



Canoeing the Castor

Most people mark the Victoria Day long weekend as the unofficial start of summer. But with so much rain and cooler than normal temperatures hitting the region this month, many worried that Mother Nature was going to rob them of a fun-filled weekend in the warm sunshine. The old lady came through on Saturday, however, with a hot and humid day at 26 degrees Celsius and radiant sunshine that inspired many outdoor activities, including a leisurely paddle down the Castor River by Daren Koch and Peter Dyck from Russell. The pair brought along Mike Casselman (middle) of Winchester as they set out from the Russell Township boat launch that is now open for another season. The three men told *The Villager* it was their first excursion out with the new canoe and they were excited to have seen a variety of wildlife along the riverbank including a turtle, a heron and a deer. "It was a beautiful canoe ride on a beautiful day," remarked Daren.

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