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Gallant retains seat with increased majority

THE CURRENT
PEMBROKE

Incumbent Cheryl Gallant has been re-elected with an increased majority in Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke (R-N-P). She received 52.7 percent of the vote compared to 45.83 percent at the last election. Voter turnout in R-N-P was 57,506 of 86,010 registered electors (66.86 percent). The victory is the Conservative candidate's seventh win in the riding, this time against nine other candidates.

Ruben Marini (Liberal) received 19.7 percent of the vote, Eileen Jones-Whyte (New Democratic Party) had 14.9 percent, Ian Pineau (Green Party) had 5.4 percent and David Ainsworth (People's Party of Canada) received 2.4 percent.

Other candidates were Robert Cherrin (Veterans Coalition Party), Dan Criger (Independent), Jonathan Davis (Independent), Stefan Klietsch (Libertarian) and Dheerendra Kumar (Independent).



Member of Parliament Cheryl Gallant

St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation \$15,000 richer thanks to SFMH Auxiliary volunteers

DANIELLE PAUL
MADAWASKA VALLEY

Volunteers from the Hospital Auxiliary gathered in the upstairs lounge on October 17 at St. Francis Memorial Hospital (SFMH) in Barry's Bay to celebrate the results of their work and present a cheque for \$15,000 to St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation (SFVHF). On hand to receive the donation from Auxiliary President Lorraine Finn were Gregory McLeod, Chief Operation Officer of SFMH, Toni Lavigne-Conway, Executive Director of SFVHF, and Mary Ellen Harris, Director of Nursing.

The Hospital Auxiliary works year round to raise funds by running the hospital Gift Shop, selling raffle tickets, creating and installing seasonal favours to brighten the wards, and generally spreading good cheer throughout the facility. This annual presentation gives both SFMH and SFVHF the opportunity to appreciate the work of Auxiliary volunteers, and to select the winners of the Auxiliary Raffle Prize Draw. Finn thanked all the prize donors and acknowledged support from individuals



Auxiliary members and Harris, Lavigne-Conway, Finn and McLeod (standing with cheque).

and businesses in the community, hospital staff and SFVHF Foundation. She congratulated the volunteers, saying there were three thousand tickets in the draw and the raffle had raised \$5,430.

Lavigne-Conway thanked the Auxiliary for their contribution and congratulated them on such a successful Raffle. "You are amazing, wonderful ambassadors for the hospital," she said.

McLeod echoed Lavigne-Conway's thanks to the Auxiliary volunteers and

said the funds would go towards the capital request for much-needed medical equipment. Pointing to the big bag of raffle tickets, he said it showed how many people the volunteers had met and he complimented them on the positive impression they make by being welcoming and helpful: "There are a lot of people going through challenging times and you guys are always upbeat and positive. It means the world to people to just have that."

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Update from Barry's Bay Business Improvement Area



Barry's Bay parkette pergola was replaced.

MARCIA RUTLEDGE BARRY'S BAY

The Barry's Bay Business Improvement Area (BIA) boasts another successful year in the books. With the busy summer season coming to a close, and the fall colour tourism starting to slow down, the quieter time of the year for many businesses in the area has either started or is right around the corner. The change of season has allowed the BIA to step back and reflect on the past year. There is a lot to be proud of, and thankful for.

WHERE IS THE BIA?

The BIA includes the 'downtown' core of Barry's Bay extending from Charlie D's on the east side of town, running all the way along Highway 60 to the Barry's Bay Dental Hygiene Clinic on the West end of town. It also includes Dunn Street from Hwy 60 to Kitts Street, Bay Street from Highway 60 to Stafford Street, as well as Stafford Street from Hwy 60 to Hwy 62. This downtown core became a BIA in 2015 with the goal to beautify and promote the area.

WHO PAYS FOR BIA PROGRAMS?

The BIA is funded by its own members, gathering an extra tax levy from commercial property owners in the BIA

area to fund beautification and promotion projects.

WHY WE CAN BE PROUD

The beginning of the 'busy season' in Barry's Bay opened on the May long weekend with Bay Day, a BIA signature event. The streets were busy with families, locals, and summer residents coming out for a day of fun after a long winter season. There was live music, a car show, farmers market, local artisans selling their wares, a face painter, balloon artist, bouncy castle, and sidewalk sales. The weather was wonderful and sunny, and the crowds reflected it! The attendance at Bay Day was much higher than the previous year.

