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Briefly

Information meeting

On Wed., June 6, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Southgate Church Winchester Campus, the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce will host a meeting to discuss the *Employment Standards Act* and Bill 148 with a special focus on recent changes to labour laws under the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act*. Tickets are \$15 and a light dinner will be served.

Paddle Poker Run

The Chesterville Kayak Club Paddle Poker Run will be held on June 9. The event will include a day of paddling followed by prizes and a sit down meal at the Chesterville Legion. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the start will be at 10 a.m.

Ribfest

The eighth edition of the Winchester Ribfest will be held on Fri., June 8 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sweet Corner Park. The Friday night format will have a cash bar and live entertainment from Marleen Fawcett and Soul Sounds. Tickets are \$20 and includes a 1/2 rack of ribs, baked beans, coleslaw, roll and dessert.

Wise charged with murder

WINCHESTER – On Thurs., May 31 members with the Stormont Dundas and Glengarry (SDG) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Crime Unit, under the direction of Detective inspector Jim Gorry of the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), arrested James Henry Wise, 75-years-old of North Dundas, with First Degree Murder.

The victim, Raymond Collison, 59-years-old, of Chesterville, was reported missing in September 2009 and his remains were later found on April 17, 2014.

The accused has been remanded into custody and was scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Cornwall on June 1. It was reported that Wise pleaded not guilty to the charges and was held at the Ottawa jail facility until his bail hearing on Monday.

During this time Wise has been ordered to refrain from any communication with 31 people connected to the case. It is possible Wise's lawyer Ian Carter will request a change of venue due to Wise's reputation and the extensive media coverage of his previous charges. Despite being previously charged with 10 criminal counts in relation to the cold case, the charges were dropped in the fall of 2017.

SDG Relay for Life makes a difference

MAXVILLE – The Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry Relay for Life was held in Maxville at the Kenyon Agricultural Society fairgrounds on Fri., June 1. The annual event runs from 6 p.m. until midnight and featured group walkers, survivors, live entertainment and a meal before the official start.

Before the opening ceremonies, the Glengarry Pipe Band led the

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Flying high

Dancers from the Ashley Thomas School of Dance at the Maple Ridge Centre performed a number of routines for visitors at the Chesterville Art on the Waterfront to enjoy. The art festival featured music, artistic creations, dance and much more. Visitors and residents were able to explore the amazing local talent over June 2 and 3.

Sawyer Helmer photo

Eighth annual Art on the Waterfront showcases local talent

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Art on the Waterfront chair Cheryl Beasley welcomed the crowd to Chesterville's eighth annual event that features local artists, artisans and crafters. Two of this year's main sponsors were Peter Gilroy and TD Bank. Beasley also gave a big thank you to North Dundas Township for their many years of support. Mayor Eric Duncan said he was immensely proud of Art on the Waterfront for showcasing local artists.

"We have a lot of talent that is untapped in this area. People don't realize how much amazing talent that we have right here. Plus the community and stores do an amazing job," said Beasley. The artists at this year's Art

on the Waterfront were a mix of returning and new exhibitors, all from the surrounding area. In addition to the artisans were the Chesterville Farmer's Market vendors who had many things to offer.

Artists and artisans at the event were displaying jewellery, crafts, homemade goods and paintings. One artist was even producing an acrylic work during the event to show visitors her methods. The artist, Laura Stevens of Finch has been a regular at Art on the Waterfront for four years. Her paintings are available from her home studio, Victoria Street Studios. Stevens has been a professional painter for 10 years and thoroughly enjoys the annual event.

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SDG Library rebranding

SDG – Every spring and fall the SDG Library gives its members the opportunity to pay down Library fines with non-perishable food donations. For every item donated \$1 in overdue fines are waived. From May 19 to May 26, each branch collected food items on behalf of local food banks or organizations. The SDG Library is very proud to announce that this Spring's Food for Fines campaign was yet again a success, with an increase in donations over the last year.

"Food for Fines is a great initiative. Its success stems from the dedication of the Library's incredible public service staff, and from the generosity of our community," says Nicholas Seguin, communications and marketing coordinator.



The May campaign raised 528 donations of food or cash, while last fall's campaign yielded 832 donations. The SDG Library would like to thank all those who took part to make this program such a success.

Questions about this program, along with other ways to donate to Library initiatives, can be directed to Nicholas Seguin, at 613-362-2842, or by email at nseguin@sdglibrary.ca.

Wert seeks mayor's chair in North Stormont

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

AVONMORE – Timing is everything and according to Avonmore area resident Jim Wert, who has served as a North Stormont councillor for over five years, the time is right personally and professionally to run for the mayor of this municipality.



Jim Wert

Wert, who farms on a multi-generational farm outside of Avonmore, expressed his respect for the people who have served in local municipal governments in the past, citing the strong and vibrant communities in North Stormont as part of their legacy to future generations.

He mentioned during an interview with the *Chesterville Record* recently some issues facing the municipality are the challenges associated with

continuing to provide the status quo with potentially less available resources and fostering the continuation of the "quiet but strong" sense of community in North Stormont.

As the interview drew to a close, he commented it was a honour to serve his community, expressing a deep commitment to giving back to the area which has been his life-long home.

Dundas resident wins SDG Direct Support Professional Award

DUNDAS – Community Living Dundas County is pleased to announce that their very own Marianne Vanderlaan was presented the SDG Direct Support Professional Award.

Eight developmental services agencies of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry support people with intellectual disabilities and their families in achieving excellent personal outcomes and quality of life.

Collectively, agencies wish to recognize the tremendous contribution made by direct support professionals within SDG and highlight how they embody and promote their own core values and the values of equality, inclusion, rights and responsibilities, empowerment, participation, individual focus and respect.

The annual award includes a monetary gift, small gift basket and a plaque which will be housed at CLDC for one year. The first recipient of this award was Phil Archambault,



Community Living Stormont County.

Vanderlaan generates excitement, enthusiasm and commitment in people by translating the Agency's values into the achievement of a common purpose. Community Living Dundas County is bursting with pride.

New midway coming to the Chesterville Fair

CHESTERVILLE – It is with great excitement that the Chesterville and District Agricultural Society (CDAS) announce a midway in a brand-new format for the town's 2018 end-of-summer fair. After much research and in-depth consideration of feedback from fair goers, the CDAS is working with local supplier Tribek Inflatables to provide an interactive, family midway at a price-point that respects all budgets.

Tribek's set-up will extend beyond the "bouncy castles" that typically come to mind at the mention of an inflatable midway. The midway will also include games and events that are adventurous for all ages, including the area's longest obstacle course, a rock climbing wall and much more. Tribek also guarantees a safe environment to play, including TSSA safety certified equipment and a

fully trained operations staff overseeing the midway.

The decision to shift from a mechanical midway to an interactive, game-based midway comes after extensive board deliberation. General feedback about the midway of the previous three years has been negative as the community expressed concerns ranging from unreasonable pricing to broken equipment to a lack of variety in rides. The Ag Society is confident that this year's solution will address all of these concerns and bring new benefits.

Price-conscious parents will especially be thrilled at the new pricing model for this year's Chesterville Fair midway. The weekend will have a pay-one-price admission to the grounds of \$15 per day which includes all family events and unlimited access on the new midway. This is lower than

previous years, where a ride-all-day bracelet had a price tag of \$30, in addition to the initial fair admission.

The new midway also promotes exercise, with many games encouraging physical activity while having fun. Plus it lets parents, kids and friends enjoy games together due to fewer age and size restrictions. Finally, the Ag Society is taking precautions that allow games to continue running as long as safely possible if there is rain and after dusk.

The CDAS stated that being unable to sign a contract with a new mechanical midway provider also played a role in the decision to work with an

inflatable company. Mechanical midways are becoming increasingly challenging to secure at an affordable price in Ontario. One midway executive recently told the CDAS this is partially due to the costs of over regulation (ESSA, DOT, ESA, MOL) as well as rising fuel and labour costs.

The fair's website (www.chestervillefair.com) will be updated with more information about this year's interactive midway as it becomes available, plus details on what's happening at the 2018 Chesterville Fair. Questions can be directed to info@chestervillefair.com or through the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/chestervillefair.

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Time for tea

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

LONG SAULT – A superb afternoon tea commemorating the 65th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth’s coronation was hosted by the Lost Villages Historical Society at Sunset Cove Retirement Living in Long Sault on Sat., June 2.

Jim Brownell, past president of the LVHS, in his welcoming remarks mentioned 65 years ago on June 2, 1958 the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II occurred and invited people to view the memorabilia

display in the foyer of Sunset Cove.

There was plenty of tea, sandwiches and sweets to enjoy with the tea aptly poured by LVHS members Vale Brownell and Ginette Guy, with volunteer Pamela Honey as well as student volunteers Josee Labelle, Stephanie Labelle and Dayton Vachon providing table service as needed.

Brownell commented to a post-event email to *the Chesterville Record* how the event “was a great way to celebrate this milestone in Canadian history, and to recognize the achievements of Her Majesty, over the past 65 years. The tea was a great success, with approximately 100 guests attending.”



