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The Bradley Cup shoots the game winner to complete the Navan Pavilion Fundraising efforts!



Team captains from Vars, Hammond, and Sarsfield (Lt to Rt.) presenting the \$25000 for the Navan Pavilion Project from the Bradley Cup event.

A big thank you to all of The Bradley Cup's generous sponsors for making this year a record breaking fundraising event! This would not have been possible without our sponsors. Thanks as well to the volunteers, players, and to the community for your unwavering support every year.

NAVAN PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

The remaining components of the Pavilion Project, drainage and landscaping, started back in April. By adding the new drainage system, it will allow better water management of the Fair grounds and its surroundings areas. The project team is aiming to have these works completed by end of May. Just in time for June where you'll see our yearly Music in the Park come back to life.

The Project Team and Fundraising Committee are delighted to announce that all required fundraising for the Pavilion project is complete. We are now at 100% of our goal! It's unbelievable to think that just over a year ago this project was just an idea. The community, company sponsors and partner organizations worked diligently to raise the required funds to make this a reality. The NCA will forever be grateful for all of those who participated and helped in this extraordinary project!

Mark your calendars! September 13th will be the grand opening of the Pavilion. We hope you can join us in this momentous event. More details will be coming your way via the Nugget or NCA socials.



NCA Meetings

NCA meetings are held monthly on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm. For the next 6-8 months, due to the arena renovations, we'll be moving our meetings to the Navan United Church Basement. The United Church has recently renovated their basement hall which contains a beautiful kitchen and collaborative space for sorts of events. At the NCA meetings, all members of the community are welcomed to participate and learn about new initiatives taking place, City of Ottawa news that affects our community, and more.

BECOME AN NCA MEMBERSHIP HOLDER!

Hurry now to get your NCA membership for \$5/year!

What do you get as a member?

- Voting privilege at the NCA Meeting
- Your \$5 goes towards NCA community driven events (e.g., Music in the Park, Remembrance Day, The Nugget, and more)

- Being part of the NCA team!

To become a member, go to the Navan Community Association website www.navan.on.ca in the "membership" tab or email us at membership@navan.on.ca.

NCA Directors and Volunteers

President – Luc Picknell **Vice President** – Brian Moore
Secretary – Christina Macpherson **Past President** – Fred Hyde
Treasurer – Dale Borys **Recreation** – Luc Picknell
Navan Nugget – Tom Devecseri **Horticulture** – Shelley Cotton
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Friends of Mer Bleu & Navan Cenotaph – Erin Zintel
Nifty 50+ (Senior's Drop In) – Juanita Vetter
Music in the Park – Jill Noakes and Heather Monkman
Fall Fest – Cheryle Houle **NCC & Membership** – Ray Vetter
Minor baseball – Phil Grandmaitre

Lots of ways to check us out

NCA website - www.navan.on.ca

NCA email - nca@navan.on.ca

On Instagram - @navannca

On Facebook - www.facebook.com/NavanCommunityAssociationNCA/

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Thank you to the major donors of the Pavilion project!

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Navan Community Association BBQ

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Wednesday, June 4th - 6 p.m.
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JUNE 4	Gloucester Community Concert Band
JUNE 11	Orleans Jazz Band
JUNE 18	Valley Mountain
JUNE 25	OPUS Academy

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Financially supported by Waste Canada Connections – FOMB Community Fund

MORE NAVAN TALENT

Heads UP : Navan's very own Angélique Pagé is bringing home not one, but two major hockey championships this past March, and we couldn't be more proud! The talented young athlete recently played an instrumental role in leading the Bishop's University Gaiters Women's Hockey team to a victory at the Québec Provincial Championships and secured the ultimate glory by



clutching the Gold Medal at the U Sports Women's Hockey Nationals! Angélique's incredible skill, leadership, and determination were key in her team's success, showcasing not only her athleticism but also her unwavering commitment to the game. Her hard work and

dedication have paid off, earning her a well-deserved spot in the spotlight and making Navan proud.

