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The tournament was held on March 20-21 at the Navan Arena. Teams Cumberland, Hammond, Navan, Orleans, Sarsfield, Vars all entertained the fans. This year's victors are team Orleans and the CN Cycle and Walk fundraiser for CHEO. Thank you to the volunteer community members for yet another successful event.



Mike Devine (#12) scores one of the goals for Team Orleans in their championship win over Team Navan.



Puck Drop: Beckett Both, aka "Super Beckett", with Mom Pauline, sisters Penny and Isla (with the flowers).



"Super Beckett" with Batman

See the Nugget online for bonus pages of tournament and Barred Owl photos by Tom Devcseri





Navan Lions Annual Golf Tournament



Friday June 5, 2026

Registration 8:00 am

Shotgun style self start 9:00 am



Pine View Golf Club - Championship Course
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<https://www.pineview.com/>

The entry fee (\$95 single, \$380 foursome) includes your green fee (nine holes), use of a golf cart, morning coffee and muffins upon arrival, lunch after the round, contest opportunities and silent auction.



Register at

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A NOTE FROM THE BRADLEY CUP ORGANIZERS

Another successful Bradley Cup in the books! This event would not be possible without the support of the community, local businesses, volunteers, City staff, and our sponsors. Special thanks to Eli and the team at Castellos for Friday's pizza supper, the Navan Women's Institute for Saturday's lunch, and Lawrie Hamilton for Saturday's supper. Total amount raised in support of "Super Beckett", his family, and CHEO oncology, will be announced soon!

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The CTAS Board is excited to share the news that we will be commissioning a new barn quilt sign to be proudly displayed on the tallest peak of the Navan Pavilion. The sign will be commissioned by a professional local artist, and we need your participation. We will be coming to the community with the opportunity to vote on design options. Stay tuned for more information.

To support this project, a fundraiser will be held on Saturday, June 6. For a fee you are invited to come and paint a barn quilt sign with Karyne Besso. You can take your finished sign home to proudly display to your family and friends. Registration will open on April 15th. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. Additional dates may be arranged if required. For more information, please visit our website at: <https://navanfair.ca/other-events/>. Donations are also welcome to support the Pavilion barn quilt initiative. They can be made at the June 6 workshop or by sending an e-transfer to ctas.finance@gmail.com (note "Quilt sign donation" in the message). Or you can pay by credit, debit, cheque or cash through the Navan Fair Office at 1279 Colonial Road. Official tax receipts will be provided for donations over \$10. Questions: Visit our website or contact Joanne at joannedesormeaux@gmail.com or 613-601-3486.

NAVAN FAIR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

We are now accepting applications for the 2026 Navan Fair Ambassador. Are you between the ages of 17 and 25? Would you like to become involved in the Navan Fair and Cumberland Township Agricultural Society, celebrating its rich agricultural and community history? Would you like the chance to be part of a long-standing community tradition, and develop new friendships while expanding your leadership and presentation skills? Consider applying to become the CTAS Navan Fair Ambassador for 2026. The application deadline is Friday, July 10, 2026. For more information or the form, contact Cheyanne Ash at cheyanne.ash@icloud.com or visit our website at: <https://navanfair.ca/ambassador/>

NAVAN FAIR BOOK 2026 – Cover contest

The Navan Fair is looking for artistically motivated youth to help us create the cover for the 2026 Fair Book! This year's fair theme is 'Where Country and City Meet' and it

will be our 79th Fair. Your artwork should reflect these components. The theme name should not be included in writing in the drawing, as it will be superimposed on the fair book cover later. Submissions can be either hand drawn or computer generated.

The competition is open to youth in grades 4 to 12. Entries will be accepted from March 1st to April 15th, 2026. The winner will receive one (1) day pass to the 2026 Navan Fair and a sheet of Robertson's Amusements ride tickets, valuing over \$60.

Please send any questions and entries to: office@navanfair.ca or drop off at the Fair Office. Keep your paper version of your submission. The winner will need to provide it to the Fair Office following selection. Thank you in advance for your participation and looking forward to your entries.

CTAS MEMBERSHIPS

2026 memberships can be purchased in the Fair Office. Pricing remains the same as 2025. Early bird memberships purchased by April 30 receive a \$5 discount off the regular pricing below. Your membership allows you to exhibit at the fair and provides the four-day admission.

