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Deep River firefighters responded quickly to control a pair of brush fires Tuesday afternoon. The fire department was dispatched first to a small fire in the area behind Valley Funeral Home on Highway 17. While on scene, firefighters were also called to the Mount Martin Ski Hill, where they battled strong winds to douse a blaze that appeared to be caused by a downed power line. Hydro One was also called in to attend.

Photo: Vance Gutzman

QUOTEWORTHY:

“You know, you can’t have a mound of (chicken) manure in the middle of Chalk River.”

- Laurentian Hills Deputy Mayor Brenda Blimkie, p.5

INSIDE:



**JACK DOUGLAS,
OLYMPIC MEDALIST**



**LAWN BOWLING
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More billions for Chalk River

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited announced last week that it has received a \$2.2 billion “capital commitment” from the government of Canada to continue the revitalization of the Chalk River Laboratories.

The government shared the announcement at the Canadian Nuclear Association’s 2026 Conference as an important enabler to the new “Nuclear Energy Strategy for Canada,” which will be released by the end of 2026.

AECL said the capital commitment will allow CNL to continue to modernize the Chalk River campus through the “revitalization of essential site infrastructure and a significant investment in new, world-class science facilities.”

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Capital commitment

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“As the campus that delivers the scientific and technical research and innovation underpinning the domestic nuclear industry, the investment will support Canada’s continued nuclear energy leadership in areas that include power generation, fuel development, safety and security, decommissioning and waste management, and reactor life extension and reliability,” AECL said in the announcement.

“Canada has been a global science leader from the very beginning of the nuclear age, led by ambitious scientists and federal government support,” commented Tim Hodgson, Canada’s Minister of Energy and Natural Resources.

“Nuclear leadership, and building the next generation of clean, affordable nuclear energy production, means making serious investments in Canada’s home-grown scientific capacity.

“Strategic investments like these will create jobs, advance energy security, and strengthen Canadian sovereignty.”

STRATEGIC VALUE

“This investment reflects the government of Canada’s confidence in the strategic value of Chalk River Laboratories and the role AECL plays in enabling nuclear science and innovation for Canada,” added Fred Dermakar, AECL president and CEO.

“It will help ensure this nationally important site continues to support clean energy, innovation and long-term economic opportunities.”

“CNL is grateful to AECL and the government of Canada for this funding, which will continue to transform the Chalk River Laboratories into a modern, sustainable and innovative national campus,” commented Dennis Carr, CNL president and CEO.

“The nuclear industry is moving into a new era that will include the construction of new, large-scale conventional reactors, innovative SMR and advanced reactor designs, and even the deployment of fusion technologies.

“All these ambitious projects will require extensive R&D and the necessary innovation to ensure they are safe, reliable and viable.

“That is the role of Canada’s national nuclear laboratories, and I want to thank



AECL and the government of Canada for their confidence in CNL to fulfill this responsibility.”

Because AECL’s Chalk River Laboratories site is over 70 years old, much of the infrastructure both underground and above ground needs to be replaced or refurbished, including the renewal of approximately 60 buildings and facilities on the campus.

AECL said the government’s funding commitment will enable CNL to continue this process, which began in 2016, and has included the construction of several new, modern laboratories, support facilities, site infrastructure and office buildings.

A key focus of future capital spending will be on sustainable investments into the campus, including energy efficient heating and cooling; and roof and exterior improvements to meet government of Canada’s net zero greenhouse gas emission goals, some of which is already well underway.

ADVANCED MATERIALS CENTRE

Funding will also support the continued design and construction of the Advanced Nuclear Materials Research Centre (ANMRC), a state-of-the-art research complex that will be one of the largest nuclear research facilities ever built in Canada.

Once complete, the 12,700 square-metre facility will feature 23 laboratories and 12 shielded hot cells that will enable post-irradiation examination of small modular reactor (SMR) and next-generation nuclear fuels in addition to glovebox facilities to support the development of advanced fuel fabrication concepts.

It’s not clear from last week’s announcement whether the \$2.2 billion “capital commitment” is new money or

money previously announced.

The federal government first promised \$1.2 billion for renewal of the Chalk River site at the start of the initial GoCo (government owned, contractor operated) agreement in 2015.

As part of the 2024 federal budget, the government said it would provide a further \$3.1 billion to AECL over the next 11 years to support CNL’s “ongoing nuclear science research, environmental protection, and site remediation work.”

The \$3.1 billion would be on top of \$1.5 billion in “remaining amortization,” for a total of \$4.6 billion.

AECL’s most recent five-year corporate plan (2025-26) refers to the 2024 budget number.

“The new funding will allow AECL to deliver, over the next 10 years, on existing activities and maintain capabilities, with some additional investments in capital projects which are needed to address an important backlog of work focused on addressing areas with high risks of failure,” the plan says.

“Such projects include the replacement of S&T research facilities which are no longer cost-effective to operate and the replacement of aged infrastructure in the utility services.”

According to the federal government’s main spending estimates for 2026-27 released at the end of February, annual funding for AECL will be just over \$1.7 billion this year, down from \$1.94 billion last year.

The estimates show the funding is split two ways - \$1.14 billion for “nuclear decommissioning and radioactive waste management” and \$559.6 million for “nuclear laboratories.”

The funding for nuclear laboratories is further split between \$207.6 million for “operations” and \$352 million for “capital.”

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Town moves forward on new apartments

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

A new apartment building in downtown Deep River is one step closer to becoming a reality, following a public meeting held last week to garner input on a proposed zoning bylaw amendment.

The property, approximately 1.3 hectares in size, fronts on Montcalm Street, Poplar Street and Forest Avenue, and currently plays host to a four-storey, 32-unit apartment building constructed in 2021.

The owners of the land are proposing to build a second four-storey apartment building on the property, but require the zoning bylaw amendment in order to situate two buildings on the same lot.

Susan McBride was one of two members of the public who spoke at the meeting, say-

ing upfront she was excited about the prospect of new apartments coming to town.

"I'm very positive about this project," she said.

McBride went on, however, to seek assurances the new building would have appropriate space for garbage disposal, saying it's important for the town to not have another "eyesore" like the Ridge Road apartments.

"It's really embarrassing to see the garbage dump that's there," she told town council.

Christian Kaiser, the town's director of growth and sustainability, told McBride that site plan controls for the new building would allay any concerns about garbage storage, and also said the town is working with the owner of the Ridge Road apartments to remedy that situation.

"Without talking too much about it, we're taking a strong approach," Kaiser said.

Bill Turner, a vocal opponent of pretty much every council decision, also spoke at the meeting, albeit briefly, referencing a four-page written submission he had submitted for the meeting, containing nine questions with regard to the proposed development.

"I would appreciate a written response to each of these questions. Thank you," Turner told council.

One of the questions in his written submission was whether Jp2g Consultants, the planners acting on behalf of the developer, have a conflict of interest in the matter, as they have also done planning work for the town itself, including development of the municipality's Official Plan.

But Janine Cik, a planner with Jp2G, said at the meeting the

firm she works for absolutely does not have a conflict of interest in the matter.

"We are not currently engaged in any planning work for the town," she said.

Cik went on to say the proposed development is good news for Deep River.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

"The proposed development represents an exciting new opportunity for the town, which will introduce 42 new purpose-built housing units that are located within walking distance to several businesses and amenities within the downtown core," she said.

It was announced at the meeting that the County of Renfrew had approved a severance application for the development, separating the existing apartment building from the portion of the lot proposed for the new structure, taking that

part of the zoning amendment off the table.

The amendment is still on the table, however, to allow town staff time to consider revisions for setbacks with regard to the rear-yard depth, as well as a reduction in the parking area buffer for two specific areas of the property.