As a proud representative of our community, Angélique is a true inspiration to young



athletes everywhere. Her achievements demonstrate the power of perseverance, teamwork, and passion, and she's set the bar high for the next generation of hockey players. Congratulations, Angélique! The entire Navan community is cheering for you and looking forward to seeing

where your talent takes you next. Keep shining on and off the ice!

The Cumberland, Navan and the Orleans Lions Clubs have joined together to organize and lead the Orleans Walk for Dog Guides, one of many fundraising events held throughout Canada on National Walk Day, **May 25, 2025**.

The Walk is scheduled at 14:00 at the Roy G. Hobbs Community Centre, located at 109 Larch Crescent in Orleans. Participants can choose between one of two routes; the shortest stretching roughly 1km while the longer route is a few kilometres in length. Dog owners and/or dog lovers alike are welcome to participate by registering on-line at: <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/fundraiser/orleanswalkfordogguides>.

Those who are unable to walk can support the Lions in their efforts to raise much needed funds for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG). Tony Fiorentino, President of the Navan Lions Club, stated:

"The work being done by the LFCDG is important and we are happy to be associated with this wonderful organization. We invite the community to join us to make the Orleans Walk for Dog Guides a success".

About the Lions Foundation of Dog Guides

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is a national charity that was created by the Lions of Canada. Its mission is to empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing a Dog Guide at no cost and supporting them in their journey together. In addition to training Dog Guides for people who are blind or visually impaired, Dog Guides are also trained to meet the needs of Canadians with hearing, medical and physical disabilities, epilepsy, autism, diabetes and for professional agencies assisting people in traumatic situations.

About the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides

The Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides is a national fundraising walk held in local communities in each province across Canada. Each walk is organized by local volunteers with support from Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. To date, the walk has raised more than \$23 million! For more information, please contact Tony Fiorentino at the Navan Lions Club at the following: navanlionsclub@gmail.com



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NAVAN FAIR BARN DANCE

Friday, May 30, 2025 (doors open at 7pm)

Back by popular demand! On Friday May 30, the Navan Fair promises a foot-stomping good time with a Barn Dance fundraiser, featuring live music by Eastbound of Bytown. Doors open at 7pm. There will be line dancing starting at 7:30pm, and the band will take the stage at 8:30pm! Advance tickets are \$20 and are available online at <https://events.frontdoor.plus/event/1152> (must be 19+). We hope to see you there!

NAVAN FAIR ANNUAL PARADE

Saturday, August 9, 2025 @ 10:45 am

“Get Ready to Stomp in the Muddy Boots and Country Roots Parade - Join the Fun!

Dust off your boots, hitch up the tractor, or saddle your best hay-bale float—it’s time to celebrate our agricultural roots at the Muddy Boots and Country Roots Parade! Whether you’re a farmer, rancher, or just love a good ol’ country hoedown, we want YOU in the lineup.

- Show off your spirit: Decorate floats, wagons, or even your livestock with a nod to muddy boots, farm life, or hometown pride.
- Live the theme: Think overalls, cowboy hats, vintage tractors, or a barnyard critter crew. Bonus points for creativity!
- Prizes up for grabs: Best float, most spirited group, and “Muddiest Boots” awards!

How to join: Contact Catalina by Thursday, July 31, 2025 at navanfairparade@gmail.com to secure your spot. Let’s make this parade the talk of Navan!

Rain or shine, we’re stompin’ forward—just like farming!

NAVAN FAIR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Navan Fair Ambassador Program is an annual event providing a unique opportunity for young people between the ages of 18 and 23 years of age. The program generates local pride, involvement, and empowers and encourages the next generation of leaders.

Representing the CTAS during the Navan Fair and community events, as well as the Ontario Association of Agricultural Society Convention, earning student volunteer hours, and developing friendships and important skills are only a few of the rewarding benefits. If interested in receiving the online application form or if you have questions, please contact the Ambassador Coordinator at Cheyanne.ash@icloud.com.

The entry deadline is Friday, July 11, 2025.

