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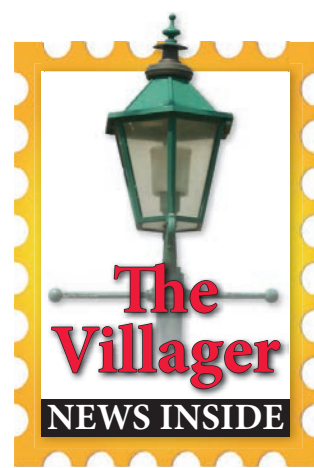
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Briefly

Car rally rolls through Chesterville
CHESTERVILLE - This Saturday, the Chesterville & District Lions Club is hosting their annual car rally. Registration will take place from 11 a.m. to noon at the Chesterville Legion. The cost is \$20 per booklet, and \$13 per person for the 1/2 chicken supper.

Calling all science enthusiasts

CORNWALL - The 44th annual United Counties Science Fair is set to take place on Sat., March 30 at St. Lawrence Secondary School in Cornwall. The event will boast science posters and projects from students across the region. Public viewing is free, and will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to be followed by a science show, and the presentation of awards.

Temporary road closure

NORTH STORMONT - MacMillan Road in North Stormont will be closed between Concession 3-4 Rd. and Concession 4-5 Rd. to accommodate the replacement of a culvert. The closure is effective as of 8:30 a.m. March 26. The road will be closed until further notice is provided. Please visit www.northstormont.ca for the most up-to-date information.



The Gathering House celebrates 25 years

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CHESTERVILLE - The Gathering House, located in the Fulton Block at the corner of Main and Water Street in Chesterville celebrated 25 years of ministry to the North Dundas community with an Open House on March 23 and a church service followed by a luncheon on March 24.

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Murder afoot at the 19th Hole!

Kory Glover
Record Staff

AVONMORE - A mystery is afoot at Casey's Lounge at the 19th Hole Country Club!

Someone has been murdered and there are six suspects with clear enough motives to drive them to such a crime. Casey, who owns the lounge, is having an affair with Robert, but Robert is married to Elizabeth, who seems to be getting a little too friendly with Nigel; not to mention Zoe's wandering eye on Robert. Who's going to solve this mystery? The audience of course.

The Roxborough Agriculture Society, along with Murder on the Funny Side Theatre Productions put on a murder-mystery show for the locals to help raise money for the upcoming Avonmore Fair.

"Someone will be murdered on the 19th Hole and it's up to the audience to figure out who did it," said Linda Holland, treasurer of the Roxborough Agriculture Society. "On the table, there are programs that list all the different characters, who the person is and who's

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Outstanding skaters awarded

The Winchester Skating Club celebrated their annual end-of-year banquet on Sat., March 23, at the Joel Steele Community Centre. The award winners were, front, from the left, Mackie Jean Somerville, Madelyn West, Olivia Burt, Emily Velthuis, Reese Williams, Charlie Paas, Jasmine Merkley and Connor Cowan. Back, from the left, Christie Douglas, Ella McNaughton, Ashley Wheeler, Alicia McNaughton, Kate Link-Horvath, Amy Proulx, Chelsey Boal and Maddi Crober. Absent from photo was Tanner LaRussa.

Moore photo

WSC celebrates great season of skating

Tracy Billings
Special to the Record

WINCHESTER - The Winchester Skating Club celebrated another successful year at their annual banquet on Sat., March 23. The hall upstairs at the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester was jam-packed with skaters who enjoyed a pancake brunch with all the fixings.

The club celebrated their season and recognized their talented athletes with their annual award ceremony which followed the brunch. The Award winners were, Tanner LaRussa - Pre-CanSkater Champion; Charlie Paas - CanSkater Champion; Madelyn West - CanSkater of the Year; Mackie Jean Somerville - Most Dedicated CanSkater; Connor Cowan - Most Improved CanSkater; Jasmine Merkley - Most Dedicated Advanced CanSkater; Olivia Burt - Most Improved Advanced CanSkater; Kate Link-Horvath - Most Dedicated Intermediate; Emily Velthuis - Most Improved Intermediate; Reese Williams - Above and Beyond Award; Reese Williams - Intermediate

Sportsmanship Award; Amy Proulx - StarSkater of the Year; Ella McNaughton - Most Dedicated StarSkater; Christie Douglas - Most Improved StarSkater; Alicia McNaughton and Ashley Wheeler - co-winners Senior Sportsmanship Award; Alicia McNaughton - Program Assistant of the Year; Chelsey Boal - Spirit of Skating Award and Maddi Crober - Beauty of Skating Award.

The club would like to thank their many sponsors and the generous donations from the Winchester Lions Club, Chesterville Lions Club, Foodland and Tim Hortons, for making the event memorable and for their continued support throughout the years.

This year, the club had 106 skaters, 17 program assistants and six coaches and hopes to expand next season by offering a CanPower program to the community. It has been a very successful year for all of our skaters with many competing at several competitions throughout Ontario.

There were some Skate Canada gold level achievements completed by a few of our senior skaters as well. All the best for continued success in the future!

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Victoria Street Café set to open April 6

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CHESTERVILLE – How sweet it must have been for the 24 people who participated in a dessert

tasting event that allowed them to taste and choose from a field of nine delicious desserts, as well as vote on the name for the café which will be operated

in the dining room of McCloskey's by Amanda Burger.

When the tasting was completed, the votes were counted with seven of the nine desserts offered joining the light lunch/dinner items on the menu of the Victoria Street Café, all of which will be made on site by McCloskey's manager and chef Dan Rittano.

The seven desserts chosen by the public for the café include a selection of favourites such as banana

bread and individual cheesecakes topped with blueberry compote as well as several vegan/gluten/lactose-free choices.

Burger explained the public were invited to vote on the desserts as she was "opening a café to serve the community" it only seemed appropriate to "ask the community what they

would like to eat" as well as vote on a name for the business from the choices provided to them.

Opening day is Sat., April 6, with Burger mentioning it will be open each Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and recalled how "opening a café has been a dream of mine since university." She hopes the

café can provide an environment wherein people can discuss things, share ideas, view art or listen to music. She then expressed a hope the space might "be used for poetry readings, short film debuts, musicians dropping in and picking up the guitar or sitting at the piano, which will always be available to anyone in the café."



Sweet treats

The Victoria Street Café is set to begin operation on Sat., April 6 in the dining room at McCloskey's. Amanda Burger, who will be operating the café, is shown with a selection of the desserts to be featured on the menu. The café will be open each Saturday, Sunday and Monday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Thompson Goddard photo

Murder afoot at the 19th Hole!

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portraying who. There's also ballots on each table, so that, by the end of the night, you get to guess who killed who."

This is the second time the Agricultural Society is holding a murder-mystery dinner, after a successful run of it a couple of years ago. Laurie McRae-Bingley, who wrote and produced the play, said that the community has been asking her to write a golf centered mystery and this was the perfect opportunity to do it.

"It's a golf course and club and the murder takes place at The 19th Hole, which is Casey's Lounge," said McRae-Bingley. "For inspiration, I listen to the public. They came up to me and asked for different things. One time, they asked for a western, so I wrote The Good, The Bad and The Ridiculous. So, the golf clubs have been asking me to write a play with a golf theme and, since I wrote this one back in 2009, I revamped it and brought it back."

In between the first and second act of the play, attendees were also able to enjoy a roast beef dinner, dessert and a silent auction with items donated by residents of North Stormont.



A little murder with some mystery

The Roxborough Agriculture Society, along with Murder on the Funny Side Theatre Productions gave the residents something to ponder about with a murder-mystery play. The RAS' annual fundraiser for the Avonmore Fair had locals piecing together a mystery to determine who of the cast of six might have a killer's edge to them. Pictured from the left, Nik Skidders as Elizabeth MacAdams, director Brett Desrosiers as Josephine Clumzo, producer and writer Laurie McRae-Bingley as Casey McNaughton-Bradley, Alex Merizzi as Nigel Bailey and Tracy-Lynn Davis as Zoe Bailey.

Glover photo

Back to the drawing board for Iroquois Campground

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The Iroquois Campground building is back to square one after the regular South Dundas council meeting on Tues., March 19. Building tender bids had until March 14 to be submitted to the municipality for the budgeted \$550,000 project agreed to in the fall of last year.

The John D Ross Airport and Campground building, designed by John Ross came with a \$200,000 donation to the construction costs adding to the original \$350,000 budget. The design featured a 2,444 square foot building with storage, office, washrooms and showers,

kitchen, laundry and recreation area, however municipal staff recommended council reject both bids when the "lowest tender, submitted by Bourgon Construction, came in at \$637,168.01 plus HST." Council agreed with the staff recommendation rejecting the bids and now meaning the project is back to the drawing board. After some discussion in-camera, the council welcomed community members back into the chambers. It was recommended and passed by council to move forward with a building in the original \$350,000 budget.

Mayor Byvels noted that council and staff will have until the end of the camping season to get plans for a new building completed and tendered.

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Local businesses fundraise for hospice

Kory Glover
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The Dundas County Hospice has served the locals of North and South Dundas through their various services since 1992, assisting anyone suffering from terminal or life-threatening illnesses.

To ensure they can continue serving in this community, several local businesses consisting of Main Street Clothing; Samantha's Emporium; The Heritage House Health Spa and Barkley's Shoes & Accessories organized a fundraiser on Sun., March 24 at The Old Town Hall in Winchester. The event raised \$1,260 for the Hospice.

