalists, we will visit the Ross Road marsh and the Shaw Woods pond on Wednesday, April 24 (rain date of May 1).

The plan is to leave from the Valu-Mart parking lot at 9 am arriving at Ross Road around 10 am. We will



Easter just wouldn't be the same without an Easter Egg hunt and the town of Deep River made that possible for scores of youngsters last week, as they were treated to a variety of clues as to the location of eggs that were stashed at various locations throughout the arena. Logan Knoll is shown here putting all his eggs in one basket while decked out appropriately for the occasion.

Photo: Vance Gutzman

spend some time in the Ross Marsh area, and then head to the Shaw Woods to see what is happening in the pond. We should be finished up around noon.

Bring a bag lunch to eat at the Shaw Wood Centre, or head off on your own. Bring binoculars or a telescope if you have them, and possibly a field guide.

Please contact 23uovsfc55@gmail.com to register, indicating if you would like to carpool with someone or if you could offer to share a ride.

FLORAL WATERCOLOURS

Floral Watercolours with Elaine: Tuesdays, April 30, May 7 and May 14, 10 am - noon at the Deep River Library. There are just a few spots left.

Elaine has been busy filming and there will be new YouTube videos so that painters can try the technique again at home. Elaine has purchased lots of paper and some exciting new colours of paint.

You will need to bring your paint-

brushes and your paints but bring along a white plate so she can provide you with some dabs of Opera Pink, Amethyst Genuine, Verditer Blue and Spring Green (and a few other colours as well).

You will be painting tulips, buttercups, pansies and more. The course is designed for those who have attended Elaine's beginner watercolour classes or those with some watercolour experience.

Pay by e-transfer (non-refundable) to 23uovsfc55@gmail.com or in the Deep River town hall SFC drop box.

SPRING DANCE

Registration for the Dance at the Deep River Legion Saturday, April 27 has been disappointingly low. If we don't get enough people we will have to cancel.

The dance will take place 8 pm - 11 pm with music provided by DJ Rick Schroeder. Pay in advance, to 23uovsfc55@gmail.com or the SFC

drop box. Deadline to register/pay is April 20.

There will be no payments accepted at the door. Light lunch will be provided.

TULIP FESTIVAL

The Canadian Tulip Festival Bus trip, Monday May 13 is now fully booked. There is a waiting list in case of any cancellations; for more information contact 23uovsfc55@gmail.com.

The SFC is open to all adults living in the communities from Chalk River to Deux Rivieres.

Our website is seniorsfriendship-club.ca. Our email address: 23uovsfc55@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook.

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At the time of my writing, there were no special events on the calendar.

You can go to the facebook page at Rapides des Joachims Centre Communautaire, or contact Kelsey at 819-360-0092.

The LifeDownTown Committee has no events coming up at this time, until Saturday, July 13, when their 7th Annual Car show and Kids Party Time will take place in Deep River at the campus, 87 Brockhouse Way.

This is a free event! Cars will be registered from 11 am to 12:30 pm, with the judging and awarding of trophies and prizes at 3 pm. There will be food trucks at the event, and a 50/50 draw will also be held.

Kids party time is free for the kids, and from 11 am to 4 pm they can bounce the day away on the inflatable attraction! There will also be a face painter, Darlene Schonno, to keep the kids happy.

For more information, call Paul-Andre at 819-334-1739, or Lucie at 613-586-2622.

With the warmer temperatures, the animals are starting to move around. The local beavers have been very busy, with the river trail showing much of the action!

We hope you get out and come for a drive and hike! No chip truck yet, but we will keep you posted.

Enjoy the warmer temps that are forecast, and we hope to see you here!



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