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**Briefly**

**Celebrating a milestone anniversary**

**CHESTERVILLE** – Make sure to stop by The Gathering House this weekend as they celebrate their 25th anniversary. On Sat., March 23, they will hold an open house between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and refreshments will be provided. On Sun., March 24, there will be a celebration service beginning at 10 a.m. followed by coffee and cake. Later, at 11:15 a.m. a teaching service with a fellowship meal will follow. Stop in and help them celebrate their anniversary!

**Murder mystery dinner fundraiser**

**AVONMORE** – This Sat., March 23, The Roxborough Agricultural Society will hold their spring fundraiser. This year's event is a murder mystery dinner, and will be held at North Stormont Place in Avonmore with doors opening at 6 p.m. and the show starting at 7 p.m. In addition to dinner theatre, the evening will boast a roast beef dinner, and silent auction. Tickets are \$30 each and available at Barkley's General Store in Avonmore, or by calling 613-933-2793 or emailing treasurer@avonmorefair.ca.

**North Dundas prepares to ride and meet this summer**

**Kory Glover**  
 Record Staff  
**NORTH DUNDAS** – Popular events, Ride for Dad and Meet Me on Main Street are making their return to North Dundas this summer and the planning process is still being reviewed at council meetings.  
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**Fun and fact finding during 2019 Linking Hands Expo**

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
 Record Correspondent  
**CHESTERVILLE** – The Linking Hands Expo has become a staple of March Break in Dundas County. In 2019 it moved across the road from the Maple Ridge Centre to North Dundas District High School. Organizers were pleased with the new location; and, Linking Hands coordinator Sandy Casselman expected to welcome more than two hundred people to the event. Casselman explained the event began in 2016 with the goal of providing Dundas County residents with information on services that are available to them, noting how many of these are based in Cornwall but serve residents through Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

The Winchester & District Memorial Hospital, Sexual Assault Support Services for Women of SDG&A and Community Living Dundas County were among the organizations who had booths at the event. According to a flyer from  
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**Giving hearts**  
 Members of the board of directors of the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association presented a cheque for \$17,000 to the CHEO Foundation. From left, OVSGA director Andrew Dawson, OVSGA president David Blair, CHEO Foundation community engagement officer Bob Ghosh, CHEO Bear and OVSGA director Kathy Hardy.  
 Sawyer Helmer photo

**Ottawa Valley Farm Show welcomes thousands**

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer and Kory Glover**  
 Record Staff  
**SOUTH KEYES** – The 2019 Ottawa Valley Farm Show officially opened for its 92nd run on Tues., March 12 with a message from the event's director and general manager.  
 "This show is a venue for farmers and industry professionals to meet, visit and share their passion," said Emma Lackey, the show's general manager. "The directors of the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association all have experience in agriculture and are proud to have organized and hosted this event for 92 years. Since it began, the show continues to grow with the agricultural industry offering current and relevant information and technology and connecting people."  
 The event's opening ceremony also welcomed Ottawa Senators hockey alumni meeting with the

young West Carleton Warriors' hockey team to congratulate them on winning the Good Deeds Cup. This award allows them to receive a total of \$100,000 for a charity of their choice, a winner's ceremony in their home town and feature on broadcast television.  
 Wed., March 13 welcomed seed, feed and forage show exhibitors to the awards presentation in Hall A in the afternoon. The Championship Seed, Feed and Forage show welcomes exhibitors who qualified in their local shows in the weeks leading up to the OVFS. Over 15 different awards were presented by the farm show committee members.  
 The final day welcomed visitors to the Prestigious Pedigree Seed Auction with funds raised supporting the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Foundation (CHEO).  
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# Creative juices flowing at McCloskey's

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

**CHESTERVILLE** – There was no shortage of contestant creativity at the first annual Writing in 150 event organized by A Bunch of People Arts and Events and The McCloskey Project held on March 16 at the historic McCloskey building on Victoria Street in Chesterville.

Organizer Amanda Burger explained the Writing in 150 was designed to provide writers and musicians with “a space for friendly competition, to challenge these writers to excel under time pressures and to listen to their work in a friendly, warm and exciting atmosphere.” Burger explained that 16 people entered the six writing categories of Song Writing, Spoken Word/Slam Poetry, Short Play, Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry.

For the most part, contestants created their submissions at McCloskey's with judging immediately following the 2 ½ hour time limit. Burger explained, “the public was invited to hear the song and spoken word entries as they were judged, which upped the ante with great success. The judges were excellent and we were honoured that they sat with the majority of the writers to provide constructive and productive encouraging feedback, supporting the artist process of creating.” She continued how it was “amazing what the writers came up with and all based on a theme

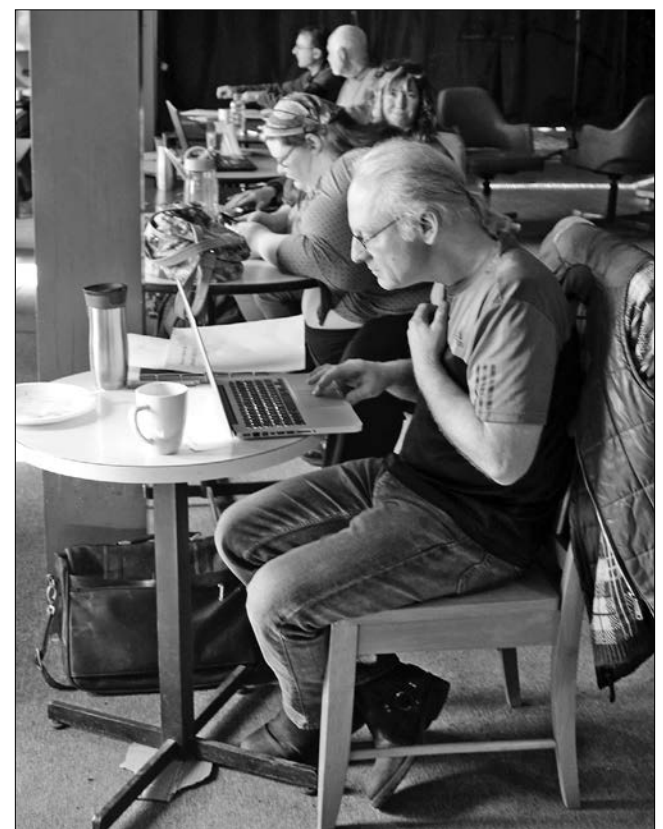
they were given one minute before they wrote.” She mentioned the authors were able to create a piece of work “with strong character presence, exciting situations and sometimes beautiful, sometimes hopeful and sometimes sad resolutions.”

When asked about upcoming events, Burger explained there is a “treat tasting and voting on the name of the new café” on March 23 at McCloskey's with the new café slated to open on April 6 in the dining room of McCloskey's. On March 30, a Beer Tasting Dinner will be held; four different beers paired with a four-course meal prepared by Dan Riitano with Jay Killeron of Aleinated in Cornwall providing information on

the brewing process of beer and “a better understanding of beer styles.” A Bunch of People Arts and Events is partnering with The McCloskey Project in order to bring artists and the community opportunities “to express themselves through writing, performance, visual arts and to provide a community space (McCloskey's) for the community to enjoy” according to Burger, who explained how all events organized by these two groups will “give 10 per cent of their profits to local charities.”

Results of the Writing in 150 Competition: Isaac Poirier won 1st place in the Fiction 10-14 years category, with the 21+ years fiction category

seeing Marnie Fossit and Jennifer Pretty tied for 1st place and Taylor White tied with Sabrina Ventrella for 3rd place. The 21+ years non-fiction category was won by Paul Stockton with Terry McDonald and Carolyn Thompson Goddard tied for 2nd place. The Poetry 21+ years category was won by Frances Ilgunas and in 2nd place was Brian Talmey. Sandra McNeil won the Short Play 21+ years and Patrick Burger in 2nd place. Amanda Burger took 1st and Harmony Koiter 2nd in the Spoken Word/Slam Poetry 21+ years with Tony Glen winning the Song Writing 21+ years with Rick Ventrella receiving 2nd place honours.



## Writers hard at work

There was silence and intense concentration as competitors in the first annual Writing in 150 created their pieces for the competition. Thompson Goddard photo



## All smiles following competition

Contestants and judges gathered on stage at McCloskey's following the first annual Writing in 150 competition held on March 16. Thompson Goddard photo

## North Dundas ride and meet

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Telus' Ride for Dad, an event that raises funds and public awareness for prostate cancer research, and the Meet Me on Main Street series have been designated as Public Events of Municipal Significance. This means that both the event organizers and volunteers will receive endorsement and support from the council.

This year, the Ride for

Dad event will be holding a poker stop at the Morewood Community Centre and council officially approved for a portion of County Rd. 7 be closed to accommodate the parking of approximately 1,000 motorcycles.

“I think these events in the township of North Dundas speak well to the volunteers we have, our staff and our facilities,” said North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser. “I'm looking forward to bringing more people outside of North Dundas into the township to enjoy some of the things we

offer and become customers in some of the businesses here in North Dundas.”

The council has also approved the road closures for the Meet Me on Main Street event series this coming July. Each of the road closures will occur between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. to facilitate the celebrations including set-up and clean-up. In Morewood, 30 Moffat St. North to Main St. will be closed; in South Mountain, Main St. 10591 – 10605 Scott St. to Church/Bridge St. will be closed; in Chesterville, 38 Main St. to

King St. will be closed; and in Winchester, from 507 Main St. to the intersection of Main St. and St. Lawrence St. will be closed and from the intersection of Main St. and St. Lawrence St. to Caleb St.

Telus's Ride for Dad is scheduled for Sat., June 1 while this year's Meet Me on Main Street series is scheduled for every Wednesday in July between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

## Multiple thefts - stolen tractor and snowmobile

**NORTH DUNDAS** – On March 12 at approximately 7:16 a.m., Stormont Dundas Glengarry Ontario Provincial Police responded to a report of a tractor being taken from a property on County Road 31, North Dundas Township.

Investigation indicated that sometime overnight (between 12 a.m. and 1 a.m.) unknown individuals attended a business and removed a 2018 John Deere 3025E Green Tractor, shortly thereafter another theft occurred on Dawley Drive, North Dundas where a 2007 Yellow 1996 Skidoo and 2007 black Blaz Trailer was removed from another business.

A black Chevrolet Z71 pick-up truck was captured on video with two individuals during the first theft and the same Chevrolet truck returned a short time later with another truck (Ford).

An investigation continues.

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# Business in the news

CHESTERVILLE –The luck of the Irish is certainly afoot these days in Chesterville. With the recent change in weather, a fair spring wind is blowing and business is booming with some local business owners.

