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QVSS NEWS AND VIEWS IS CREATED BY MEMBERS
OF THE QVSS 'MEDIA MAKERS' PROGRAM! CLIENTS
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SOCIAL MEDIA AND WORK WEEKLY ON ARTICLES
FOR QVSS NEWS & VIEWS.



## Message from the Director

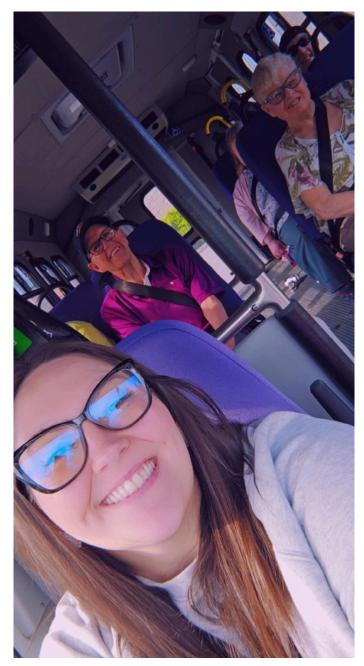
I am thrilled about the return of our beloved News & Views publication. It's been a while since our last issue, and I'm excited to share the many changes and developments that have taken place at QVSS through our publications.

I want to welcome all the new faces at QVSS. It's incredible to see our community grow and evolve. To our newcomers, we're so glad you've chosen to be a part of our journey. I'm also excited to share that we've welcomed an impressive number of new staff members – nearly 50% of our team is new! I also want to acknowledge our long-time staff who have stayed with us for many years.

I look forward to updating you all on the exciting initiatives and projects happening at QVSS in the coming editions. There's so much to share, and I can't wait to see how these developments will shape our future together.

Mike Vajda
Executive Director, Quinte Vitality and Social Support

## Letter from the Editor



Alyssa Ross
Editor-in-Chief &
QVSS Direct Care Worker

I feel so privileged to be taking over the role of editing Q.V.S.S. News & Views News! Its legacy is truly impactful as I still see old articles circulate through the building! While most of my background is in the human services field I have a passion for media and technology and I have so enjoyed getting to share this passion with the clients here at QVSS.

Since May, we have been working hard to learn a graphic design software called Canva. This program allows us to create really interesting articles and is quite accessible in terms of use! We also use this program to make Facebook posts, edit Tiktoks and are even in the process of learning how to make movie trailers! We are so grateful to have the amazing help of our Loyalist and Summer SEED students, Tanveer and Alicia!

In this first edition of the new 'Q.V.S.S. News & Views' magazine, individuals were encouraged to write articles about topics that were important to them. Some chose to share about community activities and others wrote personal stories. We also hope to use this platform moving forward, to share with you ongoing agency activities, new programs and so much more!

Self expression allows individuals to establish a sense of autonomy and individuality. In the following articles you will see these writers communicate their personal thoughts, feelings, and experiences through their own narrative! There is really something for everyone inside! Enjoy!

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It was an exciting day here at Q.V.S.S. on June 28th, as we celebrated Canada Day just before the long weekend! We had our annual Canada Day bash! There were crafts, bingo and Canuck Karaoke! We had peameal bacon sandwiches for lunch. We also had Canada Day cup cakes! After lunch we watched Cool Runnings, starring Canadian actor, John Candy. We also had a dance and Michele F won the raffle prize!

**Author: Jeanette Ruttan** 









Dances started up again this past October for the first time since Covid shutdowns! Our new location at the Masonic Hall has proven to be a perfect fit for our dancers, with more parking, accessible entryways AND air conditioning! We can't wait to see you all at Rally One when it begins again in September of 2024!

Rally One offers a safe, fun dance and social gathering for individuals with developmental disabilities! The dance does require a free membership to attend, the form can be found on our website. The entrance fee remains just \$5.00 with many affordable concession options!

