Helping Down Under

Kinburn-area residents Jenn Griffin, left, and Becky Benton have joined a global effort by crafters, knitters, sewers and crocheters to help animals that have been injured, orphaned or displaced in Australia’s wild fires. For the story, please turn to page 18.

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New recruits needed to bolster West Carleton’s firefighting ranks

BY ERIN McCracken

West Carleton needs more heroes. Ottawa Fire District 6, which includes stations in Dunrobin, Constance Bay, Fitzroy Harbour, Kinburn, Carp and South March, is actively recruiting to boost its roster of rural firefighters.

Corkery’s Station 84, which is also in West Carleton but part of District 8, is also hiring.

“If you’ve got some energy and you want to get involved in your community and you want a little bit of excitement ... maybe it’s on some people’s bucket lists,” said District 6 Sector Chief Bill Bell.

Currently, Station 61 in Kinburn and Station 66 in Dunrobin each have room for seven recruits. Station 62 in Fitzroy Harbour needs one. South March is in search of four and Corkery is looking to add seven recruits. Station 63 in Constance Bay and Carp’s Station 64 are full.

Though Kinburn and Dunrobin have the biggest need, their ability to respond to emergencies is not impacted.

“None of the stations, in my tenure anyway, have ever been at risk because we didn’t have enough people,” said Bell. “We’ve never experienced a situation where we didn’t have enough firefighters on scene in order to be effective.”

He said none of the stations is understaffed.

The Ottawa fire department is actively recruiting for more rural firefighters in West Carleton. District 6 Sector Chief Bill Bell says applications from prospective recruits should be in by early April.

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Rather, ongoing recruitment allows the department to prepare for attrition and when firefighters change jobs, go on to become career firefighters or move away, he said, adding that in 2019 four rural firefighters from District 6 became full-time Ottawa firefighters.

Each station typically has twice as many firefighters than there are seats in the fire trucks to ensure an effective response since not every member is available for every call, said Bell.

Most rural stations have room for 25 firefighters. But Constance Bay and Carp currently exceed this with 28 firefighters each.

Some stations have more because they are located in areas where additional daytime responders are needed, Bell said.

The sector chief is urging people to get their job applications in by early April.

Applicants must be 18 years old and up, physically fit, live or work in the vicinity of a rural station and able to commit to the job for at least three years. There are other requirements, and potential applicants can learn more at a recruit information session on March 19 at 7 p.m. at Station 64, 475 Donald B. Munro Dr. in Carp.

Station 84 in Corkery hosts an open house on April 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., where potential applicants can meet the firefighters and senior officers, look at the trucks and equipment and ask questions.

Those who work in different locations in West Carleton, such as tradespeople, are ideal candidates because they could belong to one station but be able to respond to emergencies elsewhere in the ward.

“We don’t have a lot of that situation but when we do, we jump on it right away because the biggest challenge for any rural department, whether it’s Ottawa or not, is daytime paging,” said Bell, adding this is because many West Carleton residents work outside the ward.

“The message is that we’re really out to get people that have not considered becoming a firefighter before,” he said. “Some people might not have ever thought of being a firefighter and those are the fun ones to watch. And it happened to me.”

The Dunrobin resident dropped by the West Carleton Community Complex about 15 years ago for a burn permit and Diane Logan, administrator for Ottawa Fire Districts 6and8, asked if he was there to apply. Bell said yes and to his surprise she handed him a rural firefighter application form.

“That’s when she told him Station 66 in Dunrobin was hiring.

“So I grabbed the application. I ran home and said, ‘Man, I always wanted to be a firefighter.’”

He was 41 at the time. Firefighting offers many rewards: mentorship, community service and ongoing dynamic training.

Ottawa’s fire department has one of the largest composite divisions in North America with more than 900 urban or full-time firefighters and 480 rural firefighters. Of the 480, 28 per cent belong to District 6.

“Ottawa, and the rural division specifically, is very very fortunate with being in a large city, having a larger budget,” Bell said. “Not only do we have the best-in-class equipment, training and support but also we have a budget to back that.”

Firefighting also comes with a second family.

“You always hear that and you see it in the movies and on TV shows but it’s absolutely true,” Bell said. “If you need shingles on your roof or you’ve got a plumbing problem or you’re having a barbecue, chances are most, if not all, of the participants will be your crew from your station.

“One of the common terms out here is your back’s covered.”

Many of West Carleton’s firefighters remain on the job for years quite simply because there’s no life like it.

“Although there is some compensation, people aren’t here for the money,” Bell said, noting that rural firefighters are paid twice a year for the calls they respond to and the training they do.

“I learn something every day on this job because no call is the same,” Bell said. “You’ll get called out for a burn complaint and you think, well, someone’s complaining about a campfire, and you turn the corner and you’ve got a fully involved cottage.

“The bottom line is we get called because someone needs help. That’s really our guiding light. It makes the job easier. There’s no decision there—you just go help.”

For an application form or more information on rural firefighting please visit the City of Ottawa’s website at https://bit.ly/2sx2wGh.
OP-ED: City archivist rocks and rolls

One of my first strong impressions of our city archivist Paul Henry was the time I helped open a Rock and Roll heritage exhibit at the city archives when I was Deputy Mayor.

The collection of photos and artifacts showcased ticket stubs, records, programs, posters, venues and photos such as Elvis Presley’s 1957 visit to Ottawa. It struck me at the time that the display was a great way to connect with a wide range of residents rather than ho-hum and stuffy displays of traditional things like maps and porcelain tea cups.

The exhibit was a hit and demonstrated the creative powers of Paul and his team. I was very proud of the fact that the city council I served on approved the construction of a new city archives facility for Paul to carry out his important work.

The move ended years of foot dragging and delays. More importantly, the decision addressed the risk of damage or loss to the city’s vast collection of artifacts and documents. It was an important initiative at the time despite the fact that the state of our archives was not top of mind to many local residents.

