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From the Editor

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"In the coldest
February, as in every
other month in every
other year, the best thing to hold
on to in this world is each other."

- Linda Ellerbee



WOTL MATTERS

The Wellington on the Lake Residents Association (WOLRA), *Our Neighbourly News Magazine*, our website wolra.ca, plus weekly *E-Blasts*, work together to ensure all WOTL residents feel connected, included and engaged in this great community of Wellington on the Lake!

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February is the recognized month to celebrate love but we celebrate this every day. We have the love of life, the love of our life, the love of our spouse or partner, and of course the love of winter. We celebrate our love with others on Valentine's Day and this year's Valentine's Day party hosted by Maureen & Scott McNeill with the theme of 'A Night in Paris'. Quelle belle idée!

Unlike the previous year's winter weather, this year's weather has been enjoyable. The amount of snow is well under last years total. We have had some very cold temperatures but we have had enough lovely days to enjoy the outside, going for walks and attending the activities at the Rec Centre.

Groundhog Day is February 2nd. Let's hope the groundhog does not see his shadow. Whether you follow the groundhog, or simply enjoy the folklore, the farmers almanac says winter isn't going anywhere anytime soon. The long-range predictions say winter is here for the long haul.

Your WOLRA Board elections will take place in June with a number of positions up for election. Would you like to get involved and help pave the way for the future of WOTL and WOLRA? You might be a coordinator or a volunteer in a different aspect of WOLRA and you may be thinking it is time to step up and join the Board. Our community is the great place it is to live in because of the individuals who step up to make things happen. Watch for additional information in future issues of *Our Neighbourly News*, but if you are curious or interested in joining your WOLRA Board of Directors, reach out to one of the sitting Board members, we would be happy to speak with you.

Your capital expenditure suggestions have been received and we thank you for your input. We are currently reviewing the information and will communicate the results and next steps in the near future.

We have been actively working on the new WOLRA website project. Working sessions with the developer have been ongoing and productive. Please see Derek Mendham's article on page 9.

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Wellington's new water main and sanitary sewer trunk lines will soon be under contract. An additional tender for a new sanitary pumping station is also in the works. The decision to proceed with a tender award to *Clearway Construction* was approved by a razor-thin margin; the vote was 7-6. Please see Helen Prolas' article on page 26.

We have some Saturday Morning Coffee dates coming up and we hope you can attend. Please see the article on page 25 about how and when you can host a Coffee Morning.

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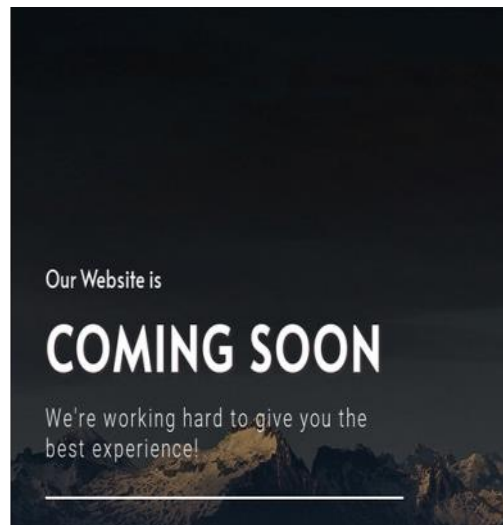
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'TRAFFIC JAM ON CTY ROAD 13 NEAR BLACK RIVER' Photographer Gord Groulx FB, January 3rd



The new WOLRA website has been under construction for a couple of months now and we are looking to launch in February. The new website is proving to be a large job, but our Website Committee has been working hard and we are making good progress.

We will announce the launch date of the new site via an Eblast when we know the specific date. We will also schedule training sessions for our Website Administrators and sessions to familiarize residents with the new site. The new site will have an expanded and fully functional "Members Portal" with complete and comprehensive room and equipment booking, activity signup, a voting platform, as well as a Heritage section and much more. We are excited as the project is unfolding and nearing completion.

We are also working on the expanded database that will underpin the website and allow communications to all residents from WOLRA, Frontier, and the Emergency Response Team that is currently being developed. The recent request that was sent to every house in Wellington on the Lake to update resident information and gather new information was very successful. We have received over 70% of the questionnaires back (thank you to all the people who completed the questionnaire). We are in the process of collecting the rest of the information from residents who have not responded (due to the fact that many people are down south). We will continue the work via digital and telephone communications to collect the information for everyone, so that the database contains the most complete and up-to-date information. The new website will have the ability for WOLRA members to update their information on the site – this means that every member will have their own unique password and the Members Portal will be secure and password protected.

So, more is to come with some exciting features in a beautiful new website. Our past Webmaster, Perry Lavergne, has moved away, and I am very pleased to announce that Ken Killingbeck has agreed to assume the role of Webmaster. He is working with our team and the website developer now and he is ready to go. Ken has many years of experience and he was our Webmaster a few years ago. We are very pleased to have Ken in the role and he will help to stabilize the function and grow with the new website from implementation to daily use and improvements.

I would like to thank all the people on the Website Committee for their hard work to date and stay tuned for more news.

Derek Mendham
WOLRA Director Communications

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Also, to call Brenda McDonald at 613-399-5859 to arrange their WOLRA Membership with all the benefits that provides (or go to our website: <http://www.wolra.ca/mainstream/joinWOLRA.html>; lots of interesting, useful information there!).

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Happy Groundhog Day!

Wishing you a quick end of winter and a warm and early spring!

