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Shane Kidd pets “Rexy” the cayman (a member of the crocodile family) during a show by Little Ray’s Reptiles Saturday afternoon as part of the Deep River Winter Carnival. Activities at the Deep River Library included face painting, crafts, and balloon creations by Mr. Dimples. For more photos, see page 24.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

60 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 17, 1960: At the meet-
ing of the Deep River Municipal
Recreation Committee, Councillor
W. Rounding said "There is an ob-
vious requirement for more playing
fields in Deep River." The MRC
and the Deep River Community As-
sociation have been asked to find
out exactly what space for their ac-
tivities local clubs require, both now
and during the next few years. A
questionnaire has been circulated to
member clubs of the DRCA and
two meetings have been arranged
for club representatives to attend, so
that the complete picture will be
available on or about February 26.

FEBRUARY 17, 1960: Community
Church was 14 years old last week-
end. A dinner was arranged in
AECL's plant cafeteria, and 294
turned out, some presumably eating
a Crawley & McCracken mean (it
was fruit cup, roast beef, apple pie
and ice cream) for the first time.
Minister RC Plant was impressed
by the numbers and proceeded to
introduce himself to those who had
not yet seen him in the course of his
six months of sabbath duties!

50 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 18, 1970: A new Ac-
celerator Development Laboratory
is scheduled for completion at
CRNL by April 1, 1970. The new
building is located adjacent to the
old calibration and experimental en-
gineering building soon to be de-
molished. The new lab will provide
facilities for the development of ac-
celerator techniques and compo-
nents for industrial and medical
applications. Mr. PR Tunnicliffe,
head of the Accelerator Physics
branch, identifies a second use of
the new equipment for long range
studies of the feasibility of eco-
nomic production of neutrons using
accelerator techniques.

FEBRUARY 18, 1970: About 100
friends and relatives gathered at
Byeways Hotel in Point Alexander
recently to honour Mr. and Mrs.
Victor McQuestion on the occasion
of Victor's retirement as clerk-tre-
asurer for the townships of Rolph,
Buchanan, Wylie & McKay. Victor
took office as clerk-treasurer 17
years ago, at first on a part-time
basis. During his term of office, he
saw the incorporation of both Chalk
River and Deep River, with result-
ant decrease in township population
but an increase in township assess-
ment over the years.

40 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 20, 1980: Mr. Len

Hopkins, the Liberal incumbent for
the federal constituency of Ren-
frew-Nipissing-Pembroke, won his
sixth election on Monday night.
After 15 years representing this rid-
ing in Ottawa, he has clearly no lost
his touch with the voters. The re-
sults were, out of 274 polls report-
ing: Hopkins (Liberal) 20,578; Bob
Amaron (Progressive Conservative)
12,969; Don Breault (NDP) 6,205.

FEBRUARY 20, 1980: Drew
Gareau wasn't actually stolen from
Ontario by Quebec, but the fact re-
mains that the 17-year-old Deep
River native is playing major junior
hockey for the Hull Olympiques.
Because the Olympiques use a dif-
ferent system of player evaluation,
they recognized a potential in Drew
that was overlooked by the Ontario
Major Junior A League. "We were
very pleased to get Drew," said
Olympiques coach and general
manager Marcel Pronovost, "and
we have high hopes for him."

30 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 21, 1990: Chalk River
has become one of over 45 Ontario
municipalities to declare itself Eng-
lish-only. Village council voted
unanimously last Tuesday night to
adopt English as "the official lan-
guage for conducting all business of
the corporation of the village of
Chalk River." Council will vote
next month on a bylaw to give the
decision legal weight. The town-
ships of Head, Clara and Maria
passed a similar bylaw last month.

FEBRUARY 21, 1990: The Ren-
frew County Board of Education
and the Renfrew County Separate
School Board have reached an
agreement to trade two Pembroke
high schools. According to an
agreement outlined by board chair-
men Betty Brisebois and Leo Buck-
ley at a news conference Saturday,
the RCBE will transfer Champlain
Senior High School to the separate
board in exchange for Bishop Smith
Catholic High School.

20 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 16, 2000: The new
town of Laurentian Hills could be
on the hook for more than \$1.2 mil-
lion in damages in a lawsuit filed by
the former clerk-treasurer of Chalk
River. Pauline Rantz worked for the
village for 27 years until her em-
ployment was terminated by the vil-
lage on May 27, 1999. "The
termination of the clerk-treasurer is
a matter of public interest," the
claim states. "The defendant's con-
duct throughout has been high-
handed, reprehensible and
shocking."

OPP

Suspect arrested in assault with weapon

The Upper Ottawa Valley detachment of the Ontario
Provincial Police (OPP) continues to investigate after a
person was assaulted with an "edged weapon" in a park-
ing lot off Nelson Street in Pembroke.

The incident took place at just after 10 am on Friday,
February 14, 2020. The individual fled on foot.

A suspect was arrested by police a short time later.

The victim was taken to hospital by Renfrew County
Paramedics with serious injuries. The injuries are con-
sidered non-life threatening at this time.

A 27-year-old Pembroke resident is in police custody
and charges are pending.

The incident is not considered a random act at this time.

There was no threat to public safety.

The OPP's Forensic Identification Services (FIS) is as-
sisting with the investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is
asked to contact the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP at 613-
732-3332 or Renfrew County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-
222-TIPS (8477).

OFFICER CHARGED

A member of the Ontario Provincial Police is facing six
charges, including sexual assault, in connection with what
police are calling a "domestic incident."

The OPP announced Wednesday that its Professional
Standards Bureau (PSB) has arrested and charged an off-
duty OPP member.

OPP PSB officers commenced an investigation in Oc-
tober 2019 after receiving a complaint. As a result of the
investigation, a 30-year-old male has been charged under
the Criminal Code (CC) with:

- Sexual Assault – three counts, and with
- Overcome Resistance by Choking – three counts.

The accused was released on an undertaking. He is
scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice at a
later date and has been suspended with pay, in accordance
with the Police Services Act of Ontario.

The investigation by the OPP PSB is continuing.

The identity of the accused is not being released in
order to protect the identity of the victim.

The accused has been a member of the OPP (East Re-
gion) for four years, but did not identify where he has
been posted.

The OPP's East Region covers the district reaching
from the north end of Renfrew County east to the Quebec
border near Montreal, south to Belleville and Prince Ed-
ward County and west as far as Bancroft.

MUNICIPAL WEEK

**The following is a listing of upcoming local mu-
nicipal meetings. For more information on
meetings listed, visit the websites: www.deep-river.ca, www.laurentianhills.ca, and township-sofheadclaramaria.ca.**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7 pm, Deep River council, DR town hall
7 pm, Laurentian Hills council, LH municipal hall,
Pt. Alexander

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

1 pm, Head, Clara, Maria council, HCM township
hall, Stonecliffe

School board calls on Minister to end to “disruptions”

BY TERRY MYERS

The head of the Renfrew County District School Board is calling on Ontario Education Minister Stephen Lecce to get back to the bargaining table and end the “disruptions” that are affecting students across the province.

Schools across Ontario will be closed this Friday as all four major teacher unions have announced a co-ordinated one-day strike for February 21.

In a letter to Lecce dated February 14, RCDSB chair Susan Humphries says she is writing on behalf of her fellow trustees to “emphasize our position that the province’s world-renowned, publicly funded education system must be maintained and even enhanced.”

“As public school trustees, our primary responsibility is to advocate for the needs of our students, staff and school communities.

“In fact, our oath of office compels us to commit to working diligently and faithfully in the pursuit of a strong, inclusive education system for all,” she says.

“You have spoken about being an ‘unabashed, unapologetic defender of public education’,” Humphries adds.

“We share this commitment. We urge you to direct your negotiating team to return to the bargaining table and engage in meaningful dialogue with the federation leadership.

“It’s time to put an end to the disruptions that are affecting education across our province.

“As a member of OPSBA (the Ontario Public School Boards Association), we will continue to advocate for a well-funded and world-renowned, publicly funded education system.

“The needs of all of our students, staff and school communities are at the centre of everything we do.”

CLASS SIZE, E-LEARNING

In her letter, Humphries repeats concerns the school board has previously raised with the province regarding its education changes.

In particular, Humphries says the board is opposed to larger high school class sizes and the move to “e-learning” credits.

“In Renfrew County, we recently increased our average class size ratio of 22:1 to 22.9:1 and this has already proven disadvantageous for our students by limiting course selection options,” Humphries says.

“Any further increase to this ratio would further limit course selection options for our students.”

Humphries says the board’s position on e-learning is “just as firm.”

“It is not an ideal teaching and learning environment for all students, especially those who may need additional help in a face-to-face setting. The unintended consequence of making it mandatory will make it difficult for certain types of learners to succeed.”

(For the full text of Humphries’ letter, see page 23.)

Members of the Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario (ETFO), the Ontario English Catholic Teachers’ Association (OECTA), the Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation (OSSTF), and the Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens



Nina Shah of the new Deep River’s Pharmacy was showing her support for local teachers last week, putting out coffee and muffins for members of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) taking part in a one-day walkout Tuesday.

(AEFO), will all be on strike this Friday, February 21.

The unions said this is the first time since 1997 that teachers and education workers from Ontario’s main education affiliates will all be out of their classrooms on the same day.

Nearly 200,000 teachers and education workers will strike across 72 school boards, affecting nearly 5,000 schools across the province in protest of the government funding cuts to education.

“We are already seeing the effects of this government’s reckless education cuts,” said OECTA president Liz Stuart.

“The Ford government is reducing supports for students with special education needs and mental health issues. It is squeezing students into overcrowded classes and forcing high school students to take e-learning courses.

“If we allow the government to implement its plan fully, thousands of teaching positions and tens of thousands of course options will be lost.”

“Educators in every school board will not stay silent as the Ford government proceeds to decimate our publicly funded education system,” said ETFO president Sam Hammond.

“Our unions and members helped build Ontario’s world-class education system. By not seriously addressing the issues critical to students and student learning, the Ford government has made a sham of contract talks over the last seven months.”

In response to the teachers’ announcement, Lecce said the province’s focus is on “keeping students in class, as they deserve better.”

“That is why I am calling on the teachers’ union leaders to accept private mediation today and end this needless escalation.”

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CLEARANCE SALE

EVERYTHING MUST GO

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Deep in Fashion



Mr. Dimples was as popular as ever with his balloon creations, as part of the Deep River Winter Carnival activities Saturday at the Deep River Library.

US, Canada complete shipments of HEU from Chalk River labs

Canada and the United States have quietly wrapped up a program to ship spent highly enriched uranium (HEU) from Chalk River to South Carolina.

The US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) announced the completion of the multi-year campaign at the International Conference on Nuclear Security (ICONS) in Vienna on Friday.

The campaign to move HEU from the Chalk River Laboratories to the Savannah River Site in Aiken, South Carolina, began in 2015 and finished in 2019 – 12 months ahead of schedule.

The campaign totalled over 66,000 miles of "safe, secure transportation" and resulted in the return of more than 200 kilograms of HEU.

It is the largest removal of spent nuclear fuel to the United States ever completed under the Nuclear Material Removal Program.

"Our collaboration on this project has demonstrated, once again, that when the United States and Canada work together, we can make the world a safer place," said Lisa E. Gordon Hagerty, DOE under secretary for nuclear security and NNSA administrator, following a bilateral meeting at ICONS with Alastair MacDonald, vice president of decommissioning and waste management for AECL.

"I want to express my sincere thanks to our Canadian partners not only for the role you played in this removal, but also for your continuing efforts in promoting a strong non-proliferation regime."

"This is another great example of AECL and the NNSA working together to advance our shared non-proliferation objectives and advance global nuclear security," said MacDonald.