My seatmate, former Kanata South Coun. Peggy Feltmate, was a huge champion for the new archives around the council table and she delivered some stern reminders (along with a good sharp elbow) that we had a special duty to preserve and protect our local heritage.

The new facility is a gem of an institution. Paul’s work can also be found at city hall where he has helped establish the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame and mount fantastic exhibits such as the one featuring champion figure skater and Ottawa darling Barbara Ann Scott.

The current free exhibit at City Hall, Postcards from Ottawa: Travelers Tales, showcases the visits of Champlain, the Dutch Royal Family and Terry Fox to name a few. These special exhibits help make city hall a place for the people rather than just a destination to pay a tax bill or parking ticket.

Ottawa has a rich heritage as the nation’s capital and this fact has kept Paul busy. The talented and skilled archives team have been responsive to the vast needs of our city, such as commemorative naming opportunities like the new Pimisi LRT station, which pays tribute to our local First Nations.

Of late, city council identified a list of priorities for the term such as thriving communities and environmental stewardship. Although not specifically mentioned, the city’s record management duties supports public accountability and helps us learn from our past as we chart the next chapter of Ottawa’s history.

After all, past is prologue. I was thrilled to learn that Paul and his team are looking at improving the care of trophies and memorabilia of former Montreal Canadiens and Metcalfe Jet Larry Robinson. The small and tired display case at the Metcalfe hockey rink contains some of the former NHLer’s collection including his two-time Norris trophy awards and the memento Stanley Cups.

The current arrangement is a sad and embarrassing condition with tarnished trophies, faded photos, and poor lighting. The collection does not meet modern conservation standards, which means that Larry’s trophies are at further risk of degradation.

Quite frankly, if I were Larry Robinson and I saw the current state of his prized possessions, I would want my trophies back! We can do better and Larry Robinson’s trophies deserve our best care.

As custodians of his artifacts, we have a duty to protect the trophies and tell the story of Larry Robinson’s tremendous contributions to our game of hockey for generations to come.

Stay tuned, I know that our Rock and Roll archivist will come up with another fitting tribute.

Steve Desroches is a former City of Ottawa councillor and deputy-mayor.

City has homelessness emergency

Our city is often held up as one of the best places on the continent to work, play and raise a family.

Every economic indicator out there shows Ottawa is thriving.

But still every night in our community, moms and dads tuck their kids in to bed in motel rooms and temporary shelters. And worse, there are those sleeping in the streets or if they’re lucky, on cots overnight at the Salvation Army or Shepherds of Good Hope.

Faced with this reality that has eluded a permanent solution, we support one city councillor’s call for council to declare an affordable housing and homelessness emergency in Ottawa.

Coun. Catherine McKenney’s motion is on the agenda of city council’s Jan. 29 meeting.

Let’s hope councillors can park the animosity of the past year and deliver a unanimous vote.

Coun. McKenney’s effort acknowledges the City does not have the resources to manage the crisis alone and calls on the provincial and federal governments to provide the City with an immediate increase in emergency funding for housing supports and housing allowances, as well as a long-term financial plan to meet the needs of the community.

In addition, the councillor hopes to convince her colleagues to update the 10-year housing and homelessness plan to include aggressive targets to preserve and increase the affordable housing supply, increase access to housing affordability, prevent the occurrence of homelessness and eliminate, by 100 per cent, chronic homelessness by 2024 and, lastly, ensure people are supported to achieve housing stability and long-term housing retention.

We encourage our readers to reach out to their councillor to encourage them to get behind this important initiative.

Everyone deserves the dignity of a roof over their heads. Surely we agree that everyone should be able to afford to live somewhere safe and affordable.

Beyond all levels of government doing their part, private developers need to step up to include affordable units in their new builds. It shouldn’t take legislators to force them to do the right thing.

We all need to be committed to build an inclusive, safe and affordable city for everyone.
The Accidental Farmwife: Once again I can hear, my dear

BY DIANA FISHER

The Farmer has been deaf in one ear for as long as he can remember.
He suspects it is a result of hunting, because it’s on the side where he holds his gun and is most affected by the sound of gunshots.
For the most part it has been a non-issue. He doesn’t always ‘hear’ me when I’m in the next room, because he reads lips.
But I think he is fairly comfortable in his quiet existence. He sleeps really well, on his good ear.
He himself must have made a big sound back in August when, after hastily climbing the ladder at our cottage building site to apply one final coat of stain on the trim, he fell.
The ladder began to wobble and slide and shake. Suddenly it flipped, flinging the Farmer to the rocky ground below.
He landed on a rock, bashed his watch, jostled his brain a bit and broke two ribs.
He didn’t want to call an ambulance, because not only would they find it difficult to locate him at this out-of-the-way building site, but he might be forced to leave his beloved doggo behind.
He drove himself to the Smiths Falls Hospital. The shock of the fall likely kept the pain at bay, or at least under control, until he was safely in the emergency room.
That’s where I found him an hour later. He was quite a sight, with the red wood stain that had spattered his clothing making him look like he had attended a violent murder scene.
His hair was standing straight on end. He was bare chested and he had a golden retriever tied to the end of his hospital bed.
Fergus was drinking from what appeared to be a plastic bed pan. I was assured it had been sterilized.
Despite his disheveled appearance I was relieved to see he was in good hands.
The next week was difficult, as I attempted to work from home while playing nurse to my busted-up husband. They don’t bind broken ribs anymore—they want you to take deep breaths to avoid fluid buildup on the lungs.
We just alternated hot and cold as per the doc’s advice but fluid built up anyway and we had to go to the hospital to have the lungs drained.
The Farmer suffered through a family wedding that he was loathe to miss out on, and that is when he revealed a side effect of his fall.
Suddenly I felt I was in the middle of a National Lampoon movie—or an episode of Corner Gas.
“I may have broken ribs when I fell but you know what? I think I got my hearing back!” he announced proudly.
This is the Farmer’s new response every time I tell him he should be getting his hearing aid adjusted.
He says his hearing is perfectly fine, thank you. It’s my mumbling that is the problem.
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Rivermen on a Roll

The West Carleton Rivermen faced off against the Maxville Millionaires at the Cavanagh Sensplex in Kinburn on Jan. 10. The Rivermen, who compete in the Eastern Ontario Super Hockey League, powered four goals past Maxville’s goalie in the first period alone, and went on to win the game 12-3.
Their final regular season home game is Jan. 24 at 8:30 p.m. at the Sensplex at 5670 Carp Rd. Playoffs begin the weekend of Feb. 8 and continue until the first week of March.

