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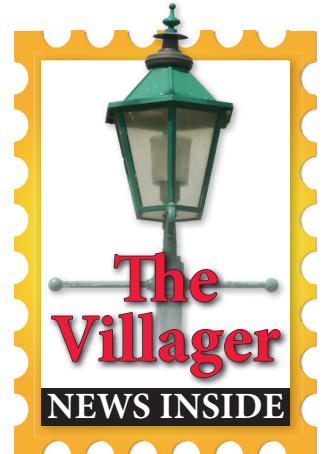
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## Briefly

### Community Garden

The Chesterville Community Garden will be located again this season at the Nationside Pentecostal site at South Street and Hwy. 43. It is a place to grow some fresh produce for yourselves and the Community Food Share. Come out with friends or meet new ones while enjoying gardening and helping out those in the community. Join the group on Facebook.

### Blood Donor Clinic

"You have the power to give life" is the Canadian Blood Services' theme that continues next month Thurs., June 1, 3:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Joel Steele Community Centre, 577 Main St. West, in Winchester. To book an appointment or for more information, visit [blood.ca](http://blood.ca).

### Planting deadlines

Agricorp has extended the planting deadline for a number of Eastern Counties: Spring grain (including oats and barley) for Area B growers located in Lanark, Leeds & Grenville, Ottawa, Stormont Dundas & Glengarry, and Prescott & Russell Counties was extended from May 15 to May 20; for spring wheat extended from May 15 to May 25. [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com)

### Victorian Tea celebrates Chesterville Heritage Centre's Sesquicentennial

**Carolyn Thompson**  
Record Contributor

CHESTERVILLE - There was plenty of delicious tea sandwiches, desserts and more than a few treats to enjoy with a variety of teas during the Victorian Tea held at the Heritage Centre in Chesterville.

Close to 40 people attended the event which celebrated Canada's 150th anniversary as well as the sesquicentennial of the building which has served its community as a police station, church, school, fire station and currently as the Chesterville Heritage Centre.

Visitors to North Dundas as well as residents and out of municipality visitors enjoyed viewing the artifacts which provide a glimpse into the history of Chesterville and District while sipping a cuppa tea and munching on some freshly baked scones or cucumber sandwiches.

South Stormont residents Bonnie Wright, Candice Rutley and Rosemary Rutley attended the event in Victorian dress, with Candice mentioning the Stormont County Fair, held on Labour Day weekend in Newington, is also celebrating its sesquicentennial this year with many special events planned to mark this occasion.

Those attending were provided with an information sheet and tea sample courtesy of Susan Peters Tea Sommelier/Steeped in Canadiana Fine Teas.

The Chesterville & District Historical Society, with the assistance of the Township of North Dundas, maintains an extensive repository of artifacts at the Heritage Centre. For more information on the work accomplished by this group of volunteers, visit the North Dundas website or their Facebook page.



### Serving tea Victorian style

CDHS President Jillian Metcalfe (standing) prepares to pour tea to a group of Victorian ladies during the Victorian Tea held on May 20 at the Heritage Centre in Chesterville. Seated from left are Bonnie Wright, Candice Rutley, Rosemary Rutley, Kim McInnis and Margaret Johnson.

Thompson Goddard photo

## SD&G awarded Danby Certificate of Merit

CORNWALL - Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Chief Administrative Officer T.J. Simpson announced on May 17 that the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry has been awarded the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) 2017 E.A. Danby Certificate of Merit under the Municipal Administration Category (Municipal Population 20,000 or more) in recognition of SD&G's innovative Tourism Information Sign Management Program.

"This merit certificate, awarded to SD&G by one of Ontario's premier municipal staff organizations, recognizes the quality of products and services that the County continues to develop and deliver," Simpson said. "These services are designed to enhance the quality of life for our residents, businesses, and visitors. It is quite an honour to be recognized in this fashion by AMCTO, especially when one considers the breadth and quality of submissions made for these awards."

The Tourism Information Sign on-line application is a simple fillable form used by businesses and

organizations to efficiently request and locate available tourism signage. "The program streamlines signage requests, makes information easy to search, manages internal data and provides users with an interactive mapping tool which is accessible through multiple devices, greatly improving the customer experience," said Tourism Coordinator Shauna Baggs, who was responsible for developing the new program.

The project was a collaboration between multiple County departments/divisions, most notably the Regional Tourism division of Corporate Services and the GIS division of the Transportation and Planning Services Department. This collaborative effort created a web-based data management tool that also provides users with the ability to visually locate identified tourism signs or request new signs on a real-time map.






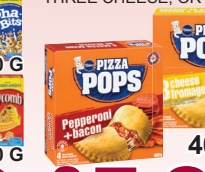

Staff will formally accept the certificate of merit at the AMCTO Conference Opening Ceremonies, slated for June 12 in Huntsville, Ont.

The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario has provided education,

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# Future Building 2017

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

OTTAWA – On Tues., May 16, students from North Dundas District High School and Russell High School attended the Future Building 2017 Skilled Trades Expo in Ottawa at the EY Centre. This year's event involved 30 exhibitors for students to explore. Twenty of the exhibits this year were representatives from actual trades who allowed students to try their hand at some of the work done in each profession.

Future Building is powered by the Ontario Construction Secretariat (OCS) and began in 2001. The research division noticed that the workforce was aging and a huge number of trades workers would be retiring in the near future and wanted to create an event to promote trades as a viable career option for young people. When the event began, the Expo would happen semi-annually, but in the last seven years has become an annual tradition, said OCS Director of Research Katherine Jacobs.

The first show was held in Toronto, but the location moves around every year to give students across Ontario an equal opportunity to attend the event within their four years of high school.

Jacobs spoke about the event, explaining that while there are exhibitors for the well-known trades, the event also is a chance for some of the lesser known trades to be brought to light. Students can learn about masonry, boiler making, iron making, insulators, sheet metal work and many more trades they may have never thought of.

While attending the event, the students are encouraged to try some of the hands-on experiences. "The operating engineers have simulators to make the experience as engaging as possible," said Jacobs. Students can try things like woodworking and now with virtual realities they can see what it is like to operate heavy machinery. This helps the event provide a full spectrum of information.

When Future Building started in 2001, Jacobs said the lack of interest in the trades was noticeable. While they can't be sure that Future Building is making a big difference in garnering interest in the trades, Jacobs mentioned there has been a spike in the last several years. "Registration is climbing," for apprenticeships and trades programs.

"We want kids to choose to go into the trades. It offers a lot of things for different people. Not everyone wants to sit at a desk and there is a lot of variety in the trades," she explained. There is also room to grow in the trades industries. Career paths can include positions in management, as supervisors or foremen and union executives.

Jacobs also mentioned the job security of trades work. Canada has an option for trades workers to certify for a Red Seal. This means they can work in their trade in any province or territory of Canada. Future Building intends to open the minds of the students to the potential of trades work. Jacobs said it is an exciting time to be in trades and can end up being a rewarding career, adding, "It is a great feeling to be able to say, 'I built that'."

The expo lasted from May 16 to 18 and hosted over 7,000 students from across

Ontario, including over 100 from Russell High School and North Dundas District High School.

Grade 9 students Sarah Messervey, Katy van Schyndel, Kelly Grotenhuis, and James Drynan, and Grade 10 student Trent Johnston were the NDDHS students who attended the Expo. All five students have an interest in a career in the trades and said the Expo was helpful as it gave them more information about the many options available.

While Drynan said he found the Expo to be somewhat plain for his interests, Messervey, van Schyndel and Grotenhuis said they were pleasantly surprised by some of the cool things there were for them to see and do. "It really opened my eyes to the other options available to me," said Grotenhuis. She explained that she was able to get information on the different options of apprenticeships and education paths in the trades. Van Schyndel added that she learned there is, "a lot more to [being an electrician or carpenter], and there are more choices out there than just being a nurse or doing [several] years of university."

One particular aspect that the three young women raved about was their conversation with the only female pipe fitter in the Ottawa area. The trio agreed that their discussion fuelled both their confidence and their interest in the pipe fitting trade.

Johnston pitched in that there was a lot of interesting information available and he was able to explore the many different trades present at the Expo. The group noted that the Expo provided great information of starting salaries and expected wages and concluded that the experience was

beneficial and informative.

The NDDHS students were at the Expo during the same day as the over 100 students from Russell High School. Of those students, Paola Ceballos (Grade 9) and Samira Wahab (Grade 10) attended the Expo and partook in the many hands-on activities during the day. The young women had the chance to build a wall, make a whistle from copper piping, hammer nails and even try a virtual reality suit used to practise operating cranes and heavy machinery. While neither student wishes to continue their education in a trade field, they both agreed that the Expo gave them a new perspective of the trades industry. Ceballos said she really admires the people who work in trades, especially after the Expo.

Amshah Hammoe another Grade 9 student from Russell High School found the event to be very interesting. "They spoke about stuff we actually need to know. Things like programs to help us get an apprenticeship," said Hammoe. Hammoe went on to explain how she enjoyed learning about the different jobs within the trades, the actual costs of education and found the industry had more than she was expecting. Hammoe added that seeing women in the trades was great and encouraging. Hammoe hopes to pursue carpentry and mechanics.

The students who were able to attend the Expo had a once in a lifetime experience and had the opportunity to meet with industry professionals who could give them real world advice before they make their big career decisions. Which is exactly what Katherine Jacobs and the organizing team had hoped.