COMING SOON! NEW NAVAN FAIR WEBSITE

We are happy to announce we will be releasing a new CTAS Navan Fair website. With plans to release by mid May, we are not updating the current site. If you require information or have any questions about the 2025 Fair, please reach out to the Office at navanfair@bellnet.ca or 613-835-2766.

2025 NAVAN FAIR SPONSORSHIP

As a charitable organization, the CTAS depends on the financial support to help cover the increasing costs involved in putting on the Fair. Annually, we eagerly look for new businesses and reach out to our faithful supporters who would like to become a partner in continuing the tradition of agricultural awareness through family and community celebration. The 2025 sponsorship and donations campaign has officially launched. If you are interested in being part of another successful event, please contact navanfairsponsorship@gmail.com for more information.

CTAS MEMBERSHIPS

2025 memberships can be purchased in the Fair Office. Pricing remains the same as 2024.

Adult \$35 / Senior(65+) \$25 / Youth(13 to 17) \$20
Fair admission passes are also available in May.

CTAS GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

– RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

With the completion of the additional new barn and the beautiful Navan Pavilion, the CTAS is excited to be able to expand its rentals at 1279 Colonial Road, Navan ON. If interested, please contact the Office for more information.

FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Dine-in at Boston Pizza Orleans to support Navan Fair. Come support the organization and write Navan Fair on the back of your receipt and 10% of all food sales from the receipts will be donated back to the organization

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Maybe you need extra space for your adult children, aging parents, or want some additional income? Hello, my name is Maleeha Peterson. I have lived in Orleans since the mid 1970's and started calling Navan home in 2022. I've come to truly appreciate the strong sense of community in Navan, the warmth of its people, and the fantastic events that bring everyone together. I've enjoyed it so much that I decided to move my 77-year-old mother here, where we built a coach house on our property for her. I'm happy to answer any real estate questions you have, especially about building a coach house. I received my permit in just 2 weeks, and our contractors completed the build in under 4 months. If this is something you're considering, give me a call! I'd love to show you my coach house and help you decide if it's the right fit for you and your family.



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A NOTE FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE KITTS

Starting May 5, a major renewal project will begin at the Navan Arena. This work includes replacing the arena slab, refrigeration equipment, rink boards, and making important accessibility upgrades, such as a new elevator and viewing platform. While the facility will be closed for the summer, I've worked closely with staff and impacted user groups—including the Navan Fair Board, Navan Nifty Fifty, Navan Grads, and Gloucester Lacrosse Association—to minimize disruption as much as possible. I know this work will be impactful, but it's essential to ensure the long-term operation of this well-loved facility and to make it more accessible for everyone. You'll soon notice fencing and crews on site, and we're working with the Navan Fair Board to ensure limited access to the arena during the fair. Thank you for your patience as this important project moves ahead.

I'd like to extend my appreciation to Luc Picknell who was re-elected as President of the Navan Community Association at their 2025 AGM. Luc continues to be a driving

force in our community—this past year, he helped lead the Pavilion Project with dedication and vision. An incredible community-building achievement that I was proud to support. Congratulations Luc and thank you again for your leadership! The NCA had another great year, with amazing events like Music in the Park, Dueling Pianos, the Barn Dance, Fall Fest and our beautiful Remembrance Day ceremony. Thank you to the entire board for your hard work and dedication.

Congratulations also to the Navan Fair/Cumberland Township Agricultural Society for their successful Rural Community-Building Grant application. An investment of almost \$20K will support its new website development, tech upgrades, A/V improvements, Wi-Fi installation, and a fairgoer survey for 2025. Well deserved!

Thanks as well to everyone who attended the Navan and Milton roundabout info session in late April. I continue to bring forward your feedback as dialogue is ongoing with staff. Lastly, a round of applause to the Navan Grads on a great season. A tough Game 7 loss in Round 2, but we're all so proud—I can't wait for next year!