**OVSS NEWS & VIEWS** 

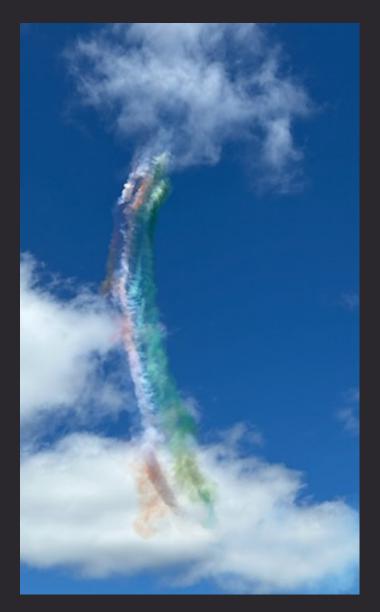


I went to the air show on 1st July with my family members. It was so exciting and fun over there. We bought the tickets online. There was a great crowd! Different aircrafts performed and some were from the army. The performers were sky hawks, Recce Tricolori RCAF 100 commemorative fly past, CF 18 Demo, Kyle fowler, CC-177, Northern Stars, F16 Viper Demo, Snow Birds. There were 15 parking lots. Also, they offered a shuttle service from 8:30am until 8:30 pm. The tickets were available online. I had a great time with my family!





AUTHOR: SHANE HYNES PHOTOGRAPHY: SHANE HYNES



It was so colorful when we saw the aircrafts. I had clicked pictures with aircrafts . overall, it was all nice sunny day with family. I had a drink from there to stay hydrated. Still I got sunburn on my knee. We went there in the morning when crowd was less but in the afternoon it was so crowdy. The shark type aircraft was so good and I got a picture with it. Yayyyyyyyy!!!

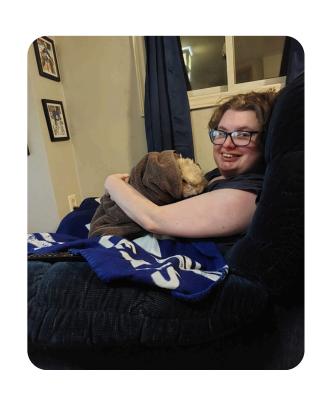


PHOTOGRAPHY BY EMMY ALLEN

THIS WAS MY RABBIT LILLY.
SHE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL.

# Remembering Lilly BY EMMY ALLEN

On May 31st I had Lost My best friend Lilly she was a good Rabbit she was also very friendly I Loved when we would cuddle together she was very special to me I was a Bunny Mom of 3 we would watch disney movies together especially the live action she will for sure be missed we got Lilly in 2013 she was 11 years old.





# Summer Programs are finally here!

Our summer programs are in full swing and we couldn't be happier! There is always so much to do here at QVSS, and there is certainly a program for anyone!

We have some old favourites like, Bingo, fishing, spa and shopping! As well as some new programs hitting the scene like, Media Makers, Melody Maestros and the extremely popular, Axe Throwing!

Keep an eye out for our new "program trailers" that the media makers will be working on over the next few months!

Article by: Alyssa Ross and Emma Allen









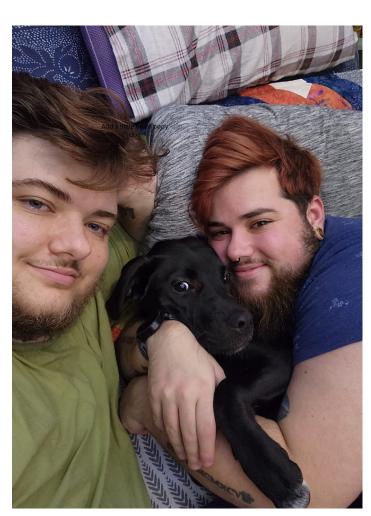




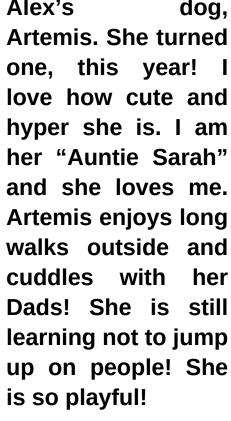


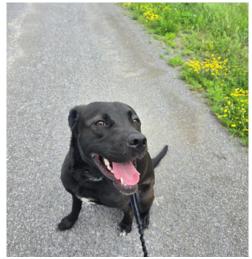


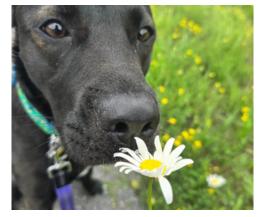
# Artemis



This is my brother Alex's dog, her "Auntie Sarah" and she loves me. cuddles with Dads! She is still is so playful!