## Danby Certificate of Merit

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## Avonmore Ladies Night organizer presents funds to Camp Erin

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Contributor

CORNWALL – There were smiles all around the Carefor main office in Cornwall on May 19 when Nancy Wert, a member of the Avonmore Ladies Night organizing team, presented Carefor Camp Erin Eastern Ontario the \$11,456 raised during the event held on May 12. This was a slightly higher amount than reported earlier in *The Chesterville Record* due to post-event donations received from local organizations and individuals.

Carefor Manager Donna Tinker said the Avonmore Ladies Night was a fantastic event and was very pleased Camp Erin Eastern Ontario received the money raised at it. The money will enable



### Fundraiser benefits Camp Erin

Carefor Camp Erin Eastern Ontario received the funds raised by the Avonmore Ladies Night held on May 12 at North Stormont Place in Avonmore. From left at the cheque presentation on May 19 are Lianne Acres-Hanna, Nancy Wert, Carefor Manager Donna Tinker, Camp Erin Eastern Ontario Director Michele Smith and Camp Erin Eastern Ontario Camp Clinical Director Nancy Galway.

Thompson Goddard photo

the organization to concentrate on the final plans for the camp knowing financial commitments will be met, she continued. As of May 19, there are 41 confirmed campers who will attend Carefor Camp Erin Eastern Ontario at Rideau Hill Camp this year.

Carefor Camp Erin Eastern Ontario began in 2015 when North Stormont resident Lianne Acres-Hanna approached North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan with the

idea of working with the Moyer Foundation to set up a Camp Erin in Eastern Ontario. Acres-Hanna was also on hand for the cheque presentation in Cornwall.

A beaming Nancy Wert commented how "Just like the song *Famous in a Small Town*, the Avonmore Ladies Night met all our expectations in raising the \$11,456 in a fun way!"

North Stormont has proved once again it is a caring community.

## 2017 WDMH Nursing Awards honour professionalism and commitment

WINCHESTER – The annual WDMH Nursing Awards provide an opportunity to highlight just some of the incredible work being done by Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) nurses every day. The awards were presented as part of the Nursing Week celebrations in May.

Michelle Renaud is the recipient of the Nursing Lifelong Learner award, recognizing a nurse's commitment to ongoing learning and professional development. Michelle is WDMH's Cancer Coach, providing support to cancer patients throughout their journey. Her nominators noted: "Michelle has always pursued new knowledge, skills and roles through courses, workshops, and actively reading nursing journals. She has always shared her learning with her peers. My favourite thing about Michelle is her friendly, easy-going nature. I don't feel the least bit intimidated to ask her for help or for her to explain something to me. To me that is the sign of a good teacher."

The Nursing Leadership Award recognizes a nurse who is an excellent role model; someone who others follow, either by example or by action. Jackie Imrie is this year's recipient. "Jackie is an advocate

for patients, peers and students. She encourages others to strive to be better and practice 200 per cent accountability. She treats her patients like they are family, providing excellent, evidence-based care," say her nominators.

Nurses work together to care for patients and this year's Team Collaboration Award honours WDMH's Medical/Surgical Team. Nominators describe the unit as one that "exemplifies compassionate care and navigates a busy, busy system in a friendly and professional manner. Their modest disposition makes them easy to interact with individually and as a group. And many new initiatives are trialed and introduced on Med/Surg. It's hard not to value their contribution to the WDMH team!"

"The theme of this year's Nursing Week is #YESThisIsNursing and we want to congratulate Michelle, Jackie and the Med/Surg team, as well as the other nominees. Together, they demonstrate professionalism and a commitment to continuous learning," noted Lynn Hall, Senior Vice President, Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Executive, in the news release. "The result is better, more compassionate care for our patients."

## OPP warning of flood fraudsters

SMITHS FALLS – An OPP media release warns home, business and property owners of fraud artists who may use flooding and disaster relief as opportunities to take advantage of individuals' generosity or to prey on vulnerable flood victims. Property owners may also be approached by fraudsters attempting to provide disaster relief or water filtration and testing services. Types of frauds to be aware of include charity fraud. The OPP suggests doing research to avoid fraudsters who try to take advantage of your generosity and exploit a natural disaster. Go through only charities which you contact directly. If an unfamiliar

charity organization contacts you ask for detailed information including the exact name of the organization then search the name online. Remember that bogus charities often use names that are very similar to respected charities. Never give out personal, credit card or online account details over the phone unless you made the call to the charity and the phone number came from a trusted source. If you are approached by anyone claiming to be associated with your insurance company, a building inspector, or any other authority, ask to see his or her identification. If having repairs made to your property, ask for and check their references. The

company can also be checked out with the Better Business Bureau and Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Business Services. Remember that good contractors ask a lot of questions so they can understand and plan out the project. Never rush or feel pressured into making a deal or signing a contract. Have any proposed contract checked over by someone trustworthy before signing it. Beware of high pressure or threatening telemarketers who want you to contribute immediately, someone calling to thank you for a pledge you don't remember making, and copycat names. Regarding water filtration services, always ask for photo ID and get the name

of the person and the business. Never share personal information like a utility bill. If you ask a salesperson to leave, they must leave right away. If you feel unsafe, call local police. Look at the company name on the salesperson's business card and promotional

material and see if it matches the company name on the proposed contract. Do not rely on a salesperson's opinion that your water heater or filtration system is unsafe or should be replaced. Note that local utility companies, municipalities, government

agencies or regulatory organizations don't send salespeople door-to-door. You do not have to sign a contract at that time. Additionally, you can contact your local Town Hall or Township office for more information on disaster relief information.

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## NDDHS Report

By Alexis Henderson  
Minister of Records



### Hawaiian Spirit Day

Today, Wed., May 24, students are showing their school spirit by participating in Hawaiian Spirit Day.

Prom is just around the corner! On Thurs., June 1, senior students will be attending their Prom at the beautiful Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm.

Secondary yearbooks began selling outside of guidance yesterday (Tues., May 23) for \$40. Sales will continue until Tues., June 6.

On Thurs., June 8, and Fri., June 9, Grade 8 students will be going on a year-end trip for two days. This trip will only cost \$40 per person which will include transportation, meals and activities. The permission form and money are asked to be returned to the school this week.

The 18th annual senior art show will take place on Fri., June 9, from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Student Council speeches for the 2017-2018 school year will be taking place in the gym on Fri., May 26, during block C.

Payton Halpenny is

acclaimed for Prime Minister, Jarrett Williams is acclaimed for Minister of Athletics, Katherine Steele is acclaimed for Minister of Social Activities, Rosie Backes and Maddison Geertsma are running for Minister of Communications, and Curtis Barkley, Adam Geertsma, and Maddison Barkley are running for Minister of Commerce. Good luck to everyone running for these executive positions for the next school year.

The Intermediate WEB leaders held a dance on Fri., May 19, and are proud to say that they raised about \$500 for Jonathan Pitre.

Congratulations to the four track and field athletes for qualifying for the East Regional Track and Field Meet that will take place tomorrow, Thurs., May 25, and Fri., May 26, at the Terry Fox Facility.

Congratulations to the Girls' Rugby Team for playing very well this past week. They lost by three tries against St. Joe's, and won against Tagwi the next day.

## CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

### Saxe appeal

She's calm, cool and collected and doesn't mind interjecting her own, sometimes skeptical, observations in the middle of a presentation by a hosting organization. She's unpretentious and all business.

She's Dr. Dianne Saxe, Ontario Environmental Commissioner, who called on South Nation Conservation in Finch recently, looking for a briefing on the agency's trademark phosphorus management program, the first of its kind in Ontario.

Saxe explained her office has a publication coming out in which she plans to include a chapter on so-called phosphorus trading. Why not get the lowdown from the experts? In the process, she was filled in about clearcutting in the region, projects intended to mitigate the impact of climate change, and controlled farm field tile drainage.

"As I travel the province, I try to learn from people on the ground," said the woman cited as one of the world's top environmental lawyers who was appointed commissioner late in 2015.

Saxe reinforced that her office supports a 30 per cent forest cover, the minimum widely seen as necessary to help prevent erosion and provide healthy wildlife habitat. Obviously, she indicated, that benchmark doesn't mesh with clearcutting.

As Saxe told SNC chairman François St. Amour, General Manager Angela Coleman, retiring manager Dennis O'Grady and assorted other staff, clearcutting and other topics broached during her visit fit into her five-year mandate of improving the Environmental Bill of Rights and accelerating better environmental, energy and climate outcomes.

The feisty Certified Environmental Law Specialist was brought up to speed by SNC staffer John Mesman on clearcutting in the authority's 4,300 square-km watershed where forest cover now averages 28 per cent and

one million trees are lost every year. Mesman said an estimated 69 per cent of the loss is due to agricultural expansion; SNC planting programs are only able to return 120,000 trees a year to the landscape, for a total of about three million since 2009.

"We're on the cusp of history repeating itself," Mesman stated dramatically, a reference to first growth forest removed decades ago to the point large tracts of the watershed were reduced to desert, particularly in the United Counties of Prescott-Russell, the replanted area now known as Larose Forest.

A bright spot on the horizon, Mesman said, is a new committee comprised of 22 regional agricultural producers assigned to come up with recommendations on how to deal with rampant clearcutting. Funded with \$100,000 raised by 16 member municipalities, SNC is pleased with the fact it has persuaded farmers to join the committee and investigate ways of easing the clearcutting issue.

While the Agriculture Forest Cover Committee presented its final report on Thurs., May 18, some of the recommendations it considered revolve around formal best practices for land clearing, mapping marginal land and listing environmental benefits of preserving it, stakeholder engagement, promotion and education.