"This a fundraiser

where local businesses get together to raise money and awareness for the Dundas County Hospice," said Lisa Williams, owner of Main Street Clothing. "So, we're doing a fashion show, a skin care demo, a make-up demo and lunch was provided by Cup of Jo's."

This is the second year the group has organized the fundraiser and according to Williams, the reception of the event has changed very little, with a substantial outcome.

"I would say the attendance is about the same," said Williams. "The people really seem to be enjoying the demos and what we have to offer and

it's great to be doing this again."

Along with the make-up and skincare demos, there were also small games and raffles to win prizes from the local businesses ranging from a spa day at Heritage House Health Spa to gift certificates from various shops. A total of nine local businesses joined in on the fundraiser demoing products and donating items for prizes including, Forever Young Creations, Barkley's Shoes & Accessories, Cup of Jo's, The Heritage House Health Spa, Samantha's Emporium, Amy Tibben Independent Stella & Dot Stylist, SeneGence, CassBridge Gift Shop and Country Treasures.



Just dab here

Chelsea McIntyre of SeneGence demoed different cosmetic items from eyelash curlers to non-smearing lipstick with her willing participant, Alyssa Marie. Glover photo

Back for another round

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Dr. Michele Dutnall and her good friend Chris Windover welcomed many to the Joel Steele Community Centre for the second annual blood drive in Dutnall's honour on March 21.

Two years prior, Dutnall was diagnosed with stage four lymphoma, her chemotherapy treatment depended on blood transfusions. This inspired Dutnall to raise awareness about the importance of donating blood.

During last year's inaugural blood drive in her honour, many donators were first-timers. Since then, they have donated regularly and returned again on March 21 to continue their efforts to help save lives. Dutnall said she hopes people know they should "[donate] when they can because someone they love will need it one day."

Dutnall has spent the last year doing some travelling and enjoying her family, friends and riding her horse. She said she is "doing amazingly well," and Windover added, "she is a miracle"; a sentiment agreed to by Dutnall's cancer doctor. Dutnall said she is glad she can still be around to talk about donating blood and to help encourage more in her community to do so.



Local heroes

Amber-Lee De Vries, recently of Chesterville, was one of many to take the time to donate blood during the Winchester blood drive in honour of Dr. Michele Dutnall, (back left). Dutnall's good friend Chris Windover joined her for support.

Sawyer Helmer photo

New Taxi line set to open in Winchester

Michelle O'Donohue
Record Staff

Robert Quenneville has been in the taxi business for 17 years and operating the Q4 Taxi line based in Morrisburg for seven. During that time, he has received a lot of requests for service to the Winchester area, particularly for individuals looking for service to WDMH. Quenneville received enough requests that he is opening up a new line, The Winchester Taxi, to be based in Winchester. Their goal is to have a response time of five minutes for callers local to Winchester, depending on driver availability. When a request for a pickup is made, the driver should be able to give the caller an estimate on wait time. Quenneville stressed that the line will be open 24/7

beginning on April 1. It is recommended that individuals with set appointments (doctor's appointments, work pickup, etc.) call ahead to book their time slot, as service will be on a first come, first serve basis. Individuals can call 613-222-0361 at any time of day, or night, and you will be put through to a driver. There are no restrictions on calls after midnight, you will still get through to a driver. Quenneville advised that the taxi line will service North Dundas in general (including Chesterville), with an applicable fee for service outside of Winchester. The taxi will accommodate a maximum of five passengers; and, there will be no additional charge for baggage. Spot the new car travelling through Winchester by it's distinctive 'W' roof sign with phone number.

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Editorial

Schools going online

Get ready to be busy inside and outside of the classroom. The recent changes to Ontario's education plan including larger classrooms, a simpler curriculum and mandatory e-learning courses have been met with mixed reviews. Unfortunately, the inclusion of online learning courses could add more work and stress on an already hardworking student.

Students are going to be required to earn four online credits before their graduation, which equals out to 480 hours of learning on the computer instead of in the classroom. While in some cases, time is made available for online courses during the school day, other times students are responsible for completing the course outside of school hours. This assumes that a student's time is available after that last bell rings, and with extracurriculars, volunteering and part time jobs, this time isn't always the case. Students in high school spend much of Grade 9 to Grade 12 preparing for post-secondary education, whether it be university, college, a trade program or community college; and all of that costs big money. Going into post-secondary education without some financial backing is a quick and easy way to fall into debt. This leads many students to seek part-time employment to save for their future education. Not to mention that high school students are also required to complete a mandatory 40 hours of volunteer work.

There's also the most glaring problem that e-learning courses are not for everyone. For some students, online courses may improve their time management skills, but others struggle because they have difficulty meeting the time management demands or struggle with the lack of one-on-one support a classroom can provide.

If you have difficulty learning something in the classroom, like math or science, with a teacher right there to answer your questions, it's very rare that same student will find success in the subject independently. Sure, there's always Google but that can only get you so far in certain subjects.

Learning complex concepts through an online program can be difficult when you have no one to lean on for academic support and e-learning courses cannot replicate the personalized experience found in traditional classrooms.

Could high school students find the benefit of online learning? Absolutely. But like any tool, it needs to be used properly or you could end up breaking something that wasn't necessarily broken.

Kory Glover

Letter To The Editor

It's never too late to learn

Dear Editor,

According to Statistics Canada, one in six (or 15 per cent) of Ontarians aged 16 to 65 scored at, or below, Literacy Level 1. People scoring at this level struggle with very serious literacy challenges, and have trouble reading even the most basic text. A further 32 per cent of Ontarians scored at Literacy Level 2, meaning they can read but with difficulty and will likely have problems with basic forms and directions encountered in everyday life, such as employment or rental agreements, medication instructions and more.

It is never too late to learn. Tri-County Literacy Council addresses literacy needs among adults in the community of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. All services are FREE of charge. In Dundas County, one-on-one tutoring may be an option for several adult learners. Learners are assessed and receive support in essential skills such as reading, writing, math and digital technology. Students work with tutors and meet in their local area. As part of the assessment process, the learner receives an individualized Learner Plan Supplement detailing recommended resources and learning strategies. Upon completion of an educational assessment, a student is matched with a volunteer tutor to work on necessary essential skills. Goals that students work towards are varied. They may include preparing to write a General Educational Diploma exam (Grade 12 equivalency), working on money management/budgeting skills, or learning Microsoft word to improve work opportunities. Student and tutor meet twice a week for two hours at a time and at a location that is convenient for both individuals. Ongoing monitoring is conducted by the assessor and volunteer coordinator. Receiving help is as easy as phoning Tri-County Literacy Council at 613-932-7161 and it is free.

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CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Head, Heart, Hands, Health

For all of you commuters in particular, the folks who drive to Ottawa every day to work, to shop and to do a lot of other things that tend to disconnect them from their agricultural surroundings back here in Russell, Embrun, Chesterville, Metcalfe and surrounding area, I want to tell you a little something about a remarkable rural institution known as 4-H.

Some of you might be aware that there's a tendency for employers, and not just rural employers, to automatically assume that they're going to get more dedication, determination, hard work and creativity out of a young hire raised on a farm as opposed to one raised in the city.

There's a good reason for that: farm kids grow up doing chores, hard manual labour, being accountable for their contribution, both at home and in the community. I don't want to generalize but most of us know that many city kids don't grow up the same way.

The formation of country kids starts early at home; it continues with involvement in groups such as 4-H. This reality comes to mind now because I spent a pleasant part of last Saturday morning at the Baas farm on Route 200 in Russell Township where a

4-H Club in small engines was underway led by the Two Ws... Wilma Baas and Wanda Williams.

They had plenty of able assistance including from Tony Baas who has been getting a kick out of teaching what he knows so well including to his daughter Rebecca, and Frank Zandbelt who heads a shop class at Russell's St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School. This is the second year the Baas' have turned over their well-equipped workshop to the club which has 22 participants.

The program ends this Saturday at Evan Hamilton's home farm with presentations to guests and a potluck; Evan came to the club originally to drop off his cousin then stayed every week to help with supervision and technical tips for the young participants. Also on hand every week was parent Sue Watson serving as chief coffee runner and lead cheerleader.

I know a lot about 4-H. I've written about it many times in various publications. But usually it's from a distance, not from ground level. The movement began in the U.S. in 1901, arriving in Roland, Manitoba, in 1913 and the same year in Carleton County with a potato growing contest. It bills itself as a non-profit, volunteer-driven youth development organization.



my own more or less functioning eyes that the two lawn tractors are running again; blades were to be sharpened and other repairs made as needed.

It's one thing to get engines up and running with experts like Tony, Frank and Evan looking over your shoulders. However, the project is about much more than fixing engines. Kids involved also learned about teamwork, patience, perseverance, adapting to the circumstances, even the political process by electing a president and other executive positions representing the group.

And they learned about public speaking! With a confident delivery, president Arden, a McWilliams from Navan, uttered some kind words about me in a surprise thank you as I was departing. Reporters aren't always thanked for doing their jobs... but you can be sure we won't complain too loudly when we are.

What about that 4-H logo? One H stands for Head to clearer thinking; another for Heart to greater loyalty; one for Hands for larger service; and the final H for Health to better living. Yes, it does sound a bit corny in this day and age, even nerdy, but what the heck's wrong with instilling some old-fashioned values at an early age? "Learn to do by doing" is a 4-H motto. Has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

At the Baas farm, I was impressed by the leadership, participation and volunteer component in the small engines program which relies on donated materials such as two nonworking lawn tractors and several push mowers from which the kids had pulled the engines and with which they were tinkering on several tables scattered around the spacious workshop.