Erin McCracken photo
Ride service offers lifeline for rural residents

BY ERIN MCCracken

Margaret Dunn knew exactly where to turn when she needed a drive to get to and from eye surgery and the medical appointments that followed.

Her brother had offered to drive for the first surgery, but wasn't available the following month for the second.

The immediate thing I did was register with Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre for its programs and services and that includes medical transportation,” said Dunn. “It was the easiest thing to pick up the telephone and say, 'I need these services.'”

When she moved to Carp in 2013 to be closer to her 93-year-old mother in Almonte, she knew the transportation service was available in West Carleton, having volunteered at a community support agency when she lived in Old Ottawa East.

“If it hadn't been (available) I guess it would have been: take a deep breath and see if there was anything else or you could juggle something else,” said Dunn, who owns a car and is able to drive. “I don't know.”

She also relied on the service following a knee replacement two years ago and for post-op rehabilitation and other follow-up appointments.

“The wonderful thing to me was I never waited (to be picked up),” she said.

Nor did she have to pay the driver, since the centre issues a monthly invoice. She also didn't have to worry about navigating the easiest thing to pick up the phone and say, 'I need these services.'”

“When they aren't as comfortable being behind the wheel,” said Dunn, “you get to meet different drivers and you have a conversation. And you're not worried about what the traffic conditions are. So to me it's ideal.”

The transportation service is available for West Carleton-March residents who are 55 years old and up as well as adults with physical disabilities — including short-term conditions — who need a ride to medical appointments and also social outings, even to get a haircut.

Some clients are still able to drive, but prefer to use the service for long distances into the city. Others prefer to use it in the winter when they aren't as comfortable behind the wheel.

Labbé said quite a few older adults in the rural ward don't have a vehicle, no longer have their licence or no longer feel comfortable driving.

“That's some of the feedback I heard from people too is that they do have people to drive them but they feel bad using them on a regular basis and/or they're not always available,” she said.

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Labbé said quite a few older adults in the rural ward don't have a vehicle, no longer have their licence or no longer feel comfortable driving. “There are some individuals that we take to church,” said Labbé.

The centre pays two drivers and also relies on volunteer drivers based in each of West Carleton’s communities.

“We are definitely looking for more especially now that we are really working hard to continue to promote the service in the rural areas,” Labbé said.

“We're hoping that our ridership will go up and we'll need more volunteers.”

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Emergency News, in brief

Two suspects wanted after break-in

Ottawa police are asking for the public’s help identifying two suspects wanted in connection with a break-in at a business in the 100-block of Cardevo Rd., northwest of Carp Road and Richardson Side Road.

Two suspects broke into the premises and stole cash box containing money on Jan. 5 around 1 a.m., investigators announced on Jan. 7.

The first suspect is described by police as a Caucasian male with facial hair, who wore a ball cap, hooded sweater, jeans, light-coloured running shoes and gloves. The second suspect is described by officers as a Caucasian woman who was wearing a ball cap, hooded sweater, a heavy winter coat and boots.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the break and enter unit at 613-236-1222, ext. 2655, or submit anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477 or visiting crimestoppers.ca.

Emergency crews respond to rollovers

The driver of a vehicle that rolled into a ditch in the 300-block of Dunrobin Road on Jan. 6 suffered minor injuries, according to police.

Driver charged after driving wrong way

A Lanark man has been charged with impaired and dangerous driving after travelling the wrong way on Highway 417 west of Marathon Village.

An undisclosed number of westbound motorists collided as they swerved to avoid the pickup as it travelled east in the westbound lanes. No one was injured.

Ottawa and Renfrew OPP officers stopped the 68-year-old driver near Panmure Road on Jan. 2 just before 8 p.m.

His licence was suspended and his vehicle was impounded for seven days.

Donald Corbett faces drug-impaired charges, one count of dangerous operation of a vehicle and driving a vehicle with cannabis readily available.

He was released and is scheduled to appear in an Ottawa court on Feb. 25.

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The service has actually been around for 29 years.

“We opened two community hubs, one in Constance Bay and one in Fitzroy in November of 2016, and at that point we did see a significant increase in ridership,” said Korry MacLeod, team manager of the centre’s community support services.

“But since then it has kind of dwindled off a little bit,” she said.

Each driver is screened through an interview with the centre’s volunteer coordinator, and must provide a police check, a driver’s abstract and other requirements before they can begin.

No money is exchanged between drivers and clients. Clients are given monthly billing statements, said MacLeod. The cost is $10 return for trips up to 30 kilometres and $18 return for trips more than 31 kilometres—for those living in the ward with postal codes beginning with K0A, K2K 1X7, K2W and K7S.

“They can pay either (through) online banking, they can drop off a cheque, they can come into our office—lots of different means of paying the bill,” she said.

The centre also offers a $10 ride to and from a grocery store, which Dunn requested when her knee was on the mend.

Knowing these services are available give her peace of mind.

“To me, information is power. You might not need it today but it’s a valuable thing to have for something which comes up,” said Dunn. “It’s my independence. To me it’s affordable and to me it’s part of the value of having a community support agency—you want to support what they do.”

For more details about the transportation service, visit wocrc.ca/program/transportation. To become a volunteer driver, visit wocrc.ca/volunteer. You can also call the centre at 613-591-3686.

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Fundraiser, party to be held in support of Lexie York

BY ERIN McCracken

In true West Carleton style, residents, businesses and groups are rallying behind one of their own. A fundraiser party takes place in Carp this Saturday night on Jan. 25 to help with Lexie York’s long road to recovery after she narrowly survived a horrific beating while on a family vacation in Mexico last November.