A royal memory

This group of ladies were among the approximately 100 guests who attended the Queen Elizabeth II 65th Anniversary Coronation Tea hosted by the Lost Villages Historical Society and Sunset Cove Retirement Living in Long Sault.

Thompson Goddard photo

Ingleside Newington United Church fills plates at House of Lazarus

MOUNTAIN — Ingleside Newington United Church donated roughly 795.5 pounds of items to House of Lazarus (HOL) Food Bank, this week.

Church member Cathy Lalonde and her granddaughter, Avery, delivered the donation to the food bank’s head-quarters in Mountain on June 1. This is Ingleside Newington United’s fourth year participating in the annual Every Plate Full Campaign and donating what’s collected to HOL. The group more than doubled their goal for this year’s challenge, Lalonde said.

“This is amazing,” HOL Food Bank’s Marianne Villemaire said. “The quantity and the variety of items donated will have a great impact on our food bank’s ability to serve our clients this summer.”

The Every Plate Full Campaign is an initiative of Food Banks Canada. This year’s campaign runs from May 28 to June 8. Food Banks Canada represents food banks across the country with a network of 550 food banks. To learn more about the campaign or to donate directly, visit HOL’s



A big donation

Cathy Lalonde (left) and her granddaughter, Avery, delivered 795.5 pounds of food to House of Lazarus Food Bank June 1, as part of the Ingleside Newington United Church’s contribution to the annual Every Plate Full Campaign. They are pictured with HOL Food Bank’s Marianne Villemaire.

Courtesy photo

website at houseoflazarus.com/every-plate-full.

Francois Landry seeks deputy mayor office in N. Stormont

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

BERWICK – North Stormont councillor Francois Landry submitted his nomination papers for the office of deputy mayor in the municipality to continue serving the residents because in his words “At the end of the day that’s what we’re here for.” In an interview with *the Chesterville Record*, Landry mentioned he feels there is a need for continuity moving forward and wants to build upon the achievements of the 2014-2018 council which “always worked well together for the benefit of the township.”

Landry sees the issues facing North Stormont as including asset management plan implementation, dealing with new provincial legislation imposed on the municipality and the



A new name in the running

Francois Landry, pictured here at the Township of North Stormont office in Berwick, filed his nomination papers for the office of deputy mayor in North Stormont on May 2. The Ontario municipal elections will be held on Oct. 22.

Nation Rise wind farm project.

In addition to serving as a councillor in North Stormont since 2014, Laundry has 28 years service as a volunteer firefighter and is currently the senior captain in the North Stormont Fire Department (Crysler

Thompson Goddard photo Station). He is also an avid supporter of community organizations. Landry mentioned the strong volunteer base in the municipality, commenting the municipality needs to work with volunteers to ensure available funding opportunities are utilized.

Linking Hands set to bring ‘Places for People’ to Dundas County

MOUNTAIN — According to the 2016 Canada Census, roughly 45 per cent of renters in Dundas County are spending more than 30 per cent of their income on shelter costs. The average month’s rent is \$858 in South Dundas and \$840 in North Dundas. Also, in Dundas County, there is no social housing for families. The units that do exist are specifically for seniors and there’s a waiting list. Dundas County needs affordable rental properties for families.

“There is a large demand in our communi-

ties for affordable housing,” Habitat for Humanity Cornwall and the Counties’ board of directors chair Hank Blasiak said: “Every person has the right to access safe, affordable housing and shelter around the world. By supporting organizations and efforts like Habitat for Humanity, we have the power to shape the communities around us.”

Linking Hands Dundas County wants to help residents find an affordable place to call home, Linking Hands coordinator Sandy Casselman said:

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Letter

Why vote PC this election?

So you don't know who to support in the upcoming provincial election this week? Maybe you don't usually vote? We are fortunate to have a great candidate representing the PC party in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

This election, I am asking fellow residents to support the PC candidate, Jim McDonell. I have selfish reasons for publicly asking for your PC support for the June 7 vote. I live in North Stormont - the proposed home of the Nation Rise industrial wind turbine project. This is a provincial Liberal Government decision directly related to the *Green Energy Act*. Mr. McDonell has stated that the PC party will eliminate the *Green Energy Act*, thus stopping the planned Nation Rise project. Some of you will not want to pay a cancellation penalty but that will be a very small financial output compared to the many increases in costs connected to the potential installation of Nation Rise turbines.

The local Municipal council of North Stormont has declared our township as a non-host, but the province has pushed it on us regardless. There are many scientific studies to support the issues of concern regarding these industrial turbines that may be more than 60 (yes 60!) storeys in height. Concerns regarding numerous health challenges related to their functioning. Concerns with our very delicate aquifer in this region and ongoing clean water supply for thousands of residents and many businesses. Concerns with the extreme cost of hydro with these wind contracts - energy that we don't need! Concerns with destruction of our natural environment - excellent farm land, beautiful trees, many kinds of birds, bats and animals. Concerns with extreme danger from ice being flung off of the blades of these

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CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Wise up!

For more than 30 years now, the Ontario Provincial Police have been trying to pin a big one on Jimmy Wise, always without success.

They've tried, Lord how they've tried... and been rebuffed several times. Wise is a Chesterville character who wound up at age 75 in a Winchester retirement home, probably thinking his days of battling the boys and girls in blue were behind him. They weren't.

Jimmy was arrested at the residence last Thursday and charged with the first-degree murder of Chesterville's Raymond Collison who was reported missing in 2009, three weeks after he was last seen getting on his bicycle outside the McCloskey Hotel which is also no longer with us. His remains were discovered in a ditch five years later and identified through DNA testing.

A frail-looking Wise pleaded not guilty in Cornwall court Friday which he entered in a wheelchair. His health has deteriorated since suffering a stroke a few years ago.

Jimmy's no angel, that's for sure. As a young man, he compiled a record for robbery, theft, and weapons

possession, which may be part of the reason police have always eyed him for much bigger crimes including murder and arson. The public doesn't really know but one thing is certain... they've never had the goods on Jimmy unless they've finally done it with the Collison case.

For some 30 years, I've covered various aspects of the ongoing Wise saga. Unfortunately, for the most notorious part of it, I was otherwise occupied. That's when the OPP, without sufficient evidence or at least any evidence they could substantiate, pointed the finger at Jimmy for toppling a \$2-million communications tower in Williamsburg. That caused a media feeding frenzy of a type rarely seen in rural eastern Ontario... which backfired on investigators.

Wise was tried unsuccessfully twice in the tower toppling and the case was stayed on the eve of a third trial. Before and after, police had Jim in mind as the perp for several random murders and unexplained fires, all of which they were never able to prove. The provincial solicitor general even apologized to Wise for his name becoming public as a murder suspect. He sued the OPP for defamation and rights abuses which was

settled out of court in 2002.

I remember those times well, when older men alone in their remote rural homes were shot dead by an unknown assailant. Although I didn't match the age criteria at the time, as a man often alone in a rural home I sometimes wondered if I was at risk at night when wandering close to a darkened window. The killings happened near Brinston, Avonmore and Morewood where the home of bachelor John King, 59, was torched after forensic tests determined he was shot in the head.

Jimmy was also sized up for the 2007 death of Morewood's Randy Rankin, a kids' clown involved in horse racing, shot in the head through a basement window as he worked on his computer. While many observers thought it was a professional hit connected to the racing world's underbelly, the OPP once again wanted to nab Jimmy for it.

During the same timeframe, barn fires were erupting all over Dundas County and beyond. Could Jimmy be the guy, the OPP wondered but never followed up with charges.

In 2016, they were after him again, this time about the Collison death. He was



charged with some minor offences which were later stayed. Undeterred, backed with valid evidence one would assume, they paid another visit to Jim last Thursday and hauled him in for the umpteenth time.

Throughout the 30-year pursuit, Wise has maintained his innocence. Well any bad guy would, you might say; but nothing has ever stuck and in fact, Jim has been redeemed several times. To my knowledge, the issue of possible motive for any of these crimes including Collison's death in relation to Wise has never been publicly discussed.

Is he guilty or innocent? Nobody knows except Wise at this point but one thing is for sure: There's a long track record of police pursuit of this particular individual to the point of persecution and an equally long record of failing to make it stick, to the point of embarrassment.

Considering Jim's failing health, this very well could be the OPP's last kick at the can.

The Road Home

Memories of my father

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

It's been 35 years since my father died in late October 1983 and barely a day goes by that I don't wish how for just one more time, I could hear him call my name or see him sitting in a chair watching the world around swirl with activity.

Dad didn't have an easy life but that didn't make him into an angry person. His own father left when he was about to enter high school leaving behind a wife crippled by arthritis and four children. Daddy never entered high school, but instead went to work as a hired man on local farms. Mom would often tell us about Tom Sirvage in Connaught where he worked for a time and who made sure Dad was able to get some more schooling at night and even during the day sometimes. I have often thought his thirst for knowledge and difficulty getting it perhaps laid the foundation for a lifetime of service in the field of education.

