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Eganville Celebrates 150 Years of Community Volunteerism

There is so much to celebrate this year as Canada turns 150 years old. In the village of Eganville in Renfrew County, the Eganville & District Seniors Association (EDSA) honoured the event in style!

On June 21st, the Summer Solstice, a sizeable crowd gathered on Bonnechere Street in front of the local Bonnechere Museum for the unveiling ceremony of a beautiful black granite bench. Those gathered listened to speeches from key figures, including Pembroke & Petawawa District Community Foundation (PPDCF)'s Dr. Elizabeth Radley-Walters, Renfrew County Warden Jennifer Murphy, Township of North Algona Wilberforce Mayor Deborah Farr, Bonnechere Museum chairperson Preston O'Grady, Rankin Recreation Community secretary Muriel Verch, Council for the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation's member Wendy Jocko, and the board president of the EDSA Dr. William Enright, all recognizing the importance of volunteer service.

The Eganville and District Seniors has been serving its community for 30 years, and volunteers have always been at the forefront of the success of this organization. Thirty years ago, Marian Foran (founding member of the EDSA) had recognized that the elderly and disabled could use more assistance in their daily lives to stay active within their homes and community. Because of the hard work and dedication of numerous volunteers, the EDSA is a huge asset to seniors and the disabled, by keeping them independent in their homes for as long as possible.

After all the speeches commemorating the community's selfless volunteers, it was time to officially unveil the bench. To do this, a garland of red and white Canadian flags was cut by Marian Foran and Gertrude Berger. Gertrude is the longest-serving active volunteer (27 years). The two women, suitably dressed in red for the occasion, proudly snipped the garland on behalf of all the local volunteers that have served the community over the last 150 years.

This historic bench was possible with thanks to generous funding from the EDSA's annual Volunteer Appreciation and Memorial budgets, and a grant from the Pembroke/Petawawa District Community Foundation (PPDCF) which had been matched by Canada 150 funds. Engraved with the Canada 150 logo, the EDSA logo and the PPDCF logo, the bench is a stately addition to the community and is situated in a central position in the village. Furthermore, the bench is a symbol of the generous community members who come together to provide for those in need of help and support.

As mentioned by Dr. Enright, the theologian Albert Schweitzer is quoted as having said, "Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there are no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don't live in the world all on your own." This adequately sums up the importance of volunteering, and therefore the symbolism of the new volunteer community bench. It is hoped that the bench will remind us of the great volunteers who served the community bench. It is hoped that the bench will remind us of the great volunteers who served the community since Canada became a nation and inspire volunteerism in those that follow over the next 150 years. For the continued success of the community and the nation, volunteers are needed to continually be there to lend a helping hand, and the new volunteer dedication bench will be sitting proudly in the community to remind us of this important message.



Gertrude Berger and Marian Foran cutting the unveiling ribbon.

Submitted by Lindsay Trainor, Summer Student, Eganville & District Seniors Association

Association of Municipalities Ontario

Many of our County Mayors, Reeves and Councillors attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference (AMO) held in Ottawa in mid August. Warden/Mayor Murphy represented us through the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) at delegations with the PC Caucus, the NDP caucus and the Liberal Government to address concerns regarding new potential legislation and opportunities. Earlier this year, the EOWC agreed on three priorities including the broadband/cellular gap, infrastructure shortfalls and mounting costs that are making our municipalities more and more difficult to budget for. The four additional items that the EOWC spoke to at the AMO conference were the potential of a 1% HST increase, the increasing need for Provincial Gas Tax funds to also be allocated to those of us with no public transit, the proposed Fire-Medic initiative and the OMB Reform.

As reported, none of the three parties are planning to increase the HST. The proposal of the Gas Tax was well received and we were given some ideas about transit in our communities, such as medical appointment transport, which could qualify us for some of this fund. The EOWC and AMO are not in favour of the Fire-Medic program, however we were given the assurance that this would be a decision made by each municipality. The EOWC and AMO are also concerned about the appeal process under the proposed OMB Reform.



