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COMMUNITY TAKEOVER

EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL



On June 1, Grant Emmell, Isla Shields and Avery Griffith were recognized by Council for their contributions to the Township newsletter program.



COMMUNITY TAKEOVER EDITION

In this edition, local organizations are taking over the Township newsletter while our student contributors enjoy their well-deserved summer break.

Inside, you'll find stories, updates and events from the volunteers and groups that make Edwardsburgh Cardinal a great place to live, work and play.

COMMUNITY TAKEOVER

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH THE LIBRARY

Article by: Friends of the Cardinal Library

The Friends of the Cardinal Library Branch provides funding for enhancements and special initiatives that enrich the library experience for our community. Through our fundraising efforts, we purchased a new carpet for the Children's Area, creating a comfortable and welcoming space for our youngest patrons.

The Friends also support and sponsor a variety of library programs. For the past four years, we have partnered with the Friends of the Spencerville Library to sponsor the annual Design a Bookmark Contest. Open to participants of all ages, the contest showcases remarkable creativity and talent, making the selection of winners both challenging and rewarding.

We are committed to supporting the TD Summer Reading Club and proudly host a monthly Adult Book Club.

In addition, the Friends sponsor a range of special events and programs, including author visits, the Butterfly Program, and Reptile Rainforest presentations, among many others.



Most recently, we partnered with the Seaway Horticultural Society to help beautify the flower beds at the front of the library branch, further enhancing the welcoming atmosphere of our community library.

Fundraising initiatives such as book sales, yard sales, quilt raffles, donations, and special events enable us to purchase computers, printers, Cricut machines, and other resources for the library. These efforts also help fund special programs and events, bridging the gap between municipal budget allocations and the community's growing need for enhanced resources, technology, and children's programming.

We extend our thanks to all who contribute and support our efforts and to the volunteers for their time and dedication. ▀

SUMMERFEST RETURNS TO SPENCERVILLE JULY 26

Article by: Spencerville Business Community Connections (SBCC)



SBCC presents SummerFest on July 26th with something for everyone in the Village.

The Seasonal Market will be at the arena. There will be activities for the kids at the Mill park- Happy Little Farmstead petting zoo and a bouncy castle and lawn games all free! Face painting (\$) and music at the mill will also be happening. Be sure to check out Diablo Manor as they will be open and offering a full array of entertainment as well. Next venture over to Spencercity Bar and Grill for the BBQ battle and live music all afternoon. We'll end the day with our fundraiser of Pie in the face of our local celebrities and Council members at 4 pm on the patio!

The day starts at 10 am and runs til 5 and has something for everyone, so please join us for lots of FREE fun! ▀

COMMUNITY TAKEOVER

SOUTH EDWARDSBURGH RECREATION ASSOCIATION: BUILDING COMMUNITY SINCE 1971

Article by: South Edwardsburgh Recreation Association (SERA)

The South Edwardsburgh Recreation Association (SERA) has been serving the Johnstown community for more than 50 years. Established in 1971 by a dedicated group of local residents, SERA was formed to promote and encourage the social, recreational, and cultural betterment of the community.

Over the decades, SERA has played an important role in enhancing local recreation opportunities. Working alongside the Township, the association has contributed to the establishment of many valued community amenities, including the South Hall, the community pool, and the ball diamonds that continue to serve residents today.

SERA remains actively involved in organizing events that bring people together and strengthen community spirit. Annual activities include the popular Chili Cook-Off, the opening of the Johnstown Pool each summer, a Dog Park Social, and the family-friendly Trunk and Treat event in the fall.

More recently, SERA has partnered with the Township to promote the use of the Multi-Use Court in Johnstown and to assist with the care and maintenance of the community's off-leash dog park. These efforts help ensure that local recreational facilities remain welcoming and accessible for residents of all ages.

In addition, SERA as a pilot hosted a kids movie night which by all accounts was a huge success, please be on the lookout for our next night movie later this Summer or Fall.

Looking ahead, SERA will be hosting an All Candidates Meeting in advance of the upcoming municipal election in October, providing residents with an opportunity to learn

more about the candidates and issues that will shape the future of the community.

Community members are always welcome to get involved. SERA meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre in Johnstown. Whether through recreation, community events, or civic engagement, SERA continues its longstanding commitment to making South Edwardsburgh a vibrant and connected place to live. ■

GIVING BACK THROUGH THE LIBRARY

Article by: Friends of the Spencerville Library



The Friends of the Spencerville Library are pleased to share some exciting news about the impact of our fundraising efforts and the generosity of our community. Thanks to the many donations we receive throughout the year and the continued success of our quarterly "Buck-a-Bag" Book Sales, we have been able to give back in meaningful ways to local organizations and students.