The deal with lawn mower owners was straightforward: You give them to the program not expecting to see them in one piece again; should they be pampered into running and you choose to have them back, you pay for any parts installed. While I was there, I heard with my own fairly efficient ears and saw with

Correction

In the March 20 issue of the *Record*, on page 7, an incomplete biography was included for Dundas Agricultural Hall of Fame inductee Gordon Garlough. It should have read:

Gordon Garlough - Nominated by the Dundas Federation of Agriculture

Garlough's Background in Dundas County and in agriculture is long standing. Garlough graduated in 1964 from the University of Guelph specializing in field crops. Garlough's 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 2 children, to Williamsburg to farm the family farm with his father and brother Bruce. Over the next 4 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. Post the Walkerton tragedy, Garlough's strategic approach to agriculture on environmental policies helped design and provide a baseline for Environmental and Nutrient Management regulations that have shaped farming today here in Ontario and are being mirrored in other provinces.

NDDHS Report

By Ashley Wheeler

Student Council Communications



Activities ramp up after March Break

After a well-deserved March Break (March 11-15), it is time for students to buckle down, mid-term is around the corner! Students taking the Literacy Test this year have been working diligently to get prepared. The Literacy Test will take place today, Wed., March 27, good luck to all students testing! Last week, Tues., March 19 to Fri., March 22 was First Aid and CPR training for both Agriculture and Health and Wellness Specialist high skills majors. Each group took a two day course, and left with valuable information that can help others in the future. The midget girls' volleyball team competed in their first tournament on Wed., March 20. They tied games against La Citadelle, Char-Lan, and St. Joe's with a score of 1-1. Sadly, they lost 2-0 to both Holy Trinity and Tagwi. On Thurs., March 21, students and staff

wore mismatched socks for Down Syndrome Awareness day, and plaid for Jole McNalty and suicide awareness.

This is a reminder to all Grade 12s, get all 40 of your volunteer hours in soon. Prom tickets are going to be on sale soon, and you can't buy your ticket without your completed hours! You also need your hours to graduate, so hand in your volunteer sheets as soon as you can! The yearbook committee is looking for students to help create the yearbook, sign-up outside of guidance if you're interested! We will be having a Hawaiian themed dance on Thurs., April 18, and tickets will go on sale for \$10 at the beginning of next week! The next few months will have many activities, so keep reading for more information and ticket sale dates!



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Op/Ed

Queen's Park Update

This week, our government introduced some key plans that will greatly enhance our residents' quality of life while improving our much cherished public-owned and operated infrastructure.

Our government has consulted with residents, businesses, and municipalities. As a result, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark announced one-time funding to help small rural municipalities improve how they deliver services and reduce the ongoing costs. Our riding received \$3.8-million under this program.

Local municipalities are preparing applications for \$30-billion infrastructure plan announced by Minister of Infrastructure, Monte McNaughton, which will help improve our roads, bridges, recreational buildings, wastewater and water treatment plants and other necessary infrastructure. I am pleased to see that

Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry will benefit first by accessing the Rural and Northern stream of this funding, which will also create high-paying construction and engineering jobs.

Our government continued to make strides to achieve more efficient government, a necessary objective if we are to ensure that our cherished programs remain funded now and in the future. President of the Treasury Board, Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy tabled Bill 81, *Supply Act*, which will seek to eventually save \$1-billion annually. The bill will streamline back-office processes and services, reduce unnecessary duplication and remove waste throughout the government. A major solution the minister is directing is to take better advantage of the government's ability to purchase in bulk.

We continue to listen to families regarding the needs of their children with autism. Minister Lisa MacLeod reaffirms that she is committed to clear the waitlist

for 23,000 children over the next 18 months. She also announced that children with OAP behaviour plans ending before April 1 will now be allowed to be renewed for an additional six months. We have removed the income test component of the Childhood Budgets, and we continue to consult with all stakeholders to best address the needs of the spectrum.

Our government continues to oppose the federal carbon tax. Agriculture Minister Ernie Hardeman has pledged this week to help SDSG farmers deal with the uncompetitive tax that almost all American farmers do not have to pay. Adding the full carbon tax on farmers' products would increase the cost of food in Ontario and is just not fair. Ontario's greenhouse gases have been reduced by 22 per cent or 44 megatonnes between 2005 and 2016 compared to a 16 megatonnes increase in the rest of Canada, excluding Ontario. To meet our target of 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030, the Minister of

Environment, Rod Phillips has issued our new four-year environment plan that will move us to attain the remaining 8 per cent of our 2030 target.

This week, Energy Minister Greg Rickford introduced our government's *Fixing the Hydro Mess Act*, to lift the burden of out of controlling electricity rates off the backs of Ontarians. Our plan will find savings of up to \$442-million, make the Ontario Energy Board more efficient and accountable, anchor electricity bills to the rate of inflation, save billions in borrowing costs from the failed Liberal Fair Hydro Plan, and replacing it with a new transparent rebate on consumers' bills. As we welcome spring, our government continues to work hard to put in place the components needed to secure a bright and prosperous future for our children and grandchildren.

Jim McDonell
MPP Stormont, Dundas, South Glengarry

Jed Express going for gold

Kory Glover
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – After many years of serving the community through transportation and quality customer service, South Mountain's Jed Express Limited has officially reached Gold Standard status after maintaining their "Best Managed" status.

"Basically, this means that we've been in the project for three years now," said Ed Duncan,

founder and owner of Jed Express Limited. "After requalifying for the three years, you go to the next level and that's the next level. There is a certain criterion you have to meet, like keeping financially sound or if it changed hands, it wouldn't qualify."

This achievement shows that Duncan's business has continued to thrive in the community over the years and he hopes to maintain that quality of service in the coming years.

"This means that we haven't fallen behind, we're moving ahead and we're going to keep moving forward," he said. "We've kept up our targets. They ask us what our targets are, we tell them, and we've been able to keep it within those target ranges."

Upon reaching Gold Standard status, Duncan says that, even though it's a terrific honour, it's not going to change his operation.

"Reaching gold status, to me, is very nice to have but

I'm going to keep the flow going as is," said Duncan. "I don't want to say, 'Well, we're a lot bigger now, we're going platinum and we're going to renovate and get bigger.' It's just going to be business as usual, keeping up the same pace that's working for us all this time. We're currently at a very nice comfortable size and we prove that by being very profitable and maintaining our customer service."

However, despite keeping business as usual, Duncan is currently in the process of developing a new dispatcher software program that he hopes to have ready by this coming September.

"Part of the best managed badge was the dispatch software program that I built myself here. I hired a company to do it the way I wanted it to be done and that was part of our milestone," he said. "We're at the hump right now where we're just trying everything together, so I'm hoping by September 2019, we can move forward with this project. It's been a long, long journey but when you make big changes along the way, it can take quite a bit of time."

According to Duncan, after the Gold Standard status, he says that the Platinum Status will be his next conquest.

"I'm looking forward to achieving the next level," he said. "We've gotten this far, why not keep going and go farther ahead."



Reaching gold, aiming for platinum

While Ed Duncan is very proud to have recently reached the Gold Standard status, he says that Platinum Status is now his next goal.

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New finger docks approved by council

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – In 2015, the Morrisburg and District Lion's Club donated finger docks for public use and in honour of Bob Bechard; however, Ben Macpherson, director of recreation and facilities, told council on March 19 that the docks have not been in the water since 2017. The St. Lawrence has taken a toll on the docks and repair costs would exceed \$10,000.

After council's budget consultations, the Lion's Club

and municipal staff met to come to an agreement that the existing docks would be transferred to the "Iroquois Galop Canal where they might be better suited," and a new dock system would be designed by Kehoe Marine Services. During the meeting, Macpherson outlined that Kehoe's proposal has quoted the municipality at \$64,159.72 for construction of the new system. Treasurer, Sarah McMillan added during the meeting that the 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) was expected and budgeted to be the same as last year, however an additional \$64,000 was received.

"Staff is recommending that the additional \$64,000 of funding from OMPF be used towards the finger dock project," McMillan said.

Council members aimed to ensure that Bob Bechard's

family had been consulted about the changes and their wishes respected. Bechard's widow, Carol Thompson was in attendance at the meeting. Deputy mayor Kirsten Gardner asked if the family would like for the plaque in memoriam to be kept at the new Morrisburg docks to which Thompson said, "[Bob] would appreciate that." Councillor Don Lewis ensured that the municipality would "get it done right."

A motion was made during the meeting and carried, the council approving the additional OMPF funding to be allocated towards the project. The new design will feature spiral welded steel floatation units, pressure treated wood stringer, decking and horizontal skirting, aluminum cleat and would connect to create a T-shape; all of which allowing for better handling of the St. Lawrence currents and potential damage.

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Ontario invests in small and rural municipalities to improve service delivery and efficiency

INNISFIL – Ontario’s government is working for the people to improve local service delivery and efficiency in the province’s municipalities. On March 20, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced a one-time investment for many of Ontario’s small and rural municipalities.

The following local municipalities in the Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry riding will receive funding: United Counties of Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry (\$725,000), South Glengarry and South Stormont (\$602,025 each), South Dundas (\$600,406), North Dundas (\$596,943), North Stormont (\$548,989), and the City of Cornwall (\$140,940). This will help improve service delivery by finding smarter, more efficient ways to spend money that help those who need

it most while respecting taxpayer dollars. This will support some of Ontario’s small and rural municipalities that may have limited capacity to plan, modernize and improve the way they provide services to their communities. “Taxpayers need their local government to deliver modern, efficient services that show respect for their hard-earned dollars. This funding will help small and rural municipalities improve how they deliver services and reduce the ongoing costs of providing those services,” said Clark. “I look forward to continuing to work together with our municipal partners to help people and businesses in communities across our province thrive.”

