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**Briefly**

**Just in time for spring clean-up**  
WINCHESTER – This Sat., May 18, the Boyne Road Hazardous Waste Facility will be open for residents of Dundas County to safely dispose of their hazardous household waste. The facility will be open from 8 a.m. to noon.

**Giving back to the community**

DUNDAS – Next weekend on Sat., May 25 is Dundas County Giving Saturday. This fundraiser is organized by the North and South Dundas Leo's Clubs, and aims to raise funds for the Children's Treatment Centre that provides counselling to child abuse victims and their families in Cornwall, SD&G and the community of Akwesasne. Donations will be accepted at BMO branches in Morrisburg, Winchester, Finch and Ingleside; as well as the law office of Gorrell, Grenkie & Remillard, Morrisburg and the law office of Cass, Grenkie & Remillard, Chesterville. Add this event to your calendars, and donate what you can!

**RMCP Musical Ride**

ST. ALBERT – On Sun., May 19, The RCMP Musical Ride will delight viewers in St. Albert with a show beginning at 2 p.m. at the St. Albert Cheese Factory. Tickets are \$10 each.



**100 Women Who Care North Dundas does it again!**

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

WINCHESTER – North Dundas once again showed its community spirit during the 100+ Women Who Care North Dundas event held at the Joel Steele Arena on May 9.

Volunteers assisted women with registration as they arrived at the arena before they were directed upstairs. Once upstairs, the six groups seeking financial assistance from the event had booths set out explaining their requests for funding. While perusing the booths,

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**Winchester businesses celebrate Tulip Festival**

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – “The sculpture is already complete within the marble block, before I start my work. It is already there; I just have to chisel away the superfluous material.”

A famous and fitting quote by the legendary artist Michelangelo to describe the art show that unfolded at Winchester's Sweet Corner Park Sat., May 11.

Wood carvers Tom Stefan and Joel Fawcett spent the entire day in the park, turning three large blocks of wood into beautiful sculptures of tulips as Winchester's own contribution to the annual, two week long Tulip Festival in Ottawa.

Sponsored by The Planted Arrow, owner Kelly Windle thought

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**Stepping up to the plate**  
South Dundas' newest firefighter graduates celebrated with their communities and family on Tues., May 7 in Morrisburg. From the left, chief Cameron Morehouse, Chris Goupil, Chris Marchand, Johnny Testerink, James Vaughan, Anthony Lemaire, Julenea Barnhardt and Mayor Steven Byvelde. Sawyer Helmer photo

**New South Dundas firefighters make history**

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – For the first time in the history of the South Dundas Fire Department, chief Cameron Morehouse welcomed six probationary firefighters to council chambers for their official graduation ceremony on Tues., May 7.

The members' families and friends within the community, joined them for the ceremony along with their fellow firefighters. “Tonight is a big event for six of our probationary firefighters who now will lose that title. They have been questioning me, when they get their black helmets,” said chief Morehouse. After two days of fighting cornstalk fires, chief Morehouse joked that the yellow helmets, a symbol of their probationary status, had all but turned black from the smoke. This, along with their tireless efforts during training and testing, mean the firefighters are qualified to shed the probationary title.

“These six people were taken on a year ago and they have worked very, very hard,” said chief Morehouse who added that the graduation was extra special. “This

is the first official graduation that this department has ever had and we are making history tonight.”

Before receiving their black helmets, Mayor Steven Byvelde congratulated the members and pledged his council's continued support.

“I certainly look forward to working with our new recruits. It's good that our people within the municipality want to help us out, want to be part of it and want to be in the action,” he said. “We take your job very seriously and this council certainly supports the fire department very seriously. We believe that they have a big role to play in our municipality. There is no doubt that we want to make sure you have the tools, and [that] we are a number one fire and emergency service department.”

Chief Morehouse then called upon each member one by one to be presented with new epaulets and their helmet. Chief Morehouse called up a special person in each of the firefighters' lives to help secure the epaulets on their uniforms. To cap off the event, chief Morehouse welcomed guests to a small reception with refreshments and cake in the lobby.