Education on the value of forests, Mesman said, is a chief priority identified by the committee after some 30 hours of meetings. Quick study Saxe seemed dubious. She suggested landowners should fully understand the implications of clearcutting and shouldn't really require further education on the matter.

She wondered if anti tree-cutting bylaws are being considered - they're not - acknowledging such directives are useless without enforcement and support. She also allowed that, when it comes to protecting forest, it's increasingly difficult against the constant push of development,

particularly in Southern Ontario.

Turning to projects limiting the impact of climate change, SNC staffer Ronda Boutz noted the Capital Region Hydrology Working Group, which combines conservation authorities overlapping within the City of Ottawa, is reviewing the vulnerability of low lying sectors and infrastructure such as culverts when it comes to handling heightened floodwaters as manifested this spring.

When it came to phosphorus trading, Boutz combined with O'Grady to describe to Saxe how SNC was one of the first jurisdictions in North America to delve into the complex approach of allowing four-to-one offsetting in applying purchased credits to reduce the watershed's overall phosphorus load.

Saxe was mainly concerned about policing the system, wondering if there was follow up to make sure municipalities, industries and farmers signing on carried through on their commitments. O'Grady explained there's a large trust component and phosphorus trading participants have always followed through, partly because what's good for the environment is generally good for business.

The approach works, said the former GM and primary designer of the program, because SNC is the central clearing house for phosphorus trading in the watershed and possesses all of the instruments needed to operate it smoothly with minimum participant inconvenience, including experience and a multi-stakeholder review committee.

After lunch at St. Albert Cheese Factory, Saxe headed back to Toronto to digest her information overload.



## SNC extended hours

FINCH - Just in time for the Victoria Day long-weekend, South Nation Conservation (SNC) reopened its parks and docks for day use.

SNC's network of 14 conservation areas are available free of charge to residents, providing countless recreational opportunities to discover wildlife and their habitat in Eastern Ontario.

Due to high water levels, Jessup's Falls Conservation Area will remain closed for the next few weeks.

Beginning May 25 until Thanksgiving, SNC's administration office in Finch will stay open on Thursday evenings until 7 p.m. to provide clients seeking permits and approvals with an extended-service option.

"The extended hours allow us to provide services to residents at a time that is convenient for them," explained Carl

Bickerdike, Team Lead, Corporate Services, in the news release.

SNC continues to support its municipal partners by arranging for staff to be available once a month at municipal offices. This will give clients an option of submitting applications or meeting to discuss projects closer to their home instead of having to drive to SNC's headquarters in Finch. Applicants can contact SNC to find out more about this option.

During late night Thursdays, residents can also pick up information on SNC programs or book events in the SNC meeting rooms. Fully equipped and featuring state-of-the-art technology, the comfortable rooms are available free of charge for not-for-profit groups. To book a room, call 1-877-984-2948 or contact info@nation.on.ca.

## OPP - East Region OPP urges extreme caution on waterways

SMITHS FALLS - A new media release was sent out last week by the OPP for East Region Headquarters, Bancroft, Central Hastings, Frontenac, Grenville County, Hawkesbury, Killaloe, Lanark County, Leeds County, Napanee, Ottawa, Prince Edward, Quinte West, Renfrew, Russell County, Stormont Dundas and Glengarry, Upper Ottawa Valley.

The Ontario Provincial Police is urging extreme caution as many people prepare to get their boats on the water for the first time this season.

"High water levels and unusually fast currents will be a challenge on many of our local waterways," said Chief Superintendent Chris Harkins, Commander of the OPP's East Region. "Another real danger is the hazard posed by floating and submerged debris."

Recent flooding has washed a wide variety of material into rivers and lakes and in some cases, rocks which are normally visible, could be just below the surface. A collision with these hazards could cause serious damage to boats and potentially serious injuries to those onboard.

"If you are travelling in areas still experiencing high water levels, please be aware of the damage that can be caused by excessive wake,"

said Harkins. "Most of all, I encourage everyone to be safe and follow the rules and ensure you have all your required safety equipment, which includes the use of PFDs."

The OPP also reminds the public that drinking and boating definitely don't mix.

East Region OPP Marine Units were out on waterways over the long weekend, ensuring the safety of the boating public.

For more information about boating, visit [www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/marinesafety/TP-511e.pdf](http://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/marinesafety/TP-511e.pdf) and the *Canada Shipping Act* - <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-10.15/>.

## Correction

In the May 17 issue relating to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Gala story, "The youngest guy at the gala..." page 6, the reference to Cholly Boland and his family band the Fundamentals, should have identified them as two separate bands. The sentence should have read: "...CEO Cholly Boland and his family band and then get ready to dance the night away with The Fundamentals."

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# Green Action Gang fundraises with perennials

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The Green Action Gang set up shop under the gazebo on the cool morning of Fri., May 19, to sell the donated perennials in order to raise funds for the group's ongoing work in the community.

The group began their work in 1998 after the Ice Storm, to help replace trees. Ever since they have been working around the community, planting, maintaining and beautifying. Unfortunately all the work that the group does, costs quite a bit to maintain. Prices of annuals, gas for the tractor, fertilizer and repairs can really add up. Not to mention the tractor the group bought within the last few years to help with the workload.



## Going green

From left Shelagh Derks, Connie Gruich, Dorothy Paul, Ralph Norg, Marg Norg, Shirley Coons, Marg van Bruinessen and Gail Parker from the Green Action Gang braved the brisk morning of Fri., May 19, to have their spring perennial fundraiser. This will be the last fundraiser of the summer before they get busy working around the community. Sawyer Helmer photo

So fundraisers supported by the community are a big help. Group member Gail Parker was also thankful to the continued support of Scotiabank for their commitment to donating funds to match what the group raises themselves.

Parker mentioned the group's appreciation of the community members who donated perennials from their own gardens and those who came out to the

fundraiser to support the group.

Even so, the Green Action Gang still needs help from new volunteers. They are always looking for younger community members to get involved with the group's efforts. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Gail Parker at 613-448-2159, Shirley Coons at 613-448-2099, or Dorothy Paul at 613-448-2861.

# Camp day at Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

CRYSLER – In order to promote positive behaviour in their students, Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire has completely expelled negative reinforcements and adopted positive learning styles. This initiative from the school board comes from an American program called the Positive Behavioural System. When students show good behaviour, teachers reward them with points, or in Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire's case, bees. The bees or points accumulate so that the individuals, classes or even school can earn rewards. On Fri., May 19, that reward was a Camp Day.

Parents and their kids arrived to school early to set up tents all over the back yard of the school. The older students were encouraged to set up the tents on their own, while the younger ones had help from their parents and teachers. The whole school had the chance to enjoy the tents and teachers incorporated learning and reading into the day. Sleeping bags were set up inside the tents to make cozy reading nooks and students were encouraged to bring their camping chairs to sit around the tissue-paper bonfire.

The idea of outdoor classrooms is not a new concept for the school, as they have an initiative to use an outdoor classroom whenever possible, but the teachers were still just as excited to see their students learning about the outdoors while being able to experience them at the same time.

The ideas come from a sub committee within the school to encourage a positive school climate. Principal Eric Mainville, teacher Shanna McIlwain-Dupont, as well as a second teacher from the school and one school board member work together to brainstorm new ways for their students to have positive environments to help with learning. When the points are accumulated, the students sit down with the sub committee and brainstorm ideas for reward day activities. "It's all about the students, with the students," said Mainville.

The first school-wide reward day was a hide and seek where students had the opportunity to play throughout the whole school. The second was an indoor snow fight made from recycled paper. The concept of the positive behaviour within the school is built on three ideals: respect, pride and collaboration.



## Outdoor reading

From left, Nyah, Adan, Rylan, Merrick and Brennen read books in their cozy tent on the Fri., May 19 school wide camp day. Sawyer Helmer photo

## Advance care planning seminars get people thinking

WINCHESTER – Elsie Guest knows that we can't predict the future, but that doesn't mean we can't think about it. That is why she attended a recent Advance Care Planning seminar at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH).

"It's all about sharing with your family and close friends what is most important to you now so they can communicate that to your doctors and nurses if you're unable to. Think about what you value in your life now – is it your family, your community, your privacy, your faith, your comfort? The team at WDMH taught me that," said Guest.

Bill Shearing agrees. "Despite reading many articles about advance care planning, I didn't take any action. Attending the session led me to take steps to ensure that my family is aware of my wishes for care when life prolongation is no longer possible or desirable. It

also prompted me to complete a Power of Attorney for Personal Care so that my family has the legal right to ensure that my wishes are respected. I strongly support the Hospital's initiative regarding advance care planning."

One presentation scheduled was yesterday (May 23) and the next one is on June 27 from 6 to 8 pm. During the two-hour session, advance care planning and health-care consent will be explained. As well, attendees will learn five simple steps they can take to develop a plan. "It's all about conversations. It's about decisions. And it's about how we care for each other," sums up Kimberly Paterson, WDMH Social Worker.

To register, contact Paterson at kpaterson@wdmh.on.ca or 613-774-2422, ext. 6125. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to register as soon as possible as space is limited. There is no charge.