The event will also celebrate York, her strength and the progress she’s made in her recuperation.

“We’re hoping to make it a party too,” said Melissa Pinard, a Katimavik resident who first became friends with York when they attended West Carleton Secondary School. Both grew up in Dunrobin and still have a lifelong battle with e-scooters.

“Lexie has a positive outlook. The support the community has provided since the attack has helped. “It’s great how many positives can come out of such a negative experience and I think it’s brought everyone closer too,” Pinard said.

She and her friends who are organizing the fundraising and party are in awe of the amount of support they have received.

When they put out a call for help with the event, the Carp Agricultural Society donated space to host it. Thousands of dollars worth of products and services have been donated, many by West Carleton, Stittsville and Kanata businesses, from gym memberships, beauty, art and tech to an overnight stay and breakfast at the Brookstreet Hotel, a horseback riding camp at Wesley Clover Parks’ Ian Millar School of Horsemanship and a pair of tickets to see the Ottawa Senators face off against the Toronto Maple Leafs, including parking.

“More auction items are welcome and can be donated up until the event. In the meantime, family and friends are by York’s side since her vision remains impacted and she is not yet fully independent. They try to ensure her spirits remain high. In the wake of the brutal attack, York has kept up a positive outlook.

“She’s still the same Lexie. She’s very positive. She’s taking everything one step at a time,” Pinard said.

“But it’s going to be a slow process, a slow recovery. But every day she’s getting one step closer.”

The more than $65,000 generated through a Gofundme.com campaign and the $3,000 raised at a West Carleton Rivermen hockey game last November will help with future reconstructive surgeries, as well as day-to-day living expenses since York isn’t ready to return to her career as a flight attendant.

“This has affected her life,” said Pinard. “This is going to be a lifelong battle with her.

“The more we can raise for her, the better.”

EVENT DETAILS:

The fundraiser takes place Jan. 25, from 7 p.m. to midnight, at the Carp Agricultural Hall, 3790 Carp Rd. Parking is free. Admission is $5 and kids 12 and under get in for free.

Music will be performed by Evil Creek and Walking with Crows, and there will be free snacks, a cash bar, raffle draws and a silent auction.

There is no ATM on site. For details or to donate a silent auction item, visit Facebook.com and search for ‘Lexie’s Fundraiser.’

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All of the food for the celebration has also been donated.

“It’s crazy the amount of people that have been just wanting to get involved in donating things,” said Pinard. “Everyone’s just kind of stepped up and wanting to help.”
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Hockey Day in Corkery collecting hockey sticks for kids in Canada’s north

BY ERIN McCracken

Andrew McIsaac steps onto the outdoor ice at the Corkery rink and surveys the surface. “I was out here for three hours last night,” he said following a recent bout of rain, snow and freezing rain.

That’s the life of an ice maker, a volunteer position he took on after attending Hockey Day in Corkery, a day-long annual tournament designed to bring the community together. McIsaac, who has been Corkery’s rink manager since 2017-18, and his volunteer team are hard at work this winter keeping up with Mother Nature to maintain ideal skating conditions.

They are also planning ahead for the next edition of the Corkery Community Association’s Hockey Day in Corkery on Jan. 25, which starts at 9 a.m.

New this year, participants can register for $10 or by donating a new or gently used hockey stick. The sticks will be delivered to kids living in Hall Beach, an Inuit hamlet on the northeastern coast of Nunavut, where McIsaac’s brother, Stephen, teaches school.

“The kids up there, they love hockey. They all want to play,” said McIsaac.

Any cash raised through registrations will offset the cost of Hockey Day and also help send the sticks to northern Canada.

“We’ll keep it small this year and if it goes really well maybe we’ll expand it for next year,” McIsaac said of the initiative. “It’s just something we want to do because we want to support hockey and make it more accessible.

“I also think it’s important to create a connection with people in those communities that, around here, we don’t think about very often,” he said.

Also new this year, Hockey Day participants can sign up as individuals and organizers will create teams to even the playing field and make the co-ed event for ages 13 and up more inclusive.

“We’re trying to hit the sweet spot the way we organize it to get as many people from the community out here,” said McIsaac, who also serves as vice-president of the Corkery Community Association. “We’re always trying to tweak things a little bit just to make it easier, more accessible.

“It’s just about having a fun day on the ice.”

The tourney typically draws about 35 to 40 players, but more are welcome. Corkery residents can bring their friends and family. Residents from surrounding communities are also invited to take part.

“We’d love twice that number,” McIsaac said. “We’re looking to have five, maybe six skaters per team. So if we get a minimum of six teams we’ll be happy. We’ll just keep adding teams.”

Advance online registrations are encouraged to make it easier to create teams, but players can also come the morning of the event and sign up.

“We will never turn anybody away who wants to play,” said McIsaac.

Event organizers are planning to hold a chili cook-off to add to the festivities. Donations of homemade chili are welcome, and will be available to participants with the price of admission, along with hot chocolate and coffee.

Visit corkerycommunity.ca/hockey-day and look for the links to register as a player and/or to bring chili. To volunteer the day of the tournament, email McIsaac at corkeryrink@gmail.com.

In the event of rain, Hockey Day will be held Feb. 1.
Clinics offer prep time for Diefenbooker

**BY ERIN McCracken**

It's never too early to start thinking about crossing the finish line of the 24th annual Diefenbooker Race.

Carp residents Kathy and Peter Fischer are volunteering to get people ready to run or walk the five-kilometre course in the event on May 2.

Kathy is leading a weekly run clinic that began Jan. 14 and continues every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. until race day. People are welcome to join up until Feb. 11. The group meets at the West Carleton Amateur Sports Club, upstairs at the W. Erskine Johnston Arena in Carp.

“The aim is just to be feeling confident enough to run a 5K. That’s all,” said Kathy, who will be assisted by Diane Harron. “If they want to run it super fast, that’s up to them. I can help them with speed training.”