When war began, Dad tried to enlist with the SDG Highlanders, but was turned down for medical reasons, with the recruiting person telling him to return to the farm and grow food, for an army can't march on an empty stomach. He did return to the Morewood area, married my Mom and farmed as well as became an electrician. Now Mom might say it was she and the hired men who farmed, while Dad was away wiring but I know for a fact that in my Dad's soul he was a farmer because decades later when they lived in Winchester he had one of the most bountiful vegetable gardens I can ever remember.

Dad was a bit of a tease at times, with a quick sense of humour. I remember travelling to Peterborough as a child to visit family friends. It was a long trip and in those days there was no stopping at restaurants for lunch (or dinner as we called

it then), for in the trunk were sandwiches, fruit and something to drink at a roadside park. I think maybe Dad wanted to get as much driving done as possible before stopping to eat and kept going long past the time when my stomach told me it needed to be fed. I recall feeling quite annoyed when to my plaintive cry of "I'm starving," Dad would reply "Nice to meet you, I'm Lorne Thompson".

One of my fondest memories is dancing with Daddy on my wedding day. This was the first time I had ever danced with him and in my mind's eye I can see this young woman on the dance floor with her Dad gracefully (in my memories at least) swirling around in tune to the music. I remember him coming to the hospital soon after the birth of my oldest boy, Graeme, and coming with Mom to our home in Osgoode bringing gifts such as a baby water bottle to help with the colic. Too soon after Graeme was born, the cancer Dad had fought returned and in a few short months he was gone.

There were many things that Daddy taught me (things I still struggle with) including listen while people are talking, be kind to others, be true to yourself and honest with others. So now I have a mea culpa to acknowledge. Being a human I am prone to mistakes - well despite the fact that for almost a decade I worked at Longue Sault Public School and knew the pride some felt in the spelling of "Longue," which I believe is the spelling associated with the rapids that now lie beneath the seaway waters, in my haste to complete the article on the wonderful 60th reunion, I incorrectly spelt the school name as Long Sault Public School. I truly am sorry and as I learned to say during my two-year stint in the Armed Forces, I will try not to repeat the error.

Happy Father's Day to all and remember to appreciate your father and mother while they are here, for someday, like me, you will wish that just once more you could hear them say your name!

NDDHS Report

By Rosie Backes
Student Council Communications

Exams loom before summer fun



The countdown is on for most students at North Dundas, as we are only a few short weeks away from exams and the beginning of summer.

With yet another long weekend, students are well rested for the busy weeks to come. Summatives and exams are both starting to cause some pressure on the students.

The leadership camp participants left for camp on Mon., June 4, and get back late today, June 6. We hope everyone had a great time with all the activities they participated in while they were there.

Congratulations to Zac Hamilton and Curtis Bell, who both competed at the East Regional Track and Field Meet in Kingston on Fri., June 1. Both the boys represented North Dundas amazingly.

Good luck to the Grade 10s this week as they write their math EQAO Thurs., June 7, and Fri., June 8.

Make sure to make the most of the last few weeks of school and have fun!



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WHEREAS their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

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Fire Hall Park in Long Sault saved

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

LONG SAULT – A sign thanking J.F. Markell Homes Ltd. for returning ownership of parkland to the Township of South Stormont was erected by residents pleased that their neighbourhood park will remain as a play area for people of all ages to enjoy the outdoors.

During the Long Sault Community Yard Sale held on May 16, Graham Barkley, who lives across the street from Mille Roche Park, or Fire Hall Park as it is known colloquially, told *the Chesterville Record* how J. F. Markell Homes Ltd. had returned ownership of the park land to the Township of South Stormont. Barkley explained the Township had sold to Markell Homes land which had

included the park area and upon learning of a planned housing development residents, began a grassroots campaign to save the park.

South Stormont director of parks and recreation Kevin Amelotte confirmed by email “the Township has accepted a portion of the land back from the developer as of the regular meeting of Council on May 23.” Amelotte continued there are plans by the Township to conduct a “full review of the park and the potential for future design will be looked at in the near future.”



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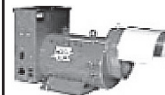


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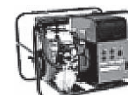
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A new way to get fit

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CRYSLER – Outdoor gym equipment was recently installed at the John Crysler Memorial Park in Crysler by a group of dedicated community volunteers. Pierre Thibault, a volunteer with the Crysler Community Centre, commented in an email to *the Chesterville Record*, that the equipment is “open to anyone from anywhere” and is located “beside the dome and near the trees for shade in the afternoon.” He mentioned how the location is a “perfect place overlooking our gorgeous park while doing exercise.”

Volunteers with the Crysler Community Centre working with the local health centre, senior groups and the Township of North Stormont, received a grant from New Horizons to purchase and install outdoor gym equipment which will “encourage seniors to stay in shape locally,” explained Thibault.

According to Thibault the equipment arrived in mid-December 2017, but volunteers had to wait until the frost was out of the ground before installation could be undertaken. He continued 46 seniors had already registered

“to receive training on the equipment and are following the exercise program.” He mentioned the program provides people of all ages with the opportunity to not only stay in shape but to also socialize “all for free.”



Keeping fit in the great outdoors

Crysler Community Centre volunteers Jean Larocque and Pierre Thibault spend a few minutes exercising on the recently installed outdoor gym equipment at the John Crysler Memorial Park in Crysler.

Thompson Goddard photo

Letter

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monstrous turbines. Concerns with decreased property values. And this is not a complete list of related issues.

What if the next government in power doesn't change the *Green Energy Act*? If Nation Rise turbines proceed to be built, the ripple effect in our area will be huge! Let's think of a few scenarios.

What if our water supply is damaged? What if you don't have a safe water supply anymore? Will that affect you? Your employer? Where you play and relax? Where you buy your food or meals? Where you socialize? Where you attend community events? Where your children attend school? What if your children's local school is closed? Where you worship? Will it affect your cattle or pets? Will it affect anyone providing services in this region? Will it affect everyone living in this region and beyond? Yes! And not just financially but socially, mentally and physically as well.

Think of this – possibly your largest investment - your home and property. What if values drop

considerably? What if it becomes very difficult to sell your home/property and if you do sell you most likely will have to take a major financial loss? How do you maintain your current home and lifestyle without fresh water from your taps? Can you sell your home without fresh water? Can you stay in your home if your income is negatively affected due to these turbines? Can you stay in your home if all your expenses have dramatically increased directly or as others deal with increases in the cost of doing business? Can you afford a large increase in your hydro costs? What if you have to relocate to secure employment but can't sell your home? Can you afford this? I know I can't.

What if your health is negatively affected by these industrial turbines? Will you have extra funds for the medical care you will be seeking? Will you be able to maintain your employment if you are exhausted and ill for an extended period of time? Will you have to seek treatment out of this area due to your local medical providers also being affected financially? What if you are a senior and wish to stay in your home? Will you be able to afford the extra medical costs as well as hiring help so

you can stay at home?

What will you eliminate from your budget to be able to afford medical care and the necessary aid to stay in your home? Will it be food? Donations to charities? Helping extended family members? Will you cut back on the physical help you need? What if you just can't stay in your home? Do you have enough funds for a retirement facility or will you have to move to a government long-term care facility? Any one of these situations will cause a major impact in your life! Can you still live in this area with industrial turbines?

What if you work for a local business that is also affected by these situations? What if your employer has no fresh water? Will they close their business? If they stay open, do you think the services they provide will be more expensive as they deal with obtaining water, ill staff

and higher costs of hydro?

Unfortunately, the scenarios are endless, and yes, may seem very negative. But, I prefer to call it being practical and a real possibility. Several other areas of Ontario are already dealing with these issues as the Liberal Government that provided the *Green Energy Act* promoted industrial wind turbines across the province.

With the deletion of the *Green Energy Act* and the industrial turbines in mind, please vote for our local PC candidate Jim McDonnell. For those of you who are disenchanted with our political environment you might have to “hold your nose and vote.” But, please support the PC government this election, if only to save the special part of Ontario.... North Stormont.

