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High achievers



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

Members of the Shawville 4-H Club assembled at the Shawville arena for their annual Achievement Day during which they put their skills to the test ahead of the Shawville Fair. In the Overall Showmanship class Lyric McIntyre (left) was named Supreme Champion Showperson and Molly Dowe (right) was Reserve Champion Showperson. See A8 for the full story.

The Shawville Fair Feature is here!



See this week's special second section for 16 pages of local games (See You in The Equity or Bingo anyone?), Shawville Fair history, stories from the agricultural community, and much more.

New equine vet launching services in the Pontiac

by SOPHIE KULJPER DICKSON
PONTIAC
Aug. 24, 2026

A new equine veterinarian will soon be offering her services to horse owners in the Pontiac region, east of Campbell's Bay. Outaouais native Adrianna Schwarzer graduated from the University of Montreal's Saint-Hyacinthe veterinary school last year, and has since moved back home to Hull where she is now launching a new veterinary service, AS Equine Services. Since launching her Facebook page in June, she has received an outpouring of interest, including some 100 or so emails and messages from people requesting to be added to her client list. "Since I come from the region I know the reality of the missing equine vets," she told THE EQUITY. While she plans to begin visiting new clients at the beginning of September, she's spent the summer doing client intake and getting herself set up to provide this service in a region that has been without local vet options for many years. "I've had people needing advice or an emergency appointment before I even had

my truck. It was a little overwhelming, it feels like a lot of pressure, but at the same time, just knowing that I can help out so many people, I can handle it," she said. "I'll figure out a way to help as many people as I can. I feel so welcomed and needed." Schwarzer has set her regular service area such that no potential client would be more than a 1.5-hour drive from her home in Hull, the maximum time she wants to have to drive for an emergency visit. This means she will primarily cover the region east of Campbell's Bay, south of Gracefield and Notre-Dame-Du-Laus, and west of Montebello. "I know that means that everyone outside [the boundary], if they have an emergency, then they don't necessarily have someone," she acknowledged. "At that point I'm still available by phone if they want any help." She said she is also happy to offer scheduled appointments or vaccination days outside of the perimeter if she can plan the day in advance.

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Sophie Kuljper Dickson, THE EQUITY

Adrianna Schwarzer will begin seeing new clients in the Outaouais region in September.

Cottagers stranded after Picanoc bridge destroyed

by SOPHIE KULJPER DICKSON
OTTER LAKE
Aug. 24, 2026

Marc Lescelleur was on his way home from a weekend up at the family camp in Otter Lake last Tuesday (Aug. 18) when he discovered the bridge over the Picanoc River he had crossed on his way in but four days earlier had seemingly vanished. "Originally I had no clue [why it was gone]. I passed there on Friday and there was no sign that the bridge was going to disappear," said the Gatineau resident, describing the bridge on chemin de la Plage, just 20 minutes north of the

municipality's town. While some of his family had left a day earlier, making it out before the bridge had vanished, he had stayed an extra night with his wife, two kids, one of their friends, and a dog. And they were among a total of 10 people left stranded by the incident, with no clear detour available and little in the way of cellphone service. "It's not like when we got to the bridge there were any signs or anything. I had no way to know, and driving back [to the camp], I didn't know where else I could go." What Lescelleur and others did not know is that logging company Louisiana-Pacific had

plans to replace the bridge between Aug. 17 and 21. The properties located in this part of the municipality are on TNC (territoire non cadastré) land, their residents lease holders with the MRNE. According to Quebec's Ministry of Natural Resources (MRNF), the responsibility of informing those who may be affected by this construction work falls to the logging company, "in the spirit of good neighborly relations in the area," not to the Municipality of Otter Lake or the MRC Pontiac.

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NEW BUILDINGS

Mayors support new wetland education initiative, call for re-establishing local wildlife officers

by **SOPHIE KULJPER DICKSON**
CAMPBELL'S BAY
Aug. 24, 2026

The MRC Pontiac council of mayors resumed its regular monthly meetings on Aug. 20 after taking a break for the month of July.

Mayors began by sharing a few words of thanks to former Shawville mayor Bill McCleary, who stepped down in July and was replaced at the MRC table by Acting Mayor Richard Armitage.

Mayors then passed two resolutions in support of motions also passed at other neighbouring councils. First, mayors voted to support a resolution from MRC Vallée-de-la-Gatineau that calls on the Quebec government to re-establish and maintain sufficient numbers of wildlife protection officers in the rural regions of Quebec, and requests it reopen the Campbell's Bay Wildlife Protection Office. When the office closed in March of this year, environment ministry spokesperson Ève Morin Desrosiers said the decision was made “with the goal of healthy management of provincial resources” after the office had been reduced to a single part-time administrative employee.

Mayors also joined the growing number of local councils who have passed a resolution calling on all provincial parties to commit to participating in an English-language leaders debate ahead of the October election.

An English debate was scheduled to take place on Sept. 24, but was cancelled because the Coalition avenir Québec and the Parti Québécois declined to participate, citing scheduling conflicts, while the Quebec Liberal Party conditioned its participation on the agreement of all parties.

“English-language leaders’ debates provide an essential opportunity for English-speaking electors to hear directly from provincial party leaders on issues that affect them, including access to services, healthcare, education, and language rights,” the resolution reads.

A copy of the resolution will now be sent to leaders of the PQ, the CAQ, the Quebec Liberal Party, Québec solidaire, and the Conservative Party of Quebec.

Wetland education program coming to Pontiac schools

Mayors passed a resolution brought forward by MRC environment manager Kari Richardson for the approval of the use of \$43,844.01 of already obtained provincial funding to pay for the development and delivery of local educational workshops about how to protect wetlands. The money will pay the organization Water Education and Ecosurveillance Group (G3E) to offer this service over the next two school years, with the goal of strengthening young people's understanding of environmental issues and fostering an interest in wetland conservation.

“We want to use that money to create school programs that would be bilingual for all of our youth across the territory that we can then adopt as our own and adjust in future years as we need,” Richardson said. “Once we’ve paid for this, it becomes our material and we can adjust them for whatever age group we want.”

The funding will come out of the \$289,550 received from Quebec's environment ministry in 2025 for the implementation of the MRC's Regional Wetlands and Waterways Plan.

New Hurdman Lake leases

Two of the last items on the agenda had to do with the development of new resort leases on Hurdman Lake in the municipality of Chichester.

The first resolution passed approved a subdivision plan for the Hurdman Lake resort development project that would see seven new lease lots added to the five that already exist on the lake.

These lots will be awarded through random draw on the SÉPAQ website. The winners of these lots will pay taxes to and get building permits from Chichester, and

will also pay the annual lease fee to the MRC Pontiac, 50 per cent of which will be transferred to the MRNF.

Several mayors around the table raised concerns that people signing these lease agreements are not made aware that the municipalities are not responsible for the maintenance of smaller roads to these lots.

“People buy or get those tickets to have the lot, then they come to our municipality to go cut branches, or do other road repairs, and this and that. Well as of tonight, this is finis chez nous,” said Mansfield-et-Pontefract mayor Sandra Armstrong.

MRC assistant director general Terry Lafleur explained that the lease contract makes clear that municipalities are not responsible for maintaining access to the lots, and mayors requested copies of the contracts for easy reference when talking to lease holders.

The second resolution passed authorized the MRC to pay the stumpage fees for clearing a small access road to the lots and award a \$25,000-contract for the construction and repair of the roads with money from the Fonds de mise en valeur du territoire. Under the MRC's agreement with the MRNF, it is required to give access to these lots.

Two HR items added to agenda

Îsle-aux-Allumettes mayor Corey Spence, also member of the MRC's HR committee, added two agenda items pertaining to HR matters.

The first was for the passing of a resolution that would authorize the HR Committee to “retain independent legal counsel as external workplace investigator for the purpose of advising on and, if required, assisting with the processing of a confidential workplace complaint under the MRC's harassment, violence, and incivility policy.” Mayors approved the request.

The second item was for an in-camera discussion of a workplace employee survey.

Bois-Franc bridge complete, road now open

by **SOPHIE KULJPER DICKSON**
TNO LAC NILGAUT
Aug. 20, 2026

The construction of the new bridge at kilometre 54 of chemin Bois-Franc (Jim's Lake Road) in the region's non-organized territories (TNO) is now complete.

In an Aug. 17 post to social media, the MRC Pontiac said the road is once again

open to traffic, and temporary signage and detour measures that were in place will be removed.

The road, a main artery into the TNO, had been closed since a washout took out a culvert in late April, taking a chunk of the road with it.

Instead of replacing the culvert, Quebec's Ministry of Natural Resources

determined that a bridge would be necessary. Construction began earlier this month.

The MRC said now that the road is reopened, the temporary fee exemption for users who chose to travel through ZEC St-Patrice during the construction period has now ended, and regular ZEC fees will apply.

Compiled by
CALEB NICKERSON
Aug. 27, 2026

Feds announce \$11 billion for icebreakers built in Quebec
On Monday Prime Minister Marc Carney and Quebec Premier Christine Fréchette announced in Lévis that the federal government will be spending \$11 billion to construct six new icebreakers in the province, *The Canadian Press* reported. The ships will be built in the Chantier Davie Shipyard, where the announcement took place, and will be for the Canadian Coast Guard.

Carney said it was the largest shipbuilding contract awarded in Quebec's history. The ships will replace the Coast Guard's medium and heavy icebreakers.

“We will move fast. The first steel will be cut next fall, the first ship will be delivered five years later, and the full fleet will be in service five years after that,” Carney said.

Fréchette said it was good news for the area, and would support an estimated 5,000 jobs in the region.

Hells Angels logo banned in Quebec

Quebec's Public Safety Minister Ian Lafrenière signed an order last week making the biker gang the Hells Angels the first group to be targeted by a new law banning criminal groups from displaying their logos, the *Montreal Gazette* reported.

Bill 13, which was passed in the spring, allows the province to declare a group criminal and make the display of any of their symbols an offence. “They show up — especially at festivals — with trucks to sell clothing featuring these logos saying ‘Hells Angels, Support 81.’ But these are criminal groups. It doesn't make sense that in Quebec we're familiar with (these logos),” said a spokesperson for Lafrenière's office, Maxime Tardiff.

People violating the law can be fined heavily, and even have their property seized, depending on the situation.

While the Hells Angels are the first group to be named under the law, Tardiff said that more would be listed.

Lasalle College could close due to provincial penalties

Montreal's Lasalle College could close just before the new school year, due to a \$48 million debt owed to the province for surpassing its student quota for English-language classes, *Radio-Canada* reported.

According to a letter college president Claude Marchand sent to Premier Christine Fréchette over the weekend, which was obtained by *Radio-Canada*, they would be seeking creditor protection shortly if there was no relief from the provincial penalties.

The private, provincially-subsidized college was penalized \$29.9 million for exceeding its student quota for English-language classes from 2023 to 2025, and has been asked to repay another \$17.9 million in subsidies it received for 2025/26.

The college exceeded its quota by roughly 700 students in 2023/24, and around 1,000 students in 2024/25, and under provincial rules, the penalties for exceeding the limit can be up to \$7,000 per student.

Marchand called the penalties “unjust, excessive, and without precedent,” and said that the college lacks the cash flow to absorb a penalty of that size.

The office of Higher Education Minister Martine Biron declined to comment on the matter at the time of publication.

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Editorial

To what do you subscribe?

I think a local newspaper subscription should cost the same as a basic Netflix subscription. Change my mind.

I certainly value my local newspaper more than a streaming subscription. My local newspaper keeps me informed about my community and connected with my neighbours. It informs and entertains me in ways that enrich my life more than the latest episode of *House of the Dragon*.

Spotify doesn't send a reporter to my council meetings. Disney+ isn't giving free advertising to my local non-profit. And neither of them are keeping local residents employed.

So how comfortable are you paying the same?

I know life is expensive. From the grocery aisle to the gas pump, prices continue to climb, and the ability for an entire generation to afford their first home is slipping away.

Our team at THE EQUITY is not immune to these economic pressures. When I purchased the newspaper a little over a year ago, one of my first priorities was signing new contracts with every employee. Those agreements immediately raised their wages and guaranteed an annual cost-of-living adjustment going forward. Investing directly in our people (and working toward paying a true living wage) is the best way to retain talented staff and protect our 143-year legacy.

At the same time, we've been reinvesting in the paper itself. Over the past year, we've expanded our physical newspaper, introduced new features like the Community Calendar and local crossword, all while continuing to report on important Pontiac news and improving the various ways we deliver it to our digital audience.

Today's paper is a testament to that work. At a whopping 32 pages, it is the largest edition of THE EQUITY that has been produced in our entire history. We're incredibly proud of the local journalism, photography, and storytelling that showcases our community and the 170th anniversary of the region's largest event – the Shawville Fair.

Delivering this kind of higher-quality product inevitably costs more to print, distribute, and staff. To sustain these investments, I want to take a moment and share our multi-year pricing strategy for our subscription rates.

I believe that a subscription to a weekly newspaper packed with local accountability, stories, and regional history is worth at least the price of a chocolate bar a week, or Netflix – \$9/month (\$100/year).

That's not our price today, and it's not the price we're going to charge tomorrow. But starting Oct. 1, our subscription rates will increase by \$0.42 per month (or \$5 per year), with similar annual adjustments over the next five years. An annual print subscription will now cost an average of \$6.25/month (\$75/year), and an annual digital subscription \$5/month (\$60/year).

None of this money goes to a distant corporation or hedge fund. It stays here in the Pontiac. We are locally owned, staffed by local residents. We aren't in this to line our pockets. Take a look at our shop car next time we're out covering events as evidence of this. But a local newspaper is unfortunately not something that can be taken for granted anymore, and we're doing everything we can to ensure honest, local journalism continues in this community for decades to come.

To honour your loyalty, all existing subscribers will be grandfathered in at their current rates for one more year before seeing any change. To offer even more value, we will also soon allow subscribers to post classified ads for free.

If you don't believe that this newspaper provides you the same value as Netflix, then I'd love to have that conversation about how we can do better.

I will be sitting behind a folding table at THE EQUITY's booth all weekend at the Shawville Fair. Come pull up a chair, test my thesis, or just chat.

We sincerely thank each of you for supporting the stories that (continue to) connect us to one another.

Jon Stewart

From our readers

Send us your best photos from the Pontiac (or travel photos with THE EQUITY). Email them to editor@theequity.ca.



Cousins Tracey Moore (centre) and Connie Beattie Armstrong (right) share the latest Pontiac news with tour guide Mitch (left) while at Maligne Lake in Jasper National Park this month. Mitch, from Ottawa, happened to know what THE EQUITY was! Meanwhile back home, Swisha resident Debbie Foley snapped this picture of the Ottawa River in her neck of the woods after a recent storm had passed through.



Dave Moore, THE EQUITY

Resting before the trip

Out standing in his field

by Chris Judd

Freedom, at what cost?

We are now witnessing in real time our close neighbour (that Canada once called its friend) try to dictate who we can be friends with, trade with, what we can trade, while our neighbour gets preferential treatment on anything that that country wants. And they will have access to our market for whatever subsidized product that they want to dump at a price that will be below our cost of production and put Canada's producers out of business. That president also wants control over Canada's sovereignty, defence and who we can buy from. He has also suggested several times that Canada should become the 51st state of the U.S. The "once great" United States, which used to be the envy of the world, has fast become one of the least trusted countries that more people every year avoid traveling to. A leader who claims to have stopped many wars has started more wars than any country in the world.

The so-called leader just south of us has totally denied climate change, eliminated all encouragement to use electric automobiles, and stopped programs that may address and slow global warming. All this while scientists have declared climate change as the greatest threat to this planet's future. Our descendants will inherit our mistakes. China, a country that we laughed at for many years, has surpassed the U.S. in agricultural and most other research. China has also become #1 in developing and deploying green energy technology, while the U.S. is moving backwards.

Food safety has always been a priority of our farmers. Grampa used to say that if a farmer will not drink the milk that his cows produce, he shouldn't be allowed to sell it to anyone else. But during the last half century, pharmaceutical companies have been developing GMO crops and the herbicides that will kill weeds in those crops without killing the crop. Some of those herbicides, insecticides, and bactericides have been linked to terminal diseases. While some of our medical doctors and their associations remain quite skeptical of the safety of some of those chemicals, the U.S. president has declared the chemicals in question to be safe. Some new chemicals made from "forever chemicals" (which never break down or become safe) have also been approved for some crops commonly used in foods. Canada's laws regarding use of those chemicals in question are a lot more restrictive than U.S. guidelines.

Some of the best made automobiles in the world are made in Canada. The "big three" in automobiles is no longer "the big three". I have spent a decade sitting in parking lots while

Jeannie has a physio appointment in the city. I have noticed a huge change in the names of cars in that time. Now I notice that at least 80 per cent of cars in the parking lots are not the old North American names. Most cars are now made in Asia. Even some traditionally North American cars are now made in China. While traveling through farming country, we see more tractors and farm machinery that was designed and manufactured outside the U.S. The U.S. president recently complained that his country was importing pasta from Europe. The once great U.S. has made many mistakes in recent years that has cost them trillions of dollars in non-subsidies which their taxpayers have had to pay for. Now they are trying to make the rest of the world pay for their mistakes with tariffs imposed on imports. Those tariffs have to be paid for by the U.S. consumers too. Do you think that Canadian negotiators should buckle to the U.S. demands?

Chris Judd is a farmer in Clarendon on land that has been in his family for generations.



Local man reflects on decade in Pontiac



Photo courtesy of Scott Campbell

The author of this piece (second from right) has been reporting on the Pontiac region in various capacities for 10 years as of August, and wrote a crude memoir of sorts to deal with the existential dread of contemplating that fact. Pictured is the winning team from some long-forgotten curling draw from the 2016/17 season, which was repurposed from the author's reflection after one year in the Pontiac (see our Aug. 9, 2017 edition). From left are Chris MacKechnie, Jerry Hannaberry, Caleb Nickerson and Roger Younge.

by **CALEB NICKERSON**
PONTIAC

Aug. 27, 2026

It's been (rudely) brought to my attention recently that I've been reporting on this community for a decade.