If you haven't yet met this intelligent business-minded lady around town, you soon will. Meghann Gervais-Lynch, founder of Health Girl Canada, has encountered a challenge that most business owners only dream of. After only 7 months in business after opening her doors last September, Gervais-Lynch has had to double her teaching staff and expand into a new location to service her growth.

As a health and wellness advocate in North Dundas, Gervais-Lynch has – thankfully! - filled a niche market in yoga and health. The popularity of this market is not just a short-term boom either. Yoga has become much more accessible and appeals to a wide variety of demographics in North Dundas for a variety of reasons.

Meghann is onto something, as the financial forecast for the North American yoga market is expected to reach \$14.03-billion in 2020, an increase of over \$3-billion from its current value. With a suite of services to be launched from her new location at the North Dundas Business Centre, the entire community will benefit from her expertise and her business acumen.

As spring arrives, business owners complete their first quarter of the fiscal year, and turn their attention to achieving objectives for the second quarter. One such aim for John Meharg and JP McAvoy, owners of the North Dundas Business Centre, is to continue supporting local businesses by giving them a 'bump' into professional offices with the support required to flourish. Over the fall and winter, Meharg and McAvoy have directly supported seven local entrepreneurs towards profitability. Meharg says that the purpose of this support is so that business owners stay in business, remain profitable and spend their money locally. Statistics prove that when a mom or dad draws an additional \$1,000 per month in profit from their business, the results are that kids are enrolled in township programming, lessons and camps, kids and parents get



## Happy new tenant

Meghann Gervais-Lynch (left), founder of Health Girl Canada, is the newest tenant at the North Dundas Business Centre. She is shown here after signing her lease with Sarah Meharg.

Courtesy photo

more haircuts, take-out and clothes, families go away on weekends and buy more gas, insurance and groceries for cottage and camping trips, more Christmas and birthday presents are purchased, more packages are mailed to relatives, more online purchases are made, and more money is invested in local investment opportunities – basically, when there is more expendable income, everyone wins.

This is true economic development. As spring continues to make its debut, watch for ways you can support local businesses. Shop at the Farmer's Market, buy local at Mike Dean's, bank at your branch, get over to the library, buy a summer swim pass, take a class from the Township or from Gervais-Lynch's amazing line-up of spring Yoga classes.

Want to learn more about businesses, startups and new projects in North Dundas? Check out @NDBCOnline on Facebook. Rural living is better.

# North Dundas budget update

NORTH DUNDAS – During the Tues., March 12 North Dundas council meeting, the 2019 final budget was finally passed.

The budget consists of an overall municipal tax levy of \$6,235,296, that represents an increase of \$125,509 (2.2 per cent) over 2018. This increase is less than the estimated growth within North Dundas of 1.2 per cent plus the 2018 cost of living adjustment of 2.3 per cent, totalling up to 3.5 per cent.

North Dundas' 2019

residential tax rate will decrease by 3.83 per cent. The current value assessment within the township is now up 3.94 per cent from 2018.

The tax rate reduction will mitigate the impact of the increased assessment and will result in a slight decrease in North Dundas' portion of the 2019 tax bill.

According to the press release from the township of North Dundas, 11 per cent of expenditures will be given to waste management; 11 per cent to general government; one per cent to volunteers organizations; two per cent to economic development; nine per cent to fire protection; 17 per cent to recreation services; six per cent to planning, building and other protection; 35 per cent to Public Works and 8 per cent to other facilities.

## 2019 OVFS

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Along with the nine lots of pedigree seed up for auction, there were a number of items donated by organizations and individuals throughout Eastern Ontario. Among the items sold, artist Carrie Keller's oil painting titled "Go Out and Play" sold for \$875 and the "Sparkle in the Rain" lap quilt donated by Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association (OVSGA) secretary/treasurer Arlene Ross, sold for \$750. It was the Massey Harris 44 toy tractor with wagon donated by the Vintage Iron and Traditions of Eastern Ontario that took top spot at the auction selling for a total of \$4,000.

When the last item was sold, the OVSGA topped off the total and announced \$17,000 would be donated to the CHEO Foundation for 2019.



## Welcoming a crowd

The 92nd annual Ottawa Valley Farm Show opened its doors on Tues., March 12 and held an opening ceremony to give thanks to everyone who came out and helped put the show together.

Glover photo

Community engagement officer for CHEO Foundation, Bob Ghosh, said the organization looks forward to the event every year and was grateful to the OVSGA for hosting the auction. "This is one of our favourite times of the year. It is a very unique event and

every year they keep growing and growing," he said. "Nothing can be done without the volunteers, the donors, the supporters. Everyone doesn't realize how much of a big difference they make and how they help each kid and their families to live the

best life possible, so thank you. Looking forward to the show next year."

In total, the show hosted 12,713 people over the three day event, a rise from last year's 11,675.

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## Local residents join the podcast sphere with unique voice

CHESTERVILLE – Andrea Pinsent-Martineau (of Packenham) and Elise Guest (of Chesterville) are inviting all residents of the Ottawa Valley and beyond to tune into their new podcast, Rabbit Holes Podcast.

“The internet is a weird and interesting place,” said Pinsent-Martineau, one of the show’s hosts, “and we’re inviting everyone to join us in our exploration of some of its corners,” added Guest, the other host. “So far, we covered a wide range of topics, from the legalization of cannabis to the history and uses of ranch flavouring – there’s definitely something for everyone!”

Pinsent-Martineau and Guest met through their work in Ottawa, and realized they were both consuming a lot of podcasts during their work week on their daily commutes, which for both of them is about an hour.

“I was listening to everything from news shows to pop culture round-ups to true crime and paranormal shows, but no one was doing the kind of show we had been talking about doing for four years, and that was a show where each episode was a little different and unexpected,” said Pinsent-Martineau. “We had joked about doing a show about four years ago,” said Guest, “but it wasn’t until podcasts had become more main stream that we were able to figure out what model we wanted to go with and get things going”.

Once they stopped working together, Guest and Pinsent-Martineau were looking for a project that they could share, and it turns out that Rabbit Holes Podcast is a great way to make sure they talk and see each other regularly. Not only that, but it also gives them one more podcast to listen to on their drives to and from work. They both love living in quieter communities but without something engaging to listen to, the drive can be long – and that’s where podcasts come in. There are currently 28 episodes (of about an hour each) available for download and streaming, and a new one is released every Sunday. To download and/or subscribe, visit iTunes, Spotify, Google Play and SoundCloud (or wherever you get your podcast content) and search for “Rabbit Holes Podcast”. You can also visit their website at [www.rabbitholespodcast.com](http://www.rabbitholespodcast.com) for a list of episodes, the sources they used in their stories, and links to their social media pages. There is absolutely no cost for listening!

## Seaway Valley Singers 2019 Student Bursaries

MORRISBURG – Once again in 2019, the Seaway Valley Singers will be offering two bursaries through its Student Bursary Program. The bursaries, each worth \$250, will be presented to two deserving students at the choir’s spring concert, to be held at Iroquois United Church on Fri. May 3 in the evening.

To be considered for a bursary, applicants must be residents of Eastern Ontario and currently enrolled (or accepted as of September 2019) in any full-time studies program at a post-secondary institution. If the program is not music-related, the student must take music lessons or instruction on the side. Recipients must also be willing and able to attend the concert for the presentation.

The deadline for bursary applications is April 15. Full details of the program and the application form are available online at [www.seawayvalleysingers.ca](http://www.seawayvalleysingers.ca).



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## CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

### Greened out

What’s with this wearing of the green apparel and drinking of the green beer on St. Patrick’s Day anyway?

As far as I can ascertain – and I’d love to hear from anyone with first-hand knowledge – they don’t even do the green thing back in the motherland, dear old Ireland, where St. Patrick’s Day is a national holiday allegedly recognized by going to church and enjoying a meal with family members.

Of course they go to the pub! They’re Irish! That’s the national pastime. But they do it, as I understand, without green clothing accessories and without greening the beer.

With a name like Van Dusen, why do I care one way or the other? You have the right to ask. At this stage, the name is pretty much that alone. The Van Dusens landed in North America centuries ago; some even arrived in Canada as United Empire Loyalists. What’s mainly circulating in my veins at this point is Irish blood, not 100-proof but close, with plenty of Graces, McCarthys and Hogans in my lineage.

So I really can’t help it when, with St. Patrick’s Day coming up, I get this

primeval urge, not to go to church I’m afraid, but to party North American style.

Although years ago I forsook green beer forever on grounds I was likely poisoning myself with food colouring; I still get caught up in green clothing items or add-ons just because it seems like the thing to do on and around March 17.

At least I’m getting more subtle about it. This year, I wore a greenie-brown plaid shirt with a touch of bright green from an old Russell Agricultural Society t-shirt peeking out at the neck, and striped green socks which I showed off by rolling up my pant leg whenever I was challenged on not being green enough.

I even do that myself: Where’s your green?, I demand annoyingly. Like everyone else, I’m as guilty as the next St. Patrick’s Day celebrant of interrogating people as to the extent of their green and mocking them if it doesn’t exist at all or is deemed to come up short. And I do that even though I believe it’s a dumb custom!

I’ve been brainwashed... but not all the way! While I dug up one of those cheap, garish, shamrock-covered dollar store green ties this year, I only wore it for a second and dumped it on grounds it was just too

much. Not for me-outrageous St. Pat’s gear, such as the 10-gallon bright green hat sported by Russell Legion bigwig Jeff O’Neil Sunday afternoon.

The Russell Legion party was one of four St. Pat’s gatherings I attended between Friday night and Sunday afternoon, St. Patrick’s Weekend, one day no longer being enough. On Sunday, I also attended the wholesome, standing-room-only Russell & District Historical Society Irish Tea Party at Keith Boyd Community Museum, the Boomers Bar bash in Prescott featuring Brockville powerhouse band Healy & Orr Saturday night, and the Prescott Legion karaoke party Friday night. Overkill yes, but not my fault... I have all of that North American Irish blood coursing through my body.

With the possible exception of the Russell museum party featuring Osgoode’s Gallagher Family, what I noticed in common at the four events was a minimum of actual so-called Irish music. Most of what I heard was standard rock tunes played with great vigour, including at karaoke where I participated as well as observed.

I too was guilty of not warbling even one Irish



number out of the three I performed. I ran though the inventory of tunes I sort of knew that might qualify but dismissed them all as too gimmicky or too depressing. It seems the other singers did the same, nobody wanting to witness adults cry in their beer over “Danny Boy”.

