

NAVAN NUGGET

TOWN HALL – Pierre Lemieux
 Pierre Lemieux MP Glengarry-Prescott-Russell held a Townhall meeting at Castello's Restaurant on a very cold Friday evening, January 26. About 25 residents of the Village and the surrounding area attended. Mr. Lemieux reviewed the accomplishments of the Conservative government after one year in office and then opened the meeting to a very good question and answer period. The general feeling of those attending was that some good information was received and it was hoped that similar type meetings would follow.



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Navan Notables

Fred and Catherine Hyde

This couple moved to Navan in June 1985. Ever since then they have lived happily and busily in our little village. They raised their 2 children, Shana and Brent, while getting involved in the Scouting programme here.

Upon his arrival in 1985, Fred was asked to take over an existing Scout troop. He had been a Scout leader since 1969 so he readily took it on. Today he trains leaders in the Scouting movement. Presently he is training the

Eastern Ontario contingent going to the Canadian Jamboree in St. Jérôme, Québec. Retired now, after 35 years with N.R.C., Fred helps out the Kiwanis Club. He helped build the Children's Play Structure at Millennium Park, helped the Proulx Farm with additions to their "Scary House". Brent seems to have his father's talent for "fixing things" as he is now renovating a 100-year-old house in Ottawa. The Cub Car Rally has benefited from Fred's help too. He has been the main fellow behind the Garage Sale at the Blue Building. Last year he put in over 100 hours sorting donated articles and getting them ready for the sale.

Catherine got involved in Brownies, then, in 1986 she went into the guiding programme along with Barbara Allen, Rachel Gratton, and Sylvia Tauvette. She has organized the Spring Arts Day for over 7 years, for Brownies, Guides and Sparks, on the last Saturday of March Break. Catherine has worked for Bradley Bus Lines for over 20 years now. She also has her own Scrap booking business. Catherine takes pride in being involved with the C.H.E.O. Auxiliary making tray favours for the lunch trays on special holidays. She also makes Clown finger puppets for the Clown programme. Shana followed in her mother's footsteps and belongs to this auxiliary too. Catherine is a recent member of the Navan Women's Institute and bravely took on the Treasurer's role this year. Catherine and Fred are what I consider a caring and generous couple that has given so much to the children of Navan through their

years here. It is residents like these two that make Navan such a desired and wonderful place to live. We need more volunteers like these two to continue to make Navan the very special community that we are all proud to reside in.

CURLING CLUB NEWS

The Navan Curling Club hosted its annual mixed bonspiel the weekend of January 19, 20, and 21 with 32 teams competing. This popular bonspiel once again was sponsored by Tim Hortons. 'A' winners were Ken Sullivan from the Russell Club with runners up Wally Morris from the Rideau Club. 'B' winners were Luc Landriault from the Navan Club with runners up Greg Corrigan also from Navan. 'C' winners were Edgar Simpson from the Rideau Club with runners up from Tyler Reid from Rideau. 'D' winners were Norm Clement from Navan with runners up Bill Sobering from the Glengarry (Maxville) Club.



The Cumberland Township Agricultural Society held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday January 20, at the Navan Memorial Centre upstairs hall. Invitations were sent out to the membership, award winners and our distinguished politicians. Tim McNeely, a past president of the

Navan Fair, was an excellent MC. The following are the award winners for 2006 that were honoured at this event:
Kristyn, Jo-Anne and Tom Girard family received the Sam & Janet Rathwell Family Award, which is given to a family who has demonstrated exemplary teamwork, spirit, and creativity at the Navan Fair, for the CTAS, and within the community. The trophy was presented by Don Rathwell.
Eileen and John Corry was awarded the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Service Diploma for their dedication and contribution to the Navan Fair for numerous years along with their volunteering and musical talents throughout the community. The certificate was presented by President Ray Lanthier and Pierre Lemieux, MP Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.