Summer 2019 marked the fourth year of the banner and flower program. All of the beautiful hanging baskets, and welcome banners with the yellow sky, blue water, and loon on them were displayed on the hydro poles downtown this year. Thirty-two ground planters were also placed throughout the BIA area. The flower and banner program is a proud addition to town by the BIA as it creates a small spectacle, makes it feel welcoming, and really creates a unified look to our small town.

A wonderful addition to the BIA area included the pergola that was donated by Barry's Bay Home Hardware, and



Top: Bay Day 2019. Bottom: Rural Outreach Employment Services (Tyerman).

constructed by volunteers in the parkette between Talk O' The Town and V&S Stedmans.

The BIA executives and others have heard many encouraging words about the beautification efforts, our town, and the Madawaska Valley as a whole. Some of the feedback over the last year included notes about the cleanliness, the welcoming atmosphere, and the sheer beauty of the Madawaska Valley.

The Madawaska Valley also received a 5 bloom rating with the Communities In Bloom 2019 International and National competition and have been invited to compete at the National level again next year. This could really promote and encourage tourism in our area.

On the August long weekend the BIA organized a band to play in the down-

town area on Saturday. This day creates a real small town, welcoming feel that the BIA is working hard to create.

The BIA has also taken note of some individual businesses within the BIA and neighbours outside of the BIA taking beautification and promotion to the next level. Additional seating areas, outdoor decor including gardens, flowers, benches, signage, etc. The community really is growing, becoming branded and promoting itself with natural beauty.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Even with all of these positive past year outcomes for the BIA and township as a whole, there is still more to be completed before the close of 2019. The BIA is excited to start a seasonal lighting project very soon. Stay tuned to learn more!

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Quilt shop opens in Barry's Bay

DANIELLE PAUL
BARRY'S BAY

The Blue Heron Quilt Shop is aptly named for its beautiful lakeside location on the shore of Kamaniskeg Lake in front of the hospital in Barry's Bay. Annette Thistlethwaite said she and her husband had bought their home at 59 Trader Lane in June. "This is retirement," she said smiling as she welcomed me inside her well-lit shop with colour-themed displays of cotton, hand dyed felted wool, antique sewing machines and an enormous longarm quilting machine. Thistlethwaite said she and her husband had long planned to retire to Barry's Bay, having enjoyed many vacations during the past twenty years with family members who always holidayed at Opeongo Trail Resort in Combermere. Their relatives have retired here too – proving there's truth in the municipality's tagline "Come for a visit, stay for a lifetime."

Just as Thistlethwaite is no stranger to the Valley, she is also no stranger to quilting. She operated Blue Heron Quilt Shop in Bobcaygeon for many years, but when the couple decided to retire she closed that shop and sold off



Thistlethwaite with hand-dyed felted wool.

most of the stock. The past four months have been busy settling into their new residence and preparing to re-open her business. She says she loves the Valley and that people here have been very welcoming.

In addition to offering customers a selection of fine cottons and her own hand dyed wool, Thistlethwaite says she will also do longarm quilting to order. Blue Heron Quilt Shop hours of business are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and the shop is also open by appointment Tuesday and Wednesday. Her website blueheronquiltshop.com gives a sense of her warm and welcoming enthusiasm.

New laundromat welcomes customers



Robilyn Bautista of Bay Coin Laundromat

DANIELLE PAUL
BARRY'S BAY

Robilyn Bautista, owner of Bay Coin Laundromat, welcomed Valley residents and business owners during the official opening of her business on October 7. Bautista and her husband have owned the property at 52 Bay Street in Barry's Bay for the past seven years.

After researching various options, they eventually settled on a plan and started renovating the building last year. The entrepreneurial couple (he still runs a handyman business in Toronto where Bautista had a cleaning business) decided that a laundromat would work in Barry's Bay, along with a basement rental unit. Bautista's friendly, outgoing personality is evident, and judging by the online reviews of her AirB&B studio apartment, customers can expect a consistently warm welcome.