NAVAN BUILDERS WALL

Nestled in the centre of town is an archive of some of Navan's most ambitious and generous residents. From the porch of J.T. Bradley's, one can hear the sounds that embody the character of our village; the bilingual chatter of local farmers, the excited shouts from the school yard, the ring of the church bells, the rumble of farm machinery, the claps of hockey sticks followed by the thump of a puck and cheer of the players and spectators, the yelps of joy and rhythmic music from the fairgrounds, the solemn silence as the clock hits the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. These are just some of the things that have been made possible by the leaders whose names are etched on the Navan Builders Wall.

From its humble beginnings over 160 years ago when a newly opened post office needed a name (one which Irish immigrant Micheal O'Meara christened after his hometown), Navan has grown into a thriving rural community of nearly 2000 residents that are as fiercely proud as its founders. That pride is rightly founded. Each year, the Navan Builders Wall commemorates individuals, groups and families that have built and sustained projects, events and programs and have created positive changes that have made Navan such a desirable place to live and play.

You are encouraged to take a moment this spring to visit the Navan Builders Wall in front of Fire Station 71 on Colonial Road and look at the names of the of the people who cleared the land, physically built this community, spearheaded events that you love, volunteered in one of our many service organizations, raised the roofs that house our Fair/hockey/curling/masses/dances/classrooms or have been one of those who have had a clear vision of community-building efforts. You may also enjoy reading all of the "Navan Builders" stories online on the Navan Community Association website (<https://www.navan.on.ca/inductees/>) to learn more about the people that have built Navan into such an incredible place.

If you know of a deserving nominee, please share their story by visiting <https://www.navan.on.ca/community-builders-wall/>. Applications will be accepted until July 1st, 2025.

Fun alert!

Navan is participating in the International Line dance Flashmob this year!

From the Community for the Community... on the first Saturday in May, each year, line dancers around the world share their passion for line dancing and show the community what it's all about.

Your local Navan Boot Scootin' Line Dancing crew are hosting our first annual flashmob right here in Navan on May 3rd and we want you to join us! No experience required, we will teach you the moves to the Beginner level dance "A Bar Song", choreographed by Ben Murphy. Here's how you can participate:

When: May 3rd, 2025

- 4:30pm: Navan Boot Scootin' Line Dancing instructors will do a quick teach/review of the line dance "A Bar Song"
- 5:00pm: practice run and video shoot!
- 5:30-6:30pm : open line dancing to the Navan Boot Scootin' playlist!

Where:

meet at the domes (on the Navan Fairgrounds)

What to expect:

- learn the dance "A Bar Song", and you can find online tutorials or use this link: <https://www.copperknob.co.uk/stepsheets/181815/a-bar-song>
- Wear your favourite dancing shoes and outfit, as you will be on camera;
- bring a water bottle, we like you to stay hydrated;
- once finalized, our flashmob video will be posted on the International LineDance Flashmob webpage!

Bring your family and friends to join us too, we look forward to seeing you all there!

The ladies of Navan Boot Scootin' Line Dancing
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EXPLORING WINES, WINE STYLES, AND FOOD CHOICES

Nyam Bann, Sommelier at Large

Decanter World Wine Awards (DWWA) – Best in Show



The DWWA is a major annual international wine competition established in 2004 by English wine critic Stephen Spurrier. It is the world's largest and most influential wine competition, with results trusted by trade professionals and consumers. The competition is known for its rigorous judging process and international acclaim, with results published on Decanter.com and in Decanter magazine. In the DWWA, the ultimate accolade is the Best in Show award given to the top fifty wines. This selection occurs after all Platinum medal winners are re-tasted by the Co-Chairs, recognizing the best wines in the competition.

This month, for a special treat, I am presenting the following five alternative wines representing either the varietal or the producers of the winning wines in the DWWA Best in Show category.