A previous planning report prepared by Jp2g suggested the zoning application is consistent with the provincial planning statement as it supports the development of "complete communities" and is an "efficient use" of land fully serviced by municipal water and sewer.

"Overall, the proposed development represents the intensification of an existing, undeveloped portion of a property within an existing residential area that is within walking distance to many community facilities and businesses," the report says.



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Council approves new zoning bylaw

BY TERRY MYERS

Laurentian Hills has passed its new comprehensive zoning bylaw, including new regulations around shipping containers and backyard chickens.

But town council may go further and introduce a new backyard chicken licence bylaw.

The new zoning bylaw was drafted by county planning staff last fall.

A public meeting was held at the beginning of March, and the final draft with changes was completed April 30.

Restrictions on the use of shipping containers as “accessory buildings” were lifted in the final draft, as long as they meet minimum setbacks.

The rules about backyard chickens were also revised, with the number of chickens allowed based on lot size.

For lots up to one acre, the maximum is six chickens, up to 2.5 acres 12 chickens, and between 2.5 and five acres, 20 chickens.

Chicken coops must also follow the minimum setbacks for “accessory buildings.”

During discussion last week, Councillor Brenda Blimkie said she was “happy with where we’ve got to” on the zoning bylaw, but said she would like to see the town go further on the issue of backyard chickens and adopt a permit system like Deep River and Petawawa.

That way, she said, “we could be sure that when people want to have chickens, especially in the village, that it comes through our building inspector, and he can inspect the area and make sure that they’re going in a place where they should be going.”

WHO WILL ENFORCE?

“They’re following the zoning bylaw setbacks, or whatever, so that we don’t run into a problem where they’re in a place on their property they shouldn’t be, and then people are coming to us, and we really can’t do much about it.”

Councillor John Hoyle was skeptical, saying Petawawa also includes hours during which chickens must be in their coops.

“Who’s going to go (to enforce that) when we get a phone call at 9 o’clock at night?” he said.

But Blimkie said her concern was more about placement of chicken coops and management of things like their waste.

“You know, you can’t have a mound of manure in the middle of Chalk River, so there’s got to be restrictions there,” she said.

“I think we just need to be clear with people what is expected of them before they go ahead and start getting chickens or have chickens in their yard.”

Councillor Bruce Boucher said that if there is staff time involved in preparing permits and inspecting people’s yards, then their should be a licence fee attached.

If not, “then everybody’s paying for their time to do these programs,” he said.

CAO Sherry Batten said she would circulate copies of the Petawawa bylaw to members of council for further discussion in the next month or two.

Municipalities to explore shared service

Mayor Anne Giardini and Councillor Bruce Boucher will represent Laurentian Hills on a “working group” looking at shared services between all three municipalities in North Renfrew.

The working group came out of a resolution passed by Deep River council last fall as part of its recreation and culture master plan study.

According to draft terms of reference presented to Laurentian Hills council last week, the working group will “identify, evaluate and prepare a short-list of municipal services for consideration as possible shared services.”

The short-list would then be presented to each council - Deep River, Laurentian Hills, and Head Clara Maria - for their approval.

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Deep River Recreation Department

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Deep River Triathlon

Early Bird Registration for the Deep River Triathlon ends on Friday May 29. Follow our event page on Facebook "Deep River Triathlon 2026" for up-to-date information.

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In the matter of Sections 17, 22, and 28 of the Planning Act, the Town of Deep River hereby gives NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- i) Application to amend the Official Plan of the Town of Deep River
- ii) A public meeting regarding same application for an amendment to the Official Plan of the Town of Deep River

Subject Lands All lands within the Town of Deep River's municipal boundaries.

Public Meeting A public meeting to gather public feedback to the proposed official plan amendment will be held at the Town of Deep River Municipal Office on June 10th, 2026 at 6:00 pm..

Proposed Official Plan Amendment

The purpose and effect of the proposed Official Plan amendment is to expand the Community Improvement Plan Area (CIPA) to include all lands within the Town of Deep River's municipal boundary, as part of a comprehensive amendment to the Town of Deep River Community Improvement Plan.

Additional information regarding the Official Plan amendment and the proposed Community Improvement Plan amendment is available for inspection at the Town of Deep River Municipal Office during regular office hours or on the Town's website at deepriver.ca/departments/planning-development

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Deep River before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted by the Town, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Renfrew (approval authority), to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Deep River before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted by the Town, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or the public body as a party.

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Community Memory Vault: Deep River's oldest families – What family stories and local knowledge can you share about Deep River & Area's earliest families who still have descendants living in the area?

Family Art Club: Thursday, June 11th at 5pm. Geared towards kiddos 3+ and their grownup of choice, but open to all. Free, drop-in to craft with us while supplies last!

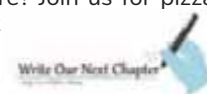
Spring Storytime & Babytime Join Ms. Robin at a new time – Tuesdays at 11:30am - (after Toddler Swim at the pool)! Aimed at toddlers and their caregivers. Babytime will be Wednesdays at 2pm. All welcome to drop in for stories, songs, and connection.

Knit Together: Friday, June 12th and 26th at 1:30pm. All welcome to bring your project and visit with neighbours in the lounge area. We'll put on the kettle.

Hey Teens! We want to hear what you think about the library. What services would you like to see in future? Join us for pizza and a discussion, Wednesday June 3rd at 2:30pm.

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Deep River Fire Department



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- Acclimatize: Enter the water slowly so your heart rate and breathing can adjust to the shock.
- Tell someone your plans: Always inform a friend or family member of your route, destination, and expected return time.

Shared services

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The terms of reference say the short-list of potential shared services will “focus on services which:

- a. Are not legislatively mandated to be delivered on an individual municipal basis;
- b. Can be feasibly shared by 2 or 3 municipalities or delivered by one municipality to the others;
- c. If shared, would improve the financial condition of one or more municipalities; and/or
- d. If shared, would improve the level of service for the residents of one or more municipalities.”

NEXT STEPS

“Once a consistent short-list of possible shared services is approved by two or more municipal councils, the working group will consider these possible shared services in further detail, and will make further recommendations of next steps to participating municipal councils regarding the identified possible shared service(s).

“The working group recommenda-

tions may include how the shared service will be governed, how the shared service will be administered, and how the costs for the shared service will be apportioned between participating municipalities.”

The working group will meet monthly from May to September and will present a final report to the three municipal councils “no later than” October 31.

“The (working group) mandate does not extend to any consideration or examination of the autonomy of the municipalities as separate and autonomous single-tier municipalities,” the terms of reference say.

Deep River staff will act as recording secretary for the working group and, in consultation with the three mayors, be responsible for preparing the meeting agendas and minutes.

“It is understood that each municipality shall be responsible for any resources that it allocates for staffing, travel or any other expenses related to their participation in this working group,” the terms say.

“Any further allocation of fiscal resources necessary to implement the work plan shall be at the discretion of the member councils.”

Giardini welcomed Boucher as a volunteer to take part in the meetings and said they would get back to Deep River to say “let’s move forward.”

DRDH begins flooring work

Flooring replacement work was scheduled to begin Monday as part of Deep River and District Health’s ongoing emergency department renovation project.

DRDH said the flooring upgrades will take place throughout facility corridors over the next several weeks.

“These improvements are part of DRDH’s continued commitment to enhancing the environment for patients, residents, families, visitors, and care teams,” DRDH said in an announcement.

The work will be completed in phases to help minimize disruption and maintain access to services across the organization.

During this time, patients and visitors will experience temporary changes to hallway access and movement as construction progresses through different areas of the facility.

