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NAVAN FAIR 2025



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NAVAN FAIR 2025





Twins and 1st Birthdays at
the Navan Fair 2025 Baby Show



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AT THE FAIR

Parking Services and Fundraising.

The Navan Lions were busy once again organizing parking. We are immensely grateful to the volunteers who braved the exceptional heat to support our parking fundraiser. As in previous years, this was made possible by the generous permission to use the parking lots at Navan Autopro, The New Oak Tree and PhysioSpace. Our welfare fund has benefited by the raising of over \$6610 and we estimate that about 1250 families were saved from a long trek back to the car in the severe heat.



50/50 during the Demo Derby.

We use this event as the principal Fundraiser for the Hannah Billings Fund. A 50/50 draw, has been a feature of the Demo Derby for many years. This fund which is managed by the Lions, is targeted at helping families with terminally or seriously ill children. This year, we are proud to say that we raised approximately \$1400. Side Note: If you are wondering how we put these funds to work, please visit our Fundraising web page at www.navanlions.ca/fundraising for details of our donations in the our last financial year.



Best Entry in the Parade.

Most fun of all is our participation in the fair parade. Once again, the creativity of Navan Lions allowed us to win the Best Entry in the Parade, with our float and walkers. This float supported the theme "Muddy Boots and Country Roots". Walkers wore sunflower costumes with boots and roots and the float featured a vegetable garden with fresh carrots and potatoes.



Indigenous Reconciliation at the Fair.



The Navan Lions have been working with the Fair Board to introduce Indigenous Peoples participation at the fair and this was the first year that a Land Acknowledgement was given during

the opening ceremony. The Legacy of Hope Foundation participated in the parade – handing out many free items – and staffed a vendor table with workshops making medicine pouches. The Lions also had a vendor table for information and to create an opportunity to meet Indigenous guests from our friends at Odawa Native Friendship Centre, Isaruit Inuit Arts and Indigenous Clean Energy. The Inuit participation included drumming and drum making opportunities.

HERB DEAVY BURSARY,

The Club is glad to announce the year's winner of the Herb Deavy bursary, Lexi Bender. Lexi is presently enrolled at Carleton University, undertaking a Bachelor of Journalism. Lexi hopes to pursue a career as a content manager for a company or sports team. Lexi has extensive volunteer experience within the community, having served with the Fall Fest, Nifty Fifty Seniors Club, the Bradley Cup as well as off street parking with the Navan Lions Club. She is a very deserving candidate for the Herb Deavy Bursary and the Navan Lions Club were proud to provide her with a bursary cheque for \$1,250.00

The bursary is intended to assist students (with a local connection) who are in the process of pursuing higher education at university, college or are learning a skilled trade. Only one student is generally selected each year; however students are encouraged to re-apply even if at first, they were unsuccessful. An ad-hoc committee (made up of several members of the Navan Lions Club) reviews each application without knowing the identity or the address of the applicant. The committee considers criteria including the applicant's volunteer experience, scholastic achievement/s, extra-curricular activities as well as non-scholastic award/s that the applicant may have earned.

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Navan Pavilion Project Update

We are thrilled to announce the completion of the Navan Pavilion—a dream brought to life through the incredible generosity of our donors, the unwavering support of our community, and the hard work of our dedicated volunteers. To celebrate this exciting milestone, everyone is invited to the Navan Pavilion Opening Ceremony on September 13th at 7 PM. Enjoy live music by the band Sterling, grab a drink, and satisfy your appetite at the on-site food truck. Come join us for a night of celebration and community spirit! No tickets necessary it's a free event to thank our wonderful Navan Community! Bar and Food truck will accept cash or card.

Thank you to the major donors of the Pavilion project!

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NCA Meetings

NCA meetings are held monthly on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Next meetings will be held on Sept. 21st at the Navan United Church Basement hall.

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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Music in the Park – Jill Noakes and Heather Monkman
Fall Fest – Cheryle Houle **NCC & Membership** – Ray Vetter
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Builders Wall – Tim Bernardi

Lots of ways to check us out

NCA website - www.navan.on.ca

NCA email - nca@navan.on.ca

On Instagram - @navannca

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Navan FALL FEST SATURDAY October 4th

from 11 am to 3 pm

Begin your day at Station 71. Treat the whole family to a delicious pancake breakfast prepared by Station 71 firefighters and Sparky from 8-11 am. Then head on over to *the Navan Fairgrounds* for the Navan Fall Fest starting at 11 am.