The Ontario government undertook a line-by-line review of its own expenditures, and we have been clear

that we expect our partners, including municipalities, to be taking steps to become more efficient. Examples could include service delivery reviews, development of shared services agreements, IT solutions, capital investments or other projects. Municipalities will decide how to best target funding to benefit their local communities.

“Our local municipalities have limited ways to enhance their operations as they are mindful of keeping taxes as low as possible – meaning they are reluctant to spend money that must go to crucial infrastructure and services that residents depend upon,” Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonnell said. The funding supports Ontario’s commitment to reduce the cost of government.

Critical landslide situation remains unrelieved

FINCH – A recurring file of “critical importance” to South Nation Conservation meriting “careful consideration” was received during the board’s general meeting March 21 with the annual decision taken to send funding requests to the provincial and federal governments.

Holding out little hope that funding will be received, SNC General Manager Angela Coleman presented the Potential Retrogressive Landslide Area report to directors recommending once again that some 25 remaining homes near Lemieux be purchased and owners removed before it’s too late.

The landslide area is a 20 km stretch of South Nation River between Casselman and Lemieux highly susceptible to large-scale slides which have occurred there before, in 1971 and 1993, with no loss of life but with major property damage.

Following the 1971 event and prior to 1993, SNC acquired most of the homes in the hamlet of Lemieux on a willing vendor basis, using 85 per cent provincial, 5 per cent municipal, and 10 per cent of its own funds. In negotiations over the past several years, the parties have remained unwilling to do the same with the other 25 residences.

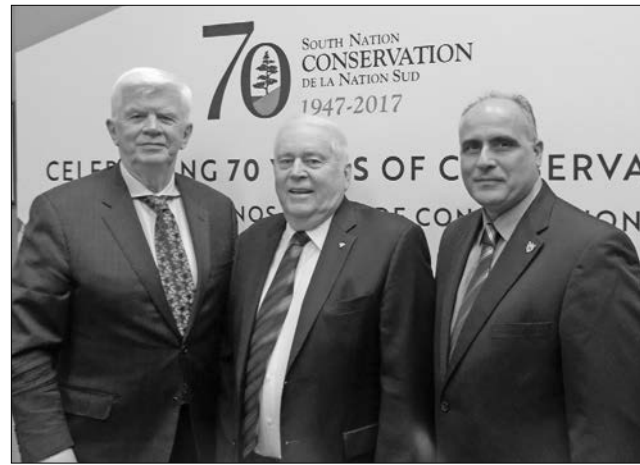
Meanwhile, engineering reports have indicated a major retrogressive landslide could occur in the area at any time posing a risk to life and property and causing “potential liability concerns” for SNC, said Coleman, a lawyer.

Residents of the designated slide area have been kept apprised of the situation by being copied on the annual funding requests to senior governments. Should owners approach

SNC to purchase their houses, those requests will be considered on individual merit and funding availability.

In other business, the board elected a 2019 executive consisting of Bill Smirle of North Dundas as chair, George Darouze of Osgoode, vice-chair, and Doug Thompson, Osgoode, past chair.

Directors approved the 2018 Annual Report showing highlights such as transfer of the maple education program to Oschmann Forest at Ormond, publication of a report recommending increased forest cover across the watershed, the Ash tree replacement pilot program, planting of the three millionth tree since 1990, establishment of Alvin Runnalls Forest, and recreational opportunities at 14 conservation areas which drew 87,000 visitors over



SNC confirms new executives

From the left, Doug Thompson, past chair; Bill Smirle, chair and George Darouze, vice-chair were confirmed at SNC’s AGM on March 21.

Van Dusen Photo

the year; the two most popular destinations were both in Russell, J. Henry Tweed and W.E. Burton.

An item on the agenda to recognize Berwick’s Floyd Dingwall with a Friend of SNC award was postponed because the honouree was ill. A past member and chair of the board, Dingwall has

been a strong supporter of the authority’s programs and services for over 25 years.

A strong committee member, he’s particularly passionate about McIntosh Park Conservation Area in Berwick which he co-founded. Over the years, his advocacy for conservation has been unsurpassed.



Friendly faces of SNC

Composed of 13 members, SNC’s board of directors oversee the Authority’s budget, programs and services, and work alongside staff to champion local conservation initiatives.

Front, from the left, Doug Thompson, past chair; Bill Smirle, chair; George Darouze, vice-chair. Middle, from the left, Stephen Blais, Ottawa; Gerry Kautz, Ottawa; Angela Coleman, SNC general manager/secretary-treasurer; Dana Farcasiu, Leeds Grenville; Pierre Leroux, Prescott Russell; Peggy Taylor, Leeds Grenville. Back, from the left, Stéphane Sarrazin, Prescott Russell; Michael Brown, Ottawa; Archie Mellan, Stormont Dundas Glengarry; and Daniel Lafleur, Prescott Russell. Absent: Steve Densham, Stormont Dundas Glengarry.

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Celebrating the history of The Gathering House
Pastor Brian Barr of The Gathering House in Chesterville is shown beside a historical display during the Open House held on March 23.
Thompson Goddard photo



Gathering house pastors past and present
TGH Pastor Brian Barr (left) is seated with former Pastor Archie Robinson following the March 24 service celebrating 25 years in North Dundas. On a shelf behind the two men is a photograph of former Pastor Tim Edwards.
Thompson Goddard photo

The Gathering House

Continued from the front

Approximately 60 people attended the Open House during Saturday afternoon which afforded an opportunity for church members and community members to visit and close to 160 people attended the Sunday service and meal.

The Gathering House, a member of the Associated Gospel Churches of Canada, has

a history of working closely with the local community by providing meeting space at no cost to organizations, assisting with local events such as Art on the Waterfront, providing refreshments at the Café and holding community dinners on the last Friday of the month.

According to TGH Pastor Brian Barr, members from the Trinity Bible Church began Discovery Bible Fellowship in 1994 which met at Winchester Public School,

with the move to the Fulton Block in Chesterville occurring about 10 years ago.

Pastor Archie Robinson and Pastor Tim Edwards who had both served the congregation previously were able to speak to those who attended the church service; Robinson in person

and Edwards via a videotaped address.

In his address, Pastor Barr commented how moving forward they must ensure “God is working in and through us” and gave thanks for the past, present and future of The Gathering House ministry.

Seedy Saturday – spring’s on the horizon

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CORNWALL – Since 2015, Seedy Saturday has been a harbinger of spring to residents of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. This year’s event was no exception with organizers estimating over 1,800 people of all ages visited the Benson Centre in Cornwall on March 16 to peruse displays, attend workshops, create a craft or enjoy a little something to eat from vendors such as Simply Baked Catering from Winchester.

Hosted by Transition Cornwall + Food Action Group and co-ordinated by Allspice Solutions, information obtained from organizers noted “over 30 vendors and exhibitors, a dozen on-going children’s activities, six scheduled workshops and our famous “ask-a-gardener table” would be available for visitors to the event.

Looking back to the first year of the event in 2015, Kat Rendek of Allspice Solutions commented “we have experienced beautiful growth like every good garden” and explained when



Getting excited for garlic season

Brenda Norman of KCEP announced the Eastern Ontario Garlic Festival will be held at Marlin Orchards on Sat., Sept. 28 during the 2019 Apples n’ Art tour.
Thompson Goddard photo

Seedy Saturday began five years ago there were three exhibitors and an estimated 150 people attending the event held at the Agape Centre in Cornwall.

In a press release issued on March 10 for Seedy Saturday, a member of Transition Cornwall + Food Action Group is quoted as saying the organization hopes “our hands-on activities, workshops, and exhibitors help to

demonstrate some of the simple ways people can grow food at home.”

Exhibitors included Greta’s Organic Gardens, Transition Cornwall + Waste Reduction Group, Heritage Seed and Produce and Kozroots Community Empowerment Projects. Brenda Norman of KCEP announced the 2019 Eastern Ontario Garlic Festival is scheduled to be held at Marlin Orchards during the Apple n’

Arts Tour on Sat., Sept. 28.

Activities included constructing simple bird feeders, colouring and creating origami seed envelopes, while workshops provided information on subjects such as home gardening, Haudenosaunee seed traditions, mulching and organic gardening.

More information on Transition Cornwall + can be found on their Facebook page.



All packed up

After the successful Birthday Box event held by the South Dundas Brownies, Sparks and Girl Guides unit at the beginning of March, the time came last week to deliver the boxes. Tenley Hoogeveen poses with van packed full of boxes.
Courtesy photo



Top o’ the morning to you!

Volunteers Elaine Kennedy (left) and Jen Pedersen greeted over 100 people to Seedy Saturday during the first 10 minutes it was open.
Thompson Goddard photo



Something delicious at Seedy Saturday

Cheryl Beasley, of Simply Baked Catering in Winchester, is pictured with daughter Meaghan Arel at their booth during the 2019 Seedy Saturday event at the Benson Centre in Cornwall on Sat., March 16.
Thompson Goddard photo



The South Dundas Brownies, Sparks and Girl Guides unit packed close to 40 birthday boxes at the beginning of the month. The boxes were made up of items to help make celebrating birthdays more special, including cake mix; streamers and party favours. The boxes were donated to Community Food Share on March 20. Pictured here, from the left, Efflyn Merkley, Zaryn Merkley, Dharlyn Merkley and Tenley Hoogeveen with their donations.
Courtesy photo

Creative collaboration at Cornwall Public Library

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CORNWALL – The Paint and Pen Exhibit at the Cornwall Public Library held its grand opening during the afternoon of March 23, with close to 60 people attending the event. The

exhibit, which runs until March 30, features the work of 15 artists from 125 Pitt Street Studios in Cornwall, accompanied by writings from members of the Cornwall Writers' Group.