Just another concerned citizen of North Stormont,

Cheryl Irven, North Stormont

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Obituary

SPRUIT, JOHN LEONARD

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Loving Dad of Jane (Lyll) Levere, Betty Spruit (Darren Fleury), late Neil, Maggie Spruit, Joe (Kathryn), Marie Spruit, Henry (Chrissy Harding) (late Diane Seguin), Tony (Shelley) and Johnny (Brandi). Cherished Opa and Grandpa of 19 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and the late Conner. Dear brother of Mary Vanderlaan (late Leonard) of Winchester, Cor Spruit of Holland and the late Arie, Hein and Agatha. Fondly remembered by the Verkleij Family. A Memorial Visitation will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Chesterville (Please enter through hall entrance) on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 9 a.m. until time of Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. By Family request donations may be made to the Dundas Manor Activity Fund or the St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund. Arrangements entrusted to the Byers Funeral Home, South Mountain (613-989-3836). Online condolences may be made to www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com

- Obituary -



WEBER, Klemens

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Klemens Weber who took his last breath on May 28, 2018. He was 86. Klemens was born in Vienna in 1931 to parents Josephine and Hans. He was a high school principal who later refused to tow the party line and was persecuted and demoted by the Nazis. After the war he attended the Francisco Josephinum Agricultural College in rural Austria with the dream of owning his own farm, a passion that prompted him in 1955 to leave his family and beloved Carinthian alps and emigrate to Canada. Arriving virtually penniless in Montreal, he worked at a myriad of jobs for over a decade and scraped together enough money to buy a rough 330-acre spread in Quebec's Eastern Townships, his 'Windfall Farm'. He weathered the ups and downs of farming life, losing a herd to disease and a barn to arson, but eventually did realize his dream of owning and running a successful dairy farm. Klemens was immensely resourceful and a great problem solver. He remained forever curious and interested in politics and current affairs. He enjoyed engaging his children and grandchildren in heated discussions and challenging their views and opinions. He kept busy with his garden well into his 80s, still mowing the lawn and tending his flowers while tethered to his oxygen. We are so glad that he found happiness in his later years with his best friend Heather. He was predeceased by his siblings Hannes, Hilda, Bruno and Hermann. He is missed by his sister Elizabeth, his children Gabriele Thomas (Tony Glen) of Chesterville, Ontario, Andreas Thomas (Rachel Freudenburg) of Boston, MA, his grandchildren Miranda Glen of London, UK, Tristan Glen (Avalon Moore) of Halifax, NS, Franziska Glen, and Alice Thomas (Andre Stevens-Rosa) of Madrid, Spain and his great-grandchild Arlo Stevens-Rosa Thomas and his numerous nieces and nephews in Austria and Germany, his partner Heather Tobiasen's extensive family, neighbours and friends far and near. The funeral service will take place on Friday, June 8, 2018 at our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church in Ingleside at 11am and will be followed by a reception in the church hall. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be made at www.brownleefuneralhomes.com

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Relay for Life

Continued from the front way for the Survivors' Victory Lap. The lap and the entire event commemorates the lives that have been lost but also celebrates the daily victories of people fighting against cancer.

Teams riddled the grounds with at least one member from each team being on the track at all times. The Maxville based annual event has been a constant since 2001. This year 80 teams participated in the event and \$170,000 was raised surpassing the \$50,000 goal. All of the funds raised will go towards cancer research and local support services.

The top three fundraisers, according to the cancer society website, were Francous Bazinet with



Raising hope

From left, Josee Theoret, Mariann Gantenbein and Manon Kuesnel were all smiles as they represented their team during the SDG Relay for Life.

MacDonald photo

\$3,159.70, Erin Davis with \$3,125.12 and Louise Besner Levac with \$2,013.50. The top three teams were Famille Bazinet with \$4,731.70, Paul/Erin with \$3,709.02 and Team Brian Wensink with \$3,116.60.



Team fun

From left, SDG Relay for Life team members Laurie Ross, Laurie Laframboise, Marietta Pelley and Melinda Fenton shared their spirit with all who attended the annual Maxville SDG Relay for Life on Fri., June 1.

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Art on the Waterfront

Continued from the front

To pull the event together, Beasley said it takes a year of hard work and has a lot to do with the dedication from the many volunteers involved.

The two-day event featured a full schedule of art, music, dance and activities for visitors and locals to enjoy. The Ashley Thomas School of Dance performed throughout the day in front of the gazebo and showcased a number of young dancers

who did solos and group dances varying from hip hop to Broadway.

Tic, the popular Ottawa-based radio DJ from CKCU 93.1, had a full lineup of music over the weekend. He told the crowd during the opening ceremonies that the music was tailored for the crowd, which was evident from the great tunes filling the town all weekend.

The eighth annual Art on the Waterfront hosted crowds of visitors over the sunny weekend and paid homage to the immense talent in Stormont-Dundas-Glengary.



Coming together for a cure

Around 80 teams participated in the 2018 SDG Relay for Life at the Maxville fairgrounds on Fri., June 1. Teams walked the track from 6 p.m. until midnight.

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Live art

Finch based artist Laura Stevens of Victoria Street Studios has been an Art on the Waterfront regular for the last four years. The artist was producing an acrylic painting during the festival to show visitors her artistic methods.

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Local goods

From left, Shyanne Centen and Susan Centen from Savory Sugar in Winchester and Calyie Martin from Crafty Calyie in Chrysler were side-by-side booths at Chesterville's Art on the Waterfront on June 2 and 3.

Sawyer Helmer photo



History in a booth

From the left, Verne McMillan and Maryke Dejong share a light-hearted moment while perusing the display of royal memorabilia at the Heritage Centre in Chesterville during the Art on the Waterfront held on June 2 and 3. The CDHS also held a successful Royal Wedding Tea Party on Sun., May 20 to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Thompson Goddard photo



Weekend treats

On The Bend Sugar Shack had a booth at the annual Art on the Waterfront event held in Chesterville this past weekend. Travis Barkley seemed to enjoy the sample of maple butter provided by On The Bend co-owner Frank Heerkens.

Thompson Goddard photo

Ride for Dad rolls through Dundas

WINCHESTER –Over 1,200 motorcycle riders rolled through Chesterville, Ingleside, Morrisburg, Iroquois and made their last stop in Winchester on Sat., June 2 for the annual Telus Ride for Dad.

The Winchester stop over for dinner included local food vendors, as well as some music and speeches from Ride for Dad members.

Mayor Eric Duncan wrote on his Facebook: “I’m very proud of our local volunteers for putting together a great wrap-up location for the 1,200 plus riders participating in the Ride for Dad event yesterday (June 2). Kudos especially to councillor Tony



Canine cruising

Thousands of motorcycles made their way from Ottawa and through SDG for the Telus Ride for Dad, including this one featuring the rider’s canine companion in the sidecar outfitted with goggles.

Sawyer Helmer photo



Roaring in Chesterville

Approximately 1,200 motorcycles roared through Chesterville on June 2 during the Art on the Waterfront event in the annual Telus Ottawa Motorcycle Ride for Dad. Funds were raised in support of prostate cancer research.

Thompson Goddard photo



Welcome to Winchester

Volunteers welcomed the 1,200 riders to the Joel Steele Community Centre on June 2. The participants enjoyed local food at their last stop of the day.

Sawyer Helmer photo

Fraser for his leadership and organizing skills. It was a great chance to showcase our community and local food. We made sure they

knew to come back again this summer!”

The Telus Ride for Dad aims to help raise funds for prostate cancer research and

to promote public awareness of the disease. The Ottawa Area event raised a total of \$207,115 and had 1,232 participants.

Chem Norma freed from Morrisburg

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The tanker ship, Chem Norma, has finally been freed after days stuck in front of Morrisburg when it lost steering control and ran aground on the morning of Tues., May 31.

Three tug boats worked to free the vessel. The Ocean K. Rusby and the Ocean Pierre Julien worked throughout the week. When the ship still did not budge they were joined by Canada’s largest and most equipped tug, the Ocean Tundra. The Ocean Tundra joined Canada’s ranks in 2014 after being commissioned by Ocean Groupe Inc. of Quebec City. Claiming the title of the most powerful tug, the Ocean Tundra has a Bollard Pull (ahead) of 110.3

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Finally the Chem Norma was pulled from shore on Sunday after 4 p.m. The ship was anchored to undergo inspection before resuming its course.




Dundas spectacle


The tanker ship, the Chem Norma, became a popular attraction in South Dundas from Tues., May 31 until the next Monday. The stuck vessel drew massive crowds to see the efforts of three tug boats working to free the ship from a berm just off the vessel’s course. Morrisburg’s, The Docksyde restaurant even created a special for the occasion.

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Linking Hands

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"Our housing group has found an affordable housing model we believe can be successfully recreated here in Dundas County," she said. "The Places for People model not only helps families secure safe and affordable rental units, but also matches a mentor with each family to help the family reach its personalized goals. Linking Hands would like to lead the way in replicating this model for the vulnerable here in both North and South Dundas."

Haliburton County Non-Profit Places for People Corporation creates secure affordable rental housing for those at risk of homelessness, and support tenants to make a positive difference in their lives. Achieving this mission includes: acquiring existing buildings that are walking distance to essential services; renovating using community volunteer input; selecting tenants who will use long-term affordable housing to make a difference in their lives; providing a support team that helps tenants to positively integrate into the community; investing a small portion of the rent into a trust fund for each tenant; and growing the organization by leveraging its assets to acquire more property.