News Briefs

Memory Tree: A memorial tree will be planted in Legion Field to commemorate the anniversary of Vimy Ridge.



Joe Menard Retires:

Bonnechere Valley Council and Staff would like to thank Joe Menard for his commitment to his community. Mr. Menard is retiring after 45 years as a school crossing guard.

Free Little Pantry: Bonnechere Union Public Library has a new fixture outside the library. The "Free Little Pantry" is a permanent, outdoor pantry to subsidize the food bank hours and to help our community with a "take what you want, leave what you can" mindset.



Youth Dances: With a new school year upon us, the youth dances for grades 5-8 will also be recommencing. These dances can only continue provided we have adequate supervision. We are always looking for chaperones. If you can assist in donating a couple of hours for the dates of Friday Oct. 20th and Friday Dec. 1st please contact Dana Jennings, danaj@eganville.com.



Eastern Ontario Regional Network

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) continues to work on the broadband/cellular network gaps and funding opportunities to ensure that we have similar service to urban areas. In May 2017, EORN submitted an application to the Federal Government to partially fund this initiative. This would be a shared cost between the Federal and Provincial Governments and the Counties/Municipalities that are part of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. EORN and EOWC continue to advocate and lobby for funding for areas where we are not served or underserved.



Eganville Arena Renovations

Few things last forever and at 50 years old our area was in need of some surgery. Despite living a healthy life and taking care, some things were just worn out with age. The ice surface was badly cracked and the circulation system used for freezing, was leaky and corroded. Other systems needed to be updated as well. Facing over a million dollars in must do repairs we started to apply for grants and lobby any ministry willing to listen. We were fortunate to have the assistance of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport through the Ontario 150 - Community Capital Program administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. This grant in the amount of \$445,000 would help us undertake this project. This was their single largest grant for this sort of project this year. With the paperwork signed in January, we began the process of engineering work.



Originally this large project was scheduled to be completed in time for the hockey and skating season. However, after the tenders came in, the schedule of work increased from the projections by three weeks causing a disruption to the start of the ice season.

Luckily we were able to find other venues for our regular summer bookings and look forward to having them back next year.

We thank everyone who is being inconvenienced for their patience and understanding. Also a big thank you to our neighbours for their generosity in providing ice time. That said, we are making every effort to get this job done as early as possible and there may be some good news in a few weeks.

We are grateful to be making these improvements which will see our arena servicing the community for another 50 years!

Housing Sales on the Rise

You may have noticed a lot of for sale signs in Bonnechere Valley and may be thinking that this is not a good thing. The good news properties are not sitting in the market too long, and sales are up. Many sales are due to the life cycle of a home and our senior population. This brings new individuals, couples and families into our area.

Bonnechere Valley has received a lot of publicity lately with the Village of Eganville being featured on Still Standing and with Melissa Bishop competing in the Rio Olympics. The publicity has created a lot of interest in our beautiful Bonnechere Valley. If you take a walk or drive through the village of Eganville you will see numerous sold signs popping up.

So what exactly does BV offer and why are people choosing to move to this little country oasis? Bonnechere Valley offers safe, affordable, country living only 35 from Pembroke or Renfrew and 40 minutes to base Petawawa, and a 50 minute drive on 417 and find you in Kanata. Surrounded by lakes and the beautiful Bonnechere River, it is a country oasis which boasts two excellent schools St. James Catholic School and Eganville District Public School (which recently won the prestigious premiere's award for a Safe and Accepting School) as well as Opeongo High School, excellent restaurants, many churches and large homes.

We have a newly renovated arena, first-rate library, tennis courts, curling rink, ball and soccer programs, yoga, cycling, AV, snowmobile and hiking trails, hockey, figure skating, cross country skiing, fishing, golf and the Rotary Beach offers and excellent swim program in summer. In 2018, we will have a new Splash Pad for families to use. Music, culture and arts are also plentiful in Bonnechere Valley with Stone Fence Theatre, many artists, and an abundance of musician and musical events.