Alan Whitson of Metcalfe was chosen by the CTAS Board of Directors for the Navan Fair Volunteer of the Year Award as an individual that has continuously made a positive influence within our community. Al, who has been the gate security coordinator for many years and a wonderful vocal addition at our ecumenical church service, was a well deserving individual. Just a note of interest is that all the volunteers that Al recruits to work on the gates volunteer for charitable organizations with the funds generated by them going back into the surrounding communities. President Ray Lanthier and Jean-Marc Lalonde, MPP Glengarry-Prescott-Russell proudly presented this well deserved award.

Karen Edwards was selected as the CTAS Youth of Distinction Award by the CTAS Board of Directors in recognition for a youth's contribution to the success of the CTAS and the Navan Fair. Karen made a significant contribution with over 20 entries in many divisions, all of which received 1st or 2nd prize. Look

out – she is a contender of the future. President Ray Lanthier and Mayor Larry O'Brien had the honour of presenting Karen with her certificate.

Other recognition was given for winners who were:

Culinary Art: 2006 Baking Queen - Dominique Deschamps, Baking Princess - Réjanne Horler, Silver Queen - Gertie Hodges and Past President's Award – Highest Points New Exhibitor Amanda Vanden Hanenberg
Floriculture 1st highest points - Guylaine Lemieux, 2nd highest points - Dora Smits
Homecraft 1st highest points - Dora Smits, 2nd highest points - Elke Rathwell
Parade Best Float: Russell County Junior Farmers

The CTAS Board of Directors were very pleased with the outcome of the 2006 Fair, thanks to great weather, generous supporters and dedicated volunteers, we were able to put some money away in our maintenance fund. We succeed because of the following:

- Outstanding contribution of over 200 volunteers who put in over 20,000 hours to make it happen. Just think if we paid them \$7 per hour it would cost us over \$140,000.
- Special thanks to over 350 generous donors and sponsors who without their money or in-kind support we could not operate.
- Did you know that the Fair generates over \$450,000 in revenue annually? However after expenses to produce this first class Fair, at the end of the year, we may put a few thousand in the bank for future repairs?

Ray is the farmer of the past and Hank the agra-engineer of the future.



Our theme for the 2007 Navan Fair will be **“Forging the Future”**. We chose this as the City of Ottawa is celebrating 150 years of being the capital of first, Upper and Lower Canada and then all of Canada. Therefore using the past 150 years it will take us from horse and buggy days to projecting vs. into the future of agriculture/cultural changes. Just look at the options of entering a float in the Parade from pioneer days to farming using robots - great costume opportunities.

2007 Board of Directors are:

President	Hank Bakker
1 st VP & TractorPull	Mario St. Denis
2 nd VP & Heavy Horse	Mark Hamilton
Past Pres.	Ray Lanthier
Alpaca	Lucie Savage
Ambassador Comp.	Roxanne Bakker
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Beef Cattle	Andrew Hodges
Beer Gardens	Rob Vezina
Concessions	Shawn Simpson
Conservation	Glyn Chancey
Culinary Arts	Jo-Anne Girard
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Demo Derby	Andrew Davies
Education	Tania Wall
Entertainment	Dan Bissonnette
Field Crops, Fruits, Vegetables & Commercial Feature	Wendy Chretien
Floriculture	Kelly Sirvin
Homecraft	Anne Marie Potvin
Horse Pull	Barry Johnston
Light Horse	Linda Wyman
Public Safety	Jason Daigle
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor. *Vincent T. Lombardi*

HOME TIPS OF THE MONTH

1. Most people kill plants by over-watering. Prevent the problem by placing the plant in a bucket of water, letting the soil draw up the water. Once the surface is damp, that's enough.
2. Encourage children to do good deeds for others. Did you know? Kids who volunteer have higher self-esteem.
3. Easy-bake cookies! Lining your baking sheets with parchment paper guarantees that your cookies won't stick!



HANNAH BILLINGS - A TRIBUTE

This little girl gave so much to our society over the past year, raising thousands of dollars herself and having many more raised on her behalf. She participated in more charitable events than most of us will do in our entire lives! This courageous youngster showed outstanding resolve to help others! Other than her wish to "swim with the dolphins" she never once said to me "I need" or "I want", it was always "they need", or "help them". Her own wants were few

really, basically to love and be loved. She had her favourite charities, CHEO, Candlelighters, Cancer, the homeless.