At the Russell Legion, Mike Shaw resplendent in kilt and bandmates rocked the joint with mostly non-Irish standards to the point I overheard one guy sitting at the bar gripe that he was going home to play his own Irish music. He didn’t do that while I was there sipping on a non-tinted Budweiser draft while savouring a bowl of Irish stew.

I got through the weekend none the worse for wear, without a hangover, quite cynical as I’ve just expressed about the whole St. Patrick’s experience. But I’ll no doubt be back at it again next year, griping about it while donning a splash of green and wishing one and all “Beannachtai na Feile Pdraig!”

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

## Editorial

### Overpowering one man’s hate

This past Friday, New Zealand was the victim of a thoughtless, inhumane mass shooting that has claimed the lives of 50 innocent people and injured another 50 at the Christchurch Al Noor Mosque and the Linwood Islamic Centre.

This will, no doubt, lead to more discussions on why this keeps happening, gun control laws and mental health; but, New Zealand plans to go a step further. Unlike responses to other mass shootings, New Zealand will be reevaluating its gun ownership policies, with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern promising that details of gun reform will be released within 10 days of the attack.

The name of the shooter will not be named in this editorial to prevent spreading his infamy throughout the news. The *Chesterville Record* refuses to give any press to the individual who took the lives of so

many and ruined the lives of so many more.

What can be told of the shooter was that he was described as a relatively normal man, with normal hobbies and a normal job. But, unfortunately, that “normal” guy is now responsible for what is being called the deadliest mass shooting in modern New Zealand history.

Multiple news outlets have described this to be a racially-fueled crime, saying that the shooter was part of the white supremacy movement. It is very important to know why this troubled individual found it in himself to end the lives of so many people in such a small amount of time because we can’t let a person like that dictate how we treat other cultures.

Ever since incidents like 9/11 and the war in Iraq, Islamophobia has been on the rise. Fear

mongering within pop culture, and political rhetoric in some nation’s highest offices have contributed to an unfair stereotype. This dangerous ideology likely contributed to poisoning the mind of the Mosque shooter, eventually leading him to his violent outburst.

Following the tragic shooting, Cornwall was one of many communities across the globe that brought together people from all walks of life to show their solidarity and support for their local Islamic community.

Hopefully younger generations can look back on this tragedy and remember people’s reactions rather than the violent crusade of one individual.

It’s important that we remember and follow Cornwall’s lead, and continue to learn from one another and support our neighbours, and the diversity that makes up our communities in an attempt to let love overpower one man’s hate.

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# North Stormont Council discusses Tree Canopy policy

**Michelle O'Donohue**  
Record Staff

BERWICK – The Township of North Stormont held a council meeting on Tues., March 12. A large portion of the meeting's time was dedicated to discussion of a Tree Canopy Policy. Tree canopy policies have received a lot of attention at council meetings across Ontario this year because as stated in North Stormont's agenda documentation, "revisions to Section 270 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* require that effective March 1, 2019, municipalities adopt and maintain policies with respect to the manner in which it will protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality. The tree canopy and vegetation in the Township of North Stormont are protected by the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG) Official Plan."

Councillor Steve Densham raised the issue of how this policy would impact farmers wanting to do simple tree removal on their properties. An employee from the township was quick to clarify that "the policy being proposed does not implement a tree conservation by-law," but rather recognizes regional plan policies that have been in place since 2006, and would not prevent individuals from maintaining their own tree lines.

This was followed by a discussion on how the policy would best be enforced. Councillor Randy Douglas stated that there was "power in self-regulation," and stressed the value of farmers leading by example. There was some

concern from members of the public present about self regulation, with one attendee stating that some farmers would follow the policy with good intentions, and others may only follow it with firm by-laws in place.

In addition to the discussion on the Tree Canopy Policy, there was a brief presentation by Monica Shade P.Eng. of McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. regarding the firm's ongoing drainage consultations for the township relating to new crossing construction for the Nation Rise Wind Farm Project. Shade advised that this was an early opportunity to introduce herself to the council, and mentioned that while this project is newly underway, they

intend to keep lines of communication open and be as transparent as possible moving forward.

Two smaller issues relating to the Finch Arena were also discussed; first, a reduction in the hourly ice rental fees for figure skaters from \$132.75 to \$122; and later, during question period an individual present at the meeting raised the issue of the temperature in the spectator area of the arena. She advised the council that during a recent trip to the arena, the heaters in the stands were on but not working well. Mayor Wert advised that a follow-up will be completed to see what can be done about the temperature, and a township employee added that solutions to the temperature problem will be researched for future budget considerations.

The next council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tues., March 26.

## HOL expands hours to serve community better

MOUNTAIN— House of Lazarus (HOL) is making changes to its store and food bank hours beginning April 1.

Hours of operation for both HOL stores and food bank are being increased for client convenience. The stores, HOL Boutique and Mountain Treasures, will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays and 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The food bank will now be open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays.

"The decision to change our hours of operation for both our stores and food bank arose in response to staff, client and consumer feedback," HOL executive director Cathy Ashby said. "The adjusted

hours will provide shoppers, donors, and clients with increased access to staff and services. At House of Lazarus, we're continuously trying to find ways to meet the needs of those in our community, and with that in mind, changing our hours of operation just made sense."

For more information on House of Lazarus, please visit [www.houseoflazarus.com](http://www.houseoflazarus.com) or follow on Facebook.

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# Dundas Agricultural Hall of Fame inductees announced

WINCHESTER – The Dundas Agricultural Hall of Fame committee has announced this year’s hall of fame inductees just in time for the Dundas Farmer’s Charity Gala to be held at the Joel Steele Community Centre on April 6. Inductees will be recognized for their achievements during the evening.

This year’s inductees include:



**Dianne Harkin, nominated by Laurie Chiasson**

Harkin moved to Dundas County to their farm outside Winchester in 1971 with her husband Dan, active Dundas Federation members locally and provincially. In 1975 Harkin established “Women for the Survival of Women in Agriculture” (WSA) a grassroots rural organization established by women to help their rural communities to preserve the family farm and to gain recognition for the role of women in farming.

Harkin’s hard work and dedication

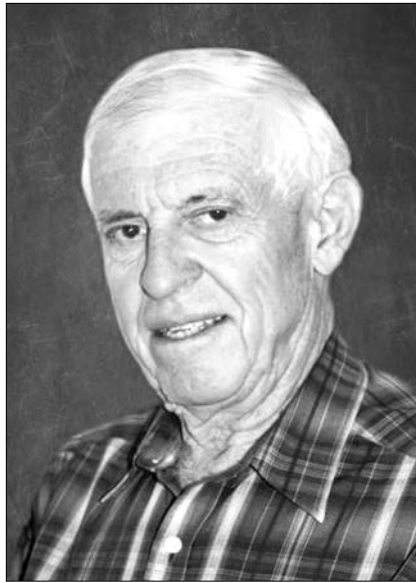
to bring the voice of rural communities and woman for change in agriculture to the forefront and making inroads leading to legislative changes, locally, provincially, federally and internationally for the betterment of woman who farm today.



**Gordon Smith, nominated by Dundas Farm Safety**

Smith has been involved in agriculture for greater than 35 years. Smith and his wife Margaret moved to their farm on Forward Rd. in Chesterville in 1974. Operating their dairy farm until 2001 then transitioning to cash crop while expanding their land base. Smith’s contribution to the agricultural community within his various roles on committees is exemplary and he is passionate about being safe around the farm or any workplace and he readily educates on the facts “Awareness is Safety” Smith’s volunteer work has contributed to the overall betterment

of the agricultural community in Dundas.



**Gordon Garlough, nominated by the Dundas Federation of Agriculture**

Garlough’s background in Dundas County and in agriculture is long standing. He graduated in 1964 from the University of Guelph specializing in field crops and his first career was as a teacher for 10 years; but his agricultural roots remained strong and in 1974 he returned home with his wife Gladys and their two children, to Williamsburg to farm the family farm with his father and brother Bruce. Over the next four decades Garlough has given endlessly of his skills, time and energy to help agriculture move forward; locally, provincially, nationally and internationally. His volunteer experience holds a long list of community involvement.

# South Stormont Council approves 2019 operating and capital budgets

SOUTH STORMONT – On Wed., March 13, Council for the Township of South Stormont approved the 2019 municipal budget. The budget represents a balanced approach to the increasing service requirements. Increasing service requirements are a result of downloading of services, increasing/changing service mandates and growth in the Township. The approved budget allows the Township to implement a reasonable and affordable local tax rate increase, while proactively accomplishing tasks with an eye towards future years of growth within the Township. South Stormont capital projects for 2019 include, Windermere Drive reconstruction; Valade Road Bridge repairs; North Lunenburg Road West asphalt overlay; Dickinson Drive pedestrian crossover; completion of Ingleside Park landscaping; upgrades to Long Sault Arena changerooms; Rosedale Terrace McLennan Park improvements; St Andrews Fire Station 4 parking lot extension; extrication equipment; equipment to support streaming of Council meetings and software upgrades for the fire department building.

The United Counties of SDG will confirm the County budget on Mon., March 18 and education rates have yet to be confirmed by the Province. The expected blended tax rate for residents of South Stormont represents a 2.99 per cent increase over 2018.

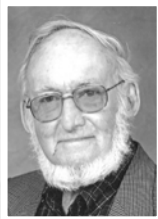
For a South Stormont property assessed in 2018 at \$217,085 (average residential property assessment in South Stormont), if the assessment does not increase in 2019, the blended tax rate results in an annual \$20.48 increase over the 2018 property taxes; if the assessment increases in 2019 by 1 per cent, the blended tax rate results in an annual \$46.45 increase over the 2018 property taxes and if the assessment decreases in 2019 by 1 per cent the blended rate results in a \$(5.46) decrease over the 2018 property taxes.

The most recent Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) reassessment of individual properties was done in 2016 and took effect in 2017. Those reassessments are phased in over a four-year period and are likely to affect most residential taxpayers in South Stormont.

In addition to the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets, Council also approved increases for the municipal water and wastewater utility services operated by the Township of South Stormont. The increases for these services in each area of the Township are, Long Sault, 10 per cent; Ingleside, 10 per cent; Eamers Corners/Rosedale, 15 per cent and Newington, 10 per cent.

100 per cent of the fees collected for water and wastewater services are reinvested back into utility operations, maintenance and capital upgrades. For additional information and resources regarding the Township of South Stormont 2019 budget, including department budget presentations, detailed operating and capital budgets, changes in residential tax rates over years and more, please visit southstormont.ca/budget-2019.