In addition, some entrances will be

temporarily closed while specific sections are being completed; however, all hospital services will continue to operate as normal.

DRDH says signage will be posted throughout the hospital and care sites to assist with wayfinding and to help ensure safe and efficient navigation around any impacted areas.

“These flooring replacements are an important part of broader infrastructure improvements within the emergency department and surrounding clinical spaces, supporting a safer, more modern, and welcoming care environment that has been co-designed with input from team members, patients, and families,” the announcement said.

“DRDH appreciates the patience, understanding, and cooperation of patients, visitors, residents, and team members as these important upgrades are completed.”

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We're fighting a climate apocalypse that isn't coming

BY SYLVAIN CHARLEBOIS

For years, Canada built climate policy around worst-case warming scenarios that drove up the cost of energy, transportation and food production. Now, some of the scientists behind the world's leading climate models are quietly backing away from those catastrophic assumptions.

But Ottawa continues imposing rising costs on farmers, processors and consumers based on climate assumptions scientists themselves are now questioning. A recent paper published in Geoscientific Model Development, tied directly to the next generation of UN-backed climate modelling for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, suggests that some of the most extreme warming scenarios used for years are no longer considered plausible.

The infamous SSP5-8.5 pathway, a high-emissions climate scenario often used in long-term warming projections, assumed an explosion in coal consumption, extraordinarily high fossil fuel dependence, and emissions trajectories that increasingly diverged from economic and technological realities.

In plain English, some of the world's leading climate scientists are now acknowledging that humanity is unlikely to follow the catastrophic path that dominated climate communication for much of the last decade.

Yet Canadian policy, especially in agri-food, still behaves as though we are one harvest away from Mad Max.

The irony is that climate science itself is becoming more nuanced while public policy remains rigid.

This matters because few sectors absorb policy costs more directly than

food. Products perish. Refrigeration cannot stop. Trucks must move. Grain must dry. Livestock must eat.

Even after Ottawa effectively zeroed out the consumer carbon levy on fuels in 2025, the industrial carbon pricing regime, which applies to large industrial emitters and affects sectors tied to food production and transportation, remains firmly in place and continues to rise, reaching \$110 per tonne this year.

These costs ripple through virtually every segment of the food economy: fertilizer production, trucking, warehousing, refrigeration, food processing, packaging, greenhouse operations, grain drying and cold-chain logistics.

And while government officials often insist the carbon price has only a "minimal" effect on grocery bills, that argument misses the broader economic picture entirely. The real issue is not simply what appears immediately on grocery bills. It is competitiveness.

Canada's agri-food sector competes globally. When domestic costs rise faster than those faced by competitors in the United States or elsewhere, investment shifts. Processing capacity weakens. Domestic production becomes less attractive. Imports increase.

Over time, consumers pay the price through greater dependence on imports and higher structural costs.

This is not theoretical anymore. Canadians are already visiting grocery stores more frequently in search of deals. Restaurant bankruptcies are accelerating. Food affordability remains the number one concern for households, according to repeated national surveys conducted by Dalhousie University's Agri-Food Analytics Lab.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIXTY YEARS AGO

Re: "This week in history," May 18, 1966, RBWM fire department burns down old farmhouse at

Mountain View Subdivision.

I saw a 60 years ago memory from the NRT. I do recall, see pictures. I'm the kid in the middle.

Bruce Morton

Jack Douglas - Deep River's first Olympic silver medalist

BY KEN AHRONSON

Deep River resident Bob Ferrill is an amazing resource. He is curator of an incredible collection of hockey team photos and other pieces of hockey memorabilia.

When I commented online about a team photo posted by Bob of the Chatham Maroons Senior Mens hockey team with Jack Douglas in the lineup, I was able to connect with Jack's daughter Colleen Douglas Milos.

She has provided me, through her mother Marie, with even more interesting info on her late father's hockey and employment career that I believe Deep River and area residents will be delighted to hear about.

John Moir "Jack" Douglas was born in Trenton, Ontario to Scottish immigrant parents Charles Douglas and Mary Moir Douglas, who eventually resided at 29 Glendale Avenue in Deep River.

Charles was a professional golfer and took a head golf pro job in Cornwall, Ontario when Jack was a young boy.

Not sure when Charles Douglas joined AECL but I remember delivering the Toronto Telegram to the Douglas household in the mid-50s and occasionally mowing their lawn as part of my thriving lawn care business 1957-61.

One of Jack's first jobs as a teen was delivering blocks of ice to town residents for their ice boxes from the ice house then located near where the Yacht and Tennis Club sits now.

LIFELONG PASSION

Jack had a lifelong passion for hockey and he remembered playing hockey in the bay on the Ottawa River just below the campus field.

The legendary Gib James was charged by the Company (AECL) from the earliest days of the townsite with overseeing hockey along with his duties as a reactor engineer.

I suspect that Deep River's "Mr. Hockey" helped Jack get noticed and this talented Deep River boy quickly became a stalwart on defence for the Pembroke Little Lumber Kings, an OHA Jr A team that at the time

was always in the mix to contest for the Memorial Cup.

By the 1949-50 season, Jack was the captain of the Pembroke Little Lumber Kings that included much beloved former Deep River Rocket and Pembroke native Grant Gareau.

Once he aged out of junior hockey, his older brother Charlie and his dad Charles Sr. strongly suggested that he pursue his hockey dreams in Europe or go back to school which he had left prematurely.



Jack was offered a scholarship to play hockey at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor where Gib James held many school records.

He turned down that offer and travelled to the parental homeland of Scotland to play professionally with the Dundee Tigers 1951-52.

When he came back from Scotland he joined the Pembroke Senior Lumber Kings who at that time were playing in the NOHA Sr A League which included teams from hockey hotbeds like Sudbury, North Bay and Sault Ste Marie.

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TIMES

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

8-10:30 am, Coffee Club, Chalk River Lions Hall
1 pm, GriefShare support group meets, Real Hope Christian Assembly, Hwy 17 Deep River (until June 17)
2 pm, Babytime, songs, stories, rhymes, Deep River Library

THURSDAY, MAY 28

10 am, Seniors Friendship Club: Coffee, Tea and Conversation, Deep River Library
12:45 pm, Duplicate Bridge Club meets, Deep River Library program room

FRIDAY, MAY 29

6 pm, Fun Darts, all welcome, Chalk River Legion
4:30 & 6 pm, Chalk River & Area Lions Chicken Parmesan Dinner, two sittings, Chalk River Lions Hall (call 613-401-4546)
8 pm, River Run Theatre Comedy Cabaret, Deep River Legion (doors open at 7:30 pm)

SATURDAY, MAY 30

8 am - 2 pm, Lions Bottle Drive, drop empties at Chalk River Lions Hall (every Saturday May to September)
9:30 am - 1:30 pm, Deep River Community Cycling Hub bike repair workshop, Deep River town hall parking lot
10 am - 12:30 pm, Deep River Farmer's Market, Deep River town hall parking lot
10-11 am, Deep River Horticultural Society Green Thumbs Kid's Planting Day, garden beside DR Community Centre
11 am - 1 pm, Historical Society Spring Pie pickup, Schoolhouse Museum, 35753 Hwy 17 at Meilleur's Bay

SUNDAY, MAY 31

10 am - 3 pm, DR Summerfest Penny Sale in honour of Todd Tooley, Chalk River Lions Hall (for info, call 613-401-3837)
11 am - 3 pm, Shuffleboard, all welcome, Chalk River Legion
2 pm, Stonecliffe CWL Bingo, proceeds to Four Seasons Lodge Long-Term Care, Stonecliffe Community Centre
2-5 pm, Acoustic open mic, DR Legion

MONDAY, JUNE 1

10:30 am, Baby & Toddler Storytime, Chalk River Legion
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)

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

10:30 am, Preschool Playtime, Pt. Alexander Library
11:30 am, Storytime, Deep River Library
4 pm, After School Chess (ages 8+), Deep River Library

Climate apocalypse

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Families are adapting, trading down and increasingly prioritizing price over virtually every other food value.