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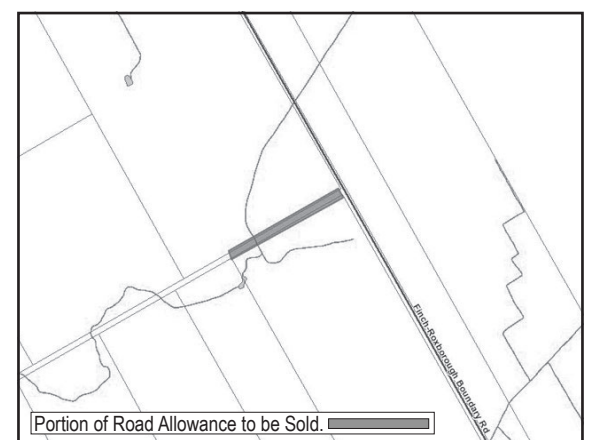
## NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY TOWNSHIP OF NORTH STORMONT

The Township of North Stormont will consider the sale of a portion of an unopened road allowance to the abutting property owner at the June 13th, 2017 Council meeting. The adjacent land owner has requested to purchase a portion of the unopened road allowance. The applicant owns both the property on the north and south side of the unopened road allowance.

The land is legally described as Part of the Road Allowance between Concession 4 & 5, being Part 1 on Reference Plan 52R7962. A key map is included to indicate the portion of land to be sold.

Additional information, including a key map and a copy of the Reference Plan are available for viewing at the Township Office Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Written submissions regarding the proposed sale of land must be submitted no later than Tuesday June 6th, 2017 to the Clerks Department.

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# New South Stormont Farmers' Market set to open May 31

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Contributor

LONG SAULT – Several outside vendors were present at The Community Market located just outside Long Sault on May 21 to help

promote the outdoor farmers' market set to begin on Wed., May 31. Four baby lambs were among a group of young animals from Sleepy Shepherd Farm in Lunenburg which delighted

young and old alike. The new outdoor market will be in addition to the multitude of local products offered for sale at the location and will be held each Wednesday between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.



Clinton St. Louis of Winchester spends a few minutes with lambs from Sleepy Shepherd Farm of Lunenburg. Mary, Shadow, Bright of Light and Vino seemed to enjoy the attention received from St. Louis and others during their visit to The Community Market on May 21.  
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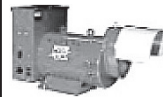


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# Special thanks to the Elsaadi family

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Contributor

FINCH – A grateful community gathered at the Finch Community Centre to say farewell to the Elsaadi family who have recently sold their family business, the Finch Pizzeria.

Throughout the Elsaadi Family Appreciation Tea held on May 15 in Finch, numerous people commented on the contributions made by Daad and Albert, and Majed and Fatima to the local community. Special note was made of the significant number of local young people who found employment at the restaurant and the kindness shown to them while employed at the Pizzeria.

Jo-Anne Page-Cote described how the Elsaadi family have made donations to community clubs and organizations providing food during local



## The Elsaadi family

Members of the Elsaadi family gathered for a photo during the Elsaadi Family Appreciation Tea held on May 15 at the Finch Community Centre. From left are Ghazy Elsaadi, Albert Elsaadi, Daad Elsaadi, Karim Elsaadi, Majed Elsaadi, Jana Elsaadi and Fatima Elsaadi. Missing from the photo were Nabil Elsaadi and Nabila Elsaadi.

Thompson Goddard photo

emergencies such as fires or the ice storm, as well as collecting clothes and bedding for Syrian refugees.

Earlier this year, the Elsaadi family were instrumental in organizing and cooking a traditional multi-course Lebanese

dinner which raised a substantial amount of money for a local organization which is assisting a Syrian refugee family to settle in North Stormont. Elsaadi family members have raised funds for the Winchester District

Memorial Hospital by participating in walk-a-thons and organizing fundraising dinners.

While Majed, Fatima and their family will be moving to Ottawa, Albert and Daad will be staying in Finch.

# Mother's Day Breakfast held at St. Clare's Anglican Church

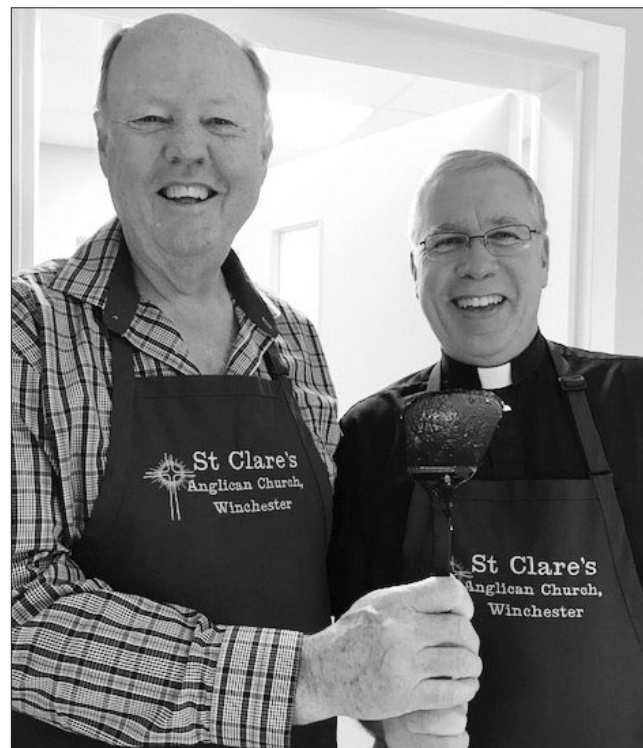
**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
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WINCHESTER – St. Clare's Anglican Church on the outskirts of Winchester was busy on Mother's Day serving up an opportunity to not only enjoy a great breakfast but have a chance to visit with family, friends and neighbours. St. Clare's parishioner Sandy Weagant mentioned how the event is a fundraiser for the church as well as being a "good outreach to the community as it is a freewill donation."

Weagant explained the Mother's Day Breakfast began just over 40 years ago in St. Peter's Anglican Church in South Mountain. It was originally held in the Odd Fellows Hall, before being moved to the Agricultural Hall in South Mountain. Congregational members of the Anglican churches in Winchester, Chesterville and Crysler began assisting with the event a few years ago and with the opening

of St. Clare's Anglican the breakfast is now held in the church hall.

Weagant said, "It is wonderful how people of the other churches and community support us."



St. Clare's parishioner Bob Weagant of South Mountain and Reverend John Wilcox enjoy a moment while deciding who will flip the pancakes at the Mother's Day Breakfast held at St. Clare's Anglican Church on May 14.

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NORTH STORMONT – The congregations of St. Luke's Knox Presbyterian Church in Finch, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Avonmore and St. James'-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Monkland are pleased to announce that they have hired a student minister for the summer. Herb Borger, a student at Presbyterian College in Montreal, started on Mother's Day and will be working part time in the area and conducting the Sunday Worship services currently held at 9:30 a.m. in Finch and at 11 a.m. in Avonmore. For the month of August, the 11 a.m. service will be held in the Gravel Hill Church. Borger can be reached at 613-847-9928 or by email at herbertaborger@icloud.com.

Rev. Bruce Kemp is the Interim Moderator for the pastoral charge; he is the minister of the Presbyterian churches in Chesterville, Morewood, and Winchester.

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## Getting to know Donnie Bowes

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer  
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – Donnie Bowes has been the artistic director at the Upper Canada Playhouse for 16 years. Artistic Director though is only one of his titles. He also manages the Playhouse's Marketing and Sponsorship Program. Bowes started as Artistic Director in 2000, but in the late 1980s to mid 1990s he worked as an actor during the Playhouse's summer season.

Bowes' career as an actor started in his home province of New Brunswick. At University he spent the majority of his time at the theatre until he graduated and took a drama teaching job in Northern NB in the early 1970s. After four years teaching, Bowes decided it was time to start his professional acting career. He worked for Theatre New Brunswick for a year before making the trek to Toronto. "Actors all over the country have to go to Toronto to get a job in their home province," joked Bowes. His acting career lasted for over 25 years before he began to look to directing.

In the time between his acting career and his move to the Playhouse, Bowes co-owned a commercial theatre company in Mississauga with his business partner. The company did well, with about 4,000 subscribers and good word of mouth, said Bowes, but costs were so high at the end of the day everyone was getting paid but them. The best part about owning the theatre though was the experience of having "fingers in every pot," explained Bowes. As co-owner Bowes did everything. When the business came to an end and Bowes was approached by The Upper Canada Playhouse, his conditions involved his desire to do marketing and sponsorship. "Marketing especially because [it's a small enough company], I know exactly what it is about a certain show that I'm rehearsing, what information about that show I'd like to reach the street. I know what I think would appeal to people and what would be interesting about that [show]. It's been a good match," said Bowes.

When Bowes started as artistic director at the

Playhouse it was a critical time for theatre. Audiences were low and there were very few grants for theatre. So the challenge said Bowes was to get people going to live theatre. Bowes and the Playhouse approached the issue by jump starting the new season. This was done through the kind of shows that Bowes chose, the production values and the marketing. All of it had to be overhauled in a certain way and had to be made relevant to the community. "So we chose to ask everyone what kind of show they would like to see and generally they say comedy. So we marketed our season as being a season of comedy," he explained.

