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- Library Fun

BREAKFAST

with the EASTER BUNNY

Saturday, April 13th 10am to 1pm Dowling Lions Den



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APRIL 2019

Hardy Hockey Club 50th Anniversary Dinner & Dance



April 27th, 2019

Dowling Leisure Centre

Cocktail hour 6pm Dinner 7pm

Dress code - Semi formal



(Registration is required for dinner and includes dinner, souvenir, door prizes, photo booth, live entertainment and free bus ride home)

Please contact Carrie Cook - Morin 705-918-1978

Chris Kiernan 705-626-1002

email - hardyhockeyclub50@gmail.com

Facebook page - Hardy Hockey Club 50th

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Did you know???

Did you know that the region around **Onaping** and Lake Wanapitaei was a geological training ground for NASA astronauts before Apollo missions in the early 1970s? Gene Cernan, commander of Apollo 17 brought his crew to study the unique features of the meteor impact site.

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Healthy Living with Danika

Despite the large amounts of snow that is still present in our yards, Spring is finally here and April is all about everything green!

April 22nd is Earth Day. We celebrate this day around the world to raise awareness on the importance of taking care of our planet. We do not need to wait for this specific date, however, to make valiant efforts to preserve Mother Earth. There are quite a few simple steps you can take in order to get involved.

First, why not volunteer to take part in one of the community clean up programs that are usually held in the Spring? **Second, rather than sending** gently used items to the landfill, why not donate to a local organization that would gratefully accept slightly worn clothes, books, old toys, etc.

You can also take part in the Green Bin program, or prepare your own composting system at home to lower food waste.

Even actions as straightforward as diminishing the use of single-use plastics (straws or water bottles), cutting down on our water usage or simply shutting off more lights that aren't needed around the house, are small but effective ways to help the planet. We have but one home, and we need to do our part in keeping our environment healthy.

So today, and every day, don't be afraid to Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle!

Daníka



Onaping Falls Lions Club

27 Sturgeon Street, Dowling, Ontario 705-855-1765



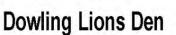
THE ONAPING FALLS
LION'S CLUB





Sunday April 28th 2019

11am - 1pm



27 Sturgeon Street

The Onaping Falls Lions Club would like to thank our Communities for their many years of support!

Come out and enjoy Lunch,

with lots of fun and friendship!

It's on us!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ONAPING FALLS LIONS CHARITY



The Onaping Falls Lions Charity Bingo is asking the communities of Onaping Falls and surrounding areas to come out to the bingo and help support

BABY ASHER



Baby Asher was born in September with a Congenital Heart Defect. His parents are Julie and Samuel Bertrand and he has a two sisters one in her teens the other still a toddler. Asher is going to require multiple surgeries at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto and the financial stress on the family is enormous. Lets help the family cover the medical expenses not covered by the government. Donations can also be made by going to:

www.qofundme.com/support-for-baby-asher

6:30pm - WARM UPS 7pm - REGULARS Dowling Lions Den

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MEET YOUR



PHARMACIST Tuesday April 16th 2019 6:30pm

Dowling Lions Den 27 Sturgeon St

Shannon, Pharmacist from our Dowling IDA, will be at he den to talk to the Community about Medications and to answer questions about Medications.

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- Family Responsibility Office
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



2019

Catholic Parishes of Onaping Falls & Cartier

> Holy Thursday April 18th

5pm - St. Bartholomew, Levack 7pm - St-Étienne, Dowling

Good Friday Services April 19th

9:30 am St. Francis Xavier, Cartier St. Etienne Martyr, Dowling 12 noon St. Bartholomew, Levack 3:00 pm

> April 20th Easter Vígíl

> > 5pm - St. Etienne in Do-

7pm - St. Bartholomew, Levack

Easter Sunday April 21st

8:30 am St. Francis Xavier, Cartier 9:45 am St. Bartholomew, Levack St. Etienne Martyr, Dowling 11:00 am