Only about 54 more days until spring!

“My wife wants a perfume that’ll make her irresistible. What have you got that smells like bourbon and cigars?”

à bientôt!

A Night in Paris
Valentines Day
February 14th 7-11pm

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BYOB (and snacks)

Light Charcuterie Served

Tickets
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SOLD OUT

IS COSTCO COMING TO BELLEVILLE? (THE LATEST)

Source: opencouncil.ca, Alex Wideman | Updated January 4, 2024

"The City spent \$13.5 million as well as millions of dollars received from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Rural & Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund in order to widen Bell Blvd from 2 to 4 lanes to prepare for the added traffic that a Costco would bring to the area.



As of September 2023, the property (32-26 Bell Blvd) that Costco was to be built on was put up for sale by JenLand Properties Limited (owned by the Belanger family) for \$35 million. The city would have received about \$2.1 million in development and application fees as well as \$1.3 million in annual taxes from Costco.

Quinte News reported that Rice Group, a GTA developer which works with Costco had a lease agreement for the parcel of land on Bell Boulevard. It is believed that agreement was extended a few times, but has now lapsed. An official at Rice Group confirmed they do not have a Belleville location they are working on.

Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Belleville Rod Bovay says at last check, the location was okayed by the Costco head office in Washington State."

Editor's Note: Not looking too good, is it? I guess we all saw this coming but still... So many of us were looking forward to a Costco closer to home. To read the full story, click on the image.

Did you know? Rubbing your dog's ears sends nerve impulses to the hypothalamus and pituitary glands. These glands secrete endorphins, painkilling, feel-good hormones that make dogs feel relaxed, even euphoric. When you rub your dog's ears, she's essentially getting high on her hormones. Researchers have found that people get a lot of the same benefits that their dogs do. Rubbing dogs' ears triggers a flood of human endorphins. This in turn helps people relax and even lowers blood pressure. [Source](#)



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Photos contributed by Michele Fansett

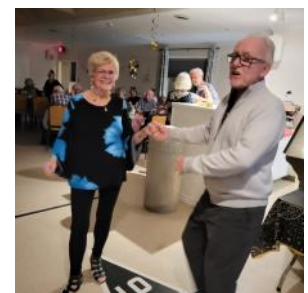
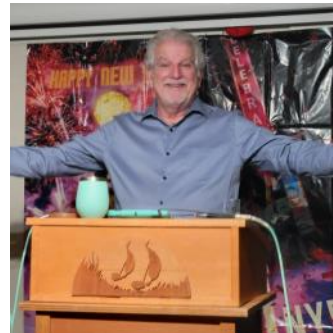


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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY TO WELCOME IN 2024

Thanks to Dan & Dale Gordon, another fun-filled evening of music and dancing was enjoyed by many on New Year's Eve as is evidenced on the photos below, with more here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J0s-mjDmfljL27gnUqq00H9cwQ3uIB7E>



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NEED AN EXCUSE TO GO FOR A WALK AND A DOG FOR EXTRA MOTIVATION?

DEXTER'S WALKERS HAVE GONE SOUTH FOR THE WINTER.

Can you help out Anne and Dexter, a very 'good boi' (on Mount Grove Crescent) out?
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WOTL SINGLES SOCIAL CLUB
Not a dating club!

Considering the weather there was a good turn out for the January meeting of the Singles Social Club. The group reviewed the past year activities, and the members were asked to start brainstorming about future events. We are looking forward to filling 2024 with even more interactive events. The next meeting will be on February 19th. New members are always welcomed.
 Dale & Joyce WOTLSSC@gmail.com



CARD ELIMINATION

Every Saturday for February and March we will have card elimination starting at 7pm. Remember to bring 10 quarters and a Loonie except for the last Saturday of each month when you bring a TOONIE and 10 quarters.

...Gerry Stewart



Currently working on a diary full of lies. I want my loved ones to read it after I die and be like "wait what"

FELLOWSHIP, LAUGHTER, FUN & GAMES

The last Bingo session of 2023 saw record attendance, record payouts and record FUN! The evening, called by Dan McDonald, was a lively affair. The final game boasted a winning prize of \$100!

A shout-out to our regular setup duo of George Baverstock and Clarence Rainey as well as rotating callers Gerry Stewart, Laurie Neill and Dan McDonald. Happy New Year everyone!

Helen Prolas and Louise Kedro



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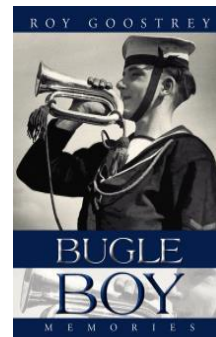
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wellington on the lake art group

February's display (to be hung by February 1st) will feature the artwork of **ROY GOOSTREY**. Roy was born and raised in the industrial northwest of England and emigrated to Canada in 1966. Roy is a WOTL pioneer (one of the original settlers of Wellington on the Lake, with lots of interesting anecdotes from back then). He is also a writer; *Bugle Boy*, the story of Roy's life beginning with the Great Depression of the 30s, available in the library. Roy was a Picton PEI mechanical drafting teacher for 23 years, and in retirement, an artist/painter.



MEMORY LANE...

In August 2015 this was the teaser for the September issue...