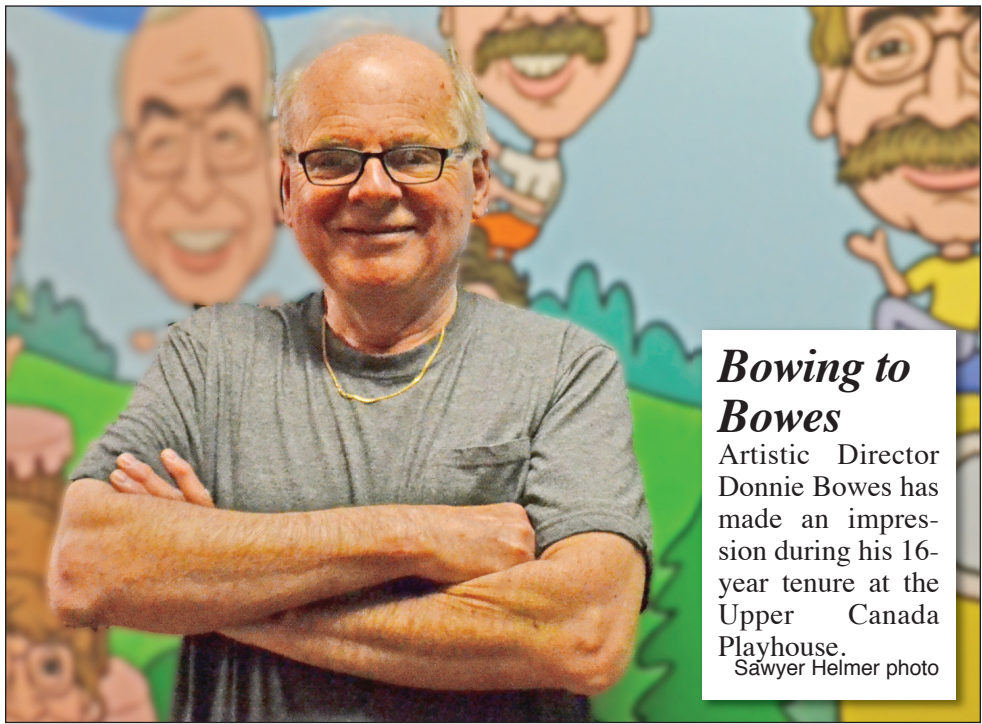
The Playhouse did this for about four to five years. What Bowes pointed out, however, was that it wasn't just slapstick shlock comedy, everything chosen had to be really well written. "That immediately started to draw an audience." Since then, Bowes has started to branch out with the plays he chooses. "We try to present as many styles of shows within that [comedy] genre as possible," he said. "There is a lot more to a great comedy than just laughter."

One of Bowes' favourite examples of great comedy is playwright Norm Foster. Foster is a regular at the Playhouse whose shows always attract a big

crowd. This is because Foster has a way of dealing with real-life issues, through a comedic lens. "I think that is what makes a really good comedy. Farces are great to have a belly laugh, but at the same time, when a comedy has a combination of humour and characters that people can really identify with, they leave not only entertained but with some thoughts to carry with them," explained Bowes.

"To be a really good artistic director you have to keep your ear to the ground, really be out there in the community. You get a sense of what people look for," he added. Having been with the Playhouse for so many years Bowes feels as though he knows what his audience will enjoy. It's come to a point where Bowes knows that the audience likes a challenge. As such, the ideal play for him is a play that deals with everything at once. Bowes recalled a play written by Foster that dealt with alcoholism but was also a comedy. While in rehearsal Bowes said the actors were worried about a tense scene that was broken up by a hilarious moment. However, he reassured the actors that a great show, a great comedy, builds tension within the audience and then pops the bubble, letting everyone relax for a moment. The build and release of tension takes the audience on an emotional journey through the play and allows a deeper connection to the content. A challenge Bowes says his

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**Bowing to Bowes**  
Artistic Director Donnie Bowes has made an impression during his 16-year tenure at the Upper Canada Playhouse.  
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# Lost Villages Historical Society holds AGM

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Contributor

LONG SAULT – The Lost Villages Historical Society held their annual general meeting at Christ Church Seaway in Long Sault on May 15. The large group of diners included members of the Lost Villages Historical Society, Cornwall Township Historical Society, SD&G Historical Society, Chesterville & District Historical Society, and individuals who are dedicated to the preservation of history throughout the United Counties.

The guest speaker for the evening was Madeline

MacDonald, a former resident of Mille Roches. MacDonald presented an entertaining and informative presentation on her experiences as a young wife and mother when her home was relocated due to the St. Lawrence Seaway Project.

LVHS President Jim Brownell announced the Lost Villages Museum in Ault Park will be the recipient of two Vimy Oak saplings from the Vimy Foundation commemorating the centennial of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. It is anticipated the saplings will be delivered in the next few weeks and will be planted near the Mille Roches/Moulinette

Cenotaph at Ault Park. More information on the Vimy Oak project is available at [www.vimyfoundation.ca/vimy-100/vimy-oaks](http://www.vimyfoundation.ca/vimy-100/vimy-oaks).

Brownell provided an update on the project undertaken with the Grays and Blues of Montreal, which will see a monument commemorating the 40,000 Canadians who served in the American Civil War, as well as the planned gazebo to commemorate the War of 1812-14, in addition to many upcoming events. More information on upcoming society events as well as information on the LVHS can be found at [www.lostvillages.ca](http://www.lostvillages.ca).



## New executive at LVHS AGM

A new executive for the Lost Villages Historical Society was elected during the AGM held at Christ Church Seaway on May 15, with Ginette Guy replacing Rosemary Rutley who retired this year from the position of email secretary. From left in the front row are South Stormont Deputy Mayor and LVHS Council Rep Tammy Hart, Rosemary Rutley, Gloria Waldroff and Cindy Bickerstaffe; in the back row are President Jim Brownell, Joan McEwan, Ginette Guy, Tim Gault, Alan Daye and summer student Gardiner Sage.

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# 2017 Chesterville Farmer's Market Opens

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Contributor

CHESTERVILLE – A steady stream of people made their way alongside the vendors during the opening day of the 2017 Chesterville Farmer's Market on Sat., May 21. Located along the waterfront on Main Street in Chesterville, there were several vendors present selling food, plants, jewellery, wood furniture and other products.

Chesterville Farmer's Market President Cheryl Beasley said there were a couple of new vendors, but many have been part of the outdoor market for many seasons. She was pleased with the turnout describing it as "fantastic."

Beasley is also involved in the organizing of the upcoming Art on the Waterfront event scheduled for June 3 and 4 along the Chesterville waterfront. She mentioned there are currently 50 confirmed vendors, a movie under the stars planned for Saturday night and all sorts of

## Chesterville market the start of summer events

Cheryl Beasley, Chesterville Farmers' Market President, holds the Art on the Waterfront poster outlining many of the activities planned for the upcoming two-day event. She was pleased with the weather and turnout on the opening day of the outdoor market along the waterfront in Chesterville.

Thompson Goddard photo

entertainment throughout the two-day event. Beasley is excited about the event and wished to thank all the amazing volunteers who work so hard to make it come together.

Chesterville Farmers' Market is open from May 20 to Oct. 7 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. each Saturday in Chesterville. For more information and a list of vendors, check out the Chesterville Farmers' Market's on Facebook.



# Kayak-Canoe-Paddle Poker Run

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Contributor

CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville Kayak Club is holding its Kayak-Canoe-Paddle Poker Run on May 27. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the South Nation Conservation Park at Cass Bridge, with a \$25.00 registration fee. The Poker Run begins at 10 a.m. and is expected to take just over two hours to come ashore at the boat launch in Chesterville. A sit-down meal at the Chesterville Legion is included with registration and a free shuttle return is provided. Visit [www.chestervillekayakclub.com](http://www.chestervillekayakclub.com).

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### POTPOURRI

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# Morrisburg Public School celebrates Canada 150

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer  
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – Kristin Grant, a teacher at Morrisburg Public School, was the lead organizer behind the school's Canada 150 celebrations on Fri., May 19.

"The teachers wanted something hands on," said Grant. She added that they hoped to immerse students in cultural Canadian activities. Each grade had a station set up for the students to spend 10 minutes learning and participating in different programs. Grant said the cake and tattoo station was a big hit amongst the

students but they also had two visitors from outside of the school. The first was music instructor Mrs. Heather who teaches the students music once a week. Mrs. Heather sang Michael Mitchell songs and Canadian classics with the students.

At the Grade 6 rocks and minerals station, Geologist Mr. Gunther, spoke to the students about materials native to Canada.

Grant said the organization of the event was a great team effort from the staff and everyone had a lot of fun celebrating Canada's big day.



## Trees for Canada 150

From left, Jaden Casselman - black shirt, leaning (Grade 5), Tara-Lynn Turner -short dark hair (Grade 4), Christian Markell (Grade 1), Dominick Lewis (JK), Nevaeh Lewis (SK) and Brodie Lewis (Grade 2), take part in the Morrisburg Public School Canada 150 celebrations on Fri., May 19. The students partook in a tree planting station during the day's activities.

Gibbons photo

# Bowes

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audience can definitely handle.

Over the last 16 years Bowes has been exploring a variety of these kinds of shows. He believes that every theatre company needs to be known for something, they each need a brand. The Playhouse, with the help of Bowes, is attaining the brand of good quality and entertaining productions, but with a variety.

An exciting new venture for the Playhouse is the addition of musical concerts to the beginning and end of the season. Hence why Bowes has entitled this year a Season of Laughter and Music. The spring concert *Across the Pond*, ended on April 30, after five days of live British pop and rock hits. The season will close out in the fall with *Rockin' All Night*, performing hits from 1950s rock legends, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper. The rock week will happen from Oct. 24 to 29, but Bowes is optimistic they will be adding more dates as it is almost sold out already.

Each season comes with its challenges and Bowes intends to help keep the community as a cultural organization. The Playhouse maintains an audience of approximately 40,000 people each season. In regards to the future of the Playhouse he said there are a few things he'd like to see happen.

