Mishap claims life of nun known for her spirit of gratitude

Sister Betty Berrigan taught thousands of children in the Valley; was spiritual director at Stillpoint House of Prayer.

By Gerald Tracey

Douglas – Among her family she was known as the heart and soul of the family. In her religious community, Sister Elizabeth (Betty) Berrigan was known for her spirit of gratitude, which is the essence of prayer.

Sister Betty died tragically last Thursday afternoon when she was struck by a pick-up truck clearing snow at St. Patricks Retirement Home, a retirement home on the shores of the Ottawa River where she and seven other members of the Sisters of St. Joseph community had moved to just two weeks earlier. The eight nuns were among the last of 13 of the once-large community that occupied the Motherhouse in Pembroke and taught in many communities in the Ottawa Valley and beyond. The eight nuns and a kitchen helper moved to Pembroke Street West, about two kilometres west of Suppes Landing, after the retirement home opened there. Five of the Sisters relocated to Pembroke where they are receiving care in their advanced age.

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“One move is hard enough, but two were very, very, very special to her. She had a bond with every single person in our community. And it wasn’t the same kind of relationship. It wasn’t a surface relationship. It was a deep relationship. She took the time to see what that was happening in their life, she really, really devoted her time and her energy and that was something she did with the Sisters, she dealt with the people at Stillpoint and there was a very judgment. She was one of those people that accepted everything. ‘She was very faithful, but she was so open. She could see the eyes of God in every person, not that’s how she treated everybody.’”

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A birthday to remember for $1,661,654 Catch the Ace winner

By R. Bruce McIntosh

Mike Adlington of Ashton was the big winner in the RVH Catch the Ace lottery February 27 that raised over $2.5 million for the hospital.

Adlington intended to get this Ace of Spades framed and hang it in a special place. This is the winning card that will start the foundation to purchase hospital equipment. Standing beside him is Foundation member Melanie Clemmer who picked the winning ticket.

There was no need for Mike Adlington to blow out the birthday candle on his cake since it is pretty hard to make a wish when you have just received a cheque for $1,661,654. Mr. Adlington of Ashton was the big winner in the RVH Catch the Ace lottery February 27 that raised over $2.5 million for the hospital.

Draw down begins on Round Lake in anticipation of flooding

By Debbie Chronich

Egargille — The draw-down of Round Lake is following as asked from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in order to create a better fish habitat and to create recreational opportunities.

A team of volunteer divers and equipment was deployed by the Town of Morrisburg to remove and transport the muck accumulated at the bottom of Round Lake.

Workers and volunteer divers from the Town of Morrisburg have been working to create a better habitat for fish in Round Lake. The project includes the removal of muck and other debris from the bottom of the lake to improve water quality and provide a more hospitable environment for fish species.

The draw-down process involves lowering the lake's water level, which allows for the removal of accumulated sediments and debris. This process helps to improve water clarity, increase dissolved oxygen levels, and reduce the growth of algae, thereby creating a healthier aquatic ecosystem.

The work is being done in collaboration with local organizations, volunteers, and community members to ensure the project's success. The collaboration and volunteering have been crucial in reducing costs and maximizing the benefits of the draw-down.

The Town of Morrisburg has plans to continue with the draw-down and further habitat improvement efforts in the upcoming months. The community is encouraged to participate and support these initiatives to maintain a healthy and vibrant water body for future generations.
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From Front

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EDPS student looking forward to her role as a page at Queen's Park

By Debbi Christinck

Jenna Schison, a Grade 7 student at Eganville District Public School, is looking forward to her upcoming appointment as a page in the Ontario Legislature. Jenna is a Conservative party, and Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP Mark Schriver confirmed for council yet again. RV status in building code is discussed again at council

By Debby Cherwack

Legion Branch 355 hosts annual Zone public speaking competition

By The Canadian Press

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, Jenna Schison, a Grade 7 student at Eganville District Public School, is looking forward to her recent appointment as a page in the Ontario Legislature. Jenna was not sure if she would be selected. However, she was recommended for the position in November, along with the asset manager, this will be her first chance to truly explore the city. On Friday there will be extra money for funds to purchase some furnishings, this will be her chance to get hands-on experience with library. As a page, she would have loved to participate in a political realm, this will be at Queen's Park from April 20 to May 29. Jenna will be a page and what her role will be. Jenna will be embarking on during an almost 20-page program, although Jenna will receive a $15 a day honourarium and reimbursement for funds to purchase some furnishings, this will be her chance to get hands-on experience with library. As a page, she would have loved to participate in a political realm, this will be her first chance to truly explore the city. On Friday there will be extra money for funds to purchase some furnishings, this will be her chance to get hands-on experience with library.