Additionally she wanted to do something for the starving, and anything to help children in need everywhere. She just couldn't understand why there were homeless or starving people in the world. I've admired quite a list of people but few have inspired me to do better! I put Hannah in the same class as Terry Fox and Rick Hanson because she thought and cared about everyone else first. If she had survived I'm certain her destiny would have been to do wonderful things for us all.

It's a rare gift to inspire others and Hannah had all the tools required to do it. At the tender age of ten she possessed everything we as Lions look for in recruiting new members. When she looked into your eyes you saw her soul and a reflection of your own! When she smiled the world around you lit up and you could see in her sparkling blue eyes all the children you've ever known or will ever know. People lucky enough to get a hug or a kiss felt intense emotion and love directed right at you and you alone. To have a serious discussion with Hannah left you with the nagging feeling you just had a talk with a hundred year old adult. Who's to say God didn't loan us an Angel to walk among us for a short period of time and remind us of what's really important in life, and yes, even in death.

Hannah's faith in God and miracles was beyond what one would expect in one so young! She knew exactly where she was going in the end and was fearless about it. She realized it is the one universal truth everyone will have to deal with sometime. We can now direct our efforts to support her family and keep the promise made to her to help others in similar situations. Our thoughts

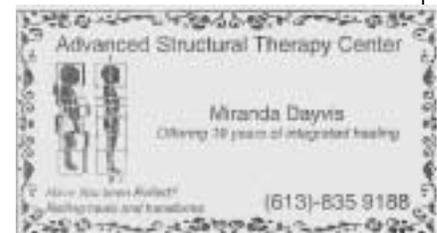
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and prayers go out to parents Brian and Alison, and her sisters Meghan and Olivia.

"Hannah," those of us who were touched by your love and caring nature will be forever in your debt. An inspiration to everyone and who knew you or heard your story you taught us so much about how to live our lives. You will be missed by us all! You are truly our "Guardian Angel" now! Walk with God, swim with the Dolphins, you can even talk to them now if you like. Say Hi to all your Buddies for us!" Good-bye for now Hannah, remember one thing's a certainty, we're all coming to see you someday!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their past and ongoing support for Hannah and her family. An outstanding job you can all be proud of!

Hal MacPherson, President,
Navan Lions Club



"HANNAH BILLINGS DOLPHIN TRUST"

To pay tribute to an inspiring young lady the Navan Lions Club has set up the "Hannah Billings Dolphin Trust" in her honour at the Royal Bank Branch in Navan. The objective of the fund is to help all children and their families in our region cope with the sometimes-extraordinary expenses, which can be incurred during or following a major illness, disability or accident. This can include a myriad of things and could happen to anyone of us at any time, savings gone, houses lost or re-mortgaged, educational savings for siblings used, policies

ashed, the list can go on and on! There has always been a need for such an organization. The focus of most children's charities is directed toward helping them or research. This can leave the parents, siblings and extended family without any significant financial help or support, except what is offered within their communities. Each and every time these situations come up we start from scratch, usually when the problems have deteriorated to the crisis stage! We are tired of doing this over and over again, so this is our attempt to rectify this long-standing problem! We sincerely hope that sometime in the future the Trust will become a self-sustaining entity with branches in all areas and regions across Canada. Donations to the "Hannah Billings Dolphin Trust" may be made in person at the Royal Bank Branch in Navan, or sent care of: Navan Lions Club, 1279A Colonial Road, Navan, Ontario, Canada K4B 1N1.

LIONS CURLING BONSPIEL
The Navan Lions Club will host its 6th Annual Bonspiel on Friday afternoon March 2 and all day Saturday March 3. 32 teams are expected to compete at the Navan Curling Club in what has become a fun filled event with lots of good curling, good entertainment and lots of wonderful food. This year's Bonspiel will also include for the first time a Silent Auction. Items for sale will be on display during the week of February 26 with the sale terminating on Saturday March 3 at 4:00pm. The whole community is invited to attend the Bonspiel and the Silent Auction. Net proceeds from this event will go to assist the work of the Lions Club in our community so that it may become an even better little village in which we have chosen to live.