Meanwhile, policymakers continue layering costs onto the supply chain as though affordability were a secondary concern.

To be clear, none of this means climate change is fake, harmless or irrelevant to agriculture. Canadian farmers still face drought risks, floods, extreme weather volatility and shifting growing conditions. Agriculture has always been vulnerable to nature. It always will be.

But policy should be proportional to realistic risks, not permanently anchored to worst-case scenarios that scientists themselves are now reassessing.

Instead of obsessing over punitive cost mechanisms, Ottawa should focus on resilience and productivity: modernizing transportation infrastructure, investing in irrigation and water systems, accelerating precision agriculture, supporting genetics research, strengthening domestic processing capacity, improving trade logistics and encouraging technological innovation throughout the food chain.

Innovation reduces emissions. Efficiency reduces waste. Productivity strengthens food security. Punishing domestic production does not.

The danger now is not climate denial. It is policy inertia.

Governments built much of today's climate framework around assumptions that are quietly being revised by the scientific community itself.

Yet admitting that some assumptions may have been overstated has become politically difficult because too many institutions, activists and even media organizations spent years presenting worst-case scenarios as inevitabilities rather than possibilities.

The result is a dangerous disconnect between economic reality and policy ambition.

Canada needs a climate policy rooted in pragmatism, not ideology, especially in food.

Because in the end, no country can claim to care about sustainability while simultaneously making food less affordable, weakening domestic production and eroding its own supply chains.

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is senior director of the Agri-Food Analytics Lab at Dalhousie University, co-host of the Food Professor Podcast and visiting scholar at McGill University. © Troy Media



DRDH celebrates Nursing Week

Deep River and District Health (DRDH) celebrated National Nursing Week 2026 May 11-17 by recognizing the dedication, compassion, and professionalism of nurses across the organization.

Throughout the week, DRDH acknowledged the contributions of Registered Nurses, Registered Practical Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, nursing students, and Personal Support Workers who provide exceptional care and support to patients, residents, families, and the broader community every day.

Nursing Week serves as an opportunity to celebrate the critical role nurses play throughout the healthcare system and to recognize the resilience, skill, and empathy they bring to their work in every care setting.

To mark the occasion, DRDH hosted several appreciation events

throughout the week for nursing staff, including charcuterie cups, a BBQ lunch, a pop-up “DRDH Brew House” featuring made-to-order iced beverages, and a “Build Your Own Parfait” cart.

“FIND FLO”

The week concluded with a popcorn bar and selecting prize winners for the “Find Flo” game, where team members searched for photos of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, hidden throughout departments for a chance to win.

“These celebrations are a small token of appreciation for the incredible work our nursing team does every day,” said Janna Hotson, president and CEO of Deep River and District Health.

“Our nurses consistently demon-

strate compassion, professionalism, resilience, and dedication while caring for patients and residents across our organization.

“Their work makes a meaningful difference in the lives of so many people in our community.”

Nurses play a vital role across all areas of DRDH, including the hospital, emergency department, long-term care, community programs, and primary care services.

“Whether supporting patients through illness and recovery, providing comfort during difficult moments, or helping individuals maintain health and independence, nursing staff remain at the heart of patient-centred care.

“DRDH extends sincere thanks to all members of its nursing team for the exceptional care, knowledge, and kindness they bring to their work each and every day.”

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: CHALK RIVER COUNCILLOR WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION

75 YEARS AGO

MAY 23, 1951: The Charter Day Atom downhill racing car event is strictly a boys event. Its aim is to promote both craftsmanship and sportsmanship through competition in building and driving racing cars. When entering the event, you pit your skill in building and driving against boys of your own age. Therefore, sportsmanship and fair play require that your car be built entirely by yourself. Open to all boys under 16 by July 1, 1951.

MAY 23, 1951: The official opening of the 1951 softball season will take place on Tuesday, June 5. The schedule will be published in the Deep River Digest before that date. A team representing the four Deep River teams will play a two-game exhibition series against Rolphton, at Rolphton on Thursday, May 24 and at Deep River on Thursday, May 31.

60 YEARS AGO

MAY 25, 1966: Mayor Peter McConnachie of Deep River has appointed a special committee to consider the establishing of an airport in the Pembroke - Deep River area. The committee consisting of Councillors Baird, Payne, Astill and Pearce has been asked to report to council at its next meeting on June 1. A letter written by John Turner, Minister Without Portfolio in the federal government indicated that the government might be prepared to spend up to \$1 million for such an airport if certain conditions were met.

MAY 25, 1966: More than 100 girls from Mackenzie High School combined their efforts with those of the home economics teachers to present an attractive and smoothly moving fashion show. All of the costumes worn were made by the models in their sewing classes at school and the script, scenery and publicity were also handled by them. The climax to the evening was provided by Mrs Betty Boyd and her cooking classes who prepared and served delicious refreshments in the new basement lunchroom of the school.

50 YEARS AGO

MAY 26, 1976: A public meeting on May 17 attracted a large gathering of



Judd Gilks, Dave Leachman, Sharon Leachman and Carol Gilks - the new owners of Algonquin Travel. (NRT May 28, 1986)

parents and educators concerned about provincial grant cuts and its effect on the quality of education in Renfrew County. Board vice-chairman Lacey Roach set the tone for the meeting in a brief explanation of the economic difficulties the board has faced this year. Mr Roach said the province must "bear the lion's share" of the financial burden if "equal educational opportunity" is to continue in counties with low tax bases such as Renfrew.

MAY 26, 1976: Fakir Khanna and Ian Towner are the 1976 winners of the Brothers' Trophy, awarded annually to the pair accumulating the highest aggregate score a Deep River's Duplicate Bridge Club. First place was closely contested this year, with Khanna-Towner pulling into the lead very late in the race. Close at their heels were

Molly Markus and Florence Rounding less than one-half per cent behind.

40 YEARS AGO

MAY 28, 1986: Deep River council faced a storm of criticism last Wednesday in packed council chambers as many expressed disapproval of council's decision to pass the Sunday opening bylaw at a non-regular meeting. Church leaders Rev Robert Senechal of the Calvary Pentecostal Church and Pastor Wayne Leard of the Free Methodist Church, in lengthy presentations called on council to reconsider its decision.

MAY 28, 1986: It was the challenge of something different and the opportunity to work for themselves that led Dave and Sharon Leachman and Judd and

Carol Gilks to seize the opportunity to buy Algonquin Travel. Carol had worked for 12 years in catering administration and Sharon had been working for 10 years for Ontario Hydro when the opportunity to buy the business formerly owned by Bonnie Sitter came up.

30 YEARS AGO

MAY 29, 1996: There is a lull in the game of musical chairs around the Chalk River council table. A week to the day that village councillor Dierdrie Burton announced she was vacating her seat, she appeared before council colleagues to she had changed her mind. Her fellow councillors had declined to accept her initial resignation, and held a special meeting last Tuesday to urge her to reconsider. "I gave it a lot of thought and I came to the right decision," Burton said last week.

MAY 29, 1996: Time will not go any faster at the Deep River Arena next season, but at least it will be much easier to see. A new time clock and scoreboard has been donated to the town by the Pembroke and Petawawa Lions Club. Two cheques totalling \$10,346 were handed last Tuesday evening to recreation director Jim Evraire.