- The laundromat is designed to meet customers' needs in many ways:
- Open daily from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily (closes at 6 p.m. on Sundays)
- Six washers, seven dryers (including large load capacity machines)
- Free WiFi, TV
- Comfortable couch, coffee table, desk, chairs, and even a book corner
- Plenty of potted plants and flowers to brighten the homey atmosphere
- Bautista says she also offers a service laundry, priced by weight

Associateship Announcement



Dr. Terry Olsheski is pleased to announce his associateship with Dr. Kathryn Olsheski.

Born and raised in Pembroke, Dr. Olsheski received her Master's degree in Health Promotion from Queen's University in Kingston, and her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of New England in Maine. There, she was the recipient of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award,

the Certificate of Dental Public Health Leadership, and was selected for membership in the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society, which recognizes dental professionals who have distinguished themselves by excellence in scholarship while demonstrating exemplary traits of character, as well as qualities for potential future professional growth and achievement.

Dr. Olsheski has been welcoming patients at their practice location at 408 Isabella Street in Pembroke.
Call (613) 735-0844 for appointments.

Scammers are back OPP warns

OPP

UPPER OTTAWA VALLEY, RENFREW

The Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to warn the public of an ongoing telephone scam by imposters claiming to be Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) employees. The fraudsters advise the target that they owe thousands of dollars in back taxes to the CRA and the intended victim is often threatened with arrest and jail if they do not pay immediately.

With the CRA scam the fraudster attempts to create a sense of urgency which may cause the victim to not verify the story. The scammer will often insist that the victim not tell anyone and to transfer the money that has been requested through a money transfer company or even through the victim's own banking institution.

Also, many scammers want to trick you into providing your banking and personal information. In fact, the criminals will fraudulently use your personal information to steal your money.

The Renfrew OPP would like to warn the public of an ongoing telephone scam by imposters claiming to be from the Government and warning of social insurance number frauds. The fraudsters advise the target that their social insurance number has been compromised and the intended victim is often threatened with arrest and jail if they do not provide their social insurance number.

With this scam the fraudster attempts to create a sense of urgency which may cause the victim to not verify the story. The scammer wants to trick you into providing your social insurance number information.

HOW TO REPORT A FRAUD

If a scam artist contacts you or if you have been defrauded contact your local police service and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC). You can file a report with the CAFC by calling 1-888-495-8501 (Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm EST) or by using their online reporting tool at www.antifraudcentre.ca



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Council's treatment of lake association's proposals to curb littering criticized

THE CURRENT
MADAWASKA VALLEY

On October 15 members of Carson Trout Lepine and Greenan Lakes Association (CTLG Lakes) conducted their semi-annual clean-up along Siberia Road, one of their roads under the Adopt-A-Road program. The count of illegally-dumped items and roadside litter was on a par with last fall's clean-up at three full bags of waste and recycling with beer and alcohol containers topping the list of recyclables, followed by plastic water bottles and pop cans. This is despite the posting of a sign warning of fines since the last clean-up.

The clean-up followed a discussion on October 1 by Madawaska Valley Council when it considered a suggestion made earlier this year by CTLG Lakes through Wendy Wolak, its Vice-President. This was that it might reduce littering if a municipal garbage truck was positioned at scheduled times at various convenient locations (including near commercial tourism developments) to serve sections of the township located far from a waste site. A secondary benefit of her suggestion was that it would also assist residents who have to travel long distances to the municipal waste sites.

The suggestion was first considered by Council in Committee on May 7 when it decided that it would be appropriate for the Public Liaison Committee (PLC) to look into it. The PLC subsequently asked Wolak to conduct a survey to gauge residents' views. CTLG Lakes agreed to take on that task, resulting in members led by Wolak devoting a considerable amount of time to preparing one. Wolak also made a personal contribution of \$300 towards the cost. The survey was finalized after input from the township CAO but it was left to Wolak herself to promote it as the township offered no assistance. That lack of assistance limited the number of potential respondents.

The survey yielded the following notable results:

- 74 percent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that 15 km or more



Top: CTLG Lakes volunteers ready for fall clean-up. Bottom: Litter along Valley roads. Right: Anti-littering signage.

was too far to travel to a waste site.