Fay Martin of Places for People

Haliburton County will join us for two back-to-back information sessions in June. The Mon., June 11 session will take place in the Township of North Dundas council chambers (636 St. Lawrence St., Winchester), while the second session on Tues., June 12, will take place in the Municipality of South Dundas council chambers (34 Ottawa St., Morrisburg). Both sessions will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"We're looking for people who are passionate about building strong communities, people with the skills and/or time and energy to devote to improving life for everyone, whether through joining a new board of directors, lending skills or knowledge, or helping to fund or find funding to make this vision a reality. We will need contractors, lawyers, financial experts, real estate agents, social workers, and more to come together to start this exciting new project," Casselman said. "There is a serious lack of affordable housing in Dundas County. Together, we can change that."

A House of Lazarus initiative, Linking Hands is focused on addressing poverty-related issues in Dundas County. For more information, visit linkinghandsdundas.ca or contact Casselman at scasselman@houseoflazarus.com or by phone at 613-989-3830.

Lots of fun for families at McIntosh Park

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

BERWICK – Despite the threat of rain there was a good turnout at the 2018 McIntosh Park Family Day held on May 27 at the park in Berwick.

Floyd Dingwall who has volunteered at McIntosh Park for many years noted the park was established in 2002 and since then around 60 trees have been donated. He continued the Family Day has been happening for about a decade and seemed happy with the turnout.

Local resident Ernie Coumont mentioned the day brings together several community organizations including South Nation Conservation and local churches. This year the Finch and District Lions Club were busy cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for people to enjoy



Fun, food and sun

While the Finch and District Lions Club cooked up a lot of hamburgers and hot dogs, there was time for conversation as well as fun and games during the McIntosh Park Family Fun Day.

Thompson Goddard photo

and following lunch, a tree was dedicated in memory of Crysler resident Jack Armstrong.

Young people enjoyed

participating in several games and were able to take home prizes which had been donated by local organizations.

MP Lauzon announces the return of the SDSG Service Awards

CORNWALL – Last year MP Lauzon was honoured to introduce and present the SDSG Canada 150 Service Award to 150 deserving individuals from across Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry who had given back to their community. The response was overwhelmingly positive and Lauzon's team was thrilled to be able to do something small to recognize and celebrate the wonderful volunteers in the region.

It was therefore decided to make this a full-time feature. Although the 150th has passed, MP Lauzon will continue on with the tradition of recognizing outstanding individuals with the SDSG

Service Awards.

If residents know someone who has made a real positive impact on the communities, please nominate them for consideration for this award.

The SDSG Service Award is a commemoration award in recognition of residents in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry who have made outstanding contributions to their community. Nominations for this award are open to deserving individuals including educators, artists, athletes, scientists, coaches, entrepreneurs, emergency responders, community volunteers, activity organizers, and other everyday heroes striving to

make their community better. There are many ways people enrich the lives of others and the award is intended to celebrate those contributions.

Nominations will be reviewed by an independent volunteer panel who will recommend recipients to MP Lauzon's office. To respect the privacy of nominees, all nominations will be kept confidential and request nominators do the same.

Eligibility: Nominee must be an individual, no groups, who resides within the boundaries of Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry. The activities earning the nomination must have been conducted for the benefit of their community through

volunteerism, sports, arts or other community building activities. The SDSG Service Award cannot be given posthumously. One cannot nominate oneself, one's spouse or a member of one's immediate family and no one on the volunteer panel selecting recipients may nominate an individual.

Nomination process: Nominations are to be submitted in writing on the form provided with all supporting materials. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Supporting material may be included and as always postage is free to Lauzon's office at the House of Commons, or can be dropped off at the

constituency office.

All supporting letters must describe the author's direct knowledge of the value and impact of the nominee's contribution to their community as well as the author's perspective about why the nominee should receive this recognition. Nominations may include newspaper articles or other materials describing the nominee's contributions. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on June 15.

Selection process: Nominations will be considered by a volunteer panel comprised of people from Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry. The panel may contact a nominator if clarification is required, but

will otherwise not contact nominators or nominees on the status of their application. Applications are expected to remain confidential; knowledge of the nomination should be restricted to those who are compiling the nomination and the nominee. Selections will be made by June 22.

Announcements: Successful recipients will be notified by phone after June 22, and before June 28. Recipients will be awarded their medals at Canada Day festivities across the riding (based on the location of the communities closest to the winners). Nomination packages are available online at www.guylauzon.ca and have also been distributed to all residents of SDSG through a mailer which should have arrived last week.

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Blue wins battle of top two teams

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—The Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League featured two games on Thursday night as Red welcomed Blue in the first game of the night and Yellow played the host to Green.

Blue 6 Red 2: In the first game of the evening in the Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League on Thurs., May 24, at the Chesterville Arena, Red played host to Blue. Blue went into the

game undefeated after five weeks and looked to extend their winning streak to six, while Red sat in second place four points behind Blue.

Red opened the scoring when Kaila Beckstead snapped one to the back of the net from Lesley Ann Tupper and Lindsay Feeley at 5:18 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. Red knotted the affair at one when Anna Fawcett pounded one home from Lindsay Cummins and Kara Bartholomew at 8:09.

Red retook the lead as

Feeley found twine at 13:10 from Tupper and Beckstead and took a 2-1 lead into the second period. Blue tied the game again at 5:42 as Fawcett scored her second of the game from Bartholomew and Cummins.

Blue took their first lead of the game when Carly Crump fired one home from Jacklyn Crump and Sam Benoit at the seven-minute mark. Blue took a two-goal lead when Cinnamon Boulanger sniped one at 9:55 from Rebecca Alves and Cummins to make it a 4-2 game.

Blue made it 5-2 as Carly Crump scored her second of the game from Bartholomew. Blue took the 5-2 lead into the third period and added to it at 7:30 as Fawcett completed her hat trick from Bartholomew.

Blue's defence took over after that, holding Red off the score sheet taking the game 6-2. With the win Blue moved six points ahead of Red and remains undefeated in the season.

Picking up the win in Blue's goal was Roxanne Crump and suffering the loss in Red's goal was Julia Shaver.

Yellow 6 Green 3: In the second game of the night,

Yellow welcomed Green. Yellow went into the game in third place with four points and had a chance to move within two points of Red in second with a win. Green was still looking for that elusive first win.

The teams battled to a scoreless first period but things changed in the second period. Green opened the scoring when Patti Hall slapped one home from Hailey Imrie and Angie Van Gorp-Helmer at 3:25 of the second period taking a 1-0 lead.

Yellow returned the favour as Janice Casselman slipped one home from Alannah McRae and Laura Melenhorst at 7:11. Yellow took their first lead of the game at 10:40 as Jessica Winters willed one to the back of the net from Alannah McRae and Michelle Lang but that lead was diminished with just 1:30 remaining in the middle frame as Van Gorp-Helmer lit the lantern from Selena Shane and Catia Dias. The teams took a two-all draw into the third period.

Yellow retook the lead when Shannon McRae lifted one to the back of the net from Melenhorst and Jackie Morris at 2:43 to make it 3-2. Yellow made it 4-2 when Casselman scored her second of the game from Melenhorst and Shannon McRae at 4:27.



In the second game of the Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey league on Thurs., May 31, Yellow played host to Green. Yellow's Jackie Morris helped her team to a 6-3 victory with two goals and an assist.
Sawyer Helmer photo

Yellow kept the pressure on and Morris buried one at 9:45 from Winters to make it 5-2. Green scored to make it 5-3 as Hall scored her second of the night from Van Gorp-Helmer and Imrie. Yellow retired their three-goal lead with just three seconds showing on the clock as Morris scored her second of the game from Winters and Lang.

Yellow took the game 6-3

moving to within two points of Red in second place. Picking up the win in Yellow's goal was Patti Mitton and suffering the loss in Green's was Cashelle Baldwin.

Up next: In week seven of the CWBHL, Red welcomes Yellow in the first game of the night at the Chesterville Arena at 7 p.m. Blue plays host to Green in the second game at 8 p.m.



In the first game of the night in the Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League, second place Red welcomed first place Blue on Thurs., May 31. Blue's Anna Fawcett led her team with a hat trick to a 6-2 win to increase their lead to six points ahead of Red.
Moore file photo

Major White Pioneers get the job done on defence

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG —The Williamsburg Major White Pioneers played two games this past week as they travelled to Kemptville on Wednesday night to take on the Green Wildcats and then welcomed the Winchester Red Sox on Thursday night.

Pioneers 4 Sox 2: The Williamsburg Major White Pioneers welcomed the Winchester Red Sox to the J. C. Whitteker Ball Park on Thurs., May 31, in the Upper Canada Little League. The Pioneers looked to get back in the winning column after dropping a 19-11 decision the previous night.

The Sox failed to score in the top of the first inning and the Pioneers took advantage scoring a pair of runs in the bottom of the first. The Sox cut the deficit in half scoring a single in the top of the second but the Pioneers answered with two more runs in the bottom half of the inning taking a 4-1 lead.

The Sox went three up and three down in the top of the third inning. The Pioneers only got four to the plate in the bottom of the third but left a runner on third base. Neither team was able to score in the fourth inning as the Pioneers took a 4-1 lead into the fifth.