LIONS GATEWAY CLUB

The Navan Lions have joined a Discount Card service. We are looking for "Partners"! They may be charities, hospitals, schools, church groups, other service clubs, Scout/Guide groups or associations involved in raising funds for the betterment of their communities (could be individual departments in schools or parents councils etc). Organizations participating will work with the Navan Lions ("Host Club"). Partners will, wherever possible, involve youth in selling cards (Hours can be used to fulfill school graduation requirements!).

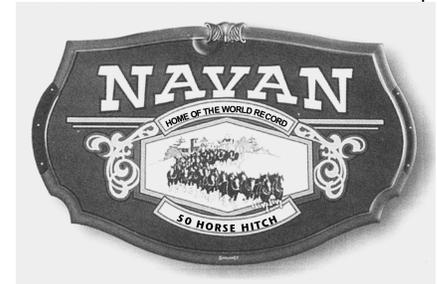
Cards: Sell for \$20.00, \$10.00 to the Partner to use and \$10 to the Lions to distribute. Good for one year from date of purchase and can be used as often as holders want at participating businesses which can be viewed at www.lionsgatewayclub.ca

Shopping Online: Cardholders who register online may order from a growing list of businesses, i.e. The Bay/Zellers, Sears Home Store, Eddy Bauer etc. These can only be viewed by registered users. A portion of online sales will be donated to us by the business. For example \$200.00 from Sears Home Store gives us \$16.00 (8%) split 3 ways, or \$5.33 to each. Registered users will receive renewal notices automatically, which will generate the same income as the original card sale for the partners and Club. This is a "No Brainer" compared to the "Entertainment Books" I've never recovered my \$35.00 in 20 years of buying them & only buy to support the seller who gets \$10.00 and the rest goes to the business.

With "Gateway" the Partner still gets \$10.00, but in the end the entire \$20.00 goes back to serve the needs of the community. All relevant documentation is also in the process of being translated into French! Until "Partners" are set up individuals may purchase cards by calling 613-835-3502 or by contacting any Navan Lions Club member. For further information visit info@lionsgatewayclub.ca

Lions Executive:

President	Hal MacPherson 613-835-3502
Secretary	Mark O'Donoghue
Treasurer	David Grattan



January meeting - Summary of the Navan Dump situation

James Petrie gave a presentation on the present situation with the Navan Dump. This was a landfill site first opened on Navan Road in 1960. In 1999 it was sold to WSI under the provision that it would close in 2111 and people moved into the area with this in mind. However WSI applied for an extension of the closing date and also an expansion of the dump. The residents in the immediate area set up a petition to oppose this expansion and took their concerns to the City. However, because this is a provincial responsibility the concerns of residents and the City had to be taken to Queen's Park. Unfortunately the province saw fit to not include the City's concerns in their Terms of Reference and thus gave permission for WSI to go ahead with the expansion plans. The "Friends of Mer Bleu" would like the Navan Community Association to help them in their

fight against the dump expansion especially as there are so many new developments being built in the vicinity of the dump. For further information residents can visit their website at www.NoNavanDump.com. Any individuals wishing to lodge a formal complaint about the odor from the Navan Road Dump site should be directed to the Ministry of the Environment as this matter falls under **their** jurisdiction. There is a complaint, or 'tip' line at 1-866-663-8477, or you can email moe.tips@ene.gov.on.ca. To find out about the Environmental Study presently underway, they should call the Ministry of Environment.

A proposal was made by a member of the Friends of Mer Blue to support the dump closure in 2111. Secoded by Ralph Brookholmes.

The next meeting will be on February 19th, at 7:30 pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chair - Margaret MacNeill 613-835-2533
 Secretary / Membership Christina MacPherson
 Treasurer Dale Borys
 Youth Tom Devcseri
 Safety Ralph Brookholmes
Website: navan.on.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Dance

The next Navan Community Association Youth dance (ages 10-14) will be held at the Navan arena **Friday on February 9th, 7:00 to 10:30 pm** that is adult

chaperoned along with youth volunteers.