1. Montecillo Rioja Reserva, Spain. LCBO#: 621003. \$19.65.

If you're looking for a fun alternative to the winner, Viña Monty Graciano Bodegas Montecillo, which will set you back about \$120.00, check out this lively Rioja. Thanks to its moderate acidity, it struts its stuff as a medium to full-bodied dry wine that plays gracefully on your palate. The nose teases you with delightful black cherry and leather scents, while your taste buds will burst with delicious notes of chocolate, plum, raspberries, cherries, and a whisper of smoke. There's a hint of spice and a splash of vanilla sneaking through, all leading to a fabulous, lingering finish that leaves you wanting more. Cheers to a wine that's as exciting as it is tasty. This wine matches beautifully with a hearty vegetable stew like Ratatouille or Spanish tapas such as cured meats, olives, and patatas bravas.

2. Château Pipeau Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, France. Vintages#: 302018. \$44.95.

This classic wine is a superb substitution for the winning Château La Dominique Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé 2019, which costs around \$154.00. It is full-bodied and dry, featuring medium-plus acidity and a moderate alcohol content. Imagine pouring a glass of this gorgeous, velvety wine, where each sip reveals juicy layers of ripe berries, plums, and cherries, complemented by notes of vanilla and chocolate. Subtle oak and a dash of spice linger in the background. This wine matches perfectly with dishes such as Mushroom Risotto, Beef Bourguignon, and, surprisingly enough, even a spicy Rogan Josh.

3. Carpineto Brunello di Montalcino 2019, Tuscany, Italy. LCBO#: 14857. \$69.95.

While it might not be a total steal, this great alternative wine is worth the price if you want to skip the \$129.52 price tag on the award-winning Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2018. Scoring a dazzling 95 on winespectator.com, this less expensive gem is a showstopper. Imagine sipping on something medium- to full-bodied, dry, and with just the right amount of zing. It's like a silky hug for your taste buds, boasting delicious aromas of cherry, fresh mushrooms, and a sprinkle of spice. Think of it as a cozy forest retreat in a glass. You'll be delighted with flavours of juicy black fruit and fresh raspberries, all wrapped up with whispers of vanilla, spice, and a hint of smoke. It's perfectly balanced, showcasing elegance mixed with a punch of power.

Try it with Paste E Fagioli Soup or Pizza Tre Funghi. It doesn't get any better than this.

4. Cygnus Sador Organic Reserva Brut Nature Cava, Penedes, Spain. Vintages#: 352856. \$19.95

Get ready to pop this fun and lively bottle of bubbly. This zesty and crisp wine is the perfect stand-in for the Alta Alella Mirgin Exeo Evolució Gran Reserva Brut Nature 2004, costing around \$172.00. It's medium-bodied and dry, with a delightful punch of lemon-lime scents, making it feel like a refreshing splash of sunshine in a glass. The toasty hints and a dash of salty minerality make it sing, complementing the electric acidity dancing around in your mouth, and bringing a bracing freshness that'll wake up your taste buds. You'll find flavours of juicy apples and ripe pears mingling with whispers of toast lingering on your palate. And just when you think it's over, a creamy brioche aftertaste rolls in for a grand finale. Have it with my favourite - Sushi!

5. Boschendal 1685 Chardonnay, Western Cape, South Africa. Vintages#: 367698. \$17.95.

This wine is a delightful surprise that hits above its weight class. Dry, medium-bodied, and impressive, it brings a vibrant medley of nutty, citrus, and peppery fruit to your glass. It finishes with a buttery complexity that keeps you coming back for more. If you're a fan of the winning Delaire Graff Estate Chardonnay 2022 from Stellenbosch, South Africa, priced at \$40.47, this wine could easily become your new go-to. Imagine sipping on layers of vanilla and juicy peaches, all with a hint of minerality on your palate. The nose is a delightful bouquet of nutty aromas mixed with rich brioche, velvety butter, and a dash of oak. The mouth-feel is smooth and gentle, but don't be fooled; it still brings a zesty acidity to your palate. With bright citrus notes joining the oak and brioche undertones, this gem shines with grilled or roasted chicken.