## - Obituary -



**MILLER, Dale**

Mr. Dale Miller passed away at the Ottawa Hospital - Civic Campus on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the age of 84 years. Dale was a farm boy who grew up in Medonte Township, Simcoe County, who moved to Eastern Ontario

in 1966 as the agricultural representative for Stormont County. He became active in the community through his involvement with the Freemasons, Rotary Club of Cornwall, Glengarry Old Time Fiddlers, Salem United Church and the local Heart and Stroke Foundation. Beloved husband of 58 years to Elizabeth “Bette” (née Tillman) Miller. Loving father of Kathy Miller, Brenda Beaudette (Peter), and the late David Miller. Sadly missed by his 5 grandchildren Jana Hall (Shaun), Katelyn, Jennifer, Adam, and Alex Beaudette; nieces and nephews and 2 great-grandchildren Miller and Daria Hall. Loved son of the late William and Dorothy (née Jones) Miller. Dear brother of Karl Miller (Pauline) and the late Jane Cheval (late John). Friends will be received at Salem United Church, 19041 County Road 2, Summerstown, Ontario on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 10-10:45 AM. Afterward, friends are invited to join in a celebration of Dale’s life that will take place at 11:00 AM with the Reverend John Noordhof officiating. Committal at a later date in Hobart Memorial Cemetery, Simcoe County, Ontario. If so desired, contributions in his memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. The family would also like to take a moment to extend their thanks to the Ottawa Civic Hospital - the ICU and Neurosurgery teams in particular - for their outstanding care and support. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Wilson Funeral Home 822 Pitt Street, Cornwall. Online messages of condolence may be made in the obituary section of: www.wilsonfuneralhome.ca

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# 2019 Linking Hands Expo

**Continued from the front** Morrisburg based CLDC, the organization provides support and advocating “for the inclusion of people with an intellectual disability providing training and resources for families and self-advocates.” The Brown Bag Lunch, a CLDC fundraiser that provides funds for the George Davidson Fund, the Snoezelen Room and transportation, is planned for May 7 in North Dundas and May 28 in South Dundas. More information on Community Living Dundas County can be found on their Facebook page.

Casselman commented how the event also provides an opportunity for grandparents, parents and caregivers to do something with their children during March Break. In the school gym, Tribeck Inflatables provided bouncy castles while in the cafeteria there was face painting, crafts and the opportunity to make a button at the SDG County Library pop-up library. Later in the day, Sing Song Party Time entertained the children in



### Hard working volunteers

Members of the North Dundas Youth Centre served up a selection of food during the 2019 Linking Hands Expo held at North Dundas District High School on March 13. Volunteers are pictured from the left, Todd Johnson, Laurie Legue, Kaitlin Herfkens, Scott LeBlanc and Matthew Johnson.

Thompson Goddard photo

the gym followed by a story-time reading. Volunteers from the North Dundas Youth Program provided hot dogs, drinks and treats for sale during the event as well as providing information on the 2019 Touch A Truck event on Sat., June 15 at the Joel Steele Arena parking lot in Winchester.

Kim Merkley, Food Bank coordinator at House of Lazarus, commented how “it’s awesome [they] were able to offer a free day which provides

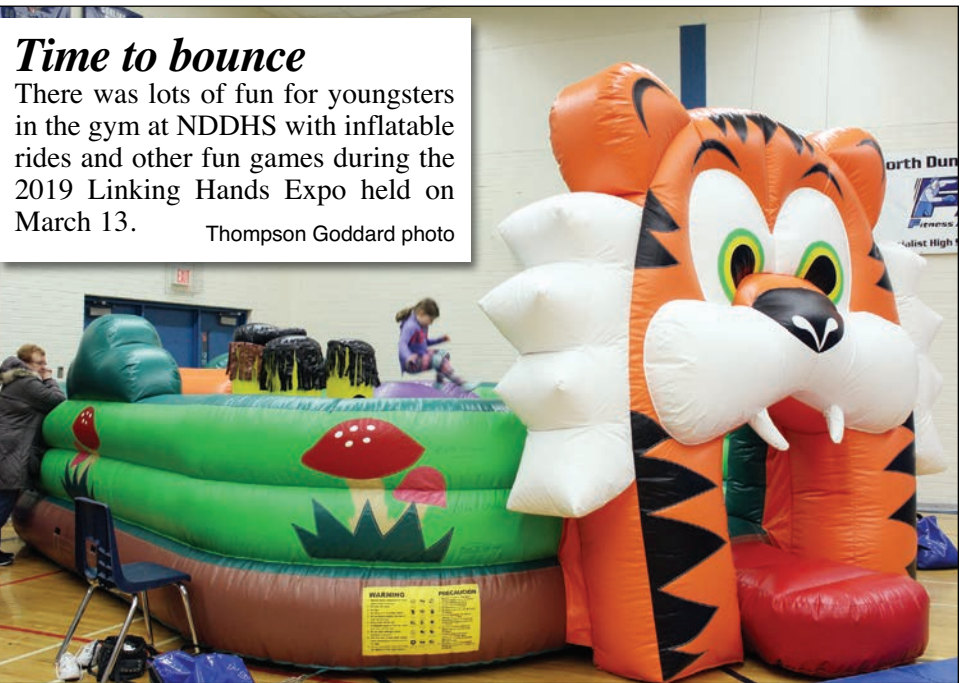
information and fun.” Casselman thanked all event sponsors which included community organizations, businesses and individuals, making special note of the organizational assistance from Happy Face Nursery for the 2019 Linking Hands Expo. She explained that plans are in the organizing phase for a Paint Nite fundraiser in Chesterville on April 29 and the 14th annual Walk for Food is planned for May 25 of this year.



### Photo time with Chase

Linking Hands coordinator Sandy Casselman holds the free draw tickets provided to children during the Linking Hands Expo while posing with Paw Patrol favourite, Chase.

Thompson Goddard photo



### Time to bounce

There was lots of fun for youngsters in the gym at NDDHS with inflatable rides and other fun games during the 2019 Linking Hands Expo held on March 13.

Thompson Goddard photo

## March Break at the sanctuary

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

INGLESIDE – If you were looking for a chance to enjoy the great outdoors with family and friends during March Break, then the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary (UCMBS) had all this and more. Ross Miller, president of the Friends of the Sanctuary (FOTS), commented that the organization had planned activities for people of all ages during the mid-winter break. He explained there was no cost to participate in the activities, with donations to the Friends of the Sanctuary gratefully accepted and ski and snowshoe rentals remained at the usual rate.

In addition to renting cross country skis or snowshoes to transverse the on-site groomed trails, visitors to the UCMBS were able to participate in a variety of activities including a photo scavenger hunt, star gazing evening or a variety of workshops for children. The workshops included wildlife photography, soap carving and the opportunity to learn about monarch butterflies and were designed to allow participants to have some fun while learning.

Miller explained that the organization was very pleased with the response from the public to their

March Break events. When asked about upcoming events, Miller explained the third photo contest organized by the Friends of the Sanctuary, which began on Sept. 23, 2018, concludes on March 31, 2019, the final day of winter programming and the last evening ski for 2019. He went on to say that photo entries are to be taken at the UCMBS by the entrant, with the winner receiving a \$50 gift certificate for use at the Visitor Centre. He continued that the FOTS hope to have events over the coming months and more information on the organization can be found on their website or Facebook page.



### Displaying soap carving talents

Ross Miller, president of the Friends of the Sanctuary, takes a moment between soap carving workshops to refine the details on the model of a whale, one of several templates used during the event.

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# Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a Fish Fry

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

LONG SAULT – For those celebrating St. Patrick's Day there was no shortage of events on March 16 to participate in throughout the local area. Planned activities included a St. Patrick's Day Tea and Bazaar at the Morrisburg Legion, St. Patrick's Day Dance at Matilda Hall in Brinston as well as events at the Royal Canadian Legions in Iroquois, Chesterville and Winchester, all of which served to spread a bit of Irish charm throughout those communities.

South Stormont celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a Fish Fry and Dance which raised funds for the local Meals on Wheels' program at the South Stormont Seniors' Support Centre in Ingleside. With a 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. seating, close to 100 people enjoyed

a complete fish dinner catered by the Ingleside Long Sault Lost Villages Lions Club; coffee and tea was provided by Coffey's Coffee and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 569 in Long Sault ran the bar during the event.

Following the dinner and before the dance featuring the music of Al Love & Cam Kennedy, Smith presented a cheque for \$1,000 to Darien Champagne, program coordinator, Carefor Health & Community Services (CHCS) at South Stormont Seniors' Support Centre. CHCS supervisor Michele Morgan commented in a post event email to the *Chesterville Record* how "fundraising events like this one are crucial to the success of our programs at the South Stormont Seniors' Support Centre. Dave and the Lost Villages Lions

Club do their community proud, time and time again. We are thankful for their time and commitment." Organizer Dave Smith commented how despite the number of options to celebrate St. Patrick's Day "[they] still had a real nice supportive crowd for the Meals on Wheels' fundraiser" and continued he was "personally thankful and lucky to see most of the same people at all of [his] events."

When asked about upcoming events, Smith mentioned a couple of events are in the planning stages including a Relay for Life event in August and fundraisers in support of the basketball court at the Ingleside Park.



## Celebrating in style

At the St. Patrick's Day Fish Fry in Long Sault, a group of people dressed in green for St. Patrick's gathered for a group shot. From the left, Richard Godard, Lisa Godard, Alain Godard, Tyler Caine, Caitlin Merpaw, Paul Deschamps and Mary Deschamps organized a group of almost 30 people for the 6 p.m. dinner sitting, and mentioned she "enjoys the events which are put on" by Smith, explaining they are always a lot of fun and bring back fond memories from her youth.

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## Meals on Wheels receives support

Darien Champagne receives a cheque for \$1,000 for the Meals on Wheels program at the South Stormont Seniors' Support Centre from organizer Dave Smith. The funds were raised by the March 16 St. Patrick's Day Fish Fry and Dance.

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## March Break magic

There was no shortage of March Break magic as magician Kevin Smith of Ottawa wowed the audience during his show at South Stormont Community Hall in Long Sault on March 14. The performance featured many acts of magic with lots of audience participation which served to mystify and delight the estimated 200 people who attended the afternoon event. South Stormont recreation coordinator Sherry-Lynn Harbers explained this event was part of several free March Break activities organized by the township which included skating, Zumba and Yoga.

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# Ontario launches \$30-billion infrastructure funding program

SOUTH GLENGARRY— Ontario's government is working to make the province's roads safer, commutes easier and communities healthier. Today, MPP Jim McDonell announced new infrastructure funding that will help create and protect good jobs across the province, including in the community of Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry.