20 YEARS AGO

MAY 31, 2006: An official opening caused quite a stir last week at the Deep River and District Hospital (DRDH). That's because some of the dignitaries attending the event arrived in the grandest of style. By helicopter, that is, and fittingly so, seeing as how the ceremony was for the official opening of the DRDH's new helipad. "This is an exciting and important day for us," said hospital board chairman Ivan Emmerton.

MAY 31, 2006: The Four Seasons Conservancy (FSC) has launched a fundraising campaign to try to secure the future of its lands in the east end of Deep River, known as the Four Seasons Forest Sanctuary. The campaign target is \$60,000, half of which has been promised in matching funds by a generous donor through the Community Foundation. To date it has been a perennial struggle to pay taxes and other costs since the land was acquired from AECL in 1995.

Summertime to host open house June 7

Deep River Summertime, Deep River's local music day-camp for children aged 4-18, is hosting an all-ages open house.

This community event will take place on Sunday, June 7 from 2-4 pm at the Hexagon in the Deep River Shoreline Sports Club. This is a drop-in, free event.

The open house will include "Music for the Young" activities aimed at 4-8 year-olds, along with music-themed crafts and games for older children and adults, plus baked snacks for all.

You will hear informal performances throughout the open house by Summertime staff and campers, including members of the Deep River Youth Orchestra.

Of course, all are welcome to

join regardless of age!

In its 34th consecutive year of operation, Summertime has touched the lives of more than 1,000 children, providing a supportive, memorable musical environment that develops self-esteem, independence, teamwork, and a long-lasting sense of community.

We are now well into the second generation of Summertime, with former campers on our teaching faculty and the children of former campers participating as campers.

In this, our first ever open house, we hope to give the community a glimpse of what our music camp is all about - especially new families in our community or those who don't know about us. Hope to see you there!



The Valley Artisans Co-op held a "tent event" at their gallery on Highway 17 in Deep River on Saturday. As part of the event, glass worker Mary Lynn Benz gave Kayla Jansen and other members of the public a chance to try their hand at the craft.

Annual General Meeting



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SWISHA HAPPENINGS

June workshops planned

BY DEBBIE FOLEY

June is just around the corner and two great workshops are coming to the Municipal Hall, at 48 rue de l'Eglise, Rapides des Joachims.

The first workshop is a Fused Glass workshop, where you will make night lights with stain in the glass. This workshop is on Tuesday, June 9 from 1 to 3 pm. There are limited spots with residents of Swisha taking priority, then it is open to everyone in the wider community. You need to register with Kelsey.

The second workshop is Tombstone Saddles, with Doris Larochelle. This workshop is on Tuesday, June 16 from 6 to 8 pm.

You will learn how to create a floral arrangement, with artificial flowers, to set on tombstones. You will need to register for this workshop also, with residents of Swisha taking priority, opening up after that.

Both workshops are funded through the

New Horizons for Seniors program in partnership with the municipality of Rapides des Joachims.

To register for the above workshops you can contact Kelsey at 819-360-0092, or at kdaly.mdjontiac@outlook.com.

Spring water levels are going down, and part of the river trail is open for use, but there is still a good section under water. The rest of the island trails are good, but it is now getting buggy on them...

Swisha spuds opened on the long weekend, and they are open on weekends now, until summer kicks off and their hours increase. A sign summer is coming.

The boat launch is still under water, so rubber boots are a good asset if launching here. There are lots of folks fishing, some are luckier than others, but the fish are slowly getting more active.

We hope to see you in our village for a break, taking the time to wet a line, or just to sit and enjoy the scenery!

Farmers Market returns Saturday for 2026 season

The Deep River Farmers' Market is back for another season, officially opening for the 2026 season on Saturday, May 30.

Running every second Saturday from 10 am to 12:30 pm, the market will continue through to October 3, bringing fresh local food, music, and community fun to downtown Deep River.

The location remains the same, in the beautiful setting downtown at the town hall, with a view of the river and park and greenspace nearby.

This year's market dates are: May 30, June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22, September 5 & 19, and October 3.

Each market promises a bustling mix of local favourites and fresh finds. Expect a range of products including fresh vegetables, baked goods, preserves, and meats - Wagyu beef (new this year) and lamb, honey, veggies and maple syrup - all brought to us from local farms and producers.

Specialty offerings like fresh salsas,

jams, pickles, samosas, locally roasted coffee, handmade products and even locally grown mushrooms add extra flavour and flair to the lineup.

But the market is more than just food - live music organized by local musician Anthony, of Leclair Studios, will fill the air every Saturday, creating a lively, festive atmosphere.

Bring the kids down to our children's table, making it a perfect family-friendly event for a Saturday morning outing.

Whether you're coming to shop, socialize, or soak in the community spirit, the Deep River Farmers' Market is a must-visit event this summer and fall.

So, mark your calendars, grab your reusable bags, and come experience all that our local farmers, bakers, and makers have to offer!

For updates, vendor spotlights, and more, follow us on social media on our Facebook page or visit our website at deeperiverfarmersmarket.ca.

Cycling Hub to host free bike repair workshop

The Deep River Community Cycling Hub is inviting cyclists of all ages and skill levels to a Bike Repair & Teaching Event on Saturday, May 30, beginning at 9:30 am at the Deep River Farmer's Market in the parking lot behind town hall.

This free hands-on workshop is designed to empower community members with practical bike maintenance skills while promoting safe, sustainable transportation.

Whether you're a daily commuter, weekend rider, or dusting off a bike that's been sitting in the garage, this event offers a welcoming environment to learn, connect, and ride with confidence.

Event highlights:

- Guided, hands-on repair instruction from experienced volunteer mechanics
- Learn essential skills, including fixing flats, adjusting brakes and gears, and routine maintenance
- Tools and support provided - bring your bike and curiosity

- Community-focused atmosphere for sharing knowledge and resources

- First annual general meeting will be held at 1:30 pm.

This event is about teaching people how to take care of their bikes, build confidence, and strengthen our cycling community.

The bike repair event also aims to reduce waste by helping participants extend the life of their bicycles, contributing to a more environmentally sustainable community.

The Deep River Community Cycling hub is a new volunteer-driven initiative dedicated to promoting accessible cycling, skill-building, and sustainable transportation in Deep River.

Working on developing workshops, community events, and shared resources, the hub works to create an inclusive and supportive cycling community.

For more information, contact Dan Cluff or Patrick Lysz at deeperiverbikes@gmail.com.

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Seniors Friendship Club



COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

• Wednesday, May 27, Instead of a Walk in the Woods, why not sign up for the Chimney Swift Count Night at the Nuclear Power Demonstration (NPD) site, 8:15-9:30 pm.

Registration is closed but you could try to get on the wait list at www.cnl.ca/event/chimney-swift-count-night-at-npd/.

• Thursday, May 28, 10 am Coffee and Conversation downstairs in the Deep River Library. The elevator is again in service making this venue now accessible. Next week we will move to the Hexagon for this social event.

• Last Saturday, May 23 - Community Kitchens Free Breakfast at the CEC - We served 55 people at the com-

munity breakfast this past Saturday, receiving \$295 in donations. Thank you to the volunteers that made this possible.

The next breakfast will be held on June 27. Please invite your family and neighbours to come out for a hearty breakfast in a pleasant social setting.

• Sing-along also last Saturday was an enjoyable evening of songs, socializing and snacking in the Deep River Legion.

• Cancelled - The Pysanky Eggs workshop scheduled for June 2 had insufficient registration. Wrong season for this maybe?

• Tuesday, June 9 - Two speakers at the Deep River Library program room: First at 9 am, Nina Shah, pharmacist with Deep River's Pharmacy, will discuss how skin changes with age, common skin conditions, how to care for our skin, and much more.