The Sox only got four batters to the plate in the top of the fifth but left a runner on third base. The Pioneers didn't fare much better going three up and three down. The Sox got to within two with a single in the top of the sixth inning but that was as close

as they would get as the Pioneers took the game 4-2.

Scoring the runs for the Pioneers were Alek Laroque with a pair and Dawson Coleman and Ashable Weegar each scored once.

Wildcats 19 Pioneers 11: The Williamsburg Major White Pioneers travelled to the Riverside Ball Park in Kemptville to take on the Kemptville Green Wildcats on Wed., May 30, in the Upper Canada Little League. The Pioneers opened the scoring with three runs in the top of the first inning but their defence squandered the lead allowing the Wildcats to score five in the bottom of the first.

The Pioneers got to within one scoring a single in the top of the second inning. The Wildcats also scored a single in the bottom of the second taking a 6-4 lead. The Pioneers struggled in the top of the third inning getting five batters to the plate leaving two stranded in scoring position.

The Wildcats took advantage scoring four more runs in the bottom of the third taking a 10-4 lead. The Pioneers added two more runs in the top of the fourth inning but the Wildcats answered with five more runs in the bottom of the fourth.

The Pioneers scored five runs in the top of the fifth to make it 15-11 but the Wildcats closed out the game with four runs in the bottom of the fifth taking the game 19-11.

Scoring the runs for the Pioneers were Dawson Coleman, Marty McLeod, Travis Faulkner and Tyson Wilhelm with two runs each and Mason Hummel, Alek Laroque and Chloe Young each scored singles.

Major Green Pioneers chalk up another victory

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG —The Williamsburg Major Green Pioneers played just a single game this past week as they welcomed the Kemptville Green Pioneers on Tuesday night.

Pioneers 13 Wildcats 9: The Williamsburg Major Green Pioneers welcomed the Kemptville Green Wildcats to the J. C. Whitteker Ball Park on Tues., May 29, in the Upper Canada Little League. The Pioneers were coming off of a 12-3 win over the Red Wildcats putting them over .500 on the season as they looked to better their record. The game was dubbed the battle of the "Green Machines."

The Wildcats opened the scoring with a single in the top of the first inning and left a runner in scoring position. The Pioneers scored three runs in the bottom of the second taking a 3-1 lead into the second inning.

The Pioneer's pitcher

Carter O'Brien struck out the side in the top of the second inning sitting all the Wildcats down. The Pioneers took advantage scoring the maximum five runs in the bottom of the second taking an 8-1 lead.

The Wildcats got four runs back in the top of the third inning but the Pioneer's bats remained hot scoring another five runs in the bottom of the third taking a 13-5 lead.

The Wildcats only got four to the dish in the top of the fourth inning but failed to cash any. The Pioneers didn't fare much better in the bottom of the inning only getting five to the plate leaving one in scoring position.

The Wildcats scored four runs in the top of the fifth but it was too little too late as the Pioneers hung on for the 13-9 victory.

Scoring the runs for the Pioneers were Dorion Sheldrick and Carter O'Brien with two each and Terrence Mudde, Aiden Hutt, Hudson

Urquhart, Devon Honders, Quinn Barrie, Mason Paradis, Parker Cole, Ryder Kelly and Jude Pietersma all scored singles.

Pitching for the Pioneers were O'Brien in the first and second, Urquhart in the third and fourth and Aiden Hutt in the fifth to close out the game.

The Pioneers' head coach, Brian Shaver stated, "We won the battle of the Green teams. Aiden Hutt closed it out, making his major pitching debut. Terrence Mudde made a double play in the fourth, catching a pop while playing short stop then tagged the runner trying to get back to second base. We had some key two-out hits during the first two innings. Carter struck out the side in the second."

Up next: The Williamsburg Major Green Pioneers welcomed the Kemptville Blue Wildcats to the J. C. Whitteker Ball Park on Tues., June 5, at 6:30 p.m. The Pioneers then take on their brother White Pioneers on Thurs., June 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Red Sox split, streak ends at five

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

MANOTICK — The Winchester Girls Bantam Red Sox played two games this past week as they welcomed Greely on Monday night and travelled to Manotick on Sunday night.

ROMSA 10 Sox 8: The Winchester Girls Bantam Red Sox travelled to Manotick on Sun., June 3, to take on ROMSA #1 in the Rural Ottawa Softball Association. The Red Sox went into the game on a high with a 16-9 win over Greely in the previous game stretching the undefeated streak to five games.

The Red Sox got off to a good start scoring four runs in the top of the first inning for which ROMSA had no answer in the bottom of the inning.

The Red Sox went three up and three down in the top of the second inning and this time ROMSA capitalized scoring four runs tying the game at four. The Red Sox only got four batters to the plate in the top of the third inning leaving one on third base.

Again ROMSA took advantage scoring four more runs in the bottom of the third taking an 8-4 lead. The Red Sox responded with four of their own in the top of the fourth inning tying the game

at eight.

The Red Sox defence took over only allowing three to the plate in the bottom of the fourth taking an eight-all draw into the fifth inning. The Red Sox went three up and three down opening the door for ROMSA and they made it count scoring two runs in the bottom of the fifth to take the game 10-8.

The Red Sox's unbeaten streak was snapped at five as they look to bounce back this week. Scoring the runs for the Red Sox were Amanda Shay with two, Ashley Wasytko-Fletcher, Reise Mariner, Alexis Sharpley, Emily Ryan, Margot Guy and Sara Sloane scoring singles.

Sox 16 Greely 9: The Winchester Girls Bantam Red Sox welcomed Greely to the 100 Club Ball Park on Mon., May 28, in the Rural Ottawa Softball Association. The Red Sox put their unbeaten streak on the line as they looked to improve on an impressive start to the 2018 season.

Greely opened the scoring with the maximum four runs allowed in the top of the first inning but the Red Sox answered promptly scoring four runs in the bottom of the first tying the game at four.

Greely went three up and three down in the top of the second inning and the Red Sox took advantage, scoring another four runs in the

bottom half of the inning taking an 8-4 lead into the third inning.

Greely never made it to first base again in the top of the third as the Red's defence stymied the sluggers. The Red Sox added another two runs in the bottom of the third taking a 10-5 lead. Greely scored a single in the top of the fourth inning but the Red Sox squashed any thoughts of Greely making a comeback scoring four more runs in the bottom of the fourth taking a 14-5 lead.

Greely made a push in the top of the fifth inning scoring four runs, cutting the deficit to 14-9. The Red Sox scored two in the bottom of the fifth to which Greely had no answer in the top of the sixth inning.

The Red Sox took the game 16-9 stretching their unbeaten streak to five games. Scoring the runs for the Red Sox were Alexis Sharpley with four, Alison Roach with three, Mia Ziegler, Ashley Wasytko-Fletcher and Amanda Shay with two each and Margot Guy, Adrianna VanBruegel and Reese Mariner each scored singles.

Next up: The Winchester Girls Bantam Red Sox travel to the Ludger Landry Ball Park in Gloucester on Mon. June 11, to take on Gloucester 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Menard named Clara Thompson Award winner from UCMHL

KEMPTVILLE — Barbi Menard was presented the Clara Thompson Award from (Hockey East Ontario (HEO) District 1) at the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's AGM on Fri., May 22 at the eQuinelle Golf Club in Kemptville.

The Clara Thompson Award is presented annually to an executive member of any Hockey Association, the League or the District, residing within the geographical boundaries of the HEO Minor District 1.

To be nominated, this member must have presented and proven honesty, integrity and sportsmanship in dealing with the hockey community, its player's, members and supporters. This member has served the hockey community of the HEO Minor District 1 for five or more years and proven dedication through longevity of service to the hockey community. This member must be actively involved in hockey in the HEO Minor District.

North Dundas Minor Hockey Association president, Peter Forrester said of Menard, "Barb is very deserving of this award as she meets all of the above criteria and much more. Time and time again she goes over and above without hesitation."

Menard is the North Dundas Demons registrar, (HEO District 1) UCMHL registrar and the Rideau St. Lawrence Kings registrar. She can also be found many nights during the year organizing events, attending meetings, attending hearings, and lending a hand for the better of these organizations in any way needed.

Menard is not only a dedicated hockey volunteer, but she dedicates even more of her time to many other community groups in North Dundas, day in and day out.

Humbled, Menard accepted the award, wishing thanks, "Thank you, the players and



Well deserved award to Menard

NDMHA's registrar, Barbi Menard receives the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's, Clara Thompson Award at the leagues annual general meeting on Fri., May 22, at the eQuinelle Golf Club in Kemptville from District 1, chairman, Mike Horsburgh.

Courtesy photo

the community is why I volunteer. I love being part of the sports and community organizations. I've always been one to be part of organizations to makes things better and to make positive change that affects all those involved. I started volunteering so I wasn't on the sidelines wishing for change, I wanted to be part of it." Also paying homage to Clara Thompson, "Actually I'd also like to add that it's an honour to be recognized, Clara Thompson was an iconic volunteer in her community." Congratulations Barbi!