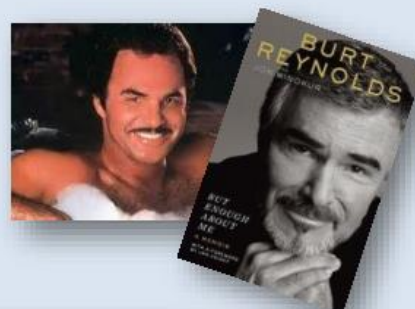
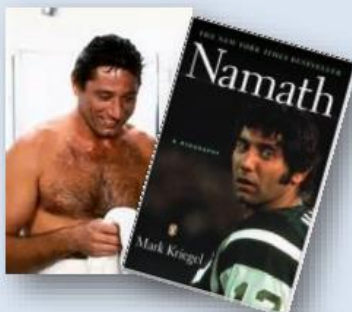
Next month's "page 3" special feature...

Hint "What do Joe Namath, Burt Reynolds, Jason Alexander and Roy Goostrey have in common?" Watch for the answer in the September issue of your *Neighbourly News!*

Then in the September 2015 issue...

"Page 3" Special Feature

Remember last month when we asked "What do Joe Namath, Burt Reynolds, Jason Alexander and Roy Goostrey have in common?" **MODESTY** plus a biography!



"What a great sport Roy is for participating..."

THANKS ROY!"

Disclaimer:
"Some PhotoShop may have been used on this image."



No biography for Jason Alexander? Oh well, 3 out of 4 ain't bad!

VALENTINE TRIVIA

As legend goes, the Emperor Claudius II prohibited soldiers to marry. However, Valentine defied the orders and secretly married young couples to spare husbands from war. Valentine was imprisoned, tortured and beheaded. According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness.



In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius marked February 14 as day to honor his martyrdom and celebration of St. Valentine's Day was born.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar because of the lack of reliable information about him. However, the church still recognizes St. Valentine as a saint. He is the Patron Saint of bee keepers, engaged couples, happy marriages, love, lovers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14th.

Source: <https://www.almanac.com/valentines-day>

WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THOSE WINE CORKS

LAST CALL

"What can we do with all those once-only-used wine corks"? If you would like to get together with others at the Rec Centre with your collection of corks ideas let me know. If there is sufficient interest, I will try to arrange room space in the Card Room for a few hours a week and we can experiment together! You can contact me at 613-399-3083 or maplejay602@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from all you "corkheads" out there.

Elaine Jackson



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Mnemonic

Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November.
Unless a leap year is its fate,
February hath twenty-eight.
All the rest hath three days more,
excepting January,
which hath six thousand,
one hundred and eighty-four.

Brian Bilston



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The *Good Neighbours Club* is made up of resident volunteers who are available to help with one-time odd jobs around the house. Jobs such as fixing or replacing faucets, changing light bulbs, insulating garage doors, helping move shelves or putting together furniture. Also, small sewing jobs, making a meal, walking your dog, helping organize drawers or cupboards, cleaning a fridge and more.

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VALENTINE'S DAY (SOLD OUT!)

February 14th, 7pm - Music by *Peter Rea and Mike Bond*

MARDI GRAS/BAYOU BOOGIE

May 25th, 7pm - Music by *Shawn Dore*

SOCK HOP

July 6th, 7pm - Music by *The Shadowz*

OKTOBERFEST

September 22, 2pm - Music by *Good To Go*





How To Stay Warm when the Power Goes Out

KEEPING WARM

When there is a power outage, your furnace will not work, so you may want an option to keep warm. If you have a gas fireplace, you may be able to operate it without electricity. It can be helped with a battery powered fan. There are warming centres such as the arena in town, or your neighbours may have heat. Otherwise, you need to provide power for your furnace, either by battery or generator.

Battery Options

A lead acid car battery, marine battery or golf cart battery can power your furnace for several hours. Last Christmas we lost power and it took about 30 hours for the house temperature to dip to 9 degrees. An hour or so of furnace time should be sufficient to keep one of our houses above 15 degrees for a day. You could also use a Lithium battery, though that would cost thousands of dollars. With any battery you would need a dc/ac converter, at <\$100. There is a good YouTube video on this. You would also need to wire the converter output to the furnace. Most people would need an electrician for this. **Warning:** Lead acid batteries require ventilation because of off gassing, so they should be stored in an outer building such as a garage.

Warning: Small dc/ac converters such as the 75 watt Canadian Tire Eliminator are not powerful enough to drive a gas furnace, which takes

about 500 w. If you have a new car, an EV or PHEV with a V2L (vehicle to load) then you can connect that to your furnace without needing a dc/ac converter. Tesla's power wall (a large battery) costs about \$18,000. Eco flow Deltapro <https://www.ecoflow.com> is another battery option.

Generator Options

Solar cells or wind can be used but they are likely not a practical option, especially with smaller house lots as we have. They also require battery storage.

Small generators powered by propane or gasoline would work, but they must be taken outside, which could be a problem during a winter storm.

Examples

Bluetti <https://www.bluettipower.ca>

Jackery <https://ca.jackery.com>

Larger generators are somewhat costly. For example, a 14 Kw Generac generator costs about \$14,000.

Electrical Contractors include Hardwood Electric, Stewart Electric, Baldwin Electric.

Other Resources

If you have a heating problem, the best HVAC company that I found is Mark Heating and Cooling in Picton, 613-476-3078.

The best YouTube that I've found for using a battery to back up your furnace is "**Did you know that you can heat your house with a battery?**"

Thanks to Scott McNeill for website and contractor information, and other input in this document.

Alan Carmichael





In another act of benevolence for the hospital, [Rotary Club of Wellington, Ontario](#) has entered into a commitment with the [Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation \(PECMHF\)](#) to fund the balance of the purchase of a transport ventilator needed in the Emergency Department at Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital (PECMH).