"By partnering with the NNSA, we are effectively addressing our liabilities while achieving our joint commitments to HEU repatriation."

The spent HEU fuel was returned to the United States under the US-Origin Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel Acceptance Program, which was established in 1996 with the mission to repatriate US-origin spent nuclear fuel and other weapons-grade nuclear material from civilian sites worldwide.

The material was used in the National Research Universal (NRU) and National Research Experimental (NRX) reactors at Chalk River.

The shipments were highly controversial when the program was announced.

In 2016, a coalition of seven environmental

and anti-nuclear groups filed an application in US federal court, seeking to block the shipments.

The coalition, led by a group called "Beyond Nuclear" and including the Sierra Club and the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility, asked the federal court in Washington, DC to issue an injunction until "an adequate environmental impact statement" is completed.

"Our organization has fought against the needless and heedless transport of solid irradiated uranium fuel over public roads, rails, and waters," said Kevin Kamps, "nuclear waste specialist" at Beyond Nuclear.

"The only thing worse than solid irradiated uranium is the liquid variety. It is a mobile Chernobyl; it cannot be contained when spilled due to crash, fire, or deliberate attack."

"We need to just say no to this unwise, high-risk, highly radioactive liquid waste truck transport scheme."

"GLOBAL THREAT REDUCTION"

But according to a fact sheet produced by Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, the shipments were part of an agreement dating back to 2010 to send HEU back to the US as part of the "Global Threat Reduction Initiative, a broad international effort to consolidate HEU inventories in fewer locations around the world."

"This initiative promotes non-proliferation by removing existing weapons grade material from Canada and transferring it to the US, which has the capability to reprocess it for peaceful purposes."

"Returning this material to the US in its existing solid and liquid forms ensures that this material is stored safely in a secure highly guarded location, or is reprocessed into other forms that can be used for peaceful purposes."

"Alternative approaches have been carefully considered and repatriation provides the safest, most secure, and fastest solution for the permanent disposition of these materials, thereby eliminating a liability for future generations of Canadians."

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission approved containers for the shipments in 2015.

"Canada is one of the world's major producers of nuclear substances (radioactive material) and has an excellent safety record for transporting radioactive material," the CNSC said.

"High-level radioactive waste has been transported safely nationally and internationally for over 45 years by road, rail, water and air, without a single radiological incident."

"Our collaboration on this project has demonstrated, once again, that when the United States and Canada work together, we can make the world a safer place"



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Hospital outbreak cleared, visiting resumes

Visiting has resumed at the Deep River and District Hospital.

The hospital issued a statement last Thursday announcing that public health has declared the outbreak of gastric illness on the hospital's medical floor as well as in the Four Seasons Lodge Long-Term Care to be over.

"All of our residents' and patients' symptoms have fully resolved, and the incubation period has ended. As such, visiting restrictions are no longer in effect," the statement said.

"Thank you for your co-operation during the outbreak when visiting was restricted in an effort to contain the spread of illness."

The hospital said it would also like to extend thanks to "all of our staff who worked diligently to limit the spread of infection."

"As there are still many illnesses circulating in the community, please continue to practice frequent hand hygiene and do not visit if you are ill."

"Hand hygiene remains the single most effective way

to prevent the spread of illness and protect our patients, residents, and staff, as well as ourselves and our families."

The hospital announced visiting restrictions following an outbreak of "gastric illness" at the beginning of the month.

"All non-essential visitors (anyone other than those visiting critically ill or palliative patients/residents) will be asked to not visit until the outbreak is contained and visiting restrictions are re-evaluated."

County offers home repair support

The County of Renfrew, in partnership with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, will offer funding for the Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program to low-income homeowners who require minor home repairs that will allow for the continued safe occupancy of their home.

This grant is available for eligible homeowners who are at risk of being homeless.

The Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program is provided in the form of a one-time grant up to the amount of \$5,000. Approved projects will be paid directly to the contractor.

To qualify, the household income must not exceed \$60,000 and the market value of the home must be at or below \$175,000. Participants must plan to remain in their home for at least five years and must be able to confirm they have exhausted all other funding sources available for home repairs.

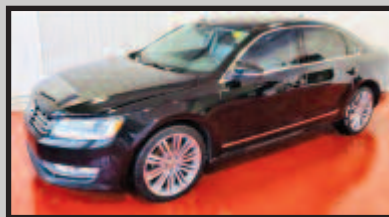
James Brose, chair of the Renfrew County Housing Corporation board of directors said, "We are very pleased with the impact that this program makes in the prevention of homelessness in our communities."

"The Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program will assist in meeting the needs of our local homeowners to remain housed, by providing funding to those who have exhausted all other options for their home repairs," added County Warden Debbie Robinson.

For more information on this new program, or to request an application form, contact the Renfrew County Housing Corporation at 613-432-3679 or visit <www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca>.



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North Renfrew
Family Health Team



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is April 15, 2020
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NDP welcomes new energy

The guest speaker at the Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke NDP's annual meeting provided living proof that youth activism and energy can result in big political change.

Joel Harden, the first-term MPP for Ottawa-Centre, shared a story from NDP founder Tommy Douglas about how the Liberals and Conservatives are both just basically "cats" and that the residents of "Mouseland" will never get ahead until they elect "mice" to represent them.

"The government of black cats did everything they could to benefit cats," he laughed.

"They passed a law that mouseholes had to be big enough for cats to get their paws into. Then the white cats got elected and legislated square mouseholes so cats could get right into them.

"Finally, the mice realized they could never survive unless they elected mice, not cats, to govern."

Harden is a community activist in Ottawa and the father of two young children. He has taught at Carleton University, Brock University, Nipissing University, McMaster University and the Labour College of Canada.

He earned his undergraduate degree in sociology and political studies at Queen's University and his masters and doctorate in political science at York University.

From 1998 to 2000, he was the chairperson of the Ontario section of the Canadian Federation of Students.

In the legislature, he is the Official Opposition Critic for Seniors, Accessibility and Persons with Disabilities.

Harden said he has been on picket lines with striking teachers.

"They're standing up for our public education system.

They're not going to be backing down," he said.

"I heard nothing but honks and positive things from the public."

Before his speech, Maxine Jeffrey, gave the meeting a shot of activist energy by updating the members on the activities of Climate Justice Climatique Pembroke, which has successfully lobbied Pembroke's city council to recognize the climate crisis and has been taking its message of better environmental stewardship to the streets of Pembroke, staging a protest or strike in front of Pembroke city hall on the last Friday of the month since September.

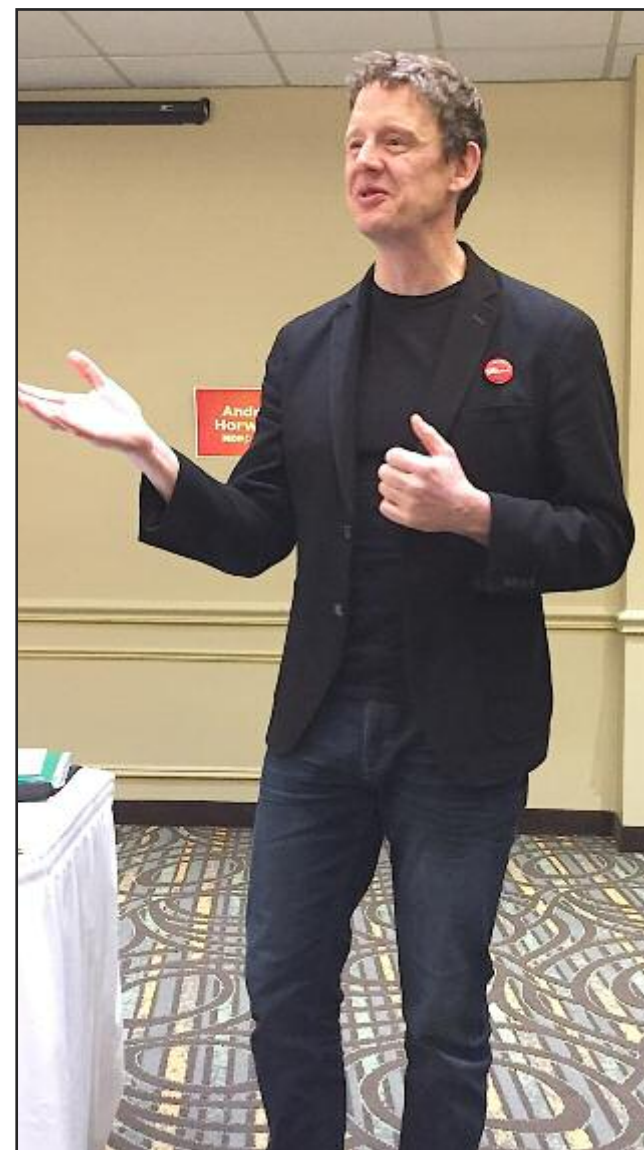
"We want to start organizing bigger events," to raise public awareness, she told NDP members.

Some of the group's goals are to help establish edible community gardens, to campaign for people to turn their lawns into wild flower beds, and to access federal and other funding to set up and electric public transportation system in Pembroke.

Meeting chair Chris Tanner and provincial association treasurer Colette Taylor reported that both the federal and provincial riding associations are in good shape, with more than \$13,000 in the provincial account and more than \$21,000 in the federal one.

In keeping with the theme of new energy, several new members were elected to the executives of the two riding association.

Members elected a new federal riding association executive consisting of president: Dez Bair-Patel (Pembroke), vice president: Brian Dougherty (Arnprior), secretary: Hilda Young (Petawawa), and treasurer: Chris Tanner (Deep River).





Ottawa Centre MPP Joel Harden was guest speaker at the Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke NDP annual meeting.


The new provincial executive includes president: Dez Bair-Patel (Pembroke), vice president: Kurt Stoll (Petawawa), secretary: Hilda Young (Petawawa), treasurer: Colette Taylor (Petawawa), provincial council delegates: Eileen Jones-Whyte (Eganville) and Maxine Jeffrey (Pembroke), youth representative: Dorian Pearce (Pembroke), women's representative: Maxine Jeffrey (Pembroke), and Indigenous representative: Roberta Della-Pica (Eganville).

urer: Colette Taylor (Petawawa), provincial council delegates: Eileen Jones-Whyte (Eganville) and Maxine Jeffrey (Pembroke), youth representative: Dorian Pearce (Pembroke), women's representative: Maxine Jeffrey (Pembroke), and Indigenous representative: Roberta Della-Pica (Eganville).

Vital Conversations

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Join us for a discussion and share your ideas on bringing mental health education and awareness to our community!

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County home sales up year-over-year

Residential sales activity recorded in Renfrew County totalled 74 units in January 2020, according to the latest report from the Renfrew County Real Estate Board.

This was up 8.8% (six sales) from January 2019 and stood among the better months of January on record.

The average price of homes sold in January 2020 was

\$241,899. This was little changed from January 2019, edging down just 0.8%.

This is likely an aberration at a quiet time of year. Prices have generally been climbing in recent years.

There were 147 new residential listings in January 2020, up 2.1% (three listings) on a year-over-year basis but well below the same month in the previous eight years.

Active residential listings numbered just 436 units at the end of January, plunging 24% from the end of January 2019. This was the lowest overall supply for the month in a decade.

Months of inventory numbered 5.9 at the end of January 2020, down from the 8.4 months recorded at the end of January 2019 and below the long-run average of 10.5 months for this time of year.

The number of months of inventory is the number of months it would take to sell current inventories at the current rate of sales activity.

The dollar value of all home sales in January 2020 was \$17.9 million, up 7.9% from the same month in 2019.

Sales of all property types numbered 91 units in January 2020, an increase of 19.7% (15 sales) from January 2019.