Next at 11 am, Makyla Gendron speaking about the Community Connector program - helping older adults

connect to local services.

Have you recently needed support services at home and wondered how or where you might find them or even if they're available?

The Community Connector program aims to improve awareness, understanding, and utilization of community support services across the Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team region.

There is no cost to attend these talks; all are welcome to attend.

ANNUAL MEETING

• Thursday, June 11, noon - 2 pm, AGM and BBQ at the Deep River Legion.

Please join us for our annual general meeting and BBQ. BBQ will consist of hot dogs and hamburgers, fruit and veggies trays, dessert, tea/coffee.

If you wish to join us for the AGM/BBQ please register no later than June 1, with e-transfer and stating your preference (hotdog or hamburger)

to: 23uovsfc55@gmail.com; payment may also be made at the SFC drop box at the Deep River town hall.

Reports will be emailed to members in advance of the meeting.

At the AGM we will be asking for nominations for the vice president role. Our current VP's term is coming to an end; if you wish to find out more about this role, please contact the UOVSCF president, Wanda Harvey, at: wanda.harveylg@gmail.com.

• Registration for the Valvular Heart Disease Screening Clinics on October 20 and November 5 is now closed. If you have registered and have any questions about your appointment, please call 613-696-7412 or email heart-valve@ottawaheart.ca.

The Upper Ottawa Valley Seniors Friendship Club is open to all adults living in the area from Chalk River to Deux Rivieres.

Website seniorsfriendshipclub.ca, Facebook www.facebook.com/sfc.uov.



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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.

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cross word

answers use American spelling

ACROSS

1. Beer foam
5. Luxurious resort
8. Certain parasites
12. Associate
13. Chef's need
14. Do nothing
15. Drowsily
17. Mare's offspring
18. Freezer cube
19. Tall trees
20. Unhealthy
23. Mixes up
26. Colorful cosmetic
28. This evening
32. Staten or Coney
34. Church fair
35. Stammer
37. Musical instrument
38. Truthful
40. Put in a lawn
41. Gambler's wager
44. Suit accessory
45. Glide in the air
46. Parakeet's pad
51. Stride up and down
52. Live
53. October gem
54. Having footwear on
55. Decimal base
56. Office item

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DOWN

1. Possesses
2. Addition to a house
3. Bar order
4. Stain
5. Food seasoning
6. Most ashen
7. Some
8. In the natural proportions: hyph.
9. Worshiped image
10. Silent type
11. Wiggly swimmers
16. Olive stuffer
20. Eye part
21. Mismaid
22. Dilly
24. Weep
25. Made into law
27. Congregated
29. Girls
30. Ring of light
31. Walked heavily
33. Bear's home
36. Go to bed
39. Fire truck's sound
41. Serpents
42. Famous boatbuilder
43. Mexican fare
46. Club
47. New England cape
48. Act like
49. Automotive fuel
50. Deer



The Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie & McKay Historical Society is gearing up for another season at the Schoolhouse Museum at 35753 Highway 17 in Laurentian Hills. Gary Haller and Jeff Graham rolled out a horse-drawn hay rake as part of the cleanup day at the museum Saturday. Museum hours typically begin weekends in June before opening full-time for the summer.

Photo: Terry Myers

LOADED FIREARM

Two people have been charged in connection with a loaded firearm and drug trafficking.

Police say that on Thursday, May 21, shortly after 1 am, officers from the Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) conducted a traffic stop on Paul Martin Drive in Pembroke, which subsequently led to a criminal investigation.

As a result, officers seized a loaded handgun, suspected fentanyl, cell phones, and Canadian currency.

Destini Barkley, 26 years old and Nathaniel McDonald, 20 years old, both of

Ottawa were arrested and charged with a number of weapons and drug charges, including:

- Possession of a weapon for dangerous purposes - two counts
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm
- Carrying a concealed weapon
- Possession of loaded prohibited or restricted firearm
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - under \$5,000
- Possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - three counts.

Barkley was further charged with fail to comply with probation order.

Both accused were held in custody pending a bail hearing.

OPEN HOUSE

Area residents are invited to come to the Camp Lau-Ren Open House on Saturday, June 13 from 11 am to 2 pm.

Enjoy a free BBQ hotdog, drink, treats and s'mores. Tour a camper's cabin, check out the beach on the Ottawa River, make a

craft and climb the Rock.

All children are welcome. Two and six night co-ed camps are offered for children aged six to 15 years old including a two night co-ed camp for 6 and 7 year olds and a girls' camp.

For more information, visit the website at www.camplau-ren.com.





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The lawn bowling season began last week with a fun tournament and spring AGM.

SEASON BEGINS

The Deep River Lawn Bowlers are back at it! The 2026 summer season kicked off last week with a fun tournament and the club's spring AGM.

Interested in learning how to play? Learn-To-Bowl sessions begin Thursday evenings at 7 pm starting June 6, and will run for six weeks.

Games and tournaments are designed for both new and experienced bowlers, with opportunities to play singles, doubles, and triples - truly something for everyone.

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ety of schedules.

The club also offers open-to-the-public drop-in bowling on Friday nights starting at 7:30 pm.

No special equipment is needed to get started, and there is no cost for bowls, as all equipment is provided by the club.

You can learn more about the Deep River Lawn Bowling Club in three ways:

- Visit www.drlbc.org
- Find us on Facebook: Deep River Lawn Bowling Club
- Stop by the club beside the Deep River Golf Course.

Come give lawn bowling a try this summer!

STORYTIME

- Bring your little ones to Baby and Toddler Storytime at Chalk River library, Mondays at 10:30 am beginning May 25.

- Learn to Crochet: Beginner Basics – Join us as we informally teach the basics of how to crochet, including making a foundation chain, working single crochet rows and trying other stitches and combinations.

Point Alexander library on Mondays at 5-6 pm (June 1 and June 22), Wednesdays at 1:30 pm (June 3 and June 24) and Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm. Please contact the library to register for one or more sessions.

- Our early evening Book Club (Mondays at 5 pm – next meeting June 15) is going great! If anyone is interested, we can also offer a Wednesday afternoon Book Club – please contact the library to sign up.

- The 2026 Knitting Group at

LAURENTIAN HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Point Alexander branch will meet one more time on Thursday, May 28 at 1:30 pm and then take a break for the summer, planning to resume in the fall with new projects. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome!

- We are excited to have two new outdoor signs at the Point Alexander library, thanks to the generous grant received last fall from the Deep River and District Community Foundation and the hard work of Maureen Bakewell with the Point Alexander Library Friends to get everything organized and completed. See photos on our Facebook page.

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MATCH UP

BIKE HELMET: A small black Raleigh adult bike helmet was found last week in a hedge at the corner of Thomas and Tamarack Streets in Deep River. Not sure why it wasn't on someone's head, but it has now been turned in to the North Renfrew Times and can be claimed at the NRT office, 8 Glendale Ave, or by calling 613-584-4161.

LOST BIKE: A mountain bike fell off a car bike rack last Wednesday, May 6, somewhere between the Deep River Marina and Meilleur's Bay. It is a red Trek full suspension mountain bike and the owners are anxious for its return. If you may have picked it up or have any information that would help, please call 613-799-5789.

Jack Douglas

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His teammates included AECL employee and former New York Ranger Hub Anslow, former Detroit Red Wing properties Bert, Jack and Bruce Giesebrecht and past New York Ranger Ken Schinkel.

At this point in his career he's now a 5'11" defenceman who can score, weighing in at 190 lbs.