Pierre Dufour, program and communications

coordinator at the CPL, commented the exhibit is part of the library's goal of promoting art, culture and literacy. He explained how the event was a "beautiful collaboration between writers and artists" with the painting inspiring the writers to create a literary work.

Lorna Foreman, facilitator for the CWG, explained "the signatures on the paintings were blanked out and numbered. The writers drew a number and that was how we got matched." Linda Geisel of 125 Pitt Street Studios in Cornwall explained how exhibitions such as this expand the boundaries of the artwork combining literary and visual art. During the grand opening, several artists were at the event and heard the authors read the writings inspired by their paintings.

Both Geisel and Foreman commented several artists were moved by the writing that accompanied their paintings mentioning how the writers seemed to capture the feelings of the artist, with the titles of both works of art being similar on occasion; one example of this is the painting by Jane Macmillan entitled *The Windmill*, accompanied by Ken Smith's literary work called "A Windmill Rises".

Some of the upcoming exhibits at the Cornwall

Public Library include the art work of elementary students from Central Public School and in the late spring of 2019 a presentation by Esther Bryan will commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Quilt of Belonging. More information on resources available at the CPL is available on their website, www.library.cornwall.on.ca.



Showcasing local talent

Linda Geisel (left) and Lorna Foreman, from 125 Pitt Street Studios and the Cornwall Writers' Group respectively, pose beside one of the 15 painting and writing displays at the Paint and Pen Exhibit grand opening at the Cornwall Public Library. The painting shown is titled *New Eyes on Peggy's Cove* by Rose Desnoyers accompanied by writer David Rawn's poem "The Observer".

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Cornwall Public Library holds art exhibit

Pierre Dufour, program and communications coordinator at the Cornwall Public Library is pictured beside one of the 15 painting and writing displays which form the Paint and Pen Exhibit at the Cornwall Public Library. The exhibit runs until March 30.

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DFA draws dessert winner

The Chesterville and District Agricultural Society and Cup of Jo's Café teamed up to raise money for the Chesterville Fair selling raffle tickets for a "Dessert-A-Month" fundraiser. The organization sold over 700 tickets and drew the winner on Wed., March 20, at the Nelson Laprade Drop-in Centre in Chesterville. The winner of the draw was Jamie Shadbolt of Winchester winning a dessert every month for 12 months at Cup of Jo's in Winchester worth \$240. The funds raised will help make improvements to the facilities and the grounds at the Chesterville Fairgrounds. Drawing the winning tickets were Chesterville Agriculture Society president, Carol Johnson (left) and vice president, Ann Vanderlind.

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How sweet it will be!

Described by Chesterville & District Agricultural Society president Carol Johnson, as one of the most successful raffles held by the Society; the Dessert-A-Month Raffle was won by Jamie Shadbolt of North Dundas. Shadbolt will receive 12 \$20 gift certificates from Cup of Jo's Café in Winchester which partnered with the Society for this fundraiser. As planned, the draw was held just prior to the March 20 meeting of the CDAS held in Chesterville at the Dundas Federation of Agriculture Hall located in the Nelson LaPrade Centre. Johnson, pictured here with one of the delicious desserts available at Cup of Jo's, explained the fundraiser was developed by CDAS director Peter Vanderlind and raised just over \$1,000 which will be used for developing youth activities at the 2019 Chesterville Fair being held Aug. 23 to 25.

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NDMHA CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Proposed Amendments to the NDMHA Constitution must be submitted in writing via email to the NDMHA Secretary by **April 10th, 2019**. Please submit Constitution Amendment Proposals to Dayna Young via email at demons.secretary@gmail.com.

NDMHA EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

All positions on the 2019-20 NDMHA Executive are open for nomination.

"All members of the Association shall provide to the Nominating Committee, the names of their nominee(s) or a **member's intentions for nomination** to a position no later than the NDMHA April monthly meeting. The Nominating Committee will establish a **preliminary list of nominees**. Any positions that do not have any nominations are not filled, nominees may be brought forward at the AGM. All candidates for Executive Office must be nominated and seconded."

Names of all nominated persons must be submitted in writing via email to the NDMHA President by **April 10th, 2019**. Please submit nominations to Peter Forrester via email at demonspres@gmail.com.

Pin Tales

Sormont Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Susan Chambers/Judy Rombough 225; Ladies' High Triple, Pat Middleton 597. Team Standings: Susan 300, Hilda 279, Elaine 278, Judy 246.5, Pat 215.5.

Monday Men's: Season Final: Men's High Single, Matt Bird 382; Men's High Triple, Matt Bird 891, Men's High Average, Mat Bird 245. Team Standings: East-Ont 136, A-Team 124, Alley Cats 110, Raiders 90, County Boys 87, Alley Rats 78.

Tuesday Afternoon Mixed: Men's High Single, Ron Robinson 372; Men's High Triple, Ron Robinson 796; Ladies' High Single, Sandra Bloom 201; Ladies' High Triple, Sandra Bloom 504. Team Standings: Faith 10, Love 9, Hope 7, Charity 4.

Defenders: Season Final: Men's High Single, Ossie Linton 246; Men's High Triple, Ossie Linton 623; Ladies' High Single, Debbie Linton 246; Ladies High Triple, Debbie Linton 549. Team Standings: Glendon 248, OLD 247.5, Andy 223, Peanut Gallery 202, Brian 200.5.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Dorothy Thomas 214; Ladies' High Triple, Mary Osborne 505. Team Standings: Dianna 305.5, Mary 287.5, Carol 285, Pat 251.5, Lorna A 250.5.

Finch Mixed: Men's High Single, Justin StPierre 269; Men's High Triple, Bill Pynenburg 663; Men's High Average, Noel Lalonde 221; Ladies' High Single, Grace Tilley 277; Ladies' High Triple, Grace Tilley 777; Ladies' High Average, Isabelle Bissonnette 215. Team Standings:

The Better Justin's 106, SAMJC 83, 3 G's 82, SHAT 78, The Other Justin 76, Becky's Babes 56.

Matilda: Ladies' High Single, Brenda Cook 286; Ladies' High Triple, Brenda Cook 627; Men's High Single, Gary Milne 213; Men's High Triple, Gary Milne 545. Team Standings: Inge's Pickers 85, Kathy's Empty Buckets 85, Carolyn's Empty Bottles 75, Connie's Roadrunners 66, Kim's Dreamcatchers 66, Anita's Highrollers 65.

Thursday Seniors: Men's High Single, Tony Derks 169; Men's High Triple, Tony Derks 441; Ladies' High Single, Ria Mcgarrety 165; Ladies' High Triple Ria Mcgarrety 430.

Avonmore Mixed: Ladies' High Single, Judy MacGillvary 269; Ladies' High Triple, Shelly Osborne 646; Men's High Single, Kevin Osborne 333; Men's High Triple, Kevin Osborne 718. Team Standings: Dynamic Magentas 8,779, Totally Blacks 8,544, Yellow Grooves 8,422, Whispering Whites 8,388, Majestic Blues 8,145, Cherry Reds 8,094.

Williamsburg mixed: Men's High Single, Paul Deschamps 320; Men's High Triple, Paul Deschamps 823; Ladies' High Single, Erin Drapeau 226; Ladies' High Triple, Erin Drapeau 612. Team Standings: Deserado's +348, Top Dawgs +247, Western Stars +135, John's Roadies +131, Moonshiners +110, Outlaws +31.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men's High Single, Bryan Holmes 282; Men's High Triple, Bryan Holmes 737; Men's High Average Matt Hartle 220; Ladies' High Single, Pat

Middleton 222; Ladies' High Triple, Pat Middleton 627; Ladies' High Average, Pat Middleton 177. Team Standings: Team BADD 260, Pink Ladies 260, Henry's Team 245, Sunny Dayz 242, Team RamRod 240, Lucky Strings 225.

Youth Bowling Canada

YBC Peewees: Girl's High Single, Robin Sanders 144; Girl's High Double, Robin Sanders 268; Boy's High Single, Teagon Burd 124; Boy's High Double, Teagon Burd 224. Team Standings: Bruins 1,294, Leafs 1,271, Kings 1,225, Sharks 1,216.

YBC Bantams: Girl's High Single, Kaylan Heuff 139; Girl's High Double, Cortnie Labelle 241; Boy's High Single, Sam Tessier 199; Boy's High Double, Sam Tessier 309. Team Standings: Blackhawks 1,427, Avalanche 1,353, Red Wings 1,352, Coyotes 1,343, Rangers 1,332, Flames 1,316.

YBC Juniors: Girl's High Single, Caroline Sanders 195; Girl's High Triple, Caroline Sanders 558; Boy's High Single, Alex Robinson 188; Boy's High Triple, Alex Robinson 446. Team Standings: Sabres 2,226, Senators 1,866.