I arrived in Shawville to work as a reporter for THE EQUITY back in August 2016, one of the few members of my class at journalism school to land a full-time job in the field. I didn't have a car back then, let alone a clue about what I was doing.

The two reporters I started working with both departed by October, and with that, I began player-coaching as assistant editor alongside a buddy of mine from school, Chris Lowrey. If you go back and look at the stretch of papers starting in November 2016, you can spot the tell-tale signs of debutants faking it until we made it.

I owe a lot to Chris for teaching me how to deal with people and how to stand up for myself when someone was being confrontational. The guy is built to argue. Debating with him about everything from editorial topics to what really happened on 9/11 sharpened my rhetorical skills, though the folks downstairs probably didn't appreciate the amount of coarse language reaching customers' ears.

Another college buddy Donald Teuma-Castelletti joined the team for a spell, and I dare say the paper started looking professional in this period.

Trump was first elected to office that fall. I remember doing streeters in the Valu-mart parking lot asking people their opinion on the matter. At the time it seemed like a ludicrous joke, one that's gotten a whole lot less funny.

Here I am, already in old man storytelling mode. Where does the time go?

I worked with probably half a dozen other reporters during my first stint with the paper, which ended in June 2021, when I left to work at CHIP 101.9 in Fort-Coulonge. I owe a lot to the crew

there, especially the manager at the time, François Carrier, for their patience with my horrific French and for teaching me about broadcasting.

I worked there for just shy of four years, before my return to the paper about a year ago (can't get rid of me that easy).

Having returned to print after a hiatus, there are many differences from when I began my career.

AI wasn't really a thing back then, or at least it didn't seem to be a threat to civilized society as a whole. Even social media, which existed back in the Jurassic period when I started writing professionally, seems to have invaded more and more of the public consciousness.

Despite news organizations being banned from Zuckerberg's platforms for several years now, it's still where a huge portion of the population finds out what's happening in their communities. Journalism as an industry wasn't in a great place when I first joined the workforce, and it seems like its downward trajectory will continue for the most part.

I've looked into taxidermy school and joining a monastery, but for now I suppose I'll stick with what I know. Trying to keep Pontiacers better informed about their region has been my only real job, and while there's plenty to be discouraged about, both locally and in the world at large, community news is still something I believe is valuable.

Regardless of where the next decade takes myself, or this institution, I want to thank everyone that's given me their time or shared their story. I'd also like to thank anyone that took the time to point out when I blundered. It's embarrassing to issue a correction, but it's worse to have no one care enough to point out your mistakes. I also want to thank my co-workers here at THE EQUITY for welcoming me (twice) with open arms.

Ten years is a long time. I feel privileged to report on such a beautiful, friendly place. I'll see you around.



Submitted, Guillaume Lavoie-Harvey

Mansfield-et-Pontefract's Aventure Hélianthe and Gatineau-based Aventure Outaouais have been collaborating on running lazy river trips down the Coulonge River for several years now.

Gatineau tour company to expand Pont Blanc beach, campground

by **K.C. JORDAN AND**
SOPHIE KULPER DICKSON
MANSFIELD-ET-PONTEFRAC

Aug. 24, 2026

A private tour operator based in Gatineau is making significant investments in Mansfield-et-Pontefract's Pont Blanc beach and campground, with the goal of making it a tourism hub for the region.

The beach, campground and axe-throwing venue are currently owned by Aventure Hélianthe, an outdoors co-operative run by brothers Guillaume and Olivier Lavoie-Harvey. They also offer lazy river expeditions on the Coulonge River, among other local wilderness adventures.

For several years Aventure Hélianthe has been collaborating with Brandon Bolduc, the owner of Gatineau-based Aventure Outaouais, to offer guests lazy river floats down the Coulonge River. Bolduc takes care of the marketing, and filling the raft trips, and the Aventure Hélianthe team offers the equipment, the put in on the Coulonge River, and a barbecue and axe throwing experience at the end of the day.

The Coulonge River adventure is just one in a handful of tours Bolduc has been running across the National Capital Region since forming Aventure Outaouais five years ago. He offers everything from haunted tours of the Pontiac to nocturnal snowshoeing tours in the Gatineau Park, as well as visits to breweries and wineries across the region. Most of these tours involve collecting people in Ottawa and Gatineau and transporting them to their destination for the day.

But next year Bolduc will begin renting the Aventure Hélianthe campground and running it as a home base for guests wanting to explore Pontiac's wilderness.

He said the agreement, which will last five years with an option to renew, will see Aventure Hélianthe remain the owner of the land, but Bolduc's company will operate services on the

property.

"Having a hub on the 148 that people can come and adventure out to see different things around and really just become a hub of different activities, I think that will be really key," he said.

Bolduc said his company will invest \$300,000 into expanding and improving the Mansfield campground, including upgrades to the camping sites to include more services, as well as the creation of six glamping sites.

"It will give it a more welcoming feel, and the glamping will attract a different clientele."

Other work will include improving the beach site, emphasizing that the beach area will remain public with no changes to access.

Guillaume Lavoie-Harvey said Bolduc's ability to build and sell tours is just what the Aventure Hélianthe co-op needs right now.

"Nobody on the board is full time, it's kind of like a side project for us where we try to give back to the community a bit. But nobody is really full out doing promotion and building packages and getting out there to get people to know about the site, so that's where for us getting Brandon in was a great opportunity," he said.

"It's pretty cool because the co-op is all about cooperation between different businesses and whatever people's strengths are."

Lavoie-Harvey said the new collaboration will make it possible for Aventure Hélianthe team to focus on developing other offerings that have taken the back burner in recent years as they've poured their energy into running the beach site.

Bolduc said as a company looking to give experiences to people, he felt the next step was to invest in a physical location as a home base from which to help people explore the region.

"I've also felt like the next step in our journey as a guided company is to offer a location that people can come and do tours, and events and packages and stuff like that. We were looking for this kind of opportunity."

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Adult ed. centre to start classes in Fort-Coulonge following reno delays at Campbell’s Bay building

Classes to begin Sept. 9 instead of Sept. 8

Sophie Kuijper Dickson, THE EQUITY
The Pontiac Continuing Education Centre behind McDowell Elementary School in Shawville will be temporarily relocated to Fort-Coulonge this fall as it waits for renovations at its new building in Campbell’s Bay to be complete.

by SOPHIE KUIJPER DICKSON
SHAWVILLE
Aug. 24, 2026

The Western Québec School Board is temporarily moving its Shawville adult education centre to Fort-Coulonge as renovations at the school’s future building in Campbell’s Bay are behind schedule.

The Pontiac Continuing Education Centre (PCEC) was originally scheduled to move into its former building at 26 rue Leslie in Campbell’s Bay this summer after renovations were complete, with classes beginning at the new location in September.

This permanent move was planned so that students and staff from Onslow Elementary School in Quyon could move into the PCEC’s space at the back of Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary School in Shawville this September, to allow for significant renovations at Onslow.

But in a video posted to the centre’s Facebook page on Aug. 17, director Debra Stephens said some unexpected discoveries during the renovations have meant the Campbell’s Bay building won’t be ready in time for classes to start.

“People have worked really hard to come up with a plan B,” she said, explaining that instead, classes would be temporarily relocated to the adult education centre buildings run by the Centre de services scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l’Outaouais in Fort-Coulonge.

She also noted the first day of classes will be Wednesday, Sept. 9 instead of Tuesday, Sept. 8 to allow for a little more time to move to Fort-Coulonge.

Western Québec School Board director general Pascal Proulx said the renovation challenges were discovered in July, and that the school board has been working since then to find a solution that wouldn’t delay classes.

“It’s an old building that we were not using since a couple of years so it deteriorated a little more than what we thought,” he said.

“The building director was saying the [additional] major work that had to be done afterwards were things that were not able to be seen when they first made the inspections to the building,” added communications director Eldon Keon.

Proulx said nursing students will join the French school centre’s nursing program taught out of École secondaire Sieur de Coulonge,

and the rest of the students will be moved to the Centre Pontiac building in Fort-Coulonge. He said the Campbell’s Bay building should be ready to receive the Continuing Education Centre at the end of October.

“I want to say that we have a really good collaboration with the French school board, and we’ve been able to collaborate to find a solution,” Proulx said.

Keon added that in the meantime, there will be no changes to what the school can offer its 78 registered students.

“That was one of the reasons those buildings were selected because they could accommodate the programming.”

The school board has organized buses to transport students from Shawville to Fort-Coulonge and back every day, with buses leaving Pontiac High School at 8:30 a.m. and returning from Fort-Coulonge at 3 p.m. Proulx noted these times may be adjusted as the school year gets underway.

People interested in registering as students with the school may still do so and begin classes in September.

As for Onslow’s temporary move to Shawville, Proulx said everything was on track for the beginning of the school year, and that administrations at both McDowell and Onslow had worked out how they will be sharing the building and property.

“We’re trying to find out what is the best way to proceed with major renovations. For years we’ve been doing the renovations at the same time as students were in the building, and we know that’s really disturbing for the education,” Proulx said.

He said moving students, staff and administration to new locations to allow for more major renovations is a pilot project – the board’s attempt at finding the least disruptive way to ensure its buildings stay up to date.



Parti Québécois announces Pontiac candidate



Photo: Facebook
The Parti Québécois candidate for Pontiac in the upcoming provincial election will be Marcela Cazas. Originally from Bolivia, Cazas arrived in Quebec in 1985 and worked in the health care field.

by CALEB NICKERSON
PONTIAC
Aug. 27, 2026

The Parti Québécois (PQ) has announced its candidate for the Pontiac riding in the upcoming provincial elections will be Marcela Cazas.

language and the “erosion of [Quebec’s] cultural autonomy”, which is one of her reasons for joining the party.

THE EQUITY attempted to reach Cazas for an interview, but did not hear back in time for publication.

The PQ’s candidate in the previous election, Jolaine Paradis-Châteauneuf, finished in fourth place with 1,887 votes (6.65 per cent).

This fall’s elections are scheduled for Oct. 5. So far in the Pontiac riding, three-term incumbent André Fortin has been named as the Liberal candidate, Mariana Mefleh has been named as the CAQ candidate, Bianca Baldo has declared for Québec solidaire and Will Twolan is the candidate for the Canadian Party of Quebec.

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Fort-Coulonge Golden Age raising money for building renos



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY
The front lawn of the Club d'Âge d'Or in Fort-Coulonge was packed with hungry guests for their annual fundraiser barbecue.

by **CALEB NICKERSON**
FORT-COULONGE
Aug. 22, 2026

On Saturday, the grounds of the Club d'Âge d'Or in Fort-Coulonge were packed with people for a fundraiser barbecue in support of renovations for the building.

Organizer Rosalie Boucher explained that they typically pause their activities in the hall for the summer months, and the annual barbecue is a way of re-opening the hall for their fall and winter activities.

"Every end of August we try to do our yearly barbecue to re-open the centre, because in the summer all the activities kind of stop and the hall is only rented for special occasions," she said.

She judged the day's efforts to be successful, as they had more than 100 people come through the doors. During the winter, the hall hosts a variety of activities, including the club's sea pie suppers, and annual Christmas dinner.

Boucher said that they aim to provide social activities for the community's elders.

"I run a mental health residence, I know how important it is to have social [activities] to do for people's mental health," she said. "It's something that I do and like to do, it's kind of a passion. I want the elderly to



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY
From left, Pierre Graveline, Conrad Denault and Rosalie Boucher entertained the crowd during the Fort-Coulonge Club d'Âge d'Or's annual barbecue fundraiser on Saturday.

have something there, something good."

Boucher, along with her brother Conrad Denault and fellow musician Pierre Graveline, provided the entertainment for the occasion. She said that she and her brother had started singing every Sunday night on Facebook and continued to bring the classic country tunes to their in-person gatherings.

"Pierre's mother used to sing

with us when we were younger. She's gone now but we always kept in touch with him," she said.

Boucher said that they had already raised more than \$20,000 for renovations to the Golden Age Club's interior for things like new floors and lights. She said that down the road they would like to purchase electronic doors for the building and invest in a heat pump, as their current setup is expensive through the winter.



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY
From left, Alan Graveline, Dwayne Mosley and Christine Graveline of Boo Boo's Snack Shack in Campbell's Bay were hard at work behind the grill on Saturday feeding the dozens of attendees.



Sophie Kuijper Dickson, THE EQUITY
Members of St. Paul's Church Anglican Young Women's Association are, back row from left, Cathy Carruthers, Mavis Brownlee, Cathy Collins, Carolyn Meisner, Carol McCleary, and Judy Stephens. Front row, from left, are Diane Judd, Sandra Barber, Monica Dodson, Jean McNabb, Muriel Davies, Ann Murray, and Jeannie Judd.

Lions fire up the grill for St. Paul's chicken dinner

by **SOPHIE KUIJPER DICKSON**
SHAWVILLE
Aug. 24, 2026

The Anglican Young Women's Association (AYWA) at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Shawville hosted its second chicken barbecue of the summer last week (Aug. 20), with support from the Shawville Lions Club.

The community feast has been a regular fundraiser for the church for at least 40 years, according to organizer Carolyn Meisner, who was also among the founding members of the AYWA group some 50 years ago.

She said a single supper usually raises between \$2,000 to \$3,000 dollars, which

just goes towards general maintenance and paying for a priest.

"Every church needs money to keep going," she said.

This year was the first in which the church received support from the Lions Club for doing the actual cooking of the chicken at both of its summer barbecues.

"Our chicken cookers got tired of it. It's a long long time to stand out there. So one of our members asked the Lions Club and they said they were more than happy to do it," Meisner said, noting the AYWA members still take care of the sides and deserts.

She said all in, the dinner sold around 160 tickets.

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A Labour Day Picnic, Pontiac style

For over two years, THE EQUITY has been sharing local recipes that were first published in various cookbooks created by church groups, women's institutes, and ladies' auxiliaries across this county. Some of these groups had the recipes typed out, while others, like the St. Matthew's Anglican Church of Charteris, Que., had contributors write out every recipe by hand. Either way, these books are labours of love and offer a precious

archive of the food around which people gathered for many years, some (but not all) of these dishes still regulars at community feasts today. Cooking, like telling stories, brings people together. Ahead of this Labour Day weekend, the team at THE EQUITY's Test Kitchen tried out five recipes from three different local cookbooks – all of them good for feeding a crowd on a budget. So if you're hosting friends or family for

the Shawville Fair, or just want to get out for a meal in some of the last summer sun, we hope these recipes can feed your bellies and maybe take you back to another time. If you do try them, write in to let us know how it went! And if you want more recipes like these delivered straight to your inbox once a month, sign up for our new Pontiac Recipes Newsletter, launching later this week. Go to theequity.ca/recipes for more information.

Easy Potato Salad
From *Eleanor's Recipe Collection*, by Eleanor Hayes, publication date unknown

EASY POTATO SALAD

Sprinkle 5 cups cubed cooked potatoes with 1 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons sugar, 1 teaspoon celery seed and 2 teaspoons vinegar. Add 1 cup chopped celery, ¼ cup chopped onion, ½ cup sweet pickles (chopped) or relish. Add 1½ cups mayonnaise, toss to mix. Fold in 4 hard-cooked eggs sliced. Chill well. Serve in centre of tomato aspic ring. Serve extra in a bowl. Serves 8-10.

This recipe is true to its name. You'll likely have everything you need in the pantry already. THE EQUITY trusts readers can find their way through cooking and cubing potatoes, as those steps are not included in this recipe.

Peach Crisp
The Ladies' Auxiliary of Saint Joseph's Manor Cook Book – 1979

PEACH CRISP

5 C sliced, peeled peaches
1/4 C white sugar
1/3 C butter
2/3 C flour or 1/3 C flour and 2/3 C rolled oats

2 tsp lemon juice
dash cinnamon
1 C brown sugar

Place peaches in a baking dish. Toss lightly with the juice, white sugar, and cinnamon. Cream the butter and brown sugar. Add the flour and mix until the mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle over the peaches. Bake at 375° for 25-30 min.

Eileen Miller, Norway Bay, Que.

Peach crisp, pie, or cobbler is a must at the end of August, when peaches are in their prime. One may want to reconsider baking this in a cast iron skillet though if the ambition is to bring it on a picnic.



Fancy Rolled Sandwiches
From *Eleanor's Recipe Collection*, by Eleanor Hayes, publication date unknown

FANCY ROLLED SANDWICHES

Ask your baker to slice a roll of bread lengthwise. Remove crust from each slice. Spread with butter.

Suggested Fillings

Peanut butter with a banana.
Cream cheese and cherries.
Egg salad and gherkin.
Mustard and a hot dog.
Salmon or tuna and gherkins.

A staple at any event that involves food, these sandwiches are simple to make and come in many varieties – an easy crowd pleaser. But don't take for granted that the grocery store will have the pre-cut bread. As the recipe indicates, best to head to your local bakery.

Spread with fillings, roll into a roll like jelly roll, wrap in waxed paper. Allow to remain in roll a few hours before slicing. Try brown bread also for variety.

Pineapple Lime Velvet
From *The Little Guild Cook Book* of St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Charteris – 1965

Pineapple Lime Velvet.
1 pk. lime jello. 1 cup boiling water.
3 oz. pk cream cheese 1/2 cup finely chopped celery;
2/3 cup crushed pineapple juice
1/2 cup heavy cream whipped
1/2 cup chopped cherries.
Method:- Dissolve jello in water, add cheese beat until well blended. Chill until partly set, then add pineapple, celery and cherries. Fold in whipped cream. Turn into mould & chill until firm.
Mrs. Fred Dagg.

Macaroni Salad
From *The Little Guild Cook Book* of St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Charteris – 1965

Macaroni Salad.
1 cup macaroni, 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup celery, cut fine, 3 eggs (boiled hard)
1 tin salmon.
2 tomatoes (chopped fine.)
Salad Dressing.
Method - Cook macaroni with salt. Blanch with cold water and cool. Mix tomatoes, celery, salmon, with the macaroni. Add salad Dressing to moisten.
Lucy Crawford.