Adult \$35

Senior (65+) \$25

Youth (13 to 17) \$20

EARLY BIRD NAVAN FAIR GATE PASSES

Early Bird gate passes are available until July 15 and can be purchased online at <https://navanfair.ca/> or in the fair office after April 6. Regular pricing is in effect July 16 until August 6 or at the gates on fair days. Pricing remains the same as 2025. Purchase early and save.

APRIL OFFICE HOURS

April 1 to 30 – Monday to Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm
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NAVAN NOTABLES

DAMIEN HOLLINGER

This boy is one busy fellow! No grass grows under his feet!! Here's an idea of his many interests. Damien loves 3D printing. He makes fidget toys. He told me seniors really like them. Bee Keeping during covid got him hooked. Damien sells jars of honey at Seniors Markets. This is a time consuming project, I would think!



I love this treat he enjoyed helping with. Can you imagine drawing smiles?? Damien put smiles on the Tim Horton's COOKIES!! What a fun job that would be! I wonder whether he gets to eat some of these cookies!! Yum, yum! He's a whizz with any rubic cube he picks up! He showed me how he did it. It was so so fast! One time he showed his skills at a competition at Algonquin College!



Another difficult challenge he has taken on is Jujitsu classes and now has his Junior Black Belt! This isn't easy to get. His test was 4 hours long! I would say that to try the test one would have to spend many nights

practising the skills needed. Gymnastics, Hockey, Swimming, are on his list of things to do. When do you sleep, Damien??

Lastly math and music are his favourite subjects! Now you must be wondering how old Damien is? He attends 'Heritage Elementary School' in grade 5 and is 11 years old!! Oh the games you will play, the belts you will earn, and the cookies you will eat as you journey to high school! Enjoy!!!

Sheila Minogue-Calver



We have had a busy time lately. Planning for the Bradley Tournament is not a small job! But with all our eager and able members we were successful! The soups were delicious and hot, the sandwiches were top notch, the desserts were sweet and colourful! And everything went! As we stood and served everyone the comments were all so positive, They came back for more egg or chicken, or ham! The wee children eyed the sweets and carefully took 1 piece and always came back for more! It was a happy, joyful afternoon upstairs at the Navan Arena! Hockey is what brought us all there. It was a great, fun, and chatty afternoon with our community! Such a satisfying feeling! Thank you Navan W.I.

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The Nifty 50 plus Seniors' members are grateful for the Navan arena staff who have looked after our weekly set up needs for the past 14 years. Tom Devecseri is another special person who helps keep our community connected through the monthly production of the Navan Nugget in addition to all of his volunteer activities in the Navan Community Association. We certainly live in a vibrant outgoing community thanks to the residents and the dedicated volunteers in the community.

If you are interested in joining the Nifty 50 plus Seniors Club we meet every Wednesday from 12:30pm to 4:30pm upstairs in the Navan Memorial arena. (September - June).

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CABINET MAKERS CORNER

by Dan St. Pierre

This month I want to talk about Cabinetry pricing and why it is so different from company to company. The different prices you receive from different companies are usually a reflection of the materials, expertise, and quality being offered. I like to break it down into a few different categories.

The first is what I call a “builders kitchen”. These are kitchens that are often used for rental properties, commercial spaces, or as a budget friendly option. They still look great but there’s a compromise on the quality of the materials used. Also the design is done in a way to decrease the cost. Less drawers in place of cupboards with adjustable shelves, wrapped doors instead of wood or lacquered doors, non custom sized cabinets, and much less custom details in general. Often these are installed by contractors or homeowners.

Then you have custom kitchens. These are often designed in collaboration with kitchen design companies. These kitchens will have many custom sized cabinets to fit awkward spaces and leave minimal fillers. They are generally made with better quality materials. More drawers (possible wooden drawers with dovetailed joinery), More cabinet inserts for convenience ie. Garbage units, lazy Susan corner units, cutlery tray inserts etc.

More variation for doors, crown molding, custom extractor hoods, floating shelves and such.

In my opinion the most important factor for any kitchen is the installation. It’s not uncommon for unexpected things to come up during install onsite. The plumbers have installed the plumbing off center for the sink, The original layout of appliances or windows and doors may have been altered at some point. The walls are seriously out of plumb and the floors are way out of level. The floor and ceiling are out of parallel by 3” (not uncommon) The point is that if you have experienced installers, they’ve seen it all and have tricks to deal with these problems.