- 68 percent of respondents said they would find it helpful or extremely helpful to have a truck situated nearby.

Against this background, the subject came before Council in Committee when it met on October 1. At this meeting, although the subject of waste disposal including curbside pick-up for all was discussed, the topic of how to reduce illegal dumping and littering was ignored. No reference was made to the reason behind the survey or the implications of the survey results. In response to the survey findings that 15

km or more was "too far to travel to a waste site", Councillor Carl Bromwich who chairs the Operations Committee, retorted, "I drive 45 km to the dump — to Bark Lake from Wilno. That's a return trip, 45 — not 15." (He subsequently declined to explain this statement in light of the fact that his home in Wilno is less than 4 km from the transfer station located there.)

He also said, "We have discussed it ad nauseam for how many councils and it has always come out at the same conclusion: we can't afford it." *The Current* wrote to him asking for clarification of his comments including his references



to “astronomical costs” and discussions “ad nauseam” as they relate to the suggestion of parking a truck at scheduled stops, given that this appears to be the first time that this suggestion has ever been made. He replied, refusing to answer our questions unless *The Current* presented them at a public Council meeting. (Residents should note that one of the first things this council did was to throw out the public question period at meetings.)

Wolak was not surprised. She said, “Councillor Carl Bromwich has not wavered in his comments since the spring, his response to our proposal has been consistent.”

She told *The Current* she was very disappointed at the outcome of the meeting, “The point here was missed. To clarify our position, our association was never looking for exclusive rural garbage collection let alone curbside pickup. In fact, the purpose of the survey was to reach out to all residents of the Madawaska Valley Township to determine if the distance to a waste site was inconvenient and could it be a contributing factor to the illegal dumping that is happening throughout the valley. Therefore would it be beneficial making waste disposal more accessible to folks who live 15 plus km from a waste site as a possible solution? One recommendation we put forth for consideration was a pilot program making a truck available at scheduled days and times throughout the valley.

“The only time illegal dumping was mentioned was when Councillor Bromwich complained about bags of garbage left outside the waste site gate for probable reasons that people don’t want to tag their bags.”

Some CTLG Lakes members commented that it is sad to see such dis-

missive consideration given to the hard work and dedication of public spirited volunteers on an issue that should be of concern to all residents and taxpayers. Apropos of this, on October 21 Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, released a statement to mark the start of Waste Reduction Week in Canada: “Waste

Reduction Week is an opportunity to celebrate our environmental efforts, encourage innovative ideas and solutions, and help us all to start thinking in a more environmentally conscious way. Ontarians want to play a part in a healthy environment.”

Note: *The Current's* editor is a director of CTLG Lakes.

VALLEY HERITAGE

In Barry's Bay --- A Day To Remember

Following the annual remembrance observance Sunday, November 9th, Branch 406 of the Canadian Legion, along with the Renfrew Scottish pipe band marched to the home of World War II veteran, Joseph Voldoch, to honor his father-in-law, 90-year-old Anthony Puchalski, the oldest soldier in the Barry's Bay area.



Corporal Puchalski in Russian uniform in 1902

Born near Warsaw, Poland, it was his fate to be engulfed in the Russian occupied zone, due to the partition of 1772, and his fate to be drafted into the army infantry of Czar Nicholas II. His mandatory three-year term was extended another year due to Russia being embroiled in a war with Japan in 1904.

A torso (both legs amputated) and a clear mind are all that is left of him. He recalls with clarity the trip, first to Moscow by express and then by boxcar across 4000 miles of Russia, to the east coast travelling on a single track. The journey took a month.

Because of the slow troop transport, the Czar couldn't muster even a tenth of his million trained soldiers to deal with Japan. History records that Japan won the war. The final battle was fought at Muckdum and Anthony remembers it well. He was promoted to the rank of corporal. Being a good soldier had its advantages like a raise in pay, from 47c a month to 6 roubles (\$6.40). He was, of course, educated in Russian and can still repeat the commands.

On discharge, Anthony decided to abandon the Czar and his internal problems to chance his destiny across the seas. He set sight on America.

With \$100 given by a priest uncle, and final farewell to five brothers and two sisters, he left with his faith and the ideals which were only a dream in his native land.