While the regular season

of great comedies and music is definitely not changing, Bowes said the theatre may want to try expanding their programming mandate in the future. There is a space in the fall between the end of the season and the Christmas program where Bowes may try something completely different. This could be a classic play or a new age Canadian show. Without the benefits of a second stage to try new things, a short run in the fall is a viable option.

Bowes is also passionate about expanding the theatre to reach more schools and young people. "These days it's so easy to communicate from home. Immediately that's a huge challenge, to get someone to experience something live, especially youth," said Bowes. This why he would like to extend the options to travel with some of the shows into local schools. If they cannot afford to bring the school to the theatre, the theatre might just go to them. "Live shows offer audiences something that digital can never match."

This season is no exception. The first show is a classic Neil Simon piece called *Barefoot in the Park*. The show is a co-production with the same Orillia theatre who co-produced 2016's *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*. Bowes said he is excited for the tour of that show as they will be taking it to Orillia, Collingwood and then Brampton.

Next up is the season's farce comedy called *Boeing Boeing* and Bowes said, "It is about characters that make

huge mistakes and then have to cover them up. It is a classic farce situation and innocent people get caught up in it."

The third show Bowes seemed most excited about. It is one he recalled reading every year for the past four years. Finally Bowes decided to bring it to the Playhouse. It is entitled *One Slight Hitch* and follows the upcoming nuptials of a young woman in the 1980s and her family's antics surrounding the wedding. Written by Lewis Black, a regular guest on Jon Stewart's *The Daily Show*, Bowes said the show has edge to it but the dialogue and situation has a real sense of humour. "The show is very normal on the surface with a great underbelly to it."

Finally, the fourth show of the season, *Halfway There*, is a Norm Foster production about a young doctor who ends up in Nova Scotia and turns the lives of

four female friends upside down. This is followed up by the *Full of Beans* fall show featuring Marshall Button and Sandy Gillis performing as their characters Lucien and Jimmy the Janitor.

Bowes' positive outlook on theatre and obvious passion for his job have made him a great fit these past 16 years for the Playhouse.

Bowes concluded with a sentiment towards the Playhouse and the intimacy and simplicity of the theatre. His extensive theatre career has made him privy to grand productions and huge gaping theatres. However, Bowes' experience at the Playhouse has provided him with a concrete ideal of theatre, "If something is simple and well done it can be far more powerful than anything else."

A sentiment shared by many of both the old and new guests making their way to the Upper Canada Playhouse.

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## Blue remains undefeated after week four

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE — The Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League's schedule pitted the first-place Blue against Black in the opening game of the night on Thurs., May 17, at the Chesterville Arena. In the nightcap, Yellow welcomed Red.

### Blue 4 Black 2

In the first game of the evening Blue welcomed Black. Blue went into the game as the only undefeated team in the Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League and looked to extend that streak. Black were still searching for their first win of the season. Blue opened the scoring when Lindsay Cummins batted one home from Jaclyn Crump at 4:20 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead.

Blue took a two-goal lead when Cummins scored her second of the game from Carly Crump and Jaclyn

Crump at 9:18. Black got one back at 12:58 when Kaila Beckstead scored from Karen Edwards but trailed 2-1 heading into the second period.

Blue made it 3-1 when Becca Alves slapped one home from Cinnamon Boulanger at 9:11 of the second. Blue added another late goal at 16:57 as Boulanger drove onto the back of the net from Leighann Dearing and took a 4-1 lead into the third period.

Black scored the lone goal of the third as Sam Naish sniped one from Edwards with just 1:09 remaining in the game but it was too little too late as Blue took the game 4-2 remaining undefeated after week four. Picking up the win in Blues' goal was Roxanne Crump.

### Yellow 5 Red 4

In the second game of the night, Yellow welcomed Red. Red went into the game in third with one win in three

tries but Yellow sat a point behind with just a tie heading into week four. Red opened the scoring when Lindsay Feeley scored from Janice Casselman at 3:05 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. Red took a two-goal lead when Kim Elliott fired one to the back of the net from Lesley Ann Tupper at 9:04.

Yellow answered at 11:10 when Jodie Hall scored from Patti Hall to get to within one. Yellow knotted the affair when Jodi Hall scored her second of the game from Patti Hall at 13:12. Red retook the lead when Elliott scored her second of the night from Tupper and Casselman at 14:45 and took a 3-2 lead into the second period.

Red took a 4-2 lead when Elliott completed her hat trick at 7:52 of the second period from Tupper but Yellow answered with a goal at 10:55 as Jodi Hall scored her hat-trick goal from Patti Hall and Jennifer Whitteker.



In the nightcap game of the Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League, Thurs., May 18, Yellow welcomed Red. Yellow's Jodi Hall tries to lift Red's Lesley Ann Tupper's (13) stick, as Patti Hall (5) is ready to pounce on a free ball. Red's Katie Curry (left) backs up her centreman Jodi and Patti Hall had a great night combining five goals and five assists for 10 points as Yellow picked up their first win of the season 5-4.

Red took a slim 4-3 lead into the third period. Yellow tied the game when Jodi Hall scored her fourth of the game from Patti Hall at 15:59 of the third period. Yellow took their first lead of the game with just 3:08 remaining in the

game as Patti Hall scored what proved to be the game winner from Jodi Hall. Yellow took the game 5-4 moving into sole possession of second place. Picking up the win in Yellow's goal was Cashelle Baldwin.

### Up next

Yellow welcomes Black in the first game of the Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League on Thurs., May 25, at 7 p.m. In the late game Red plays host to Blue at 8 p.m.

## Junior-Senior Pioneers double #3 Wildcats

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Junior-Senior Pioneers had just a single game this past week as they welcomed the Kemptville #3 Wildcats on Wednesday night.

### Pioneers 14 Wildcats 7

The Williamsburg Junior-Senior Pioneers welcomed the Kemptville #3 Wildcats to the J. C. Whitteker Ball Park on Wed., May 17, in the Upper Canada Little League. The Pioneers' defence came up huge in the top of the first inning allowing only three batters to the plate and their offence scored their first four batters in the bottom of the first taking a 4-0 lead into the second inning.

The Wildcats only got three more batters to the plate in the top of the second inning but the Pioneers' offence put up another five runs in the bottom of the second taking a 9-0 lead. In the top of the third inning, the Wildcats were struck out twice and the other batter was thrown out at first. The Pioneers scored a single run in the bottom of the third to take a 10-0 lead.

The Wildcats finally got on the board in the top of the fourth scoring four runs but the Pioneers answered with another four runs taking a 14-4 lead. The Wildcats got three more runs across the plate to cut the Pioneers' lead to 14-7 but the Pioneers didn't have to go to bat in the bottom of the inning and took the game 14-



The Junior-Senior Pioneers' Dean Lapier jumps over the Kemptville Wildcats' catcher scoring his second of three runs on Wed., May 17, in the Upper Canada Little League.

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7 and remain undefeated.

Scoring the runs for the Pioneers were Dean Lapier with three, Nolan Henry, Kendrew Byers, Raiden

Irvine and Isaiah Summers scored two each and Aron Vander Zweep, Devon Swindells and Parker Baker each scored singles.

## Warriors put it to Osgoode

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Girls' Bantam-Midget Warriors welcomed the Osgoode ROMSA 1 team to the J. C. Whitteker Ball Park on Wed., May 17, in the Ottawa Rural Minor Soft Ball Association. The Warriors were supposed to play two games this past week but their game versus Casselman on Sun., May 14, was cancelled due to a wet field.

### Warriors 13 Osgoode 8

The Warriors' pitcher Cassie Hummel struck out one and caused two to pop up in the top of the first but their offence was stymied by Osgoode and the Warriors got four batters to the dish. Osgoode took a 3-0 lead in the top of the second inning but the Warriors fought that off in the bottom half of the inning scoring four runs and taking a 4-3 lead into the third inning.

Osgoode got one round

trip but the Warriors held them to just that single run. The Warriors scored another four runs in the bottom of the third taking an 8-4 lead. The Pioneers' defence held Osgoode off the score sheet in the top of the fourth inning and their offence connected for one more run in the bottom half of the inning.

Osgoode scored four runs in the top of the fifth inning but the Warriors matched that with four runs of their own in the bottom of the fifth. With five complete innings in the book, the game ended due to the league's curfew rule as the Warriors took the game 13-8.

Scoring the runs for the Warriors were Kalleigh Young, Cassie Hummel, Brooke Lapier and Chloe Zeigler each with two and Maggie Wells, Brooke Stewart, Morgan Hummel, Martina Lewis and Cassandra Young each scored singles.



The Warriors' Brooke Stewart taps one into the outfield after hitting this pitch. Stewart and the Warriors went on to take the game 13-8.

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## Intermediate T-Wolves take consolation title

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

ROCKLAND — The Russell High School Intermediate Boys T-Wolves travelled to Rockland District High School to take on the Wildcats for the consolation final on Tues., May 16, in the PRSSAA. The T-Wolves finished the season with a .500 record with three wins and three losses and they looked to beat up on the Wildcats who were winless on the season.

The T-Wolves outscored the Wildcats in the first half 25-20 and 29-21 in the second half. The T-Wolves' Evan House and Scott Roos led the way in scoring and took the game 54-41 winning the consolation championship.

### Consolation Champs

The Russell High School Intermediate Boys' Basketball T-Wolves travelled to Rockland on Tues., May 16, to take on the Rockland and District High School Wildcats. The T-Wolves out-muscled the Wildcats 54-41 taking home the prize. The team members from left, at front are Clark Little, Charlie Pascoe, Sam Peters, Curtis Sturgeon, and Evan



Houle; at back are Head Coach Kim McKinnon, Owen Johnson, Ruben Jaquemet, Connor Ross, Assistant Coach Justen Dupelle, Scott Roos and Chandler Campbell.