In a presentation at the hospital, representatives from Wellington Rotary presented PECMHF with an initial installment of \$16,040 towards the ventilator. These initial funds were raised over the past year through the club's bottle recycling depot and the sale of Rotary-branded maple syrup.

Last June, the foundation received partial funding from the Stark Family Fund to purchase one ventilator. The Rotary Club of Wellington will fund the balance, approximately \$22,000. One ventilator is estimated to cost over \$56,000.

To read more, visit <https://www.pecmh.ca/wellington-rotary-pledge-to...>

[PHOTO] Pictured at PECMH from left, back row: Roger Tessier, president-elect for the Rotary Club of Wellington; Barbara McConnell, chairperson of the PECMH Foundation; Phyo Kyi, chairperson of the Rotary Club of Wellington Charitable Foundation; Sally Cowan, Back the Build campaign cabinet member.

Front row from left: Yvonne Buys, treasurer, Rotary Club of Wellington; Shannon Coull, executive director, PECMHF; and Lyn McGowan, president of the Rotary Club of Wellington



In case anyone is wondering, PHARMASAVE is moving in where Saigon Restaurant used to be, across from Sandbanks Medical Clinic beside the Dental Clinic. This is scheduled to happen in March sometime. Not sure why we need 2 pharmacies in our little village, but I guess growth is anticipated down the line. ...NN Editor



Rotary Club of Wellington

Once again the Rotary Club of Wellington is with Nyman Farms and Kinsip House of Fine Spirits with a **MAPLE SYRUP FUNDRAISER**.



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Limited number of bottles available so get your orders in early! Bottles should be ready for pickup by late March.

WOTL GARAGE SALE 2024

To be held May 4th at the Rec Centre. Something to keep in mind when doing your spring cleaning; more to come when more is known.



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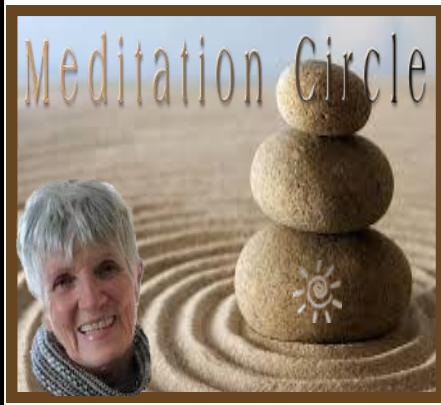
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Keeping myself sharp by regularly asking myself tough questions like 'What happened yesterday?' and 'What was I planning on doing just now?'

GETS DARK EARLY SO...



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From Janice Duffy:

"Love Your Heart:

The Heartwarming Benefits of Yoga for Valentine's Day"

As we gear up for the month of love, why not give your heart a little extra TLC? This Valentine's Day let's talk about a practice that not only brings peace to the mind but also sends some serious love vibes to your heart – yoga!

Heart-Healthy Hugs from Downward Dog: Yoga isn't just about pretzel-like poses and serene meditation; it's also a fantastic way to keep your heart pumping happily. Engaging in regular yoga practice can enhance cardiovascular health by improving blood circulation and reducing blood pressure. Picture it as a gentle hug for your heart in each Downward Dog!

Serenade Your Circulation with Sun Salutations: Sun Salutations are like love letters to your circulatory system. This sequence of poses helps increase blood flow, ensuring that your heart gets a workout while promoting a feeling of warmth and vitality. It's like sending your heart a musical serenade – a melody of health and happiness.

Heart-Opening Poses for Emotional Well-Being: Love isn't just about the physical heart; it's also about emotional well-being. Heart-opening poses like Cobra and Fish pose not only strengthen the muscles around your heart but also encourage emotional release, helping you let go of stress and tension. It's like a warm embrace for your heart and soul.

Breathe in Love, Breathe Out Stress: Yoga places a strong emphasis on mindful breathing, and this rhythmic breathwork can have a profound impact on your heart health. Deep, intentional breathing promotes relaxation and reduces stress, which, in turn, benefits your heart. Think of it as sending your heart a bouquet of calming breaths.

Partner Yoga: Because Love is a Team Sport: This Valentine's Day, consider exploring partner yoga with someone special. The shared experience of practicing yoga together not only fosters connection but also provides an opportunity to support each other's heart health. It's a delightful way to celebrate love and well-being simultaneously.

So, whether you're single, coupled up, or celebrating 'Galentine's' Day, remember that taking care of your heart is a gesture of self-love that resonates with the spirit of Valentine's Day. Roll out your yoga mat, embrace the heart-healthy benefits, and let your heart beat to the rhythm of love and wellness.

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"You know you want to host a coffee morning... Get together with your neighbours, your friends, your activity mates... Lots of openings and easy peasy!"

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Millennium Trail Trunk Line

Wednesday evening, January 10th, PEC Council met to decide the fate of the Millennium Trail Trunk Line. A lawyer engaged by the Wellington Community Association, very well versed in Municipal infrastructure, presented the case against proceeding with the approval. Councillors were advised of the weaknesses of the supposed "pre-payment agreements" touted to help finance the waterworks projects and were assured that the County would NOT face any legal ramifications were they to forego approval.