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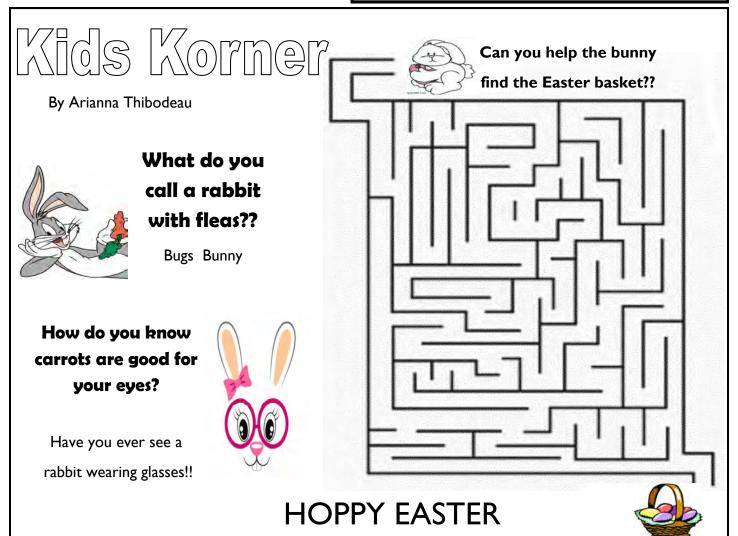
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The Hardy Hockey Club

The First Half-Century

by Jack MacLellan

A little more than a year and a half before his passing, J. Gordon Hardy, former mining engineer and later President of Falconbridge Nickel Mines, was able to see his namesake mine and mill start production in 1955. The establishment of the Hardy complex was the beginning of Falconbridge's development of its "West End"

and was followed by several mines and two more mills. Hardy was always the smallest mill in the companies' suite and the camaraderie of its employees was envied elsewhere within the company.

In the fall of 1969, a group of young men at Hardy Mill got together and decided to have a little fun playing a friendly game of shinny hockey on the outdoor rink in Onaping, Falconbridge's company town.

Al Stacey, Jim Craig and Jack MacLellan, who worked in variousdepartments of the mill decided to arrange a game for a Friday or Saturday night. It was planned to make it a competition between the office and lab employees and the mill mechanics.

Due to the "intensity" of this great match, in freezing temperatures, it was decided that thirst quenching bottles of water would freeze so an alternate solution appeared on the goaltenders nets. A rematch was planned after the game as everyone had had a great time. After a few more games it was decided that a group would be put together to challenge the Onaping Oldtimers who actually played indoors at the Levack Arena. Having a roof over their heads instead of stars so befuddled the Hardy boys that they lost their first indoor game 16-3!

After playing a few more times together with borrowed equipment, the group decided to create one team. Fundraisers were carried out to be able to buy team sweaters, socks and goaltender equipment. The equipment was purchased from DeMarco Sports in Sudbury in the colours of the Boston Bruins. It has been lost in time why the colours of the Bruins were chosen, but it is likely the drawing of a team crest by the late Don Cholmomdeley may have been the reason as the teams' name "Hardy Hockey Club" fit neatly in that design. As it was, Jack MacLellan was a fierce Maple Leaf devotee and there was no shortage of Montreal Canadien supporters in the mill.

With the organization of the Hardy Hockey Club, Al Stacey who had found out in the meantime that goaltending was not his strength, became coach, while Jack MacLellan was chosen Captain and Assistant Captains Don Cholomondeley and Don Cook were named. Ice times were arranged at the Dowling arena on Thursday nights between 9:30 pm and 11 pm. Each week games would be arranged with other old-timer teams in the area including Dowling Oldtimers, Onaping Oldtimers, Falconbridge Oldtimers, Azilda, Oldtimers and Barrydowne Oldtimers. Throughout the years the team has played on outdoor rinks and in many local arenas as well as on the road including in Little Current, New Liskeard, Mattawa, Toronto and Verner.

Money was raised to support the team by running hockey pools, stags and raffles. Also, working at the Dowling Winter Carnival with setup of games, running the Malamute Saloon and hosting a few hockey house-league tournaments at the Dowling arena. Falconbridge Nickel Mines (now Glencore) was generous each year with a donation to the club based on the number of active recorded members.



This story is continued on 9 pages forward

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ONAPING FALLS GOLDEN AGE CLUB

46TH ANNUAL Valentine Pool Tournament

February 24th, 2019

Hosted by the $8^{\rm th}$ ball League; We had a 10 Ball Scotch Double

In attendance were Gene Barkett, Rick Landry, Ernie Loranger, Larry Puro Jim Howe, Harvey Picard, Roger Gauvreau, Carl Karchie, Winston Olive, Ben Demore & Mattie Hawryluk.

Due to mother nature, the Parkside players; Gabe Bisaillon, Mark Roy, Urso Egidio and Steve Kovak could not make it; they were greatly missed.

We would like to thank Georgette Lebel for her award winning lemon Pies.

A special thanks to Gene Barkett referee and Chief for keeping things going smoothly with the help of Larry Puro. We, the Pool League of Onaping Falls Golden Age Club, are challenging Parkside Pool League (that's you Gabe and Dan) for St. Patrick Pool Tournament in Sudbury.

"Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless But because they are PRICELESS"

THANKS TO: Gillo's Gas Bar {Dan Martel}, Roger's Value Mart, Dowling. Dowling IDA {Tim}, Windy Lake Motel & Restaurant (Jessica & Ralph 966-3967) Levack Home Hardware (J. Gouchie) Pine Grove Restaurant (Teddy) Cartier, Onaping Kwik Way (Ed Ferguson) King Fabrication (Martin Tapp) Dowling, Tim Horton's Dowling, Levack IDA, Chelmsford IDA, Levack Credit Union, Toppers Pizza, Food Basics on Notre Dame, Andy MacIntosh, Chelmsford Metro, Marge, Tim Gordon (Southside Chevrolet) originally from Onaping, Lucie Poulin our dedicated Avon Lady for their generosity with their donations to our Grey Cup pool tournament. A special thanks to King Shotcrete, Craig McDonald.

Longest Run: Ernie Loranger & Harvey
Picard 100

- 1st Rick Landry & Jim Howe
- 2nd Gene Barkett & Ben Demore
- 3rd Mattie Hawryluk & Larry Puro

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Pool Coordinator ~ Harvey Picard



Longest Run
Harvey Picard,
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and
Larry Puro

Harvey Picard, Matty Hawryluk and Larry Puro





Rick Landry, Harvey Picard, and Jim Howe

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Onaping Falls Golden Age Club



TOURNAMENT

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WHERE

Onaping Falls Golden Age Club . (109 Service Road, Onaping)

WHEN- Friday April 19, 2019

(3rdFriday of every month)

STARTS - 1p.m.FREE "open to public" Call Jim 705-966-0137

ONAPING FALLSGOLDEN AGE CLUB

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OPEN-BINGO EVERY TUESDAY at 7:pm

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General Meeting & Pot Luck April 25.

2:pm. Information- Call 705-966-0137







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The Learning Curve by Kyleen Gray

5 Easy Strategies to make Literacy a Family Activity

Literacy learning and vocabulary development are essential skills children must learn and master for success in school, work and life; the equation is quite simple: literacy skills = school success = employment = physical, mental and financial health.

Traditionally, literacy was a family activity, but in today's media drowned world, finding time for family literacy activities can seem intimidating and daunting.

Making literacy a family activity doesn't need to be time consuming or expensive. It's also a great bonding experience everyone can enjoy.

- **#1** Shared Reading Make shared reading (reading a couple pages of a book and passing it on while others listen) a habit. If appropriate, take turns reading as an entire family cuddled in bed or on the couch. Sharing a book together allows for a bonding experience and further conversation.
- **#2 Vocabulary Board** Purchase a whiteboard and markers from the Dollar Store and put it up in a central place. When anyone in the family comes across a new or challenging word, they write it on the whiteboard. Then, pick one day a week to discuss the words and guess/find definitions as a group.
- **#3 Writing Contest** Seek out a writing contest online or in a magazine (i.e. Polar Publishing has one for kids and adults). Then, each member of the family enters a piece of writing in their age category. Usually, the writing form is prescribed (poem, short story, narrative) so as a family you can also read examples of writing forms to get your feet wet and share drafts of your work with each other for feedback.
- **#4 Chapters Treat** Looking for a fun, family outing on a cold, rainy day? Head to Chapters (or other local bookstore). Give each family member a budget (\$10) and set them loose among the books. Then, spend the afternoon reading your new treasures. Your investment of \$10 will be significantly more beneficial for your child than a movie ticket or fast food meal.
- **#5 Sign Fail** Kids love pointing out adult errors (as do other adults...). Make this a game as you travel in the car. When any member of the family sees a sign with a spelling, word choice, punctuation or grammar error on it they yell: Sign Fail! Often, these are quite comical and end up in a good laugh, but they also create an opportunity for great conversations about how the sign could be edited or revised.

SCHOOL NEWS











Levack Public School was proud to host a Down Syndrome Awareness Day on March 21. Students enjoyed an assembly and thanks to generous bakers, a cupcake sale with all proceeds going the the Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury was a huge success. A huge thanks goes out to Roger's Valu Mart in **Dowling and Costco** for their donations. None of this would have been possible without teacher Vicki Loiselle's planning and vision and the support of Sheila Fraser, Mike Flynn and their child Benjamin (in photo). Levack P.S. continues

to be a small school with a big heart!!
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Onaping Falls Pastoral Charge

Larchwood Memorial, Dowling & St. John's, Levack

Schedule of Services

April 7thLent V

Larchwood Memorial 9:30 a.m. St. John's 11:00 a.m.