"When it comes to delivering core services that matter to people, our government is putting people first," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Infrastructure. "[This] historic infrastructure investment marks the start of billions of dollars in funding that will improve the well-being of the people of Ontario. And it is part of our plan to balance the budget in a responsible, sustainable way while creating and protecting good jobs."

The first stream of the funding, the Rural and Northern stream, is open to cities and Indigenous communities with populations under 100,000. Those communities, about 500 of them, will have eight weeks beginning March 18 to nominate road and bridge projects.

"This is great news for communities in our riding," said MPP McDonell. "Our government is listening and has heard the infrastructure needs of our municipalities. Today we're telling communities to get started on the crucial process of project nomination."

The funding falls under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, which will unlock up to \$30-billion in combined federal, provincial, and local investments in communities across the province over the next 10 years. "The launch of [these] programs marks an important milestone for investing in the critical projects that will create jobs for our riding," said MPP McDonell. "This program will help families and businesses by making our roads safer, commutes easier and communities healthier."

# Roxborough Ag Society host spring fundraiser

AVONMORE – The Roxborough Agricultural Society's spring fundraiser evening is a murder mystery dinner show presented by Murder on the Funny Side Theatre Productions and will be held at North Stormont Place in Avonmore on Sat., March 23. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the show "Murder at the 19th hole" by Laurie McRae-Bingley will begin at 7 p.m. The show will be performed during a Roast Beef Meal. There will also be a silent auction that evening. Team RBC volunteer Grant will also be working with the Society that evening on their second \$1,000 grant of 2019. This play is about mayhem and murder surrounding the life of Casey McNaughton-Bradley (AKA- Miss Naughty) the owner of the prestigious Golf and Country Club. Other characters in the play are the golf foursome: owners of a local Dry Cleaner - Nigel and Zoe Bailey; Real Estate Brokers—Robert and Elizabeth MacAdams and the bartender- Josephine Clumzo. The setting of the play is in "Casey's Lounge - The 19th Hole". Golf originated in Scotland, so a Scottish theme is



## Murder mystery cast members

Stephane Bruneau as Robert MacAdams; Laurie McRae-Bingley as Casey McNaughton-Bradley/Writer/Producer; Brett Desrosiers as Josephine Clumzo/Director ; Tracy-Lynn Davies as Zoe Bailey; Nik Skidders as Elizabeth MacAdams; and Alex Merizzi as Nigel Bailey.

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incorporated in this Avonmore, or by calling more information on the particular play. Tickets are 613-933-2793 or emailing Avonmore Fair and other \$30 each and available at treasurer@avonmorefair.ca events visit Barkley's General Store in Hope to see you there! For www.avonmorefair.ca.

## Charges laid in sexual assault case

SOUTH GLENGARRY— An arrest has been made as the result of an historical sexual assault investigation conducted by members of the Stormont Dundas & Glengarry Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, assisted by the SD&G OPP Crime Unit. Gilles Deslauriers, 79 years of age, of Vercheres, Quebec was arrested on March 12. He faces charges of Indecent Assault on a Male (2 counts). These charges are in relation to alleged incidents involving a young male victim, dating back to 1976. The accused was released and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Alexandria April 3. Anyone having information on this or any other crime is asked to call the SD&G OPP at 1-888-310-1122 OR Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



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## Rockets season comes to a screeching halt

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

**CLARENCE CREEK**—The North Dundas Rockets played two playoff games this past weekend as they welcomed the Clarence Castors on Thursday night for game four of the best of seven NCJHL semifinal and travelled to Clarence Creek for game five on Friday night.

### Cougars 3 Rockets 2 (2OT)

The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Clarence Creek Arena on Fri., March 15, to take on the Clarence Castors in game five of the best of seven NCJHL semifinal. It was a "must win" game for the Rockets after they dropped game four 8-6 the previous night to fall behind 3-1 in the series. The Rockets led the game with just under five minutes remaining allowing three goals.

The teams battled to a scoreless first period but the Rockets held more possession time than the Castors and outshot them.

The Rockets opened the scoring at 4:24 of the second period as Cameron Brown tipped one home from in front of the net on the power play from Jarrett Williams and Connor Roth to take a 1-0 lead. The Rockets took a two-goal lead when Brodie Barkley ripped one off the crossbar and in at 10:17 from Pierce Egan and Tom Fingler.

The Castors got one to go in just 27 seconds later as Patrick Lemay scored from Vincent Martel and

tied the game at 15:30 as Sam Gaudet scored from Lemay. The teams took a two-all draw into the second intermission.

The teams both sat back in the third period trying not to make a mistake but there were some good scoring chances by both teams. Neither team was able to find the back of the net forcing the game to a 10-minute overtime frame.

The teams still played it cautiously in the first overtime but again nothing was decided after 10 minutes. The teams took the two-all stalemate into the third intermission.

In the second overtime period the teams still took a cautious outlook but at 4:56 the Castors ended the game as Martel beat the Rockets' goalie Reilly Tondreau off the right goal post and in taking the game 3-2 and the series 4-1.

With that, the Rockets' dream season had come to an end as the Castors move on to take on the Vankleek Hill Cougars in the NCJHL final. Picking up the win in the Castors' goal was Corey Camirand and suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Tondreau.

The Rockets say goodbye to their over agers Connor Roth, Brad Stitt, Reilly Tondreau and Matt Cowley as their junior careers ended with the loss.

### Cougars 8 Rockets 6

The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Clarence Castors to the Chesterville Arena on Thurs., March 14, for game four of the best of seven

NCJHL semifinal. The Rockets were coming off a tough 4-2 loss to the Castors in the previous game and trailed the series two games to one and looked to even the series.

The Rockets opened the scoring at 3:02 of the first period as Hugo Lusignan pounded one home from Cameron Brown and Jack Van Kessel taking a 1-0 lead. The Castors tied the game when Raphael Payant scored from Sam Gaudet and Vincent Martel at 5:40 on the power play.

The Rockets retook the lead when Brad Stitt slapped one to the back of the net from Connor Roth and Brown on the power play. The Rockets took a two-goal lead when Kyle Collette slid one home from Stitt and Justin Lefebvre at 17:11. The Rockets took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission.

The Castors got to within one as Patrick Lemay scored from Gaudet at 3:22 of the second period on the power play. The Castors knotted the affair at 5:46 as Zack Lugli scored from Matt Clement and Nathan Melee on another power play.

The Rockets retook the lead when Lefebvre roofed one from Brown and Roth at 13:46 and restored a two-goal lead just 50 seconds later as Roth snapped one home from Brown and Collette both on the power play.

With just 11 seconds remaining in the middle frame, the Castors got back to within one as Lugli scored his second of the game from Melee and Lemay. The Rockets took a 5-4 lead into the second intermission.

The Castors tied the game just 40 seconds into the third period as Lugli completed his hat trick from Lemay and Melee. The Rockets retook the lead when Roth scored his second of the game from Tyler Balantyne and Tom Fingler at 10:28 to make it 6-5.

The Castors tied the game at 16:35 as Tyler Baker scored from Aidan Cannell and Gaudet and took their first lead of the game as Sam Paquette scored from Payant and Etienne Aguis-Pease with 2:43 remaining in regulation. The Rockets



The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Clarence Creek Arena on Fri., March 15, to take on the Clarence Castors in game five of the best of seven NCJHL semifinal. The Rockets were forced to overtime where the Castors put the final nail in the coffin scoring at 4:56 of the second overtime period taking the game 3-2. The Rockets' Connor Roth consoles goalie, Reilly Tondreau after the final shot beat him, as captain, Brad Stitt, Jarrett Williams and Jack Van Kessel look on in shock after the Castors knocked them out of the playoffs in five games.

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The Rockets' forward, Brad Nash sends the puck in front of the net where teammates Brad Stitt and Tom Fingler try to get a stick on it. The Castors' defensemen, Thomas Lowry (5) and Sam Gaudet (2) box out the Rockets' forwards. The Castors ended up with the victory in double overtime taking the series four games to one.

Moore photo

pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker with under a minute remaining.

The Rockets had a couple of good scoring chances but the Castors' Gaudet was able

to slide one into the abandoned cage with just 11 seconds remaining. The Castors took the game 8-6 taking a 3-1 series lead as the scene shifts back to

Clarence Creek.

Picking up the win in the Castors' goal was Corey Camirand and suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Reilly Tondreau.

## Atom C1 Demons come close to finals

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

**CHESTERVILLE**—The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons closed out their season this month with two games as they travelled to Brockville on March 3 to take on the Braves for game one in the second round of the playoffs and welcomed the Braves on March 5 for game two.

### Braves 4 Demons 1

The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons welcomed the Brockville C1 Braves to the Chesterville Arena on Tues., March 5, for game two of the first to three point UCMHL playoff series. The Demons dropped the first game 2-1 and trailed the Braves two points to none heading into this game. The teams battled to a scoreless first period.

The Braves opened the scoring at 1:59 into the second period and took a two-goal lead at 4:57. The Braves kept the pressure

on and scored their third goal of the game at 5:15 and took a 3-0 lead into the third period.

The Demons got one back at 4:30 of the third period as Sydney Robinson slid one home unassisted to cut the deficit to one. With time winding down in the game, the Demons' pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker but that backfired as the Braves found the empty goal taking the game 4-1.

With the loss, the Demons' season was finished. The Demons had a great year finishing fourth in the league and won two tournament titles including the Bell Capital Cup championship.

### Braves 2 Demons 1

The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons travelled to the Brockville Youth Arena on Sun., March 3, to take on the Braves in round two of the first to three point

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The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Clarence Castors to the Chesterville Arena on Thurs., March 14, for game four of the best of seven NCJHL semifinal. The Rockets' Jack Gill (22) gets a scoring chance here during the second period but the Castors' goalie, Corey Camirand turned him away. The Rockets put up six goals in the game but still lost 8-6.

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# Vikings rook Knights, checkmate series

**Jeff Moore**  
Record Staff

CASSELMAN — The Casselman Vikings just needed a single game this past week as they welcomed the Ottawa West Golden Knights on Tuesday night for game five.

## Vikings 6 Golden Knights 4

The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Ottawa West Golden Knights to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Tues., March 12, for game five of

the best of seven of the CCHL2 quarterfinal. The Vikings were coming off a tight 3-2 victory over the Golden Knights in their previous game to take a 3-1 series lead and with a win would eliminate the Golden Knights.

The Golden Knights opened the scoring when Noah Haymes scored an unassisted goal at 4:01 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Golden Knights made it 2-0 when Justin

Jamer scored his fourth goal of the playoffs from Jack Haymes and Daniel Stratis at 12:25.