Multiple residents, including Dorothy Bothwell and Helen Prolas, warned of the potential for heavy financial implications to ratepayers. Notwithstanding our entreaties, Council voted to proceed and award the tender. However, Council did agree to conduct the following, which should give us the opportunity to press for more public oversight: "A review of the master servicing plan, the development charges background study, growth forecasts, project scope and financing against Current and economic and environmental assumptions before the water and wastewater plants are tendered".

Wellington Times columnist Rick Conroy noted that it was the strong voice of the community that impacted Council's decision and effectively 'pressed pause' on the water and wastewater plant Upgrades (over \$60M).

More Water News...

New Year, New Bill, New Rates: First water bill for 2024 to be issued mid-February. For details and background, email us at wotlcrga@gmail.com. ...Helen Prolas

Fighting Fraud Together!



Please Join The Prince Edward County Lions Club
 On March 27th @ 2:00pm
 at the Wellington United Church
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In 2021, reports to the Canadian Anti Fraud Centre showed that \$380 million was lost to fraud. In 2022, this amount rose to \$531 million

In partnership with the Prince Edward County Detachment of the OPP, The Prince Edward County Community Care for Seniors Association, and the Municipality of the County of Prince Edward.

This event will provide a chance for you to witness many scenarios that are happening around us and to help us learn how to reduce the chance of becoming victims of fraud.

Free refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Free accessible bus rides are available upon request (age 55+) simply call County Transit 1-855-283-9640 to book your space.

To see all events in our community please go to WWW.993CountyFM.ca

If you have any questions, contact the station at (613) 476-2229 or email reception@993countyfm.ca

The program "Outsmarting the Scammers - Helping Seniors Fight Fraud" is made possible by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors program and the volunteers at 99.3 CountyFM



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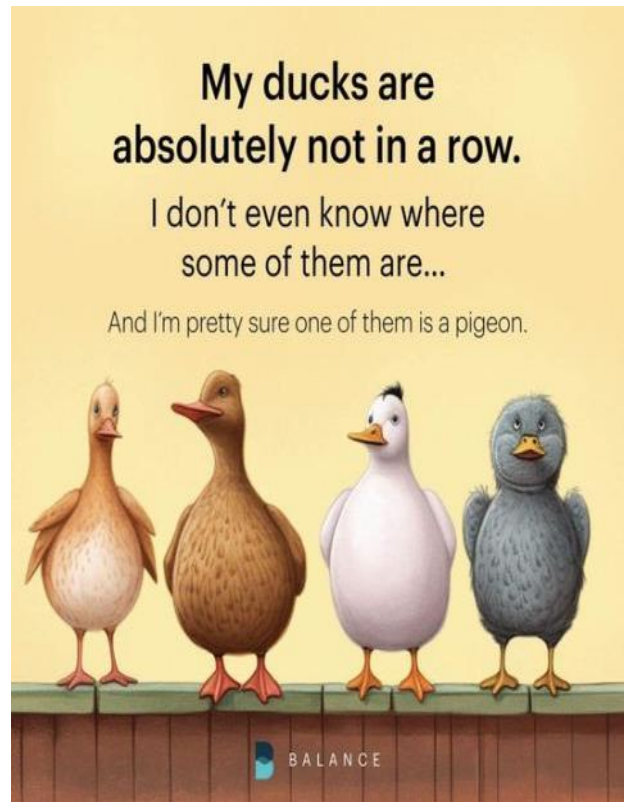


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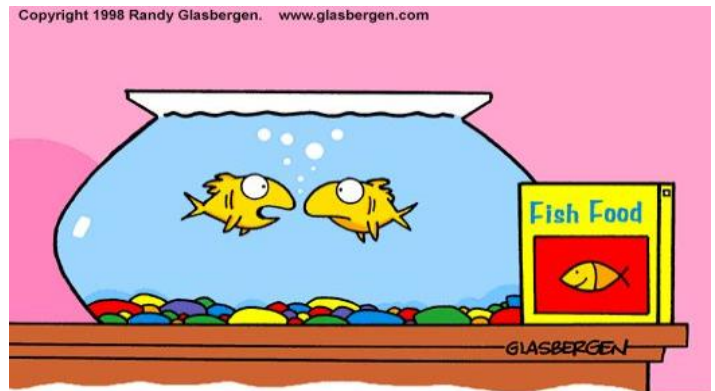
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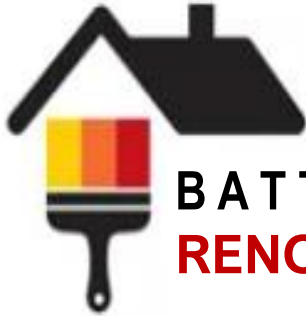
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What did you DO all day?	I hope you didn't over-do it today.	I've always loved you in that robe!	Here, have some wine.