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## 100 Women Who Care

Continued from the front women were able to enjoy a selection of tasty treats provided by Cup of Jo's in Winchester or enjoy a beverage from Stone Crop Acres Winery and Vineyard.

The Chesterville & District Agricultural Society was seeking funds to complete a show ring at the fairgrounds in Chesterville; Carefor North Dundas wishes to purchase eco-friendly packaging solutions for their Meals On Wheels program; Cancer Society of Canada sought \$5,000 to be used in their Wheels of Hope program that provides transportation to appointments for cancer patients; Community Food Share sought \$10,000 to purchase fruit and vegetables for one year to ensure clients have access to these important foods; Winchester and District



### Community giving

Members of the 100+Women Who Care North Dundas organizing committee are shown with representatives from the Canadian Cancer Society, Carefor North Dundas and NDDHS following the conclusion of the 2019 event. Pictured, front, from the left, Martine Thurter-Guy, Cheryl Guy, Allison St-Jean, Susan Marriner, Caroline Rooney and Diane Kuipers. Back, from the left, Barb Cameron, Katie Wilson, Diane Crummy, Eric Duncan, Natalie Brousseau and Sebastian LaFrance.

Thompson Goddard photo

Memorial Hospital sought funds for their general equipment fund and North Dundas District High School requested money to create an outdoor space for socializing and studying in the courtyard of the school.

After a welcome from co-chair Diane Crummy and

presentations from the six organizations seeking funds, the well-organized team of volunteers from the Men of North Dundas, ensured that the voting and counting were accomplished in an efficient manner with the results tabulated within 30 minutes. Eric Duncan

announced the winners for the 2019 100+Women Who Care North Dundas as follows: Carefor North Dundas receiving \$9,600, the Canadian Cancer Society receiving \$5,000 and the NDDHS team receiving \$5,400.

Once again in 2019, the



### Service with a smile

From the left, ND councillor Gary Annable is shown serving up some of the delicious desserts from Cup of Jo's to ND deputy mayor Al Armstrong and Amy Fraser prior to the 100+ Women Who Care North Dundas event held on May 9 at the Joel Steele Arena in Winchester.

Thompson Goddard photo

Women of North Dundas provided \$20,000 dollars to organizations that are dedicated to the betterment of their community. Crummy, perhaps summed it up best when she commented that she was, "delighted as for the second year in a row we are able to help charities and

projects" with the \$20,000 dollars raised by the event. With Mayor Tony Fraser, deputy mayor Al Armstrong and councillor Gary Annable all in agreement that this event demonstrated the generous nature, compassion and volunteerism of the municipality.

## S. Dundas firefighters

Continued from the front

### Lending a hand

Anthony Lemaire was helped with his new epaulets by wife Elizabeth and their daughter Clara. Sawyer Helmer photos



### Shoulders to lean on

Julenea Barnhart was presented with her official helmet and adorned with her epaulets with the help of mother Tanya Barnhart and grandfather Donnie Mabo.



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Interested individuals should forward their resumé to Ms. Cindy Piché, Director of Finance/Treasurer by email [cindy@southstormont.ca](mailto:cindy@southstormont.ca) or mail to Township of South Stormont, 2 Mille Roches Rd., P.O. Box 84, Long Sault, ON K0C 1P0. Submissions for the position are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2019.

We thank all applicants for their interest and submission, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The Township of South Stormont is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free environment and will accommodate the needs of qualified applicants during the hiring process.

# Successful Morewood Firefighter Family Run

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

**MOREWOOD** – The cool weather and overcast skies didn't deter the 45 people registering for the first annual Morewood Firefighter Family Run on May 11; with the \$10 registration fee including a commemorative t-shirt. Funds

raised at the event, which included a post-race barbecue, were in aid of the refurbishment of bathrooms located near the outside skating rink at the Morewood Community Centre (MCC).

