

Minister McMahon Visits Eganville's New and Improved Arena



The Honourable Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport was in Eganville on Friday, November 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Eganville Arena to launch the official opening of the facility.

The Township of Bonnechere Valley was fortunate to have the financial assistance from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's Ontario 150 -Community Capital Program which is administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Mayor Jennifer Murphy is very grateful to Minister McMahon and her Ministry for this funding. "This was the single largest grant (\$445,000) for an initiative of this nature. These improvements will see our arena servicing the community for another 50 years." said Mayor Murphy.

The funding was used to replace the brine system, ice pad and dehumidifiers at the Eganville Community Centre. Fostering more active life-styles, this initiative is helping infrastructure for unstructured and structured physical activities.

As we mark Ontario's 150th anniversary this year, our government is investing in unique initiatives that are important to communities," said Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. "The Eganville Arena is a crucial resource and the Ontario150 support helps to create sport and recreation opportunities for people of all ages and abilities and is contributing to a long-lasting legacy for this community.

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

We thank everyone who was inconvenienced for their patience and understanding and are very excited for the community at large to visit the new and improved facility.



Help us build the Eganville Splash Pad in Summer 2018

We need your help to build a Splash Pad for the summer of 2018 at Eganville's Legion Memorial Field! Support the upcoming Splash Pad! There are many exciting prizes! Tickets make great stocking stuffers.



The Grand Prize is a 2018 GMC Sierra 1500 valued at \$34,600 from Butler GM Pembroke.

There will be over **\$4,500** in subsidiary prizes: \$500 cash (5 draws) \$500 gas from Pikwakanagan Fuels, \$500 Shopping spree from Foodland, \$500 Barbeque & Meat Combo from Freshmart, \$500 in new tires Totally Auto, Eganville,

\$300 Gift Card Murphy's Auto Service, \$260 for 4-rounds of Golf with Cart at Whitetail, \$250 MTD Lawnmower Eganville Home Hardware, \$200 Photo Session with Special Treasures

The draw will be held on **Saturday, May 26, 2018** at the official sod turning ceremony at Eganville's Legion Memorial Field, 12 noon. Tickets are: \$50 or 3 for \$100. Only 2,100 tickets are printed.

Tickets for the Raffle can be obtained at: Bonnechere Valley Municipal Office, Eganville Leader, Northern Credit Union, Eganville Country Depot, Eganville Foodland, Eganville Freshmart, Murphy's Auto, McCarthy Fuels, Valley Gazette, Town & Country and Barker's Collision.

Alternatively, you can mail a cheque payable to BV Splash Pad and with all your contact information to: BV Splash Pad, Box 100, Eganville, ON KOJ 1TO and your ticket stub will be mailed back to you.

Information on upcoming Casino Night Fundraiser on next page....

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News Briefs

Fire Chief Dave Murphy is working with the Office of the Fire Marshal and Algonquin College with the hope of moving forward with a regional online training centre being open early 2018.

Fire Department Retirement: Congratulations to Calvin Schroeder on his retirement from the Department after 20 years.

Fire Promotions: Caleb Wagner is the Station 1 Captain, Alex Desiardins is the Station 1 Lieutenant and Keith Good is the Station 2 Lieutenant.

New Hires: Bonnechere Valley has some new faces; Cassie Dombroskie is the new Recreational Assistant at the Eganville Arena. Ryan Florent, Cole Fitzgerald and Ernie Wieglin are new Equipment Operators in the Roads Department and Jacob Measor is the new Sanitation Assistant for Curbside pickup. Congratulations to all!

Promotion: Jason Zohr has been promoted to the Public Works Manager. Mr. Zohr is the lead hand to Mr. Bill Kennedy, Public Works Superintendent.

Ontario Trillium Foundation: The Township of Bonnechere Valley has applied for funding to replace the brine headers and chiller at the Eganville Curling Club.

Heaters at the Eganville Arena: There will be five new heaters installed at the Eganville Arena which will keep us warm this winter. Thank you to our sponsors: Lahey Mechanical, Bonnechere Caves and Rio Tap & Grill, Canadian Woodworking, Friends of the Arena and McCarthy Fuels and Propane.

McRae Park

Bonnechere Valley has a new landmark called "McRae Park" thanks to the hard-work of the Eganville and B Area Community Development Group (EACDG). The park is located where John D. McRae built a grist mill on the shores of the river in

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1892 and his descendants at the McRae Mills lumber company in Whitney jumped on board to assist when they heard the park was being named in Mr. McRae's honour.

A design by Eganville native Max Middlestadt showed the various proposed elements of the park. The EACDG is encouraging corporations, businesses, organizations, families to think about honouring your family in a way be sponsoring one of the components of the park. If interested in sponsoring please contact the Community Development Group by email at discovereganvillehq@gmail.com





613.628.3101 ext. 226. Tickets available at Municipal Office & the Eganville Arena.

Are You In Favour To A Change To The Current Voting System?