Maybe it's because housing process are as much as 25% lower than it urban centres. Maybe it's the short commute times etc. Whatever the reason, Bonnechere Valley and Eganville are clearly the place to be. We invite you to visit, your new home and community is waiting.

Legion Week

Sunday Sept 17th to Friday Sept 22nd

Sunday, Sept 17th: Opening Ceremonies, 2 pm in the Legion Clubroom. Music & Socializing to follow. Potluck - Sandwiches & Squares (donations gratefully accepted).

Monday, Sept 18th: Darts in the Clubroom at 7 pm. Light lunch, no charge and prizes.

Tuesday, Sept 19th: Shuffleboard in the Clubroom at 7 pm. Light lunch, no charge and prizes.

Wednesday, Sept 20th: Pool in the Veterans Lounge at 7 pm. 6-Hand Euchre in the Clubroom at 7 pm. Light lunch, no charge and prizes.

Thursday, Sept 21st: Supper in the Clubroom from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Music & Jam starting at 6:30 pm. Bingo in the Main Hall at 7 pm.

Friday, Sept 22nd: Ladies Auxiliary Wine & Cheese Party at 8 pm in the Clubroom. Music by Simon Clarke from 7 pm -11 pm.

Fire Department Message

Fall is just around the corner, and along with it cooler temperatures will arrive. It is time to start thinking about wood stove/furnace/appliance maintenance. Please ensure that a qualified technician inspects and cleans your fuel burning appliances and chimneys at least once a year. Always burn clean, dry and quality wood in your woodstove or furnace.

Please remember that along with mandatory smoke alarms, all residences (home, cottage, etc.) that burn solid fuels are legally required to have carbon monoxide alarms installed. Along with wood, pellets, and coal, the solid fuel category is also comprised of liquids such as natural gas, propane, and oil. Burning is also not restricted to heat. It also includes oil/natural gas propane cook stoves, washers and dryers, and hot water tanks.

The Bonnechere Valley Fire Department would again, like to remind you, that we are available for free home fire safety inspections. We will assess fire safety and ensure your smoke and CO alarms are current, working and in the correct places in your home or cottage. Please contact the Township for an appointment.

Fire prevention week is October 8-14, 2017. The Bonnechere Valley Fire Department will be hosting an **open house on Sunday October 8th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

Please stop in for a tour of the station, fire trucks and equipment, and enjoy a free BBQ with the firefighters.



Eganville Water Tower Revitalization

The Eganville Water Tower has received an updated look. Through funding obtained from the Clean Water and Waste Fund we have been able to repair and replace the coatings of the interior and exterior of the Tower.

The next step of the upgrade will be to install a chlorine mixing system within the storage tank. The upgrading of the safety equipment will meet compliance.



Community Champions

Eganville and Area Community Development

In this edition, we like to feature people that contribute to our community in a positive way. The edition we could not just choose one person, but instead have chosen the Eganville and Area Community Development Group (EACDG) for their incredible work so far.

Through this committee we have seen some great changes in the village, including the signs at each entrance which show all of the services and attractions in Bonnechere Valley.

Of course, we could not miss the opportunity to congratulate them for the Canada Day dinner on the bridge which went ahead despite weather concerns. It was an amazing evening with great food, fabulous local musicians and spectacular fireworks put on by the Fire Department.



We are all looking forward to what is yet to come!



Trending at Council



Council meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays. We start with a committee meeting at 1:30 pm and this is where most of our discussions take place. All meetings are open and the public is encouraged to attend. This section is designed to let you know some of the topics that we are or will be discussing. Even if you can not attend a meeting we would love to hear your thoughts. Letters and emails are always circulated to all council members and read. We can do a better job with your help!

Splash Pad: Construction should begin mid April 2018 and the anticipated grand opening date is July 1st 2018.

Swim Program: Wrapped up a very successful season. There were 83 children in the 1st session and 58 children in the 2nd session.