The experience at Queen's Park will give her exposure to a political realm, that is an asset. We have no knowledge of the architect or the electrical and Duncan Ross was named as an electrical contractor to be an- other option, Chad's Electrical as the electrician, and the architect to be another option, Chad's Electrical as the electrician.

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By Debbie Chrestick, Regional Journalism Initiative Reporter

Eganville – Township-wide garbage pick-up by commercial businesses is a cost of about $100 per $100,000 assessment for the 23 Eganville residents. But any decision on implementing such a program will not be made until a survey of all residents is conducted later this year.

“On far as I am concerned, we are entering the arm,” Coun. Schison, who had first advocated this plan, said last Tuesday during a meeting a council.

The issue was sparked following the project of a private company recycling in Renfrew last year and as the township staff struggled to find other options for not only the recycling but the recycling pick-up, the question of paying for transportation or doing it in house has been looming around for council. As part of this discussion, Coun. Schison proposed looking at township-wide garbage and recycling pick-up using a township truck and staff.

While the issue of township-wide pick-up has been discussed a few times at council, Tuesday was the first time a public discussion was held of the costs associated with the pick-up, as calculated by Acting Works Supervisor from Zohr who told council he had come up with a plan that included picking up with three employees two days a week in all parks and garages and recycling across the township.

“This is a 10 or 12 hour day based on what?” asked Coun. Jack Roesner.

Mr. Zohr said this is what neighborhood towncouncils are finding in other similar service costs and what time it takes to pick-up as well as compensation of a separate waste site and transfer station.

“These other townships are dumping the waste at a waste site and a transfer station,” he added.

The meeting was held at the end of the long day and it could be read as the beginning of the challenges faced by the council as it takes. However, Coun. Schison said it is still an issue to be factored in, she said.

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“We have the other 8 weeks of the survey and it is not a very useful tool,” he cautioned.

Coun. Patrick pointed out there is no survey delay and having the consultant do a review, which will be completed this year. The review would also factor in any decision or recommendation on waste management

Township-wide garbage pick-up in BV Twp. would come at a cost

Coun. Roesner said that this was not necessary. However, Coun. Schison said it is important to stress this is just the recommendation on waste management

The area was blanketed with a heavy snowfall last Tuesday and Wednesday as up to 30 centimetres of snow fell in most parts of the Valley. While everyone is pretty well tired of frequent snowfalls, the latest storm cre - town. Coun. Patrick said there is a lot to be said for not putting garbage in the bin, he said.

Mayer Murphy said it was clear there was a cost associated with the survey and collect more information but the government can't hold this stuff. “I can’t see people driving from Eganville to the village for a sticker.”

Mayor Murphy said this would not work on private roads. “Not before 7 (a.m.),” Mr. Zohr explained the township would be doing four sections. This works out to 137 kilometres a day, which includes travelling to the Ruby waste site and to the recycling locations.

“The other problem is private roads,” Coun. Buckwald said. “Where do you put your garbage?” I see this as a real problem. Then there are the costs. They can’t hold this stuff.

Mr. Zohr pointed out the transfer stations would still be open for those who want or need to take their gar- bage there.

“The other neighbouring townships who have the high to low cost would not be able to dump the waste. He said “I would like to see one bag free.

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Councillor Carl Kuehl, who was also at the conference, attended the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) meeting in the absence of Mayor Janice Visneskie Moore, who was unable to attend due to a personal matter.

Ms. Davis thanked council and Mayor Visneskie Moore for their support. She noted the petition was also available for signing at the District Public Library.

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Ms. Davis added the group has also started a petition to stop the implementation of 5G in the county. The group was planning to present a petition to the township office on Monday, March 9, 2020.

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By R. Bruce McIntyre
Staff Writer

Renfrew - Although Renfrew town council dismissed former Fire Chief Guy Longtin, surfing he was too old for the job, it seems his age is just a number for Whitewater’s interim fire chief.

The appointment of Mr. Longtin will be taking effect March 31. He will serve in the position until the end of May 2018. Mr. Longtin from Renfrew in May 2018 made national headlines in relation to this year. He resigned from his role at the township abruptly.

A fire chief has led a career in Superior Court seeking a total of $1.35 million in damages from the town. That civil case is still before the courts.