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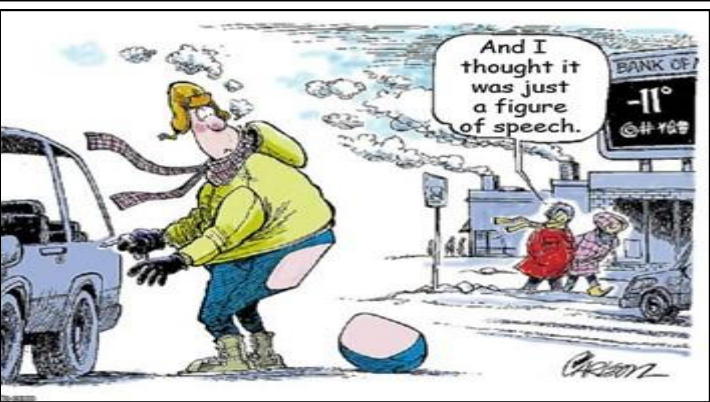
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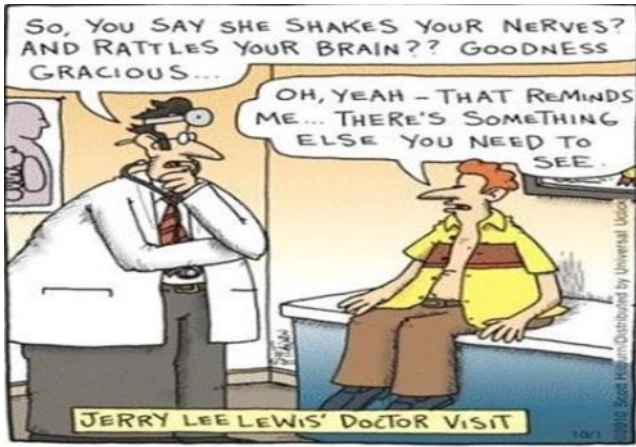

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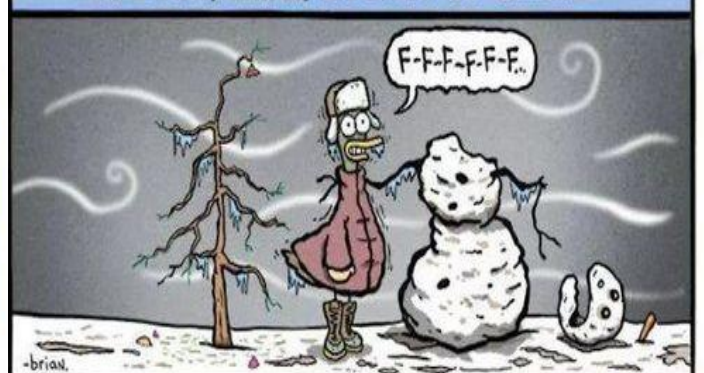
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COUNTY DOC TALK

January 2024

Author: Adam Hambly



THE COUNTY WELCOMES DR. BRANTON!

Dr. Sarah Branton and her partner, Niko, now call Prince Edward County home! A little about them:

Dr. Branton has taken over Dr. Arul's practice and will be moving to a new location on Main Street. In addition to spending time with her 2 cats, she enjoys fashion, exercising, and baking.

Niko is a pilot and works in a supervisory role with PAL Airlines. Niko enjoys cooking, hockey and playing the guitar.

They look forward to checking out all The County has to offer. If you happen to see them around, you can congratulate them on their new home in Picton.

Welcome to you both!



RECRUITMENT NEWS

County Docs had a strong 2023 and wrapped up the year on a few high notes. Here are just a few of them:

1. Dr. Sarah Branton has agreed to take a permanent spot in The County
2. *County Docs* presented a deputation to County Council for renewed funding of our program. We are pleased to announce they have approved our funding request for continued operations for 2024
3. *County Docs* attended the job fair for the University of Ottawa's Family Medicine Residency program. We connected with several potential recruits who are 1 – 2 years away from entering practice

If that wasn't enough, we've led two other projects this past quarter. One involves some creative ideas to support our physicians taking on more patients from the Health Care Connect wait list. The other was a research project targeted at determining what drives decision-making processes for new physicians. This provides crucial information that will help ensure our marketing strategy and employment offering aligns with the goals of new physicians entering practice.

Our recruitment calendar is looking very full for the first quarter of 2024. We are excited to be attending the Family Medicine Resident Retreat for the University of Western Ontario at the end of January. We'll also be attending a job fair for Queens' Family Medicine Residency program at the end of February. And finally, we'll be in Toronto in March with a booth at the Review Course in Family Medicine as learners prepare to take their exams.

CURRENT STATE

We currently have seven physician opportunities in PEC. We had three community visits by prospective physicians this past quarter and are currently following a total of 28 leads in varying degrees of interest and readiness. We consider nine of these to be high potential and are following them very closely.

Frequently Asked Question

Q: Why are other practices being taken over by new physicians and not the older ones from previously retired physicians?

A: When a physician retires and a replacement is not found, their practice and roster of patients is dissolved. In most cases, it's only possible to takeover existing practices, and not ones that have been previously dissolved. Patients who were once part of a practice of a retired physician need to register on Health Care Connect if they still don't have a family doctor.

Remember to follow **County Docs Physician Recruitment and Retention** on Facebook.



Public Health Updates

The holiday season is upon us, and local health care leaders are urging residents to take steps to reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses in the community.

Details about COVID-19, Cold and Flu Clinics, including booking information, can be found at www.hpeoht.ca/covid-cold-flu-care-clinics/