This year, we were delighted to support the lunch and snack program at Centennial '67 Public School, helping ensure that students have access to nutritious food throughout the school day. We also established a \$1,000 bursary for a graduating student from Edwardsburgh Cardinal who is pursuing post-secondary studies in library sciences, research, archives, information management, or a related field.

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In addition, the Friends were pleased to provide funding to the Spencerville Library for a variety of miscellaneous items and enhancements that fall outside of its annual operating budget, helping to improve services and resources available to library patrons.

Building on the success of our first bursary, we are excited to announce that a second \$1,000 bursary is now available for students from the community who are entering or continuing studies in library, archival, information, or research-related programs. Supporting education and lifelong learning remains an important part of our mission, and we are proud to invest in the next generation of researchers, librarians, and information professionals.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supports our book sales, donates books, and volunteers their time. Your contributions make these initiatives possible. For bursary details, eligibility requirements, and application information, we invite you to visit our Facebook page, "Spencerville Friends of the Library." ▀



IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

Article by: Food For All South Grenville Food Bank

What does it take to operate The South Grenville Food Bank?

The answer might surprise you: more than 70 dedicated volunteers contribute over 700 hours every month, working alongside just three staff members to operate three food bank locations across South Grenville. From stocking shelves and greeting clients to sorting donations, managing our bottle recycling program, and helping at events, their generosity, compassion, and commitment are the driving force behind everything we do.

As the need for food assistance continues to grow, we are always looking for ways to make our services more accessible. This spring, we added evening service hours in Spencerville, joining our existing evening service in Cardinal and Prescott and making food support more accessible for those who may not be able to visit during daytime hours.

Any resident of South Grenville who needs food support is welcome to register with the Food Bank. Whether assistance is needed for a short period or during a challenging season of life, our team is here to help in a welcoming, respectful, and confidential environment.

The South Grenville Food Bank is more than a building or a service, it's neighbours helping neighbours. Every volunteer shift, donation, sponsorship, and fundraising event helps strengthen our community and ensures that no one has to face hunger alone.

If you'd like to be part of that effort, we invite you to learn more about volunteering, supporting events such as Casino Royale – Raising the Stakes to Fight Hunger on September 25, our largest annual fundraiser supporting local food programs, or accessing services by visiting www.sgfoodbank.ca. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news and opportunities. ▀

COMMUNITY TAKEOVER

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW VOLUNTEERS TO CARRY TRADITION FORWARD

Article by: Cardinal Festival Committee

After many years of organizing and supporting the community festival, the current Festival Committee has announced its intention to step aside and pass leadership of the event to a new generation of volunteers.

The committee is inviting individuals, families, community groups, service clubs, and local organizations to consider taking on a role in planning and leading the festival in the years ahead. Organizers say the decision comes after years of dedicated service and a desire to ensure the event continues to grow and evolve with fresh ideas and new leadership.

Although they are stepping back from their leadership roles, current committee members have emphasized their commitment to supporting a smooth transition. They are prepared to share their experience, knowledge, and resources to help new volunteers succeed.

"The festival has always been a community effort," organizers noted. "Its success depends on local involvement, and we hope new volunteers will step forward to help shape its future."

Anyone interested in becoming involved or learning more about what is required is encouraged to contact the committee. Community support will be essential to ensuring this valued local tradition continues for generations to come. ■

SPENCERVILLE MILL AND MUSEUM – WHERE HISTORY LIVES AND BREATHES

Article by: Spencerville Mill and Museum



Soon, the doors to the Spencerville Mill and Museum will be open for regular tours and turbine demonstrations starting July 2nd and running until the end of August. While it has been a while since the Mill's doors have been open regularly, lots has been going on. Phase one of our elevator installation is well underway and nearing completion. This involves the construction of an elevator shaft. Phase two, which will be the final phase, should be completed in the near future. We have also had three successful fundraising events: the Father-Daughter Ball, the Canoe Poker Run, and the Lyle Henderson Memorial Golf Tournament.

This summer, we will have a special exhibit entitled "Game On: The History of Recreation and Sport." This will involve the local history of some of our local sports teams. This exhibit will be set up on the upper level and will be ready for viewing from July 2nd until early August. The exhibit will kick off when Professor Matthew J. Bellamy from the Carleton University History Department visits us on June 30th for a history talk on the history of sport.