But here's where the Jack Douglas saga becomes a typical AECL love story. Jack starts training as a welder at the plant and he becomes smitten with a new female employee who is manning the desk where staff go to purchase their tickets for the company bus service.

The young woman, Marie Fitzmaurice had just joined the administration group at AECL. She was born on the family cattle ranch in Sainte Rose du Lac Manitoba, a community northeast of Brandon, Manitoba.

She was a graduate of Holy Cross High School in Winnipeg where her family moved after the farm was sold.

After completing high school she joined her sister and brother-in-law Rita and Charlie Lodge in Deep River.

Apparently the young man who so confidently commanded the blue line for the Pembroke Senior Lumber Kings was not as slick in affairs of the heart.

Jack's co-workers supported the romance by getting him to buy their bus tickets so he could go "chat up" the new girl in that office. Eventually he got his courage up and he asked her on a date and love blossomed.

The relationship became a long distance one when Jack was recruited to play in the International Hockey League with the Indianapolis Chiefs during the 1956-57 season.

When he returned to Deep River and the Pembroke Senior Lumber Kings 1957-58, Marie and Jack Douglas married. Their oldest daughter Heather was born in the Deep River Hospital.

It is important to note that during this time the hockey world consisted of only six NHL teams, and each team owned the rights to certain players.

Also that there were many very skilled hockey players available to play for Senior Hockey teams located in smaller cities and towns across the country and they played off annually for the Allan Cup.

The winner of the Allan Cup would be asked by the Canadian Amateur



Chatham Maroons, 1959-60 Allan Cup champions. Jack Douglas, top right.

Hockey Association to represent Canada at the World Hockey Championships.

In 1958 Jack Douglas was being recruited by Senior hockey clubs in Windsor, Chatham and Kingston as they attempted to put together rosters that would get them to the Allan Cup.

Marie had a sister in Chatham and that is one of the reasons they chose to move there.

The Chatham Maroons had backers who could place hockey players in good salaried positions with Bell Canada, Ontario Hydro and Union Gas.

Jack had qualified as a welder during his employment at AECL so he chose Union Gas thinking that would be the best fit for his skills. This choice proved to be the right one as he worked for them until his retirement from the Union Gas office in Brantford in 1990.

WINNING ATTITUDE

Jack Douglas' successes in hockey illustrate how teams looking to win championships recruit winners. Jack was constantly being recruited to join teams even temporarily to help them win. I believe that winning attitude was fostered in the world class research environment that percolated in our little company town and spilled over into sport.

In the 1959-60 hockey season, this big tough defenceman led the Chatham Maroons Senior Hockey team to the Allan Cup Championship.

Although Bernie "Boom Boom" Geoffrion of the Montreal Canadiens popularized the slap shot in the NHL in the 1950s, Jack as an innovative hockey player was known for his "six-inch slapper," a powerful shot performed by moving his stick only six inches.

His hockey stats always included more goals and assists than you would

normally expect from a defenceman.

One former teammate described Jack's playing style as "a tough, real tough defenceman and an excellent skater."

"You couldn't get around him. I don't think that in all the years we played together that anyone beat him one-on-one."

Jack was a member of the Chatham Maroons until 1964.

Jack Douglas' playing rights were owned by the Detroit Red Wings and while playing with Chatham he was offered a contract which he turned down because he and Marie had three young daughters and he knew that he could make more money working at Union Gas.

NHL players in the late 50s and early 60s were not earning the big bucks they command now.

The Red Wings returned with an offer in 1963 in which he would play as an emergency call-up but that didn't happen because he suffered an elbow injury and couldn't play for a period of time that season.

Jack Douglas' international hockey career was highlighted by multiple medals and accomplishments.

In 1959 the Chatham Maroons went on a groundbreaking tour of Sweden and the Soviet Union.

In 1960 Jack was asked to join the Kitchener Waterloo Dutchmen and he helped them earn a silver medal at the Squaw Valley Olympics.

In 1961 he was invited to play with the Trail Smoke Eaters and they won a gold medal at the World Hockey Championships.

The Galt Terriers in 1962 seconded Jack Douglas and he anchored their defence to a silver medal where he was also named to the World Hockey Championships All-Star team.

He turned down an offer to play for

Canada at the 1964 Olympics because some employees at his workplace disapproved of what they felt was preferential treatment because of his hockey accomplishments.

Jack finished his playing career with the 1963-64 Chatham Senior Maroons and coached the Junior Maroons for one season in 1970-71.

In 1999 the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame committee inducted his team, the 1959-60 Allan Cup Chatham Maroons, into their Sports Hall of Fame.

Jack and Marie and their three daughters moved to Brantford in 1973 as he was transferred there by Union Gas.

Like his father and his older brother, Jack was an accomplished golfer winning club championships several times.

He also shot his age in golf beginning when he was 65 and every year after until his untimely passing of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma on January 12, 2003.

Marie and Jack had three daughters. The oldest Heather was born in Deep River, Sharon and Colleen were born in Chatham. They all played a multitude of sports in high school.

Like her grandfather, uncle Charles Jr and dad, Sharon is a very competitive golfer winning club championships at the Dunnville and Southern Pines Golf Clubs.

Colleen excelled in volleyball and played in the Ontario provincial volleyball league.

Also a golfer, Colleen recently won a provincial gold medal in pickleball in 2023 when she was living in Saskatchewan.

Colleen's daughter was a provincial level basketball player and received an athletic scholarship to play at Algoma University.

Sharon's son Stuart was a boxer at the provincial level and Sharon's eight-year-old grandson is already being recognized as a talented hockey player.

It is inspiring to see athletic talent, the love of sport and the joy of competition cascade down the generations as it has for John Moir "Jack" Douglas, the humble young player who began his athletic journey skating on the banks of the Ottawa River and in hockey arenas in the Ottawa Valley.

Readers will be delighted to learn that former Deep River resident and AECL employee Marie Fitzmaurice Douglas is alive and well, living in Fonthill, Ontario where her daughter Sharon resides.

She contributed significantly to this tribute.

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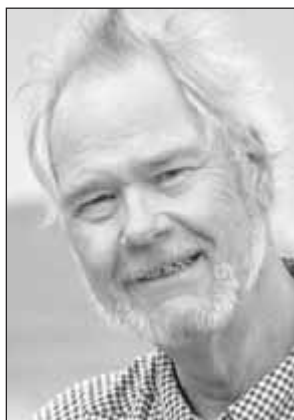
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DEATHS

BLIMKE, Lyn

Lyn Blimke passed away peacefully at the Deep River and District Hospital on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 in his 95th year, with his loving family by his side.

Lyn Blimke of Deep River, loving husband of the late Bernice Blimke (nee McPherson), caring father to Douglas (the late Angela), dotting grandfather to Scott (Lesley), and great-grandfather to Abby Rose, Isabelle and Bronson.

Loving brother of Feryn Baily (Grant), Beryl Knights, (the late Graydon Knights), Heather Beamish (Wayne), Judy Roe (the late John Roe) and Wreyn Blimke (Nancy). Predeceased by his parents Allan and Theresa Blimke, siblings, Vera Zadow (the late Ken Zadow), Murray



Blimke (the late Mary Blimke), Marilyn Quinn (Harold Quinn), Keith Blimke (Violet Blimke), Daryl Blimke (Lorna Blimke), Dwayne Blimke (the late Deanna Blimke). Lyn will be dearly missed by his nieces and nephews.

Lyn touched many lives during his time at the Laurentian View Dairy, the Bear's Den and the various places he and Bernice travelled to. He treated every person he met with deep respect, offering a warm smile, a

patient ear, and an understanding heart. He was a constant source of strength and wisdom for his family, always ready with the right words to bring peace and perspective.