There will also be hill and interval training, and Kathy will provide information on strength training, posture, stride and running form.

No running experience is necessary. The clinic is free for those who register in the Diefenbooker, which Kathy established 24 years ago.

The goal is to help people improve their fitness “and just really have them feel that when they go past that finish line that they’ve really accomplished something,” she said. “And it adds to their health. In the winter time people tend to stay indoors. It gets people out.

“You might even find a new friend,” said Kathy. “It’s a good social support for making changes, which is always hard.”

She’ll be stressing the importance of commitment and consistency. Training outside of the weekly group sessions will help, even just by walking or doing a run-walk, she said.

For those wanting to try a slower pace, Kathy’s husband, Peter, is offering a walking clinic for the fifth year to get people ready to walk five kilometres during the Diefenbooker.

“There was a runner’s group and they’d been going for a number of years,” he said. “Some people were just not able to do it. Some people are just not able to run. Yet we wanted to do something to increase the fitness level of other people.”

**WALKING CLINIC**

Peter’s walking clinics begin with the basics, such as posture, building endurance and later, hill training.

He starts participants off with a slow-paced 1.5-kilometre walk for about 15 to 20 minutes.

“We work our way up over the 10 weeks to the 5K,” he said.

By the end of the 10 weeks, people can feel confident they’ll be able to complete the Diefenbooker’s 5K in good time.

“I guarantee almost everybody can do it in less than an hour,” Peter said.

It’s a major accomplishment for many, some of whom have trouble walking to the corner of the street at the start of the clinic.

“I’ve gotten some really nice cards after saying that it’s been life-changing for people. And people come back year after year to do it,” Peter said. “So it’s really gratifying to me to be able to run this and get that reaction out of people.”

Participants get a sense of accomplishment plus the benefits of walking and making new friends.

“I think it’s just as good as running,” Peters said, adding the group format motivates people to come back week after week.

The walking clinic is also free with registration in the Diefenbooker.

Peter hosts an information meeting Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the West Carleton Amateur Sports Club. Walking begins on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. at the front doors of the W. Erskine Johnston Arena.

For more details about either clinic, please email kfischer172@gmail.com. To register for the Diefenbooker, visit diefenbooker.ca.
Impressive season for new U15 Huntley team

BY ERIN McCracken

The young Carp and Kanata curlers with Team LIKE are only in their inaugural competitive season together but already have a few wins to their credit.

The Huntley Curling Club's U15 team members include Erika Wainwright, 12, of Carp, Lauren Norman, 11, of Carp, and Kanata's Katrina Frlan, 12, Isabella McLean, 12, and permanent spare Samantha Wall, 12.

"They're really completely unexpected," said head coach Louis Frlan, who has been coaching kids' curling for about seven years.

"They're having a lot of fun together. They're having a good time."

This is his second season coaching at the competitive level. The team is also coached by Brian Norman and Adam McLean, who both represented Newfoundland at the Canadian Junior Curling Championships on different teams in the 1990s.

Team LIKE formed last summer, comprised of girls who all started in the Huntley Curling Club's Little Rocks program.

Most have been curling for several years with the exception of Samantha. This is only her second season on ice.

Erika and Katrina had competed before. But the others are new to this level of play.

Just last weekend Team LIKE earned fourth place at a two-day U15 Junior Slam Series bonspiel in Russell.

They finished the round robin in fourth place out of eight teams, and narrowly lost the consolation final, Frlan said.

They also won in recent weeks at the Ladies Curling Association's U15 bantam bonspiel at the RA Centre, and last November they won at a U15 bonspiel in Pembroke.

They are now planning to compete in the provincial qualifiers in Brockville in early February to gain more experience.

The young athletes are putting in the time and effort it takes to improve and do well this season, which continues until early April, Frlan said.

They train at the Huntley club twice a week after school for more than an hour each time. They also play weekly games at the club and with the Ottawa Youth Curling League.

Team LIKE—which stands for the first letter in each of their names—also enters one bonspiel a month.

"I would say that they all have big dreams," said Frlan.

"You can't teach passion. You can sort of see some kids have it and want it, and they want to be on the ice and they can't get enough of it. They all want to be there. They want to practice."

That could be why, in part, they've done so well in their first season.

"They have the passion. They train a lot. They make shots happen when it matters, communicate well and are good listeners," said Frlan.

"They're putting in hard work," he said. "And they care about getting better so it's coming out in the results."

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Education minister says ‘takes two to tango’ to get deal done

BY PATRICK UGUCCIONI

Education Minister Stephen Lecce remains cautiously optimistic there is a pathway to get a deal done with union bosses despite escalating strike action by teachers and support staff.

In an interview with the embattled minister, he told this newspaper a settlement to the impasse was possible “if cooler heads prevail and we remain focused on students and we fight for their interests.”

The sticking point remains the government’s move to increase average class sizes in secondary institutions from 22 to 25 students, two mandatory e-learning courses and a one percent wage hike offer.

“My job as minister is to defend the interest of two million young people in the province and their parents,” said Lecce.

“Teacher union leaders exist to advance their members, from compensation to other entitlements and benefits and all that. I respect that’s their role. But there’s a difference in priority in where we’re going to emphasize what we’re going to fight for.

“For me it’s about getting more money on the front line. We’ve increased investments in Ottawa and right across Ontario in public education. To the highest levels ever. That is going to benefit students of the next generation.”

The rookie minister says this requires his government to not only look at what it is investing, but also what kids are being taught.

“That’s why we’re revamping our curriculum,” he said. “It’s why we’re doubling mental health supports.”

He rejects the notion his government is starving the education system in the province, pointing to a $550 million capital campaign, for example, to improve schools and build new schools.

Asked how the two sides will be able to find common ground, Lecce said “it requires us all to be reasonable.”

“But it takes two to tango,” he insisted. “I need the union leaders to do their part.”

An obviously frustrated minister claimed the union bosses have not made one substantive move since they introduced their proposals at the beginning of the bargaining process.