I encourage you to try these alternatives to get a sense of a few wines that came up as Best in Show at the DWWA 2024. My selection is limited based on what is currently available at the LCBO. However, it represents some of the best wines being produced today. These wines are all thoroughly enjoyable at excellent price points. As wine consultant and judge Agnes Csiba Herczeg stated, showcasing the significance of DWWA results, "Picture yourself on the biggest wine shelf of the world, and next to you there are the best wine experts, holding your hand and helping you to make the best decision possible." To see the full list of winning wines, go to <https://www.decanter.com/decanter-world-wine-awards/decanter-world-wine-awards-2024-results-revealed-530763/>. Until next time!



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A NAVAN 98-YEAR-OLD HISTORIC CHURCH GETS A REFRESHING UPDATE

Along with spring flowers blooming after a long winter, several transitions and a refreshing facelift has taken place at the 98-year-old Navan-Vars United Church on Smith Road. It's been a 3-year mega project for the congregation and its' former Chair of Council, Dr. Dave Douglas. (At its' annual general meeting, Don Macartney took over the Council Chair role from Dr. Douglas in March). Under Dr. Dave's leadership, the longstanding congregation worked to establish a new vision, a revitalized building, and an open invitation to the Navan community to visit and use the church as a rental venue for community events.



“As a business owner in Navan, I found it challenging to find a venue for small group retreats or meetings and community activities,” said Dr. Douglas. “It was also time to look at our aging building, establish some insight as to what the future could look like for our church and community.” A focus on environmental considerations, and energy efficiency was the first step.



The Greening Sacred Spaces Program (<https://www.greeningsacredspaces.ca/>), a non-profit granting organization, provided an energy audit, and funding for two thirds of several updates (attic insulation, overhead fans, a new refrigerator, lighting, and air conditioning) with the congregation fundraising for the remainder of the costs. To date, energy costs have been significantly reduced. It became apparent through this process that further updates and renovations would be beneficial. An update to the church's kitchen and basement space became a part of additional plans. Grants from the United Church of Canada's Church Extension Fund, a program that enable structural renovations for aging buildings, were received and kickstarted additional planning and congregational fundraising to cover costs associated with renovations to the church's basement hall. At the same time, the congregation affirmed and adopted their new vision of “Welcoming, Caring, Sharing, Exploring” in 2024, and a call to “...contribute to and support the wider community” (just as it always has over 98 years!). In that context, the church welcomes all, and now offers its space to community groups, and for private functions, on a rental basis. (Rental inquiries welcome – navanvarsunitedchurch@gmail.com). Last month, the church was delighted to welcome its first community groups - the Navan Community Association, and the Navan Women's Institute. Renovations are not without significant labour, a whole lot of muscle, true grit and determination, and unexpected surprises! The hard work took place last summer, with the help of the entire church community, and local professional contractors. Project leaders - Dr. Dave Douglas, Margaret Struthers (interior designer and project planner), and Jean-Guy Jacob – and the entire congregation, worked to create a beautiful ‘environmentally friendly’ renovation and space for the whole community. A success story, and a facelift for a 98-year-old building; what more could an aging structure need? (by Kimberley Allen-McGill)

NAVAN NOTABLES

NAVAN COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Joan Rathwell and Roberta Cotton had an idea, a wonderful idea!

"Let's bring back the Community Sunday School" they said! Joan and Roberta are dedicated members of Navan Vars United Church.

Before Covid they were involved, at various times and in other capacities, with the Community Sunday School. It was run in conjunction with St. Mary's Anglican Church. There hasn't been such a school since its demise during Covid. Despite the challenges they faced in this era of declining church attendance, these determined ladies succeeded in re-starting the Sunday School at N-VUC! Joan and Roberta are co-superintendents. Joan does the administration of this learning center and Roberta takes care of the teaching. Pam Graydon and Emma Robillard round out the team, with Pam as liaison with the Worship Committee at N-VUC.



The Sunday School children, aged 3 years and up, join the adults in the sanctuary for the first 10 to 15 minutes of the service, three Sundays a month, from October to June. They then retire to the newly renovated lower level of the Church for their Sunday School lessons in the special corner set up for them.