**Author: Sarah Daley** 

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# "HERE YOU LEAVE TODAY AND ENTER THE WORLD OF YESTERDAY TOMORROW AND FANTASY"





I like Disney World. I want to visit there with my family. It is in Florida, UNITED STATES. I will go there in August next year. I like buzz lightyear because of his strong muscled body.

**Author: Shane Hynes** 



2024

Anime north happens every year May 23rd to 26th, Friday to Sunday. Thousands of cosplayers come from far and wide. Some even travel 8+hours to go to this convention, some even from out of the country.

There a big list things you can do at anime north. You are given a booklet when you pick up your badge to get in the convention. You can see a sample page to your right.

If you find yourself outside, there be a lot cosplayers. You can ask for pictures of the cosplayers of the character they are cosplaying as.

At night, there is a Rave for opening night with a DJ and disco like lights. A lot of times at night they will have some photo shoots happening with some cosplayers and props that light up!

On Friday I went to "Genshin Impact Tips Tricks & Time in Teyvat" at 9:30 and spend most of my time in Artist alley looking for sucrose or albedo prints. I bought albedo print in Albedo cosplay while trying top find Tokyo revengers, Mikey prints or key chains.

On Saturday I was in a Lyney Cosplay from Genshin Impact. There was archery and I tried it, as my character was also a bow user!

At 3:30 I was scheduled for a photoshoot in my Lyney Cosplay. I brought cards and roses for props and his twin sister plushie!

Author: Kalee Larsen

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| 8:30 PM  | Intro to Gunpla<br>Building & Painting<br>(Gunpla Sisters) |  | TO TO TAKE  | why is Anime Popular<br>in the West<br>(Dr. Rabinovitch,<br>Samantha Ferreira) |  |
| 9:00 PM  |  | 1  | Hip Hop & Anime   |  | Exploring Japane<br>and Korean BL<br>(18+) |
| 9:30 PM  |  | Genshin Impact:<br>Tips, Tricks, & Time                      |   |  |  |
| 10:00 PM | Hardcore Hentai<br>(18+)                                   | in Teyvat  | The Survivability of  | A Beginner's Guide to<br>Steins;Gate & SciADV                                  |  |
| 10:30 PM |  |  | Anime Injuries S  |  | Fixed Position, N<br>Switch! (18+)         |
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| 11:30 PM | Cards vs<br>Characters (18+)                               | Tiermaker: Waifu &<br>Husbando Edition V<br>(Gunpla Sisters) | Unpopular Opinions<br>(18+)   | Stay Up and<br>Choose<br>Ultraviolence (18+)                                   |  |
| 12:00 AM |  |  |   |  | Korean BL - The<br>Red Flags (18+)         |
| 12:30 AM |  |  |   |  |  |

#### Congress Center Toronto







"I cross my heart and promise to, give all I've got to give to make all your dreams come true. In all the world you'll never find, a love as true as mine." -GEORGE STRAIT



JEANETTE AND HER MOTHER PATRICIA ON JEANETTE'S WEDDING.

My Mom Patricia was the best woman in the world. I was sad when my mom passed away. She liked going to the car races every summer. I'm glad to be her daughter. ľm thankful that she gave me and my sister life. I was glad that my mom and dad gave me away at my wedding! I think mom everyday of and every night. I'm happy that I can call her my mom. I love her a lot with all my heart and soul. I will miss her forever.

**AUTHOR: JEANETTE RUTTAN** 



I like monster high because it is a good movie and it's funny. My favorite song is "Boo York, Boo York". My favorite character is Cleo because I love her. She is right beside here!

Author: Jeff O'Hara

### Some of my favourite Monster High characters!



Clawdeen



Cleo



Frankie Stein



Draculaura



**CATTY ORANGE** 



**CATTY GREY** 

**Author: Jeff O'Hara** 





Ontario to visit my brother Alex who graduates from the University of Windsor! I am very proud of my brother Alex for working so hard! He now has a job working with people who have disabilities!

**Author: Sarah Daley** 



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