Organized by firefighters from North Dundas Fire Station 1 in Morewood, the

course for the 5 km run ran throughout the small North Dundas community, beginning and ending at the Morewood Community Centre. Safety is always a top priority in community events and with this in mind, the runners utilized sidewalks whenever possible with firefighters stationed along the route to provide directional assistance, as well as to ensure runner safety when crossing streets; with members of the Ontario Provincial Police nearby to provide assistance if needed.

As registration concluded, runners made their way from the MCC to North Dundas Fire Station No. 1, where warm up calisthenics followed comments by North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser and ND deputy mayor and fire commis-

sioner Allan Armstrong. Both men commented on the strong community spirit in Morewood, the successful revitalization of the MCC and the work accomplished by local volunteers.

The siren from one of the fire trucks signalled the beginning of the race and as the runners left the fire station, firefighter Mark Kapcala expressed a thank you to local businesses and individuals who supported the event, mentioning how there were "really great people coming through for the event."

Around 11 a.m., the first runners began crossing the finish line at the MCC, with Brian Smith from Chesterville among the first to complete the run; mentioning that he enjoyed the race. Many runners took a

few minutes to cool down after they finished running, spending some time visiting with friends and listening to Ottawa radio station 88.5 (which was live at the event) while waiting for the hamburgers and hot dogs, donated by Winchester Foodland, to cook.

The Firefighter Family

Run once again demonstrated the strong sense of community and volunteers in North Dundas which is an important part of life in this municipality. Once the final amounts were tallied, the Morewood run raised an impressive \$1,400 toward their goal of bathroom renovations.



## Getting ready to run

Participants in the 2019 Morewood Firefighter Family Run were led in a series of warm-up exercises just prior to the start of the run. Thompson Goddard photo



## A great turnout

The participants in the 2019 Morewood Firefighter Family Run are shown just prior to the beginning of the race at North Dundas Fire Station No. 1. 45 people participated in the event, which was a fundraiser for the refurbishment of the bathrooms near the outdoor rink at the MCC. Thompson Goddard photo

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AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal in respect of the By-law, by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Dundas not later than the 4th day of June 2019, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection. A Notice of Appeal must include the prescribed fee of \$300.00 (certified cheque or money order) payable to the Minister of Finance.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a By-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body may appeal a By-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, before the By-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to appeal the By-law.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the By-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

This farm lot was subject to Consent Application B-75/18 which resulted in the severance of a surplus dwelling lot from a vacant farm parcel comprising the bulk of the property.

This Zoning By-law Amendment is needed to fulfill a condition of approval of the aforementioned Consent Application wherein no new permanent residential uses are to be allowed on the vacant farm parcel. The zoning is being changed by rezoning the retained parcel from Agricultural Special Exception 28 (A-28) to Agricultural Special Exception 62 (A-62).

This Zoning By-law Amendment is not related to any Minor Variance, Official Plan Amendment or Plan of Subdivision.

The By-law describing the lands, with a Key Map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies, are available for inspection at the Municipal Office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Municipality of South Dundas this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.



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## Editorial

### Death by 50 million cuts

News feeds blew up last week when Ontario's government announced an end to funding for the 50 Million Tree Program. Among the organizations majorly affected are local conservation authorities and the Ferguson Tree Centre in North Grenville, which is the program's second largest tree producer.

Since implemented in 2008, 27 million trees have been planted, more than half of the intended goal. Last year the program had a total cost of \$4.7-million of taxpayer money. Despite seeming like an unattainable number in my own life, it is a drop in the bucket in Ontario's multi-billion dollar budget. I can appreciate the desire to be fiscally responsible and get Ontario's books back on track; yet such blatant disregard for the programs that work to make Ontario sustainable is unforgivable, not to mention the job loss that will no doubt be a repercussion of the cut.

Ontario government's budget encompasses ideologies to be fiscally responsible and put people first; but none of that will matter if we don't have clean oxygenated air to breathe. Perhaps that is a dramatic statement, perhaps it's not so far off the mark. It is not news that we need trees to survive or that they help protect us from the fluctuations occurring in our environment. Trees filter the air, stabilize soil, cool the planet by providing shade, circumvent damaging winds, not to mention their inherent beauty and health effects.