The Vikings cut the deficit in half when affiliated player, Brendan Lynch scored his first of the playoffs from Mikael Bissonnette and Pierce Britton just 25 seconds later. The Vikings tied the game at two when Shawn Patterson scored his third of the postseason from Joel Hunt and Brady Cloutier at

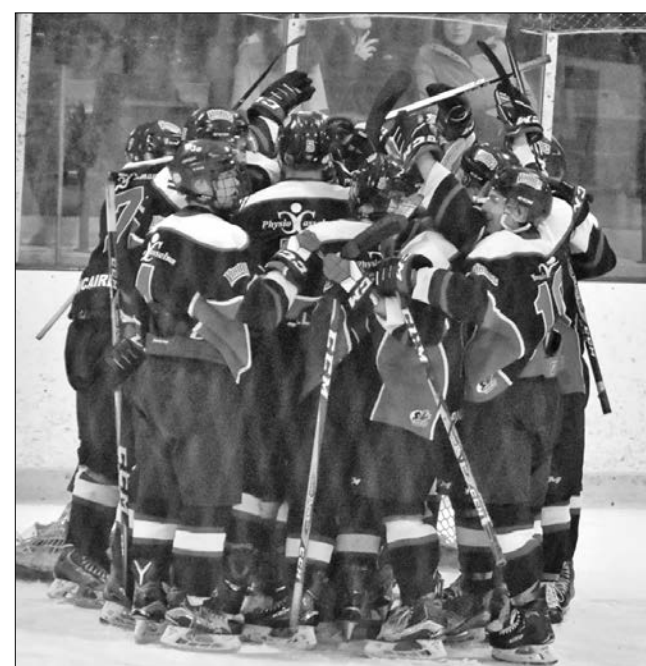
14:34 on the power play. The teams took a 2-2 tie into the first intermission.

Patterson scored his second of the game and fourth of the playoffs with 1:48 remaining in the second period from Hunt and Louis Chabot. The Vikings took a 3-2 lead into the second intermission.

The Vikings took a two-goal lead when Antonio Silenu scored his first of the playoffs from Lynch and Bissonnette at 3:17 of the third period. The Golden Knights got back to within one as James scored his second of the game and fifth of the postseason from Jack Haymes at 7:21 on the power play.

Patterson completed his hat trick picking up his fifth goal of the postseason at 9:10 from Jason Cossette and Yanick Dicaire on the power play to give the Vikings a 5-3 lead. The Golden Knights' Bobby Dempster scored his first of the playoffs at 16:07 from Jamer moving to within one of the Vikings.

With time winding down in regulation and possibly their season, the Golden Knights pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker with just over a minute remaining but it was the Vikings'



## One round done

The Casselman Vikings eliminated the Ottawa West Golden Knights on Tues., March 12, at the J. R. Brisson Complex in five games moving on to face the Ottawa Jr. Canadians in the CCHL2 Martin Division final. The Vikings celebrate following their victory after a seesaw game five.

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Samuel Mattie finding the back of the yawning cage with just 33 seconds remaining, unassisted.

The Vikings hung on for a 6-4 victory eliminating the Golden Knights with a 4-1 series victory. The Vikings move on to face the awaiting Ottawa Jr. Canadians. The Vikings outshot the Golden Knights 36-23.

Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 29 saves and suffering the loss in the Golden Knights' goal was Mitchell Bown.

## Up next

After opening the series in Ottawa on Tuesday night, the Vikings welcome the Ottawa Jr. Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., March 21, for game two at 7:30 p.m. The Vikings then travel to the Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa to take on the Canadians on Sat., March 23 at 7:20 p.m. for game three. Game four will be in Casselman on Sun., March 24 at 3 p.m. The series heads back to Ottawa on Tues., March 26 at 7:20 p.m. for game five.



The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Ottawa West Golden Knights to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Tues., March 12, for game five of the best of seven CCHL2 quarterfinal. The Vikings' forward, Shawn Patterson (9) awaits a pass from the corner as his teammate Joel Hunt gets in the Golden Knights' goalie, Mitchell Bowns kitchen. Patterson eventually scored on this play, picking up a hat trick and helping the Vikings to a 6-4 victory.

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# Rangers' valiant season ends

**Jeff Moore**  
Record Staff

VANKLEEK HILL — The South Grenville Rangers had a busy week with five playoff games as they welcomed the Vankleek Hill Cougars on Tuesday night for game two, travelled to Vankleek Hill on Wednesday night for game three, back to Vankleek Hill for game four on Friday night, welcomed the Cougars on Saturday night for game five and finally game six back in Vankleek Hill.

## Cougars 5 Rangers 4

The South Grenville Rangers travelled to the Vankleek Hill Arena on Sun., March 17, to take on the Cougars in game six of the best of seven NCJHL semifinal. The Cougars were coming off a 5-4 victory in overtime the previous night so the Rangers needed to win this game to force a game seven.

The Cougars opened the scoring at 4:18 of the first period as Justin Labrosse scored from Jacob Trempe and Hugo Blanchard taking a 1-0 lead. The Cougars made it 2-0 when Nic Castonguay scored from Ryan Allen at 10:42 and took that lead into the first intermission.

The Cougars' Jonathan Lacroix scored a shorthanded goal at 13:28 of the second period taking a three-goal lead. The Cougars made it 4-0 when Tyler Doppelhamer scored from Labrosse and Danny Plourde Grenon at 16:39.

The Rangers finally got on the board with just seven seconds remaining in the middle frame as Jack Finnerty roofed one from Mathieu Giroux and Brody Ranger on the power play. The Cougars took a 4-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Rangers cut the deficit in half when Tristan Loomis slapped one home from the blue line unassisted at 5:27 of the third period on the power play. The Rangers got to within one as Finnerty scored his second of the game

from Loomis and Jordan Poulin at 5:44.

The Cougars restored a two-goal lead when Labrosse scored his second of the game from Trempe and Doppelhamer at 6:02. With time winding down in regulation, the Rangers pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker and it paid off as Ranger swatted one home from Zach Hotte and Finnerty with just 1:13 remaining.

The Rangers put their goalie back in the net for a few seconds and pulled him again with under 45 seconds remaining and put the pressure on the Cougars. The Cougars took a shot at the empty goal but missed causing a face-off to the right of their goalie with under 15 seconds remaining.

The Rangers won the draw and had a couple of shots blocked in front of the net and with just two seconds remaining, the Rangers got the puck to the goal crease causing a big scramble in front of the net but the buzzer sounded before they could get the puck to cross the goal line.

The Cougars took the game 5-4 and the series 4-2 ending a great season for the Rangers in just their second year in the league. Picking up the win in the Cougars' goal was Frederick Durocher and suffering the loss in the Rangers' goal was Lee Spurgeon. The Cougars move on to face the Clarence Castors in the NCJHL final.

## Cougars 5 Rangers 4 (OT)

The South Grenville Rangers welcomed the Vankleek Hill Cougars to the Ingression Centre in Cardinal on Sat., March 16, for game five of the best of seven NCJHL semifinal. The Rangers were coming off a big 9-3 victory over the Cougars and looked to take a stranglehold on the series with a victory.

The Rangers opened the scoring when Cole Edgley rippled one from Jordan Dodge at



The South Grenville Rangers welcomed the Vankleek Hill Cougars to the Ingression Centre in Cardinal on Sat., March 16, for game five of the best of seven NCJHL semifinal. The Rangers' captain, Carson Pickup (81) chased a rebound off the Cougars' goalie, Frederick Durocher's pad. The Rangers blew a couple of leads in the game and fell to the Cougars in overtime 5-4.

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11:13 of the first period on the power play to take a 1-0 lead. The Rangers made it 2-0 when Cameron Dillon snapped one home from Brayden Forestell and Jack Finnerty just 45 seconds later.

The Cougars cut the deficit in half when Jacob Trempe scored from Justin Labrosse and Tyler Doppelhamer at 13:36. The Rangers restored their two-goal lead when Dodge blasted one home from Forestell at 2:13 of the second period.

The Cougars got back to within one as Nic Castonguay scored from Plourde Grenon at 7:18. The Rangers took a 3-2 lead into the second intermission.

The Rangers again, took a two-goal lead when Dodge scored his second of the game at 3:34 of the third period from Brody Ranger.

The Cougars got back to within one as Jacob Trempe scored an unassisted goal at 7:36 and tied the game when Jonathan Lacroix scored from Labrosse and Doppelhamer on the power play at 12:55. Neither team was able to score the game winner before the end of regulation so the game headed to a 10-minute overtime session.

Just 59 seconds into the extra frame, the Cougars' Joey Simoneau shot one, unassisted, just inside the right post past the Rangers' goalie Lee Spurgeon. The Cougars took the game 5-4 and a 3-2 series lead heading back to Vankleek Hill.

Picking up the win in the Cougars' goal was Frederick Durocher and suffering the loss in the Rangers' goal was Spurgeon.

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## Rangers

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### Rangers 9 Cougars 3

The South Grenville Rangers travelled to the Vankleek Hill Arena on Fri., March 15, to take on the Cougars in game four of the best of seven of the NCJHL semifinal. The Rangers were coming off a tough 8-1 loss to the Cougars in their previous meeting and looked to tie the series back up at two.

The Rangers had a full bench for this game. The Rangers opened the scoring at 3:37 of the first period as Brody Ranger scored from Mathieu Giroux and took a two-goal lead at the five-minute mark as Carson Pickup scored from Jack Finnerty and Brayden Forestell.

The Rangers made it 3-0 when Finnerty scored from Joe MacLean and Forestell at 9:21 on the power play. The Cougars finally got one to go as Kean McEachern scored from Jacob Trempe and Justin Labrosse at 15:16 on the power play. The Rangers took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission.

The Rangers restored their three-goal lead when Pickup scored his second of the game from Giroux just 1:04 into the second period. The Cougars got back to within two as Nic Castonguay scored from Vincent Huneault at 6:38 but

the Rangers answered as Ranger sniped his second of the night from Jordan Dodge and Tristan Loomis at 13:48.

The Rangers added another late goal at 17:04 as Ranger scored his third of the game from Cameron Dillon and Dodge and took a 6-2 lead into the second intermission.

The Rangers made it 7-2 as Forestell pounded one home from Dodge on the power play at 13:24 but the Cougars answered at 15:55 as Danny Plourde Grenon scored from Labrosse on the power play.

The Rangers added another goal at 17:48 as Forestell scored his second of the game from Finnerty and Pickup. The Rangers closed out the scoring when Noah Edmonds snapped one home from Dillon and Hayden Sayeau on the power play with just 13 seconds remaining.