Town of Deep River

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Spring/Summer Community REGISTRATION/INFORMATION NIGHT

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Wednesday, March 11
Deep River Library (Program Room)

- Search for a class, register for a program, or find a drop-in activity that you can participate in.
- It's a wonderful way to make new friends, learn new skills or Improve on existing ones.
- We have a multitude of exciting programs offered with in Deep River for all age levels.
- Community Registration Day is also great way to promote your Community Group/Organization.

All community groups wishing to participate or for general information please contact the Recreation Office - 613-584-2000 ext. 103
or
email - carmstrong@deepriver.ca

Participating Community Groups will be updated upon confirmation!

RENFREW COUNTY HOUSING CORPORATION OFFERS SUPPORT

Grant to Help Reduce Risk of Low-Income Homeowners from Becoming Homeless

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Be good to your heart

At a time when everything seems to have a day or a month dedicated to it, I admit that I seem to have become very immune to the chatter of what “day” it is. In February alone comes national dark chocolate day, national “eat ice cream for breakfast” day, national tater tot day, national singing day, national “love your pet” day. Do we really need an official day to tell us to love our pets? Or that it’s OK to eat ice cream for breakfast? Who doesn’t eat ice cream for breakfast? There is in fact something called the national calendar that will make sure you don’t miss any of these possibly fun, but also ridiculous days. Somewhere between national bird feeding month and national cat health month, however, both of which are February, I stopped tuning out long enough to notice that it is Heart and Stroke Month, health issues that affect millions of people.

Heart disease is any condition that affects the structure or function of the heart. There are many different types of heart disease. Coronary artery and vascular disease are when the arteries in your heart are narrowed or blocked. It’s the most common kind of heart disease and causes most heart attacks. Heart rhythm disorders or arrhythmias cause the heart to beat too slowly, too quickly or in a disorganized fashion. Some arrhythmias have no symptoms or warning signs and can be sudden and fatal. Structural heart defects often require ongoing medical care and surgical procedures throughout life and may have been present at birth.

A stroke happens when blood stops flowing to any part of your brain, damaging brain cells. The effects of a stroke depend on the part of the brain that was damaged and the amount of damage done. Ischemic stroke is caused by a blockage or clot in a blood vessel in your brain. The blockage can be caused when a substance called plaque builds up on the inside wall of an artery. Hemorrhagic stroke is caused when an artery in the brain breaks open. High blood pressure weakens arteries over time and is a major cause of hemorrhagic stroke. Transient ischemic attack is caused by a small clot that briefly blocks an artery. It is sometimes called a mini-stroke or warning stroke. The symptoms usually last less than an hour, and may only last a few minutes. TIAs are an important warning that a more serious stroke may occur soon.

Lifestyle plays a factor in both heart and stroke conditions including an unhealthy diet, not enough exercise, stress, smoking, along with many others. For over 60 years the Heart and Stroke Foundation has been dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. You can support their work by donating anytime of year or by volunteering at events such as Jump Rope for Heart or the Big Bike Ride and during February the LOVE YOU program by Shoppers Drug Mart will double donations made up to \$250,000. So on this national “tug of war” day remember that heart health and stroke awareness is important every day.

KL



Morgan Brown got into the spirit of the Deep River Winter Carnival snowsculpture contest with a scaled-down model of the ZEEP reactor at the Chalk River Laboratories. The year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of both Deep River and ZEEP. Being a nuclear town, someone has already predicted a “reactor meltdown” in the next few weeks!

Submitted photo

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The last word, for now

This is in response to the February 12 NRT letter to the editor by W. Turner (“Hoodwinked part 3”) concerning the Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF).

Regarding measurement of radiation, Turner asked in his letter “What other unit would he suggest I (Turner) use?”

The answer is milli-sieverts (mSv). This unit quantifies the dose received by a person.

In different parts of the world, people receive between 2 mSv and 100 mSv a year from nature. No member of the public will ever get radiation doses remotely close to these values from the NSDF.

People in high dose regions of the world do not have poorer health due to radiation.

Many people receive 1 or more mSv from medical procedures, and air travel adds more radiation dose.

For centuries, people have been going to places with high radiation levels, like radium springs, for “the cure.”

Becquerels is simply the rate at which atoms undergo changes. An atom somewhere in the NSDF will not affect people.

Turner is worried about safety 300 years from now. So am I. That is why a facility must be built to dispose of legacy materials.

However, Turner says: “zero becquerels equals zero risk.” This is wrong.

Everyone, everywhere, is exposed to radiation

every minute of the day. Life evolved in the presence of radiation, and radiation levels were sometimes higher than current levels.

Some people receive 10 times more radiation dose, strictly because of where they live, with no ill effects.

In 300 years, the number of becquerels in the NSDF will decay to only 0.02% of the original. Much of the remaining radiation can be stopped by a sheet of paper, more so by tens of metres of waste from building materials. No one will receive a dose of consequence.

Turner also discussed dilution. Although Turner may not have meant to imply this, the phrase “the solution to pollution is dilution” suggests a deliberate dilution. This is not the case.

Buildings used for development of new technologies and processing of nuclear materials, often for medical applications, were inadvertently contaminated by trace amounts of radioactive materials.

Clothes and gloves used by workers also have trace amounts.

Contamination cannot be separated out without more problems than benefits and so the entire volume is disposed of.

Turner has concerns about: “thoroughly mixing” of the waste. Thorough mixing is not required, rather adequate mixing is ensured by the rules set by the CNSC supplemented by good engineering judgement. No packages are allowed with radiation above a specified level.

Gordon Edwards, and to a lesser extent Turner, raised concerns about using shielding for transportation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let sane voices prevail

We have seen a spurt of rotating strikes by teachers during the last couple of weeks.

The Ontario government has recently made cuts to education funding on the pretext of shrinking the deficit.

As I understand, there are multiple issues for which the rotating strikes are staged by various teachers unions.

Some of these, amongst many others, which I consider of concern and vital for our kids are: class size, online subjects, cutting teaching staff, safety, and the general morale of our teachers.

I feel grateful that the teachers have taken the initiative to include these as part of their bargaining issues with the Ontario government.

As a citizen, I wish for a balanced budget with our provincial government but to go suddenly for cuts which seem arbitrary is not very conducive for the well-being of citizens and of the province.

A good framework for education of our kids in modern times is very important. It is imperative that we Canadians keep our educational foot a bit ahead of the emergent countries (like China, India and others) - otherwise we will come to a stage when our country will be falling behind.

If we lack in modern education, the economy of the country will be adversely impacted.

We need today's young kids to have uninterrupted education - as education is becoming very complex with each day.

We are now talking about 5G networks, climate change, space settlement and artificial intelligence etc. Times are changing at a faster rate.

For our own good, we need to prepare our future citizens to be able to cope with the changing times.

If the provincial government wants to bring the budget deficit down, I believe it would have been prudent to look into the cost of its own top heavy and highly paid administration and that of many Crown corporations.

Why the education field?

I believe that the teachers are right for this action (rotating strike action) for bringing to our attention the misery which is being inflicted on our beloved kids (and thus on all of us) by our own provincial government.

Teaching is a noble profession enveloping the attributes of dedication and sacrifice, giving and caring.

Our Canadian/ Ontario teachers are smart people and they have a sacred duty to educate our upcoming generation. Can they not get unhindered support from our own provincial government?

I am sure there are some smart people in the education ministry and the provincial government to find a way to resolve the dispute with our respected teachers. I hope that sane voices will prevail.

Remember, teaching should be considered an essential service.

Without my elementary and high school

teachers, I would have never made it for a constructive, useful, productive life for the world around me. I am sure all of you will echo the same sentiments.

Our grandkids are the "apple of our eyes." They give us joy and fun but also remind us how great the Canadian future will be - the education they are getting at our local Mackenzie Community School will carry them and our country to a really bright future.

Both our kids (a daughter and a son) are graduates of Mackenzie High School - who had excellent, dedicated teachers.

Pravin Shah

Do the math

I am so sad that there is no investigative reporter that has not checked the Ford government numbers regarding the teachers strike.

I realize I now live in Quebec, but here is some simple math.

If a teacher is making \$200 a day, and has 30 kids in their class, they are being paid \$6.66 per child PER DAY to care for and teach your child.

If they are lucky enough to have only 20 kids, they make \$10 a day per kid.

Ford and members of the Ontario Legislature probably make at least \$100,000 per year at a minimum. The 14% raise they gave themselves with YOUR tax dollars is a \$14,000 annual increase!

Do the math folks, and support the teachers. Their job gives results, and is very good value given their work.

Don't forget the MLA's have really great shutdowns for Christmas, usually two months, and summer too...

Sorry, but I had to do some math.

Debbie Foley

Last word

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Shielding of truck loads, before processing and storage, can reduce accidental exposures to workers.

Shielding of the NSDF is not appropriate because doses on the surface will be essentially background without shielding.

About 20,000 tonnes of lead would be required to cover the facility creating more problems than benefits.

I hope this sequence of letters indicates the level of scrutiny received by a facility such as the NSDF.


Two of the letter writers worked at CNL in waste management and demonstrate the high level of safety culture prevalent in the industry.

I have no doubt the NSDF will be implemented without harm to workers or the public.

Hopefully we can get the NSDF rolling and then move on to use of nuclear to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental problems.

Ken Chaplin





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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8-10:30 am, Chalk River River Lions Community Cafe, everyone welcome, CR Lions Hall (Monday through Saturday) *

9 am - 12 pm, EarlyON Child & Family Centre "Play & Learn" drop-in, Laurentian Hills municipal hall, Point Alexander (Wednesday & Friday) *

1-6 pm, Free Walk-in Counselling Clinic, no appt needed, North Renfrew Family Services (for information, call 613-584-3358) *

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

7 pm, Al-Anon meeting, for family and friends of alcoholics, Laurentian Hills municipal hall, Point Alexander *

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9 am - 12 pm, EarlyON Child & Family Centre "Play & Learn" drop-in, St. Mary's School (Tuesday & Thursday) *

9:30-11:30 am, Playgroup for preschool children, everyone welcome, Deep River Community Church *

10-11:30 am, BIAK Indigenous playtime, including drum circle, craft and Algonquin word of the day, Point Alexander Library

6-7:30 pm, "Get WITH It" walk in the halls program, Mackenzie Community School (Tuesday & Thursday) *

7:30 pm, "501" Fun Darts, Deep River Legion *

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10-11:20 am, Coffee morning, everyone welcome, Deep River Community Church *

1 pm, Fun Cribbage, everyone welcome, Deep River Legion *

5-7 pm, "Messy Church," crafts, activities and meal, St. Barnabas Anglican Church (for information, call 613-584-4131)

7 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Laurentian Hills municipal hall, Point Alexander *

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

4 pm, Rusty Dillabough Memorial Draw, Deep River Legion *

7:30 pm, THEOP presents David Francey in concert, Childs Auditorium, Mackenzie Community School

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9 am - 12 pm, Deep River and Area Horticultural Society "Seedy Sunday," seed, bulb and plant cuttings exchange, planting station for kids, Deep River Library program room

5:15 pm, Evening Worship and Supper, contemplative service followed by dinner at Santa Fe, everyone welcome, Deep River Community Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

12 pm, Golden Oldies Euchre Club, CR Legion *

7 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Laurentian Hills municipal hall, Point Alexander *

7:30 pm, Deep River Choral Group, Childs Auditorium, MCS *

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

1 pm, 49ers euchre, Deep River Legion *

1:15 pm, Duplicate Bridge Club meets, Deep River Library program room *



The Deep River Public Library has a new chief executive. Naomi Balla-Boudreau took up duties as the library's new CEO as of Monday, February 10. It's a homecoming of sorts for Balla-Boudreau as she grew up in Mackey and is a graduate of Mackenzie High School. She previously headed up the library in McBride, BC, serving a community of about 2,000 people for the past eight years but was delighted to apply for the position in Deep River following the retirement of long-time CEO Tom Wiwarchuk. "It's a wonderful opportunity to do something I love in a place that I love with the people I love," she says. While still settling in, Balla-Boudreau said the future for the library is "wide open." "It's a changing time (and people's ideas) are really evolving in what we're looking for from our community spaces." There is a tremendous amount of community engagement and involvement in the library already, and Balla-Boudreau welcomes ideas on how to see that grow. "I really want people to feel welcome," she said. "I would like everyone to feel this is their library."