The flooding along the Ottawa River and in Quebec is not a fluke and it will continue to happen in the future. Planting trees though, will help mitigate these events, stop erosion from causing more damage and give us a means to manage drastic weather events; without them, we will only see more harm caused to our wallets and ourselves in the future.

Take Quebec's provincial government for example, they have offered residents \$200,000 to move to safer locations rather than rebuild. Well, that may be a temporary solution but what happens when we are without the protection of trees and those flood zones only grow. How much more money will need to be spent to relocate again and again when we could be working with our environment instead of against it? Allowing floodplains and wetlands to do their job, instead of draining them for development.

Without initiatives like the 50 Million Tree Program, we move further away from solutions to environmental pressures and propel ourselves into a future, ripe with opportunity for catastrophic events and mass human and animal extinction. Climate change isn't the boogie monster or a political tool to manipulate the voting public. It is not going to disappear because we and our politicians choose to ignore it. It will happen with or without our opinion on board. And where will that leave the elusive balanced budget, when what is truly in the crossfire is our own safe, healthy existence on this precious planet.

I worry that using the words environment and climate change might only add to the constant rhetoric both green and non-green that is driving us toward complacency, which to my mind is the antithesis of where our thoughts, and in turn actions, need to be directed; but without voices for these issues they will go unnoticed and our politicians will go unchecked.

Politicians want our votes and in order to get them, they need to prove they can fight for what is best for their people. We are powerful en masse.

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer

## CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

### Coming in handy

I was a little skeptical at first but it turned out to be a blast! We were invited (the training band that I'm in that is) to entertain during a barbecue promotion at Russell Home Hardware last Saturday.

At first, I made fun of the gig, comparing it to shows my brothers Pete and Mike were doing with their bands during the same week: Pete and the 20th Century Boys performed in the posh surroundings of Queen Street Fare downtown last Thursday and Mike, my niece Emma, and The Verdict are playing the hallowed precincts of Irene's Pub on Bank Street tonight (May 15).

Meanwhile, I drew the Home Hardware. What happened, wisecracks joked... couldn't you get the Home Depot. Others wondered if we'd be called upon to promote barbecues and paint between songs. We weren't asked but would have been happy to do it.

I have to thank the Carscadden family and their team for coming up with the idea of featuring local

musicians during the event and for contacting the Russell Music Academy about providing them. As a result, the academy's younger School of Rock bands played earlier in the day and the "senior" band that I'm in, Castor River Crew, followed by Full Circle (also an adult band), came on in the afternoon.

It was a simple setup in the parking lot, pulled together by RMA staff but it sufficed. Other than random gusts of wind blowing our song sheets around a bit, we were good to go. Yes, we rely upon song sheets... our memories aren't what they used to be. What did I just say...

The Home of the Handyman! In honour of Home Hardware's famous slogan, I wanted to perform James Taylor's classic "Handyman": "Here is the main thing I want to say, I'm busy 24 hours a day. I fix broken hearts, baby I'm your Handyman." I'm not sure broken hearts are a specialty at Russell Home Hardware. Anyway, my brainstorm came too late to rehearse the song in time for the show.

We still had a lively set list of about a dozen songs including four original numbers that Saturday shoppers seemed to

appreciate. Thanks to RMA instructor Alex McFarlane for anchoring us on the drums. But the rest of it was five amateurs striving for the Big Time!

Pete and Mike have been doing this stuff on the side since they were teenagers and have graduated to pro rockers donating their time and talents to charitable causes. I was already a senior citizen when I started singing and playing harmonica six years ago at the academy. Not only am I in band class Tuesday nights, but I'm also a member of the Russell Male Choir which practices at the school Tuesday mornings.