Facebook: Like us on Facebook, to stay informed on upcoming activities and events.



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Eganville Splash Pad

On behalf of the Township of Bonnechere Valley and the Eganville & Area Community Development Group (EACDG) we are asking for support for our plans to build a splash pad. We anticipate that the splash pad will enhance our community and help attract people into our area. We hope that it may spark additional growth for businesses and serve to improve our overall lifestyle in Eganville.

The splash pad will be located in Eganville Legion Field, linking up with other recreational and sports amenities. Along with other community developments, the splash pad will significantly improve the family entertainment experience in the Eganville Area.



The total anticipated budget is \$150,000. The Township of Bonnechere Valley and the EACDG already have some funds available for this project and we are seeking contributions from generous donors committed to the development of Eganville.

Any business or individual making a general donation, based on established levels, will be listed on a donor sign to be located near the splash pad. They will also be acknowledged in the Eganville Leader. A tax donation will also be issued for your donation (over \$25).

To help us make a splash in 2018 or for more information contact Dana Jennings, Community Development Officer, danaj@eganville.com or Jackie Agnew, Committee Chair / Councillor Ward 1, jackiea@eganville.com.

Calendar of Events



Legion Supper & Jam Sessions: Thursday nights. Supper from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. \$13/person. Jam session starts at 6:40 pm to 10:30 pm.

Legion Bingo: Thursday nights. Doors open at 6 pm. Bingo starts at 7 pm.

Mysteries, Myths & Musings Workshop: Every Monday, 1 pm at Bonnechere Union Public Library. Meditation, creative visualization, brainstorming, and then you write! \$2 drop-in fee or donate a canned good for BUPL's Little Free Pantry. RSVP to 613.628.2400.

Eganville Farmers' Market: Every Friday from 2 pm to 6 pm at Legion Field until Thanksgiving. Sept 1st is Garlic and Herb Day. Sept 8th is Apple Day. Sept 22nd is Red Neck Chili Cook-off.



Adult Pickleball: Tuesday Sept 4th, 12th, 19th & 26th, 2017 from 7 pm to 9 pm at EDPS school. No charge to participate.

German Language Course: For Beginners and Advanced. Thursday Sept 7th, 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm at the Bonnechere Union Public Library. 9 sessions @75 minutes costs \$150. For more information please contact 613.633.6567 or email: creeksideinspirations@gmail.com

Author Talk with Marion Voytinsky: Friday Sept 8th, 5 pm to 6 pm at BUPL. Copies of her 4 books and light refreshments will be available! Free and open to all!

Fall Supper for Melville United Church: Saturday Sept 9th from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Eganville Legion. Turkey, Ham and Homemade Pies. Adults - \$12; Children - \$6 (5-13 years) and Under 5 - FREE. Delivery to local shut-ins available call 613.633.6578.



Ways and Means Dance, Sunday Sept 10th, 2 pm to 6 pm at the Eganville Legion. \$7/person. Music by Greenwood Country.

Homeschool "Around the World Semester": Begins Friday Sept 15th at the Bonnechere Union Public Library. A library lead story & craft time for elementary level homeschooled children. Every Friday at 10:30 am. Registration required. Deadline is Friday, Sept 8th.

Scrapbook Crop: Saturday Sept 16th, 9 am to 9 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. \$30/person. Includes a catered lunch, snacks and drinks. Sponsored by Douglas Lions Club. Call Melissa at 613.628.5401.

Music Group "Bear Feat": Saturday, Sept 16, 6:30 pm at the Eganville Baptist Church. Proceeds from event supports the Road Recovery program.



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Eganville Horticultural Society's Harvest Auction: Monday Sept 18th, 7 pm at the Eganville Legion. Live auction offering fresh garden produce, preserves, baking, perennials and shrubs from gardens of Society members.



