

February 2025

Our Annual Winter Carnival says Goodbye to our old mascot, Bonhomme, to make way for NEW Bonhomme

by Dolly Gordon

Bonhomme has been the mascot of the Onaping Falls Winter Carnival for almost 60 years. This year the old Bonhomme costume has been retired to make way for the NEW Bonhomme. Last year Ookpik, the Dowling Carnival Mascot, was replaced with a newer mascot costume also.

You can see Bonhomme and Ookpik at this years Onaping Falls Winter Carnival that is set to take place on February 1st at the Dowling Leisure Centre and on February 2nd at the Onaping Community Centre.

Over the years many of us have had the opportunity to sport the mascot costumes. Alot of laughs and giggles behind the giant heads of these two adorable costumes.

The Onaping Falls Recreation Committee has continually put aside funds to make these new characters come to life. They are not inexpensive and they hope the new costumes will have a good long life entertaining our community, once a year, at Winter Carnival!

Each year, before Carnival weekend, Bonhomme and Ookpik make their way around our towns to raise community Spirit. This year was no different and our silly friends made sure to visit some of out favourite locations and people! Look inside the pages of this months OFN to see where they went!! Goling Falls



Opening Ceremonies Friday, January 31st at the Onaping Legion at 6:30pm

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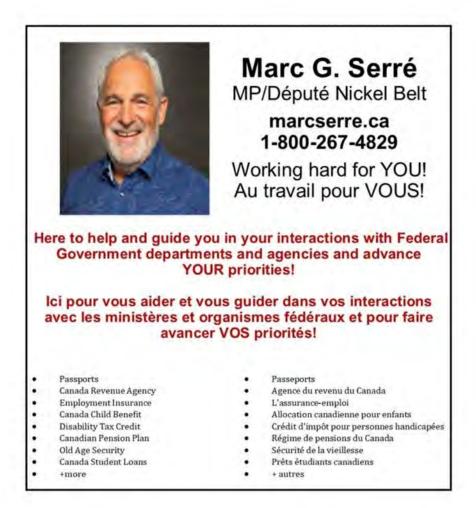
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On Tuesday, January 21st students from Levack and Larchwood Public Schools had the opportunity to participate in the Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Competition.

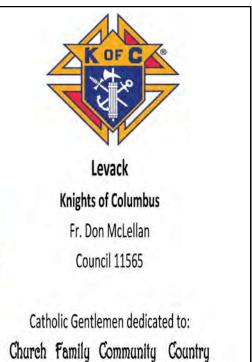
This years competition was hosted by Levack Public School. 60 students from ages 9-13 took their best free throw shot and all contestants represented themselves well.

Congrats to Levack Champions Hadley McCauley, Brooklyn McMillian. Josh Moir and Thomas Linton.

Congrats to our Larchwood Champions Trent Rouleau, Logan Jeyes and Emily Love

The Knights of Columbus, Council 11565. treated students and teachers to a pizza lunch afterwards for their efforts!





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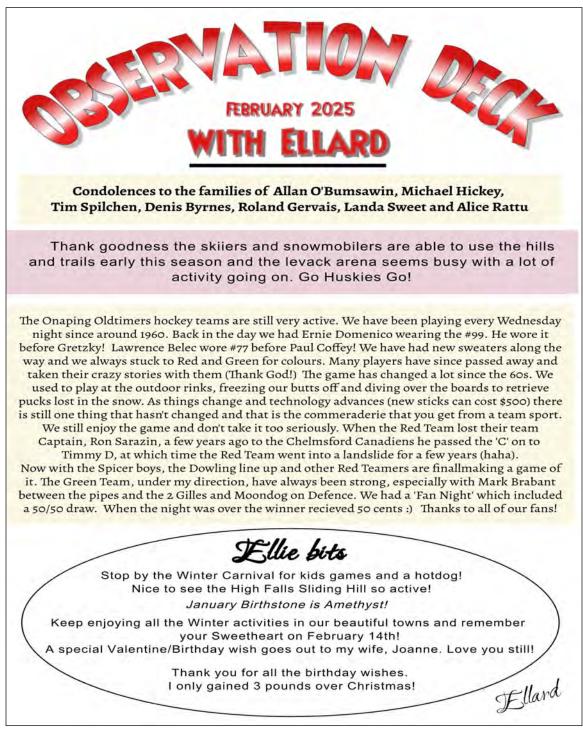
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FEBRUARY Artist of the Month Elizabeth Carrier

Elizabeth's artwork will be on display at the Levack-Onaping Library for the whole month. Stop by and have a look!

The Art Club Studio Space is open on Mondays 9-4, Thursday 9-4 and some Saturdays for workshops! The space can be used at anytime by members. Contact information is below if you are interested in learning more about our Club!