YBC Seniors: Girl's High Single, Alayna Gaudette 246; Girl's High Triple, Alayna Gaudette 660; Boy's High Single, Matthew Ridge 265; Boy's High Triple, Matthew Ridge 594. Team Standings: Panthers 2,308, Canucks 2,264, Flyers 2,205.

Ideas to grow tourism in South Dundas sparkle

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – Chair of the Morrisburg Business Improvement Association (BIA), Shelley Cumberland presented to South Dundas council on March 19 to begin discussions about the implementation of an annual Christmas market in the village.

Cumberland began her presentation reminiscing on her travels through Europe where she has experienced the popularity of Christmas markets year after year. Their success in Europe has been noticed in

North America and the trend is already beginning here in Canada, she explained. It is the hope of Cumberland and the BIA that they can be at the forefront making Morrisburg a must stop for visitors throughout Eastern Ontario and even Western Quebec.

The project is in the first stages of planning, BIA members have been meeting to discuss the idea, and Cumberland aimed to bring council on board to offer guidance moving forward. The timing of the market would piggy-back on the popularity of Upper Canada Village's Alight-at-Night and offer visitors another Christmas themed destination while touring the Upper Canada area.

Cumberland showed council designs for wooden huts that act as vendor stands for artisans and producers. Due to costs, Cumberland said that BIA members

estimate that four to six wooden huts could be built for around \$25,000 and would feature a six foot by eight foot shed with a tin roof. Other vendors would use tents strategically placed around the huts.

Vendors would be sought out and vetted to bring in a variety of Christmas and winter goods and Cumberland added that they would ensure vendors complimented local businesses rather than have competing products. In addition, businesses could be included in the market tour, bringing more visitors and traffic to Morrisburg. "I think the ideas are endless," said Cumberland.

Council's response was mostly positive. Deputy mayor Kirsten Gardner and councillor Don Lewis agreed that the idea has a lot of potential and would be fantastic for tourism development in the municipality.

Councillor Archie Mellan commended

the BIA for their vision but shared his concerns about placement of the huts in the mall courtyard, snow removal and liability issues. He continued to advise his fellow councillors to have a concrete idea of the municipality's role in the project including any costs and liability. "We need all the numbers to know what our commitment is," he said.

Mayor Steven Byvelts recommended a committee of BIA members and council members to move forward with discussions and look at the cost of the project. He also asked staff to look at opportunities, as well to determine structure placement, maintenance and possible funding opportunities.

Cumberland recognized that while the undertaking of the project would be huge, the potential for Morrisburg, and upon success, South Dundas, is encouraging.

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Demons battle for championship

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The North Dundas Major Midget Demons played four games this past week in the UCMHL final as they welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels on Tuesday night for game one, travelled to Char-Lan for game two on Wednesday night and game three on Friday night before heading back to Winchester on Monday night for game four.

Rebels 3 Demons 2

The North Dundas Major Midget Demons welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Mon., March 25, for game four of the first to five points UCMHL final. The Demons led the series four points to two after dropping game three 6-1 to the Rebels but could still close out the series with a win or a tie.

The Rebels opened the scoring with 1:47 remaining in the first period and took a 1-0 lead into the second period.

The Demons tied the game when Cam Sherrer banked one in from behind the net from Colin Minish and Dean Lapier at 4:23 of the second period. The Rebels got that one back at 6:50 but the Demons tied the game again when Kendrew Byers slapped a drifter through a crowd in front of the net and it found its way to the back of the cage from Josh Broad and Jaymen Hueff with 1:24 remaining in the middle-frame. The teams took a two-all draw into the third period.

The Rebels retook the lead at 3:51 of the third

period. The Rebels had a few chances to put the game out of reach after the Demons took six minutes in penalties in the third, but goaltender Liam Antille turned a few tough shots away.

With the clock winding down, the Demons pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker but they could not establish control in the offensive zone and time ran out. The Rebels took the game 3-2 forcing a fifth and final game with both teams tied at four points in the series.

Rebels 6 Demons 1

The North Dundas Major Midget Demons travelled to the Char-Lan Recreation Centre in Williamstown on Fri., March 22, to take on the Rebels in game three of the first to five points UCMHL final. The Demons took game one by a score of 5-4 and game two 3-2 taking a four points to none lead in the series so a win or a tie would solidify the championship.

The Demons opened the scoring when Dean Lapier blasted one from the top of the right circle of a face-off win by Colin Minish just 2:31 into the first period taking a 1-0 lead. Neither team could find the back of the net for the remaining 13 minutes so the Demons took a 1-0 lead into the second period.

It was all Rebels in the second period scoring two unanswered goals at 4:17 on the power play and taking the lead at 11:05. The Rebels took a 2-1 lead into the third period.

The Demons were frustrated as the Rebels scored four more

unanswered goals at 3:57, 5:40, 5:57 and finally at 12:31 taking the game 6-1. With the loss, the Demons' lead in the series with four points to two as they head back to Winchester for game four. Suffering the loss in the Demons' goal was Liam Antille.

Demons 3 Rebels 2

The North Dundas Major Midget Demons travelled to the Char-Lan Recreation Centre in Williamstown on Wed., March 20, to take on the Rebels in game two of the first to five points UCMHL final. The Demons trailed in game one until halfway through the third period when they took their first lead of the game and hung on for a 5-4 victory taking a two points to none series lead and looked to go up by four points.

The Rebels opened the scoring just 1:32 into the first period. The Rebels made it 2-0 at 9:38 and took that lead into the second period.

The Demons cut the deficit to one when Dean Lapier blasted one home from Curtis Bell and Colin Minish at 2:25 into the second frame. The Demons knotted the affair at two when Ben Fingler snapped one home from Lapier at 3:54 and took their first lead of the game at 8:28 as Jaymen Hueff pounded one to the back of the net from Blake Waters and Josh Broad. The Demons took a 3-2 lead into the third period.

The teams traded scoring chances in the final frame but neither team was able to pick up the game winner as the Demons hung on to take the game 3-2. With the win, the Demons took a four points to none lead and could finish the series off with a win or a tie as they head back to Char-Lan for game three. Picking up the win in the Demons' goal was Liam Antille.

Demons 5 Rebels 4

The North Dundas Major Midget Demons welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels to the Chesterville Arena on Tues., March 19, for game one of the first to five points UCMHL final. The Demons upset the second place Cornwall Colts in the second round and moved on to face the Rebels who finished in first through the regular season.

The Rebels opened the scoring at 9:44 on the power play but the Demons tied the game at 11:49 when Cam Sherrer snapped one home from Colin Minish. The Rebels retook the lead at 12:07 and took a 2-1 lead into the second period.



The Demons, Dean Lapier (9) tries to find his teammate, Cam Sherrer (15) in front of the net as the Demons put pressure on the Rebels. The Demons needed a win or a tie to take the championship but the Rebels took the game 3-2 forcing a game five back in Char-Lan.

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The Demons tied the game again when Minish slipped one home from Brad McLean just 1:28 into the second period. The Rebels retook the lead with only 40 seconds showing on the clock in the middle frame taking a 3-2 lead into the third period.

The Demons knotted the affair when Owen Richardson plowed one to the back of the net from Ben

Fingler just 1:24 into the third period but the Rebels retook the lead again at 4:23. The Demons tied the game at 4:57 as Fingler blasted one home from Joey Hannaford to make it 4-4.

The Demons took their first lead of the game at 6:09 when Dean Lapier sniped one from Minish and Fingler. The Demons were able to hold the Rebels at bay for the remainder of the

game taking it by a score of 5-4. With the win, the Demons took a two points to none lead in the series. Picking up the win in the Demons' goal was Toby Byrne.

Up next

The North Dundas Major Midget Demons travel to the Char-Lan Recreation Centre in Williamstown tonight Wed., March 27, to take on the Rebels at 8 p.m.

47th Leo Boivin Tournament moved to Morrisburg

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

MORRISBURG—The 2019 Leo Boivin International Showcase had to be moved to a new location for 2019, after their usual home, the Leo Boivin Community Centre in Prescott was shutdown this past season due to faulty refrigeration equipment. The tournament was held in Morrisburg on the weekend of March 22 to 24, it featured 12 teams from both sides of the border.

The teams competing this year were Newbridge Academy, St. Lawrence Steel, South Grenville Rangers, Blythe Academy Prep, Halton Hills Thunder, Ottawa Jr. Senators, Rideau St. Lawrence Kings, Mississauga Reps, Oshawa Generals,

Newmarket Redmen, Kemptville 73's and the Toronto Aces.

The winners of the tournament divisions were, the Rideau St. Lawrence Kings for the Dr. Peters Consolation with a 2-0 win over the St. Lawrence Steel; Halton Hills Thunder in the Dr. Peters Championship with a 6-1 win over the Toronto Aces; the Mississauga Reps in the Leo Boivin Consolation with a 6-2 win over the Blythe Academy Prep and the Leo Boivin Champions were the Ottawa Jr. Senators with a 3-0 win over the Newmarket Redmen. The organizers of the tournament and "The Row" were impressed with the turnout and the quality of the hockey and look forward to next year's tournament.



The Demons' forward, Colin Minish (16) gets away from the Rebels' defenders, Ethan MacDonald (5) and Andrew Dixon (7) and gets a shot on goal. The Demons' Cam Sherrer (15) looks on. Minish and the Demons came up short in an elimination game losing 6-1.

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Rangers participate in the Leo

The South Grenville Major Midget Rep team welcomed Newcastle Academy to the Leo Boivin International Midget AAA Showcase Tournament at the Morrisburg Arena on Fri., March 22. The Newcastle Academy Captain flies through centre ice as the Rangers' forwards try to catch up. The Rangers kept the game close until the third period but lost the game 5-0.