Kudos to Joan and Roberta for swimming against the tide and bringing Sunday School back to Navan! For them it is all about the kids! They see their Sunday School lessons providing a foundation for future growth.

For more information on this Sunday School see the contact numbers for Joan and Roberta on the N-VUC website.

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Our next meeting is on Wednesday, May 11 at 7 pm in the newly renovated lower level of the Navan-Vars United Church. We will discuss ideas for our programme for the upcoming year! Thanks goes out to all those who attended our Frauds and Scams Presentation last month. It was very well attended. Hopefully we will remember the advice that was given to us all, by the Royal Bank representative and the Ottawa policeman. They were most informative. Thank you also goes out to Farzana Malik, a new member, who organised the evening and to all the members who made treats for afterwards!

Navan Women's Institute



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The month of April started off with our monthly luncheon catered by the Navan-Vars UCW which was enjoyed by the members. After our April 9th gathering, we moved into our new location at St. Mary's Hall. Thanks to all the members for their patience and help with the move and a big thank you also to the St. Mary's folks who were on site to help us get organized. The first gathering at our new location was on April 16th and everyone enjoyed our new surroundings. We will be in the new location for the rest of this season. Chair-person Navan Nifty 50 Senior's Club

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COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE

Welcome to the Safety Column for May !!

We would like to provide some general safety tips that may help in keeping your home and our neighbourhood safe from property crime.

Keep your home, garage and vehicles locked even if you are home. Many criminals will try doors and access points to ensure the easiest access possible. Keeping access points into your home, vehicle and property locked when possible is a simple deterrent. Additionally, stickers that advertise alarm systems and/or video surveillance is an additional and simple way to deter potential thieves.

Keep the outside of your home and garage well lit. Motion sensors and alarm systems are a great deterrent but they need to be maintained and functioning. At night, use outdoor lighting to enhance illumination in dark areas around your property where an intruder might hide, such as stairwells, alleys and hallways. Install motion lights and/or cameras at all entrances and turn your porch lights on at night. Clear sight lines of your property and home by trimming bushes/trees or removing potential concealment barriers, especially near windows and doors, is a good idea.

Please do not keep spare keys under a door mat or in a planter next to your home or garage, consider leaving them with a trusted neighbour. Tell family members or a trusted neighbour when you are away and ask someone to check your property and pick up packages that may be left on your doorstep. Do not place boxes for big ticket items (new television, computer system) out on the curb prior to recycling day.

Specifically for vehicles :

- In addition to always keeping your vehicle locked, please ensure all valuables and personal identification documents are removed.
- Consider parking your vehicle in a locked garage whenever possible
- Use a steering wheel lock whenever possible
- When not in use, place your vehicle key fob in a radio frequency blocking bag/pouch, such as a Faraday box, to block cell signals.
- Research the value of an OBD (Diagnostic Port Lock) protector for your vehicle.

As always, remember to remain vigilant and to call 9-1-1 for crimes in progress. Try to make observations of suspicious vehicles and persons.

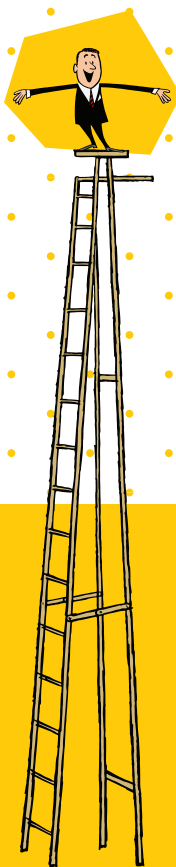
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Friday, May 30, 2025

(doors open at 7pm)



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- band takes the stage at 8:30pm (live music by Eastbound of Bytown)

Advance tickets are \$20 and are available online at <https://events.frontdoor.plus/event/1152> (must be 19+).