Contact information President, Janice Farrow ~ 705-919-5971 Vice President, Lucie Mainville ~ 705-988-6355 Treasurer, Elise Charron ~ 705-923-0094



Winter Carnival 2025 Art Club Activities

Saturday, February 1st Dowling Leisure Centre

Artists' Demonsrations and Art Activities for kids 'Kids at Heart'

Sunday, February 2nd

ART CLUB OPEN HOUSE at the Onaping Community Centre

Art Display, Artists' Demonstrations and Art Activities



Artist, Lucie Mainville led participants in an acrylic painting workshop on Saturday, January 18th.

Pictured in photo on above are Back l to r - Anyse Laliberte, Nancy Tremblay and Ally Tremblay-Perron Front row l to r Janice Farrow and Lynda Carr

Watch for upcoming workshops in drawing and watercolour painting!!



Check out our Facebook page "The Onaping Falls Art Club'

The Onaping Falls Art Club continues to grow. You can become a member! Yearly memberships are only \$25

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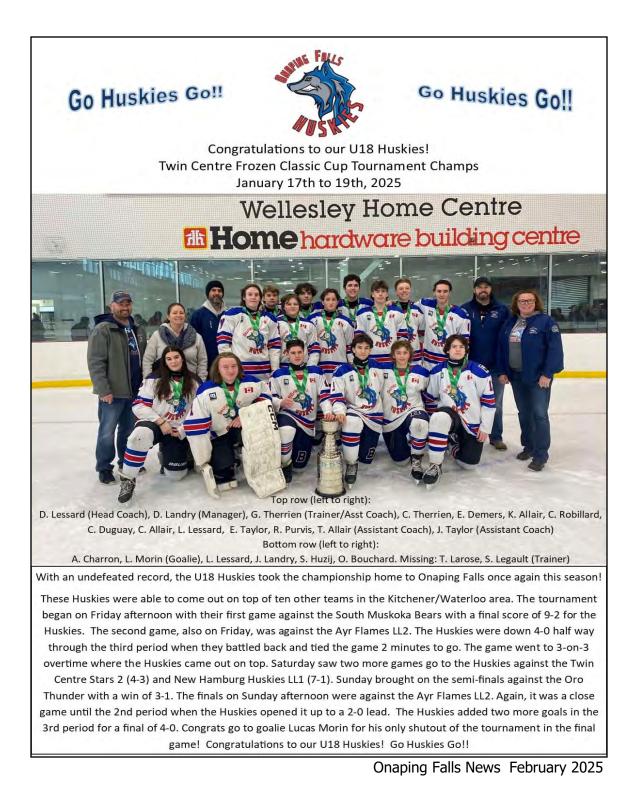
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Bonhomme and Ookpik make the rounds to raise Carnival Spirit!

by Dolly Gordon

A week or so before Carnival Weekend our mascots Bonhomme and Ookpik make their way to local businesses and hot spots to say Hello and raise some Carnival Spirit. In antcipation of a fun weekend with lots of things to do and winter temperatures that are palpable!

A stop by the Onaping pool to visit Super Lifeguards Josee Lightfoot and Charli Huskinson. Our pool was built as part of the Canada Centennial Year 1966 Grant. The town of Levack recieved \$1300 and Onaping recieved \$3000. Levack donated the grant money to Onaping to build the pool. Grant monies were to be used to construct 'memorable monuments' to Canada's 100th Birthday. In 1967, Wm.(Bill) Day Construction broke ground where the pool sits today. Our pool is still a busy hub for community members big and small.





Another stop by the Levack Public School (formerly Levack District High School From 1957 to 2001 it was our High Shcool, L.D.H.S. (my alma mater) was a great school and we all have great memories from our time there! Soon after its closure the Levack Public School (which was just up the stairs and down the street a bit) moved in and to this days houses students for the Rainbow School Board with classes from Kinder to Grade 8.

> Our LDHS Moto was 'Small but Powerful'

The original Bonhomme, which dates back to the late 60's/early 70's, was made by Leona Dawe and her sewing/crafting group at that time. His paper mache head was about 3x2 feet round. In the photo to the right Old Bonhommme waves Goodbye to the folks of Onaping Falls in January 2025. Such great memories our mascots instill!



The Levack Onaping Library is going to "Uncrate the Sun"! Do you remember that old Eaton's advertisement? It's the time of year when we look forward to more sunshine as we weather just a few more weeks of winter! Come see our display of Sunny Books that will bring you closer to springtime! Lots of feel-good books will get you... feeling good!

Our Wool Library has become a popular stop for knitters and crocheters whether beginner or expert! Come visit and take home your supply of yarn for your new project! We also have some needles and other craft materials available! Come take a look!