Cedar Glens Mens Night

The results from the Cedar Glen Men's Night on Thurs., May 31, were: top: first low gross A - Brandon Cousineau 36, first low net A - Kurtis Barkley 34, first low net A - Bill Mills 34, second low gross A - Rick Barkley 34, closest to the pin on number 6 - Kurtis Barkley, first low gross B - Darrell Shelp 39, first low net B - Duane Young 32, second low gross B - Peter Schoenfeld 43, second low net B - Shaler Hill 34, longest drive on number five - Kenny Mills, first low gross C - David Hutt 43, first low net C - Francis Barkley 33, closest to the pin on

number 9 - Kurtis Barkley, first low gross D - Brian Williams 53. Other winners A/B Skins: Shaler Hill with a two on six and Kurtis Barkley with a three on seven. C/D Skins: Bill Collins with a two on nine, David Hutt with a four on one and Francis Barkley with a four on two.

Tuesday Night Scramble

The results of the Cedar Glen Tuesday Nigh Scramble from Tues., May 29, were: first low net - Jordie MacDonald and Garson Whittford 25.5 and first low gross - Mat Rochon and Grant Barr 30. Skins - Mat Rochon and Grant Barr with a two on two and a two on six.



Givogue wins first heat in new class

Russell resident, Tyler Givogue has won his first ever 358-Modified class heat win on Sun., June 3, at Cornwall Motor Speedway. "It has been a big change for our team to switch from Sportsman class, where we have been racing in for the last three seasons, to the 358-Modified class. Now we have to deal with much more power under the pedal than we had in the past years and we also have to find new setups for our race car," commented Givogue. The driver of the #85 machine was looking forward to the 25-lap feature race but then the showers dampened the second part of the program.

Courtesy S. Lauwers photo

Bats were blistering hot as Pioneers defeat Sox

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Junior-Senior Pioneers played two games this past week as they travelled to Brockville on Tuesday night to take on the Brockville #3 Braves and welcomed the Winchester Sox on Friday night.

Pioneers 16 Sox 6: The Williamsburg Junior-Senior Pioneers welcomed the Winchester Sox to the J. C. Whitteker Ball park on Fri., June 1, in the Upper Canada Little League. The Pioneers carried a five-game winning streak into the game and looked to keep it rolling after a big 19-6 win over the Brockville #3 Braves in their previous game. The Sox got on the board in the top of the first inning when they hit a double on a 1-0 count, scoring two runs. The Pioneers pulled ahead with three runs in the bottom the second inning. Noah Keeler singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run and Nolan Henry singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

The Pioneers scored five runs in the fifth inning keeping the pressure on, led by singles by Braiden Barrie and Olivia Mudde, a walk by Nolan, and a home run by Kendrew Byers.

Barrie got the start at pitcher for Pioneers allowing four hits and three runs over one inning, striking out one and walking one.

The Pioneers scattered 12 hits in the game with Henry, Byers and Brendan Shaver each racking up multiple hits for Pioneers. Shaver, Byers and Henry all had two hits to lead the Pioneers. The Pioneers were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Pioneers tore up the base paths, as four players stole at least two bases. Maclean Machan led the way with seven.

The Sox saw the ball well, racking up nine hits in the game but it wasn't enough as the Pioneers took the game 16-6. Scoring the runs for the Pioneers were Machan and Keeler with three each, Henry, Thomas Ray, Byers and Barrie all scored twice and Mudde and Brendan Shaver scored once.

Pioneers 19 Braves 6: The Williamsburg Junior-Senior Pioneers travelled to Brockville on Tues., May 29, to take on the #3 Braves in the Upper Canada Little League. The Pioneers were coming off a 15-3 victory over the Kemptville #2 Wildcats and looked to keep their four-game unbeaten streak alive.

The Pioneers opened the scoring in the top of the first inning scoring a single but their defence allowed the Braves to score four runs taking a 4-1 lead into the second inning. The Pioneers swung some hot bats in the second scoring the maximum five runs to retake the lead.

The Pioneers' pitcher Dean Lapier struck out three Braves' batters out of the five he faced leaving the other two on second and third. The Pioneers added another five runs in the top of the third but the Braves got two back in the bottom of the third making it a 12-6 game.

The Pioneers added another five runs in the top of the fourth inning taking a 17-6 lead. The Braves had no better luck against the Pioneers pitcher Emytt Fetterly as he mowed three down, two by way of strike outs.

The Pioneers added three more runs in the top of the fifth inning taking a 19-6 lead. The Pioneers' closing pitcher, Tory Barnett did exactly that striking out three and allowing just a single Brave runner to first base in the bottom of the fifth.

The Pioneers took the game 19-6 stretching their undefeated streak to five games. Scoring the runs for the Pioneers were Fetterly with three, Nolan Henry, Barnett, Kendrew Byers, Noah Keeler, Mclean Machan and Raiden Irvine each scored twice and Olivia Mudde, Lapier, Ryan Brodeur, Brendan Shaver all scored singles.

Pitching for the Pioneers were Fetterly in the first and fourth innings, Lapier in the second and third and Barnett in the fifth.

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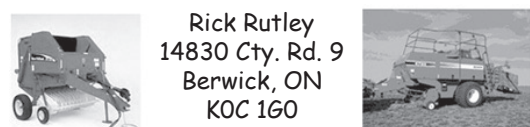
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Watercrafts on the Ottawa River

L'ORIGINAL – The Regional Committee has launched its programming of the seventh edition of the Ottawa River Festival (ORF), which will take place from June 28 to June 30.

This year, the festival is proud to collaborate with the Telus Poker Run Ride for Dad, a fun-filled activity that aims to raise funds for prostate cancer. The registration fee is \$30 per participant and includes a hot dog lunch, Poker Run activity, prizes and more. This new nautical activity will take place at the L'Original Municipal Beach. Participants will leave the beach around noon in groups, and will stop in Hawkesbury, Lefavre, and the André Lalonde Marina in Wendover, before returning to L'Original.

“Our shores are full of personal watercraft owners. We hope that many will enjoy this beautiful hike on the river,” declared organizer Raymond Bender.

Water sports fans will be able to try kayaking, paddle boarding (SUP), paddle boating, wakesurfing and jet skiing at the new O'Shack Boating

Center at Confederation Park in Hawkesbury. In Lefavre, firefighters from Alfred and Plantagenet Township are organizing their first canoe-kayak race as a fundraising event for muscular dystrophy.

Following the great demand of last year, festival-goers will have the chance to contemplate the beauty of the river during the festival, thanks to pontoon boat tours offered in Rockland, Lefavre and L'Original on Sat., June 30. Also that same day, East Hawkesbury Township will host its Community Breakfast and Champlain Township is hosting a mobile Pickrells Ice Cream Kiosk on the beach.

After several years, the Rockland Ford Classic Poker Run will take a new route to the St-Albert Cheese Factory. Ford Mustang and classic-car fans will be able to admire the exhibition of these beautiful cars at Parc du Moulin on Saturday afternoon. This Poker Run is a fundraiser for the CIBC Run for the Cure and Building the Heart of Your Community. Register at www.fordclassicspokerrun.ca (limit of 150 participants).

As for music, Lefavre will vibrate to the rhythm of jazz on Friday evening, June 29, with guests of honour Oliver Jones and Doudou Rouet Boicel. The evening will continue with Rick D'Opra Band, Jazz Quintet and Jazz Trio with Didier Chateau. The jazz will continue Sat., June 30 with The Jivewires and The Commotions.

The City of Clarence-Rockland will offer two full evenings. On Fri., June 29, rock music fans will be able to enjoy the Tribute to Rock show with the original tribute to the Eagles, Hotel California, as well as Canada's foremost tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival (CCR), Green River Revival. The next day, Sat., June 30, the park gives way to humour with the Gaspesian, PA Méthot. Both shows will take place on the Desjardins stage at Du Moulin Park. Tickets for these shows are on sale online, at City Hall, the Trillium Caisse Desjardins and Jean Coulu Pharmacy in Rockland.

For more information on the various activities of the Ottawa River Festival, visit www.festivalprescott-russell.ca.



Crossing borders

On Wed., May 30, Council members from both the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG) met together for a first joint networking meeting. The event, held at the Metcalfe Centre in Maxville, was very well attended, featuring the majority of County Council members as well as staff from the administration, public works and economic development departments. The major topics of discussion were improved access to natural gas and broadband internet/cellular services – both of which are vital commodities for all residents of the UCPR and SDG, and common priorities for their elected officials.

Courtesy photo

Sexual assault investigation in Rockland

ROCKLAND – The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Russell County Rockland Detachment, are investigating a sexual assault that was reported to have occurred off St. Joseph Street in the City of Rockland in the wooded area next to the water tower at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Tues., May 29. The suspect is described as a white male, English speaking, approximately 25 years old, from 5'6" to 5'9" in height, dark hair and dark eyes. He wore a dark

coloured hoodie over his head and covered his face with a dark coloured bandana. He wore dark blue jeans and wore white running shoes with dark stripes.