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We can start with a project called the “Turnip Truck” which was to carry produce from Alberta through BC to the Pacific Ocean. It is a curious notion. It was seen as a good idea, as the turnips in Alberta are more powerful than the prime minister. This is a strategy used by those who believe in the power of propaganda.

There are thousands of small farms in this province, the majority of which are owned by small farmers. Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia were not affected by the turnip truck, and they believed that it was a good idea. They believed in the power of propaganda.

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The funeral was held in Temagami, Ontario, and attended by a number of friends and family who came to Canada and his parents and his children. In his life he had carried on the work of his father's farm in South Algoma with his son, but afterwards returned to Eglington and in 1900 became a member of the village council of South Algoma. He was a man of courage and ability, respected by all who knew him. Messrs. John McCann and Wallace O'Brien, in his memory, made a donation of $1000 to the town of South Algoma for the support of the school.

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Yakabuski hopes provincial offer is put to a vote for teachers

The latest deal or not from the province, teachers decide if they want to accept will put the latest offer to a vote and let them see if they’re from.

Last Tuesday, the Conservative government actually pocketed down two of the major issues for teachers in the latest round of contract talks than it has been marked by walkouts and animosity.

Mr. Yakabuski welcomed the government’s additional, reasonable proposals on the negotiation table at the last minute for the prestige of students and parents, with a single focus on ending the impasse.

He said during the negotiation process, the government tabled proposals that were much better than any other proposals, which included substantive education, health, and social services, the last one being on the cloud, one for youth in the province, and the next one to be looked at.

“We have to keep our makeshift shelters safe and well,” said Steve Nichols, a child protection supervisor with FCS and insurance run by the Safe Kids program.

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WW sets aside funds for new benches

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Four agencies will benefit from Pembroke Hyundai donation

Draw for new vehicle will take place at Enchanted Charity Dinner En Blanc in July

By Terry Fleure

Pembroke Hyundai, a family-owned automotive dealership in Pembroke, hosted an event for local agencies on March 11th. The event included a dinner featuring performances from Fence Theatre, a local group known for their Irish-themed shows.

Fence Theatre is an award-winning theatre that has been entertaining audiences across the Ottawa Valley and throughout Canada for decades and has a significant following. The group often performs with Stone Fence, a well-known band for Irish hijinks. Theilheimer on fiddle and music by Derek Tolhurst on guitar, and Lesley Sneddon with Sernoskie, Fran Pinkerton, and Valerie Vic are some of the company's current performers and guest stars.

The event was very successful, raising over $66,000 that was donated to CPAN, the Children's Foundation of Ottawa and the Pembroke Community Health Centre. The money was raised for CPAN, the organization known for giving back to the community.

Ms. Slaughter, general manager of Pembroke Hyundai, said the event was a great success. She outlined the many programs the organization offers, saying the entire proceeds of the event would be donated to CPAN, the Children's Foundation of Ottawa and the Pembroke Community Health Centre.

The Phoenix Centre was not represented, but Pembroke Hyundai and Pembroke Community Health Centre were not represented. The proceeds from the event were donated to CPAN, the Children's Foundation of Ottawa and the Pembroke Community Health Centre.

Ms. Slaughter thanked all of the businesses that came to the dinner and entertainers that performed. She acknowledged the Laceys' donations made to the theatre last year, expressing gratitude to the Laceys for supporting their events.

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Calver Lumber wins sixth straight EHL title

By Tony Fleisner
Staff Writer

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OHS curls capture gold at EOSSAA championship

By Terry Flanagan
Stu Vetter

**Eganville** – The Opeongo High School (OHS) varsity curling team captured a successful season with a gold medal performance at the Eastern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletic Association (EOSSAA) championships on Thursday co-hosted by the Eganville and Pembroke curling clubs.

Grades 12 student Connor Heideman skipped his team of Stephanie Heideman, Andrew Moore, and Erin McAllister to the school's second EOSSAA title in a 10-5 win over St. Mary's High School from Pembroke in the final played at the Eganville Curling Club (ECC). Opeongo previously won the title in 2011.

It was the perfect ending for the OHS team in the game was played at the ECC with the championship fully of family and supporters of the OHS team that was out of the local ECC.

Heideman's team had posted an undefeated record in their round robin games to advance to Thursday's championship game against the St. Mary's team, who they defeated 3-2 in their opening game of the tournament.

The team went on to post a 9-3 win over Holy Cross High School from Kemptville, followed by a 10-1 win over Glengarry District High School of Alexandria to finish first among the four teams.