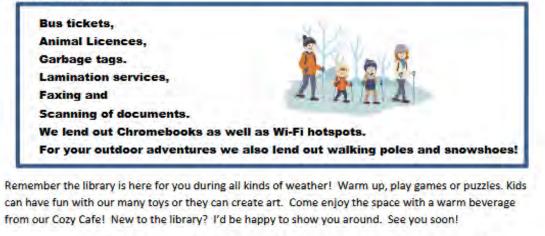
In February, the library has a cute Valentine's themed craft! On February



11th, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm you can transform some leftover "junk" items into a beautiful Valentines card! Get creative and inspired with this fun-for-the-whole-family activity! Register by calling the library at 705-688-3951 or on-line at

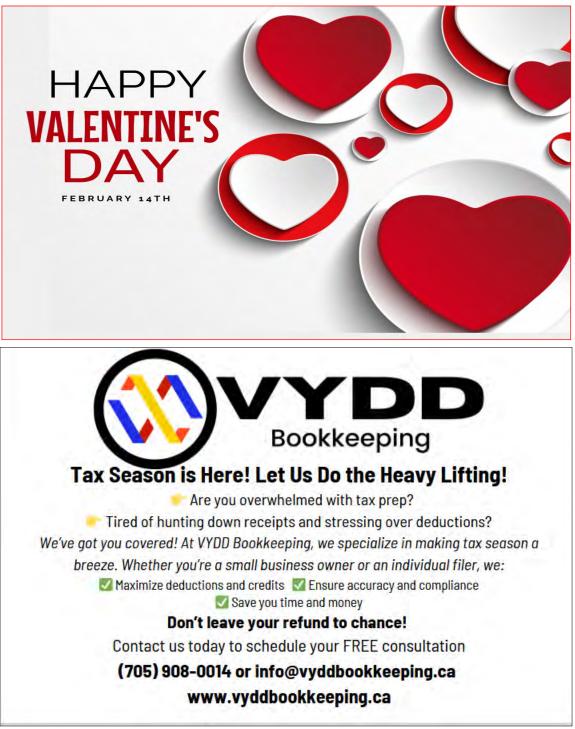
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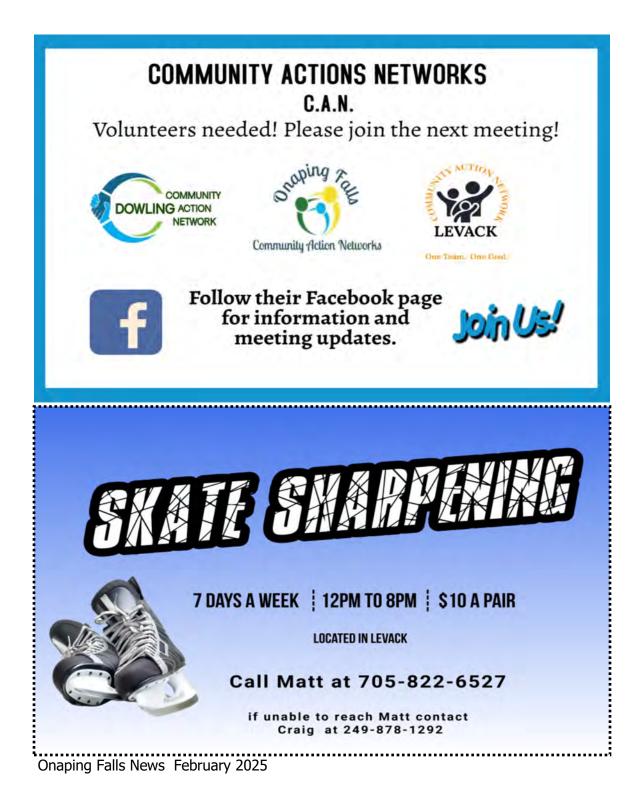
Remember your Levack Onaping Library branch is your one stop for many municipal services! We provide:



The Levack Onaping Library is open Mon 9-2 Tue 2-7 Wed 10-2 Thu 2-7 & Sat 10-2 (closed Saturdays in the summer)

> You can find Martha at the Levack Onaping Library in the Onaping Community Centre wondering if she can handle just one more candy heart.





Bonhomme and Ookpik continued

by Dolly Gordon

Always fun to drop in to the Onaping Falls Legion, Branch 503 and visit with Branch President, Jeff Dane and his wife, Sharon, Branch Vice President. Branch 503 celebrated 75 years of contributing to the community last year. The Club held a celebration in November 2024

The Legion is a proud sponsor of the Onaping Falls Winter Carnival. We are very lucky to have such hardwork and dedicated people in our community.

The ever smiling, Lois Parker (right), was found hanging out with our mascots. Lois is the wife of our former Mayor Bob Parker. Bob is still very active in our community and is continually advising on our history and has much input to the ongoings in our small towns.





After a few hours of hard work our mascots deserve a break. Stopping in at our Dowling Tim Hortons is a great break. Of course, they had to remove their giant mascot heads to enjoy a hot drink and something for the sweet tooth.

Keep an eye out for the March 2025 issue of the OFN for Carnival photos!