BRONZE MEDAL WINNING TEAM



Congratulations to Navan's own Natasha D'Aoust, center forward, and assistant coach & trainer Sarah Crema (formerly Zintel) for their Bronze medal victory at the 2025 Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships! Their U19 Gloucester Cumberland Ringette team (GCRA) represented our community as Team Ontario at the championship tournament in Pierrefond QC over Easter weekend.

They battled against Teams Quebec, PEI, Nova Scotia & New Brunswick in round robin play acquiring a nearly undefeated record (3 Win - 1 Tie - 1 Loss). They went on to be awarded Bronze after a difficult 5-1 loss in the semi-final to Team New Brunswick who defeated Team Quebec to take home Gold. The U19 team was the only representatives from GCRA to compete at the A Provincial ringette championships in Sault Saint Marie over March break and one of only two teams from the Ottawa region to become Team Ontario and compete at the highest level of A ringette competition in Canada. The team's determination "to never stop believing" and their spirited fans were key factors in their incredible finish to the season.



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2nd Annual

Shane Jonas Memorial Bursary

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Saturday, June 7

4:00pm – 12:00am

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To honour Shane's memory and his commitment to excellence in the construction industry, the family created the Shane Jonas Memorial Bursary fund at Algonquin College. This fund creates an annual bursary in the trades for students facing financial barriers to their education.

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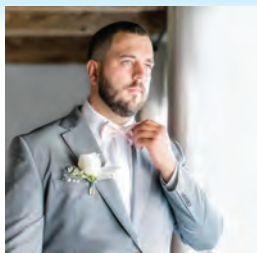
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✓ Silent Auction

* To purchase tickets, please go to the Facebook page *Shane Jonas Memorial Bursary Fundraiser* OR scan the QR Code below *



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2nd Annual Shane Jonas Memorial Bursary FUNDRAISER

Saturday, June 7, 2025 4:00 pm - 11:30 pm
Navan Fairground Domes 1279 Colonial Rd, Navan

In January 2019, Ronny and Carol Jonas (Navan residents) of Jonas Building Restoration Ltd. tragically lost their son Shane at the age of 27. Shane also left behind his brother Travis, wife Mikaela and three children, Avery, Chase and Bea. Shane was a proud 2010 graduate of the Building Construction Program at **Algonquin College**.

To honour Shane's memory and his commitment to excellence in the construction industry, the family created the **Shane Jonas Memorial Bursary fund at Algonquin College**. This fund creates an annual bursary in the trades for students facing financial barriers to their education. Since created in 2019, this annual bursary has helped numerous Algonquin College students in achieving post secondary education and establishing a career in the skilled trades.

This year the Jonas family is hosting the 2nd annual fundraiser for the Shane Jonas Memorial Bursary. This family friendly event will include a live band, food and drink options, silent auction, raffle prizes, 50/50 and numerous activities for children. This event is sure to be a great time for an even greater cause!

How do I buy tickets?

Tickets can be bought via "FRONTDOOR+" at <https://events.frontdoor.plus/event/1034?>

or at the entrance to the event (cash, credit or debit card accepted). Digital or paper copy of ticket must be shown at entry. Children 5 and under do not require a ticket.

Early Bird Ticket Discount **until April 30, 2025!**

Adults - \$40 \$30

Children 6-17 - \$15 \$10

(under 5 free)

Above prices to increase after 30/04/2025

Is this a family friendly event?

Yes! Families with children of all ages are most welcome! There will be many free activities for the little ones including bouncy castle, face painting and more. This event is stroller accessible with change station close by.

Will there be entertainment?

This event is sure to be a blast! There will be a live band and more.

Will there be food and drinks?

Yes! Local, Ottawa based favorite, Meatings BBQ, will have a food truck with many yummy options available for purchase! There will also be alcoholic and non alcoholic beverage options available. I.D. will be required for alcoholic drink purchases.

Is this event weather dependent?

No! This outdoor event will take place rain or shine. Luckily, there are many places to escape the rain if needed.

Will there be seating?

There will be minimal seating provided. Fold-able chairs are encouraged and welcome at this event!

Can I leave and re-enter event?

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