Both experiences have been highly rewarding; band, because I'm able to compete in a small way with my kid brothers and indulge the rock star dream, even if it is in a hardware store parking lot. As for the male choir, we learn a lot of older ditties and sing them to residents of nursing homes and seniors accommodations, gaining satisfaction in bringing an extra hour of pleasure to their day.

If this sounds like a promotion, it is: We're always looking for extra bodies in the choir and could also use a few new members of the rock band, a bassist and a drummer for starters.



You don't have to be a great singer to be in the choir and you'll find your confidence and quality building as you go along, buoyed by the other members. It's a choir... your flubs are muffled by other voices!

I got in to this as a bucket list thing, always feeling that I could sing and wanting to try out my skills publicly. Classes at RMA changed everything, not only technically but confidence-wise, giving me the courage to get in front of a mic, be it with the band, the choir or at karaoke in which I engage on the side.

Today, I have no fear. I can walk into any room - or parking lot - and belt out a tune... as long as I have a song sheet to go with it, of course. If I'm not perfect, I don't care. With its scientifically backed benefits, the act of singing is a thrill every time.

Give it a try... and keep your eye open for the Castor River Crew coming to a parking lot near you!

## The Road Home

### A rose by any other name

by Carolyn Thompson Goddard

We have finally had a couple of warmish, sunny days this spring and it looks like yards are becoming dry enough to begin the tedious task of raking out flowerbeds and lawns to remove the leaves and other debris that has provided much needed insulation to bugs and perennial roots over the harsh winter.

My loyalist rose bush seems to have once again survived the snowy season, but I am not so sure about my War of 1812 rose bush; I somehow keep forgetting to wrap them in burlap as winter begins and they are not so hardy as the loyalist rose. Legend has it the Loyalist Rose, or Maiden's Blush, travelled from Scotland to New York State with a Cameron family and when they came to Glengarry as loyalist refugees after the American Revolution, a shoot of the rose bush came with them. I shall without doubt discover the fate of my rose bushes in a few weeks when they either bloom or not.

Another sure indication that the planting season is upon us is the opening of garden centres throughout the area and I have

grown quite fond of checking out the various plants for planting with my preference changing from the annual to the perennial varieties. I am still looking for some lily of the valley plants perhaps in remembrance of the lily of valleys that adorned the flower garden around the house in Winchester where Mom grew up and were planted in the late 1930s by my great grandma Sharpe.

With the beginning of spring comes the long weekend in May when many gardeners purchase their plants and plan their vegetable gardens. This holiday weekend also marks the opening Saturday for many farmers' markets throughout the local area. If you plan to check out the Chesterville Farmers' Market on its opening day, Sat., May 18, you might want to meander over to the Chesterville Heritage Centre and join the Historical Society for a Victorian picnic. There is nothing like a picnic lunch on a spring Saturday, especially when the goodies are provided by some very good cooks. While enjoying a cucumber sandwich and maybe a scone or two with tea, be sure to check out the Heritage Centre where the local history is preserved, protected and promoted by local volunteers.

## NDDHS Report

By Ashley Wheeler

Student Council Communications

### Annual fashion show 2019



Last week, ND hosted home soccer games on both Wed., May 8, and Thurs., May 9, playing 2 games each day. The first day, the boys' team dominated, winning against CCVS and Char-Lan. The girls won their game against CCVS but were a few goals short of the win against Char-Lan. The second day, the boys beat L'Heritage, and played a close game against Glengarry, which they lost. The girls sadly lost against both

L'Heritage and Glengarry but they worked hard on the field. Both boys' and girls' soccer teams will play tomorrow, Thurs., May 16, as well as Fri., May 17. Good luck players!

The WE team was holding an initiative last week to support the House of Lazarus and the Ye Olde Bargain Shoppe by collecting gently used clothes. We collected 7 large boxes and 12 large bags of clothes. Thank you to everyone who donated, you are helping make a difference!

If you are in Grade 7 currently and see yourself as a leader, apply to be a WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) team member! Pick-up an application in room 216, and bring it back in by Wed., May 22!