Festival favourites include old-fashioned scarecrow making, kid's crafts, homemade games and activities, firefighter demonstrations and tug of war, fall-inspired photo booth, costume displays, potato sack races, ball hockey, silent auction (\$), baked goods (\$), pie auction (\$), face and nail art and BBQ lunch.

Admission and participation at the festival is free; donations are greatly appreciated to cover supply and operating expenses and to fund next year. The remaining funds are donated to support those in need within our community.

NAVAN PAVILION

YOU'RE INVITED

The Navan Community Association and The Cumberland Township Agricultural Society welcome you to join us for the official **Opening Ceremony** for our new pavilion.



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78th Navan Fair THANK YOU

On behalf of The Cumberland Township Agricultural Society membership and Board of Directors, thank you for participating in and attending our 2025 Navan Fair. As many know, the previous two years have been difficult years for our fair due to the wet weather. Well, 2025 was a pleasant surprise, bringing sunshine and maybe too much heat. Our 2025 theme “Muddy Boots and Country Roots” still shone through – on the grounds, in the barns and through the exhibits, in the laughter, and even in the dust on fairgoers’ jeans by the end of the day.

We are busy wrapping up 2025. You may wish to check our website for a list of top winners in several of our fair divisions and our 2025 slide show (www.navanfair.ca) courtesy of our dedicated local photographers Tom Devecseri and John Ladds. The planning for 2026 has already begun. Feel free to provide your ideas to office@navanfair.ca.



<https://youtu.be/Q2Qxe2GN22s>

link to youtube
slideshow

NAVAN PAVILION OPENING

The Navan Community Association and The Cumberland Township Agricultural Society welcome you to attend the September 13th Opening Ceremony of the much-anticipated NEW Navan Pavilion. No charge event. Performance by The Band Sterling. Standing room only. Must be 19+ to attend.

CTAS GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

During the Opening Ceremony of the 75th Navan Fair in 2022, the CTAS was presented with a cheque for \$500,000, a donation from the Central Canada Exhibition Association (Ottawa Super Ex) from the proceeds of the dissolution of their operations. This generous donation was greatly appreciated by the CTAS, the Navan community, and our Fair exhibitors.

A few years later we are pleased to have completed the new livestock barn in time for our recent August fair. With the completion of this additional barn and the beautiful Navan Pavilion, the CTAS is excited to expand its rentals at 1279 Colonial Road, Navan ON. If interested, please contact office@navanfair.ca for more information.

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2025 NAVAN FAIR AMBASSADOR

During the 78th Navan Fair Opening Ceremony held on August 7, our 2024 Ambassador Brooke Graham, President Emily Keenan and Ambassador Coordinator Cheyanne Ash had the privilege of crowning our 2025 Navan Fair Ambassador, Lysha Bast. Lysha is currently in her second year at the University



of Ottawa, pursuing an Honours Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She has demonstrated academic excellence, having earned a place on the Dean's Honour List for the Fall 2024 and Winter 2025 semesters. Lysha is no stranger to community involvement. She has volunteered and worked at some well-loved local spots, including the Yolo Coffee Truck at Robert Plante Greenhouses and

M.L. Bradley Ltd. Her commitment to service and community shines through in every role she takes on. Rooted in rural values, Lysha brings firsthand agricultural experience working on her family farm, Bast Poultry Farm. This connection to farming life, along with her strong work ethic, community spirit, and dedication to helping others, make



her a natural fit to represent the CTAS and Navan Fair. We are proud to have Lysha serve as our Navan Fair Ambassador. Her values and leadership reflect the heart of our rural community.

A NOTE FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE KITTS

Another Navan Fair has come and gone, and what a weekend it was! I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the incredible volunteers of the Navan Fair Board, who poured countless hours into making the 78th edition another memorable success. Year after year, this event brings our community together, and it simply would not be possible without the people who plan, organize, and deliver every detail. I had a wonderful time connecting with so many of you during the parade, at my tent, or out at the fair, and I appreciated everyone who took the time to stop by to chat. I'm already looking forward to the next year already!

On Saturday, September 13, I'll see you back at the Navan Fairgrounds for another special celebration. The official opening of the Navan Pavilion. The event will begin at 7 pm, followed by a ribbon cutting, speeches, food, and live music from the Band Sterling. This project has truly been a labour of love for the Navan Community Association, and I'm thrilled that the City was able to support it financially through various grants. I know it will serve as a gathering place for years to come, and I cannot wait to celebrate this new chapter together.