April 14thPalm Sunday

Larchwood Memorial 9:30 a.m. St. John's 11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Brunch following Worship 12:10 p.m.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday April 18th

Service &Pot Luck Supper at St. John's **5:30 p.m.** Remembering the last evening in the Upper Room,

we will worship and eat together.

This is a service for the Pastoral Charge.

Please join with us

Come and Go in the daylight!

Good Friday April 19th

Larchwood Memorial 7:00 p.m.

This is a service for the Pastoral Charge
Please join with us

Easter Sunday April 21 st"He is Risen"

Larchwood Memorial 9:30 a.m.

St. John's 11:00 a.m.

Don't Forget . . .

March 30th St. John's Baked Beans and Ham Dinner @ 5:30 pm

Homemade Baked Beans, Baked Ham, Coleslaw, Rolls and Surprise Dessert Cost: \$11.00, Children under 10 - \$5.00

April 14th St. John's Palm Sunday Brunch 12:10 p.m,

following worship

'Baked Ham, Sausages, Eggs, Pancakes, Assorted Salads and more' . .

Tickets: \$15.00, Children under 10 \$5.00 from Chris, Bill, Marg, Melinda

Looking Ahead . . .
St. John's Roast Beef Dinner and Auction
May 12th More details to follow.



Onaping Library

Drop In Activities

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Storytime

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Ages 5+

April 4th & 18th @ 6:30pm

Library hours

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Hardy Hockey Club ~ First Half Century continued.......

When Al Stacey left due to job commitments in 1978 Don Cholomondeley took over his position as well as playing and Jim Larocque came onboard as coach. Don Cook and Brian Abrams took over Don Cholomondeleys' duties when he stopped playing in 1995. In 2005 Jack MacLellan retired after 35 years with the club. When Don Cook retired in 2006 Chris Kiernan then handled the teams' interests which he is continuing to do to this day.

We always had a solid core of players, however, when we were short we would pick up a player or two for a game thus the number of players that played over the years is well over a hundred.

Over all these years the purpose of this organization was to go out and have some fun once or twice a week. There was never any stress about having to win because it really wasn't about the game itself but about the camaraderie and the kibitzing, trick playing and friendly insults. This is what the Hardy Hockey Club is all about and why it is still operating to this day.

The Tradition Keeps On!

The final part of our Onaping Oldtimers story will be continued in the May 2019 issue of the Onaping Falls News.

Our writer has been on holidays!





2019 SOCCER SEASON is here

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rice includes jersey, shorts, soc soccer ball and medal



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Onaping Falls Branch 503 1 St James, Onaping, ON 705-966-2387

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Weekly Events at Branch 503

Monday 7:00 pm Mixed Pool ~ in the Club Room ~ \$5.00

Thursday 7:00 pm Dart League ~ - in the Club Room ~ \$7.00

Join the League or Spare In

Thursday 7:30 pm Euchre – Upstairs in the Hall ~ \$10.00

Saturday 3:00 pm Porquetta Bingo ~ in the Club Room ~ \$15.00

Club Room Hours: Monday to Friday ~ 4:00 pm to closing

Saturday ~ 1:00 pm to closing Sunday ~ 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH:



Johnny CASH Night in Onaping Friday April 12, 2019 Show Starts at 8:00

The Ring Of Fire: A Johnny Cash Experience

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~ Saturday April 13^{th ~} 3:00 pm

at Onaping Falls BRANCH 503 1 St James, Onaping

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Onaping Falls Branch 503 Legion and Ladies Auxiliary donates \$2000.00 to Maison Vale INCO Hospice.

March 5, 2019 - Representing the Ladies Auxiliary is Kathy Moggy & Melanie Moggy, and representing the Branch is Jolene Wheatley & John Getchell MB. Each group donated \$1,000.00 in honour of the citizens and families of Onaping Falls whose loved ones have passed through and made use of the facility.



Left to rite: Colette Pepin and Lyle Foreshew of Maison Vale with Ladies' Auxiliary Kathy Moggy and Melanie Moggy, and Br 503 Executives Jolene Wheatley and John Getchell MB, and Patricia Raymond also with Maison Vale INCO Hospice.



Onaping Falls Branch 503

2019-2021 ELECTIONS

Nominations ~ Wednesday April 10 Elections ~ Wednesday May 15

Branch 503 Elections will take place at the General Membership Meeting on Wednesday May $15^{\rm th} \sim 7:00$ pm.