Today, our annual Fashion Show will be held in the gym. Students can attend the show during block D (12:45-2:00 p.m.), and there will also be a night show held from 7:30-8:30 p.m. for the public. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10. We hope to see you all there!



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# Tulip Festival

**Continued from the front**  
the creation of three large wooden tulips could help bring in some tourism to the area, including making a fun activity for next year's festival.

"I thought a way to coat-tail the Tulip Festival would be an interesting way to draw people to the

community with regards to tourism. So, I approached Dairyfest and the Winchester Revitalization Committee and some of the local shops to see if they'd be interested in participating in the Tulip Festival," she said. "The Revitalization Committee sponsored one tulip, Dairyfest sponsored another, and the businesses

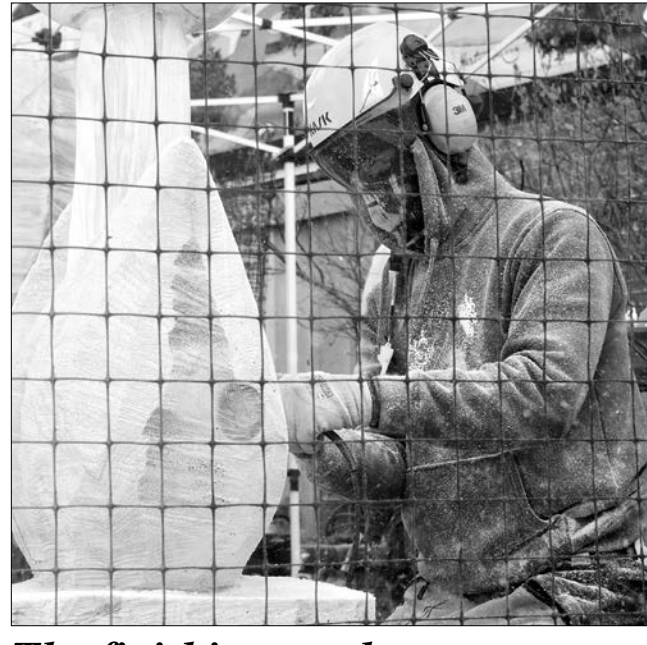
that came together sponsored the third all together. I'm hoping to attract more tourism in the area for next year's festival to contact artists in the area to paint them, just like in downtown Ottawa. We might run a contest to see who would like to paint them but for now, we're going to place them in Sweet Corner Park until we

decide where to put them." The Tulip Festival was established to preserve the memory of the Canadian Army's role in the liberation of the Netherlands and Europe through the celebration of the historic royal gift of tulips from the Netherlands to Canada. The Tulip Festival began on Fri., May 10 and will continue until Mon., May 20.



### A carve and cut later...

Tom Stefan, using a variety of sawing tools, started on a new tulip, fresh from a slab of wood. Glover photo



### The finishing touches

Joel Fawcett put the finishing touches on his tulip, sanding and smoothing out the rough edges. Glover photo

# Dundas Farmers Gala donates locally

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

**CHESTERVILLE** – Jackie Kelly-Pemberton presented three local organizations with donation cheques of \$3,550 for a total of \$10,650 that was raised by the Dundas Farmers' Charity Gala held earlier this spring. The event, hosted every two years, raises money for local charity and non-profit organizations in Dundas County.



### Neighbours helping neighbours

Dundas Farmers' Charity Gala chair Jackie Kelly-Pemberton presented donations to representatives of three of Dundas' non-profit and charity organizations. From left, Deborah Thomson, Naomi House; Ian McKelvie, Community Food Share; Carolyn Rooney, Carefor NorDun and Kelly-Pemberton. Sawyer Helmer photo

This year, the recipients of the donations were Community Food Share, Naomi House and Carefor NorDun Seniors' Support Centre.

Ian McKelvie of the CFS said the donation will go toward food purchases, specifically the Healthy Choices program. McKelvie said the recent wrap up of the Fill-A-Bag Food Drive has provided enough non-perishable items to last until early fall.