At City Hall, the legislative calendar is ramping back up. In the coming months, Council will be debating and deciding on some important files, including the 2026 Budget and Lansdowne 2.0. As a member of eight committees, I'll be deeply engaged in these conversations, and I want to remind residents that your feedback helps guide me in these discussions. Please don't hesitate to reach out and share your thoughts. Closer to home, I know it's been a busy construction season. Between the first phase of work at the Navan/Milton roundabout and ongoing road renewal projects, there have been plenty of disruptions. Thank you for your patience as crews finish up the last of the season's work. Finally, as students, teachers, and staff prepare to head back to school, I wish everyone a smooth start to the year. A special shoutout to those experiencing their very *first* first day of school, and to the proud parents seeing them off. Please remember to drive cautiously in school

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After 37 years in clinical practice at the Colonial Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Brown has retired as of June 30th, 2025.

Dr. Brown is not leaving the practice, only leaving the clinical part of the job. In other words, he will not be seeing patients but will be very present in the practice. He will continue to manage the hospital and in addition be devoting time to developing and implementing new strategies to promote health and longevity in our beloved pets.

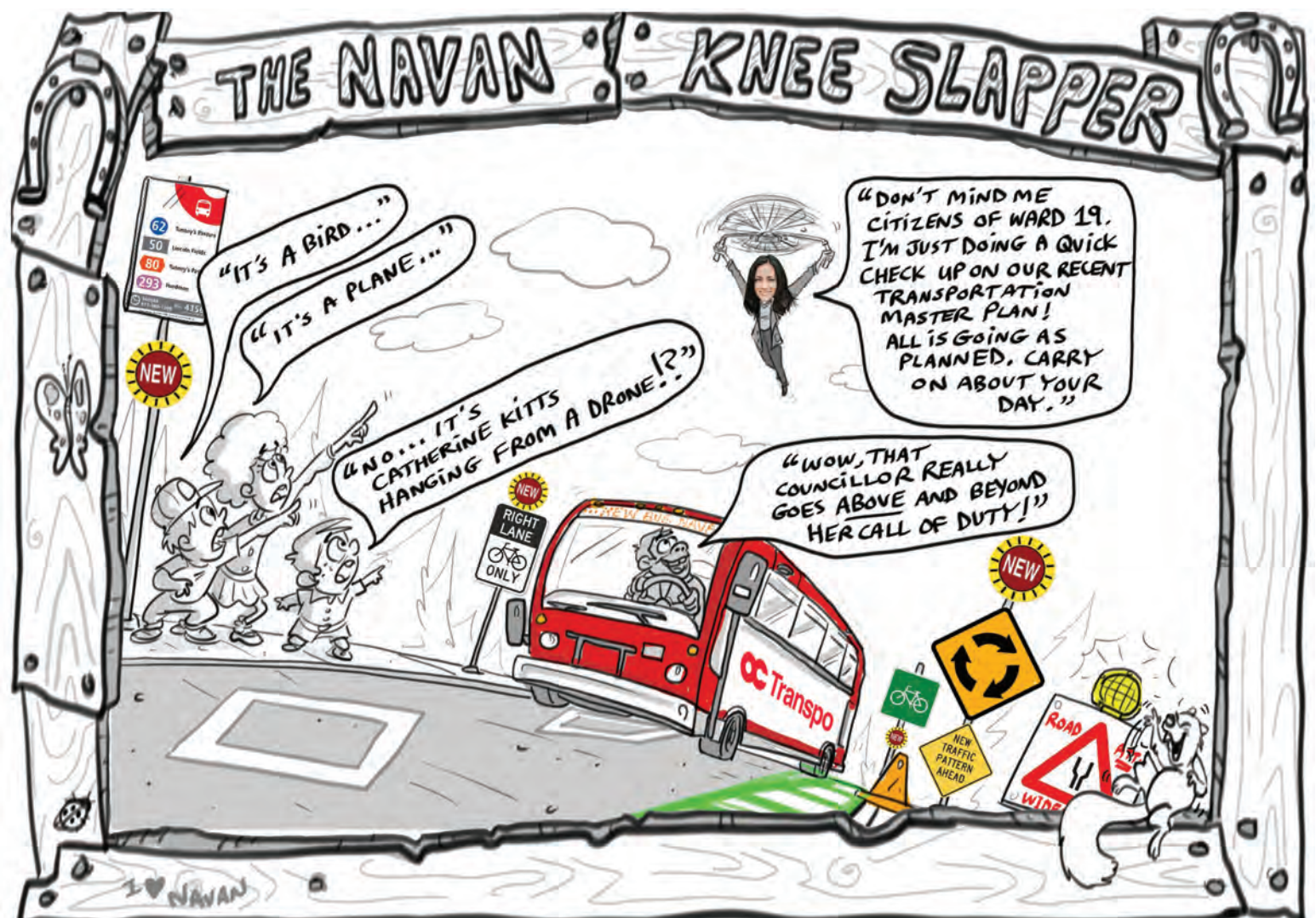
Dr. Brown welcomes this new chapter as our Chief Ideas Officer. With so many new and promising developments