Police are looking to speak with any person who may have been in the area at the time of this occurrence.

Anyone with information regarding the person responsible for this incident should contact Russell County OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

If you have information

on this matter and you would like to remain anonymous please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Persons giving tips to Crime Stoppers that lead to an arrest may be eligible for a cash reward. Crime stoppers does not subscribe to call display. Your call will stay anonymous and your presence won't be needed in court. Tips can also be sent via text message and e-mail.

For information visit National Capital Crime Stoppers' website at

www.CrimeStoppers.ca.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

The OPP reminds all members of the public to be aware of their personal safety at all times. The OPP's website, www.opp.ca, contains a number of useful resources, tips and links.

Catch the Ace is back

RUSSELL – The Kin Club of Russell is launching its next license for Catch the Ace with the first draw being held on Sun., June 17 at 3:15 p.m., at Etienne Brule Brewery. This round will be run under a provincial license, meaning that there will be no cap on the size of the jackpot.

Tickets are now available for the June 17 draw at Russell Foodland, Pronto Convenience in Russell, Pierre et Fils in Embrun as well as at Etienne Brule Brewery and from individual Kin members.

Proceeds from this lottery will be used for youth sports equipment (going directly to sports teams in the community), as well as donations to Victoria's Quilts and Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

T-Wolves impress at UC Cup East

Gord Zubyck
Special to the Record

RUSSELL – Russell High School T-Wolves Intermediate Track and Field team hosted the UC Cup East Regional Track and Field Meet on Wed., May 30, and performed well.

Leading the way on the girl's side was Cassidy Porteous who placed 1st in the Senior Girls (Grade 8) 800 metres, 1500 metres and vertical jump. Porteous set new school records in the 1500 metres and vertical jump.

Megan Nolan also captured two 1st place finishes in the Senior Girls 200 metres and 400 metres. She also set a new

school record in the 400 metres. Paige Buma was the top Junior Girl (Grade 7), finishing 1st in the 1500 metres. Piper Bond also had a great day, setting new school records in the Junior Girls vertical jump and triple jump events.

The RHS Open Girls 4X400m relay team made up of Porteous, Nolan, Buma and Pierrelouis was also victorious, and their time is a new school record.

All athletes who placed in the top 10 in their events, automatically qualify for the UC Cup Track and Field Championship in Brockville on June 13.



T-Wolves come up short in PRSSAA semifinal

The Russell High School T-Wolves Basketball Team travelled to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School on Thurs., May 17, for the PRSSAA Championship semi-final against the Rockland District High School Wildcats. The T-Wolves finished the season in second place and the Wildcats in third but the Wildcats stunned the T-Wolves by a narrow margin eliminating them in the semi-final.

Sawyer Helmer photo

Kreft moving on to OFSAA

KINGSTON – The Russell High School Track and Field athletes competed at the OFSAA East Regional Meet on May 31 and June 1.

On day one of the meet, Vanessa MacDonald ran a time of 5:27.81 to finish 13th in the Senior Girls 1500 metres.

Daniel Kreft ran a personal best 44.15 seconds to place 4th in

the Midget boys 300 metre hurdles. On day two of the meet, Samuel Potvin threw 38.31 metres to finish 14th in the Junior Boys Javelin Throw.

MacDonald ran a personal best 5:35.73 to finish 7th in the Open Girls 1500 metres Steeplechase and broke her current school record by five seconds. Kreft ran

personal best 15.61 seconds to place 2nd in his heat of the Midget Boys 100 metre Hurdle to qualify for the final. In the final, he ran 15.74 seconds to finish in second place.

Both of Kreft's performances qualify him for the OFSAA Provincial Track and Field Championship June 7 to 9 at York University.



RCMP Musical Ride event and Canadian Canines pay tribute to Pitre

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Villager Staff

RUSSELL - The Russell Lions Club hosted the RCMP Musical Ride on Fri., June 1, for residents to enjoy. Organizer Connie Johnston said there was a

full house and a great turnout. "The show was absolutely fabulous, really wonderful all around," she said.

After the Capital Cowgirls finished their routine, the Canadian Canine training academy

took to the field where along with demonstrations they performed a heart warming tribute for Jonathon Pitre. Johnston explained that Pitre's dog Gibson was his constant companion and loyal friend.

Johnston continued that Gibson even knew to be extra gentle with Pitre. In the past, the Canadian Canine training academy had hosted Gibson to give him training. During the June 1 RCMP Musical Ride show, the academy

made Gibson, led by Pitre's mother Tina Boileau, an honorary service dog. Boileau was also presented with a painting of Gibson. "Everybody loved Jonny so much, it was a fitting tribute," said Johnston.

The emotional and special event was capped

off with the spectacular feats of the RCMP Musical Ride. Riders and their mounts even met with the spectators after the show in the ring.

The red uniforms lined the grounds and made for a fun evening out for the visitors and Township of Russell residents.



Ride in red

The RCMP Musical Ride entertained around 2,500 people at the Russell Fairgrounds on June 1.
Courtesy Paul Deveau photo



You go girls

The Capital Cowgirls were the first act up during the Musical Ride hosted by the Russell Lions Club's. The women performed an intricate routine for over 2,500 spectators.
Courtesy Paul Deveau photo



A fitting tribute

Tina Boileau, mother of Jonathan Pitre, accepted a painting of Pitre's special canine friend Gibson and led the way for Canadian Canine training academy to tribute Pitre by making Gibson an honorary service dog.
Courtesy Paul Deveau photo



Recognizing community service

Three Russell Lions Club members along with their wives were recognized for a combined total of 100 years of volunteer service to the community during the Russell RCMP Musical Ride on June 1.
Courtesy Paul Deveau photo

Thirty new jobs created in Casselman

CASSELMAN - A group of local investors have joined forces to build a new residence in Casselman. Aquatria, is a state-of-the-art retirement home, that creates 30 new jobs of which 22 are full-time.

Under construction since September 2017, the 80-unit first phase of the residence is set to open on Dec. 1, this year. An expansion plan includes a second phase comprising

50 additional units. According to Casselman Mayor Conrad Lamadeleine: "There is a strong need for this type of quality facility in our village and surrounding area. Furthermore, the owners source everything they can locally, injecting large sums of money into our local economy."

Many units have already found takers, including some thirty Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, due to the sale of their retirement home in Ottawa. "Our team has been very busy meeting with families and individuals interested in coming to live in our facility," says Marc Brisson, president of the group of eleven investors

developing the project. The owners attach great importance to the quality of the food, the residents' security and the organization of numerous activities. In fact, they have already hired a highly experienced chef, and also plan to hire a full-time recreation technician to oversee the activity program.

The name "Aquatria" conjures the waterfront, peace, relaxation and holidays. It also includes the term "atria", plural form of atrium, which in ancient Rome was the central, accessible gathering room of a house, illuminated by a square opening. Aquatria, the community of active seniors.

Two new transportation programs to help the mobility of people in the UCPR

RUSSELL - A total of \$2-million in provincial funding will allow the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) to establish an inter-municipal transit system as well as a transportation service for vulnerable individuals.

The first subsidy of \$1.5-million will allow for the creation of a mini-bus route offering about 20 seats and reserved wheelchair spaces, operating from Monday to Friday at fixed hours. Calls for tenders will soon be released for the hiring of a consultant who will work closely with the UCPR's Economic Development and Tourism Office in order to facilitate the establishment of such a service.

The public will also be asked to voice its opinion on schedules and routes that would be ideal for the region. Public consultations could be held towards the end of June.

"This project is an essential development tool and it is very likely that this transportation service will facilitate employment. Public transit has always been an obstacle for people looking to settle in a rural area - and now, they will have the option of a service here," explained Carole Lavigne, economic development and tourism director for the UCPR.


Spread over five years, these funds are provided through the Ontario Ministry of Transportation's Community Transportation Grant Program. It should be noted that the UCPR's pilot project was chosen

according to an evaluation based on merit and relevance to the community. The regional government is therefore part of 40 municipalities that were selected for pilot transportation projects.

"One of my priorities for 2018 was to find an effective solution to facilitate the movement of residents between our region's eight municipalities," added Pierre Leroux, chair of the UCPR Economic and Tourism Development Committee and mayor of the Township of Russell. "I am extremely pleased with this announcement and the benefits that it will have for our region."

A second \$500,000 grant for a community transportation project will target more vulnerable individuals living in rural areas such as the elderly, people with disabilities, women in abusive situations and single mothers. The use of vehicles will be coordinated by the Champlain Community Transportation Collaborative together with several community partners such as Maison Interlude, Groupe Action, Prescott-Russell Community Services, the Hawkesbury General Hospital, Novas Centre, CALACS francophone de Prescott-Russell, the Prescott-Russell Coalition to End Violence Against Women, Prescott-Russell Victim Services, Le Phénix, Valoris, and the UCPR's Social Services Department.

"This announcement is important for the region because it will finally break the isolation of the most vulnerable people in our society," said Muriel Lalonde, general manager of Maison Interlude.




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