This recipe for macaroni salad, written by Lucy Crawford, leaves the salad dressing to the creator. Choose your own adventure! Though a typical macaroni salad dressing is heavy on the mayonnaise and uses a splash of pickle juice and a dash of mustard to give it that je-ne-sais-quoi.

This recipe, admittedly, is less packable than the others, but as this newspaper's editor had never made a Jell-O salad before, and was intrigued by the inclusion of chopped celery, she felt called to give it a try. How did it go? Not swimmingly, though the final Jell-O ring did end up swimming in its own juices. Apologies to Mrs. Fred Dagg, author of this recipe, for making a mess of what is sure to be a work of art if done well. If setting this "Pineapple Lime Velvet" in a regular sized bundt pan, it is recommended you triple the recipe.

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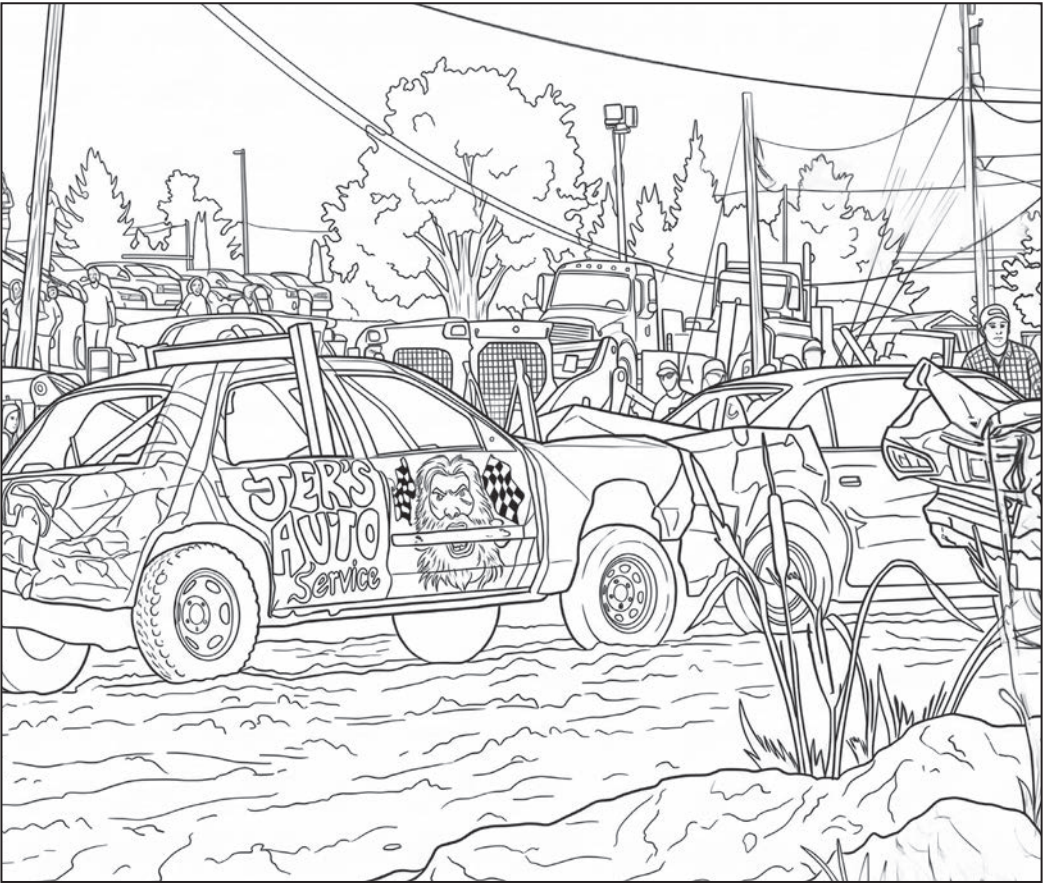
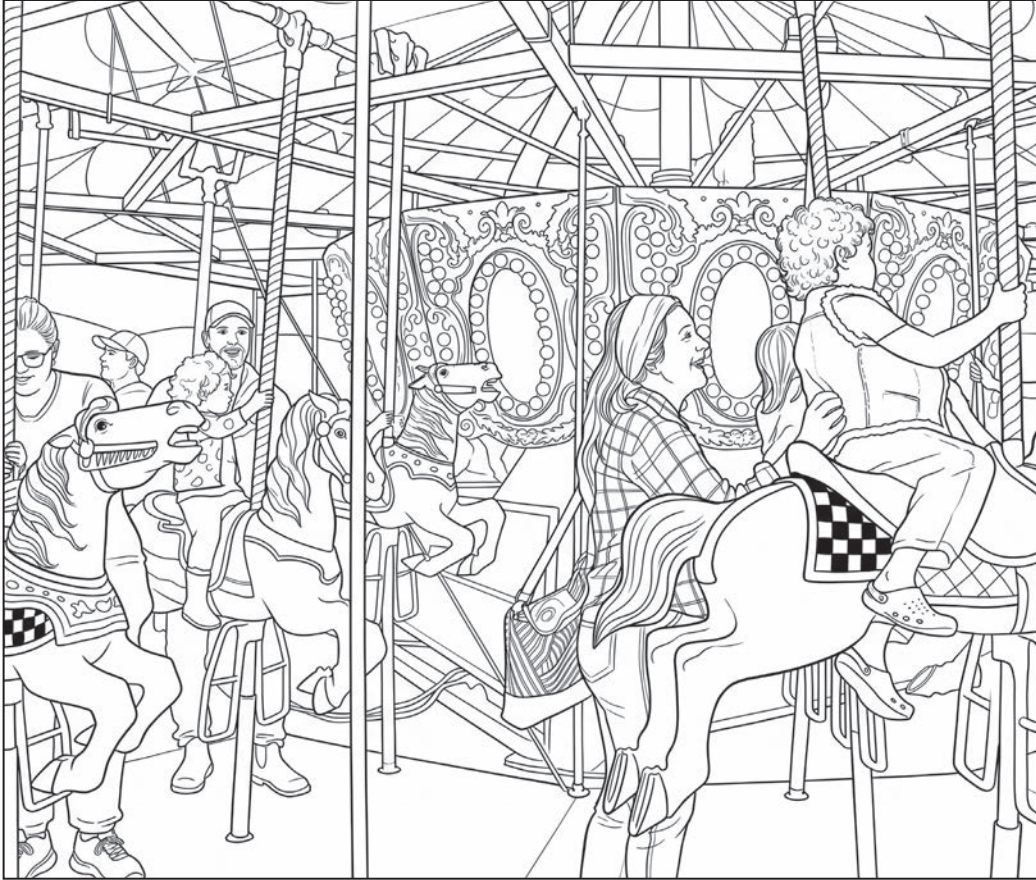
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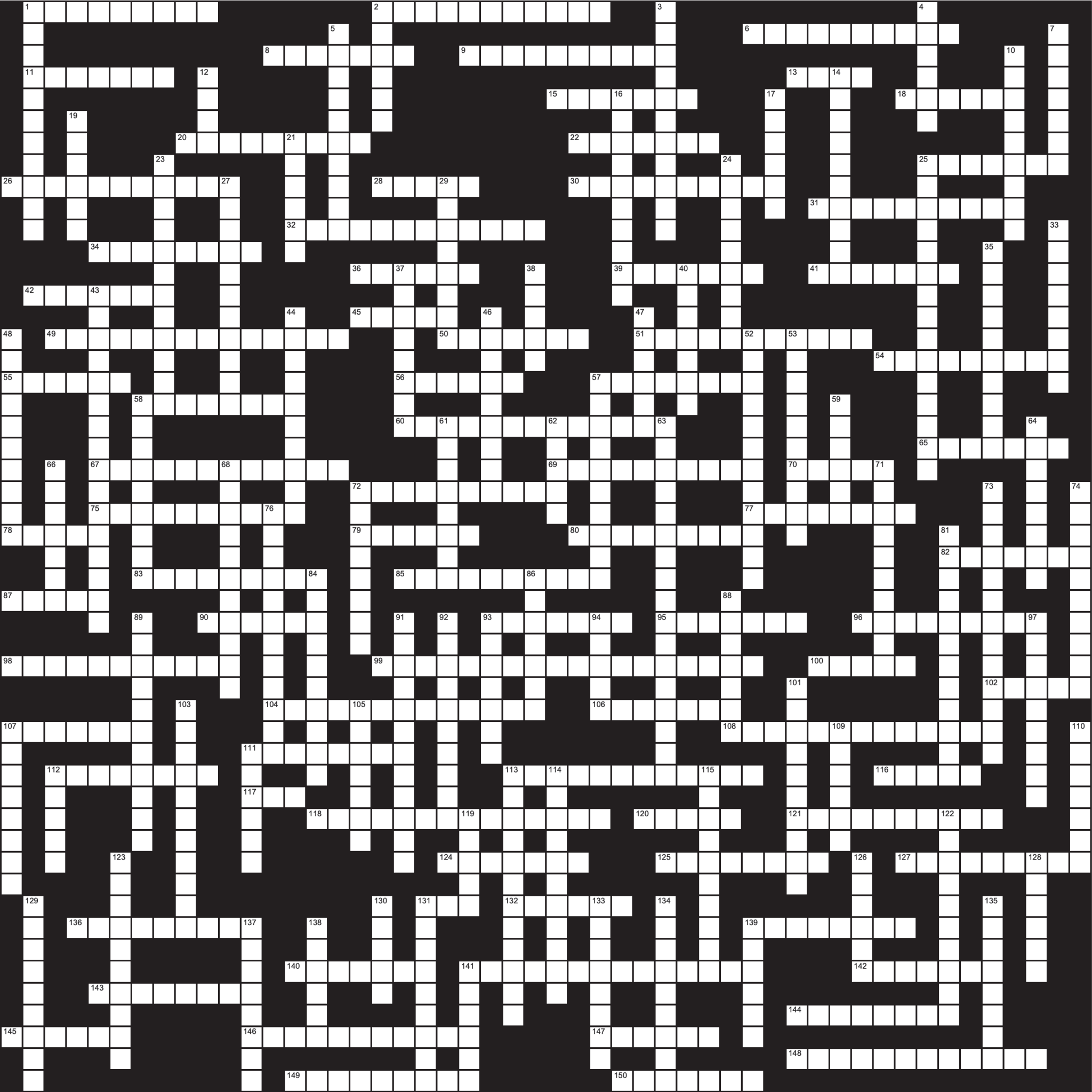


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Across

- 1. Large yellow vehicle now returning to Pontiac roads
- 2. Last year's Fair Ambassador
- 6. Some 4-H members did an exchange with a club from this province
- 8. Heavy horse that travelled to Calgary for Stampede
- 9. Quilting, knitting, baking, canning, etc
- 11. Artisan craft involving a loom
- 13. Otter Lake councillor whose resignation prompted byelection
- 15. Throw a dart to pop a ____ and win a stuffed animal
- 18. Dr Earle, longtime Lion and surgeon, to whom the13th Jamboree was dedicated
- 20. When exhibitors drop off entries for homecraft + horticulture divisions
- 22. Open division winning team in 'Bay Boys' 3-Pitch Fundraiser
- 25. ____ of summer, the weeks leading up to the Fair
- 26. Offers a great view of the fairgrounds
- 28. Friends of ____ Falls, host of archeological digs
- 30. Floating beach item purchased by local group to make swimming accessible
- 31. Young THE EQUITY readers took the paper to the top of this NS mountain
- 32. Crisp fall fruit, served on a stick
- 34. Paul, president of Hockey Mineur Fort-Coulonge
- 36. Time to play outside
- 39. Sleeping in the great outdoors
- 41. Company planning a land-based salmon farm in Litchfield
- 42. Feathered farm friends
- 45. Shared first name of Bristol firefighters recently celebrated for decades of service
- 49. Venue for the Community Players' most recent show
- 50. Host city of this year's Commonwealth Games
- 51. Young song appropriate to this time of year
- 54. Tall golden-yellow flower
- 55. Area of the fair with games, food, and rides
- 56. Fixes mistakes
- 57. Hot grill
- 58. Famous meteor shower visible in the August night sky
- 60. Name of current Cafe 349 exhibit
- 65. Jeremiah, Shawville native fighting wildfires in BC
- 67. Late coach honoured at La Pêche ball tournament
- 69. Location of proposed fish farm
- 70. Campbell's Bay club that raised \$95,000 for local families
- 72. Luskville ball players hosted fundraiser tourney for this Pontiac org
- 75. Theme of this year's VBS
- 77. The Big White Ride, home of the afterparty
- 78. Deep-fried dough covered in sugar
- 79. Pontiac's CAQ candidate
- 80. 2026 Shawville Fair Ambassador
- 82. Battery type that ignited and destroyed a Pontiac blue bin
- 83. Farm animals brought to the fair for judging
- 85. Used to hold writing utensils
- 87. Host town of fall archaeological digs
- 90. Cones for ____, annual ice cream fundraiser for CHEO
- 93. Used for drawing perfect circles in geometry
- 95. André, winner of the adult division at the 8th Calumet Island fishing derby
- 96. Shawville catcher taking his game to New Zealand
- 98. A Sunday night regular on the Main Stage
- 99. Political event coming this October
- 100. Threw the first pitch at the new Clarendon ball diamond
- 102. What local farmers hope they don't get too early in the season

- 104. Fort-Coulonge's annual street party
- 106. The light green birthstone for August
- 107. Pontiac's favourite fiddler, taking Main Stage Sunday night
- 108. Otter Lake council's latest addition
- 111. Half of a school year
- 112. Carries books to school
- 113. Father ____, parish priest serving Fort-Coulonge, Vinton, Otter Lake, and Waltham
- 116. Often seen flying south
- 117. Shawville secondary school abbreviation
- 118. Youth camp that hosted annual summer BBQ ft homegrown salads
- 120. Handcrafted, patched blanket
- 121. Wrote the script for the Community Players' most recent show
- 124. CPE daycare organization that held a groundbreaking in Shawville
- 125. Ottawa Valley town where West Nile virus was detected
- 127. Rhonda, ssecretary-treassurer of Art Pontiac (with an extra s - oops)
- 131. Dried grass bundled into bales
- 132. Hallway cubby
- 136. Fairboard prez
- 139. Biggest gourds at the fair
- 140. Waltham Summerfest tournament
- 141. Sweet pickles
- 142. Annual summer sports competition at Norway Bay pier
- 143. My dog ate it
- 144. Grand ____; the top animal
- 145. Kyle, president of the Shawville abattoir co-op
- 146. Local group promoting accessibility and social participation for Pontiac residents
- 147. Veterans organization celebrating its 100th anniversary in Campbell's Bay
- 148. ____ Competition, returning to the fair this year after hiatus
- 149. Popular dizzying midway ride
- 150. One way to preserve the garden

Down

- 1. Clarendon collabed with this community org to build new ball field
- 2. They start to turn yellow and red around now
- 3. Mansfield woman who won \$146,174 in the Dame de Coeur lottery
- 4. Jean, president of Fondation Santé Outaouais
- 5. Umbrella name for local abattoir, processing kitchen, and farm store
- 7. Annual Sand Bay event every August long weekend
- 10. Host venue of Fort-Coulonge's recent film festival
- 12. Quebec environmental review body holding public hearings on salmon farm
- 14. Shawville Fair's GM
- 16. Axe-swinging wood master making a comeback at this year's Fair
- 17. Glynn, Pontiac Ouest fire chief
- 19. Chapeau grocer Francis who retired in July
- 21. Weightlifting event in which Mansfield's Lusignan lifted 159 kg
- 23. Chichester councillor who resigned in July
- 24. Possible cause of sporadic brown water in Otter Lake
- 25. A smashing good way to end the Fair
- 27. Thorne fire chief
- 29. Big Wreck's most played song, according to Spotify
- 33. Shawville mayor who resigned his post this summer
- 35. Pontiac cultural group behind recent film fest

- 37. Birds that might be judged on their plumage or egg laying
- 38. Astrological sign for a person born in late August
- 40. Vince, co-owner of Bristol farm that sent horses to Stampede
- 43. St John's 'mother hen' who retired this summer
- 44. Location of new Shawville chess tables
- 46. Where students eat
- 47. Recently threw first fireman's ball in years
- 48. Mill owner from ____ pitching new plan for Davidson site
- 52. Thorne firefighter honoured for 22 years
- 53. Local artist who led Luskville campers in making land art
- 57. Thorne firefighter recognized for 52 years of service
- 58. Top dog at a school
- 59. Nathalie, winner of recent bread baking competition
- 61. Family with Campbell's Bay routes that reunited in Norway Bay
- 62. Used to measure or draw straight lines
- 63. A Mansfield garage can now complete this SAAQ task for local drivers
- 64. Jason, umpire organizer for the 'Bay Boys' tourney
- 66. Jackson Dean and Chris Janson play this type of music
- 68. Family team that won A division at the Fort-Coulonge ball tourney for minor hockey
- 71. Will be suspended in 10 Pontiac churches as of September
- 72. Shawville's acting mayor
- 73. Municipality that has passed resolution against proposed Samonix project
- 74. Chris Janson's breakthrough hit
- 76. Gathering of francophone writers in Fort-Coulonge
- 81. Wild berries often picked in late summer
- 84. Creator of Shawville's public chess tables
- 86. Massive farm vehicle used for harvesting
- 88. Named after Steve Morin and Charlie Frost in Campbell's Bay
- 89. Fancy event hosted by Manoir St-Joseph
- 91. One of several challenges in Western Horse division
- 92. Bristol fire chief
- 93. Musical performance
- 94. Woolly four-legged bah-ers
- 97. Fair falls on this weekend every year
- 101. Where kids can see the barnyard animals up close
- 103. Motorsport competition involving modified farm machines
- 105. Geraldine Classen's Portage-du-Fort studio
- 107. A common cash crop grown in Pontiac fields
- 109. LRW crop bruised by golf-ball hail
- 110. Two of Steve Acres crops shredded by recent hail storm
- 111. Quebec's wildfire fighting agency
- 112. Pontiac's Quebec Solidaire candidate
- 113. Bishop of the Pembroke Diocese
- 114. Sweet, spun sugar treat found at the midway
- 115. Allumette Island's annual summer bash
- 119. Butter, cheese, milk, etc
- 122. Eric, Bryson Lions Club president
- 123. Where the teacher writes, or used to
- 126. ____ Lusignan, weightlifting champ from Mansfield
- 128. Sweet, often charred campfire treat
- 129. Struck down four cows in recent storm
- 130. Recent Pontiac film festival showed films made by ____
- 131. Where heavy draft teams drag concrete blocks
- 133. Host of recent bread baking competition
- 134. Fair's Sunday evening market event
- 135. Meat pie served at the Bryson Lions Club
- 137. Timed equestrian skills contest
- 138. Otter Lake mayor
- 139. Environmental ____, needed before abattoir can slaughter meat
- 141. Holds papers together

YourAUG/SEPT2026COMMUNITYCalendar

This community calendar will share upcoming Pontiac events, as many as we can fit into this space. If you'd like your event to be included going forward, please upload it to our online version of this calendar, free of charge, by scanning this QR code.  For those who prefer the offline life, please don't give it up. Send us the details of your event by pigeon to 133 rue Centre, Shawville, QC, J0X 2Y0, or stop by in person.