“I think that speaks volumes that they have entrenched their position,” he said. “Whereas the government has made pretty significant moves to demonstrate we want a deal because we believe students should be in class.

“It is irresponsible of them to keep kids out of class given the importance of the continuity of learning.”

Lecce says what he is hearing directly from students, teachers and other education workers is that they want to stay in class.

His hope is that the union leaders are listening to parents and students, as well as their members, “who want to be teaching kids and inspiring learning.”

“They don’t want to be out of class. I think people, working people, families, parents and students recognize these strikes are having a real impact on the quality of their education. I am urging the unions to invoke private mediation without any pre-conditions. Let’s get a deal and keep kids in class.”

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Teachers Christine Lalonde, left, and Allison Bruneau were picketing in front of Kanata-Carleton MPP Merrilee Fullerton’s constituency office in Kanata South on Jan. 14. They joined their peers and early childhood education workers across the province in a one-day walkout opposing government cuts and larger class sizes, among other changes.
Mayor to bestow achievement award upon canoe club founders

BY ERIN McCracken

There’s zero chance that L.A. and Bevin Schmidt could each fit all of their accomplishments on a single-page resume. Even two pages is doubtful. The couple who founded the Ottawa River Canoe Club 18 years ago on the Dunrobin banks of the Ottawa River will soon have another achievement to add to their list. Mayor Jim Watson is scheduled to present the Mayor’s Cup trophy to the Schmidts during the 67th annual Ottawa Sports Awards, which promotes amateur sport excellence and achievement.

He will also proclaim that day – Jan. 29 – as L.A. and Bevin Schmidt Day in Ottawa, his office confirmed.

The Schmidts were selected to receive the award because of their commitment to advancing sport at the local, national and international levels. It is also a reflection of the amount of volunteer work they have done and how they have become “outstanding representatives” of Ottawa’s sport community.

Though appreciative of the honour, both would prefer not have the spotlight shine so brightly in their direction.

“I just feel that there’s just so many people that were part of it,” L.A. said during a recent interview at the couple’s Constance Bay waterfront home. “I think it’s nice to be recognized but on a low key level.”

The couple quickly credit the longevity of the not-for-profit canoe club to the friends they recruited to form its first board of directors.

“It’s more of a shoulder-to-shoulder board,” Bevin said. “Everyone pulled their weight.”

It’s no wonder that because of the Schmidts’ love for sport – whether on the water or a ski hill – they have very busy schedules.

Even fitting in the awards night required some tight scheduling since Bevin has to come back to Ottawa from Mont Tremblant where he works during the winter coaching ski-cross and overseeing course setup, maintenance and safety. The next day he’s off to Calabogie to coach four athletes in ski-cross.

Bevin also coaches alpine skiing, prepares ski courses for big events, such as World Cup downhill skiing, is an industrial designer and imports sprint canoe-kayaks and surf-skis from Slovakia.

L.A. has been a teacher for 25 years, and currently works with west-end students in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board’s co-op program, called Winning Attitudes. She is also a certified official for canoe-kayak and alpine skiing, and she and Bevin helped establish the region’s university alpine ski team.

When summer arrives, they head for the canoe club which they founded in 2002. Though they have largely handed over the leadership reins to a board of directors and an executive board, the pair still actively coach and serve as advisors.

“There’s a couple of projects that we’d like to see come to fruition,” said Bevin, who works a lot with the club’s outrigger program, which is unique to the Ottawa area. He also coaches in the adult racing program.

He also has his eye on developing programming for baby boomers, who he said are an ideal demographic to use the types of boats the club has in its inventory.

“We’re going to have a huge influx of that age category looking for things to do and paddling is an ideal sport,” Bevin said.

Both he and his wife were introduced to paddling early on when they were living in North Bay. L.A. was just 13 when she took up the sport.

“For me it saved my life,” she said. “I was in high school and I didn’t have a lot going on.”

She thinks the summer-time activity likely kept her out of trouble. She eventually went on to become a certified coach in the sport.

Bevin got his first taste when he was a competitive swimmer in high school. He said the local canoe club did a good job recruiting swimmers during the summer, which is their off season.

“And that’s where I picked up paddling,” he said. “I really enjoyed it. It was more cross training for the swimming at the time.”

The couple would eventually meet in Ottawa through none other than volleyball and went on to settle in Constance Bay, which they have called home for about 28 years.

When the couple established the Dunrobin-area club, they had both been active with the Rideau Canoe Club at Mooney’s Bay. L.A. served as head coach there.

“Our objective was bringing water safety to the western Ottawa community because it just seemed strange (to not have any),” L.A. said.

The Schmidts modelled their club after a relatively new club in Pointe-Claire, Que. They also successfully secured grants from the former City of Kanata, allowing them to purchase their first dragon boat, paddles, canoes, kayaks and a storage container for the property they leased from the city at 1610 Sixth Line Rd.

L.A. knocked on doors and managed to put together a women’s dragon boat team called the Dunrobin Dames. It would go on to compete and remain together for the next decade.

“It was basically the foundation of the club,” L.A. said. “And from there everything else just grew.”

The couple developed summer camps and have worked hard to make the premises, the watercraft and the programs inclusive for all abilities and ages. There are ramps and adaptive gear. The club is uniquely equipped with a fleet of outriggers that can be modified with adaptive seats.

The club works with patients from the Ottawa Hospital’s Rehabilitation Centre and partners with CHEO’s Children’s Treatment Centre.

“We want everybody to be able to get out on the water because in my personal opinion the playing field is level,” said L.A., who passionately focuses on the club’s Special Olympics program, which last summer saw its biggest turnout with 19 participants.

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Notice of Study Commencement

Highway 417 at March Road Interchange Improvements, City of Ottawa
Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study, GWP 4004-19-00

THE STUDY

The Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO) has retained Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon) to complete the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for improvements at the Highway 417 and March Road interchange in the City of Ottawa, Ontario. The project will include the addition of traffic signals and a new right turn lane from westbound Highway 417 to March Road, milling and resurfacing of outer interchange ramps, and the replacement of the culvert under the on-ramp from northbound March Road to Highway 417 east. It is anticipated that temporary, short-term closures of the affected interchange ramps will be required during construction.