on the horizon in Veterinary Medicine and with the pace of daily practice, it made it difficult, if not impossible, to devote time and energy to these exciting opportunities for improving pet health. Dr. Brown will now have the time to explore these emerging health issues and implement changes in the clinical practice that will benefit your furry babies. He is very excited about the possible advantages that genetics and artificial intelligence can bring to better health and longer health spans.

We welcomed Dr. Lynn Blackburn to take over Dr. Brown clinical practice. Both Dr. Blackburn and Dr. Brown share an almost identical attitude to veterinary care.

Dr. Brown is not leaving the ship; he will be here to steer us into the future but won't be pulling the oars anymore. He wants to thank you: "It has been an honour to serve you and your beloved pets. The trust you have placed in me has meant the world to me. I hope you will continue to have the same trust in our hospital as we move into the future."



Cartoon by Jeff Amey

It is with heavy heart that I am printing this month's wine column. Nyam submitted her 34th column for the Sept. Nugget 2 days before her unexpected and sudden passing. Myself and all of the NCA send our condolences to her family. Please raise a glass in her memory.

Tom Devecseri - editor Navan Nugget



EXPLORING WINES, WINE STYLES, AND FOOD CHOICES *Nyam Bann, Sommelier at Large*

DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS (DWWA) 2025 BEST IN SHOW

In May of this year, my column highlighted the wines that won the DWWA Best in Show for 2024. This past August, I conducted a tasting of similar wines at the Navan Fair. This column focuses on the DWWA Best in Show winners for this current year, 2025. I will be showcasing five alternative wines that represent either the varietal and/or terroir or the producers of the winning wines in the 2025 DWWA Best in Show category.

To Note: The DWWA is the world's largest and most influential major annual international wine competition. Both trade professionals and consumers trust the results. 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.

1. Rotari Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut 2024, Trentodoc, Italy

A luscious and silky bubbly bursting with juicy stone fruit, balanced with a zing of zesty citrus. And when you think it can't get better, a hint of toasted almond and delicate mineral notes join the party, bringing a sophisticated touch. The flavours harmonize together to

make this the perfect companion for a charcu-terie spread. With a medium-full body and a sprightly medium-high acidity, plus just a whisper of sweet-ness at 4 g/L, it's an absolute delight.

2. Bègue-Mathiot Vaillons Chablis 1er Cru 2023, Burgundy, France

Renowned for its classic qualities, this wine is meticulously crafted to achieve a perfect balance, presenting a dry and expressive profile. It showcases a delicate interplay of vibrant fruit notes, complemented by intriguing minerality and a hint of salinity, which beautifully echo the briny essence of oysters. With a medium-full body and refreshing high acidity, this wine maintains a harmonious structure without overwhelming the taste buds. Notably, it possesses just 2 g/L of sugar

3. Bodegas Rectoral de Amandi, Matilda Nieves (Mencia), Ribiera Sacra, Spain 2020

Mencia is known for its earthy and herbal vibes, and these qualities shine through with this wine, bringing a delicious and generous personality to the table. Juicy bursts of raspberry and cherry, plus a slight hint of pepper, are a delight. This wine pairs perfectly with savoury, earthy, and herb-infused flavours. Try it with Mushroom and Gouda Toast. The wine's zesty acidity makes every bite a delight. It's medium-bodied, smooth, and dry, with 3 g/L sugar.