Ongoing

Hooley in the Hall
Where: The Hub (Anglican Church Hall)
530 rue Main, Shawville
When: 7 - 9:30 p.m. every Friday
Join local musicians for an evening of music. Admission is free.

Campbell's Bay Walking Club
Where: Campbell's Bay RA,
2 rue Second
When: 9 - 11 a.m. every Tuesday
Whether you're an experienced walker or just getting started, everyone is welcome!

For a full list of ongoing events, visit theequity.ca/events.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

Samonix Public Hearing
Where: Campbell's Bay Recreation Centre, 2 rue Second
When: 1:30 p.m.
The project proponent will once again present the project and answer questions from the public. An additional session on August 26 at 7 p.m. may be scheduled depending on attendance and the committee's needs.

Friday, Aug. 28

Cobden Fair
Where: Cobden Fairgrounds, 43 Astrolabe Rd., Cobden
When: Aug. 28-30
Visit our website for all our upcoming events or hall rental information: www.cobdenfair.com

Live at the Little Red Wagon Winery: Pierre Schryer, Danielle Enblom & Ian Clark
Where: 165 ch. de Calumet O, Shawville
When: 7:30 p.m.

This exceptional ensemble performs an eclectic array of musical gems from across the globe including traditional and contemporary tunes in various styles from far reaching places including Ireland, Scotland, Brazil, Quebec, the U.S. and more. For tickets and to reserve dinner at 6 p.m., go to <https://www.littleredwagonwinery.com/events-tickets>.

Saturday, Aug. 29

FMSQ Rodeocross Extravaganza - Litchfield
Where: 180 ch. Murtagh
When: Aug. 29-30
The Corriveau family is hosting the Fédération des Motocyclists de sentiers du Québec for two days of races. Nearly 800 athletes from Quebec, Ontario, and the Maritimes are expected for Round 7 of the FMSQ's national championship.

Sunday, Aug. 30

Sheenboro Country & Square Dance
Where: Sheenboro Parish Hall, 59 ch. Sheenboro
When: 2 - 6 p.m.
Enjoy music by Kathy Neville, Sherryl Fitzpatrick, caller Michel Morency, Eldon Ostrom, Donna Gagnon, and Linda Romain. Tickets are \$15 and include a light lunch at 5 p.m. with a cash bar available. For tickets, contact Jeanie Gleason at 613-639-1100 or sheenboro.ra@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Annual Cemetery Service
Where: 207 rue Principale, Fort-Coulonge
When: 2 p.m.
Service will be held in the church with a lunch following. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, Sept. 3

170th Expo Shawville Fair
Where: Shawville Fairgrounds, 215 rue Lang
When: Sept. 3-7
From agricultural shows and midway rides to live music and family entertainment, make sure you don't miss a thing! www.shawvillefair.ca

Friday, Sept. 4

Canadian Fiddle & Stepdancing Championship
Where: Festival Hall & Riverside Park, Pembroke
When: Sept. 4-5
Please join us for the 48th Annual Fiddle and Stepdance Championship which will take place on Friday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 5 at Festival Hall at L'Équinoxe. Bring the trailer and stay awhile. Camping at Fiddle Park at Riverside Park opens on Aug. 31.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Alleyn-et-Cawood Quilt Exposition
Where: Danford Lake Community Centre, 33 ch. Harrison
When: Sept. 5-6, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Come celebrate 150 years of Danford Lake and discover beautiful antique and contemporary quilts, sewing machines, memories, and creativity passed down through generations! Tickets will be sold at the event for the municipality's 150th anniversary quilt.

Thursday, Sept. 10

Renfrew Fair
Where: Renfrew Fairgrounds, 115 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Renfrew
When: Sept. 10-13
Enjoy agricultural livestock and horse shows, live music, a demolition derby,

concessions, and the midway. Save on tickets by purchasing online before Sept. 10. <http://www.renfrewfair.com/>

Friday, Sept. 11

Celebrating 180 Years of Litchfield
Where: Litchfield Municipal Office, 1362 rte. 148
When: 4 - 8 p.m.
Celebrate Litchfield's 180th anniversary with complimentary BBQ, popcorn, roasted corn on the cob, and cake! The event features the unveiling of a new commemorative mural by Bobby Crawford, plus 180th-anniversary merchandise available for sale, including hats, t-shirts, and a community cookbook.

Rupert Fair
Where: Rupert Community Centre, 24 ch. Shouldice, Alcove, QC
When: Sept. 11 - 12
A classic weekend fair featuring heavy horse pulls, light horse performance classes, bouncy castles, an automotive exhibit, homecrafts and produce, a lumberjack competition, rock wall climbing, a pet show, western games, and a BBQ supper. Visit rupertfair.com for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Quyon Community Day
Where: 2 ch. Ferry, Quyon
When: 1 p.m.
The full-day event will include live music starting at 1 p.m., family games and activities in the park, a cash bar, and a supper provided by the Quyon Lions Club.

Thorne Farmers Market Perennial Exchange
Where: 777 rte. 366, Ladysmith
When: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bring your perennials to trade, and

take home some new plants for your garden.

Live at the Little Red Wagon Winery: Jeff Rogers
Where: 165 ch. de Calumet O, Shawville
When: 7:30 p.m.
Singer/songwriter Jeff Rogers' unmistakably soulful voice often evokes weighty comparisons to the past – whether that's Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles or even Otis Redding. But his tone, range, phrasing, and sincerity, all make him unmistakably contemporary. For tickets and to reserve dinner at 6 p.m., go to <https://www.littleredwagonwinery.com/events-tickets>.

Third annual Kendyl Smith- Trimm CHEO Fundraiser
Where: Upper Pontiac Sports Complex, 52 ch. Pembroke, Chapeau
When: 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.
The evening includes guest speakers from the CHEO Foundation, magic by Steven Anthony, live music by Willy Rivet and The Hillbilly Deluxe Band & Midlife Krisis, a late lunch, 50/50 draw, raffles, and door prizes.

Calumet Island RA Family Picnic
Where: 138 ch. des Outaouais, Île-du-Grand-Calumet
When: 1 - 8 p.m.
Bring the family out for an afternoon and evening of community fun. Call 819-648-2248 for more information.

Winnie the Pooh's 100th Birthday Celebration
Where: 87 ch. du Lac Lawless, Litchfield
When: 1 - 3 p.m.
Celebrate Winnie the Pooh's 100th birthday with the Starks Corners Women's Institute! Enjoy cake, games, and learning about bee hives. Children receive a free book donated by the Western Quebec Literacy Council. Entry price is \$2 per person.



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The Way We Were

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25 Years Ago

Aug. 22, 2001

Dr. MacLellan named to national committee: Health Minister Allan Rock recently announced a series of new measures to improve the accessibility of quality health care to rural Canadians.

Included in that announcement is the appointment of Dr. Keith MacLellan to an advisory committee on rural health. The purpose of the committee is to provide advice to the Minister of Health on how the government of Canada can improve the health of rural communities and individuals.

Litchfield gains small islands: The Municipality of Litchfield just got a little bigger thanks to an extension of the Ottawa River boundary.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs decided July 4 to “extend the aquatic territorial boundaries.” The extension came into effect July 21.

“Before, municipal rights ended at the water,” says Mayor Michael McCrank. “Now, they extend to the middle of the river.”

The extension means Litchfield gains the rights to about 32 small islands, most of them between the mainland and Calumet Island. Some of the islands are privately owned; others are only “islands” when the water is very low, as it is this summer.

McCrank says if the municipality didn't lay claim to the islands, they would become part of the non-organized territories (TNO), with any future tax revenues earmarked for the TNO. If, for example, someone were to build a home on one of the privately-owned islands, the tax would go to the TNOs.

50 Years Ago

Aug. 25, 1976

Rotarians “visit Jerusalem” in pictures: Monday night at the annual pot-luck supper when the Shawville Rotary Club meets with all wives invited, the special program was provided by Orval Smart.

The event was hosted by Rotarian and Mrs Ted Christie at their lovely home on Maple Street where supper was enjoyed in the garden and the program then was presented in the downstairs games room.

Shawville Fair highlights from over the years

A look back at nearly a century of Shawville Fair coverage, from THE EQUITY's first year of publication in 1883 through 1977, when our extensive photo archives begin.

Compiled by
Liz Draper

1883

The annual exhibition of Agricultural Society No. 1 was held in Shawville yesterday, and on the whole was a marked improvement to that of last year, excepting perhaps that the crowd of people was not so large. The heavy rains of Monday and Tuesday it was feared, would be the means of preventing a good many people from turning out, but the high winds on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning had a magic effect and as the day wore on the mud disappeared, and travelling became comparatively good.

The competition in the various stock-classes was small but the animals on exhibition were of superior grades, especially may this be said of horses, milch cows and sheep.

The show of double and single carriages and cutters and farm implements was good.

1896

Following the rule in the case of one-day exhibitions, the directors and judges had to “get on a hustle” at an early hour, in order to cope with the volume of work thrown upon their shoulders. All that could be done in the way of perfecting arrangements, however, was attended to on the preceding evening, during which also, several of the exhibitors arrived with stock and goods and placed the same in the respective departments allotted to them.

The great increase in entries this year, became soon apparent to the visitor upon entering the grounds, and it was most gratifying to note that the increase was general.

The number of people on the grounds in the afternoon was estimated at from 2000 to 2500; the exact number, however could not be accurately given, by reason of the turnstile getting out of order early in the day.

From the sale of tickets, which realized \$411, and the number of exhibitors' and complementary tickets issued, something over 2000 admissions could be accounted for; but it is alleged that a large number found their way into

With over three hundred colored slides taken by Orval Smart on his recent trip to the Holy Land, and a fascinating running commentary, Orval kept his audience totally enchanted while they travelled with him through time and space.

At the close of the program Walter Kilgour thanked Orval and also Mrs Christie, and all the ladies who had brought the makings of a banquet.

Points for trying: The Mosgroves have finally given up in their efforts to stay in business. For a number of years they have managed to provide the only place in Shawville where elderly people could live in a sheltered environment. Over two hundred people have lived with them and enjoyed their special kind of personal attention. Then the government of Quebec, spurred on by some gossip emanating from Toronto, decided to close them down. Nothing would stop them in their step by step destruction of the Mosgrove's boarding house; neither the local clergy nor the petition nor personal visits by officious so-called social workers made any difference.

Without ever telling the Mosgroves what they had done or were doing that was not in the public interest, the persecution went on until finally these good people have been broken down.

The place has been sold and because there are no jobs in this area the Mosgroves are moving on.

We don't feel that the Mosgroves have failed. In our view the failure is on the part of the government for not having been capable of recognizing a thing of value and accommodating itself to ensure its continuance.

However true it is that the Mosgroves have quit their one sided battle, they deserve a hundred points for trying.

75 Years Ago

Aug. 30, 1951

A little of this and a little of that: Its a small world . . . Visiting Irvin Swartz is Major (his christian name) Fraser, of Stirling, Ont. The last time they met was 32 years ago when both were overseas in World War 1.

The best runner . . . Russell Elliott, of Charteris, proved to be the fleetest of foot when he outdistanced their bull and reached safety on top of the machine shed. The bull, somewhat wildish after being shut up for months was put to rout when the Elliott's dog got him by a hind foot and a few forks prodded the bull back into the barn.

High cost of living . . . Major Watson, visiting with Irvin Swartz reports that in Toronto the price of meat is so high that pork costs 75 cents per grunt.

the grounds by other than legitimate means.

1906

Our annual Fair—rendered especially memorable this year as marking the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of an agricultural society in the County of Pontiac—was favored with exceptionally fine weather during the three days on which it was held; and, we do not think any complaint should be forthcoming on the score of attendance. True, the last day was somewhat of a disappointment, as people here have grown accustomed to see the biggest crowds at the tail-end of the show. But taking the gross receipts as a basis of observation, the event in this respect at least materially out-distanced all previous efforts of the society.

In view, however, of the large expenditure the directors were at this year in the erection of new buildings, etc., it was not too much to hope, that members, and in fact all interested in agricultural matters in the district, should have put forth a strenuous effort

When the judges got through with their duties on Tuesday afternoon, the crowd was entertained with a “Farmer's” race and a running race; also a baseball match.

The gate receipts of the two days amounted to a fraction over \$750.00.

The experiment of running the new dining hall as a society affair, did not result in much of a success financially, on account of sundry drawbacks which the directors in charge had to contend with.

Everyone seems to think that a grandstand is something very badly needed on the grounds, and that, if one were built it would give a good revenue.

1916

Shawville Fair for the year of grace 1916 has passed into history and no doubt will be looked back to by a good many as an event which fell short in some respects of those which preceded it in recent years.

Whilst it is scarcely the mission of THE EQUITY to supply a reason for the undoubted discrepancy, it may be stated in the first place that unfavorable weather had considerable to do with the perceptible shrinkage in the attendance. Wretched weather prevailed during the first afternoon of the Fair proper, compelling people to seek shelter wherever obtainable.

The cattle department was well filled with a fine exhibit, but if, say, six or seven exhibitors had sulked and remained at home with their herds, the show would have been a dreary failure. It takes people with the goods who are enthusiastic to make a Fair boom.

Progress in sheep-raising was manifest in the new building set apart for the housing of this class of farm stock, the raising of which has been given a great impetus, by the high prices commanded for both mutton and wool. The herds shown gave evidence that our farmers are rising to the needs of the situation, which gives such promise of

\$20,000 Fire In Bryson Sunday Destroys

Lemaire General Store: The first major fire in Bryson in many years resulted in damage of \$20,000 early Sunday morning when flames roared through the general store and post office operated by Charles Lemaire.

The blaze was first noticed about 6.30 a.m. by Esau Labine, who was on his way to work at New Calumet Mines. At this point flames were already eating at the roof of the two-storey building from the inside.

Mr. Labine sounded the alarm and in a matter of minutes volunteer firemen were training hoses on the walls and crumbling roof.

It is thought the fire started in a coal chute in the basement and worked its way up through the dry walls to the attic before it was noticed. It took firemen only an hour to bring the blaze under control.

Included in the \$20,000 loss, which was partly covered by insurance, was the entire stock in Mr. Lemaire's store. The post office section of the building was not seriously damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Weishar, occupants of an apartment above the store were not home at the time of the blaze. They were visiting at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rainboth, at Norway Bay.

Mona Armstrong Weds Watt Taylor: Baskets of fern and gladioli in the front of the Shawville United church on Saturday afternoon made a beautiful setting for the marriage of Miss Mona Beryle Armstrong and William Watt Taylor. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Lindsay Armstrong, of this village and the late Lindsay Armstrong, and the groom, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rankin Taylor, of Arnprior.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Frank Corrigan, the bride looked charming in a gown of white lace and net, cut with sweetheart neckline, long pointed sleeves and full skirt. Her fingertip veil was caught with a coronet of seed pearls, and she carried an arm bouquet of Johanna Hill roses.

Following the service, a reception was held at Pine Lodge, for 150 guests; and later Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left on a motor trip to Ontario and New York points. For travelling the bride wore a gold suit with brown stripes, with brown hat and accessories. On their return they will reside on Main Street, Shawville.

100 Years Ago

Aug. 26, 1926

Local news: Miss Evelyn Howard purposes opening a millinery shop in town shortly, stocked with all new goods. Watch for further announcement.

Joseph Belland, the patriarch of Calumet Island, aged 109 years, remarked as follows, in relation to the Ottawa Centenary celebrated with great élat and enthusiasm last week:—“When I passed

residents of Shawville and vicinity ever attending the Fair. The presence of so many “old timers” was certainly a sign of the concern and interest which many former Pontiacers have for the old show, now closing its 80th year.

1944

Although the weather was much too chilly for an outdoor event to be said that the 88th annual exhibition of Pontiac Agricultural Society, No. 1. commonly known as Shawville Fair, held during the past week, surpassed all previous records in point of attendance and livestock exhibits.

Long before the actual opening of the Fair on Friday—School day—a large number of people arrived in town, and the majority of these were former residents of the Eastern section of the county, who had come especially to meet old friends, and a great many acquaintances were renewed as will be seen in the personal column of this issue, many coming from long distances. Some, no doubt, came to the village to see the damage caused by the tornado on Thursday afternoon.

School children did not have to wait for the extensive midway to set up as in former years, various rides and attractions of Daniel's Greater Shows having been set up and in operation early in the week.

The Fair enjoyed a record-breaking patronage for both Friday and Saturday's show as did also the night show on Friday, when the largest exhibit of livestock ever displayed in the Ottawa Valley entered the ring. The cattle parade was so large that some animals had to be left in the barns. There was an exceptionally fine display of light horses, and the writer doubts if any of the National Fairs ever had a finer exhibit of Agricultural horses.