Photo: Terry Myers

DEEP RIVER 75TH ANNIVERSARY The 10,000 Year Journey and Deep River Art Camp

BY EVA GALLAGHER

This year Deep River is celebrating its 75th anniversary – however our story started long before then - approximately 10,000 years ago near the end of the last Ice Age!

To help you along this journey the 75th Anniversary Committee is planning a Speakers Series for 2020.

Although the talks will be of interest to everyone, the first three will be followed by "art camp" workshops.

The workshops are intended to help artists get motivated and inspired to create work for the 75th anniversary multimedia exhibit which will be held in the fall.

The first three talks - collectively titled "The 10,000 Year Journey" - will take you from the distant past when the shores of the Ottawa River were washed by the waves of the western-most edge of the Champlain Sea, from when the first indigenous people made their way – probably from the eastern Atlantic coastline - into the Valley.

Then 400 years ago came the first European contact - with Champlain, followed by two centuries of voyageurs and fur traders.

The lumber industry took over in the 1800's just as the demand for beaver pelts crashed due to silk replacing beaver felted hats in Europe.

The importance of the Ottawa River continued as a highway, but now for log rafts and for paddle steamers that plied the waters from Pembroke to Rapides des Joachims from the mid 1800's until the early 1900's.

Seventy-five years ago, another industry took over and just like those first indigenous people and the Europeans that followed, it too was dependant on the river and was venturing into unexplored territory!

On Friday, April 2, archeologist Ken Swayze, will give the first talk, - a talk on the prehistory of the Ottawa River.

This will be followed by two workshops later in April – the first on making pottery the way it was made in this area 2,500 years ago (date TBA).

POINT ALEXANDER

- BIAK – Indigenous Playtime – The Bonchere indigenous EarlyON group will be visiting the Point Alexander Library on Thursday, February 20 from 10 am to 11:30 am. The program will include a drum circle, craft and Algonquin word of the day.

- Story Time & Craft with EarlyON – The Point Alexander Librarian will be restarting

Laurentian Hills Public Library

our story time with Early ON in the auditorium at the Laurentian Hills municipal building. This is from 11 to 11:20 am each Friday.

CHALK RIVER

- "Magic: the Gathering" night is every Tuesday from 6-8 pm. Beginners welcome. Bring your own decks, or use some of the li-

brary's pre-made decks. "M:tG" is intended for ages 13+, but the library has other games available for younger age groups.

- After School Club is on Mondays from 3:30-5:30 pm. Students can read, do homework, a planned activity/craft, or use the computers and game consoles. No registration required. Children age 9 and under may require parental supervision.

- Baby and Toddler Story Time - Join the Chalk River librarian for Baby and Toddler story time every Thursday at 1:30 pm.



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Acclaimed Canadian singer-songwriter David Francey will perform in Deep River this Saturday.

THEOP welcomes Canadian “folk poet”

David Francey is a Scottish-born Canadian carpenter-turned-songwriter, who has become known as “one of Canada’s most revered folk poets and singers” (Toronto Star).

Born in Ayrshire, Scotland to parents who were factory workers, he moved to Canada when he was 12.

For decades, he worked across Canada in rail yards, construction sites, and in the Yukon bush, all the while writing poetry, setting it to melodies in his head and singing it to himself as he worked.

A truly authentic folk singer, Francey is a documentarian of the working person who never imagined earning a living from his music. But when he was in his 40s, his wife, artist Beth Girdler, encouraged him to share his songs and sing in public.

The reaction was instant. His first album Torn Screen Door came out in 1999 and was a hit in Canada.

Since then, he has released eleven albums, won three Juno Awards and has had his songs covered by such artists as The Del McCoury Band, The Rankin Family, James Keelaghan and Tracy Grammer.

Francey also had the honour of receiving the prestigious SOCAN Folk Music Award as well as taking home the Grand Prize in both the International Acoustic Music Award and in the Folk category for the John Lennon Songwriting Award.

“David’s straightforward songs tell honest stories of real people and real places. Poetic perception and a keen eye for the heart of the matter are trademarks of the man and his music. His songs and stories are a direct connection for audiences seeking depth and meaning in the day-to-day.” - Shelter Valley Folk Festival

In concert David is a singer and a storyteller. His wry humour and astute observations combined with his open-hearted singing style have earned him a loyal following.

Francey will appear in Deep River this Saturday night as part of the THEOP 2019-20 concert series.

The show takes place in Bernard Childs Auditorium in Mackenzie Community School, beginning at 7:30 pm.

For more information and tickets, visit <www.theop.ca>.

DRSO “SHOWCASE 2020” coming soon

“Showcase 2020,” a new pilot project from the Deep River Symphony Orchestra (DRSO), will be happening soon on Wednesday, March 11 at 7 pm at the Deep River Community Church.

The event was imagined by DRSO music director, Peter Morris, as a vehicle for the exposure of some of Deep River’s young talent to the community at large.

In particular, this provides an opportunity to showcase those young musicians who have been honing their talent through dedication and effort.

Performers will be invited based on performance at the ongoing Pembroke Kiwanis Music Festival.

For those who may wish to participate in the “Showcase” event but are not entered in this year’s Kiwanis, an

audition may be arranged by contacting <peter.morris@sympatico.ca> prior to March 6.

Performers should be residents of Deep River, attend school in Deep River, or contribute, through participation, in the musical life of Deep River.

In an interesting twist, some of our performers in the “Showcase” event will also be asked to perform for Mackenzie Community School the following day as part of the DRSO Outreach program, a continuing project which exposes the students to a variety of live music they perhaps would not otherwise hear.

Everyone is invited to come out and hear this sharing of music; there is no admission fee although donations will be accepted.



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DRDH presents annual employee recognition award

On Friday, February 7, the Deep River and District Hospital, the Four Seasons Lodge and the North Renfrew Family Health Team hosted the annual employee recognition event where the staff service and peer recognition awards are presented.

Richard Bedard, hospital president & CEO, expressed his thanks to staff for their ongoing support and was pleased to honour the “outstanding actions that contribute to an overall exceptional experience for our patients and residents.”

Bedard highlighted that, “the increase in nominations for the peer recognition award this year shows just how dedicated [the staff] are to ensuring our patients and residents have an excellent compassionate health care experience.”

Dick Rabishaw, board chair, expressed his thanks to staff for making the organization a place we can all be proud of.

Rabishaw noted that, “this past year, we were accredited with exemplary standing, which is a tremendous accomplishment that would not have been possible without the contributions made by each individual staff member.”

The new Essential Pieces Award, formerly known as the Ernie Mielke Award, is presented to an employee who has been nominated by their peers in recognition of their demonstration of the mission, vision and values of the organization.

This year, the award was presented to Kerry Sinikivi, a registered practical nurse who goes above and beyond to care for patients and residents.

Janna Hotson, administrator for the Four Seasons



Kerry Sinikivi (middle) was presented with the 2020 Essential Pieces Award at the North Renfrew Health Campus's annual employee recognition event. Pictured here, from left to right, are Four Seasons Lodge administrator – Janna Hotson, award winner – Kerry Sinikivi, and Four Seasons Lodge director of care – Allison Lepack.

Lodge, said Sinikivi “exemplifies the criteria outlined for the Essential Pieces Award, as she has demonstrated professionalism and excellence in delivering service, and above all, has demonstrated compassion and caring in her practice.”

ization as a nursing student, and has since worked as a personal support worker and a registered practical nurse on both the medical floor and in the Four Seasons Lodge.

Acting in various rolls, she has consistently demonstrated what it means to be an essential piece of the care team.

Sinikivi first joined the organ-

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Nuclear heritage group produces commemorative ZEEP stamp

BY JIM UNGRIN

This year, 2020, both the town of Deep River and the Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) are celebrating 75th anniversaries.

Many events are planned to celebrate the town's creation in 1945.

To commemorate the September 5, 1945 start-up of the ZEEP reactor at CRL, the Society for the Preservation of Canada's Nuclear Heritage Inc. (SPCNHI) has produced a commemorative stamp.

ZEEP (Zero Energy Experimental Pile) was the first reactor in the world outside of the USA to go into operation.

The Society issued an invitation to the nuclear and local communities last July to provide a suitable design for a stamp and two recent arrivals at CNL from Alberta, Herbert Mueller and Abra O'Leary, took on the challenge.

Their design is based on a photo from the top of ZEEP from the mid 1950's with two researchers making adjustments to the hanging strings of fuel in the reactor.

(The researchers in the original photo were Bill Dickerson and Dave Hone.)

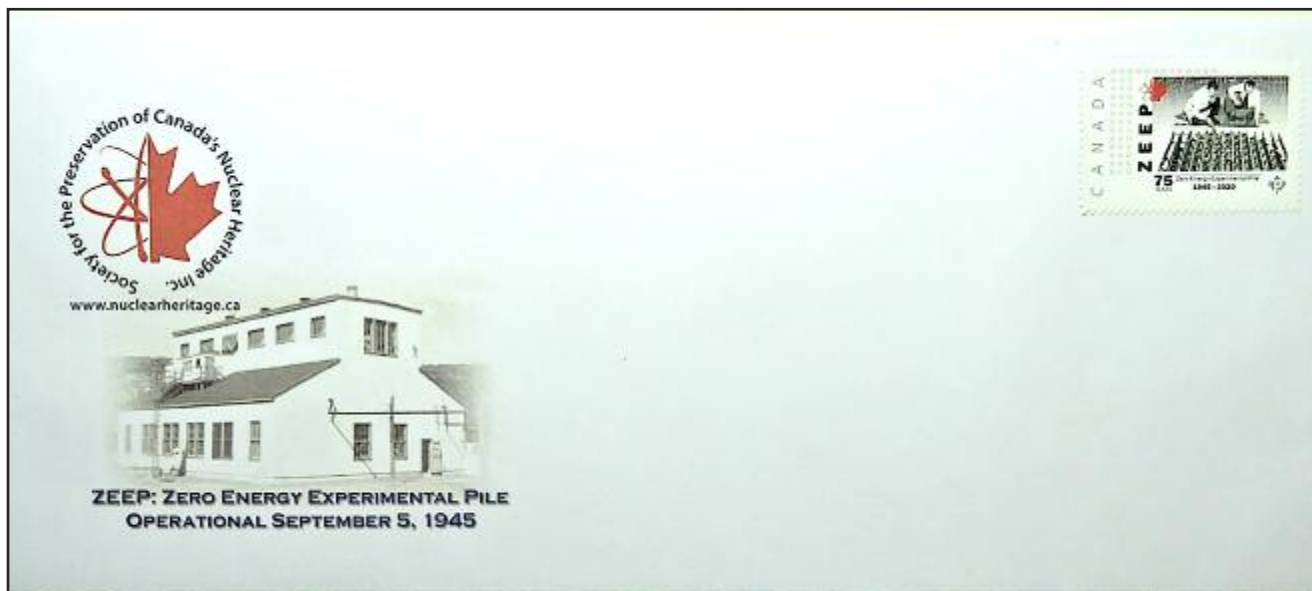
Sourena Golesorkhi provided the physics calculations seen in the background.