THE PROCESS

The project is being completed in accordance with the MTO Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) as a Group ‘C’ project. Group ‘C’ projects are considered approved, subject to compliance with the Class EA. Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Screening Document (ESD) will be prepared for MTO’s internal use to document the existing natural and socio-economic environment, summarize design features and potential impacts of the proposed works and identify the required environmental mitigation measures.

COMMENTS

We are interested in receiving any comments or concerns that you have regarding the project. Please contact the Consultant Project Manager or the MTO Project Manager below by January 23, 2020, should you require further information:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Comments and information collected during the study will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and Access to Information Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

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Carp resident giving back through lifelong love of hockey

BY ERIN McCracken

As a kid who grew up in a hockey rink, Alex Carlson knows the sport can make a difference in more ways than one.

The Carp resident and owner of Trim and Proper is gearing up for the fourth annual Hockey 4 Humanity at Carp's outdoor hockey rink at the Carp Fairgrounds on Jan. 26.

The event is a traditional shinny hockey tournament that annually has raised $2,000 to $3,000 for Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance. It is helping fund research to develop treatments and find a cure for a rare genetic disease that primarily affects kids and teens.

Carlson's youngest brother, Kaelan, 15, who goes to West Carleton Secondary School, was diagnosed with Friedreich's ataxia when he was nine.

"There's many challenges with it but ultimately even just connecting people who have this disease to any available localized resources is a huge challenge," said Carlson.

Locally, the hockey tournament has made a difference by raising funds and generating awareness. Last year, 84 players took part.

"Awareness turns into funding and funding turns into research," Carlson said.

Friedreich's ataxia is similar to ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease but most diagnosed are between five and 18 years old, according to the alliance. Over time, it can impact coordination, balance and muscle strength and lead to spinal and heart complications.

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"There will also be an information table during his shinny event where participants can sign up to receive a stem cell swab kit.

"Two years ago, the family of West Carleton's Mélia Payne did a stem cell drive at the tournament to find a match for their little girl. Forty-eight people registered, but tragically, the two-year-old lost her battle to leukemia that same year.

"Carlson said the tournament is a prime place to find potential donors since many of the players are in the ideal age range of 17 to 35.

"In her honour we're looking to additionally push for people to register with the stem cell registry and be a donor," said Carlson.

Through Hockey 4 Humanity, Carlson hopes to make a difference for both initiatives.

"Sport can have the seriousness level of trying to make it. But it also has the flip side of it can also be a great opportunity to build relationships and do good things," he said. "It's essentially just playing hockey in a selfless way, that you can have fun and do good things at the same time."

The co-ed tournament is for ages 14 and up. Registration is $25 per person.

A canteen and barbecue will be available, and there will be 50/50 and raffle draws and a silent auction.

To register or volunteer, email alex@trimandproper.ca.

Event details are available on Facebook by searching for 'Hockey 4 Humanity 2020.'
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Kinburn women doing their part to help Australia’s animals

BY ERIN McCracken

When the call went out, Becky Benton headed for her sewing machine. In the span of a week, the Kinburn-area resident sewed 165 pouches and pouch liners for young kangaroos and 24 bat wraps that have since been delivered to Australia. Parts of the country are in the grip of a devastating bushfire season that has ravaged millions of hectares of habitat and killed 25 people and an estimated one billion animals, according to media reports.

“There’s so many (young kangaroos) that they’ve rescued and they’ve lost their moms,” Benton said. “These Joey pouches keep them warm and safe and kind of mimic the pouch of their mom.”

When she saw the appeal go out for handcrafted items, it was a perfect fit for Benton who learned to sew when she was a kid. Today, the nurse has a small sewing business called Monkey & Me Creations.

“It’s nice to be a part of,” said Benton, who has also received donated cotton and flannel from people in West Carleton wanting to help. “It’s rewarding and humbling to know that once they do get to Australia that I’m just doing my little part.”

She dropped off her handcrafted creations last week to Kinburn-area resident Jenn Griffin. Griffin also wanted to step up when she saw on the news that the Canadian Animal Rescue Craft Guild was asking sewers, crocheters and knitters to make pouches, beds, nests, wraps and other creations for Australia’s displaced and injured wildlife. Griffin doesn’t sew but wanted to contribute to the international effort.

“I volunteered to be the drop off for West Carleton,” said Griffin, who also crocheted four nests for rodents, birds and baby animals. “I thought, yeah, I’m sort of central in West Carleton. It’s a good spot for people to bring their things here. And there’s so many crafters in West Carleton, so I thought why not?”

People from such communities as Kinburn, Carp and Arnprior responded positively to her public appeal on Facebook.

“People are pulling apart blankets. Somebody donated men’s shirts,” Griffin said, adding that she planned to pass on finished items made by about a dozen local residents to a point person in Nepean who was to transport them to the Ottawa airport.

From there, Air Canada was to transport the donated goods. The airline is providing cargo space on six of its flights to Australia.

Individuals already planning to travel to Australia are also stepping up by offering to bring an extra suitcase with the sewn items and drop them off at animal rescue facilities. “It feels really good,” said Griffin. “I try to give back to the community as much as I can but this is more of an international neighbour that needs help. It feels really good to be able to contribute on that scale.”

Handcrafted items are no longer being collected for Australia, Griffin recently confirmed. But items will be collected for local organizations, such as the Rideau Valley Wildlife Sanctuary.

West Carleton residents interested in making creature comforts in support of local efforts are welcome to send Jennifer Griffin Szaraz a message on Facebook or email her at theszsaraz@gmail.com.

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Tuesdays

Carp - St. Paul's United Church, at 3760 Carp Rd., welcomes you to its ‘Soupindipity’ lunches the first and third Tuesday of every month. Homemade soup and sandwiches are on the menu from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is a freewill donation of a minimum of $7.