A ship from Danzig to England, thence to New York and on to Cleveland, where he got a job. However, this was not what he sought. His Russian education was of little value and the language he shed, without a tear. “I am a Pole and a man of the soil” he reasoned, and in due course he learned of a Polish settlement in Wilno, Ont. Here, he could be understood. So, without delay, he made his way to this village. He arrived here in 1907. Land was within reach — but first a job to

earn money. Cragmont mines provided the job and Bernard Cybucki sold him a farm out Paugh Lake way. Miss Annie Blank, of Wilno, consented to share her fortunes with him and they were married in 1910. Two sons and four daughters followed. His wife died in 1963.

Living with his daughter, Ann, he has been confined to a wheelchair for seven years and this is where we saw him last Sunday. The old soldier was steady as he acknowledged our tribute with a sustained salute.



ANTHONY PUCHALSKI, 1969

We looked in awe at this veteran so removed from our era that he is in a class by himself. An impressive figure, he inspired our awe and respect. The corporal was serenaded and saluted in a manner usually reserved for retired generals on their birthdays and men

and women of the Legion were eager to shake his hand.

With obvious emotion he watched as four little girls, colorfully attired in costumes from his native Poland, advanced to present flowers.

On hand were Reeves Alex Shulist and Hilary Jones, to pay respects on behalf of their municipalities, as well as Martin Shulist of Sherwood, Jones & Burns who expressed pride on having such an exemplary and unique citizen in his municipality for 60 years.

Veteran Paul Yakabuski, M.P.P., congratulated the Legion for this noble gesture and expressed admiration for the kind and steadfast care Mr. Puchalski enjoys from his family. Noting that the corporal's military life was an enforced and unhappy one and that he suffers present physical handicaps, Mr. Yakabuski suggested that perhaps a gift of Canada's Centennial medal from the Province of Ontario would bring some measure of pleasure. He expressed the hope that he would live long to enjoy the memory of this occasion.

The day had its light moments. A clownish handman, on a pair of stilts, wobbled along and suddenly plummeted to the ground, barely missing the bass drum.

A final, lusty swirl of the bagpipes—and it was over. We went home feeling uplifted by our participation in the event.

Long live the ideals which Corporal Puchalski cherished in his adopted land. Long live Puchalski—F.J.R.

Anthony Puchalski

BOB CORRIGAN | BARRY'S BAY

I don't believe that there are any local residents with the same surname anymore. This article probably appeared in the Barry's Bay Review. I'm thinking this because the article was written by Frank Ritza (1912-1996) who was known as F.J.R. Art Ritza was the Review's publisher.

I did some research and found that Anthony Puchalski (1879-1970), a son of Henry and Victoria Puchalski of Poland, married Annie Blank (1876-1965) in 1910. The couple had six children: Anastasia (1910-1996); Stanley (1912-1979) who married Susan Peplinski (1912-1980); Frances (1914); Peter (1916); Victoria (1918-1988) who married Joseph Gallant (1917-1999); Anna (1917-2005) who married Joseph Voldock.

It was nice to read in the newspaper of Anthony receiving such nice recognition, especially since he died a year later on December 15th. This newspaper article appeared exactly 50 years ago.

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MV Council meets Barry's Bay Recreation Committee

THE CURRENT BARRY'S BAY

The newly-formed Barry's Bay Recreation Committee (BBRC) made a delegation to Madawaska Valley Council at the October 15 meeting. Members of Council welcomed the new committee enthusiastically and engaged with them about collaborating on future recreational activities in Barry's Bay and area.

Committee Chair Malinowski reminded Council of BBRC's letter a month ago "outlining our strategy and our spirit for this. We are embracing the diversity of backgrounds and recreational preferences. We don't want to target any one specific group. We want to be from the youngest to the old, from the secular to the non-secular, to involve everybody in the community in both delivering the offers but also participating as well." He said BBRC exec members were reaching out to the high school and Seat of Wisdom College, and planned to contact all the other groups in the township so as not to exclude anyone. He said, "We're happy to partner with you, because we want to complement what's already being delivered and not compete, not only within our township but in other townships as well." He thanked Council for their offer of seed money as discussed at an earlier meeting.