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# Prescott-Russell track meet results

OTTAWA — The Prescott-Russell track meet was held at the Terry Fox Athletic Facility on Tues., May 9. The results for St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School and Russell High School were:

**St. Thomas Ravens**

**Midget Girls:** 100m dash- 3rd Abbie-Rose Forde; 200m dash-3rd Abbie-Rose Forde 30.53; 400m dash-4th Abbie-Rose Forde 1:09.88; 3000m run-1st Amelie Buma 13:52.46; long jump-2nd Maria Ogrel 4.01m; shot put-3rd Alayna Gaudette 7.75m; shot put-6th Maria Ogrel 6.70m; discus throw 1kg-Alayna Gaudette 15.89m; javelin throw-Alyana Gaudette 22.67m; and javelin throw-2nd Maria Ogrel 18.08m.

**Midget Boys:** 100m dash-1st Eriq Secchi 12:53; 100m dash-4th Matthew Piche 13:86; 200m dash-3rd Matthew Piche 28:39; long jump-3rd Eriq Secchi 4.99m; and shot put 4kg-3rd William Menard 9.63m.

**Junior Boys:** 100m dash-4th Colin Robertson 12.45; 100m dash-5th Kieran Mulligan 12.90; 100m dash-6th Mitchell Madigan 12.91; 200m dash-4th Kieran Mulligan 26.60; 200m dash-5th Mitchell Madigan 26.96; 1500m run-3rd Jacob Poirier-Hanniman 5:45.70; 1500m run-4th Peter McCannell 5:46.89; 1500m-6th Sam Barrett

6:12.40; 3000m run-2nd Jacob Poirier-Hanniman 12:50.05; 3000m run-4th Sam Barrett 12:59.91; 4x100m relay-1st 50.75; high jump-4th Cody Preston 1.5m; long jump-5th Cody Preston 4.70m; long jump-7th Adam Davidson 4.38m; long jump-9th Colin Robinson 4.28m; triple jump-5th Zach Vandermolen 9.65m; shot put-3rd 10.02m; discus throw-4th Zach Vandermolen 24.53m; and javelin throw-3rd Zach Vandermolen 28.75m.

**Senior Girls:** 800m run-2nd Amy Smith 2:52.07.

**Senior Boys:** high jump-6th Kurtis Bass 4.37m; shot put-7th Tyler Granlund 6.98m; discus throw-5th Tyler Granlund 16.34m; and javelin throw-7th Tyler Granlund 26.25m.

**Russell T-Wolves**

**Midget Boys:** 800m run-4th Bruce Porteous 2:45.36; 1500m run-4th Bruce Porteous 5:26.83; and 3000m run-3rd Bruce Porteous 11:36.66.

**Junior Boys:** 200m dash-8th Alex Hiemstra 28.02; 400m dash-5th Cahan Welch 1:30.33; 3000m run-3rd Daniel Wiltshire 12:55.65; long jump-11th Cahan Welch 3.72m; long jump-14th Jackson McMillan; shot put-4th Justin Laviolette 9.53m; and javelin throw-2nd Justin Laviolette 29.29m.

**Senior Girls:** 400m run-



**Ravens do well at P-R Track Meet**

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens track team travelled to the Terry Fox Athletic Facility in Ottawa on Tues., May 9, for the Prescott-Russell Track Meet. The Ravens' Peter McCannell participated in the Junior Boys 1500m run and finished in fourth place with a time of 5:46.89 seconds just outside of the medal placing.

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**Golden girl**

The T-Wolves' Vanessa MacDonald landed her Senior Girls long jump with a 4.04m lunge, which was good enough for a bronze medal. McDonald also won a gold medal in the 1500m run and another gold medal in the javelin throw.

1st Sarah Fothergill 1:16.11; 800m run-1st Sarah Fothergill 2:50.59; 1500m run-1st Vanessa MacDonald 5:31.36; long jump-3rd Vanessa MacDonald 4.04m; and javelin throw-1st Vanessa MacDonald 23.55m.



**Gaudette wins double gold**

The Ravens' Alayna Gaudette takes part in the Midget Girls javelin throw at the Prescott-Russell Track Meet. Gaudette finished with a gold medal for her troubles in both the javelin throw and the discus throw and she also placed third in the 4kg shot put.



**Prescott-Russell Track Meet**

The Russell High School T-Wolves track team travelled to the Terry Fox Athletic facility in Ottawa on Thurs., May 9, for the Prescott-Russell Track Meet. The T-Wolves' Jackson McMillan took part in the Junior Boys' long jump. McMillan finished 14th in his group with a 3.9m jump.

23.55m. **Senior Boys:** 100m dash-4th Mathew Krefte 12.77; 110m hurdles-1st Mathew Krefte 8.90m.

## Ravens' Intermediate Boys' and Girls' basketball win PRSSAA championship

Jeff Moore

Record Staff

RUSSELL — The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Intermediate Boys' Ravens basketball team welcomed the St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons on Tues., May 16, for the PRSSAA championship game. The Ravens finished the season undefeated and took first place overall but in their first game against the Falcons the Ravens only won by a single point. The Falcons finished in second place just behind the Ravens with their only losses

coming against their hosts.

The Ravens jumped out to a slim 12-10 lead after the first quarter with Johnny Costanzi leading the way with five points. The Ravens' defence dominated the second quarter and their offence outscored the Falcons 9-3 taking a 21-13 lead into the dressing room at the half.

The Ravens' offence kept the pressure on the Falcons in the third quarter and dumped in another 15 points led by Callum Tait with six points while the defence held the Falcons to 11. The Ravens took a 36-24 lead

into the final quarter. The Falcons saved their best for the last quarter exploding for 20 points but the Ravens fought hard enough to keep ahead scoring 11 points. The Ravens squeaked out a 47-44 win, taking the PRSSAA championship.

Scoring for the Ravens were Matt Pietrkicwics with nine points, Costanzi, Kallum Birch, Kai Donnelly and Tait each scored six, Brock Ballantyne with five, Aiden Nyentap with four, Dylan Clune with three and Aidan Harps with a deuce.



**Ravens win championship**

The St. Thomas Aquinas Ravens Intermediate Boys' basketball team won the PRSSAA championship on Tues., May 16. The team members are: (Not in order) Aidan Harps, Aidan Nyentap, Brock Ballantyne, Matthew Pietrkiewics, Dylan Clune, Kai Daniel, Callum Tait, Kallum Birch, Johnny Costanzi, Noah Piccin, Team Manager, Dakota Aubin and Head Coach, Greg Light.

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**Ravens' Intermediate Girls win PRSSA championship**

The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Intermediate Girls' Ravens travelled to St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School on Tues., May 16, to participate in the year-end PRSSAA tournament for the championship. In their first game, the Ravens took on the Russell High School T-Wolves and won a hard fought 27-24 victory. The Ravens then moved on to face the home team Falcons after the Falcons blew out the Rockland District High School Wildcats. The Falcons were the top ranked team in the regular season so the Ravens had their work cut out for them but they battled the Falcons to the last minute and pulled out a 32-27 upset victory, taking home the championship. The winning team members are: (not in order) Meadow Donnelly, Rachel Drevniok, Emma Gordon, Paige Hannaford, Katelyn Knap, Kate Lamothe, Ally Marcellus, Kyra Streng, Kayley Toth, Grace VanNoppen, Emily Way, Keeley Zandbelt and Mackenzie Campbell; also in the photo are Coach David Brookes, Team Manager Erin McLeod and Assistant Coach Kylie Knap.

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## Poutmasters yields good results

RUSSELL — The 18th Annual Poutmasters Fishing Derby welcomed 222 adults and youths who caught a total of 368 mud pout in glorious weather between Fri., May 19 and Sun., May 21. The event was rescheduled from early May due to the excessive rainfall and unsafe waterways at that time.

Every person who caught a fish got to choose a prize from the hundreds which had been donated by local area businesses. The top prizes of canoe and kayak were won by Valerie

Bourque and Brian Chamberlain respectively.

The winning fishermen in the youth category were: 1st - Evan Houle - 768 grams; 2nd - Bryson Grobelny - 690 grams; and 3rd - Breze Grobelny - 686 grams. Top adult catches were: 1st - Jacob Walkden - 644 grams; 2nd - Mike Vidal - 620 grams; and 3rd - Stephen Hynes-Ion - 580 grams.

Both adult and youth first-place winners also won free tickets to see André-Philippe Gagnon and Tara Shannon in Russell on Sat., June 3.



## Disappointing derby

A lone fisherman was noted on Sun., May 7, at the Poutmasters Tournament site in Russell. He expressed his disappointment not only in the postponement of the event but that the fish weren't biting.

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## Fish are biting

Jake Palma and Jacob Bourbonnais, both of Metcalfe, fished in the Castor River in Russell on Sat., May 20, as part of the Poutmasters Fishing Derby.

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## Russell Sports Dome has officially started

Candice Vetter  
Villager Staff

EMBRUN — The groundbreaking ceremony for the Russell Sports Dome project took place under sunny skies at the site off Notre Dame St. in Embrun on Wed., May 17, although the project had actually started a few days earlier and heavy machinery was already preparing the ground.