Wednesdays

Carp - The Huntley Friendship Club hosts a potluck lunch the third Wednesday of every month at the Carp Memorial Hall. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served around noon. The cost is $10. New members are always welcome.

Jan. 24

Carp - The West Carleton Diners Club meets for lunch the second and fourth Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It’s for local seniors as well as adults with physical disabilities. The cost is $10. Please register at least seven days in advance by calling 613-591-3686, ext. 327. Transportation can be provided upon request. The next lunch is on Jan. 24 at the Huntley Mess Hall, 2240 Craig Side Rd. in Carp.

Jan. 25

Kinburn - The Kinburn Community Association hosts Comedy Night on Jan. 25 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Kinburn Community Centre, 3045 Kinburn Side Rd. The lineup includes host Miller Crosby, headliner Jim McNally and features Kris Kingsbury, co-host of the Daddy Issues Podcast. A portion of the event proceeds will support the Kinburn Community Centre. Tickets are available in advance by going to eventbrite.ca and searching for ‘Kinburn Comedy Night,’ or at the door. For details, visit the Kinburn Community Association on Facebook.

Feb. 14

Kinburn - If you’re a senior or an adult with physical disabilities, you’re invited to a Valentine’s Day lunch at the Kinburn Community Centre on Feb. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is $10. The event is hosted by the Kinburn Seniors Club, the Huntley Friendship Club and the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre’s West Carleton Diners Club. You don’t have to be a member to attend. Please RSVP by Feb. 7 by calling 613-591-3686, ext. 327, or emailing wieler@wocrc.ca.

Feb. 15, 26 & April 25

Carp - Enjoy four-handed euchre tournaments for a chance to win $800 at the Carp Agricultural Centre on Feb. 15, March 21 and April 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. Registration begins at noon and playing gets underway at 1 p.m. The cost is $20 per player. Tables are first come, first served. A light lunch will be provided. For details, call the Carp Fair office at 613-839-2172 or email info@carpfair.ca.

Feb. 17

Kinburn - Enjoy a free family skate at the Cavanagh Sensplex at 5670 Carp Rd., in the Kinburn area, courtesy of Coun. Eli El-Chantiry. The event takes place Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own skates. Helmets are encouraged.

Feb. 20

Carp - The cafés in Constance Bay will take place at the NorthWind Wireless Fibe Centre at 262 Len Purcell Dr., from 1 to 2 p.m. To RSVP, call Erin at 613-591-3686, ext. 299, or email bignell@wocrc.ca.

Feb. 27

Stittsville - The West Carleton Diners Club meets for lunch the second and fourth Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It’s for local seniors as well as adults with physical disabilities. The cost is $10. Please register at least seven days in advance by calling 613-591-3686, ext. 327. Transportation can be provided upon request. The next lunch is Feb. 28 and will feature a tour of the Hazeldean Gardens at 6130 Hazeldean Rd. in Stittsville.

Non-profits are invited to submit their event notices to editorial@ottawavoice.ca.

What’s Happening?

Feb. 19 & 20

Fitzroy Harbour & Constance Bay - Free Community Cafés will take place in Fitzroy Harbour on Feb. 19 and in Constance Bay on Feb. 20. The cafés in Fitzroy will be at Bethel St. Andrew Church at 184 Jack Lougheed Way from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The café in Constance Bay will take place at the NorthWind Wireless Fibe Centre at 262 Len Purcell Dr., from 1 to 2 p.m. To RSVP, call Erin at 613-591-3686, ext. 299, or email bignell@wocrc.ca.

Top stories of the week

BYERIN McCracken

Becky Benton, of the Kinburn area, has been hard at work at her sewing machine making cozy creations for animals left orphaned, injured and displaced by Australia’s wildfires.

Erin McCracken photo

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Tea Time

The Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre treated Constance Bay residents to an afternoon tea at the NorthWind Wireless Fibe Community Centre on Jan. 16. Future Community Cafés, which are free, take place Feb. 19, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., at Bethel St. Andrew Church, 184 Jack Lougheed Way, in Fitzroy Harbour, and in Constance Bay at the community centre on Feb. 20, from 1 to 2 p.m.

ABOVE: Hank Jones, of Constance Bay, serves sweets from a three-tiered serving tray.

AT LEFT: Constance Bay resident Suzanne Lee prepares to serve tea during the event, which featured a winter wonderland theme.

Erin McCracken photos

OBITUARY

DeVries, John (Johannes)  
Nov 15, 1930 - Jan 15, 2020  
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John DeVries Ltd.

Peacefully, with loving family by his side, on Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 in his 90th year. Born in Ureterp Friesland, The Netherlands, John immigrated to Canada in 1949, he eventually settled in Ottawa. Beloved husband of 55 years to Willemina (nee Baas), loving father of Ron VanDieen, Joyce Armstrong (David), Sheila DeVries-Hursti (Nelson); predeceased by his daughter Darlene Audrey in 1983. Proud Opa to Jason & Kurtis VanDieen; Laura & Mark (Dylan) Armstrong; Steve, Jessica & Claire Hursti. Brother of Janke (Simon) Oevering, George (Gert) DeVries, Brother in law of Grace DeVries. Fondly remembered by Joyce Mary.

John had a fulfilling 50-year career in Real Estate. He was known for his many motivational sayings, but one of his favourites was, “Find a job you love & you’ll never work a day in your life”. His passion for life, his determination & positive attitude was an inspiration to everyone around him. Special thanks to Dr. Amanda Connell and the Palliative Care Team for their kind, compassionate care. Visitation was held at the Garden Chapel of Tubman Funeral Homes, 3440 Richmond Rd (between Bayshore and Baseline Rd), Ottawa, on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held at Calvin Christian Reformed Church, 1475 Merivale Road on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 11 a.m. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Canadian Cancer Society or Hospice Care Ottawa (Ruddy-Shenkman Hospice). Condolences, tributes and donations may be made at www.tubmanfuneralhomes.com
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