1956

Mayor Emmerson Cotie presented the Key to the Village of Shawville to The Honorable Gaspard Fauteaux, Lt. Governor of the Province of Quebec; the largest crowd ever to assemble on and around the grandstand stood to attention while The Queen was played on the bagpipes; Mrs. Jas. Riley, 106, was driven in a white convertible to cut the ribbon; Vertal (Pres.) Smiley donned his horn rims to read welcoming messages over the microphones from CHOV, CFRA, CBC, and the local PA system; Frank Ryan conducted the program in his usual expeditious and friendly manner; Hugh Proudfoot MP and Ray Johnston MPP congratulated the Pontiac Agricultural Societies of today and yesterday and the Shawville Centennial Fair was “on”.

Already, on Thursday afternoon, the Pontiac races had been run and many children had been enjoying the free admission of children's day but it wasn't until the Lt. Governor had given his keynote address that the Fair was officially opened.

through Ottawa more than 100 years ago, there was not one building to be seen, while in Hull there were two buildings owned by an Englishman named Wright.” Mr. Beland was about eight years of age when his parents, Jean Baptiste Beland and Mrs. Beland, migrated from Riviere du Loup, Que., now Louisville, to Calumet Island, where they cleared land and established their home.

The social given on Wednesday evening of last week by the United Church congregation of Murrells section, on the hall grounds, was a most pleasing event at which there was a fairly good attendance. A varied program of music etc., was very creditably rendered by local talent.

The grain harvest has come in right on top of haying this year, and farmers have a busy time ahead of them for the next few weeks. It is said the wheat crop has rusted very badly during the past ten days.

125 Years Ago

Aug. 22, 1901

Local news: Intelligence reached town Monday evening together with the resignation of that lady that Miss Potter, B. A., late principal of the academy here, had contracted a matrimonial partnership, and therefore would not return to Shawville to resume charge of the school as expected. The news came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky, while the fact itself will necessitate a hustle on the part of the school commissioners, if a principal is to be engaged in time for the opening next month.

Dr. Lyon, while in attendance at Mr. C. Dagg's on Saturday afternoon last, met with a most serious accident which will likely incapacitate him from professional duties for some time to come. The accident was due to an effort of the Dr. to stop his mare, which started to run away, having been startled by a colt that came running up behind the buggy.

Miss Lyon, the Doctor's neice, was in the conveyance at the time, and in order to save her from injury the Doctor ran out in front of the mare and grasped one of the lines intending to stop her if possible. But in some manner the animal threw him headlong against the building just alongside, and the result was his scalp was cut from a point directly over the right ear, diagonally across the head to the right side, and turned backward on his neck. The wound thus made was a terrible one, but very fortunately, as subseqent surgical examination showed, the skull sustained no serious injury.

After the wound was dressed the Doctor was driven home to Shawville, and put to bed. During the evening numerous sympathisers called to see him and were glad to note that, while he had a very miraculous escape from being killed, he had sustained no internal injuries, and was in a less critical condition than was feared when intelligence of the accident reached town.

1966

Shawville's one hundred and tenth annual Fall Fair was the biggest and best yet. Having rebuilt the underpinnings of the grandstand, the directors then felt justified in providing one great show after another for grandstand sitters to enjoy. The weather was the sort which invited outdoor sitting and even on Friday afternoon when a few sprinkles of rain came down, those on the covered bleachers were dry and comfortable.

The overall attendance at the Fair this year is impossible to estimate. One of the Ottawa papers says it was 12,000, the other says it was 14,000 but neither of those newspapers saw the numbers of entire families who came to the Fair by way of the railroad fence without benefit of admission cards. It only cost 75 cents to get in and a quarter for children but there are always hundreds of people who prefer to chance a little barbed wire rip than pay the entrance fee. Taking these into consideration and the hundreds of exhibitors and their families and friends who come in on trucks, spend the night in the barns, carry in exhibits and come in on horseback—the actual attendance was, as it always is, inestimable.

Anyhow, everyone who came had a grand and glorious time and try as they might, the 1967 Directors will have a hard time if they hope to top last week's effort.

1976

The one section of Shawville Fair this year which had more entries than any other was the Light Horse Section. Co-chairmen Yvon and Stella Fauvelle were swamped with a total of 92 entries but managed to carry out their program as planned without a hitch out of place.

Early entries from the many exhibitors made their job possible and the co-operation of all competitors also helped. Steward, Lucille Hodgins, was only called upon twice for decisions and both times the matter was cleared up in minutes to everyone's satisfaction.

The tractor draw Thursday night and the Teen Dance to the orchestra of Billy Rowat were both great successes and largely attended. The Friday night official opening had a larger audience that for a number of years and also was carried on without interruption and without any undue delays. The Saturday night dance was another great success and the Sunday evening variety concert was held before an overflow audience. The familiar Rothmans Caravan wasn't available for the Fair this year but the O'Keefe Caravan manned by Oneil Duquette was here providing the public address system on the grounds.

Revenues at the Fair this year at the gate came to \$14,129, about \$1500 less than last year which could have been caused by consistent radio forecasts of rain.

Generally speaking this year's Shawville Fair was successful. The weather held to perfection during the weekend despite predictions.

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YARD SALES

Sat., Aug. 22 and 29 - Estate/ Moving sale, starting at 8 a.m., C221 Rte 303 South, Clarendon. A large assortment of antiques, collectibles and old toys. Everything must go!

Sat. Aug. 29 - Community wide yard sale in Portage du Fort. Starting at 9 a.m.

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A surprise party was held at the fairgrounds in Quyon in honour of Garry Trudeau's 70th birthday on Saturday. Garry was surrounded by a big crowd of family and friends as he marked this special birthday, with many camping there for the night as they celebrated with the birthday boy. Cheers to Garry on his 70th.

On Saturday evening, an engagement party was held for Victoria McIntyre and Ryan Racine. They were surrounded by their family and friends as they celebrated their commitment to one another. Wishing Tori and Ryan all the best as they begin to plan for their big day.

Congratulations to Angela Storing and Shawn Fleury, as they were married on Saturday at Starborn Farms in Bristol. The happy couple exchanged vows in a beautiful outdoor ceremony, and then celebrated with their loved ones with a reception that followed. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

Birthday wishes are going out to Hannah Lang on Aug. 28 and to Denis Renaud on the 29th. Happy birthday to Georgia Fleck and Olivia Gravelle, both celebrating on Aug. 31. We also have birthday wishes going out to Atlas and Nixon Davis, Reese MacKechnie, and Stacy Johnston, all on Sept. 1. Happy days to all who are celebrating special occasions this week.

Over the next week or so, our local students, teachers, and staff

will be starting to return to the classrooms again. Where did that summer go? It flew by so quickly. Wishing all of you a great year, and a special shout-out to the Onslow students and staff who are going to be travelling to McDowell School this year while the school building in Quyon is undergoing repairs. We hope you have a smooth transition, and that you're back home at Onslow soon!

The Quyon Community Association has been sharing exciting details for the upcoming Community Day on Sept. 12. It has been confirmed that the fireworks which were postponed on Canada Day due to weather will now be happening at dusk on Community Day. Now there's even more reason to come out and enjoy this fantastic day. There will be music on-stage throughout the afternoon and evening, including Lorne Brady & friends, Barry Teevens & friends, Cal Cummings, Lorne Daley, The Saggy Bottom Boys, Larry Chevrier & Arnold Trudeau, Jessica Pearson & the East Wind, Valley Mountain, and Chicken Fried. Dinner will be served by the Quyon Lions Club, and there will also be the Wall of Wonderful, as well as games and activities in the park. On top of it all, Quyon Sports & Rec will be hosting a 3-pitch tournament on the same weekend, which only adds to the excitement. It is shaping up to be an amazing day in Quyon, and I can't wait.



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Our students, staff and teachers returning to school this week. Have a safe and wonderful year ahead.

Happy belated 49th anniversary to Richard and Anne Armitage who celebrated last week.

Happy wedding anniversary to Chris and Jeannie Judd who celebrated their special day on Aug. 24.

Happy birthday to the following people celebrating their special day this upcoming week: Maggie McTiernan, Clay Rebertz, Robert Gregory, Barb Welch, Karen Cahill-Pogue, Thomas McTiernan and Nicole Armstrong-Standfield.



Waltham
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We were saddened to hear of the passing of my cousin Michael (Mike) Throp. He was the loving partner of Mona Marion. Our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with Mona, family and friends at this difficult time.

Birthday wishes are extended to Hailey Romain and to Leonard Godin, who are celebrating their birthdays today Aug. 27. We hope you both enjoy your special day.

Birthday wishes are extended to Anne Romain and to Travis Burnie who are celebrating their birthdays on Aug. 28. Enjoy your special day.

I cannot believe that the students in the Pontiac are beginning another school year this week. Good luck is wished to all students and to those heading off to college and university.

Birthday wishes are extended to Rose Ann Rochon, who is celebrating her birthday on Sept. 1. Enjoy your special day, Rose.

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Trivia Answers

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Spiritual Growth

By Esther Colpitts

New every morning

The start of every day is a decision to walk in the right direction and the right frame of mind. Sometimes, there's a cloud in the sky and in our minds. Life is not pure sunshine! Nor is it always trouble free.

Today I made bread and forgot to add salt, which means I had to go back and try to mix it in after. Lots of kneading and I still don't know if it is fully integrated. A small problem really, but it matters to me. Time, ingredients. The bread is a thank you for a friend.

God brought my mistake to mind before I baked it. I know it. He's done that often in different situations and that is because, He is involved in everything, if we invite Him to be. His love is new every morning. Great is His faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22,23

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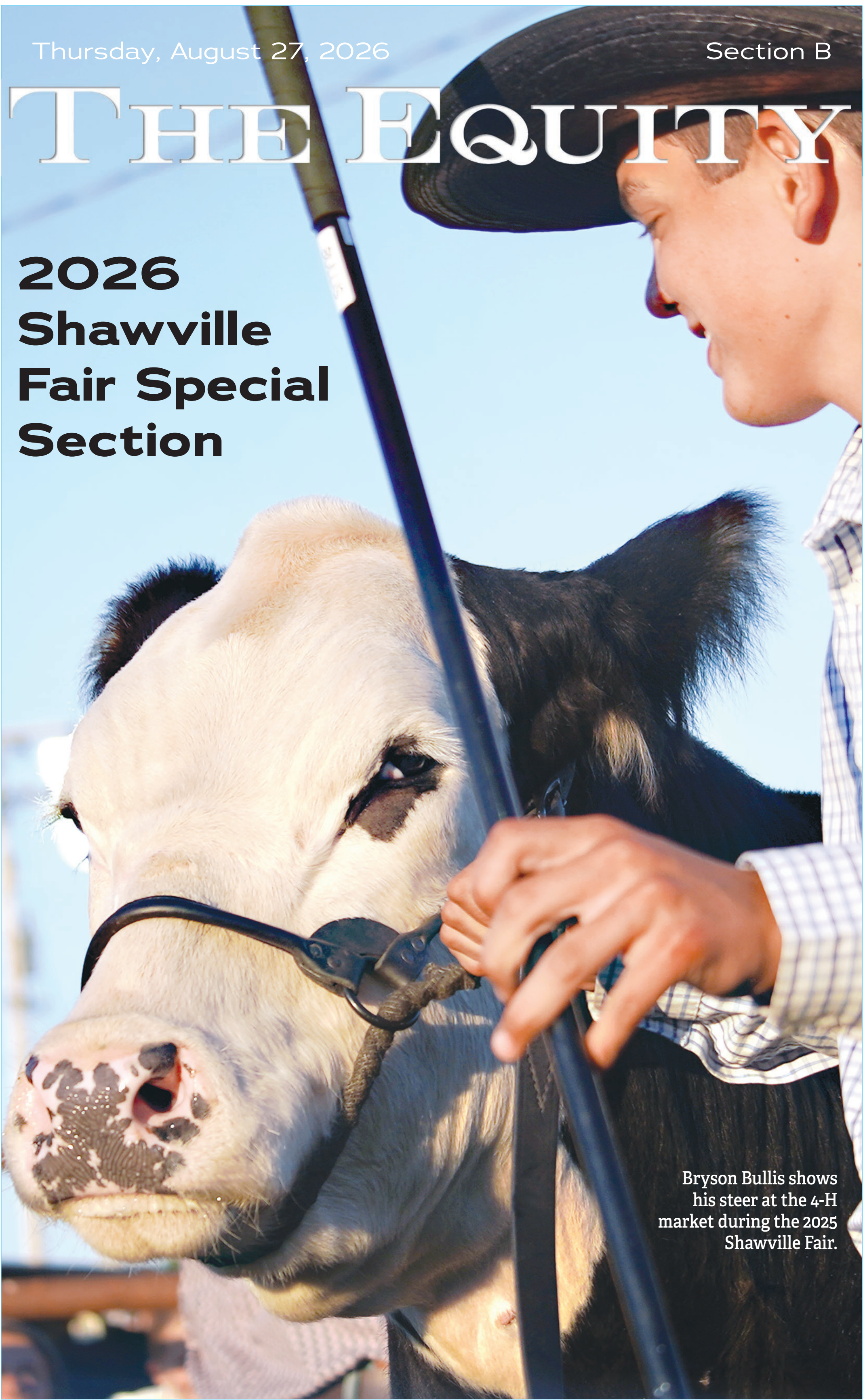
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Section B

THE EQUITY

2026 Shawville Fair Special Section



Bryson Bullis shows his steer at the 4-H market during the 2025 Shawville Fair.

Sophie Kuijper Dickson, THE EQUITY

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Hello and welcome from your Shawville Fair board



Ralph Lang
President of the Pontiac Agricultural Society

As we get ready for the 170th Shawville Fair, I can't help but feel proud. The Fair has been a big part of my family's life for over 40 years. My mom was president, my dad was president, and now I've had the chance to serve as president during this milestone year.

I know my time in this position is only one small part of the Fair's 170-year history, but it's been an honour to help carry on a tradition that means so much to my family and to our community.

I have to admit, I was never the best 4-H showman growing up. I did manage to win a few steer competitions along the way, but showing cattle was never really where I made my mark. What I enjoyed most was helping behind the scenes. Whether it was setting up before the Fair or tearing everything down after it was over, I always liked being part of the team. Over the years,

I met a lot of lifelong friends through volunteering, and those friendships mean just as much to me as any ribbon I've ever won.

One thing I've always believed is that if you don't keep changing, you get left behind. That's how I've always run my own business, and I think it's important for the Fair too. I don't want to change what makes the Shawville Fair special. I just want to keep making it better while respecting the traditions that got us here.

Over the last couple of years we've worked hard to improve the flow around the grounds as our crowds continue to grow. Last year we turned the beer tent and changed the layout around the food court. This year we're making another big change by moving the truck pull outside the ring. After Thursday night's truck pull, we've often had challenges getting the ring back into top shape for our horse events. By

moving the truck pull outside the ring, we hope to improve the footing for our horse exhibitors while still putting on an even better truck pull for the fans. I believe it's a win for everyone.

We're also excited to bring in a brand-new lumberjack show. It'll be located where the heavy horse tent was last year and should be a great show for kids and adults alike. Another thing I'm proud of is that we've increased our entertainment budget this year. That means bigger acts and more reasons for people to spend the day at the Fair. If Mother Nature cooperates and we get good crowds, my hope is that we can continue putting money back into the Fair each year, and also back into the Shawville Arena. A strong arena and a strong fairgrounds help build a stronger community.

None of this would be possible without our volunteers. Thousands of volunteer hours

go into putting on the Shawville Fair every single year. I'd like to thank our directors, committee members, volunteers and sponsors. Your hard work and support are the reason this Fair is still going strong after 170 years.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who comes through our gates each year. Whether you're showing livestock, pulling a truck, exhibiting your work, volunteering, sponsoring an event, or simply bringing your family for a fun day, you're what makes the Shawville Fair special.

If we keep working together, listening to new ideas, and never stop improving, I believe the Shawville Fair will continue to grow and thrive for generations to come.

So come on out, enjoy everything we have planned, support your local Fair, and help us celebrate 170 years of agriculture, community, and tradition. #Shawvegas2026



Pontiac Agricultural Society board members are, back row, from left, Brian Lepine, Mike Rusenstrom, Heather Rusenstrom Sally, Kayla Barnes, Ryan Currie, Kait Meilleur, and Geatan Boudrias. Third row, from left, are Paul Lang, Dave Coles, Danielle Humble, Cheryl Bezoine, Vince Perrier, and Gerald Dagg. Second row are Pat Bertrand, Paul Scheel, Nancy Tubman, Sandra Dale, Beth Knox Campbell, Ken Bernard, and Elwyn Lang, and front row, from left, are general manager Mavis Hanna, Holly Campbell, Scott Lemay, Ralph Lang (president), Josey Bouchard, Kendal Lang, Heather Dale, and Hayley Campbell. Missing are Lisa Coles, Curtis Driscoll, Ben Duquette, Hugo Gauthier, Tanya Greer, Gerald Lance, and Kelly King.



Richard Armitage
Acting Mayor of Shawville

As a child growing up in Shawville, I recall the excitement seeing the fairgrounds spring to life at this time each year! Thursdays we couldn't get out of school quick enough, and rush to the opening day activities. For many of us, Friday of the fair was the first official 'snow day' of the new school year.

One of my favourite memories occurred just 20 short years ago, when I was asked to play the role of William Clarke, President of the first ever Shawville Fair of 1856. (Equity Archives Sept. 6, 2006)

On behalf of our town and council, I now have the pleasure of welcoming everyone to the 170th edition of the Shawville Fair! This ever-popular event has become synonymous with Labour Day weekend throughout the Ottawa Valley and beyond, thanks to the dedicated organizers and volunteers. Congratulations!



Jane Toller
Warden of MRC Pontiac

The 170th Shawville Fair is an extraordinary milestone and an important celebration for all of the Pontiac. The Fair has brought our communities together to celebrate agriculture, rural life, family and friendship.

It is a wonderful showcase for our region and a tribute to the generations of volunteers who have kept this Pontiac tradition strong!