We ask that ALL our Members attend the April 10th General Membership meeting to place your Nominations for the positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sgt at Arms, and the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents.

Before the Elections begin on May 15th any additional nominations will be accepted.

Our Branch has been working diligently to maintain a productive and successful Legion ~ but <u>we need our Members input</u> to continue to serve our Veterans and our communities.

We look forward to seeing ALL our Members come out to support and elect the Branch 503 Legion leadership for the 2019-2021 term.

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Community Heart & Soul

A little bit about somebody......

by Jana Niemi-Lahnalampi

Flora Wilson—Chartrand

The Royal Canadian Legion, Levack Public School Parents' Association, Onaping Falls Curling Club, Falls Food, Levack Public School Breakfast Club, Community Christmas Spirit, Hamper Committee, Spring Bay Club Cottagers' Association. If the world was a perfect place, when you looked up inspiration in the dictionary, you would find her name under the definition. Flora Wilson Chartrand has worked tirelessly in a variety of organizations within our community. Furthermore, not only has she worked in a plethora of organizations; within each organization she has worked in numerous positions.

Flora has held 11 positions within our local Legion Branch and in the larger, Legion Organization. She started at the local branch level as Membership Chairman, moving on to become the Poppy Chairman among other positions. As her involvement in the organization grew, so did her understanding of the vital work of the Legion. "It is not just a bar. Legions are here to serve and help our Veterans. Monies raised from Poppy Campaigns can be donated to hospitals for medical equipment, help a Veteran in need, literally all monies raised goes back to the Veterans in some shape or form." Not only does the Legion help veterans, other community groups from children's hockey teams to Meals on Wheels benefit from the volunteers at the Legion. Presently, she is serving as Zone H3 commander. This means she supervises 12 Legions from Parry Sound to Manitoulin Island. Her service to veterans extends beyond her Legion work. Flora also visits war veterans through a program called "Outreach Visitation Initiative". She has been a part of this



program for approximately 8 years; visiting Veterans in nursing homes to "see how things are going and offer help to make sure their needs are being met."

Flora began volunteering at Levack Public School 1990 when her boys started school there. Her first husband passed away when her boys were under the age of two, she wanted something to do and volunteering gave her the flexibility she needed. She started volunteering as a member of the Parents' Association. She served as president of the association for five years, until 1999. Through their fundraising endeavors, education in our area was enriched with trips, bussing and teacher supplies. A highlight of her time there was fundraising \$10 000 for playground equipment, which moved with the students to the new location. She has returned to volunteering at the Public School, this time in the capacity as breakfast club volunteer. Here she is involved in providing the young of our community with a nutritious start to their day. Flora's concern with the well being of community members extends beyond those in our Public School. She is involved with numerous groups who provide food for those in need within our community. In 2015, Community Christmas Spirit was formed. This group's main goal was to provide Christmas Hampers and Christmas gifts to needy families of Onaping Falls and Cartier.

The idea was to bring together the communities' service clubs and churches to organize their efforts to help our communities at Christmas. She has been a member of this group since its inception. As well, she is active year round in our Falls Food organization. This group collects and manages the local food donations, operating out of the Onaping Community Center. Presently, 130 people a month walk through the Falls Food door. Of those, 35 are children. The need in our community is great, it is comforting to know, when you donate to Falls Food, 100% stays in our community. Flora is also involved with our local Hamper Committee, this group buys and delivers groceries to those in need.



Flora is the daughter of Lawrence and Ruby Wilson. Her Dad was with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders and served in WWII from 1939 to 1945. He returned home and found work with Falconbridge Nickel Mines. Ruby was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Her travels led her to Canada when she was 19 and later to work for Crawley & McCracken. Flora has two sons, Morgan and Garrett. In her "spare" time Flora loves spending time with their children: Liam, Kahlan and Brayden. Today she is married to Andy Chartrand, they continue to enjoy time at the cottage and spending time with family. I asked Flora what inspired her to be so generous and giving of her time and talents. She responded:" I think it's because with volunteering you want to do it, to help. I get a feeling of accomplishment when the project is completed. When I'm with a group of people I like to say many hands makes lighter work. I don't know what or who inspires me, it's just a great feeling when you see that what you have done can make things easier for others" I hope we all get a little inspired to reach out and help, we all have something to offer. We don't have to be as prolific as Flora, but we all certainly have it in us to make a difference in someone's life or in the life of our community.