Malinowski outlined the strategic direction of BBRC explaining it includes "events planning, programs that maybe have a bit more length to them, some strategic direction for Council, and also advice regarding infrastructure improvements." He said BBRC welcomes volunteers: "We are in the information-gathering stage and the team-forming stage. We're looking at groups to look at fund-raising, a group to look at events-planning, a group to look at programs, and a group to look at infrastructure improvements as well. We're starting to form those groups now."

Council and BBRC members discussed some short term opportunities and how to cooperate on communication. BBRC said they were considering



With Township Recreation Coordinator Stephanie Plebon (at left) are BBRC members: Helen Benn, (Executive Member at large) Dr. Jason Malinowski (Chair), Bridget Olver (Vice-Chair), Erica Atfield (Secretary), Rosa Corsi-Etmanskie, Sarah Lehovitch (Treasurer). PHOTO: FACEBOOK/MADAWASKA VALLEY

developing their own website because they had surveyed the attendees at their first meeting and found they preferred to use social media to find out about local recreation events or specific websites e.g. schools, rather than the MV website.

Barry's Bay Recreation Committee invited to MV Strategic Planning Day on Nov. 21

CAO Suzanne Klatt advised them that Council's strategic planning day is November 21 and offered to send any specific requests from BBRC to the consul-

tant who will be coordinating that day. She said, "After a session with Council there will be an evening session with youth, seniors and the general public, [which] will be a great starting point as well." She said "this strategic plan is to be a more community-based, economic development plan as well." Klatt explained it would allow them to be "shovel-ready" if any infrastructure funding opportunities were identified, and would also be linked to the budget. She said the strategic plan would form a "report card" so that once a year they could see how they have done.



George Vanier students of today watch with anticipation as alumni Craig Hudder and Ramona Cybulskie take a turn unearthing a Time Capsule buried by the class of 1993-94. The 25-year-old treasure chest included photos, cassette mix tapes, students' letters to their future selves, newspapers and a can of root beer.

International recognition for Madawaska Kanu Centre founders

DANIELLE PAUL
MADAWASKA VALLEY

Hermann and Christa Kerckhoff, who founded Madawaska Kanu Centre (MKC) in 1972, were inducted into the International Whitewater Hall of Fame (IWHoF) at Nuremburg, Germany on October 5th during the annual Paddle-Expo industry trade show. The Kerckhoffs join other honorees in an esteemed group of 46 of the world's most accomplished whitewater pioneers, explorers, champions, and advocates. Present to accept the Pioneer Award on behalf of her parents was Claudia Van Wijk with her husband Dirk and daughters Stefani and Katrina. Claudia and Dirk took over both MKC and OWL Rafting in 1988, and are now transitioning the business to the third generation.

IWHoF describes the Kerckhoffs as suitable honorees in the Pioneer category because they were responsible for Canada's longest-running whitewater instruction school, the first whitewater management plan guaranteeing white-water flows, and purchased access to the Ottawa River.

Van Wijk explained how she felt accepting the award, saying: "It was a great honour to be in Nurnberg at Paddle Expo to accept the Pioneer Award on behalf of my parents. And an even greater honour to receive the award from former inductee, Klaus Lettmann, who we have to thank for convincing us to start OWL Rafting – this when he and his wife visited us at MKC after the 1979 Worlds in Jonquiere, QC. They went rafting with WT, and came back saying 'You'd be crazy not to start a rafting company — when you already own land at the put in.'"

The Kerckhoffs were inducted with two other honorees in 2019, both in the Advocate category:

- Joe Pulliam (USA), an outstanding contributor to whitewater as a manufacturer (Perception, Dagger, Jackson Kayak) and supporter of whitewater river stewardship for four decades; and
- Chris Hawkesworth (UK), early adventurer, early filmmaker, contributor



From left: Dirk, Katrina, Stefani and Claudia Van Wijk with presenter Klaus Lettmann.

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to the development of standards for helmets and other safety equipment, and advocate for whitewater course development through a fifty-plus year period.