The stamps are recognized by Canada Post as official Canadian "permanent stamps" and can be used as such.

In addition to the stamps, Morgan Brown has designed a companion commemorative ZEEP envelope.

Both the stamp, in booklets of 12 (for \$25), and the envelope with the commemorative stamp (for \$5), are available to the public.

They will be on sale at the SPCNHI display at Macken-



Special stamps and envelopes have been developed to recognize the 75th anniversary of the start-up of the ZEEP reactor at the Chalk River labs on September 5, 1945.

zie Community School during the Deep River Players' performances of "The Sound of Neutrons," at other events throughout the year, or by contacting Abra O'Leary directly at <abraoleary@gmail.com> or 403-707-7434.

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DR 75th anniversary

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The second will be to remember those first explorers in the new land – a workshop on figurative drawing on Saturday April 18 by Pembroke artist Jana Jaros.

The second talk will be at the end of April on Wednesday, April 29 with Dave Lemkay and Bruce Patten talking about the logging industry and paddle wheelers.

This will be followed in May by a workshop on drawing and painting trees by local artist Boni Patterson.

Details about the workshops, and the third and final talk on the 10,000 year journey – the advent and growth of the nuclear industry – still need to be finalized.

Mark your calendars and join in on the journey!

Evening Worship & Supper

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Golden Oldies Euchre Club



Results from February 3 were:

High Lady, Zita Valiquette; Second, Bev Ruhnke; Loners, Linda Stewart. High Man, Kevin Tennant; Second, Jim Morel; Loners, Jim Morel.

Results from February 3 were:

High Lady, Mary Pat Ladouceur; Second, Nancy Dunham; Loners, Theresa Clouthier. High Man, Wayne Clouthier; Second, Ed Nykorak; Loners, Wayne Clouthier.

Results from February 10 were:

High Lady, Kay Mantha; Second, Maureen King; Loners, Kay Mantha. High Man, Vic McBride; Second, Gord Stewart; Loners, Wayne Clouthier.

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Catch the Ace revenues double last round after week 6

BY LEO BUCKLEY

Each week of this current lottery raffle is a pleasant surprise. We have been at this raffle for just six weeks but each week we have seen the number of tickets sold continue to increase.

With the weekly sales approaching 4,400 tickets, the rate of growth in ticket sales has slowed, but the impact has still been huge!

The net cumulative fundraising revenues after a month and a half into this raffle have created a hard to believe figure of \$44,000.

That number is clear of all the expenses incurred to operate the lottery.

The net revenue experienced is double that of our previous lottery in Week 6. It took till Week 32 with the second lottery fundraiser to reach that revenue value.

The Deep River and District Hospital Foundation's "Catch the Ace" raffle was designed as a 50-50 lottery, 50% to prize money and 50% to the Foundation.

From its half of the sales proceeds, the Foundation covers the cost of tickets, any advertising and lottery fees.

With this lottery operated by volunteer effort, the Foundation has attempted to make the operation cost-effective, keeping its administrative costs tightly controlled.

The Foundation directors like this fundraiser as it allows nearly all the sales revenues to benefit the local community.

The distribution of prize money to individuals make it likely that they will spend their lottery winnings in stores and activities locally.

The distribution of the remaining sales revenues will be used to purchase replacement diagnostic imaging equipment that will benefit the community at large as tools to assist medical practitioners.

With last week's draw taking place at Santa Fe Restaurant, we thank Bob Ray and his staff for their hospitality.

We drew the ticket owned by Jo-Anne Schutt making her the weekly winner.

She bought her ticket early at Bowers Convenience

Store and Gas Bar in Petawawa.

Jo-Anne chose Envelope 12, but the Ace of Spades eluded her, as the envelope held the Queen of Spades. She does claim a very respectable weekly prize of \$4,388.

With the sales revenues also contributing to the progressive jackpot, its value after week 6 is \$29,452.50.

In the coming draw, the estimated winnings will include the jackpot plus half the proceeds of the ticket sales in Week 7.

The estimated winnings will be around \$39,000 if the Ace of Spades is caught. The new figure represents a jump of over \$7,000 in one week.

The Foundation remains indebted to all the volunteers for their time and effort to sell tickets in Deep River and Pembroke and to manage the lottery.

We thank all the businesses who support the Foundation and hope ticket buyers will patronize the stores that are helping the Foundation with this fundraiser.

Join us for the draw at Longshots Sports Cafe in Deep River, Thursday, February 20 at 8 pm.



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Across

1 By way of, briefly

5 Remove, as a hat

9 Door sign

12 Rocket scientist
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13 Keystone State port

14 Bill and _____

15 Former chancellor of
West Germany

16 Chamfering

18 Debtor's note

19 Lover of Aeneas

21 Joie de vivre

22 Thin coin

24 Pull down

26 In place

29 Viewpoint

31 Landlocked land

33 It may be skipped

34 Soup type, in brief

36 Control post

38 Mermaid's home

39 Nautical rope

43 Blowout, in sports

45 Bubbly beverage

46 Archeological site

48 Fiddle stick

49 Campus military org.

51 Oktoberfest serving

53 Echo, for one

57 Aromatic solvent

59 Alpine transport

61 Like a yenta

62 Sandler of "Big Daddy"

64 Parting words

66 Listening device

67 Disease caused by a
thiamine deficiency

70 Mississippi town

72 Groceries holder

73 Half of an old radio duo

74 Domain

75 Have a bawl

76 Kind of support

77 Chances

Down

1 Kind of center

2 Solo in space

3 European
freshwater fish

4 Free from restraint

5 Book of Judges
prophetess

6 Krona part

7 "Take ____!"

8 Experiences

9 Dessert apple

10 Period in the
earth's history

11 Holiday quaff

12 Barbecue

15 Auction actions

17 Place to hibernate

20 Metric unit of volume

23 A deadly sin

25 Season to be jolly

27 Fencing sword

28 Expensive

30 Spree

32 Meat loaf serving

35 Chow

37 Atomic particle

39 Fabled racer

40 "Thanks ____!"

41 Torpor

42 Losing proposition?

44 Celtic underworld god

47 Simpleton (Yiddish)

50 Ghana money

52 Manta

54 Roadside stops

55 Church song

56 Shot in the arm

58 Morocco's capital

60 Rocket type

63 Same (Fr.)

65 Sought damages

67 World Service provider

68 Musical ability

69 "Arabian Nights"
menace

71 Walk softly

Here we are mid-February, with longer daylight and only a month till spring. Hope everyone enjoyed the Deep River Winter Carnival this past weekend.

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War" (March 27).

• March 11 – Singing Travelogue with Jim Beattie, 1:30 pm at CEC.

Come join us on a magical musical journey around Ireland just in time

to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We will visit many places, holy sites associated with St. Patrick as well as other destinations and sing songs as we go along. It's going to be a fantastic journey. Refreshments will be served.

• Billiards at Wayne's, Tuesdays at 1:30 pm. Billiards will be held at Wayne Workman's, 10 Newton Street until the end of February. Everyone is welcome to join Wayne around his table for a great game of billiards but space is limited so give Wayne a call at 613-584-2385.

• Cold winter days and snow on the ground can make walking outside difficult so join our fitness classes with Wendy on Mondays and Thursdays at the library at 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

• Snowshoeing, weekly on Wednesdays
The weekend snow has made it perfect for snowshoeing. We will meet at Balmer Bay Chalet on Wednesdays (weather permitting) at 1:30 pm. We will snowshoe for about an hour. Beginners are welcome.

• Future events:
February or March depending on weather – sleigh ride

Gary Sutton will discuss drone use for paramedic purposes

Wildlife in Deep River slide presentation with Paula and Tony

April – 5 Pin Bowling and Dinner.

If you would like to know more about us, please contact us at <uovsfc55@gmail.com>, or Cathy Chapman at 613-584-1577 or <ccat37@bell.net>.

• Cirque du Soleil in Ottawa in July.
We are taking names of people who are interested in a trip to Ottawa to see Cirque du Soleil. If we get enough interest we will arrange a bus and take in the show one day between July 1 to 5. If you are interested in this please let us know as soon as possible at <uovsfc55@gmail.com>.

• Drumming demonstration by Drums with Phyllis Heeney, February 20 at 1:30 pm, CEC
Phyllis will be showing us some of the drums she makes and then explaining the process of making them, with photos of this unique talent. Then we can sing and play.

There will be drums available for everyone to join in and we will sing some old familiar songs accompanying them with the drums - songs like "She'll be coming round the mountain," and "Oh when the saints", etc. No song sheets required!

Come on out and join us for this wonderful demonstration and sing along. Please remember that we will be accepting donations for the food bank at this event.

• Movie Afternoon, February 28 at 1:30 pm at the NRLTCC. * Note date change.

The movie for February will be "Florence Foster Jenkins," the story of the New York heiress who dreamed of becoming an opera singer, despite having a terrible singing voice. Starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant, this movie promises to be a delightful, hilarious watch.

The movie for March will be "Woman at

Horticultural Society to host "Seedy Sunday"

Tired of winter? Get ready for spring at the Seedy Sunday to be held this Sunday, February 23 from 9 am until noon at the Deep River Library program room.

Join fellow gardeners to share and swap seeds, bulbs, cuttings, plants, magazines, books - whatever you've saved from last year - bring it in!

Swapping seeds and other plant materials is easy. Just package seeds in an envelope or bag and label the contents along with the collection date. Bring cuttings in plastic cups filled with water.

Even if you don't have anything to bring to the event to share, you should still find something to take home with you.

Seedy Saturdays and Sundays are events that occur across the country, enabling a local seed exchange and encouraging the use of open-pollinated and heritage seeds and plants.

Local gardeners will be on hand to share information about local gardening practices and what the Deep River and Area Horticultural Society has to offer.

Informational videos of internationally renowned gardening experts will be showing as well.

A planting station for kids will be available as well to introduce young people to seed planting.

The Deep River Seedy Sunday will be chance to get together with members of the gardening community, while thinking of warmer spring weather and finding new things to plant in the garden.

The event is free, but donations to the Food Bank would be appreciated.

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BOOTIE: The North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre still has a pink "North Face" toddler-size bootie that has been in their downstairs lobby since before Christmas. If you think it may be yours (or more likely your toddler's), please call 613-584-1900.

BOVILLE FAMILY HISTORY: Mixed in with the many paper artifacts the Nuclear Heritage group has collected is an envelope with several "family-history" letters and photographs related to the Boville family that had connections to Blind River, ON. Contact Jim Ungrin at 613-584-3055 if this is some of your family history you would like to retrieve.

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GLASSES: A pair of prescription glasses was found recently near the recycle bins outside the Deep River post office. They're not in the best shape, but if you think they may be yours, drop by the NRT office at 8 Glendale Ave to have a look or call 613-584-4161 for more information.

SPORTS



The Deep River Skating Club held its annual "Ice Reflections" skate show at the Deep River Arena Saturday night with a very special guest, three-time world champion and former Olympic silver medallist Elvis Stojko. More than 400 people packed the arena to take in the sold-out show.

Elvis Stojko rocks Deep River skating show

BY TERRY MYERS

It's not often that someone with such a high level of success in international competition comes to Deep River.

But that was the case this weekend as Elvis Stojko - a three-time world champion, twice Olympic silver medallist and seven times Canadian champion - visited the Deep River Skating Club.

Stojko was a very special guest skater during the club's annual "Ice Reflections" show at the Deep River Arena Saturday night, and then stayed to coach some club members on the ice Sunday morning.

More than 400 people packed the arena for the sold-out show.

Engaging and generous with his time, Stojko told the NRT before coming to Deep River that he loves visiting smaller centres and hopefully bringing some inspiration to local kids.