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Vikings - Canadians battle to series stalemate

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CASSELMAN — The Casselman Vikings opened the CCHL2 Martin Division final with four games this past week as they travelled to Ottawa on Tuesday night to take on the Ottawa Canadians in game one. The Vikings welcomed the Canadians on Thursday night in game two, travelled back to Ottawa Saturday night for game three and finished the weekend off at home on Sunday night for game four.

Canadians 6 Vikings 1

The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Ottawa Jr. Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Sun., March 24, for game four of the best of seven CCHL2 Martin Division final. The Vikings took a two games to one series lead after defeating the Canadians in the previous game 5-1 and looked to take a stranglehold on the series with a victory.

The Canadians opened the scoring just 2:11 into the first period as Noel Mosses deKemp scored his first of the post season from Andre Giordano and Janick Lacroix taking a 1-0 lead. The Canadians took a two-goal lead when Thomas Freel scored his fifth of the playoffs from Giordano and Johnny Pickering at 12:08 on the power play. The Canadians took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Canadians scored the lone goal of the second period as Raphael Lecours scored his fifth of the playoffs from Justin Turner and Mike Hall at 9:16. The Canadians took a 3-0 lead into the second intermission.

The Canadians continued to pressure the Vikings in the third period, and at 6:13 made it 4-0 as Lecours scored his second of the game and fifth of the playoffs from Robbie Pickard and Devin Saumur. The Canadians made it 5-0 when Pickard scored his second in the post season from Turner and Lecours at 14:13.

The Vikings finally got on the scoreboard when Jarrett Williams scored his second of the playoffs unassisted at 14:59. The Canadians closed out the scoring when Antonio Licandro scored his first of the post season from Lacroix and de Kemp at 15:15.

The Canadians took the game 6-1 tying the series at two wins apiece. The Vikings outshot the Canadians 41-39. Picking up the win in the Canadians' goal was Ryan Whitehurst making 40 saves and suffering the loss in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 33 saves.

Vikings 5 Canadians 1

The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa to take on the Ottawa Jr. Canadians on Sat., March 23, for game three of the best of seven CCHL2 Martin Division final. The Canadians knotted the series at one game apiece in the previous game as the Vikings looked to take a series lead with a victory.

The two teams are evenly matched as after the first two games, each team had scored four goals and the shots on goal were within one. The teams battled to a scoreless first period but the shots favoured the Vikings 11-9.

The Vikings opened the scoring when Shawn Patterson scored his sixth goal of the playoffs at 9:35 of the second period from Jason Cossette and Brady Cloutier on the power play. The Vikings made it 2-0 when Samuel Mattie scored his fifth of the playoffs while shorthanded at 10:55. The Vikings took a three-goal lead as Joey Larcher scored his first of the post season from Cloutier and Adam Paquette at 13:37 and a four-goal lead when Samuel Labre scored his second of the playoffs from Brandon Legare at the 15-minute mark. The Vikings made it 5-0 when Cloutier scored his second of the post season from Joel Hunt and Patterson at 16:32 on the power play. The Canadians finally got on the score sheet

when Johnny Pickering scored his fifth of the playoffs from Andre Giordano and Nicolas Seguin on the power play with just 46 seconds remaining in the middle frame. The Vikings took a 5-1 lead into the second intermission.

Both teams had nine shots on goal in the third period and traded power plays but neither was able to score as the Vikings took the game 5-1. With the win, the Vikings headed home with a series lead.

The teams each had 32 shots on goal. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 31 saves and suffering the loss in the Canadians' goal was Ryan Whitehurst making 16 saves. Whitehurst was pulled with five minutes remaining in the second period; his replacement Conor Corrigan made 11 saves on 12 shots.

Canadians 3 Vikings 1

The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Ottawa Jr. Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., March 21, for game two of the best of seven CCHL2 Martin Division final. The Vikings took the first game of the series 3-1 and looked to use home ice to take a 2-0 lead as the Canadians looked to even the score.

The Canadians opened the scoring with just six seconds remaining in the opening frame when Thomas Freel scored his fourth of the playoffs from Johnny Pickering and Nicolas Seguin and took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Canadians made it 2-0 when Devin Saumur scored his seventh of the post season from Justin Turner and Andre Giordano while shorthanded just 1:51 into the second period. The Vikings outshot the Canadians in the second period 11-7 but trailed 2-0 heading into the second intermission.

The Canadians took a three-goal lead when Pickard scored his first of the post season from Turner and Raphael Lecours on the power play at 2:32 of the third period. The Vikings cut the deficit by one when affiliated player from the North Dundas Rockets, Jarrett Williams scored in his first game as a Viking at 18:18 from Gabriel Rousselle and Frederick Gagnier.

The Vikings pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker with just under a minute remaining but were unable to close the gap as the Canadians took game two 3-1, evening the series at one. The Vikings outshot the Canadians 30-28. Picking up the win in the Canadians' goal was Ryan Whitehurst making 29 saves and suffering the loss in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 25 saves.



The Vikings forward, Evan Boucher (27) lets one rip but the Canadians' goalie, Ryan Whitehurst gets a blocker on the puck. As Viking, Samuel Mattie battles Canadians' Constantine Tzougarakis (10) for the rebound. The Canadians evened the series at two with a 6-1 victory.

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The Vikings' Jarrett Williams (44) and Jason Cossette (18) force the Canadians' defender, Constantine Tzougarakis (10) to give up the puck. The Vikings' offence kicked into high gear in the second period scoring five goals and hung on for a 5-1 victory taking a two games to one series lead.

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The Vikings' forward, Shawn Patterson (9) tries to roof one early in the first period as the Canadians' defenseman, Mike Hall (24) tries to get a stick on the puck. The Canadians' goalie, Ryan Whitehurst gets across the crease in time to block this shot. The Vikings did however, beat Whitehurst twice and scored an empty netter beating the Canadians 3-1.

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Vikings 3 Canadians 1

The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa to take on the Ottawa Jr. Canadians on Tues., March 19, for game one of the best of seven CCHL2 Martin Division final. The Vikings knocked off the Ottawa West Golden Knights four games to one in the semifinal to advance to take on the Canadians after they swept their first-round series over the Char-Lan Rebels.

The teams just felt each other out in the opening frame battling to a scoreless draw. The Vikings outshot the Canadians 13-11.

The Vikings opened the scoring at the six-minute mark of the second period as Evan Landry slapped one home from the blue line for

his second goal of the playoffs from Evan Boucher on the power play taking a 1-0 lead. Again, the Vikings outshot the Canadians, 15-9 and took a 1-0 lead into the second intermission.

The Vikings made it 2-0 when Brady Cloutier scored his first of the post season from Jason Cossette at 12:21 of the third period on the power play.

The Vikings ran into penalty troubles and the Canadians capitalized with just 1:52 remaining as Nicolas Seguin scored his fourth of the playoffs from Johnny Pickering and Robbie Pickard on the power play to close the gap to one.

The Canadians pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker but that backfired as Samuel Mattie slid one into

the abandoned cage with just 56 seconds remaining. The Vikings were able to hang on for a 3-1 victory in game one taking a 1-0 series lead heading back to Casselman. The Canadians outshot the Vikings 33-30.

Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 32 saves and suffering the loss in the Canadians' goal was Ryan Whitehurst making 27 saves.

Up next

The Casselman Vikings welcome the Ottawa Jr. Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., March 28, for game six of the best of seven CCHL2 Martin Division final at 7:30 p.m. if necessary. Game seven will be at the Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa on Sat., March 30, at 7:20 p.m.



The Vikings welcomed affiliated player, Jarrett Williams to their lineup on Thurs., March 21, for game two of the best of seven CCHL2 Martin Division final. The Vikings came up just short but Williams scored the lone goal in a 3-1 loss. Williams played for the North Dundas Rockets until their season ended the previous week.

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Trivia night takes care of big sky... local family up next

Tom Van Dusen
Villager Contributor

RUSSELL – Over a span of 17 years, Big Sky Ranch near Kemptville has taken in hundreds of animals of all shapes and sizes with no strings attached.

Animals that are unadoptable get to live out the remainder of their lives in peace and comfort. Founder-operator Andy Parent is currently housing some 150 critters ranging

from dogs and cats to cows, horses, sheep and emus.

Parent filled a table with eight volunteers at Connie Johnston's latest Trivia Night fundraiser held last Saturday at Russell Arena. With musical entertainment delivered appropriately by Heirs of the Dog, the full-house event raised \$7,400 for Big Sky.

This winter was particularly difficult for the rescue operation. Cold

temperatures leading to reduced visits resulted in a drop in donations making it more difficult to pay regular bills such as hydro, \$1,500 a month, and propane to heat barns accommodating the animals at around \$1,200 monthly. When it comes to running a charitable organization, Parent says you learn to do two things... beg and pray.

Early this winter, Parent went public with his

financial difficulties in the hope of getting control of expenses before they swamped the facility. An incurable animal lover, Johnston answered Parent's prayers with a Trivia Night on behalf of Big Sky: "If they have to close their doors, what happens to the animals then?"

No sooner was Big Sky taken care of then Johnston was on to the next Trivia event, this Saturday at the

arena in support of Russell's Altobelli family. Single mother, Jamie Altobelli has two sons diagnosed with Beckers Muscular Dystrophy, the younger of whom, Jack, is manifesting physical symptoms.

