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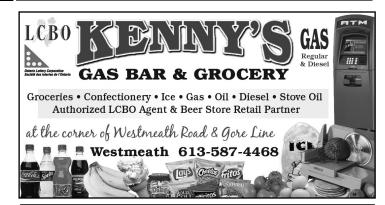
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## SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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For Newsletter inquiries: Email: <u>wdranewsletter@nrtco.net</u> or call 613-587-4438 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ENTRIES IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH www.westmeathtoday.ca

The WDRA is excited to start to plan activities again in our community, with the loosening of covid protocols.

We have not confirmed a date, time or price yet but are hoping to start with some games and work our way into a dart league. If you would be interested in playing please contact Beth at 613 587-4294 or at <a href="wdra@nrtco.net">wdra@nrtco.net</a>. A poster will be put up in the community once the details are finalized. Months ago we had put out a plea for dart boards, but had decided on holding off getting them until we knew we would be allowed to play. If those of you who offered to donate a dart board are still willing could you please get in touch. More information will be shared on the WDRA Facebook page as well

We are also in the planning stages of hosting some craft days. Some possibilities that we are investigating are card making, just in time for Christmas and or a quilted table runner. If you would be interested in taking part in these activities please watch our monthly newsletter for details or on our WDRA Facebook page.





We are also hoping to get the basketball net fixed and up outside the hall in the near future. Everyone is welcome to use it, but would be required to bring their own basketball.



Wishing all our students, teachers, parents,

Admin., custodians, bus drivers

a great start to a new year. I'm sure everyone is quite excited to be back. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy year ahead!





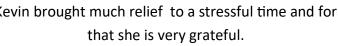
### Eileen deHann would like to acknowledge

### **Kevin Boire of WINMAR**

for his professionalism, kindness and caring at a time most needed. Kevin was very respectful, understanding and a wonderful help to her during the sale of her home.



Kevin brought much relief to a stressful time and for that she is very grateful.





News Release/ Communiqué

FROM/DE: Upper Ottawa Valley OPP **DATE:** August 23, 2021

Police provinciale de l'Ontario

#### SCHOOL BUSES ARE RETURNING SOON

Drivers reminded to exercise caution

(PEMBROKE, ON) - The Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind motorists that school buses are returning to area roads very soon with some area schools starting classes on August 31, 2021. Motorists are reminded to exercise caution due to the expected increase in pedestrians cyclists and school buses, and to give themselves extra commuting time. Students will no doubt be excited and may forget some of the safety rules required for safe travels.

From August 31 to September 10, 2021 UOV OPP officers will be conducting a focused patrol across the detachment area targeting drivers who disobey traffic laws in relation to school bus safety. A zero tolerance approach will be taken. In accordance with the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) motorists encountering a stopped school bus that has its safety lights and equipment activated shall stop before reaching the bus and shall not proceed until the bus moves or the safety lights and equipment have been de-activated This applies whether you are meeting or following a school bus, and includes multi-lane roads. The only exception is when driving on a road with a median - traffic coming from the opposite direction is not required to stop. Vehicle owners can be charged if their vehicle illegally passes a stopped school bus, even if they weren't driving.

The fine for failing to stop for a school bus is \$400 to \$2000 and 6 demerit points for the first offence. Subsequent offences carry a fine between \$1000 and \$4000, six demerit points and possible jail time (up to six months).

Drivers should also be prepared to yield to student pedestrians and cyclists. Parents of students who will be walking or cycling to school are encouraged to speak with their children about the rules of the road that apply to them.

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## Life 50 years in the Future

The median age for Canadians is 42 years. This means that probably half of our population will be deceased in 50 years. The remaining people will either be amazed at what the future holds for them or apprehensive with the everyday difficulties they will have to face.

Observing this summer with all the forest fires raging in Canada, the US, Greece and Turkey right now and the incredible temperature-setting records on the Pacific coastal area, the Heat Dome that settled over Vancouver, severe droughts in California and on our prairies, it's difficult to imagine what the magnitude of hardship that the future holds.

Summertime in the Northern Hemisphere has been marred by severe flooding across Europe and China. One of the coldest places on the planet, Siberia, has experienced severe heat and forest fires.

Nearly all of this can be attributed to human influence. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) found that the combined effects of human activity have already increased the global average temperature by about 1.1°C above the late 19th-century average.

Even if the world meets its current Paris Accord, it is not nearly enough to limit the temperature rise to meet its goal in 2050. More drastic moves to eliminate greenhouse gas pollution. When hurricanes, tornadoes, melting glaciers, and rising sea levels enters into the picture, it seems like a horror show awaits us.

The new forecast is "a code red for humanity," said the secretary-general of the UN. "There must be an end for coal and fossil fuels before they destroy our planet." Humanity has heated the climate to at least a 100,000-year high. All of the warming is caused by human influence.

And if the goal of reducing greenhouse gasses fall short, it would create nearly 50 percent of unlivable conditions for the poorest areas on Earth. 20 percent of the globe will feel like the Sahara Desert.

Some areas will be uninhabitable, including places like Brazil, the Middle East and India. However the US, parts of Australia and Europe will also feel the heat.

Canada is a land of extremes, from car-freezing cold to crop-searing heat and from drenching rains to drought. But you ain't seen nothin' yet.

By 2070 - it will be warmer by an average of about two degrees. It will be wetter, mostly, by about five per cent. Drought-prone spruce will be lost first, followed by pines and then aspen, to be replaced by some form of prairie grassland.

Milder winters allow mountain pine beetles to survive and infect forests in Alberta and Saskatchewan, killing trees and turning forests into tinder boxes.

The US-Canada relationship will be more complicated. The southwest (US) will have limited water sources. n a United States that is water-deprived, they're automatically looking northward.

The past decade was most likely hotter than any period in the last 125,000 years. Sea levels as much as 10 meters higher. Combustion and deforestation have also raised carbon dioxide in the atmosphere higher than they've been in two million years, and agriculture and fossil fuels have contributed to methane and nitrous oxide concentration higher than any point in at least 800,000 years.

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