The Rangers took the game 9-3 tying the series at two games apiece. Picking up the win in the Rangers' goal was Lee Spurgeon and suffering the loss in the Cougars' goal was Alex Labreche.

### Cougars 8 Rangers 1

The South Grenville Rangers travelled to the Vankleek Hill Arena on Wed., March 13, to take on the Cougars in game three of the best of seven of the NCJHL

semifinal. The teams went into the game all knotted up at one game apiece but the Rangers were short benched due to the bad weather.

The Cougars took game one 5-2 and the Rangers took game two 6-5 in overtime. The Cougars scored the lone goal of the first period as Tyler Doppelhamer scored from Justin Labrosse and Jacob Trempe at the 11-minute mark taking a 1-0 lead. The Cougars took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Rangers tied the game as Jordan Dodge lit the lamp from Cole Edgley at 5:01 of the second period but the Cougars got that one back at 6:26 as Jonathan Lacroix scored from Vincent Huneault and Zack Phaneuf.

The Cougars took a two-goal lead when Lacroix scored his second of the game from Kean McEachern and Labrosse on the power play at 12:50 and took a three goal lead at 16:43 as Nic Castonguay scored from Tristan Lavoie Hugo Blanchard on another power play. The Cougars took a 4-1 lead into the second intermission.

It was all Cougars in the third period as the Rangers short bench was running out of fuel. The Cougars took a 5-1 lead at 9:53 as Nik Ayotte scored from McEachern and Castonguay on the power play and 6-1 at 12:24 when Castonguay scored his second of the game from Lavoie and Ryan Allen.

The Cougars took a six-goal lead when Lacroix completed his hat trick from Phaneuf and Ayotte on the power play at 17:22. The Cougars closed out the scoring when Lacroix scored his fourth of the game from Lavoie and Ayotte at 17:44 on the power play.

The Cougars took the game 8-1 and a 2-1 series lead. Picking up the win in the Cougars' goal was Alex Labreche and suffering the loss in the Rangers' goal was Lee Spurgeon.



The Rangers celebrate after scoring their first goal late in the second period. The Rangers' Jack Finnerty scored the goal and Mathieu Giroux (9) and Jordan Poulin helped with the celebration. The goal sparked the Rangers as they battled back from down 4-0, to come to within one as the clock wound down.

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## Atom C1 Demons

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UCMHL playoff series. The Demons took out the Smiths Falls Bears in two games in the first round of the playoffs and looked to do the same against the Braves.

The teams battled to a scoreless first period but the Braves took a 1-0 lead just 45 seconds into the second period. The

Demons tied the game at one when Jack Robinson snapped one home from Aiden LeClair at 2:54.

The teams took a one-all draw into the third period. The Braves retook the lead at 1:25 of the third period and were able to hold off the Demons' offence. The Braves took the game 2-1 and lead the series two points to none heading back to Chesterville. Suffering the loss in the Demons' goal was Matthew Seguin.



The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons welcomed the Brockville C1 Braves to the Chesterville Arena on Tues., March 5, for game two of the first to three point UCMHL playoff series. The Demons' forward, Koen Myers (6) watches the puck roll down the Braves' goalie, Braeden Notman's back. The puck was shot by the Demons' forward, Sydney Robinson (behind net) but the Braves were able to keep the puck out. The Braves went on to take the game 4-1 and the series three points to one.

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The Rangers' forward, Cole Edgely (21) celebrates after scoring the game's second goal to give the Rangers a 2-0 lead in the first period of game 5. The Rangers ended up losing the game 5-4 in overtime.

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## Pin Tales

**Stormont Ladies:** Ladies' High Single, Susan Chambers 288; Ladies' High Triple, Susan Chambers 647; Team Standings: Susan 288, Hilda 271, Elaine 269, Judy 228.5, Pat 202.5.

**Monday Men's:** Men's High Single, Kevin Osborne 336; Men's High Triple, Kevin Osborne 827; Men's High Average, Marc Robinson 243. Team Standings: East-Ont 131, A-Team 116, Alley Cats 106, Raiders 90, Country Boys 81, Alley Cats 77.

**Tuesday Afternoon Mixed:** Men's High Single, Ron Robinson 259; Men's High Triple, Ron Robinson 560; Ladies' High Single, Deborah Patenaude 170; Ladies' High Triple, Deborah Patenaude/Sandra Bloom 470. Team Standings: Love 203.5, Faith 201, Charity 175, Hope 170.5

**Defenders:** Men's High Single, Andy Chrysler 239; Men's High Triple, Max VanOers 603; Ladies' High Single, Debbie Linton 194; Ladies' High Triple, Debbie Linton 499. Team Standings: Glendon 240, OLD 235.5, Andy 214, Brian 193.5, Peanut Gallery 193.

**Wednesday Ladies:** Ladies' High Single, Dorothy Thomas 243; Ladies' High Triple, Dorothy Thomas 580. Team Standings: Dianna 285.5, Mary 277.5, Carol 270, Pat 244.5, Lorna 242.5.

**Finch Mixed:** Men's High Single, Colin Sanders 356; Men's High Triple, Colin Sanders 763; Men's High Average, Noel Lalonde 221; Ladies' High Single, Grace Tilley/Becky Hoogveen 236; Ladies' High Triple, Maida Rowe 651; Ladies' High Average, Isabelle Bissonnette 215. Team

Standings: The Better Justin's 104, SAMJC 78, SHAT 76, 3 G's 75, The Other Justin 71, Becky's Babes 56.

**Matilda:** Ladies' High Single, Donna Leach 227; Ladies' High Triple, Donna Leach 585; Men's High Single, Jake Cinnamon 311; Men's High Triple, Jake Cinnamon 789. Team Standings: Inge's Pickers 81, Kathy's Empty Buckets 79, Carolyn's Empty Bottles 70, Kim's Dreamcatchers 65, Connie's Roadrunners 64, Anita's Highrollers 62.

**Thursday Seniors:** Men's High Single, John Meulenbroek 210; Men's High Triple, John Meulenbroek 516; Ladies' High Single, Diny Meulenbroek 209; Ladies' High Triple, Diny Meulenbroek 588.

**Avonmore Mixed:** Ladies' High Single, Adeline Mathieu 201; Ladies' High Triple, Bonnie McIntosh 562; Men's High Single, Brian Rombough 309; Men's High Triple, Frank Jerome 672. Team Standings: Dynamic Magentas 5865, Whispering Whites 5650, Totally Blacks 5597, Yellow Grooves 5471, Majestic Blues 5465, Cherry Reds 5266.

**Les Dynamiques:** Men's High Single, Pierre Briere 163; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 472; Ladies' High Single, Yolande Leduc 232; Ladies' High Triple, Yolande Leduc 582.

**Williamsburg Mixed:** Men's High Single, Garry Hutt 292; Men's High Triple, John Byvelts 619; Ladies' High Single, Erin Drapeau 197; Ladies' High Triple, Erin Drapeau 524. Team Standings: John's Roadies +169, Western Stars +168, Desperado's +155, Top Dawgs +119, Moonshiners -87, Outlaws -229.

**Winchester Odd Couples:** Men's High Single, Darryl Britton 289; Men's High Triple, Darryl Britton 780; Men's High Average, Matt Hartle 220; Ladies' High Single, Pat Middleton 211; Ladies' High Triple, Pat Middleton 495; Ladies' High Average, Pat Middleton 176. Team Standings: Pink Ladies 248, Team BADD 246, Team RamRod 237, Sunny Dayz 233, Henry's Team 227, Lucky Strings 217.

## Youth Bowling Canada

**YBC Peewees:** Girl's High Single, Robin Sanders 144; Girl's High Double, Robin Sanders 268; Boy's High Single, Loric Erratt 120; Boy's High Double, Loric Erratt 197. Team Standings: Sharks 149.5, Leafs 131.5, Kings 119.5, Bruins 119.5.

**YBC Bantams:** Girl's High Single, Cortnie Labelle 165; Girl's High Double, Paige Michaud 281; Boy's High Single, Sam Tessier 177; Boy's High Double, Sam Tessier 327. Team Standings: Blackhawks 215, Avalanche 183.5, Flames 183.5, Red Wings, 183, Coyotes 164.5, Rangers 162.5.

**YBC Juniors:** Girl's High Single, Ava Bradley 210; Girl's High Triple, Caroline Sanders 483; Boy's High Single, Alex Robinson 167; Boy's High Triple, Alex Robinson 438. Team Standings: Sabres 132, Senators 102.

**YBC Seniors:** Girls' High Single, Alayna Gaudette 278; Girl's High Triple, Alayna Gaudette 755; Boy's High Single, Barrett Hall 170; Boy's High Triple, Barrett Hall 408. Team Standings: Panthers 147, Flyers 143, Canucks 138.



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## Kin Club of Russell makes large donation to Victoria's Quilts Canada

RUSSELL – Following its second successful Catch the Ace lottery, the Kin Club of Russell started to divide the profits amongst its participants with a massive cheque of \$28,045.58 to Victoria's Quilts Canada. Kin Club president Cindy Anthony explained, "We partnered with Victoria's Quilts Canada, Russell Minor Hockey Association and Cystic Fibrosis Canada for this last session of Catch the Ace lottery." The Kin Club of Russell reached out and requested partners to join them in selling Catch the Ace tickets, which in turn generated revenue for these organizations.

Victoria Quilts Canada, through the Russell Friends of Victoria's Quilts, sold over 6,000 tickets on their own to benefit their charity. Victoria's Quilts Canada provides free of charge handmade quilts and carrying bags for cancer patients to help them through their fight. Over their last 19 years, they have provided close to 70,000 quilts to cancer patients!

Led by the charismatic Marie-Claire

Ivanski, her team was aggressively selling Catch the Ace tickets throughout the area. Ivanski stated, "Words cannot express my gratitude to everyone that bought Catch the Ace tickets in support of Victoria's Quilts. This incredible amount will help the hard-working busy quilting bees to continue to make comforting loving quilts for cancer patients. I would also like to thank and congratulate the Kin Club of Russell for all the hard work they do for the betterment of our community and thank them for accepting us in the draw."

The Kin Club of Russell is gearing up for their third Catch the Ace lottery and this time tickets will be available for purchase online, along with its regular sales in various locations including Étienne Brûlé Brewery where the draws will be held every Sunday at 3:15 p.m.

Cheque presentations to Russell Minor Hockey Association and Cystic Fibrosis Canada will be forthcoming.



### Victoria Quilts Canada receives generous cheque

Kin Club president Cindy Anthony presents a cheque of \$28,045.58 to Victoria's Quilts Canada. Pictured, from the left, Danielle Pilon, Victoria's Quilts Canada national president Blanche Dunn, Russell Friends of Victoria's Quilts Canada president Marie-Claire Ivanski, Kin Club of Russell president Cindy Anthony, Catch the Ace committee member Bill McInnis and Debi Loomis Bennett.