4. Domaine Bousquet Malbec Organic 2023, Mendoza, Argentina

Welcome to Gualtallary, Argentina's gem for certified organic wines. This region is not just about quality; it's the first in Argentina and fourth globally to earn the Regenerative Organic Certification (ROC), focus-ing on soil health, animal welfare, and equity for farmers. This is their star: a 100% Malbec from a single vineyard, aged in French oak. It dazzles with juicy blackberry and plum flavours, and a hint of pepper. With a medium-full body, balanced acidity, and just 3 g/L of sugar, it's perfect for any occasion. Raise a glass to sustainability and deliciousness. Duck Confit, anyone?

5. Tesis Primus Organic Carmenère 2022, Colchagua Valley, Chile

A gorgeous wine from vines planted almost 100 years ago. The supple red-and-black berry flavours, smokiness, and herbaceous vibes of this Carmenère swoop in to capture your taste buds. The tannins are restrained, keeping things balanced and harmonious. With a full-bodied personality and just the right amount of acidity, this Carmenère is sure to please. Full-bodied, with 3 g/L sugar, it perfectly complements tender lamb sliders with a yogurt-based sauce.

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 2025. 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://results.decanter.com/DWWA/2025>. Till next time!

NAVAN NOTABLES

Ty Nooyen



This young man is the grandson of Christine and Harry Nooyen. Ty is the 4th generation in farming. He helps his dad with the genetics programme. Many of the Brabant Farm cows are sold across the world, because of the

work Ty helps his Dad with. Their cows are well treated. Ty can tell you which cow is which just by looking at it - even from a distance! He loves working the farm. He has a passion and a confidence in his ability with the cows. It was a joy to hear him talk about his work. It was a pleasure to meet this young dynamo called Ty!

Summer Swim August, 2025

Lake Ontario was the lake that Bill Leonard decided to swim across this summer. Bill is a seasoned swimmer. He's been in a pool, lake, ocean, practicing this skill throughout his life! On a perfect warm day, he swam over 50 km to complete this feat! Bill is 46 years old and has been wanting to do this for 8 years. The day he chose to complete this dream was perfect. Winds, tide, water were all calm. It was a magical swim!! His son Eli, a swimmer also, and his father Bob, were in the Zodiak that accompanied Bill. They were there to encourage him, to feed him, to provide drinking water. Eli said his dad's strokes were even all the way to the end of the event. Fantastic!!

And to top it all off, Marilyn Bell emailed him during the swim!! Great effort and a wonderful result. Bravo Bill!!

Joan and Bob Leonard, parents of our hero, make their home in Navan! Sheila Minogue- Calver www.navanwomen.com



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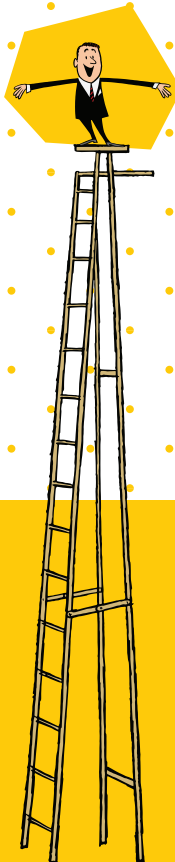
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The summer days continue to roll on by and here we are getting ready for the beginning of another season of the Nifty50 Seniors Club. We are looking forward to welcoming back all the Nifty 50 members on Wednesday September 3rd at our usual time of 12:30pm. We will be meeting at the St. Mary's Hall on Smith Road as the hall at the Memorial arena will still be under renovation.

See you soon! Juanita and Ray



Welcome back to a new year of helping others. Our first meeting is at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 10, in the Sunrise Bistro on Trim Rd. in Navan.

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Sunday, September 28, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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**at the iconic
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Free parking and admission to Museum grounds to attend the church service

**Following the church service, drive to the Village of Vars,
have lunch and take a tour!**

Your destination is **Alcide Trudeau Park, 5717 Rockdale Road, Vars**

- 12-1 p.m.**
- **Barbecued Hamburgers & Hotdogs** available at the Park
 - Bring a lawn chair and visit while you enjoy lunch and wait your turn for the tour
- 1-3 p.m.**
- **Wagon-drawn Guided Historical Tours of Vars**
 - The wagon holds 30 people and the tour is approximately 30 minutes long
 - Tours start and end at the Vars Park, where washroom facilities are available

Church service hosted by **Navan-Vars United Church** - <https://www.navan-vars-united.org>

Lunch and tours hosted by **Vars Community Association** - <https://www.vars.ca>

and **Cumberland Township Historical Society** - <https://cths.ca>