Orleans-Cumberland Home Support Bake Sale

Come and buy fresh homemade baking and relax with a cup of tea/coffee, all to support our local seniors programs. Saturday, February 17th from 2 pm to 4 pm at St. Mary's Hall. See you there.



"Opening the door to make-believe"

WOW! Talk about a fabulous first session!!! Nathalie and I were so proud of all of the children taking part in the *Navan Young Performers* first production. On December 15th 2006, the members of the drama club performed both "Sherlock Holmes and the Emerald of Alcazar" and "Ebony Scrooge" to approximately 120 people inside the gymnasium at the Heritage Public School. We were thrilled to see so many family, friends and community supporters. Our actors-in-the-making delighted the audience as they took them on an adventure of intrigue in solving both a murder and a robbery. And then, on a trip down memory lane, the audience relived a popular Christmas story in a modern day remake of "A Christmas Carol". Ebony Scrooge led us all on a discovery of the true meaning of Christmas. For a first public performance, the children did beautifully! Some were nervous, some were scared but once they got out on stage, everything fell into place. The general feedback we received was that the evening was most entertaining. The children themselves expressed full approval of their performances the

next morning as we celebrated their acting debut.

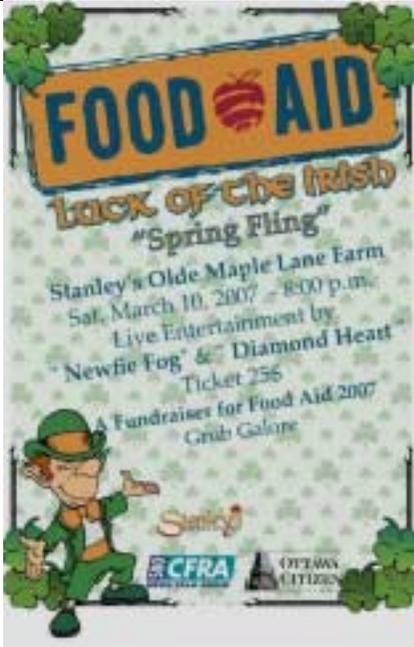
And so, it is that time again. The **winter session begins on Saturday, January 20th, 2007**. Children (ages 7 to 10) are welcome to participate in the 9:00-10:00 a.m. class while the older kids (ages 11-14) can take part in the 10:00-11:00 a.m. class. All classes take part in the gymnasium of the Heritage Public School at 1375 Colonial Road, Navan. Children can be registered by email at navanyoungperformers@hotmail.com. Cost is \$85.00 for 12 classes and payment can be made by cheque or cash to "Navan Young Performers". Classes are limited so we encourage you to register as soon as possible. Any other inquiries can be made by calling Debbie MacDonald at 613-835-3592.

If you have any funny stories about life in a small town please email them to us - who knows they may be the subject of our next play!

"To be or not to be, that is the question!"

CUMBERLAND GRADS

February schedule:
 Sunday, Feb 11- 3 pm Smith Falls
 Sunday Feb 18 – 3 pm Kanata
 Tuesday Feb 20 – 7 pm Nepean
 Sunday Feb 25 – 3 pm Ottawa
 Tuesday Feb 27 – 7 pm
 Hawkesbury



SARSFIELD WINTER FESTIVAL

Don't miss any of our neighbouring communities events for the next two weekends – details on www.sarsfield.org.

The NAVAN NUGGET is a composite of news and articles involving the Navan Community Association, Navan Lions Club and the Cumberland Township Agricultural Society. Articles or announcements must be submitted by 15th of the month for next month's newsletter. Submissions should be sent to margaret.macneill@sympatico.ca

We are looking for local businesses to support the publication of THE NUGGET by purchasing business card advertising space for \$25. Please call Marg MacNeill if you are interested

What a wonderful place we have chosen to live in!

Announcement for any non-profit will be accepted – template available on the website at navan.on.ca.