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The question of whether to elect Municipal Councillors by 'ward' or 'at large' has come up from time to time. This current council felt it was time to put the question to the public in an organized referendum during the next general election. To discuss and review the question a Public Meeting will be held in Council Chambers on February 6th, 2018 at 6pm. The question being proposed is the following: "Are you in favour of The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley passing a by-law so that all councillors, including the Mayor, are elected by general vote instead of the current ward system of voting?"

To be clear, this does not change how the mayor is elected, as the position is currently elected by general vote. What would change is that instead of voting for 1 choice of councillor for your area and 1 mayoralty candidate, you would select up to 4 councillor candidates and 1 mayoralty candidate. Then the candidates with the four highest vote totals will become the councillors at large for Bonnechere Valley Township. In order for the question to be binding there needs to be a turn out of 50% of the eligible electors and 50% +1 have to vote one way or the

other to be binding. However, even if there is not a binding decision the next council may choose to interpret the response and implement a change or leave the status quo.

There are pros and cons to each scenario and we look forward to discussing them with you on **Feb** <u>6th.</u> Many have said that they want to have a greater choice in the composition of their council. Others feel it is important to have a local voice and responsibility for each area. Campaigning as a Councillor at large can be more challenging to meet the electorate base and expensive to



campaign due to the vast area to canvass, however it is easier for someone new to enter the race instead of directly challenging an incumbent. These are some of the interesting issues we look forward to hearing your thoughts on and more.

If you cannot make the meeting and take issue with the wording of the question you may contact Bryan Martin at bryanm@eganville.com leading up to the meeting and he will bring forward submissions.

Tree Lighting

The Township of Bonnechere Valley is pleased to announce that the annual Tree Lighting will take place on Friday, December 1, 2017 at Eganville's Tourist Information Booth at 5:30 pm.

Refreshments will be provided. Come out a help light up our Village!





Makers Space

If you've been in to the Bonnechere Union Public Library since the summer you may have noticed a small renovation with a big impact. A Maker Space has been created where the storage room/staff room used to be in the back thanks to a successful grant from the Ontario Ministry of Sport Culture and Tourism.



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The Maker Space is a phenomenon that started in New York City and has transformed libraries into places of active creation. And studies have shown when people

use the space for a range of creative activities that circulation of reading and other material goes up too. Our maker space is being used for music lessons, green screen and computer graphics, sewing and crafts, and many other purposes. The library is planning on purchasing a 3D printer for community use. In fact, it is often booked and being well used!

On Nov 24th Minister Eleanor McMahon honoured is by cutting the ribbon for the official opening. It was a great celebration to show off our amazing library that punches well above its small size. She was also impressed to see our Little Pantry which is an anonymous place to give or take household items. Keep it in mind over the holidays!

Community Champions - Eganville Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Eganville is in the business of helping people both in our community and globally. They believe in and try to live their lives in accordance to the "Four Way Test" of Rotary namely; In the things they say or do: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

This group of individuals have done and continue to do some amazing things for our community: Canada Day Breakfast, Renovations at the Eganville Tourist Information Booth, Renovations at Rotary Beach, and they are now assisting to raising funds for the Eganville Splash Pad.



Abroad the Eganville Rotary Club has also assisted with the purchase of badly needed medical supplies, medicines, beds and oxygen equipment for the Imara Healthcare Centre. Mostly recently they have providing funding to some women in Mukuru who are developing a cooperative business selling peanut butter.

Thank you Rotary for all you do!

Trending at Council

Upcoming Council Meeting

Council meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays. We start with a committee meeting at 1:30 pm

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

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference: Jennifer Murphy, Meredith Jamieson, Jackie Agnew and Bryan Martin are scheduled to attend in January 2018.

Budget Meeting: Will be set for March 2018. The



Budget Meeting, like all of our meetings are open to the public and you are invited to stop by.

Municipal Elections: The Municipal Election will take place on Monday, October 22, 2018. Nomination papers can submitted anytime after Tuesday May 1, 2018 and the deadline is Friday July 27, 2018 at 2 pm.

RV's and Trailer on Lake Clear: Council is gathering written

comments on the issue. Deadline for written submission is March 31, 2017.



Government issued 911 signs are reflective and at an appropriate height, so that in all weather and lighting

conditions, first responders can find you when you need them. Please ensure your sign is installed and unobstructed.









FREE Public Skating at the Eganville Arena

December 3rd, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Signature Team Realty.

December 10th, 3-5:15 pm. Sponsored by Township of Bonnechere Valley's Recreation Department.

December 17th, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the Eganville Country Store.

December 26th, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Eganville Foodland.

December 27th, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Lavern Heideman & Sons Ltd.

December 28th, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Top Notch Heating.

December 29th, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the Ledger Lady

January 2nd, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Eganville Home Hardware.

January 3th, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Eganville Ladies Auxiliary Branch 353.

January 4th , 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Riverside Dental.

January 5th , 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Tomlinson Home Improvements.

January 7th , 7-8:15 pm. Sponsored by Eganville Ladies Auxiliary Branch 353

January 14th, 7-8:15 pm. Sponsored by the Eganville Rotary Club.

January 21st, 7-8:15 pm. Sponsored by NAW Recreation.

January 28th, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Signature Team Realty.