One of my favourite memories of the Shawville Fair is when I bid on the prize to ride behind four powerful horses and as we circled the arena I was holding on for dear life!!



Sophie Chatel
MP for Pontiac-Kitigan Zibi

For 170 years, the Shawville Fair has been much more than an agricultural exhibition. It is a cherished tradition that reflects the values that define our region: hard work, community spirit, and pride in our rural heritage.

Each year, the fair brings together families, farmers, volunteers, local businesses, and visitors from across the Pontiac to celebrate the people who feed our communities and keep our agricultural traditions alive. It also reminds us that agriculture is not only part of our history, it is an essential part of our future.

One of my favourite memories is walking through the barns, speaking with local producers and participants, and seeing the pride that young people take in showcasing their animals and carrying on a tradition that has been passed down through generations.

As we celebrate this remarkable 170th anniversary, I want to thank the countless volunteers, organizers, exhibitors, and sponsors whose dedication has made the Shawville Fair one of Canada's longest-running agricultural fairs. I remain committed to supporting the farmers, agricultural organizations, and rural communities that make the Pontiac such a special place to call home.

Congratulations on 170 incredible years, and here's to many more generations of celebrating our agricultural excellence together.

How well do you know Shawville Fair?

Assembled by Liz Draper

We are publishing questions throughout this issue of THE EQUITY. Answers will be found in our Shawville Fair coverage issue on Sept. 10.

1. What year was the first Fair held?

2. Who donated the original land for Shawville Fair?

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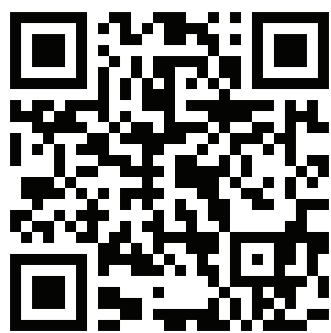
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Jeudi 3 Septembre
Thursday, September 3

4pm/16h Entrance gates open/Ouverture des portes
5pm/17h Beauce Carnaval midway open/
Ouverture des manèges
5pm/17h Exhibits open/Ouverture des exposition
6pm/18h Beer Tent open/Le bar ouvre
7pm/19h Official opening/Ouverture officielle
7pm/19h Truck & Tractor Pull/ Tir de camions & tracteurs
9pm/21h Exhibits close/Fermeture des expositions
10pm/22h Indoor Concessions Close/ Exhibits close/
Fermeture des concessions intérieures
10:30pm/22h30 Entrance gates close/ Fermeture des portes
11pm/23h Midway closes/Fermeture des manèges
12:30am/00h30 Beer Tent Closes/Fermeture du bar

Vendredi 4 Septembre
Friday, September 4

9am/9h Entrance gates open/Ouverture des portes
10am/10h Exhibits open/Ouverture des exposition
11am/11h Dairy Cattle Show/Division des vaches laitières - Holstein, Jersey
12noon/midi Beauce Carnaval midway open/Ouverture des manèges
12noon/midi Beer Tent open/Le bar ouvre
6pm/18h Horse Show (Arena)/ Concours des chevaux de trait attelés
7:30pm/19h30 SUSSEX
9pm/21h BIG WRECK
10:30pm/22h30 SUSSEX - Beer Tent - sous la tente
9pm/21h Exhibits close/Fermeture des expositions
10pm/22h Indoor Concessions Close/ Exhibits close/
Fermeture des concessions intérieures et des différents expositions
10:30pm/22h30 Entrance gates close/ Fermeture des portes
11pm/23h Midway closes/Fermeture des manèges
12:30am/00h30 Beer Tent Closes/Fermeture du bar

Samedi 5 Septembre
Saturday, September 5

8:30am/8h30 Entrance gates open/Ouverture des portes
9am/9h 4-H Lamb-Goat Market/Marché agneau-chèvre 4-H
4-H Regional Club Show - Ewe Lambs/Goat, Rabbit
Concours du club des 4-H - Brebis Agneaux/Chèvre, Lapin
9am/9h Horse Show - Line Classes/ Concours de chevaux - Classes en ligne
10am/10h Exhibits open/Ouverture des exposition
12noon/midi Beauce Carnaval midway open/Ouverture des manèges
12noon/midi Beer tent open/Le bar ouvre
12:30pm/12h30 Beef Pee Wee Show/Concours des boeufs pour les pee wee
Beef Cattle Show (Arena)/ Concours des boeufs
1pm/13h Heavy Horse, Commercial and Mini Horse Show/ Concours de chevaux
lourds, de chevaux commerciaux et de chevaux miniatures
LARRY and ARNOLD - Beer Tent - sous la tente
2pm/14h THE TIMBERLINE
7:30pm/19h30 JACKSON DEAN
9:00pm/21h THE TIMBERLINE - Beer Tent - sous la tente
10:30 pm/22h30 Exhibits close/Fermeture des expositions
9pm/21h Indoor Concessions Close/Exhibits close/
10pm/22h Fermeture des concessions intérieures
10:30pm/22h30 Entrance gates close/Fermeture des portes
11pm/23h Midway closes/Fermeture des manèges
12:30am/00h30 Beer Tent Closes/Fermeture du bar

Dimanche 6 Septembre
Sunday, September 6

8:30am/8h30 Entrance gates open/Ouverture des portes
9am/9h 4-H Market Steer/Bouillon de marché 4-H
9am/9h 4-H Regional Club Show Dairy & Beef/
Club Régional des 4-H Spectacle Laitier et Boeuf
10am/10h Exhibits open/Ouverture des exposition
11am/11h Horse Pull/Tir des chevaux
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1pm/13h Beer Tent open/Le bar ouvre
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2:30pm/14h30 GAIL GAVAN & FRIENDS OF THE PONTIAC - Beer Tent - sous la tente
6:30pm/18h30 4-H Market Steer and Lamb-Goat Auction/Encan des animaux de
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10:30pm/22h30 PHIL DENAULT BAND (Beer Tent)/ Groupe PHIL DENAULT sous la tente
9pm/21h Exhibits close/Fermeture des expositions
10pm/22h Indoor Concessions Close/Exhibits close/
Fermeture des concessions intérieures
10:30pm/22h30 Entrance gates close/fermeture des portes
11pm/23h Midway closes/fermeture des manèges
12:30am/00h30 Beer Tent Closes/Fermeture du bar

Lundi 7 Septembre
Monday, September 7

8am/8h Entrance gates open/Ouverture des portes
9:30am/9h30 Pontiac Firemen Challenge/ Défi des pompiers du Pontiac
11am/11h Exhibits open/Ouverture des exposition
12noon/12h Classic Car and Bike Show/concours de
voitures et motos antiques et classiques.
12noon/12h Demo Derby/ Derby de démolition
2noon/midi Beauce Carnaval midway open/Ouverture des manèges
2noon/midi Beer tent open/Ouverture du bar
Jukebox Beer Tent/Jukebox sous la tente
2pm/14h Exhibits close/Fermeture des expositions
4pm/16h Midway closes/Fermeture des manèges
4pm/16h Entrance gates close/ Fermeture des portes
5pm/17h Beer Tent Closes/Fermeture du bar

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Celebrating 170 years of the Shawville Fair

by SOPHIE KUIJPER DICKSON
SHAWVILLE
Aug. 24, 2026

It's like clockwork, the way the evenings begin to cool and the heat of the day loses its heaviness, the sweet corn and tomatoes enter their prime, and the sunflowers hang their heads. In this final leg of summer, as everything takes on a golden shimmer, nature reliably rolls out the red carpet for the Shawville Fair.

It's grounding to think about this community's commitment to coming together this same weekend, year after year, for 170 years. Wyman MacKechnie's recounting of his earliest memories of the fair (see B13), when everyone would roll into Shawville by train from all corners of the Pontiac, is evidence of how central this fair has been to generations of Pontiac people. Imagine being on one of those trains – the excitement as you and your neighbours gathered at the platform, waiting for it to arrive; the growing anticipation as the train picked up more and more people; the buzz that would have filled the cars as the train pulled into its final destination.

As MacKechnie recounts, those trains were eventually replaced with cars, just one of many technological developments in the last century or so that have changed so much about how we move through our worlds, and how we connect with each other.

But as the social fabric of our lives has evolved, the Shawville Fair has remained a constant, in no small part thanks to the decades of fairboard directors who have ensured it keeps pace with times, while honouring and celebrating its agricultural roots.

And this year's fair will be no different. Visitors can expect the same bread and butter pickles, horse pulls and dairy shows as they have for years, and then some. The fairboard is bringing back the Lumberjack show and the firefighter competition, has replaced the heavy horse education tent with a beef cattle tent, and has added two new categories to the homecraft division: welding and artwork from long-term care residents – just some of the new features to look forward to.

"Homecrafts have always been about celebrating the skills, creativity, and hard work of local people—and those skills continue to grow and change with each generation," explained Heather Rusenstrom Sally, one of this year's homecraft directors.

"The addition of welding recognizes the growing interest in hands-on trades and skilled work, while the long-term care section provides an opportunity to celebrate the creativity and accomplishments of those living in long-term care communities."

There will also be new classes across horticulture and homecraft divisions dedicated to celebrating the fair's 170th, including "Best Decorated PAS Birthday Cake 170th" and several opportunities to create a special flower arrangement or wreath that celebrates the milestone anniversary.

THE EQUITY will be at the fair all weekend long, if not at our booth in the agricultural hall, then walking around taking pictures. Come say hello, and tell us about a special moment you think should be documented so that future generations can get a glimpse at what today's iteration of this treasured Pontiac tradition is all about.



4-H members gather around the auction ring as their peers show their market animals at the 2025 Shawville Fair.

How well do you know Shawville Fair?
Assembled by Liz Draper

3. Who was the first president of the fair?
4. What famous fairgrounds building was destroyed by fire in the 1980s?

Can You Bingo Your Way Through the Fair?

Keep your eyes open as you make your way around the Shawville Fair and see how many squares you can check off. Get five in a row, either across, down or diagonally, and you've got a BINGO! What's the prize? Bragging rights, mostly. But if you manage to get a full card then you've officially experienced the Shawville Fair in all its glory.

Compiled by Liz Draper

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Oversized stuffed animal	Chicken feather (minus the chicken)	Rooster with attitude	Candy apple aftermath	Mullet sighting
Saddle with no horse	Cow patty	Dropped fries	Headliner with a guitar	Comically oversized vegetable
Crying child	Smashed up derby car		Canadian tuxedo	Security guard on a mission
Boots that have definitely seen a farm	Livestock ribbon	THE EQUITY booth	Beer tent casualty	Moustache/beard worthy of a prize
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Big rock, country names to grace Main Stage



Nashville star Chris Janson will headline the main stage on Sunday night.



Nineties rock band Big Wreck will headline Friday night.

by K.C. JORDAN
SHAWVILLE
Aug. 14, 2026

This year’s entertainment lineup is sure to keep you dancing all night long, three nights in a row. With headliners Big Wreck, Jackson Dean and Chris Janson, there’ll be something for rock and country fans alike.

Friday : Sussex and Big Wreck

Friday’s show will open with Sussex, a five-piece cover band from Ottawa that rocks out from everything from the ‘70s to today. According to *Ottawa Life Magazine*, they love to entertain and get the crowd dancing, so come with your dancing shoes on!

Then, Canadian rock band Big Wreck will take the stage for the night’s headline slot. The band got its start in the early 1990s, when original members Ian Thornley and Brian Doherty were students at Boston’s Berklee College of Music.

Their 1997 album *In Loving Memory Of...* won fans over with the band’s blend of distorted guitar riffs and prog-rock vocals. Early fans might remember tunes such as “That Song” or “The Oaf”, or more recent fans might recognize 2025’s “Believer.” Whichever songs are on the setlist, the group is bound to bring a big show.

And if you’re not done with the rock n’ roll just yet, Sussex will close out the night on the beer tent stage.

7:30 p.m. - Sussex - Main Stage
9:00 p.m. - Big Wreck - Main Stage
10:30 p.m. - Sussex - Beer Tent

Saturday: The Timber Line and Jackson Dean

The night’s main-stage entertainment will kick off with The Timber Line, a country-rock group based in the Ottawa Valley that has played gigs ranging from Ottawa Senators games to The Crazy Horse in Kanata. If you can’t catch their opening set, they will also play in the beer tent after the main stage shuts down.

Saturday’s headliner is Jackson Dean, a 26-year-old Nashville country singer with roots in small-town Maryland. Dean, who is known for his high-energy performances and gravelly voice, got his start as a teen playing bars, small rooms and country fairs, releasing his first album *Greenbroke* in 2022.

His song “Don’t Come Lookin’” from that album was featured on the Paramount show *Yellowstone*, and reached number three on the *Billboard Country Airplay* chart. Since then he has become a favourite, touring with country favourites the likes of Blake Shelton and Toby Keith. Audiences have fallen for his gritty, energetic and authentic performances, and the crowd at this year’s Fair is sure to do the same.

7:30 p.m. - The Timber Line - Main Stage
9:00 p.m. - Jackson Dean - Main Stage
10:30 p.m. - The Timber Line - Beer Tent

Sunday: Phil Denault Band and Chris Janson

A Sunday night favourite is back to open the night’s entertainment, as Fort-Coulonge legend Phil Denault will take the stage alongside Chichester fiddler Louis Schryer.



Rising country singer Jackson Dean will take the stage Saturday night.

They are sure to bring a mix of local favourites to the stage, so come out and support Pontiac’s own!

Then, Denault and Schryer will clear the stage for Nashville country singer Chris Janson. A high energy, blue-collar country entertainer known for his rowdy live shows, Janson has released six studio albums on which he plays several instruments such as guitar, piano, banjo, drums and the harmonica.

After 2015’s “Buy Me A Boat”, which thrust him into popularity, Janson’s song “Fix A Drink” (2017) reached number two on the

Billboard Country Airplay charts, while “Drunk Girl” (2017) won the Video of the Year award from the Academy of Country Music. Known for his relatable, down-to-earth subject matter, Jason has also written songs for artists like Tim McGraw.

The Phil Denault Band will close out the night in the beer tent.

7:30 p.m. - Phil Denault Band - Main Stage
9:00 p.m. - Chris Janson - Main Stage
10:30 p.m. - Phil Denault Band - Beer Tent

How well do you know Shawville Fair?

Assembled by Liz Draper

5. In what year was the replacement Exhibition Hall built?

6. What did local farmers sell to help pay off the debt on the arena, built in 1960?

a) Horses b) Hay c) Cows and calves d) Farm machinery

7. What former Shawville building is now open as a museum by the fairgrounds?

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A firefighter aims water at a target during the 2009 competition.

THE EQUITY File Photo

by K.C. JORDAN
SHAWVILLE
Aug. 14, 2026

If you've got a burning desire to watch the Pontiac's firefighters test their skills in a head-to-head competition, this year's Shawville Fair has exactly what you're looking for.

Monday morning's schedule will feature some scalding hot action this year with the return of the firefighter's challenge, which will bring teams of firefighters from departments across the Pontiac to the Shawville Fairgrounds to compete in all sorts of skill-testing challenges.

According to organizer and Mansfield-et-Pontefract fire chief Patrick Bertrand, this kind of competition used to be a staple at the Fair, but stopped being held about a decade ago. Bertrand said this year he was approached to see if he would organize it as a throwback to Fairs gone by.

"It's the 170th fair, so we were looking at what activities they did in the past, and they said, well, we could maybe try to do this, because it was appreciated by the public in the past," said Bertrand, who is a member of the Fair board.

While Bertrand is keeping the exact details of the competition close to the vest, he said there will be a "wide variety" of challenges firefighters will have to complete, showcasing various skills.

Each department may send a team of firefighters, with substitutions allowed for specific challenges. Judges will follow each team as they complete the circuit, awarding a combined score at the end. The highest scoring team will win the competition.

He said the judges will be evaluating everything from the speed and skill of the challenges, to whether firefighters are wearing their bunker suits properly and safely.

"We go by check marks, and he might lose a point there, and then his gloves might not be on

correctly, so that's another point. That's how it's going to be based."

Shawville-Clarendon chief Lee Laframboise, who is helping organize the competition, said the event wasn't always done in teams. He said individual contestants used to compete in a long list of events such as rolling a hose, hitting a sledgehammer, playing target practice with a hose, then dragging a dummy.

"But it took about a minute-thirty to two minutes to do it, each guy. Some of them had to visit the ambulance after they were done. It was hard," he said, emphasizing that having teams will make it easier on the competitors.

Pontiac Ouest deputy chief Ian Payne said since departments are not privy to the exact nature of the challenges in the competition, his team has been using the practices as a chance to practice "bread-and-butter" firefighting.

"Being able to deploy a hose effectively, managing our hose lines, being able to spray water effectively, communication, also our ability to do search and rescue inside of buildings," he provided as examples.

Payne said his department has also been using the practices as a way to work with their neighbouring Waltham Fire Department, whom they rely on for mutual aid. He said it has been nice to see chemistry developing between both teams of firefighters.

"They're our first line when we need backup in Pontiac Ouest. They're the first ones that we call and it's really good to be able to get to know the crews and get them mingling together."

Bertrand said while the challenge is technically a competition, he sees it as a way for younger firefighters to get some experience under a bit of pressure, and for older firefighters to brush up on their skills.

He said the event will also provide good visibility for the fire departments. When firefighters are at work, he said, it is tough for the

public to see the full scope of what they do since the scene is taped off. But he added that the competition will be a chance for the public to get up close and personal with their work.

"They'll be able to see a firefighter closer at what he does, and there's no actual pressure like a fire or an accident or something like that. People will come afterwards. The kids, they want to touch the equipment. They want to hug a firefighter. They want to talk with them. So, that's the main goal of all this."

Payne said he is looking forward to his firefighters having the experience of a timed and judged competition, as well as connecting with other firefighters from across the region.

"I think it's going to be an opportunity to get that type of pressure on them, eyes of the public to be able to operate under that pressure. Whenever you're off to the races, that's when it counts."