Deborah Thomson of Naomi House mentioned the donation is intended to be used toward infrastructure improvements and Carolyn Rooney of Carefor NorDun will also be allocating the donation to improvement projects.

Rooney said the building is hoping to install new flooring and a new window in the kitchen facilities.

Kelly-Pemberton said the committee is always pleased to be able to give back to the community on a local level. "They support us, [the agricultural industry] in so many ways and vice versa." She added that the event was well attended with over 200 guests and is supported by many people and businesses in the community who donate items and money to bring the event together.

Kelly-Pemberton also mentioned during the presentation that this would be her final year as the event chair as she will be handing over the reins to a new committee member in two years time. Kelly-Pemberton will remain as a coordinator of the Dundas Agricultural Hall of Fame.

## - Thank You - McNaughton, Dale

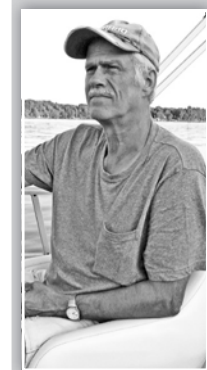
The McNaughton family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to our friends, family and neighbours for the many expressions of sympathy and kindness, food, flowers, cards, online condolences and generous donations to the South Dundas Community Hospice made in memory of our wonderful father and grandfather, Dale McNaughton.

Thank you to all who attended the visitations and funeral service. We will cherish the stories and memories of our father that you shared with us. We extend special appreciation to Rev. Debbie Poirier, for her many words of comfort and for the beautiful service. Finally a sincere thank you to David Lapier and staff at Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home for their professional care, respect and dignity shown to our family at this difficult time.

Although we are deeply saddened by our loss, we take comfort in knowing that he is reunited with our mother, Dorothy. He truly was one of a kind.

"A Dear, Sweet, Generous, Loving Man."

Warmest regards,  
Jason, Troy, Jada and family



## Obituary

**LARRY MARCELLUS**  
(May 5, 1955 - May 6, 2019)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Larry after a brave struggle with lung cancer. Larry's life ended peacefully in hospital with family by his side. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 48 years, June Heuff. Survived by his sister April Dawn Marcellus-Roblin (Dave), his brother Melvin (Kerry) both of B.C., sister-in-law Adriana Lightfoot (late Peter), brother-in-law Adriaan (Marilyn), nieces Terri (Mike), Chris (Craig), Pam & Makaylah, nephews Kurt, Jesse & Sage, great-nieces Reagan, Calla & Chanelle, great-nephews Nic & Adrian. Predeceased by his twin brother Barry, his parents Hugh and Marion Marcellus and his parents-in-law Adriaan & Adriana Heuff. A private service will be held at a later date. Many thanks to all the doctors and nurses that took care of Larry. A special thanks to Dr. Bhagirath and nurse Zena Reoch. In memory of Larry, memorial donations may be made to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Morewood Cemetery or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Byers Funeral Home, South Mountain (613-989-3836). Online condolences may be made at [www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com).

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# St. Mary students help those less fortunate

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – St. Mary Catholic School in Chesterville wrapped up their Catholic Education Week with a school-wide food drive on Fri., May 10. The school held a liturgy led by the Grade 3s and welcomed the attendance of the Knights of Columbus and Mark

vanDelst of the House of Lazarus non-profit organization.

VanDelst spoke to students thanking them for their efforts and hard work. “There are many great organizations in our community working to help our neighbours,” he said. “Volunteering and helping out your community is one of the most rewarding things

to do with your time.”

Other activities from the week included a board-wide mass in Kemptville, Aboriginal awareness day and a public speaking contest. After the liturgy, students were hoping to walk through the community but the rain hindered their final activity. Teachers led the students on a walk throughout the

school and finalized the donations for HOL.

Grade 5 and 6 students later joined their future classmates at St. Thomas Aquinas in Russell for a food drive for the Russell Food Bank, as well as participate in social justice activities.



## Pile high

Grade 6 students, Shawn, Grace and Tashanna at St. Mary Catholic School added a few more items to the donation pile during the final day of Catholic Education Week.