In the final, St. Mary's stole one point in the first end and appeared to be poised to steal at least a couple more in the second, as they were counting four before Heideman stepped into the hack for his two shots. With his first shot, he removed three opponent's stones and bumped a fourth back to see Opeongo count two. After Riley Butterworth took one of the OHS stones out with his final rock, Heideman drew to the four-foot to count two and take a 2-1 lead.

St. Mary's took the game in the third single point, but Opeongo jumped into a 7-2 lead with five points in the fourth. After St. Mary's responded with three points with the hammer in the fifth and added the score to 9-5, OHS answered with three of their own to make the score 10-5. At that point, the St. Mary's team decided to take a two-point lead and the EOSSAA title went to Opeongo.

In a post-game interview, Heideman said he and Coach Gerald Priesty went into the final with a definite strategy based on what they had learned in their opening games won over St. Mary's.

"We noticed that the fourth-stone threwer, a levy, his in-turn, which is the rest of our out-turn, he either turns it or puts them out," he said. "So, we tried to give him as many in-turns as possible in this game."

Heideman's team was already in control of the championship, especially for the final on Thursday. "A lot of people came out from the community," he noted. "Not really, they were there to comfort not to make me nervous."

He felt the championship game may have turned in their favor with their take-out in the second end that changed a possible two-three-point steal by St. Mary's into a two-point lead for his team.

"It was definitely a confidence booster for the team when I made that triple and I shaved in to two. That was definitely a big boost, for sure," he said.

He said winning EOSSAA with his schoolmates is a great way to wrap up a year where he also played with a Minor-based team in the provincial qualifiers and stepped up on ECC's team to win its first-ever victory in the Ontario Secondary School Legislature Super League.

"I'm very proud of playing together for four years now and there's no words to describe this. We've worked so hard."

"And then Stephanie, my cousin, joined us two years ago and it was great playing with her on the team," he added. "And finally doing it my last year is amazing." Heideman's team improve each year, crediting Priesty with turning him into the curler he is.

"There's definitely no opportunity for the team to move on to the EOSSAA championships as the only boys and girls team to have provincial championships."

Coach Priesty said it was not only a good way to end the 2019-2020 season but a good way to end the team-four-year run for him.

"I started with these kids four years ago in Grade 9 and the curve has been steep because we couldn't get out of Renfrew County. They got registered summer to nothing," he said.

"Then three years ago, they had a chance to get through Renfrew County and, to get to EOSSAA, but then, again, won't be a gold," he said.

"This year, we were one shot away from getting into the gold medal game and the kids missed one and then didn't play well and lost the bronze medal game," he added. "So, it's been a long journey ending this year with the gold medal." Heideman's big shot in the championship game against St. Mary's.

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"Having been with the kids the last three years and travelling elsewhere, there's some expectation, obligation, or hope that you might have one day," he said, "I've become aware that Pembroke was supposed to host it one day, so, when Pembroke was supposed to host the EOSSAA championship this year, I pushed for Pembroke to be the EOSSAA championship host."

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He felt the championship game may have turned in their favor with their take-out in the second end that changed a possible two-three-point steal by St. Mary's into a two-point lead for his team.

"It was definitely a confidence booster for the team when I made that triple and I shaved in to two. That was definitely a big boost, for sure," he said.

He said winning EOSSAA with his schoolmates is a great way to wrap up a year where he also played with a Minor-based team in the provincial qualifiers and stepped up on ECC's team to win its first-ever victory in the Ontario Secondary School Legislature Super League.

"I'm very proud of playing together for four years now and there's no words to describe this. We've worked so hard."

"And then Stephanie, my cousin, joined us two years ago and it was great playing with her on the team," he added. "And finally doing it my last year is amazing." Heideman's team improve each year, crediting Priesty with turning him into the curler he is.

"There's definitely no opportunity for the team to move on to the EOSSAA championships as the only boys and girls team to have provincial championships."

Coach Priesty said it was not only a good way to end the 2019-2020 season but a good way to end the team-four-year run for him.

"I started with these kids four years ago in Grade 9 and the curve has been steep because we couldn't get out of Renfrew County. They got registered summer to nothing," he said.

"Then three years ago, they had a chance to get through Renfrew County and, to get to EOSSAA, but then, again, won't be a gold," he said.

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Photo highlights from the Douglas St. Patrick’s parade

The Pilon family have a lot of fun each year getting together to prepare their float and greet the many people along the parade route.