"Don Jackson (1962 world champion, 1960 Olympic bronze medallist and four-time Canadian champion) came to our town of Newmarket when I was younger and worked with me a little bit," Stojko said.

"I know that inspired me."
It wasn't always that way.

After the grind of competition for so many years, Stojko stepped away from skating after he retired from competition in 2003.

He had already purchased a home in Mexico in 2001 and moved there for 12 years before returning to Canada full-time.

"It was a time to reconnect with myself," he said.

"I needed to get some space and to have some anonymity as well."

During that time he also qualified as a professional driver in the Kart class racing circuit. He still races today at the Motorsport track in 43 hp F1 type karts.

Stojko grew up riding motocross and describes racing as "pretty intense."

"I enjoy the speed," he said. "Skating is very subjective. I loved having something more simple - (in racing) it's just me and the track."

Stojko has also raced in the Nissan Micra Cup series and says his dream "one day" would be to drive in the Porsche Cup gentlemen's division.

In addition to racing, away from the rink Stojko has also developed his acting career, appearing in a 2014 production of the musical "Chicago" and on TV, most recently in episodes of "Murdoch Myster-

ies" and "Hudson and Rex."

Stojko said he has achieved his full ACTRA status and attends weekly acting classes in Toronto.

"I really enjoy the performance aspect of it," he said, adding that in time, he would love to "switch over" and dedicate himself to acting full-time.

LOVE OF THE SPORT

After stepping away from skating for a few years, Stojko said his interest in the sport was "piqued" once again while he was living in Mexico and a young skater asked Stojko to work with him.

"His love for the sport rekindled a little bit of that for me," he said.

Since returning to Canada and returning to skating full-time, Stojko has been involved with professional shows like the annual "Stars on Ice" tour and last year's "Rock the Rink" event, a farewell tour for Canadian ice dancers Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue.

In December, he wrapped up his fifth year in the annual Christmas skating show at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Stojko was also "skater in residence"

last summer for Skate Ontario.

In one of a series of blog posts he wrote for Skate Ontario, he described the difference for skaters between the "Warrior" and the "Performer."

Stojko said to achieve their best when the competition is highest, skaters have to learn to tap into their "Warrior" side.

"It's all about focusing on your goals and not getting sidetracked," he said last week.

"You're going to have pitfalls. You're going to move forwards, backwards, upside down. It's always going to be that way.

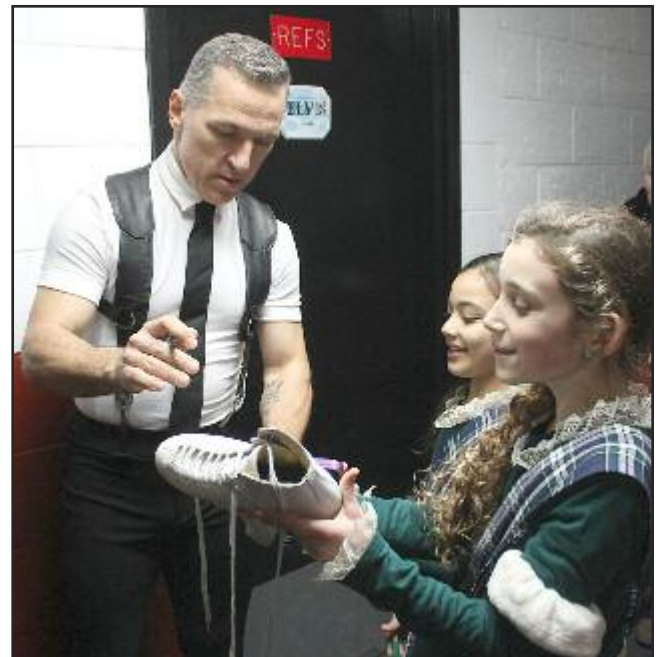
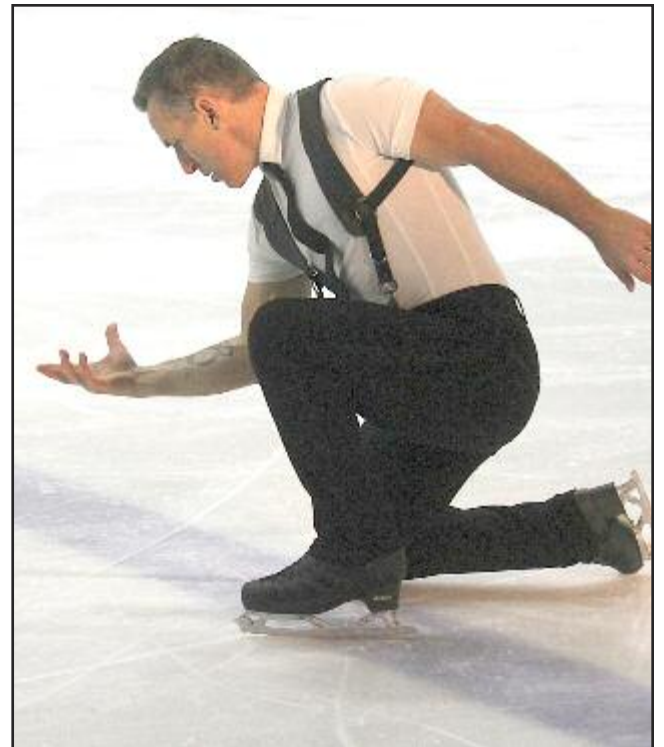
"You have to learn to feel comfortable with being uncomfortable."

Stojko said when it comes to reaching skating's highest levels, "talent and ability is one thing - the rest is all in the mind."

"You may be feeling sick, you may have family things going on that throw you off. The question is, how are you going to deal with that?"

Congratulations to the Deep River Skating Club in bringing Stojko to town for this special weekend.

If his goal was to inspire, we can be sure his presence will be felt far beyond the arena ice.



Photos: Terry Myers



Elvis Stojko was the featured attraction at the Deep River Skating Club's annual "Ice Reflections" show at the Deep River Arena Saturday. Stojko skated twice during the show and then graciously took time after the show to sign autographs for young fans. For more photos from the skate show, visit the NRT Facebook page at <www.facebook.com/NorthRenfrewTimes>.

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COMING EVENTS

Save the date and time Wednesday, March 11 - 7:00 p.m. DRSO "SHOWCASE 2020".

DEATHS

VILDAER, Heather Ruth

At Deep River and District Hospital on Tuesday February 11, 2020. Heather Vildaer (nee: Coburn) at the age of 67 years.

Beloved wife of Eugene Vildaer of Deep River. Loving mother of Carrie Milks and her husband Kevin of Deep River and Bryan Vildaer and his wife Natalie of Hillsdale. Cherished grandmother of William Milks. Dear sister of Bruce Coburn and his wife Edith, Colleen Godreau and her husband Noel both of Rolph-ton, Sidney Coburn and his wife Marilyn of Deep River and Gladys Watson of Cobden. Pre-deceased by a brother Willard Coburn.

Friends called at the Valley Funeral Home, Deep River on Sunday February 16 from 6-9 p.m. A Memorial Service was conducted in the chapel on Monday at 11:00 a.m. In memoriam donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Deep River and District Hospital Foundation would be gratefully appreciated.



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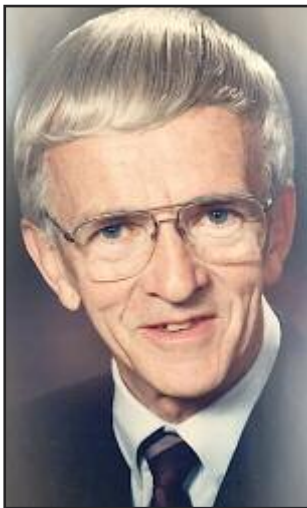
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SEMPLÉ, Russell Robert

Retired; Department of National Defence

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Russell (Bob) Semple at the Deep River and District Hospital on Saturday January 25, 2020. Bob Semple of Chalk River at the age of 86 years. Beloved husband of the late June Semple (nee: McAuley). Loving father of Michael Semple and his wife Pam of Brampton and Carol Marshall of Deep River and the late Patricia Semple. Cherished grandfather of Connie Kimball and her husband Darrik Overhault and Brian Nichol and his wife Michelle, Stephanie Chase and her husband Glen and Colleen Semple, and 5 great-grandchildren Connor and Kaitlyn Kimball, Melissa, Grady and Ellis Nichol. Predeceased by two brothers Edwin and Murray, and three sisters Muriel, Evelyn and Doris. Also survived by a sister-in-law Jeanie Semple of Brighton. Respecting Bob's request cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #562, Chalk River on Saturday February 22 at 11:00 a.m. In memoriam donations to the Dogs for Warriors or the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #562, Chalk River would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Valley Funeral Home, Deep River.



John and Ellen Lipsett

Departed together Feb 22, 2013

*We who loved you sadly miss you
As it dawns another year
In our lonely hours of thinking
Thoughts of you are always near.*

Love Katherine, Michael, and Frances

ANNUAL MEETING

Deep River Community Church



In a world in which the weather bounces

up and down repeatedly, ski trails fluctuate between wonderful and icy, a new virus frightens billions of people, and conflicts abound in Canada and around the world, faith communities can provide a place of stability.

The congregation of Deep River Community Church has its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 23, a time to reflect on the year that is past and to make decisions about the coming year.

Sunday evening, at 5:15 pm, we offer a new opportunity to make connections through a contemplative worship service followed by a no-host supper at the Santa Fe, sharing fellowship as we eat together.

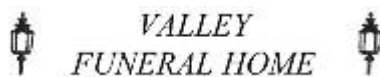
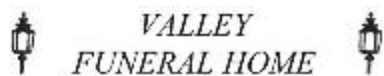
On Wednesday, February 26, we host an Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm to initiate the observance of Lent, a

service to which everyone is welcome. It will be finished by 7:30 pm.

Our usual gatherings continue with the Friendship Circle on Mondays at 1 pm, Play Group Thursday mornings, the Sewing Group on Thursday, February 27 at 1:30 pm, and Coffee Time on Friday mornings at 10 am.

The column next week will have information about new services and groups for the season of Lent, and your requests are welcome.

Just contact Jim Kenney at 343-369-4941. He will start alternating Tuesday mornings between the Bean House and Tim Hortons.



CLASSIFIED



**Chief of Police
Town of Deep River**

The Deep River Police Services Board is seeking applicants for the position of Chief of Police.

The Deep River Police Service provides policing services to the Town of Deep River, a community of 4,200 residents nestled on the shores of the beautiful Ottawa River. The municipality is a diverse community founded on nuclear research conducted at the Chalk River Laboratories since 1945.

The Chief of Police is accountable to the full Board of the Police Service and is responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the Deep River Police Service through the development, direction and management of all aspects of the administrative and operational activities of the Police Service.

In appointing a new Chief of Police, the Deep River Police Services Board is seeking an individual who models the values of honour, courage and service, and creates and champions a culture of respect and inclusion. The Chief will bring a keen sense to drive innovation and continuous improvement to optimize and evolve police services to meet the needs of the community. A leader is sought who will inspire trust and confidence of the Service and the public, and who will embrace community policing.

Working alongside the Police Services Board, staff and community leaders, the Chief will establish priorities to address the needs of the community through effective allocation of resources and the deployment of forward-thinking law enforcement management.

As the Chief of the Deep River Police Service, you will bring integrity and compassion to this crucial role for the well-being of the community you serve.

Position Qualifications and Requirements:

- A Bachelor's degree in police science, criminal justice, public administration or a related field is preferred. A combination of experience, education and training may substitute for formal education. Further degrees in a related field such as public or business administration would be an asset.
- Must be a sworn senior police officer with at least 10 years of progressively responsible law enforcement experience in a variety of operational and administrative roles.
- At least 5 years of progressively responsible leadership experience is required.
- Demonstrated experience in dealing with human resources, media and community relations, financial services, and information technology.
- Demonstrated ability to be an innovative and resourceful leader in developing teams.