Many thanks to the nurses, doctors and staff at the Deep River and District Hospital, who cared for Lyn during his time there. A special thank you Dr Ceponis, Tina and Courtney for your constant care, compassion and support.

Funeral Services will be held at the Deep River Community Church on May 29th at 11:00 am. A Celebration of Life will follow at the Bears Den. In memoriam donations welcomed to DRDH or North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Malcolm, Deavitt and Binhammer Funeral Home, Pembroke.

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• On Saturday there will be live music during and after the birthday party going till closing.

• June 6 is the Cornhole tournament, start time 11 am. June 9, we have Buddy Check, June 11 Karaoke.

• Saturday, June 13 is the patio grand opening (rain date June 20); the tickets can be purchased at the bar or from Donna. June 25 is also Karaoke.

• New thing, we have free pool every Sunday - come and chalk up your cues.
• Fun Darts, Cornhole, Euchre and Open Mic are still ongoing.

Deep River
Community
Church



COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Have you heard about the Community Carnival?

It's happening on Saturday, June 13 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Deep River Community Church, on Deep River Road.

It will be a fun-filled day for all ages, with games and activities, live music

and live animals, a BBQ and a bake sale, vendors and displays, and a silent auction.

It's all part of the Community Church's 80th anniversary celebrations, and the whole town is invited to the party!

See next week's NRT for more details.

Chalk River
Lions Club



www.chalkriverlions.org

FRIDAY DINNER

• This Friday (May 29) is the Chicken Parmesan Dinner at the Chalk River & Area Lions Hall. Meal comes

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This dinner will be the last dinner as we take a break for summer and will see you again in the fall.

• B-I-N-G-O takes place on Sunday, June 14 at the Chalk River & Area Lions Hall.

Doors open at 12 pm, bingo starts at 1 pm with a \$400 Jackpot!

• The Chalk River & Area Lions will hold a season-long bottle drive, every Saturday from May to September.

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Eleven pairs played an eight-round, three boards per round Howell movement at the Duplicate Bridge Club last week with the following pairs scoring in the top four:

Pravin Shah and Bruce Walker (1st with a very impressive 71.4%), Doug Barnard and Peter Brewster (2nd with 63.1%), Rick Duncan and Judy Hill (3rd with 54.2%) and Bev Morrier and Monica Mulvihill (4th with 50.5%).

Next week will be a quarterly club championship game which will round out the DRDBC year.

A banquet for players and plus-ones will be held on the following Wednesday.

NO GUTS, NO GLORY

On board 14, West opens in third seat with a strong INT, but swiftly finds the hand belongs to his opponents.

North's best practical move is to double (penalty), lead the QH, and collect an effortless +500 when E/W can take only their AKs and Akh.

If instead, North bids 2H, then South may try to improve matters with 3C. North could pass this, since the object of interfering over INT is to get to a makeable part score, but a pushy North might raise to 4C and hear South, with a promising distributional hand, accept this try for game.

(Ironically, nine tricks in NT, which are easy on defence, are impossible as declarer if a diamond is led.)

Against 5C, the best defence by North, after cashing a high spade, is to switch to a trump. Counting tricks, Declarer will see that there aren't enough.

If they take a diamond ruff and then draw trumps, there are only nine tricks. Adding a spade ruff to the total is impossible since the defence

will have a chance to lead a second trump after a second spade play.

South needs something better, and therefore sets his sights on making something of North's beautiful hearts. For this he probably needs the Ad and AK8c to be a full four entries to the North hand. Three of those entries will be needed to ruff hearts (hopefully dropping the AKh) and the fourth entry will be needed to reach the established suit.

Having made these calculations, South wins the Ac (noting the appearance of the Jc on his right) and ruffs a heart.

The fall of the Jc is more consistent with a singleton than with J10c, so declarer next plays a club to the 8c (no guts, no glory) and ruffs a second heart. A club to the Kc now draws trumps and allows a third heart ruff to set up three winners on dummy.

Lastly, dummy is entered with the Ad to cash the QJ10h, discarding pointed-suit losers and scoring up eleven tricks (six clubs, two diamonds and three hearts). Nicely done, South!

Players were a little less ambitious with this hand last Thursday afternoon. Results were (N/S results and match-points in brackets):

- 3H N = (+140, 4 match-points)
- 2H N = (+110, 2.5 MP)
- 3C S = (+110, 2.5 MP)
- 2S E -2 (+100, 1 MP)
- 2H N -1 (-50, 0 MP)

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 10 Iberville St. 3 bed semi-det, eat-in kit, updated bath, gas heat/central air, lg private backyard MLS X12743346 \$219,900	 25 Laurentian St 2 bed, 2 bath, wood fp, fin bsmt, large yard, screened porch, inground pool MLS X12371517 \$495,000	 101 Frontenac Cr 2+2 bed, 2 bath, hwd flrs, fin bsmt, large deck, fenced yd, garden shed MLS X12983754 \$509,900	 34224 Hwy 17 26 acres, 3 bed, 2 bath, gas fp, 3 season room, newer furn & roof, att gar, shed MLS X12129172 \$929,900	 44A Main St 3+1 bed, lg kit w/ vaulted ceil & solid wood cpbds, gs fp, en suite w/jacuzzi, fin bsmt MLS X12251556 \$899,900	
 96 Glendale Ave 4 bed, sunny kit, lg foyer, gas fp, mn fl fam rm, mn fl laundry, gas ht/ca MLS X13068374 \$429,900	 51 Frontenac Cr 3 bed semi, updated win, gas ht, fin bsmt, 5 appl incl, fenced yard MLS X13068302 \$319,900	 979 Lea St 4 bed, 1 bath, gas heat/ca, spacious, close to west end amenities. MLS X12938214 \$170,000	 RIVERFRONT 196 Loon Valley Ln 1 ac, 2+1 bed bungalow, 2 baths, partially fin walk out bsmt, 3 car gar w/ loft MLS X12234990 \$949,900	 101 Lance Rd 3 bed, full bsmt w/airtight woodstove, prop furn/ca, dble gar w/ht workshop MLS X12542466 \$409,900	
 12 Boudreau Rd 2+2 bed, open concept, ensuite w/jet tub, fin bsmt, storage gar, shed, workshop MLS X12931950 \$849,900	 1108 Boundary Rd 2+2bed, 2 bath, updated floors/appl/siding, lg deck, pool, insul gar/workshop MLS X12983232 \$549,900	 224 Thomas St 4 bed, vaulted ceil, hwd fl, lg kit, mn fl fam rm w/fp, private bk yard, full fin bsmt MLS X13097490 \$629,900	 RIVERFRONT 581 Rocky Point Ln 3 bed custom bungalow, 2 baths, lg gar walkout bsmt, 254' river front MLS X12645418 \$1,200,000	 88 Glendale Ave Newly renovated 3 bed, mn fl laundry, gas heat, detached garage MLS X12706000 \$399,900	
 38 Beach Ave 2 bed, oak dit, gas fp, step in shower/tub, mn fl laundry, storage shed, det gar MLS X13036976 \$359,900	 119 Frontenac Cr 3+1 bed, 2 baths, updated kit, 4 season rm, fenced yard, gas fp, workshop MLS X12414977 \$535,000	 11 Hammond Ct 3+1 bed on cul-de-sac, eat-in kit, fin bsmt, private back yard, storage shed MLS X12182431 \$379,900	 COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL 120 Deep River Rd 5 offices, 2 & 3rd level features custom finished residential area w/ stunning views MLS X12740224 \$1,150,000	 COMMERCIAL 10 Ridge Rd 700 sq. ft, downtown, presently rented w/signed lease, updated roof, new siding MLS X13085660 \$199,900	
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