Pricing comes down to many factors but make sure you are comparing apples to apples. Do the estimates you’ve received have the same finishes and or design? What’s the reputation of the company? Did you find the company on a google search or were you referred by someone you know who was happy with their project. Ask who’s installing the kitchen.

In the trades there is a “builders triangle” Quality, Speed, Price. Usually you will only get 2 sides of the triangle. If it’s a great price there may be a compromise on the quality and speed. If you want the project done quickly you may sacrifice quality and end up paying more. Lastly if you want the highest quality you must be willing to pay and to potentially wait longer.



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A NOTE FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE KITTS

What an amazing weekend for the Bradley Cup! A big shoutout to the organizers, players, and volunteers who made this annual hockey rivalry such a success. I'm already looking forward to next year's tournament. With spring around the corner, we're also beginning to shift into construction season. Road rehabilitation projects will soon be underway, and ensuring our rural road infrastructure receives the attention and funding it needs remains a top priority for me. I will share more details as timelines are confirmed. In the meantime, progress continues on the Navan and Milton roundabout, with work expected to restart April 8, weather permitting, and completion anticipated later this year.

As part of that broader focus on infrastructure, my office has been actively responding to ditching concerns across the ward. I am working closely with the City's new Rural Ditch Coordinator, a role secured through last year's budget following the Rural Summit, to ensure drainage issues are being addressed and priority areas are reviewed. We are also advancing safety improvements at Wall Road and Tenth Line as traffic volumes continue to grow. I expect funding to be secured through the 2027 budget for a permanent solution, such as a traffic signal or roundabout, and have been actively working to advance that outcome. In the meantime, immediate upgrades are being implemented this spring, including enhanced signage, new pavement markings, and larger stop signs to improve visibility and driver awareness. We are also repositioning the streetlight to better illuminate the intersection and continuing to advance additional flashing warning signals.

You may have seen that I recently hosted a bus tour with Mayor Sutcliffe and senior City leadership to highlight the transportation pressures facing our community. We travelled together by school bus from City Hall to Ward 19 during the morning commute to provide a real, on-the-ground view of what residents experience every day. It is important that top bureaucrats see these challenges firsthand as we push forward with meaningful solutions. Looking ahead, the City has released a draft Economic Development Rural Plan aimed at strengthening our rural economy. I encourage you to review the plan and complete the survey before April 4 on engage.ottawa.ca. And with the change in season, be sure to mark your calendars for the first Original Navan Market of the year on Sunday, May 24. I'll see you there!

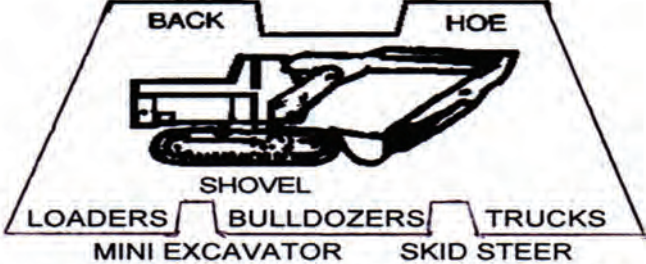


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THE BARRED OWL

Tom Devcseri

The Barred Owl is a large owl, measuring 16–25 inches in length with a 38–49 inch wingspan. It has a rounded head and lacks ear tufts. Its pale face is framed with dark rings around the eyes, and it has a yellow beak and distinctive brown eyes. It is the only true owl in eastern Canada and the eastern United States with brown eyes; most other owls have yellow eyes. The chest is barred horizontally while the belly is streaked vertically, which is how the Barred Owl gets its name. The upper parts are mottled gray-brown, and the underparts are light with darker markings. Its legs and feet are feathered right down to the talons.

If you listen carefully, its call is instantly recognizable and often described as sounding like: “Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you all?” Barred Owls favor large, mature forests with both deciduous and coniferous trees, often near water. Their diet consists mainly of small mammals, but they will also prey on birds, reptiles, and amphibians. They usually hunt at night, although they are more active during the day than many other owl species.

I believe the larger Barred Owl visiting my yard is a female. Males are slightly smaller, although they have identical markings. Our Navan Barred Owl has been making the rounds at several yard bird feeders. With a healthy population of squirrels and birds, it is an attractive place for her to look for a meal. Last year she caught a rabbit and stashed the carcass under my deck for a few days until it was completely eaten. So far this year I have seen her stop by twice, giving me a great photo opportunity. What a beauty!

(extra photos online)























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