Grace Keller holds the big book of the Irish Hillbillies, authored by Art Jamieson and Preston Cull. She was part of the float put together by the O’Connor families and friends and Wayne Rhode of Eganville and area.

The Bruce families of Douglas go all out in their design of a float each year and their entry is always a favourite with the spectators.

Lyle Kilroe and friends from down around Carp are frequent participants in the parade.

John Cull of Cobden, brother of this year’s Honourary Parade Marshal, Ruth Cull (aka Mohlgrenny the Clown) drove the 1935 Maple Leaf fire truck that once provided protection to the Cobden community. Riding with John is Jamie Caswell. Both are members of the Whitewater Region Township Fire Department.

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Jesse Welch’s Backyard Gourmet float was belching out green smoke from, what else, but the smoker. He and several friends handed out pulled pork on a bun they prepared along the route.

Yves Proax and Sue Nolan of Oceane, along with their friends, are pulled by their team of horses.

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Joseph Cull hams it up on the Cull family float while John Boyle, the Deputy Head of Mission with the Irish Embassy in Ottawa, gets a great chuckle. The Night Paddy Murphy Died was the theme for the float and none other than Preston Cull played the role of Paddy to a T. Mr. Boyle was quite impressed with the parade and promised more involvement from the Embassy in future years.

St. Patrick, Alex McGrath, was joined by his wife, Colleen and some of their grown children and grandchildren as he made his way through the streets of Douglas bestowing Irish blessings on the estimated crowd of between 1,500 and 2,000.

Sharon (Leprechaun) Little and friends from Community Living in Renfrew participated in the parade. Cathy (Lynch) Gervais and Janice Buch hoof it along the route.

Paddy McGuinty’s goats? Nope. Ryan, Bronwynn and Charlene Dick walk the route with their cute “kids”.

Joan and Sam Jamieson of Eganville rode in this miniature Model T which captured the attention of many.

Awww, tis a lovely night for a drink of Jameson’s. Many parade participants were in a celebratory mood, not because of the drink, but just because St. Patrick celebrations with all its music, laughter and colour seems to bring out the best in people. Whiskey Before Breakfast was the theme for the Buch family float. After a sunny Saturday, the temperature Saturday night hovered around the freezing mark making it a perfect night for spectators and participants.

Susan Patterson-O’Neil, left, and Lynn Agnew wave their Irish flags with pride along the parade route. They were part of the Bromley-St. Michael’s float.

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By the time you read this, some of our local seed growers, including “Seeds of Creation” in Eganville, will have just exhibited at our local Seedy Sunday in Rankin. My favourite seed catalogues have been reviewed and orders placed. Like all gardeners, there’s an excitement I feel that I had to quell at the anticipation of getting on with the year’s attempt at growing flowers and vegetables from seed. We’re closer to the spring equinox, but we need to wait out the next month. If you need a boost while you’re waiting, take a walk over to McRae Lookout Park on Grist Mill Rd. There’s a narrow, beaten path from the road to the lookout. The river, its ice and snow and the rushing spring water are spectacular. The birds are so loud – they know it’s time to spread the word. It’s quite inspiring to breathe all that in. What are some things you can do to prepare? First, check to see if you have any seed packages out on the table, then look at the germination time required for what you’ve purchased. Unless you have a greenhouse, do not start seeds indoors until you count backwards from May 24 with each variety. For example, if you have an annual seed that takes warmth and 40 days to germinate, count back 40 days and mark that date on your calendar. Don’t start them too early. Then seedlings grow too fast and we can’t get them into the ground because the weather will be too cold. Planting later than you intended is far better than planting early. Make sure you have purchased your supplies like sterilized soil or starter mix, pots, and wooden sticks to put in your flats to identify what you’re growing. In March, we welcome one of our local growers, Baxter Topham-Pitt from “The Temperate Garden”, to our monthly meeting at the Legion. Baxter will be able to answer your questions about seed starting, after he has run our ever-popular Trivia Night quiz. I hope you’ll come out and join us. We draw numbers to form groups to compete against each other. No pressure, just lots of fun challenging ourselves. The winning team gets gift certificates for The Temperate Garden in Eganville. Come at 7 p.m. for refreshments, meeting starts at 7:30. Everyone 12 and older is welcome. Free to members; visitors $5. You don’t have to be a gardener to join, but you may be interested in learning and hearing what’s going on in the gardening community. Baxter will be able to answer your questions about seed starting, after he has run our ever-popular Trivia Night quiz.