The firefighter's challenge will be off to the races at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 7 at the Shawville Fairgrounds, before the demolition derby takes to the ring in the afternoon.



A firefighter swings a sledgehammer in the 2009 competition.

THE EQUITY File Photo

How well do you know Shawville Fair?

Assembled by
Liz Draper

8. The Fair wasn't always five days. How many days was it in 1856?
9. At the very first Shawville Fair, what served as the centre of the show ring?
a) A hay wagon b) A flagpole
c) A large pine stump
d) A watering trough
10. There were over 100 of which cattle breed shown at the 1989 Fair?
a) Hereford
b) Angus
c) Simmental
d) Holstein

Behind the scenes with the Beer Tent volunteers



Dave Moore, THE EQUITY

A photo of the beer tent at the end of the night, from our Sept. 7, 2011 edition.

by CALEB NICKERSON
SHAWVILLE
Aug. 23, 2026

While the focus of the Shawville Fair is promoting Pontiac's agricultural community and heritage, it's no secret that the beer tent is a popular spot during the weekend's festivities.

From providing a welcome respite from the sun during the day, to housing the opening acts from the evening's main stage come nightfall, the watering hole's magnetic force as a gathering place is undeniable.

Elwyn Lang estimated that he's been helping in the beer tent for 30-odd years.

"I used to get the bands and things for the beer tent," he said. "It was the first year that Mavis Hanna was the president, way back when, when I took over organization of the beer tent."

Paul Scheel is another veteran volunteer in charge of the beer tent and joined forces with Lang many years ago.

"Elwyn's been there since day one. He needed help so they put me on to help him," he said. "We've had a great track record together."

Lang said that they usually put in their beer order in early August, which is in the ballpark of 1,500 cases, or several skids, to say nothing of the liquor.

A long time customer of Labatts, Lang said that they try to stick to a handful of the most popular brands.

"We don't get too many brands because then people can't make up their minds what they want," he said.

"You can't have a million brands, but you have to take care of everybody," Scheel said.

Both Scheel and Lang agreed that coolers and seltzers have become quite popular in the last five years.

"We serve an awful lot more of them than we used to," Lang said.

Scheel said the beer tent sees more than 150 volunteers over the course of the fair, with up to 20 people on duty at one time on the busy night shifts.

He said that they try and come up with a different slogan each year for the volunteer t-shirts.

"It's a valuable job, we appreciate them all," he said. "They're all volunteers, they get nothing. We try to make up a bit of an original shirt."

Scheel said that they make a real effort to keep everyone safe and do things by the book, adding that fellow director Kelly King does an excellent job showing new bartenders the ropes.

"We're very dedicated on [checking] age of majority, stuff like that. You always run into people trying to beat the system, but we try our best," he said. "We have a little tutorial for our bartenders. There's three directors that run the tent, myself, Elwyn and Kelly King. Kelly does a lot of things, but especially when the new bartenders come, 'Watch for this, watch for that.'"

Scheel said that oftentimes, certain families or organizations will work together behind the bar as a team. Shifts typically run about four hours.

"It's mostly people we know well," he said. "For example, Pontiac Arena Fund, they have a committee of people, well they work a shift, Oktoberfest Ladysmith, they have a committee that works a shift, certain families come and work a shift."

While he said that they were well stocked with beer tent volunteers for this year's festivities, there is a link on the PAS website for those interested in lending a hand.

After several decades of organizing the chaos of the

beer tent, Lang said that he's now assisted by several generations of the family.

"My oldest granddaughter, when she was in kindergarten, she wrote a story after the fair that her favourite part was helping me in the beer tent," he said with a laugh. "She's on the board and she still helps come and wash coolers and stuff like that."

Both Scheel and Lang said that the atmosphere on a busy night is something to experience.

"Paul always says to me, when it's really busy, he'll say, 'Not many people can come to a party like this,'" Lang said.

THE EQUITY solicited beer tent stories from its readers and Mick Armitage submitted the following:

"My band played about 20 times at the Shawville Fair over the years and there are 100s of unique stories that I remember. The many 1000s that attended the Stompin' Tom show in 2005 was a very very busy night in all departments.

However, in 2010 after performing on the main stage we were set up and performing in the the 'legendary' beer tent which was full to capacity to say the least.

As we were in the middle of our first set, four Shawville farm girls approached the front of our stage and lifted their shirts and flashed the band and the nearby crowd. It drew quite the crowd of onlookers.

After the set, I went to Elwyn Lang, the manager of the beer tent and said that the flashing was drawing quite the crowd and it was causing a lot of confusion and what was he going to do about it. Answering calmly and sternly he said, 'Don't worry Mick, I'm keeping my eye on them!'

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Sophie Kuijper Dickson, THE EQUITY
Bria Pieschke measures out feed for the three sheep she is raising in the back of her grandfather's wood shed on Calumet Island.



Sophie Kuijper Dickson, THE EQUITY
She keeps her Hampshires in a make-shift barn that she and her grandfather Mike Pieschke fashioned in the back of his shed.



Sophie Kuijper Dickson, THE EQUITY
Pieschke keeps her new barn space meticulously clean and organized.

by **SOPHIE KUIJPER DICKSON**
L'ÎLE-DU-GRAND-CALUMET
Aug. 24, 2026

Though Bria Pieschke grew up in farm country, she didn't grow up in a farming family. It wasn't until her best friend's family named a newborn calf after her that the Calumet Island native, then 10 years old, decided she might give 4-H a go.

"It was my birthday, my best friend was over, and her dad messaged her that there was a calf that was just born," Pieschke said. "They asked me if I wanted to show it. I said yeah sure. I didn't really know what 4-H was."

Pieschke loved it so much that she stuck with it. Though the learning curve was steep, she had good friends to show her the ropes.

"My friend Morgan [Tracy] that got me in, and her cousin Peyton [St-Pierre], they helped me a lot to learn. Because my grandparents don't really know anything about agriculture, so I was doing it all on my own."

Pieschke soon found that caring for other creatures and immersing herself in learning all that goes into raising and showing animals helped her find sturdy footing through an unusually rocky childhood.

In 2021, when she was just nine years old, her father died suddenly of a heart attack. With her mother not in the picture, Pieschke moved in with her grandparents on the Island.

"Learning new things helps, because you're trying to concentrate on learning something new that you're passionate about. You don't think about what happened as much," she told THE EQUITY.

She said the task at hand of absorbing all of this new information was a welcome challenge.

"I didn't know what I was doing that much. I felt like I was running around with my head cut off," she laughed. "I felt different, because I knew I didn't know what I was doing, and everybody else did, and they were doing really good. So I was like, ok I've got to learn to get better."

After two years of showing dairy heifers, Pieschke decided to explore other animals. Last year she began showing sheep after Clarendon farmer Donna Courchesne offered her an animal to show.

"I started doing a lot on my own, because I kind of had to figure it out a lot on my own," she said.

"I was always going back and forth [to Clarendon], because we weren't set up here yet. We didn't have a place to keep any animals."

What she loved about raising and showing sheep was that they were the only larger animal that she could manage on her own.

"And they're not as high maintenance as a cow. They're pretty calm and don't require a lot of things," she said. "I love how friendly they become, and how cute they are."

The independence sheep afforded Pieschke was exactly what she was looking for, and she quickly began the work of trying to convince her grandparents to let her keep sheep at home.

"It took me a long time to even convince my grandparents to even let me have the idea of getting sheep here," she said. "I was just telling them that if I get a market lamb I'll be able to put it towards my education, because I want to be a large animal vet."

Though her grandparents had some logistics to consider – such as where the animals would be kept, for example – her grandfather Mike Pieschke said he would have never dreamed of stopping Bria's ambition.

"Let's put it this way. If a kid wants to do something in life, they want to get off the couch and move, I have no problem with it. I just

support them, she tells me what she wants, and I just do the best I can to help her out," he said. "She'd been at it for quite a while. And every time she wants to do something, she puts her mind to it."

Between last year's Shawville Fair and this spring, Pieschke saved up the \$3,000 she needed to buy all the supplies needed to keep sheep, and to purchase the sheep themselves.

The small craft business she runs making jewelry and other items she sells at markets supported this goal, as did her careful saving of the Christmas and birthday money she received in the past year.

She then helped her grandfather convert the back end of his wood shed into a make-shift barn, which she keeps meticulously clean and organized. Then came time to buy her animals.

"I wanted the fluffy sheep with the fluffy legs and heads, I was looking for Hampshires because they're cute and they get big," she said, explaining she wanted a taller breed so that she doesn't have to bend down while she's showing them.

She knew she wanted three sheep – one to use as a market lamb, and two that could spend the winter together, as they're not meant to live alone.

At this year's Shawville Fair, she will be showing a market lamb, a ewe lamb, and a beef heifer, which is new for her.

She said through this experience, she's learning more about how controlling your own emotions as a showperson can help your animal also relax.

"Your animal can pick up on how you feel and how you breathe. If you're stressed they can feel that too. If they're mad, you can feel that," she said. "But if you stay calm, you take deep breaths and stuff, they're calm too."

Looking ahead, Pieschke said she is hoping to show her sheep as yearlings next year at local fairs.

"And then I'll probably end up trying to breed them so I can start making my own lambs, if it goes well."



Sophie Kuijper Dickson, THE EQUITY
This year, her fourth with 4-H, is the first time she will be entering a market animal (her lamb Cruise) in the Shawville Fair's Sunday night auction.





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The local office of the Ministry of Agriculture, fisheries and food (MAPAQ). From left are Lucie Belair-Lavigne, Thierry Raimbault, Maxime Corriveau and Christine Rieux. Not pictured are Isabelle McComeau, Jacques Desjardins and Julien Venne.

Meet your local MAPAQ office

by **CALEB NICKERSON**
SHAWVILLE
Aug. 24, 2026

It sits on a little side street near Shawville's downtown, and you would only find it if you knew what you were looking for, but the local office of the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ) does a lot for the local community.

The office has a half-dozen employees devoted to all things agriculture, from animal production to food processing and crop insurance.

THE EQUITY spoke with Christine Rieux, an agronomist who has worked at the local office for a little over a decade.

"My role here is to represent the office to all our partners, whether it's the MRC, the SADC or anything regarding media relations as well," she explained. "On a day to day basis, I was hired here a little bit more than 11 years ago to [work on] field crops, and soil health. That's my background."

After completing her masters, specializing in grain and wheat production, she spent a year in France where she met her husband Thierry Raimbault (who also works at the local office, handling food processing and marketing).

When the job in Shawville became available, she said it was what she was looking for professionally, and being from the Ottawa area, she was quite

familiar with the culture of the region. She said that her goal was to be working in a public service role, combined with the need to get out of the office and into the field.

"It's a mix of two things. Wanting to be outside, wanting my office to be partly outside, and always being fascinated with what nature has to offer us," she said. "That's why working at the MAPAQ was the right place for me, because I could work in a context without the pressure to make sales or something like that. I prefer being a civil servant, and that kind of thing, that philosophy."

She said that between May and September/October, part of her role is keeping an eye on things that might impact local crops, such as fungus, insects or weeds.

"We monitor those crops and every week we release a news bulletin to say what to keep an eye on," she said. "It's really nice and it leads to research projects as well which we can partner with people too."

THE EQUITY profiled one of these research projects on the Western Bean Cutworm in our July 27, 2022 edition.

Rieux said that part of their role is also discussing trends and concerns with their colleagues across the province.

"Our job as regional MAPAQ offices is really to make our voices heard on the provincial scene," she said. "Especially here in the Pontiac, some of the

pests arrive here before going elsewhere in the province, because of the proximity with Ontario."

Rieux is also responsible for the office's summer students, who she said were currently working on an agricultural awareness project for the Shawville Fair, in collaboration with the non-profit Table agroalimentaire de l'Outaouais. She said that the project would focus on encouraging people to eat locally grown products.

Rieux said that their role is often directing producers to the right services, either in their office or one of the MAOQ's offices around the province.

"At the MAPAQ our goal is to help businesses thrive. We aspire to be the 'porte d'entrée,'" she said. "When they have any kind of project, or issues in the field, we try to be there for them."

The ministry handles everything from fisheries to food inspections, and Rieux said that she has access to an enormous number of subject-matter experts if a local producer has a business idea in mind.

"I would say they'd be surprised at how much we take to heart your success. Sometimes that means being realistic about your dreams, telling you, 'Oh that might not work,' that's not fun to close a door, but our door is always open but we're trying to open doors for your success, in many fields."

Agronomist Christine Rieux sits at her desk at the local MAPAQ office in Shawville. She spoke with THE EQUITY about the assistance that the office offers to local producers.



Caleb Nickerson, THE EQUITY

How well do you know Shawville Fair?

Assembled by Liz Draper

11. At the 1998 Fair's "celebrity farmers' games," what were politicians made to try to do?

a) Milk a cow b) Catch a pig c) Drive a tractor d) Herd sheep
12. In 2005, what Canadian music legend drew what was then the largest crowd ever seen at the Shawville Fair?
13. What major new building was completed on the fairgrounds in 2015?

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Shawville Fair Lingo

Below you'll find just some of the common terms used to describe the goings on at the Shawville Fair. We hope this can help you navigate the chaos you're sure to encounter, and make sense of whatever is coming through the judge's megaphone throughout the weekend.

Calf: baby cow

Heifer: Young female cow who has not yet given birth to a calf

Steer: Castrated male raised primarily for meat production.

Bull: Adult male cow used for breeding

AI: Artificial insemination, breeding technique used to improve herd genetics

Yearling: A young animal between one and two years old

Lamb: Young sheep under a year old

Ewe: Adult female sheep

Ram: Uncastrated male sheep

Wether: Castrated male sheep or goat

Broiler: Chicken raised for meat

Layer: Chicken raised primarily to produce eggs

Mare: Adult female horse

Stallion: Adult male horse used for breeding

Gelding: Castrated male horse of any age

Filly: Young female horse, usually under four years old

Colt: Young uncastrated male horse, usually under four years old

Foal: Newborn horse of either sex

Dam: The mother of any livestock

Sire: Sire is the father of any livestock

Showmanship: A class in livestock shows in which points are awarded for how a contestant handles and shows an animal, rather than the qualities of the animal itself

Conformation: A class in livestock shows in which points are awarded for the physical characteristics of the animal being shown, rather than how the animal is being shown

4-H: A youth development organization that helps young people build leadership, life, and communication skills through hands-on learning

Exhibitor: A person who enters an animal, craft, produce or another item in a contest or show at the fair

Grand Champion: The animal selected as best in its breed or division

Supreme Champion: The winner of winners when all Grand Champions compete

PAS: Pontiac Agricultural Society, the non-profit organization that runs the fair

Shawvegas: A term used by some to refer to the five days of the year that Shawville turns into Vegas

Big White Ride: The beer tent

Full Pull: A truck pull that does the full length of the arena

Shawville Fair Weather: The cooler nights and fall weather that arrives just in time for the Shawville Fair every year.

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Sheep show showing signs of growth



Submitted, Lyric McIntyre



THE EQUITY File Photo

Lyric McIntyre will be one of dozens of competitors at this year's Shawville Fair sheep show, which organizer Curtis Driscoll hopes to turn into a qualifier show for the Royal Agricultural Fair in Toronto.

by K.C. JORDAN
SHAWVILLE
Aug. 18, 2026

For Curtis Driscoll, the goal is more than simply putting on a sheep show at the Shawville Fair. The Calumet Island resident hopes to eventually turn the annual competition into a qualifier for the Royal Agricultural Fair in Toronto, one of Canada's largest agricultural exhibitions.

"I grew up at the Royal," said Driscoll. "It's in my blood."

Driscoll grew up in southern Ontario showing sheep at local fairs. Last year, he took on the responsibility of organizing the sheep show at the Shawville Fair – a job that he said involves a lot of work, such as finding a judge and competitors, as well as getting all competitors registered and organized to enter the ring on show day.

Sheep have been part of the Shawville Fair for more than a century.

Now, Driscoll is hoping to build on that history and grow the show. He said while participation numbers are lower than they have been in the past, many entries in the Fair's sheep show now come from 4-H members, last year making up almost half the entries in the show.

He said that he would likely have to get numbers up to 50 head of sheep in the show before being considered for qualifier status. Then, a committee from the Royal would have to consider the application.

He sees the show as a chance for young people to gain experience in showing sheep – an activity that he said is more complicated than the untrained observer might think.

"It's not just going out into the field and saying, 'Ok, I'm going to show you today.' It's months of feeding, the breeding, when it comes down it you've got to shear them. It takes 25 minutes to a half-hour just to shear them, and about the same just to wash it," he said.

Judges will check for different characteristics of the sheep, including their wool, musculature, and how well they conform to their breed's characteristics. Other factors, such as how well the exhibitor handles the sheep around the ring, are also taken into account.

Lyric McIntyre is part of the younger generation that's shown an interest in showing sheep. At 17 years old, the Renfrew native has shown animals in Eastern Ontario, Quebec and at the Royal. Also a member of the Shawville 4-H club, she said it is nice to have a show close to home.

McIntyre works with many of the younger 4-H kids who are just getting started, even lending them lambs to help them get accustomed to showing sheep.

"Those kids just mean a lot to me [. . .] Looking down at them, as I was once in their position, now I can look forward to teaching them and showing them the things that they can actually qualify for," she said.

For her, as well as other local breeders, there is a pride associated with showing sheep at the fair and seeing how they stack up against other local breeders. She is especially proud of her farm because, instead of buying sheep from commercial breeders, the animals are all home-bred.

"The most rewarding part of it is showing, and looking how well my yearlings and my two-year-olds can produce such wonderful lambs. Going and picking a great ram. [. . .] I'm not spending \$10,000 on sheep, these are all home-bred, so I'm pretty proud of my home-bred crowd that I have in front of me."

Driscoll said the youth development component is also important for him. He said for the youth who are getting involved in showing sheep, showing at local fairs can give them good experience buying and selling animals, as well as

a sense of accomplishment.

"During the show, you're showing off what you've done, and that's a big improvement. And you might not have won that day, but at the same time if you come home and you've got a barn full or yard full of ones that you really like, the judge is only one man's opinion. It's always nice to see where you match up," he said.