To be considered for this position, please send your resumé in confidence before **17h00 on February 21, 2020** to:

Tracy Russell, Chair, Deep River Police Services Board
drpsbsecretary@yahoo.com

Employment Opportunity

Reporter

The North Renfrew Times, an independent, award-winning community newspaper based in Deep River, Ontario, is looking for an enthusiastic and hard-working journalist to join its team.

Qualifications:

- Excellent writing and editing skills
- Good photographic ability
- Ability to meet deadlines and take direction, while generating original story ideas
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Hospital seeks new board, committee members

For people looking to contribute to their community, serving as a member of a health care board can be an incredibly rich, rewarding, and meaningful experience.

To ensure that health care organizations meet the needs of their stakeholders, they need guidance and direction from the communities they serve.

Boards provide oversight to support management in discharging their accountabilities as well as assist in establishing strategic goals which help the organization uphold its mission, vision and values.

The board which governs the Deep River and District Hospital, the North Renfrew Family Health Team, and the Four Seasons Lodge Long-Term Care is looking to appoint board members with complimentary skills and expertise to act on behalf of the local communities and be ambassadors for the organization.

There are opportunities for individuals to join as board members, or as patient / resident representatives on a board committee.

The board committees seeking patient / resident representatives are the strategic planning and partnership committee, the resource and audit

committee, the quality, risk, and safety committee, and the patient and family advisory council.

All committees of the board meet quarterly or at the call of the chair, and the board typically meets monthly – except for July and August.

Board members are elected for volunteer terms of up to three years. Board members sit on at least two committees in addition to the board itself.

Joining the board as a patient / resident representative, which are appointed annually, can be a great way to learn about the functioning of the board before joining as a board member.

Join the board to help ensure the hospital organization achieves its vision of an excellent, compassionate health care experience, every time.

Those with a deep interest in health care, a passion for improving the patient / resident experience, and an openness to learn are invited to apply.

Applications can be accessed on the DRDH website (www.drdh.org) or by calling 613-584-3333 x 7100.

Kindly submit your application to Amy Joyce before Monday, April 15, 2020.

Twenty-one boards. Twelve teams. Three hours of Duplicate Bridge. One very close contest.

When the dust had settled on February 11, Bernice Recchia and Fran Muirhead had won A-flight, and Rosemary McGuire and Laurie Jarbo were the winners of B-flight. Less than two percentage points separated the top four pairs.

The rest of the players were bunched closely behind, with only 20 percentage points separating the first-place teams from the last.

(Regularly, the spread is 30 or more percentage points.)

Appropriately – just three days before Valentine’s Day – hearts was bid most often in 12 out of the 21 boards played.

Here are all the teams who scored Master-



points that afternoon:

First: Bernice Recchia and Fran Muirhead (57.62%)

Second: Tony and Paula McLaughlin (57.14%)

Third: Bruce Heinmiller and Lucille Watson (56.19%)

Fourth: Kerry Burns and Alan Carmichael (55.71%)

First in B flight (and fifth overall): Rosemary McGuire and Laurie Jarbo (50.48%).

Our club fosters a welcoming and comfortable place to enjoy Duplicate Bridge.

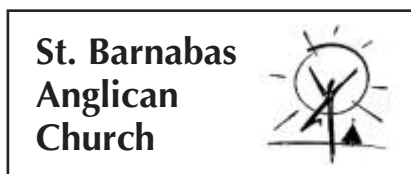
We meet every Tuesday at the Deep River Library program room, 55 Ridge Road. Start time is 1:15 pm sharp.

MESSY CHURCH

Come fishing with us! Come for the fun! Come to learn! Come to worship!

Everyone is welcome to “Messy Church” at St. Barnabas, 80 Glendale Avenue, Deep River, on Friday, February 21, 5-7 pm.

During Messy Church, we use hands-on



crafts and activities to explore Bible stories, to reflect a God of creativity, and to give people the opportunity to play together.

There is no charge for the evening, but a free-will offering will be gratefully received. For more information and to register to attend, please contact: 613-584-4131, email <office_stbarnabas@bellnet.ca>

DRDH presents award

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“Kerry has taken a lead in the change efforts in the Four Seasons Lodge, championing the move to a person-centred care approach by volunteering her time as a ‘Lodge at Home’ project advisor to improve the resident and family experience.”

The hospital organization said it would like to extend congratulations to everyone who was nominated for the Essential Pieces Award.

This year, nominations almost doubled compared to last year. Nominees work across the organization in various departments, from dietary, house-keeping, administration and nursing.

“Each of the nominees embody the organizational values of partnering and caring, among others.”

This year, the hospital awarded 5-year pins to seven employees, 10-year pins to seven employees, a 15-year pin to one employee, and recognized two retirees who had dedicated more than 20 years to the organization.

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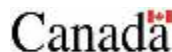
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REQUEST FOR TENDER

SEALED TENDERS on forms supplied by the County of Renfrew Public Works & Engineering Department will be received until **2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 2020** for the following two Tenders:

PWO-2020-07 Rehabilitation of County Road 7 (Foresters Falls Road) and County Structure C159 (Gutz Culvert) Replacement*



**This project is undertaken using funds provided by the Government of Canada through the transfer of Gas Tax Revenue.*

PWC-2020-10 Rehabilitation of County Structure B234 (Coles Creek Bridge)

A certified cheque or bank draft not less than the amount specified in the tender requirements must accompany each tender and the successful bidders will be required to provide a 100% performance bond and 50% materials and labour payment bond upon execution of the contract agreements.

Companies that wish to submit a tender for these contracts must register with the Department in order to receive the tender documents and to be eligible to submit a tender. Tenders submitted by unregistered bidders will not be accepted.

Electronic PDF files of the plans, specifications and tender form are free of charge for registered bidders. Hard copy plans, Specifications and Tender forms may be obtained from the Department for a non-refundable fee of **Fifty (\$50) Dollars**, unless otherwise stated.

A public tender opening will be held immediately following closing time.

Fax submissions or any other electronic submissions are not acceptable. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted and the County reserves the right to award any portion of these tenders.

For further information please contact:

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IN MEMORY OF

Peggy Renton, 1915-2020

Peggy (Margaret E.) Renton, a founding Mother of Deep River, passed away in her sleep in Kelowna on the second day of the second month of 2020.

She was 104 years and eight months old.

She is survived by three children (Hollis, Margie & Ray), seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren with another due in April.

Peggy was the eldest of six daughters, all of whom were born at home on the Abbey, Saskatchewan homestead, within a four-year period (two singletons and two pair of twins).

At the time, there was no running water or electricity at the farm. The washing machine had a hand cranked wringer. Fingers going through the wringer were always a danger.

Cabbages, carrots, parsnips, etc. were kept over winter in an earth cold-cellar under the house.

The horse trough was 12 feet wide and five feet deep filled via a windmill and the girls learned to swim in it.

Six work horses helped work the fields until the first tractor was purchased in 1927. During the depression, she earned five cents per tail from every prairie gopher that she caught.

Her volunteerism started at quite a young age. In the winter, she would leave the farm before dawn on her sorrel-coloured horse named Dan. She travelled several miles to the school house to light the stove.

She would return home to help bundle her sisters into a cutter sleigh and then return to school for her lessons. All the sisters were straight A students.

She had to feed and water the horses at recess and take her turn mucking out the stalls.

Her nursing education (Class of '36) in the Saskatoon City Hospital was supplemented with obstetrics training at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal.

Married in 1942, her husband, Dr. Ernie Renton MD, was one of the first 200 residents of Deep River.

Later, she and her first born son, Hollis, moved to Deep River and they lived in a quadplex until moving to Forest Street after the first single family houses were constructed.

The houses were prefabricated in Montreal and shipped to Chalk River by CPR trains. The houses were assembled by prisoners of war.

Hollis and his mother would watch from their window on Forest as the POWs were marched in rows up the street at the end of each day. They were returned to the barracks at the top of Ridge Road at the top of "Dump Hill." It is now "Hill Park" which covers the original town dump.

The part of the barracks buildings still stands today housing the Wood Working Club.

Later the whole family moved to Hillcrest before settling into 2 Tweedsmuir

in 1955. Peggy lived there for 54 years.

In all cases, initially the streets were not paved and it was a big deal to have a smattering of top soil in a front yard. Residents did their best to start small gardens for flowers; often retrieving soil from local swamps.

As the head medical doctor for the Atomic Energy of Canada (AECL), Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories (CRNL) (it was referred to as the Plant) and the Deep River Hospital, Ernie had the first car in town for Plant medical emergencies and house calls in town and the Upper Renfrew County.

There was a mid-week bus trip for housewives to go to Pembroke to get supplies that were not available in town.

Peggy often drove the car to Petawawa and Pembroke to get additional items which were available at stores farther away and not readily accessible by foot from the bus drop off point.

One date that the Renton family will never forget is the 12th of December 1952, the day of the NRX accident; and the day that Peggy decided that it was time for Ray to join the outside world.

Meanwhile Dr. Ernie Renton was called to duty to face the world's first nuclear reactor disaster, the "Pin Hole Leak."

She was out of hospital and home for two weeks before she saw Ernie. He had been back and forth but not while she was awake.

GOLF

Our father once won a Legion raffle which was a series of golf lessons at the brand new Deep River Golf Club which he gifted to Peggy.

This started her 60 years of golfing and volunteering on club committees and boards. This included many years with the champion Deep River team which competed at the annual Valley O'Brien Cup golf tournament.

She took pride in pulling her clubs around the courses rather than driving a golf cart.

Very hot days were her favourite for playing as there were fewer people to impede her foursome and a beer went down easier at the clubhouse. Bartenders learned quickly that it had to be served in a short glass.

Due to the lack of restaurants, Peggy, along with most of Deep River women, became excellent cooks and hosts of dinner parties.

She contributed many recipes to local fundraising cookbooks. Her dill pickles, pies and butter tarts were and are still legendary.

She maintained a large vegetable garden at John King's Farm at the edge of town; he was part of our extended family. The plot was shared with Dave Herman, a furrier and owner of the A&P plaza.

Blueberries were picked at Driftwood



Peggy Renton with daughter Marg (left), granddaughter Karina and great-granddaughter Aria, preparing to celebrate Peggy's 100th birthday in 2015.

Park and choke cherries were painstakingly harvested on the Wylie Road. She loved her Begonias outside and African Violets inside.

She took care of logistics for annual camping trips that the family took throughout eastern Canada and north east USA.

Many pilgrimages were made to our father's, his father's and his grandfather's birth places in the Maritimes.

When Peggy's father could no longer work the farm due to an injured arm, her parents moved to Vancouver to be closer to most of their daughter's families.

Peggy would mobilize her children to travel by train to the west coast to keep the family bonds strong.

After the death of Ernie in 1961, she went to work providing nursing care to residents at the old and later the new Deep River hospitals. For many years, she knew most of the people in Deep River and they knew her.

She worked alongside Doctor Skelly for many years. Being very forthright, by the end of the sixties, she would quiz teens under the influence, not if they were doing drugs, but how much?, how often?

She knew expressions such as nickel bag and a tab and the street name of the newest drug flavour of the week.

She encouraged many of those same teens to step back from the edge of self-destruction.

Deep River had a very large percentage of widows who survived by staying active and engaged with others. The

small town had an inordinate number of clubs catering to every pastime.

Peggy was active in many clubs, from bowling to curling. She taught evening sewing courses which ranged from all manner of apparel to furniture slip covers and curtains.