In Memoriam

James McGrath who passed away March 15, 2020

Death leaves us, one can heal, Love leaves us memories, With Love, Suzanne & Family

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the friends and family of James McGrath for the cards and flowers sent to us. Our heartfelt thanks to all who helped in many ways. Thank you to the staff of St. Joseph’s Hospital for your services. Dear family, thank you to our friends, Jack and Lore McElharmon and to Debra Kadek for all her support and caring for Phyllis. To all who pulled flowers, Rod Jak, Ross, Rose and Jean Verokash. We are grateful for all your help and kindness. We will miss you all dearly. A special thank you to all our friends and family for all your help and support. There are few things you can count on in this troubled world we face. Every season has an ending. Every person has an end.
Barry’s Bay – Donna Brum of Round Lake Centre won $2,929 in last Thursday’s Catch the Ace draw sponsored by the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation. Since the Ace of Spades was not found, the progressive jackpot has grown to almost $60,000.

Mrs. Brum picked the number 50, which revealed the Jack of Hearts. She will be putting the money toward a trip out West. Since the Ace was not found in the trunk 22 draw, Catch the Ace weekly prize for week 23 is estimated at $2,570. If the Ace of Spades is found, one lucky woman could take home the final winnings of $57,108.

Tickets can be purchased at Round Lake Centre, Alcona’s Convenience, Killaloe Hardware, Kokomish Café, Wilno Building Supplies, Chante’s Barry Valley Eatery, Lorraine’s Pharmacare, Barry’s Bay Shell, CO Country Market, Algonquin Boarding House (Mondemств), St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, Valley Mower, Egertown Shell, Country’s Pharmacy and the El Rancho.

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Members of the St. Francis Memorial Hospital Board are community-minded individuals who:

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• Have the ability to work effectively as a member of a team;

• Have leadership potential;

• Have the ability to bring a useful perspective to the deliberations of the Board;

• Understand and be willing to accept the responsibility and accountability for being a member of the Board;

• Age willing to make a two-year commitment

If you feel this might be a good match for you, or would like more information before making a decision, please email greenwood@sfhpistle.ca or call 613-756-3944 and speak with Chief Operating Officer Greg McLeod by Monday, March 23, 2020.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Construction Labourer provides a variety of construction, maintenance and repair services related to County roads infrastructure with a focus on public safety and visibility.

Qualifications:

• Equivalent to high school with job related courses in the operation, maintenance and construction of roads;

• Minimum six months experience in road construction and municipal public works infrastructure maintenance;

• 0 license mandatory. D license preferred.

• Completion of approved training courses including traffic control, chainsaw operation, WHMIS, Transportation of Dangerous Goods, etc.

• Demonstrated excellent safety record, ability to meet physical demands of the position;

• Flexibility in hours of work.

COMPENSATION $15.25-$18.10 per hour. No benefits.

Please send your resume, stating Competitive #22-37 by 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2020 to:

Human Resources, County of Renfrew
9 International Drive, Pembroke, ON K8A 6R3
EM MAIL: Personnel@renewest.ca (in MS Word or PDF format)

Thank you for your interest in the position. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. A reasonable accommodation for any candidate with a disability will be provided upon request prior to an interview.

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Radiothon raises over $40,000

The Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation held its second annual Connect to Care Radio-Telethon last Thursday at the Pembroke Mall. More than $40,000 was raised in the six-hour event and will go to the Cutting Edge campaign which is raising money to replace the surgical floor and support the orthopedic program. Well-known volunteer and host of many fundraisers, Art Jamieson of Beachburg, has a chat with Mall Manager Jayne Brophy while a volunteer updates the total. The event was co-sponsored by myFM Radio and TV. Kyle Robinson of myFM was a co-host of the program.

Amporto Family History Group presents
Searching Renfrew County Land Records at Amporto (McMickle) Branch Archives
Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7 PM
Amporto Public Library meeting room
21 Macaroni Blvd, Amporto
Non-members: $5.00 / $8.79-771-1924

R. Bruce Leach Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Public

Wish to advise that effective February 28, 2020 he will no longer have any professional association with the firm Leach and Knoll but rather will continue to practice law dividing his time between offices of: Gallagher & Ingal Professional Corporation; Renfrew, Ontario; 613-433-8537; & Lawgivers Law Professional Corporation; Eganville, Ontario; 613-628-2553

Sunday FUNday Dance
Sunday, March 29
1 pm - 5 pm at the Renfrew Armouries
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6 Hand Euchre 7 p.m.

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