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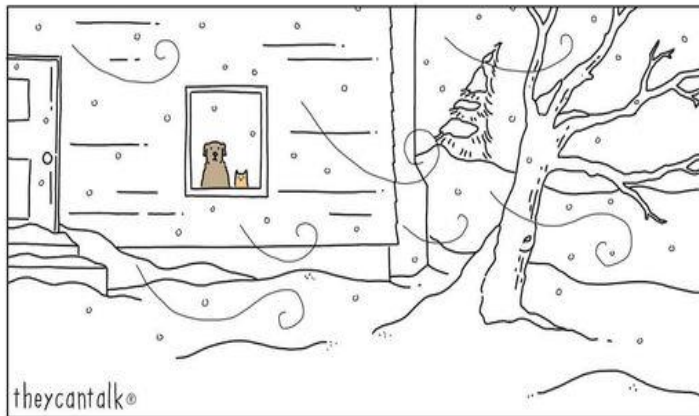
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I LIKE WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH YOUR HAIR.
I'M OVER HERE, RALPH... THAT'S THE DOG.
- 2. GO FOR A DRIVE...**
IF WE HURRY WE CAN MAKE IT TO YOUR SISTER'S IN TIME FOR "NYPD BLUE."
- 3. TRY TO FIND SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT...**
GOSH, IT'S DARK.
I'LL SAY.
- 4. GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS...**
HOWDY, NEIGHBOR!
- 5. CONTEMPLATE IMPORTANT LIFE DECISIONS...**
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- 6. READ...**
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The deadline to apply is Friday, February 9 at 11:59 pm 



WIARTON WILLE (the world's only albino prognosticating groundhog)

The story of Warton Willie dates back to 1956. A Warton Ontario resident named Mac McKenzie wanted to showcase his childhood home to his many friends, so he sent out invitations for a "Groundhog Day" gathering. One of these invitations fell into the hands of a *Toronto Star* reporter. The reporter travelled to Warton looking for the Groundhog Day event. None of the townspeople knew about a festival, but one suggested he check at the Arlington Hotel, the local watering hole. There the reporter found McKenzie and his friends partying and was invited to join them. The next day, the reporter lamented to McKenzie that he

needed some kind of story to take back to justify his expenses. So, McKenzie grabbed his wife's fur hat, which had a large button on the front, went out to the parking lot, dug a burrow in the snow and pronounced a prognostication (which no one remembers). The picture of Mac and the hat ran in the February 3, 1956 edition of the *Toronto Star*. A year later, about 50 people arrived for the festival. Half were reporters from various media, including the CBC and Canadian Press. Seizing on the opportunity, McKenzie invented a festival that has been added to over the years.

Warton Willie himself is a more recent addition to the festivities. In the early years, prognostication was provided by the "mythical" trio of groundhogs Grundoon, Muldoon and Sand Dune. Willie appeared on the scene in the 1980s. Warton Willie's predictive powers are attributed (by his followers) to his situation on the 45th parallel, exactly halfway between the Equator and the North Pole. He is claimed locally to be accurate in his prognostications around 90% of the time; scientists have estimated Willie's accuracy at 25%.

The original Warton Willie lived to the advanced age of 22 and was found dead only two days before Groundhog Day in 1999. The organizers were unable to find a replacement, and instead marked Groundhog Day by revealing "Willie" in a coffin. He had been dressed in a tuxedo, had coins over his eyes, and a carrot between his paws. The real Willie had in fact decomposed, and the body in the coffin was that of an older, stuffed groundhog. The Associated Press was obliged to issue a retraction on its wires.

Warton Willie's keepers groom understudies, nicknamed "Wee Willie" during the elder groundhog's lifetime, to eventually replace the reigning Warton Willie when they die. Warton Willies have typically had lifespans longer than the 4–9 years of a typical groundhog, and thus other groundhogs may have served in the role unreported. Warton Willie II was reported as deceased on July 11, 2006, after fighting an infection for the previous month.

On September 15, 2017 Warton Willie III died at 13. Two-year-old Wee Willie became Warton Willie IV on September 30, 2017, coinciding with a memorial service for the old Willie. Warton Willie IV died in 2020, leading to the 2021 prediction being made without the presence of a groundhog. Warton Willie IV's death was not publicly announced until November 2021. Warton Willie V was introduced at the 2022 Groundhog Day celebration; he is the first brown groundhog to assume the position.

In May 2003, two of Warton Willie II's Wee Willies disappeared; three months later, they were found dead in the burrow where they resided with Willie. Because groundhogs are known to be territorial animals, Willie was suspected of killing the two, an allegation that was never proven. Francesca Dobbyn, who looked after the groundhogs, informed her immediate supervisor who chose not to inform the Warton city council of the incident, fearing bad publicity; the council agreed to allow Dobbyn to keep her job despite the scandal. Source: visitbrucepeninsula.ca

Exhausted from his repeated days, Phil (Bill Murray) decides to end it all, taking the groundhog with him. Click on the above left image to watch the 5 minute video.

SHELTER IN PLACE

County partners with Base31 and PELASS in transitional housing effort



The County has received a three-year funding commitment from the Provincial Homelessness Prevention Program. It covers a rent supplement, staffing, and supplies to establish the facility.

As the grant does not cover the capital costs of acquiring a suitable property, municipal staff negotiated a 25-year lease agreement with PEC Community Partners/Base31, which has made a conditional offer to purchase what is currently The Maples Retirement Home.

The Transitional Housing Facility will pay rent of \$67,000 annually to PEC Community Partners through a combination of PELASS

Source: Picton Gazette, January 23rd

“This was our chance to help in meeting a very important need in the County. This is not a money-making venture for Base31 or its partners. When the County approached us and asked if we could reach into our pockets and our hearts and help out the residents, that’s what we did.”