The International Whitewater Hall of Fame (IWHOF) is a program of the American Canoe Association (ACA) and is designed to recognize and celebrate significant contributions to paddlesports. IWHOF is led by an international

Board of Governors who hail from various paddling backgrounds. Nominations are sought and submitted through IWHOF Affiliates around the world and screened by an international panel. Each year up to two honorees may be chosen in the categories of Pioneer, Explorer, Champion and Advocate. See past inductees and find more information at www.IWHoF.org.

The Annual Poppy Campaign began on Friday October 25 and ends on Remembrance Day.

Please remember to wear your Poppy.

The Provincial Service Officer will be visiting our Branch the week of November 18, 2019.

Please call the Veterans Service Officer, Dave Eagles at 613-756-6356 or the Legion at 613-756-3018 to request an appointment.

**BARRY'S BAY
Legion** 

Euchre

Monday Nov. 4, 18,
25, 7 pm \$5

Bid Euchre

Tuesday Nov. 5, 26,
7 pm, \$5

Bingo

Thursday Nov. 7, 21,
Dec. 5, 19 (Christmas
Special), doors open
6 pm, games 7 pm

Cribbage

Sunday Nov. 10, 24,
1 pm, \$5

Opeongo

Readers Theatre
Sunday Nov. 10, 2 pm

Remembrance Day

November 11, all
seated by 10:45 am

LA Friday Supper

Friday Nov. 15

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday Nov. 17,
8 am to 1 pm

General Meeting

Wednesday Nov. 27,
7 pm

Six-hand Euchre

Friday Nov. 29,
7 pm, \$10



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Minor hockey honours Bill Green

DANIELLE PAUL
BARRY'S BAY

The first annual Bill Green Memorial Fall Classic tournament was hosted by the Barry's Bay and Area Minor Hockey Association (BBAMHA) at the Paul J. Yakabuski Community Centre on October 19-20. An emotional tribute was held at centre ice on Saturday afternoon in memory of Bill Green and his tireless work over many years to aid the cause of minor hockey in the area.

Rose Shulist, Vice-President of BBAMHA, was joined on the ice by Green's parents, Jerry and Diane Green, many family members and friends, as well as BBAMHA executives, players, refs and minor hockey supporters. After Maya Stein sang the national anthem, Shulist spoke to the crowd about Green. She said, "On June 9 this past year our community and hockey families rocked with the news of Bill's sudden passing.... Bill Green was the backbone of all things minor hockey in our community. He started over 20 years ago volunteering as a coach in Barry's Bay, then Vice-President for our association, then President of our association, then President of the Upper Ottawa Valley Minor Hockey League and then most recently as District Chair for our own District 5 Hockey in Eastern Ontario."

She continued, "The amount of time he donated to minor hockey was immeasurable and he did all of this without even having a child involved in minor hockey. He did this for all of our children so that every child would get the opportunity to play this great sport. If Bill left nothing else behind, I hope that he left us inspired – inspired to do more, inspired to help others, inspired to volunteer even just a little of your time to make the community a better place. We will be putting up a plaque in Bill's honour in the arena lobby this afternoon.... While I hope it reminds you of all that Bill did for the BBAMHA, I also hope it inspires you every day to get out and do your part."

Shulist reminded the audience of Green's enthusiasm, determination and good humour. She complimented Stacey Groves who had stepped in to fill



Top: Rose Shulist Vice-President of Barry's Bay and Area Minor Hockey remembering Bill Green. Bottom: Coralie Dupuis accepts a cheque on behalf of MVACL from Rose Shulist. PHOTO SEBASTIAN HUDDER)