Courtesy photo

## Russell County councillor recognized for environmental good deeds

RUSSELL – Russell councillor André Brisson comes from a long line of dairy farmers. He's the fifth generation of Brissons to carve out a living on the family farm in Embrun. As things around the rural community become less green, Brisson began to think more about trees. In 2013, a health issue caused Brisson to sell his cows. His land sat idle. "I wanted to give the land a second chance," he said. "The former pasture land wasn't suitable for crops, and I didn't want it to go to weeds." Brisson was

particularly keen on using his land to help the local environment.

In 2015, Brisson's first year as a councillor for Russell County, he heard about the Government of Ontario's 50 Million Tree Program (50MTP). He was already taking part in a tree planting initiative along the Castor River with students from École élémentaire publique De La Rivière Castor and Russell High School.

The event was run by South Nation River Conservation Authority, and

it was through them that Brisson was introduced to the 50MTP. Administered by not-for-profit organization Forests Ontario, the 50MTP provides financial and technical assistance to landowners for large-scale tree planting. "The 50MTP was a great fit for what I wanted to do," Brisson recounts. "I decided to go for it!" Cheyenne Brunet, a forestry technician with South Nation River Conservation Authority, worked closely with Brisson to develop a site plan to reforest 2.5 acres of former

pastures with a mix of conifers and hardwoods. "We started planting in May of 2017," explains Brunet. "We went with several species – White pine, White spruce, Sugar maple, Red and Silver maples, and Red Oak trees. About 2,000 trees in all." Brunet was impressed by Brisson's drive throughout the experience. "It was clear that André was really passionate about helping the environment and his local community." Brisson's trees have had an excellent survival rate, which he attributes to the time he spent tending them. "Since I wasn't farming anymore, I had a lot more time on my hands. I would take the weed trimmer out and get rid of the trees' competition." Before the 50MTP planting, Brisson's land had been nearly void of trees for more than 160 years. "When the first Brisson in Embrun

settled on the farm in 1856, the trees had already been cut," Brisson said. "Most of the land in Russell County is of good quality for agriculture. That's why our forest cover is so low." Continuing with his environmental good deeds, Brisson donated nearly an acre of his land to his municipality so that a park could be built. He hopes this will be a step toward having more greenspace in his town.

Brisson was recently given the distinction of Green Leader by Forests Ontario. The Green Leader Program recognizes landowners who have participated in the 50MTP and demonstrated outstanding commitment to healthy forests in Ontario, improving environmental health in their community, and reducing the negative effects of climate change.

"Green Leaders like

André Brisson are a positive example for landowners across the province," said Rob Keen, CEO of Forests Ontario. "We appreciate that when his needs changed, André saw it as an opportunity to help his community by planting trees and by donating land for a park. The trees that André planted will provide habitat for wildlife and capture carbon from our air, helping to build a greener future."

When asked how he feels about being a Green Leader, Brisson said, "It's an honour! I hope my story will encourage others in Russell County to plant trees. Investing in greenspace here should be a priority!"

For more information about the 50 Million Tree Program, contact Forests Ontario at 416-646-1193 or visit [www.forestsonario.ca/50MTP](http://www.forestsonario.ca/50MTP).

## Justin Bromberg to serve AMO

Kory Glover  
Villager Staff

PRESCOTT/RUSSELL – The United Counties of Prescott-Russell (UCPR) senior advisor and communications manager Justin Bromberg has been offered a position with the Association of Municipalities (AMO) for a seat on the board of directors.

For many years, the UCPR were not represented in the AMO and Bromberg, being the only representative from Eastern Ontario on the board, plans to bring some very local issues to the table. These issues include the widening of Highway 17/174,

the sharing of ambulances with Ottawa and Cornwall and several francophone issues.

"I'll be the sixth voice in the county caucus, and the only one for Prescott-Russell," he said. "I think we do not see a lot of representation from Eastern Ontario at AMO, so I'll be able to bring a perspective from here."

Both mayor of Clarence-Rockland, Guy Desjardins and AMO managing director Stéphane Parisien have also expressed their support in Bromberg's new position, with Parisien calling it a "golden opportunity."

## Letter To The Editor

### Liberal MP Francis Drouin's shame

Dear Editor,  
Glengarry-Prescott-Russell's Liberal MP, Francis Drouin, just played a key role in the Liberal SNC-Lavalin cover-up. He should be ashamed of himself. The Justice Committee called an emergency meeting to discuss calling Jody

Wilson-Raybould to testify again on the SNC-Lavalin Affair. Before the committee could even begin discussions, Mr. Drouin tabled a motion to shut-down the meeting. Such a cynical move. MP Drouin did this right after the highly respected Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Working Group on Bribery released a public statement expressing concern that

Justin Trudeau interfered in the criminal prosecution of SNC-Lavalin. With this shameful act, MP Francis Drouin has struck a serious blow against his own integrity. Francis Drouin does not deserve to be re-elected. The people of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell deserve better.

Pierre Lemieux  
Conservative  
candidate for GPR  
Cumberland, ON

## March is Fraud Prevention Month

EMBRUN – The Russell County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and its Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre partners are continuing the Fraud Prevention Month campaign to help prevent thousands of Canadians from falling victim to fraud. During the month of March, the OPP, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Competition Bureau of Canada are joining police services across the country to promote public awareness of fraud. The OPP's focus is on four mass marketing fraud priorities including: Advanced Fee Scams (Money Transfers); Phishing and Ransom Scams; Romance Scams; and, Ecommerce Scams.

Criminals will say anything to separate you from your hard-earned money. How can you protect yourself? Be cautious. You have the right to check out any caller by requesting written information, a call back number, references and time to think over the offer. Legitimate business people will be happy to provide this information. They want the "bad guys" out of business too. Always

be careful about providing confidential, personal information, especially banking or credit card details, unless you are certain the company is legitimate. If you have doubts about a caller, your best defence is to simply hang up. It's not rude - it's smart.

If you're in doubt, seek the advice of a close friend or relative, or even your banker. Rely on people you can trust. Always remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Fraud... Recognize it! Reject it! Report it! Please refer to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website for information about the numerous types of scams and how to protect yourself and others. If you suspect that you may be a target of fraud, or if you have already sent funds, don't be embarrassed - you're not alone. If you want to report a fraud, or if you need more information, contact The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. <http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm> Toll Free: 1-888-495-8501.

# Flower power reminds hort members spring will come

**Tom Van Dusen**  
Villager Contributor

RUSSELL – The weather is far from cooperating but the calendar says spring is arriving today (March 20). To help get members in the mood for what's to come, the Russell & District Horticultural Society presented a flower power demonstration Monday evening during its regular monthly meeting.

With several deft snips and skillful plant placement, master florist Heidi Oesschger whipped together half a dozen arrangements, later taken home as door prizes by some among the 50 strong green-thumb crowd gathered at Russell Meadows. A "People's Choice" mini flower show was also presented, with participants invited to vote for their favourite display.

But that's not all. To help members with their spring cleaning allowing them more time for spring planting,

the society confirmed plans for its annual "March It On Out" event this Friday and Saturday at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School.

As Louise Houle explained, area residents are invited to drop off unwanted household goods and clothing from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the school. Almost anything goes, Houle indicated, with photos of items that can't be easily moved to be posted for pick up at the location in question. But it's not a garbage drop-off, Houle insisted; for example, paints and chemicals won't be accepted.

In addition to spring cleanup, the concept is about reducing, reusing, decluttering, trading and "upcycling". Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for a \$10 fee, shoppers can attend at St. Thomas and leave with an unlimited amount of anything that was dropped off the day before. Theoretically, one could back a transport truck up to the door and fill it for \$10.

At the end of the day, Houle explained, everything not purchased will be collected by the Diabetes Association for its charitable work... another winning aspect of the event.

In other announcements, president Lindley McPhail described a 30 per cent discount for members at Beyond the House garden



## Beautiful arrangements

Heidi Oesschger stands with the arrangements she made as door prizes for the Russell & District Horticultural Society monthly meeting. Van Dusen photo

centre in Russell Village for the purchase of trees as part of the society's project to plant 100 of them in honour of its 100th anniversary which occurs this year.

McPhail also provided details of the district annual general meeting April 13 hosted by Gloucester Horticultural Society at Greyhawk Golf Club; registration fees will be covered by the Russell chapter for any of its members planning to attend.

In connection with that meeting, Hub and Grace Stapper built a "pollinator hotel" and smaller outbuilding to be included in the silent auction fundraiser.



## Upcoming event rules

Louise Houle lays out the rules for March It On Out, an event to take place this weekend at St. Thomas Aquinas. Van Dusen photo



## St. Patrick's Day entertainment

A young member of the Patterson Dancers entertains a packed house Sun., March 17 during the Russell & District Historical Society's 2nd annual Irish Tea Party at Keith Boyd Community Museum. Van Dusen photo

# Wrong choice of words?

**Kory Glover**  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL TOWNSHIP – This past Sunday, former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney appeared on Radio Canada's Tout le monde en parle to defend his daughter Caroline Mulroney, Ontario's Attorney General and Francophone Affairs Minister.

Instead, he landed himself on the wrong side of controversy.

During the interview, while talking about Caroline's credentials for her role, he used a questionable term to describe GPR MPP Amanda Simard, who left the Progressive Conservative caucus over cuts to francophone services.

"She [Caroline] is the best voice that Ontario francophones could ever have, believe me," he said in French. "The little girl who resigned, she has left.

That's over. But Caroline is still there to defend the interests of Ontario francophones."

Brian quickly apologized for his phrasing during the interview the next day, stating that he used the French expression "p'tite fille", which translates to little girl. He admits that, while speaking about

Simard, he wanted and should have said "young woman."

"I had no intention of insulting anyone with this poor choice of words and would like to offer my sincere apologies," he said in an official statement.

Simard quickly responded to Brian's apology on Twitter, stating

that he was attempting to defend his daughter, who "completely abandoned Franco-Ontarians."

She continued to write, "He has done great things for Canada, but his comments belong to another era and have no place in a respectful and egalitarian society."

After question period Mon., March 18 at the Ontario Legislation, Simard also stated that there has

been an overwhelming amount of people in support of her who have condemned Brian's remark.

"The fact that so many people are denouncing his comments is encouraging for women in politics," she

said. "I think we need to support women in politics and not resort to those types of name calling."

Caroline Mulroney has not yet made a statement about her father, Simard or the radio interview.

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