Peggy took up downhill skiing in her late 50's. After a bad fall skiing in the spring of 1975, she received her first bicycle for her 60th birthday and learned to ride it to aid her recovery.

Later she took up cross-country skiing and enjoyed the Silver Spoon Trails until she left Deep River for Kelowna, BC in 2009.

She was a voracious reader and volunteered for many years at the library.

She is renowned for her determination and tenacity in all her endeavours. She always spoke her mind to the shock of less broad minded and progressive peers.

Peggy's children often received compliments about their mother from many Deep Riverites, young and old, over the years. Usually just after some form of interaction that they had with her.

It must be said that those same children are forever grateful for the numerous times Deep Riverites helped their mother in so many ways. She always felt indebted to their generosity and being part of Deep River.

Peggy's ashes will be returned to Deep River where she spent so many wonderful years in such a rare and unique environment in most interesting times.

Peggy Renton, rest in peace.

LETTER

Time to end school disruption

Copy of a letter to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education.

Dear Minister Lecce,

On behalf of the board of trustees, I am writing to you in order to emphasize our position that the province's world-renowned, publicly funded education system must be maintained and even enhanced.

As public school trustees, our primary responsibility is to advocate for the needs of our students, staff and school communities.

In fact, our oath of office compels us to commit to working diligently and faithfully in the pursuit of a strong, inclusive education system for all.

While we pledge to build a public education system that is responsive to the needs of all students, we realize that it cannot come at the expense of unchecked fiscal management.

As elected officials, we know that our role, both in fiduciary and governance aspects, is to be judicious in our decision making.

We do this because we know it will move us closer to a system that is equitable for all of our students, regardless of their particular learning styles and educational needs.

However, this aspect must not be the sole consideration in deliberations regarding the future of public education. We believe that an adequate, thoughtful and sustained funding model is essential.

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) recently commissioned a public opinion poll on the issue of funding for public education.

It revealed that 94 per cent of Ontarians agree that spending on public education is an investment in the future. We concur wholeheartedly.

As we have outlined in our correspondence to your predecessor (April 11, 2019 and June 3, 2019), the proposed increase to class size ratios remains a serious concern for our board.

A move toward a higher class size average will impair our ability to provide a full array of course sections in order to serve the program pathways of all students - apprenticeship, college, university and the workforce - which will affect their future post-secondary and career ambitions.

In Renfrew County, we recently increased our average class size ratio of 22:1 to 22.9:1 and this has already proven disadvantageous for our students by limiting course selection options.

This average, of course, includes the staffing of teachers in areas that do not have traditionally assigned classes such as Guidance, Special Education, and Student Success.

Any further increase to this ratio would further limit course selection options for our students.

Our position on e-learning is just as firm. It is not an ideal teaching and learning environment for all students, especially those who may need additional help in a face-to-face setting.

The unintended consequence of making it mandatory

will make it difficult for certain types of learners to succeed.

We believe that students should decide whether or not they wish to participate in an e-learning course.

In rural districts such as ours, many students neither have the technology nor access to reliable internet to take on-line courses.

In addition, the success rate for credit accumulation in these courses is not as high as the rate of success in face-to-face classes.

Not all secondary students are prepared academically or emotionally to deal with the independent work or potential isolation that may accompany this type of learning.

You have spoken about being an "unabashed, unapologetic defender of public education." We share this commitment.

We urge you to direct your negotiating team to return to the bargaining table and engage in meaningful dialogue with the federation leadership.

It's time to put an end to the disruptions that are affecting education across our province.

As a member of OPSBA, we will continue to advocate for a well-funded and world-renowned, publicly funded education system.

The needs of all of our students, staff and school communities are at the centre of everything we do.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Humphries, chairperson
Renfrew County District School Board

Teachers

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"Parents are losing patience with the disruption in their lives, the inconsistency in their children's education, and the financial impact of scrambling for child care," Lecce added.

"That is why we have offered financial assistance through the Support for Parents initiative, which has seen an immense uptake of more than 575,000 applications.

"While union leaders are organizing further disruption, our government remains focused on getting deals at the bargaining table through private mediation.

"We've made very significant moves on our position, but union leadership hasn't moved on substantial items - like their already generous benefits packages and maintaining hiring based on seniority rather than on merit.

"Parents and students deserve no less."

FEATURE PHOTO

Each week, the North Renfrew Times will include a photo from the local area as part of its new nameplate banner on the front page. If you have a photo you would like to submit, email it to <NRT@magma.ca>.

This week's photo: "View of McConnell Lake from ZEC bridge," by Debbie Foley.



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 JUST LISTED 7 Rutherford St 3 bed main unit 1 bedroom main floor apartment, fully finished basement MLS 1182541 \$245,000	 JUST LISTED 1305 Wylie Rd 2200sq ft, 4+1 bed, 2 full baths, large kitchen, partially fin bsmt, att garage MLS 1182548 \$318,000	 JUST LISTED 42 Chemainus 4 bed, 1 bath, recent roof, newer windows, large detached garage MLS 1181436 \$99,900	 JUST LISTED - WATERFRONT 31 Corry Lake Rd 340' frontage, 2+1 bed, lg screen porch, deck, woodstove, new roof, 1.58 ac MLS 1181412 \$269,900	 39 Glendale Ave 3 bed, new bath, custom kit, gas ht, updated elec, hwdw flr, screen room MLS 1178660 \$179,900	 14 Beach Ave 3 bed, 2 bath, bright & spacious kit, liv rm w/gas flr, new gas furn, fenced yard MLS 1172135 \$299,900
 17 Sumac Ct 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, full basement, new quality windows, new gas furnace MLS 1087848 \$179,500	 367 Wylie Rd 2 bed, move-in cond, oak kit cabinets, fin bsmt fam rm, dbl att gar, ht workshop MLS 1166988 \$229,900	 8 Greenwood Rd 4 bed 2.5 bath fenced yard, steel roof, main floor laundry attached garage MLS 1175105 \$189,900	 2 BEDROOM 1 Brockhouse Way 2 Bedroom Condo, 4 piece bath, utility/laundry room, large storage room MLS 1062252 \$189,900	 6 Silvie St 4 bed, eat in kitchen, 4 & 2 pc bath, full basement, fireplace, detached garage MLS 1176794 \$225,000	 29 Ottawa Street 3 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow, freshly painted interior, large fenced lot MLS 1177238 \$169,900
 8.5 ACRES 363 Wylie Rd 3 bed, fin bsmt w/gas fireplace, screened porch, hot tub, 2 lg det heated garages MLS 1139452 \$399,900	 WATERFRONT 688 Balmer Bay Rd 3+1 bed, cathedral ceiling, airtight fp, 2.5 baths, 2 garages, hot tub, 11.5ac MLS 1174865 \$589,900	 19 Summer St 2 bed w/ patio door to private backyard w/park behind, det gar, gas heat/ca MLS 1163482 \$149,900	 1 Cartier Circle 4 bed, 2 bath, remodeled 2 storey, 3 season sun rm, det gar, quiet cul-de-sac MLS 1179716 \$264,900	 NEW PRICE 4 MacDonald St 3 bed, 2 bath, mn fl laundry, sunroom & greenhouse, single att gar MLS 1169954 \$234,900	 98 Maple St Stairless living, 3 bed, gas fireplace, custom 4pc bath, gas heat/ca, storage shed MLS 1177220 \$175,500
 33452 Highway 17 4 bed, 2 bath bungalow, living w/ gas fp, brand new gas furnace, deck w/ hot tub. MLS 1173515 \$186,500	 251 Thomas St 3 bed, 3 bath, new hardwood flooring, eat in kitchen with patio door to deck MLS 1148558 \$329,000	 118 Mckee Rd 3+1 bed, 2 bath, updated kit, air tight wood stove, full basement, new gas furnace MLS 1173733 \$235,000	 32061 Highway 17 Recently reno'd 2 bed, fin bsmt, 36 x 40 insul & heated, commercial MLS 1167015 \$159,500	 66 Hillcrest 2+1 bedrm, 3 bath, large rec rm with fireplace, gas heat, central air, det. garage MLS 1174935 \$249,900	 35 Laurier Ave 3 bed, 2 bath 2 storey home, updated kitchen, walk in shower, private back yard MLS 1176749 \$279,900
 64 Glendale Ave Extensively renovated 3 bed, 2 bath, finished bsmt, garage, "move in ready" MLS 1172324 \$229,900	 10 Frontenac Cr 3 bed, 1 1/2 baths, screened-in porch, lg bsmt rec rm & den/home office, det gar MLS 1177025 \$189,900	 33879 Hwy 17 Extensively renovated, 3 bed, 2 baths, main fl laundry, woodstove, 1 acre lot MLS 1129876 \$239,900	 1112 Miller Rd 3+1 bed, 2 bath, kitchen w/oak cabinets, brick fireplace, heated gar, private lot MLS 1173724 \$229,900	 131 Frontenac Cr 3 bed, 3 bath, granite countertops, walk-in shower, wood fp, priv back yard MLS 1170678 \$349,900	 103 Bessborough St 2 bed, updated bath, open concept, hwdw floors, heated gar MLS 1173187 \$255,000
 35A Frontenac Cr 4 bed, 2 bath, oak kitchen, wood fp, hwdw floors, bsmt rec rm, many updates MLS 1177327 \$325,000	 RIVERFRONT 250 Colton Creek Rd 3 bed, 2 bath, 3 season sun room, 37ac w/over 500' Ottawa River frontage MLS 1170274 \$699,900	 32977 Highway 17 5 bed, 2 bath separate kitchen facilities, finished basement, separate garage MLS 1167698 \$329,900	 5 Lasalle Dr 3 bed, 3 baths, cust kit, full finished bsmt, lg 3 season rm, priv yard, new gas furn 2016 MLS 1177262 \$239,900	 71 Beach Ave 2+2 bed, 2 bath w/ walk-in shower, priv yard, many updates incl gas furn & ac MLS 1173376 \$249,900	 85 Frontenac Cr 3+1 bed, 2 updated 4 pc baths, custom kit, recent gas furn, part fin bsmt MLS 1105966 \$219,900
 RIVERFRONT 485 Balmer Bay Rd 1.9 acre, 2 bed, 1.5 baths, mn fl laundry, woodstove, det gar w/work shop MLS 1157086 \$479,900	 29 Alder Cr Excellent starter 2 bed, 1 bath semi-detached, updated kit, new 4 pc bath, hwdw. MLS 1179484 \$142,500	 4 Spring Ave 2+1 bed, 2 bath, eat in kit, fin basement, lg master bed w/walk in closet, dblie att gar MLS 1180009 \$329,900	 111 Frontenac Cr 3+2 bedroom, 2 bath, attached garage, gas fireplace, new gas furnace MLS 1176796 \$214,900	 217 Thomas St Custom 4 bed, 3 bath, sunken liv rm w/gas fp, scr porch, lg mstr w/3pc ensuite MLS 1173085 \$299,900	 29 James St 1.5 storey, 3 bed, 1 bath, country sized lot, new roof and new furnace and a/c MLS 1169915 \$179,500



BIG WINTER FUN: There were lots of smiles and laughter as the Deep River recreation department hosted “Winter on the Hill” at Hill Park Saturday as part of the Deep River Winter Carnival. Kids of all ages had fun trying out the Zorb ball race track, inflatable slide and horseback rides courtesy of Richard’s View Stables. Visitors also enjoyed the warmth of a fire and free hot dogs and hot chocolate after playing shinny on the rink or sliding on the hill. Other weekend events included free skates and swims, a pancake breakfast fundraiser for North Renfrew Family Services, and crafts, activities and a show by Little Ray’s Reptiles at the Deep River Library Saturday afternoon.

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