McIntyre currently has to travel far into Eastern Ontario in order to go to qualifier shows, so she would like to see one a bit closer to home. She said it would also be good for other local breeders and exhibitors.

"I think that a Royal qualifier will bring in many more breeders to Shawville than what we already have. I just think it will benefit our show in Shawville and grow our show and bring a lot more attention to Shawville having those qualifiers," she said.

Driscoll said the show still needs to grow a bit first before becoming a qualifier. For the moment, he hopes that people will come and check out the show, qualifier or not.

"It's all about people coming out and watching and supporting and all that. That's the big thing, is the support that's behind it. Come out and watch and see how you like it."

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6:30 p.m. Isabella Hoops - Kiki Totally Outrageous

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10:00 p.m. Little Bones (Tragically Hip Tribute) – Armouries – 19 + Event

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

9:00 a.m. Gates Open

9:00 a.m. Heavy Horse & Miniature Horse Show

10:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall Opens

11:00 a.m. Midway Opens

11:00 a.m. Steer Show

12:00 p.m. Opal Stock Farm Junior Showmanship Show

12:00 p.m. Entertainment on the Valley Heritage Radio Stage

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8:30 p.m. The Timberline - Armouries – 19+ Event

10:00 p.m. Nate Haller – Armouries – 19+ Event

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

9:00 a.m. Gates Open

9:00 a.m. Light Horse Show

10:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall Opens

10:00 a.m. Pony Pull

11:00 a.m. Midway Opens – Bracelet Day

11:00 a.m. Opal Stock Farm Junior Showmanship

12 noon OVAC Angus Point Show, BOSS Charolais Show & Simmental Show

12 noon Entertainment on the Valley Heritage Radio Stage

1:00 p.m. Beer Gardens Opens

1:00 p.m. Horse Pull

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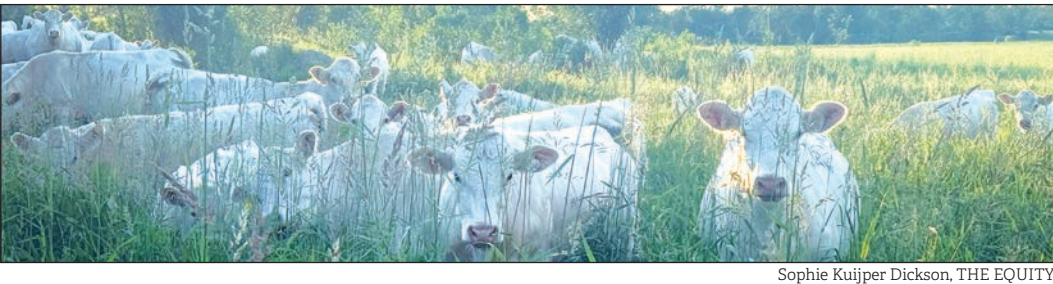
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Get to know your local beef cattle! Match the photos with the correct breed below. Answers to be published in our September 10th issue.



a) Angus b) Shorthorn c) Limousin d) Simmental e) Charolais f) Hereford

New beef tent to showcase local breeds



Can you name this breed of cow? No? Might be time to visit the fair's new cattle tent.

by CALEB NICKERSON
SHAWVILLE
Aug. 24, 2026

A new addition to this year's fair will be a tent dedicated to informing the public about beef cattle.

Pontiac Agricultural Society director Mavis Hanna explained that this is the first year that she could recall they put something like this together.

"We're going to have a breed show, there's going to be a display of six different breeds that are local to our area," she said. "We have local farmers that are bringing out a cow-calf pair that will be featured, as well as information. Some people will be there to talk about cattle and livestock, and answer questions"

The new tent will be replacing the Heavy Horse Educational Tent, which for several years gave fair visitors an opportunity to get up close with eight Clydesdale hitch horses owned by Ray and Amber McLaughlin of Haley Station, Ont.

The new cattle tent will be located beside the beef barn behind the arena. It will be

open during regular fair hours from Friday to Sunday. The six breeds on display will be on display are Charolais, Angus, Hereford, Simmental, Limousin and Shorthorn.

Hanna said that there will be plenty of opportunities for the public to get up close with the animals and speak with knowledgeable folks about the cattle industry. Attendees will be able to learn how the animals are cared for, how much they eat on a daily basis and what differentiates them. Hanna explained that having a cow-calf pair on display allows the breeders to show off their cattle's genetics and specific traits.

She said that very few people are directly involved in agriculture these days, which means that the public is largely in the dark about what goes into raising animals and operating a farm.

"The fair board is an agricultural fair board, it's part of our desire to inform people about agriculture and where farm produce comes from," she said, noting that they have had an educational agriculture awareness area for several years, but no displays solely devoted to beef cattle.

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Happy 150th
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The Shawville Fair, in days of yore

A song written by Dai Bassett (The Singing Farmer) and performed at the Shawville Fair during its 150th anniversary in 2006.

*It was back in 1856 that Shawville Fair began
All started by one William Clarke, a noted local man
And many of his comrades, they surely gathered there
To start the great tradition that's become the Shawville Fair.*

*Chorus: And tonight we are gathered here in history to share
A happy 150th birthday to the Shawville Fair.*

*And from such small beginnings, from seeds those folks did sow
Just like the tiny acorns help the mighty oak to grow
They paraded teams of horses and many a cow and calf
Their descendants are still doing it after a century and a half.*

*To keep the fair progressing has been an awesome task
Performed by volunteers you only have to ask
The fair board to their very best through blood and sweat and tears
To reach this marvelous milestone of 150 years.*

*The fair is steeped in folklore and history so rich
In 53 Claude Young did show the the first ever eight-horse hitch
A local man of Scots descent was clearly hard to say
“eight horses in a hitch! - Oh dear they’d cost too much in hay!”*

*The Shawville Fair’s had ups and downs but is such a worthy cause
Came through the great depression and survived the two World Wars
But in the 1970s the Welsh young farmers came
And for some poor folks from Shawville life has never been the same.*

*The fair is now enormous but still it is the truth
The best burgers and the best friends are made at the 4-H booth
And last year’s huge attendance meant a record breaking year
And when Stompin’ Tom came Stompin’ on - Toronto heard the cheer!!*

*You have such great facilities like this Exhibition Hall
And later in the beer tent the tales will grow so tall!
But should you come from the city or if you hail from the farm
The biggest party in Shawville Fair’s still in the cattle barn.*

*So now a great big thank you to all who run the fair
The work you do is tireless so the rest of us can share
In this little piece of history in Clarendon tonight
To keep it up this long you’ve got to be doing something right.*

BY S. WYMAN MACKECHNIE

First Published in THE EQUITY, Sept. 2, 1981 in celebration of the Shawville Fair's 125th anniversary.

This year we celebrate the 125th anniversary of Shawville Fair, for there was no Shawville in 1856 and for nearly 20 years thereafter. Early records refer to Pontiac Agricultural Society No. 1 holding an annual fair and not always at Clarendon Centre. While we do not have the dates we do know that it was held at Bristol Corners and at Norway Bay on some occasions in days gone by. Just about anywhere that a good mile long track was available for the horse race, probably the main feature of the day, although records show that livestock was brought out for inspection as well as samples of grain and roots and inevitably the biggest pumpkin to be found.

We do, however, have a definite record of the fair being held at Woburn, later known as Wyman. On September 7, 1874 at the regular session of Onslow Council, appeared Joseph Amm and Richard Edey on behalf

“My first recollection of going to Shawville Fair was back in the days when train travel was a factor.”

of the Pontiac Agricultural Society requesting aid to erect sheds to hold livestock for this year's show to be held at the Onslow-Bristol townline. On motion of Coun. O'Donnell, seconded by Coun. Behan that ten dollars be granted for that purpose. Carried.

If this seems a paltry sum we draw attention to the fact that at the same meeting, \$12 was voted to build a bridge across a creek of fair size. Such was the value of money 107 years ago.

My first recollection of going to Shawville Fair was back in the days when train travel was a factor in the lives of most Pontiacers. Those in the west end of the county could come down on the morning train,

arriving at Shawville about 8 a.m. and return at around 6 p.m. Those east of Shawville could go up at 9:30 a.m. on the “mixed”, changed for the day to a special, no freight cars to impede. Of course many drove to the fair by horse and buggy, some showing their steeds when they got there.

It would be about 1904 when my older brother took my chum and me to the fair on that westbound train. It was a short walk from the station to the fairgrounds, we two youngsters were on our own and soon became absorbed in the activities when to our dismay we saw the afternoon eastbound train steaming into the station at its regular time of 3 p.m. Unaware of the arrangements to hold it there for a six o'clock departure, we ran in desperation in the direction of the station. Even when assured by trainmen and by my brother who followed us that the train would not leave until 6 o'clock nothing would induce us to return to the scene of the fair, preferring to view it from the security of the station platform.

In 1915 I showed a two-year old calf and again in 1918 with only mediocre success. But it was in 1923 I showed my first Ayrshires there, a pair of calves. Rising before any other members of the family were up, I walked them up a couple of planks onto the wagon box, hitched on the team and was on my way before five o'clock. I had arranged for a double stall in the cattle barns for the calves and an outside stall along the fence for the horses (not being shown). This time I had more success and it was the beginning of a lifetime of showing Ayrshires, not only at Shawville but at many other fairs as well.

Exhibitors of Ayrshires in those days were Elwyn Armstrong, Willie Hanna and Tom Harris and maybe a few others, Arthur Dagg and Lee Hodgins coming on a few years later. Elwyn was a great raconteur and he told of one time when

driving his show herd from his Green Lake farm to Shawville Fair that his old pig followed the herd the whole way to the fairgrounds. Unable to make her go back, he put her in one of the swine pens, entered her in competition and won first prize. She was the only pig at the fair that year.

1923 was the last time I ever took cattle to the fair with horses but as the Wyman railway station was convenient to our farm and Shawville station near the fair grounds, and as I then had more animals to show, we went by train for several years. A stock car could be ordered and placed on the siding at Wyman, the return trip costing about \$12.00.

Then in 1927, an enterprising man who had a car and truck agency in Shawville phoned to say he would take our six head to the fair in his new truck for whatever the railway was charging. There would be several advantages, he pointed out. The truck would pick up the load right at the farm and deliver it directly to the cattle barn at the fair. No more leading to and from stations. We set the hour of departure at noon the day previous to showing.

I waited impatiently and when the driver finally arrived two hours late I was dismayed to find the truck rack much too low for hauling cattle. Probably suitable for such commodities as bags of feed or rolls of wire, but certainly not designed for a top-heavy load like cattle. Of course we did not expect the truck to hold six head but with calves and yearlings as well as a couple of mature animals, we planned on three to a load – two trips.

It took another hour to extend the sides of the rack with suitable boards then load the first three. It was a tight fit but the cattle were well trained and we squeezed them in. It proved to be too tight as about a half a mile from home, a lurch of the truck sent my best cow crashing through the side and onto the roadway. A quick stop on

the drivers part and a ready jack knife of mine cut the rope before any serious injury resulted. The cow returned home on her own, the cut halter partly telling the story.

Now it would be three trips, only two to a load and after a little binding up the rack with haywire, that ever ready source of repair, we were again on our way, now three hours behind schedule.

The final two trips were something of a nightmare as heavy rain and darkness set in. Some roads under construction became a quagmire forcing the driver to seek alternative routes on the final trip. But at last we made it by one o'clock in the morning. For the next several years we went back to using the train as a means of getting to Shawville Fair. However, trucking of cattle has come a long way since 1927.

Not only has transportation to the fair changed greatly over the years, but so has the fair itself. Accommodation for cattle has multiplied several times since I first showed there. The community centre is a tremendous asset to the event as well as many other improvements.

No longer are horse races held in connection with the fair. That attraction now takes place on a different date and at another location. With increasing popularity of other features, there was not enough room on the fair grounds for a proper race track creating problems, yet I am sure there are many who miss that part of the program.

As we celebrate the 125th anniversary we should take time to remember those who started it all in 1856 and those who supported it over the years. In the early days, the fair was considered the highlight of the year as indeed it still is. The promoters often laboured under great handicaps yet managed to carry on. Visitors to the fair would do well to drop in at the Pontiac Museum in the south west corner of the grounds. There they will find many things to remind them of days gone by, even some that had a place in an old time fair. Certainly a lot of artifacts used by people who made those first fairs possible.



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In Photos: Shawville Fairs Past



The crowd at the 1996 Fair went wild when Wayne Roderick's dog Kea climbed a ladder during the pet show.



Volunteers in the handicraft area at the 1977 Fair included Isabel Graham, Ruby Rusenstrom, judge Ruth Wideman, and Robena Ritchie.



Nine-year-old Calvin Fleury of Chapeau tried his luck at the Whac-a-Mole game in the midway at the 1993 Shawville Fair.



Despite their protests, Masham's Yves Robert managed to hang on to his team of horses in the horse drawing contest at the 2000 Fair.



4-H Beef Heifer winners at the 1991 Shawville Fair were 11-year-old Jeff Russell and his 10-year-old sister Jennifer.



Leah Beardsley skillfully maneuvered Jack Graham's pony "ET" in the child's saddle pony class at the 1992 Fair.

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Some of the crowd waiting for Canadian country music group The Wilkinsons to come on stage at the 2001 Shawville Fair.

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Mrs J. Arthur Kilgour, pictured with Ken Kilgour and Joyce McCagg, presented the J. Arthur Kilgour memorial trophy for best breeders' herd to J. Donald Duff in 1977.



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Eight-year-old Trevor Stevens of Shawville was awarded the "Young Horseman's Trophy" at the 1979 Shawville Fair. Trevor is pictured here with his pony, Jocko, who he had been riding for three years.



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Past presidents of the Shawville Fair rode into the official opening ceremonies of the 2000 Fair on a horse drawn carriage. From left are Lucille Hodgins, Nellis Stewart, Dalton Hodgins, Robert Younge, George Coles, Ronald Hodgins, Dr. Roland Armitage, George Pirie, Elwyn Lang, Mavis Hanna and driver Jack Stewart.



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Spectators grinned from ear to ear as pigs rounded the bend heading into the home stretch of their race during the 1989 Fair.



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Hagus Damien MacKenzie of Ghost Hill at Breckenridge took a time out for a bite to eat while taking in the Shawville Fair on Sept. 3, 1988.



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Monday, Sept. 5, 1988 was a holiday for many people, but not for members of the Shawville-Clarendon Fire Department, who were busy fighting fires at the Fair's demolition derby.



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The 1978 Miss Shawville Fair, Nancy Wilson (centre), receives the Pontiac Printshop Rose Bowl from the 1977 Queen Cindy Coles (right). Runner up was Beth Rennick (left).



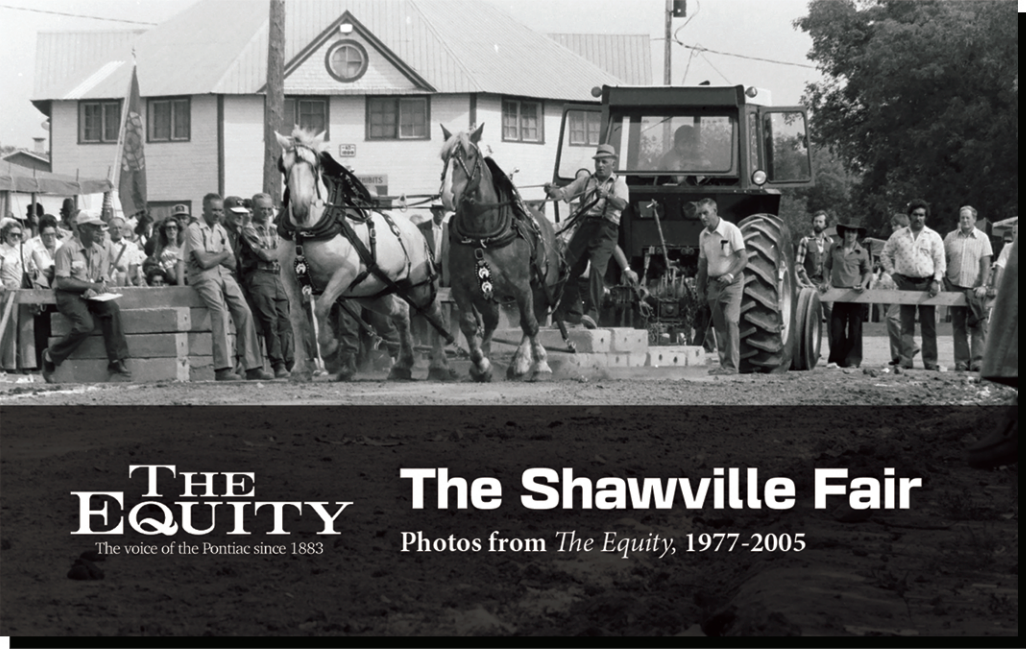
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An attraction at the 1983 Shawville Fair was local bagpiper, Mr. Harry T. Richards, who at the time had been playing the bagpipes for 40 years. Richards was born in Otter Lake and lived most of his life in the Clarendon area.



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The Sûreté du Québec brought its two Canadian horses, Saphir and Mekinac, to the 2001 Shawville Fair. It was the first public event for them at the time.



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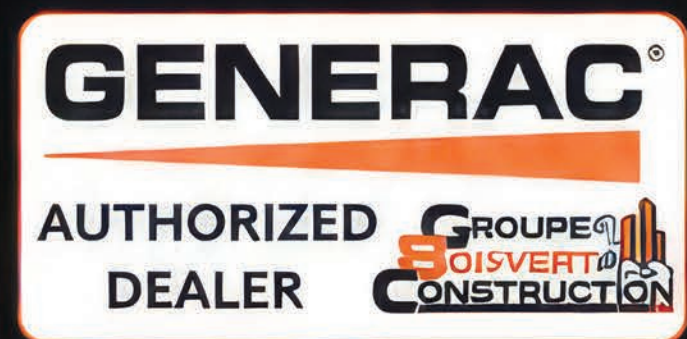


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