Once the elevator project is complete, we are hoping to work towards repairing and replacing our windows. Aside from maintenance, we are establishing a Friends of the Mill group. If interested, please contact spencervillemill5885@gmail.com. For updates on Mill events and activities, please visit our website at spencervillemill.ca or follow us on Facebook. ■

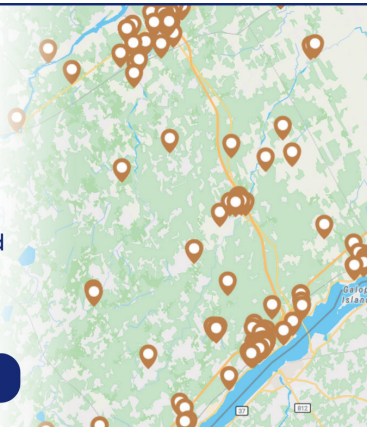
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COUNTDOWN TO THE 171ST SPENCERVILLE FAIR

Article by: Spencerville Agricultural Society

For 171 years, the Spencerville Fair has been bringing together agriculture, community, and tradition in Edwardsburgh Cardinal. While many people know us for the annual Fair each September, the Spencerville Agricultural Society is active year-round through events, fundraising initiatives, facility rentals, and volunteer opportunities that help support our historic fairgrounds.

June has been an especially busy month for our volunteers. Earlier this month, our Barn Dance fundraiser welcomed guests from across the region for an evening of country music, dancing, and community spirit, raising funds to support ongoing improvements to the fairgrounds. Just one week later, we hosted our annual Father's Day Breakfast and Car Show, bringing together classic car enthusiasts, local families, and community members for a day of great food, impressive vehicles, and fellowship.

These events are made possible by the dedication of our volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who help keep our organization thriving.

Looking ahead, preparations are well underway for the 171st Spencerville Fair, taking place September 10-13, 2026. Committee members are already planning exhibits, entertainment, competitions, and activities that celebrate our agricultural roots while creating memorable experiences for visitors of all ages.



www.SpencervilleFair.ca



We are always looking for new volunteers and supporters. Whether you can spare a few hours or would like to become more involved, we invite you to join us in helping preserve one of our community's longest-standing traditions. ■

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COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

Find and advertise community events online.

calendar.twpec.ca



COMMUNITY TAKEOVER

SUMMER POOL SCHEDULES

Pool schedules can change throughout the season. Before you visit, check www.twpec.ca/pools for the latest schedules and pool safety information.

Cardinal Pool

Starting June 29, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Adult Lessons/Lane Swim	8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Adult Lessons/Lane Swim	8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Adult Lessons /Lane Swim	8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Adult Lessons/Lane Swim		
	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day Time Lessons	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day Time Lessons	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day Time Lessons	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day Time Lessons	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day Time Lessons	
	12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Private/Sensory Lessons	12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Private/Sensory Lessons	12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Private/Sensory Lessons	12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Private/Sensory Lessons	12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Staff Training	
	1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Day Camp Swim	1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Day Camp Swim	1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Day Camp Swim	1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Day Camp Swim	1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Day Camp Swim	
12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Public/Lane Swim	2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Public/Lane Swim	2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Public/Lane Swim	2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Public/Lane Swim	2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Public/Lane Swim	2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Public/Lane Swim	12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Public/Lane Swim
	5:15p.m. to 7 p.m. Evening Lessons	5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Evening Lessons	5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. Evening Lessons	5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Evening Lessons		
	7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Public/Lane Swim	6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aqua Fit	7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Public/Lane Swim	6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aqua Fit		
		7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Public/Lane Swim		7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Public/Lane Swim		

Changes last made: April 16, 2026

Johnstown Pool

Starting June 29, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Adult Lessons/Lane Swim		8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Adult Lessons/Lane Swim		
	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day time Lessons	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day time Lessons	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day time Lessons	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day time Lessons	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day time Lessons	
	12:10 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. Jr. Lifeguard Club	12 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. Private/Sensory Lessons	12:10 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. Jr. Lifeguard Club	12 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. Private/Sensory Lessons	12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Staff Training	
	1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Day Camp Swim	1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Day Camp Swim	1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Day Camp Swim	1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Day Camp Swim	1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Day Camp Swim	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday Lessons
12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Public/Lane Swim	2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Public/Lane Swim	2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Public /Lane Swim	2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Public /Lane Swim	2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Public /Lane Swim	2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Public /Lane Swim	12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Public /Lane Swim
	4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Swim Team	4:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. Swim Team	4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Swim Team	4:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. Swim Team	4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Swim Team	
	6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aqua Fit	6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Evening Lessons	6 p.m. to 7p.m. Aqua Fit	6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Public Swim/Lane Swim	6:15 p.m. to 7:15p.m. Master Swim Team	
	7:05 p.m. to 8 p.m. Master Swim Team	7p.m. to 8 p.m. Public Swim/Lane Swim	7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Public /Lane Swim			

Changes last made: April 16, 2026

The Johnstown pool will be closed on August 16 for the Johnstown Bears Swim meet.