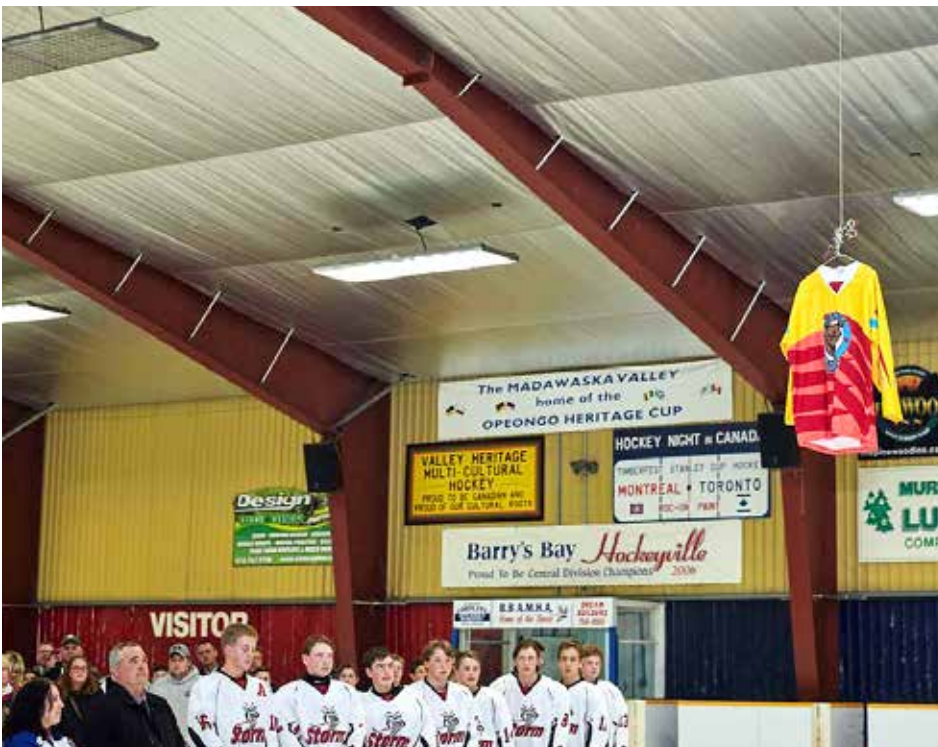
the role of BBAMHA President, saying Green would have been so proud of all that Groves had accomplished in such a short time since his passing.

She said the hockey community in all of Eastern Ontario was shocked by Green's death and Shulist announced that Hockey Eastern Ontario donated back the BBAMHA fees for this tournament this year to give to a charity in Green's name. She said, "There was no question that we would donate to his other passion in this area, the Madawaska Valley Association for Community Living, where Bill worked full time.

We are honoured to present a cheque in the amount of \$500 to his friend and co-worker Coralie Dupuis of MVACL."

Shulist reminisced about Green and the hockey jerseys: "In one of Bill's finer moments as President, he had these beautiful yellow jerseys designed so our kids could go anywhere in the province (let's be honest – the world) unmatched. He was so proud of these jerseys so it seemed only fitting to put his name on the back of one and retire it to the arena's ceiling."

Shulist injected some humour to relieve the tension caused by the solemn



Top: Ceremony at centre ice. Centre: Applause for Stacey Groves new BBAMHA President. PHOTO SEBASTIAN HUDDER. Bottom: All observe a moment of silence as Bill Green's jersey is raised to the arena ceiling. PHOTO SEBASTIAN HUDDER.

ceremony: "Now that that jersey is retired, I'm happy to report we are getting rid of the rest of them." She went on, "This season our house league has had new jerseys designed and each one of them is adorned with a green BG in a clover on the sleeve as a tribute to the late, great Bill Green. I must say Bill would be tickled pink to have his name plastered everywhere in this arena." Shulist then delighted Green's parents by presenting them with their own jerseys.

Shulist reserved the most touching honour to the end. She described how each year Green would present a "prestigious award that goes to someone involved in minor hockey that has volunteered their time and made a difference in the Barry's Bay and Area Minor Hockey Association. We are honoured this year to present the award to someone who has not only made a difference but has left his mark on the BBAMHA for years to come ... Mr. Bill Green. Jerry and Diane, we ask that you accept this in his honour."

The BBAMHA Vice-President concluded the centre ice tribute by explaining the tournament's new name: "We planned the final stages of this tournament just before Bill left us, so it only seemed fitting to name the tournament after him so the first annual Bill Green Memorial Fall Classic was born. This is only the beginning and we hope each year it will grow bigger and better and hope all of you will be back for years to come. Thank you to all of our executive members, and coaches and managers of the bantam, peewee and storm teams for putting your hearts into this and helping this tournament off the ground. We hope everyone has fun. That's all Bill ever wanted."

Valley Fall Tour

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Clockwise from top left:
Rockingham Road, October maple,
St. Hedwigs Church, Madawaska River.