February 2nd , 2-3:15 pm. Sponsored by Riverside Dental.

February 4th, 7-8:15 pm. Sponsored by the Eganville Rotary Club.

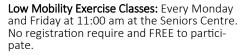
February 11th, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the Wash Factory

February 18th, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsor TBA.

February 19th, 2-3:15 pm. Sponsored by the Mayor Jennifer Murphy.

February 25th, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsor TBA.

CHECK THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR **UPDATES AND ADDITIONS!** www.bonnecherevalleytwp.com



Reiki Therapy Treatments: Twice Monthly. Book appointments for 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm at the Seniors Centre. Must register in advance and fee to participate is \$5.



Tree Lighting: Friday, Dec 1st at 5:30 pm at the Eganville Tourist Information Centre. Help us light up the town! Hot chocolate, singing and more.

Youth Dance: Friday, Dec 1st from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at the Eganville Legion. For Grades 5 to 8. \$5/person. Music by DJ Shanon.

Letters to Santa: Saturday, Dec 2nd at 12 pm (noon) at the Library. Come write your wish list to the guy in the suit! Hot chocolate will be supplied.



Bid Euchre: Sunday, Dec 3rd at 1:30 pm. At the Seniors Centre. Cost is \$5 to participate.

Adult Recreational Pickleball: Every Tuesday evening - Dec 5th, 12th, and 19th, from 7 pm - 9 pm at EDPS school. No charge to participate.

Home Alone Safety Course: Hosted by Safety Tree on Saturday, Dec 9th at the Library. For kids 9-12. Cost is \$65. Registration required, limited space. To register: https:// www.safetytreecanada.com/courses/homealone-safety/event/317-home-alone-safety-for -kids.

Santa Claus Parade: Sunday, Dec 10th, 1:30 pm. Departs from EDPS school. The theme is "A Canadian Christmas. A Celebration of Canada 150".

Canada 150 Skating Party: Sunday, Dec 10th, 3 pm to 5:15 pm at the Eganville Arena. The last event to celebrate Canada 150.

Memory Café Dementia Support: Wednesday, Dec 13th at 10:30 am at the Seniors Centre. For Caregivers or Clients.

Community Choir: Thursday, Dec 20th at 6 6 pm at the Library. A family friendly event! Let's join forces and sing our hearts out, whether you know the words or not!

Elder Abuse Workshop: Friday, Dec 15th at 1 pm at the Seniors Centre. Topic: Financial. FREE to attend.

Hanukkah Party: Wednesday, Dec 20th at 6 pm at the Library. Learn about the culture and the celebrations!

Holiday Films in your PJs! - Dec 27th, 28th and 29th at 2 pm. Come hang out the Library in your pajamas, watch a holiday film, and eat popcorn! A different film will be shown each day: A Charlie Brown Christmas, Elf and the Polar Express.

Bid Euchre: Sunday, Jan 7th and Sunday, Jan 21st at 1:30 pm. At the Seniors Centre. Cost is \$5 to participate.

NEW Low Mobility Exercise Classes: Monday & Friday beginning Jan 8th, 11 am at the Golden Lake Community Hall (Hwy 60). FREE to participate.

Dance of Universal Peace: Sunday, Jan 14th, 2 pm at the Seniors Centre. Nominal Fee to participate.

Off the Grid Productions: Friday, Jan 19th at 7:30 pm, 30 Elise Street. Featuring THE LYNNeS (Lynn Miles and Lynne Hanson with Mia Kelly). Limited seating. To reserve tickets www.offthegridproductions.ca

Family Literacy Day-Eganville Alphabet Hunt: Saturday, Jan 27th. The Library will be hiding 26 letters (from A-Z) across town. Find one, bring it in to the Library between 10 am and 3 pm, and earn a prize.

Toy Bus: Wednesday, Jan 31st from 10 am to 12 pm (noon) at the Seniors Centre. FREE to attend.



February at the Library is "Blind Date with a Book"! Take your chances with a book that you must check out before unwrapping to reveal its identity. You may just fall in love (with a new author!)

Bid Euchre: Sunday, Feb 4th and Sunday, Feb 18th at 1:30 pm. At the Seniors Centre. No registration required. Cost is \$5 to participate.



Dance of Universal Peace: Sunday, Feb 11, 2 pm at the Seniors Centre. Nominal Fee to participate.

Memory Café Dementia Support:

Wednesday, Feb 14th, 10:30 am at the Seniors Centre.

First Nations Public Library Week

Celebrations: Thursday, Feb 15th at 6 pm, Miss Ro will be hosting a drum making and beading hour. Learn about Indigenous cultures and activities! Open to everyone.

Toy Bus: Wednesday, Feb 16th from 10 am to 12 pm (noon) at the Seniors Centre. FREE to attend.

Freedom to Read Week: Feb 25th to March 3rd, The Library will be showcasing some of their own challenged books from this year, as well as their "Caught Reading" mugshot space, and a display of past challenged works.

In the Dog House Valentine Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser: Friday, Feb 28th, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Seniors Centre. Cost is \$8/person.



Let us know about your events in March, April and May