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Gaye Smith	02	Fred MacNeil	07	Barbara Proctor	18
Trish Armstrong	03	Peter Kaplan	08	Roy Hood	19
Marilyn Dodgson	03	Hinke Hofstee	09	Dale Smith	19
Peter Williams	03	Helen Hood	10	Richard Fujimoto	20
Merv Kreutz	04	Therese Raymond	10	Carol Baker	21
Aline Spivak	04	Ken Hale	11	Gareth Davies	21
Christine Trulsen	04	Mary June Meulenaar	12	Donna McLaughlin	21
Angela Williams	04	Joyce Boyle	13	Linda Tierney	23
Angela Colangelo	05	Aggie Cooke	13	David Cooke	24
Janice Flynn	05			Ed Kinsella	26
Heather Hamann	05	Jane Van Soelen	14	Gail Cousans	28
Phil Quibell	05	Jerry Kedro	15	Nick Rico	28
Ronald Duff	06	Brenda Silver	15	Doug Smith	28
Marilyn Hicks	06	Douglas Campbell	16		
Maddy Swindon	06	Elaine Saltmarsh	17		

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 • If you notice any errors or missing dates in the Birthday/Anniversary announcements,
 • or you would like to be added, please do let us know: wolramembership@gmail.com
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Paul and Katherine Blanchard	05 1977
Jerry and Florence Lindsay	05 1993
Michael Desmarais and Carol-Anne Lee-Desmarais	15 2009
Jerry and Louise Kedro	16 1974
Barry and Jan Wallace	18 1984
Bob Gilchrist and Rita Cimprich	20 1998

CONDOLENCES




Our most sincere condolences to Anne Vanvlack of Cretney and the family and friends of **BILL VANVLACK** who passed away suddenly on January 4th. Cremations has taken place and a Celebration of Life will held at a later date. If desired, donations to the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation "Back the Build" would be appreciated. *Quinte Cremation and Burial Services*

Our most sincere condolences to Linda Seaver and the friends and family of **RICHARD MANSFIELD** who passed away January 14th. Richard and Linda resided on Mount Grove for some time before moving to Batawa a few years ago. A Celebration of Richard's Life was held at St. Thomas Anglican Church on January 19th. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Ottawa Heart Institute or the Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements under the care of RUSHNELL FUNERAL HOME 60 Division Street, Trenton. To leave a condolence or share memories of Richard, please visit rushnellfuneralhomes.com.

Our most sincere condolences to the friends and family of **STEVE OLSEN** of Sandbanks Court who passed away January 17th. *Quinte Cremation and Burial Services*

DO YOU KNOW OF A WOTL RESIDENT (PAST OR PRESENT) WHO HAS PASSED ON?
 Please email neighbourlynews@gmail.com or phone 613-885-6018 with as much information as you are able to provide (all information will be confirmed before posting in the NN).

DO YOU WISH TO HOST A 'CELEBRATION OF LIFE' FOR A LOVED ONE?
 Information you may need on this topic is in a binder at the Rec Centre library.



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REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES: MH Main Hall - CR Card Room - DR Dance Room					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AEROBICS 8-9 MH WALKING EXERCISE 9am MH QUILTING 9:30-2PM DR&CR 2-4 CR only LINE DANCE 10:30- noon MH ART GROUP 2-4 pm DR DARTS 7pm CRIBBAGE 7pm CR	YOGA CR/DR Advanced 9-10 Beg/Chair 10:15-11:15 Chair 11:30-12:30 WALKING 8:45 - 9:30 MH SHUFFLEBOARD 9:30am PHYSIO-FIT 10:30-11:15 MH SHUFFLEBOARD 11am RC CLEANING NOON-1PM CARPET BOWL 1-3pm MH HAPPY HOUR PLAYERS 3-5 MH EUCHRE 6:45 CR/DR DARTS 7pm	AEROBICS 8 - 9 MH WALKING EXERCISE 9am MH PING PONG 10-Noon MH GAMES GALORE 1-3PM CR LINE DANCE 1:30-3:00 MH CORN HOLE 3:45-5:30 MH PRAYER GROUP 5:30-6:30 LIBRARY SAMBA 6:45 CR BINGO 7 MH	WALKING 8:45 - 9:30 MH PHYSIO-FIT 10:30 - 11:15 MH SHUFFLEBOARD 10am AEROBIC DRUMMING 11:30-12:15 MH CARPET BOWL 1-3pm MH ART GROUP 2-4pm CR THEATRE GROUP 3-5 MH LADIES 8BALL 3:30-5:30 Snooker Rm BRIDGE 7-9pm CR	AEROBICS 8 - 9 MH WALKING EXERCISE 9am MH SCOTTISH DANCING 10-11:30 MH RC CLEANING NOON-1PM SAMBA 1pm CR UKULELE 1-4 MH BID EUCHRE 6:45-9:30 CR	CARD ELIMINATION 7PM Sunday SHUFFLEBOARD 3pm Hoss Collar (\$1) TEXAS HOLD'EM 6:40pm MH

Check with the Activity Coordinator (see phone directory pgs.27-29) or the WOLRA website <http://www.wolra.ca/mainstream/activities.php> for signing up to what is available. Above activities (pale font or otherwise) are dependent upon activity coordinators.

FEBRUARY 2024		NN SUBMISSION DEADLINE 6PM 23rd		Need to book a room at the Rec Centre? www.wolra.ca		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP EVERY THURSDAY		 The Voice of the County	31	1	2	3
						COFFEE MORNING 9:30
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			 PARTY 7PM			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	 SINGLES SOCIAL CLUB 2-4	CAREGIVER SUPPORT MEETING 1-3 CR MEDITATION CIRCLE 5:15-6PM	No Games Galore today in Card Room			
25	26	27	28	29	1	

Our Neighbourly News Magazine is the thread that ties us all together. Until next time; stay well and laugh a lot!