Representatives from the Township of Russell, the Russell Kin Club, the Township Environmental Advisory Committee, McIntosh Perry, Tofcon Construction and

Township staff crowded in front of the construction fence for photos. Mayor Pierre Leroux said a few words and said the new Sports Dome would be "a jewel for our community." He thanked everyone involved in the project, particularly the Russell Kin Club, which kicked it off in the first place, and which continues its fundraising drive.

The Dome is projected to be completed this year, in December.

The next fundraising event for the Dome is the André Philippe Gagnon concert in Russell on June 3. Tickets are available online at <http://prescottusselldome.ca>.



## Official groundbreaking for the Sports Dome

Although work has already commenced, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Russell Sports Dome officially kicked off the project in Embrun on May 17.

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## Russell Township plants 31 trees

EMBRUN — Russell Township recently planted 31 trees of six different varieties to replace dead ash trees along Notre Dame Street between Exit Realty and Embrun Ford in Embrun.

The cost associated with the tree planting is approximately \$22,000, which was included in the 2017 budget.

The variety of trees selected by Cindy Cluett, owner of Beyond the House, includes Serviceberries, Japanese Tree Lilacs, Amur Maples, Hackberries, Oaks and Hop Hornbeams, and will provide the Township with benefits including an improved streetscape, habitat for birds and small animals, wind and snow barriers, erosion prevention, reduced dust and emissions,



## Adding greenery

The loss of ash trees in Embrun is being mitigated slightly by the planting of low-growing trees and bushes by Russell Township. Shown outside Township Hall with one of the planted trees are Councillors André Brisson, Cindy Saucier and Amanda Simard, Mayor Pierre Leroux, Cindy Cluett, and Township staff Jonathan Bourgon.

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and reduced noise pollution.

"While there was an unfortunate need to take down numerous trees along Notre-Dame Street in

Embrun," said Mayor Pierre Leroux, "Russell Township is pleased to replant trees, which will be better suited for such a high traffic area."

## Pitre transplant appears to be successful

Candice Vetter  
Villager Staff

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — Russell teen Jonathan Pitre, who is in Minneapolis, MN, for a lengthy and dangerous bone marrow transplant, has received news that this, his second attempt, appears to have been successful. Last month, he completed chemotherapy and radiation for the second time to prepare his body to accept his mother's bone marrow. On Tues., May 16, he got the news that the new stem cells growing in his body were 100 per cent donor cells, meaning the transplant worked. This means he has a good chance of overcoming some of the painful and eventually fatal skin condition, epidermolysis bullosa, which he was born with, and may be able to live a life closer to that of other teen boys, instead of wrapped in bandages.

It is hoped that the unique treatment, which has so far only been used on a few patients, will allow Pitre's body to produce collagen, the substance that keeps bodies glued together, so that his skin won't peel

and blister anymore, at least not to that extent, and the collagen should aid in his digestion and other functions too.

Pitre's strength has made him an international celebrity, and he has a special relationship with the Ottawa Senators, who made him an official scout for the team and has cheered him all along the way. On Tuesday night, player Chris Tremblay tweeted, "A successful transplant for Jonathan Pitre and the #Sens now leading 5-0 vs #Pens in game 3, could this week get any better?"

There are still other medical procedures ahead for Pitre, including receiving skin grafts from his mother to cover some of his largest and deepest sores. Pitre said he is concerned about his mom being hurt that way, but mom Tina Boileau told *The Villager*, in an interview before they left for Minneapolis last year, that she is ready and willing to provide her skin to her son, "My skin isn't like his, mine will heal, and I would give him all the skin off my body if it would help him."

## OPP host barbecue

The Embrun detachment of the OPP hosted a barbecue at the headquarters on New York Central Ave. in Embrun at lunchtime on Thurs., May 18. Funds were raised for the Prescott Russell United Way, and all money will be used for local needs. The food and accessories were all donated by some of the OPP's local community partners. The total raised was \$1,441. Shown here just after the proceeds were tallied up are Wayne Morris, Stephan Neufeld, Jacob Neufeld, Chantal Lanteigne, Manon Cousineau, Arthur Varin, Amanda Varin, Jodie Densmore, and Eric Gendron.



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## Clearing up — recycling drive soon

CARLSBAD SPRINGS—Over the long weekend many people did a spring clean-up, but what to do with that stuff you no longer want? Help Dump this Dump 2 raise funds by bringing your old computers and laptops, TVs and monitors, stereos and speakers, cell phones, automobile parts (includes alternators and radiators), copper, brass, all types of aluminum (including pop

cans, automotive batteries, all types of steel (sheds, sinks, and more), insulated copper wire, all household appliances (no fridges or air conditioners), as well as LCBO and beer bottles. They do not accept wood furniture, paper or garbage. Bring items to the Carlsbad Springs Community Centre, 6020 Piperville Rd. on Sat., June 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For questions, email [dumphthisdump2@gmail.com](mailto:dumphthisdump2@gmail.com).



# Local Girl Guides honoured with Lady Baden Powell award

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – On Wed., May 17, at the evening of achievements at Mother Teresa Catholic School, Russell Girl Guides Julia Murton and Leah Prosper

were awarded the Lady Baden Powell award for the highest level of achievement in the Guides' ranking.

Both young ladies were aware of the Lady Baden Powell award during their first year in Guides and

showed interest in the honour. To be worthy of receiving the award is no easy feat. A Guide must accomplish a number of tasks outside of her usual Guide challenges and assignments, while also maintaining her tasks at

school and home.

Of those tasks, both Prosper and Murton were required to research Lady Baden Powell and present their findings in a creative manner.

Murton accumulated her research into an unfolding lap book, while Prosper performed a skit of her findings. They were also required to give back to their community. Within each rank girls are encouraged and guided in community involvement, aspects of life and problem solving to help create well-rounded leaders of the future.

Murton raised money by walking 10,000 steps for the young women in third world countries who must walk 10,000 steps each day. Murton explained that she wanted to help these women have better and closer access to clean water so they can lessen their daily journeys and have more time for education. Murton was able to raise a total of \$100.

Prosper held bottle drives

and fundraisers at the local campground to donate funds to the Buddy Bench program. Prosper explained that the Buddy Bench program gives students a place to go when they are without playmates at recess. When other students see one of their peers on the bench, they are encouraged to invite the student to participate. Prosper raised \$500.

Both girls had big achievements to celebrate and were proud to receive their Lady Baden Powell awards. However, the evening of achievements was not over for Prosper who was recognized for her achievement of earning every badge possible for the Guide rank. Prosper said the badges took her three years to

complete and had the uniform to show it as her sashes were packed on either side with the numerous commendations.

Both Murton and Prosper graduated to Pathfinders on the Wednesday evening after their long road in Guides. Many other accomplished members also transitioned into their new ranks during the ceremony and community guider Margaret Grohmann was awarded the Silver Merit award for her dedication to the organization. Ranks present at the ceremony with members moving to the next level were the Sparks ages five to six, Brownies ages seven to eight, Guides ages nine to 11, Pathfinders ages 12 to 14, Rangers ages 15 to 17 and guide leaders ages 18 and up.



## Honouring guides

From left, Lana Prosper (guide leader), Leah Prosper, Margaret Grohmann (community guider), Julia Murton and Stephanie Murton (guide leader), proudly show off the accomplishments of Leah Prosper and Julia Murton. Girl Guides who received the Lady Baden Powell award for hard work and dedication to the community.

Sawyer Helmer photo

# Horticultural Society hosts biggest plant sale yet

**Candice Vetter**  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL — Members of the Russell and District Horticultural Society were thrilled with the turnout to their annual plant sale on Sat., May 20.

"It was our biggest crowd ever," said Ann Jackson, who also leads the partnership between the society and St.

Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School. "And it was continuous."

Former president of the society Lindley McPhail agreed, and added that the event was a perfect example of a true community

partnership. "There was the Horticultural Society, Trees for Tomorrow, 4-H, and STA," she said. To which Jackson added, "And our community, because they came out and supported us."

This year 4-H members

made paper plant pots and grew seedlings for sale, adding a new dimension of participation. Being the perfect long weekend for gardening helped attract the public too.

## Green on green

4-H Club members sold their own plants at the Russell Horticultural Society's annual plant sale on Sat., May 20, at MacDougall Park in Russell. Posing proudly, from left, are Sydney Lemoyre and Rebecca Baas kneeling in front; front row standing Taylor Lemoyre, Audree Brisson and Vicky Regimbald; middle row Eliza Matamoras, Osianna Williams and Melissa Brisson; back row Felix Dignard, Anick Regimbald and Tanya Regimbald.



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# Spring piano recitals

RUSSELL – The Musically Inclined School of Music provided two enjoyable afternoon and evening spring recitals on May 7 and May 12 at Russell United Church. The young pianists ranged from four years old to older students in their teen years, from simple easy to play tunes to more advanced variations several of the older students had arranged themselves. The brief intermissions consisted of several students acting out with songs, performing music with handbell ensembles and a keyboard quartet with the teacher.



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Light refreshments including ice cream followed the recitals.

This year marks Heather Koss-Huisman's 22nd year of professional teaching. In addition to maintaining a studio of almost 50 students, she directs the Russell Children's Choir, is the music director at Russell United Church and teaches general music

classes within both the Upper Canada District School Board and the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario.

Koss-Huisman thanked the students for their excellent performances at both recitals, their continued interest and practising faithfully, and the parents and family members for their support.

Thank you • Thank you • Thank you • Thank you •

## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who helped over the past year. Family, friends and neighbours. There is no way to show how much I appreciate what you have done for me. I'm starting a new chapter in life but will never forget this one,

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