Because of difficulty negotiating stairs, the Altobellis will soon be forced to relocate from their existing apartment. Money raised will help with those expenses.

Meanwhile, a Russell Firefighters boot has been placed in the lobby of Russell Scotiabank to collect donations for Jack's ongoing care; and Robin Wheatley of Embrun's Homestead Pub is planning a golf tournament in June with proceeds to be directed to the family.

"As they say, it takes a village... and there's no better village than Russell," Johnston concluded.

2019 Trustee Innovation Awards' nomination process opens

BROCKVILLE - Nominations are open for the 2019 Upper Canada District School Board Trustee Innovation Awards. The awards recognize deserving UCDSB employees for work practices that make the school board and its schools more modern and innovative. The awards are intended to inspire others to find new ways to better serve our school communities and move students forward. The first awards were presented in September 2013. To qualify for an award, an employee must demonstrate creativity and innovation in devising a technique, tool or other resource that has increased student or peer achievement. Nominations will be accepted from UCDSB employees, students and members of UCDSB parent

councils. Awards will be presented in six categories: Support Staff; Elementary Teacher; Secondary Teacher; Facilities/School and System; Administration and Managers, and Team/Group. Past winners have included: a custodian known for his innovative solutions to addressing problems at his school from broken eyeglasses to the need to conserve water; a teacher who created a unique learning environment at her school that employs modern technology and project-based learning and a science teacher who turned his classroom into a physics and chemistry playground. Nominations are open until April 30. More information can be found on the UCDSB website.

Community supporting local athletes by helping them get to the world stage

EMBRUN – On March 25, local community supporters in 50 communities across the province commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Special Olympics movement. The Russell County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Detachment is one of those communities that is raising awareness of the celebration, and supporting local high school athletes who are less than 50 days away from competing at the inaugural 2019 Special Olympics Ontario Invitational Youth Games (IYG).

Together, with other longstanding supporters such as the Knights of Columbus, communities hosted a flag raising ceremony, send off celebration and raised awareness of the Draft an Athlete Campaign to help successfully draft local athletes who will be competing on the world stage May 14 to May 17, in Toronto. The local school that has qualified to date for these games is l'École secondaire catholique de Casselman, who will be competing in

athletics and traditional basketball.

The provincial goal across all 50 celebrating communities is to raise \$50,000 to go towards the Draft an Athlete campaign. Every \$1,000 raised drafts an athlete competing at the games with 100 per cent of the contribution helping to fund travel, accommodation, food and competition costs. Any donations that exceed \$20 are eligible for tax deductions. Embrun detachment commander Luc Duval noted, "this will be the first time that most of these athletes with an intellectual disability will compete outside of their own school and community. Your support is helping fulfill a dream and helping to make friendships and memories that last a lifetime."

The IYG are among several events marking the 50th Anniversary of the Special Olympics worldwide. These games will break new ground, hosting athletes with and without intellectual disabilities who will compete against and alongside each other.

New 'Welcome to Russell' signs require resident input

RUSSELL – The Kin Club of Russell is seeking everyone's input from the Village of Russell (not Russell Township) on two new Welcome to Russell signs they are designing and building. Sign committee chairs Ash Babber and David Picard emphasized the signs should be reflective of Russell Village's heritage, personality and character. "That is why we are conducting a very short

survey, in English and French, to compile everyone's wishes for the new signs." Residents of the Village of Russell can confirm their thoughts and choices at <https://kinclubofrussell.ca/russell-sign> for the next two weeks until April 10. The signs will be placed on Castor St. by the bike path between Russell and Embrun, and also on Craig St. close to Boundary Road. The Kin

Club of Russell will be fundraising for the signs and sponsors will have their names enshrined on a commemorative plaque near the bike path sign location. For donations please contact Doug Anthony at kindoug27@gmail.com or 613-445-6483. As an added incentive to complete the survey, the Kin Club of Russell will conduct a draw of all entrees and donate a Poutmasters 20th Anniversary Family pass to the lucky draw winner (May 10 – 12).

Health Canada sets new guideline for lead in drinking water

OTTAWA – Health Canada, in collaboration with the provinces, territories and other federal departments, has updated the drinking water guideline to reduce the maximum acceptable concentration from 0.01 mg/L, set in 1992, to 0.005 mg/L. Lead levels in Canadians have fallen dramatically over the past 30 years because of strong actions taken by the GoC to reduce exposure to lead, including limitations on lead use in smelters, steel mills, refineries and mining operations; gasoline; paints, ceramics, glassware, kettles, corded window coverings, cosmetic products and pharmaceuticals and a range of other natural health and consumer products, especially those intended for children.

While lead levels have been significantly reduced, the metal can still be found in the world around us. It was historically used in service lines (i.e., pipes connecting a home or business to a street's water main) and in plumbing fittings and solders. Until 1975, lead was an acceptable material in pipes based on the National Plumbing Code of Canada, so it is more likely to be found in older homes and neighbourhoods. As such, it is expected to take time before all jurisdictions are able to meet the new guideline for the maximum concentration of lead in drinking water.

All jurisdictions in Canada agree on the need to reduce exposure to lead. Health Canada will continue to support provinces, territories and other federal departments in implementing the new guideline.

RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen
Student Reporter



Grade 10 students write OSSLT

Hey T-Wolves! Today, the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) is being written by all of our Grade 10 students! This test evaluates writing and reading skills, so from the beginning of school today to lunch hour, we need to be extra quiet and respectful in the hallways.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of our National Theatre School Drama Festival production of *The Mouse and the Raven* on their amazing performance last Friday night. The show won three awards at the festival in

Cornwall: an Award of Distinctive Merit in Acting for Tessa Peterson, an Award of Excellence for the production team and their attention to detail and technical elements, and finally, Emily Kingswood was named Outstanding Stage Manager of the festival!

Yesterday, on March 26, the intermediate students had Hydro Presentations. Did you know that the largest hydroelectric power station in the world is the Three Gorges Dam in China's Yangtze River? Or that Niagara Falls was the site of the country's first hydroelectric generating facility?

Yesterday, the intermediate students learned these fun facts and so much more.

This Fri., March 29, the intermediate students are going on a field trip to Oschmann Forest in Ormond, Ontario to learn more about maple! Hope they have fun there on Friday and bring back some delicious maple syrup for their family and other friends.

This weekend, we recognize World Bipolar Day. If you don't know what that is, it's also known as manic-depressive illness, a brain disorder that can cause unusual shifts in mood, energy and activity levels. It is celebrated each year on March 30 (the date of Vincent van Gogh's birthday) due to the fact that he is thought to have lived with this condition.

That's all for today. Good luck on the OSSLT and have a great week T-Wolves!

CDSBEO gives Bravo to students

Kory Glover
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – The Bravo Breakfast Awards are given to students who have made exceptional contributions to their schools and their extended Catholic school community.

From Mother Teresa Catholic School, Samantha Greer received the award for her devotion to her school, her church and the greater community. Greer, enthusiastically, participates in many groups including the Eco Club, which works to improve the environment, both locally and globally and the Japanese Club, which demonstrates her growing curiosity for diversity. She is also an avid social justice supporter who reads extensively about the life and works of Malala Yousafzai, the young Pakistani who advocates for educational opportunities for girls. On top of being a singer, avid reader, animal lover and Girl Guide, she continues to demonstrate curiosity and compassion with tolerance, generosity and determination.

From St. Mary Catholic School, Grade 5 student Saoirse McNamara was this year's recipient for her resiliency skills and strong faith. Showing patience and guidance towards her peers, she sticks up for those who are being bullied and she speaks up for the underdog when others cannot. Showing off her leadership skills, she initiated the daily prayer on Wednesdays over the announcements after leading the daily prayer circle in her class. She comes to the office with the prayer prepared, and confidently leads the school in prayer over the intercom. Constantly full of positive energy, McNamara energizes her fellow peers to reach their full potential and continues to be a beacon of hope through her good example.

From St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School's elementary side, Keaton Kargus was this year's winner due to being known as one of the



Mentoring with heart

Keaton Kargus from the elementary side of STA Catholic High School was chosen as this year's winner for becoming well-known as one of the school's most reliable students.



Molded from farm life

Patrick Daoust from the secondary side of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School was this year's Bravo Breakfast Award recipient for his strong work ethic and leadership skills.

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school's most reliable students. On top of putting his best efforts towards his school work, helping others achieve academic standards and being a team player, he is also always ready to help his teachers when needed through his participation. This past year, Kargus was encouraged to apply to become a WEB Crew leader, a mentorship program where Grade 8 students help facilitate connections with other students and activities for new students. With a friendly demeanour and positive attitude, he was the perfect candidate to be selected for the program. During the WEB program, Kargus has shown tremendous growth in

personal confidence through his interactions with his peers through various activities and he is always ready to take charge while mentoring the younger students.

From St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School's secondary side, Patrick Daoust received the award for his thrill of volunteering with genuine eagerness. He demonstrates good work ethic and dedication through his leadership and mentoring in the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Light and Sound Crew. Growing up on a farm, Daoust learned much from his younger experiences being involved in 4-H and other activities that continue to build the



A social justice supporter

Samantha Greer was this year's award recipient from Mother Teresa Catholic School for her devotion to her school, her church and the greater community.



Future leader

Saoirse McNamara from St. Mary Catholic School was this year's Bravo Breakfast Award recipient for her resiliency skills and strong faith.

community up around him. With a combination of peaceful demeanour with tremendous resilience, Daoust continues to overcome many obstacles in front of him, while continuing to serve those around him.

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