Dinner & Movie: Thursday, Sept 21st, 6:30 pm at the Bonnechere Union Public Library. An after hours foreign film evening. Potluck and film to correspond with chosen country! This month's featured film is Tanna featuring Australia. Get on their mailing list: info@bonnechereUPL.com

Off the Grid Productions: Saturday, Sept 29th at 7 pm, 30 Elise Street. Presents Dave Carroll of Halifax, NS and Jon Park-Wheeler of Eganville with Sarah Mariko Skinner. Cost is \$25/person. Local food sever. Limited seating. To reserve contact eppsoffthegrid@gmail.com

3rd Annual Bruce Miller Euchre Tournament: Saturday, Sept 30th at the Eganville Legion. Registration at 12 pm (noon). Tournament runs from 1 pm to 5 pm, \$10/person. 6-Hand euchre. Partners not required but encouraged.

Madawaska Studio Tour: Saturday, Sept 30 from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, October 1st from 10 am to 5 pm. Come visit local studios of artists and artisans. www.madawaskastudiotour.com



Adult Pickleball: Every Tuesday evening - Oct 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st from 7 pm - 9 pm at EDPS school. No charge to participate.

Eganville Farmers' Market Harvest Festival: Friday Oct 6th is the last market of 2017. Look for your favourite vegetables for your Thanksgiving table.

Eganville Fire Department Open House: Sunday Oct 8th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Eganville Fire Hall. Stop in for a tour of the station, fire trucks and equipment. Enjoy a free BBQ with the firefighters.

Legion Breakfast: Sunday Oct 15th at the Eganville Legion. Help support our veterans and community. 8 am to 1 pm. Kids 5 & under \$4 and Regular plate \$7.



Eganville Horticultural Society: Monday, Oct 16th at the Eganville Legion, 7 pm. Guest speaker: Kevin Nieman from Kevin's Flowers in Petawawa.

CHECK THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND ADDITIONS!

October at Bonnechere Union Public Library is Food For Fines Month: Pay off library late fees by supporting the Eganville Food Bank! Every non-perishable item is worth \$2 off your fees up to a maximum of \$20. Fees can be squared up during operating hours!

Ontario Library Week - Monday Oct 16th to Saturday Oct 21st. Stop-in and fill out a "I Love My Library Because..." paper heart and hang it up on the Library Tree! Top 5 responses will win a prize (Judged by BUPL staff)

Youth Dance: Friday, Oct 20th from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at the Eganville Legion. For Grades 5 to 8. \$5/person. Music by DJ Shanon.

Ways and Means Dance (Halloween Dance): Sunday Oct 29th from 2 pm to 6 pm at the Eganville Legion, \$7/person. Entertainment by Ian Hamilton and Friends.



Toque'n'Sock Drive: Runs all of Nov at BUPL. Teens run a drive every year to collect socks and (gently worn) toques in support of The Grind Coffee House, Salvation Army, The Eganville Food Bank and now the Little Free Pantry.

Bonnechere Babes Ladies Night Out: Friday, Nov 3rd from 5 pm to 10 pm at the Eganville Legion.

Blood Donor Clinic: Monday, Nov 6th at the Eganville Legion.

Remembrance Day Ceremony: Saturday, Nov 11th at the Eganville Legion.



Ways & Means Dance: Sunday, Nov 12th from 2 pm - 6 pm in the Eganville Legion Main Hall. Cost is \$7/person. Music by the Peter White & Mixed Country.

Eganville Horticultural Society Pot Luck and AGM: Monday, Nov 20th, 6 pm at the Eganville Legion. Bring a dish of any kind to share.

Eganville Horticultural Society Christmas Dinner: Tuesday, Nov 28th at the Eganville Legion. Social time at 5 pm and Turkey Dinner at 6 pm. Tickets \$20 and can be purchased from Gail Heins begging Oct 16th, 613.628.2745. Guest speaker is Chris Hinsperger of the Bonnechere Caves.



Annual Christmas Craft Sale: Saturday, Nov 25th, 9 am to 3 pm at the Eganville Legion. Tables \$10 each. Call Marta to reserve a table, 613.628.2802.

Let us know about your events in September, October & November