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# LAWN & GARDEN

## Putting the pest in pesticides

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

Pesticides can be useful chemical tools that can help control the population of – well, pests in your garden and lawn from unwanted weeds to insects, rodents and fungi.

But what kind of effect could these chemicals be having on your body? Well, it really depends on the amount of exposure, type of pesticide and concentration.

While brief exposure will rarely arise any symptoms, constant exposure (even small ones) can cause illness within 48 hours. These symptoms can include a sore throat and/or cough, allergic sensitization, eye and skin irritation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, extreme weakness

and even sometimes death in some rare cases.

However, long-term exposure (over the course of multiple and/or repeated uses) with pesticides can lead to even more serious health risks including Parkinson's disease, asthma, depression, anxiety, leukemia, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and ADHD.

Unfortunately, due to constantly crawling, running and playing in treated areas, children have a higher rate of exposure through absorption through their skin. Children take in more air, water and food relative to their weight compared to adults, which increases their total exposure even more.

Back in 2009, Ontario's cosmetic

pesticides ban took effect outlining that pesticides could not be used for cosmetic purposes on lawns, vegetable and ornamental gardens, patios, driveways, cemeteries and in public parks and school yards. Approximately 250 pesticide products were banned for sale and over 95 pesticide ingredients banned for cosmetic use.

However, there were exceptions to this rule including that pesticides could be used to control touch-based poisonous plants like poison ivy and disease-carrying insects that bite and sting including mosquitoes and wasps. There was also an exception that pesticides could be used to control invasive species that may be detrimental to people's health, the environment and/or the economy.

It was also deemed that pesticides be necessary for agricultural use from an economic and operational perspective, as well as Ontario forestry workers using them to protect trees from pests and control vegetation.

For homeowners, biopesticides or lower risk pesticides can be used to help control weeds, along with other pests on lawns, gardens, driveways and other parts of the area; however, if these options are being used, the homeowner needs to post a green notice sign on their lawn to make it clear that no illegal pesticides are currently being used.

If pesticides are not an ideal choice for you to control pests in your yard, there are alternative options that can be explored. First, the simple use of gloves to remove any weeds or insects is the safest and age old practice.

There are also certain barriers and traps that can be used to capture and/or impede pests in the area. Netting over the bedding can help protect your garden's seedlings from hungry insects, as well as prevent flying insects from laying eggs.

A simple board or thick piece of paper painted yellow, coated with tanglefoot or another sticky substance will attract aphids and other small flying insects; these kind of ready to use yellow traps are available on the market as well.

When setting up traps and swatting away bugs, it's important to remember that not all insects in your garden are pests. Some of these insects feed on pests that could be harmful.

Some beneficial insects can include bees, lady bugs, praying mantises, dragonflies, predacious spiders and green lacewings.

If pesticides are your only option in pest control around your home, consider formulated, biodegradable pest-control substances that are commercially available. Just follow the use instructions on the label to ensure you are doing what is best for both your lawn and your family.

## The top mulch varieties for your garden

Gardeners use mulch to keep weeds away and to preserve moisture in the soil. Though wood and bark mulch are the most popular, there are many other options available. Here are some types of mulch that are worth considering for your garden.

- **Pine straw** slowly acidifies soil, making it ideal for gardens with flowers that thrive in such conditions like hydrangeas, azaleas, rhododendrons and daffodils.

- **Fallen leaves** are a cost-free and organic mulch option. It allows water to get through, prevents weeds from pushing up and improves soil health by eventually turning into compost.

- **Rock mulch** is a more permanent option given that rocks don't blow away or decompose. Rock mulch works well for low-maintenance gardens with mostly shrubs and trees.

- **Cocoa mulch** is the most eye-pleasing – and aromatic – option. Made of rich brown cocoa hulls, this type of mulch retains moisture well, repels garden pests and has a chocolatey smell. However, cocoa mulch may not be the



best option if you have pets: ingesting it makes dogs and cats sick.

- **Wood and bark mulch** is the most common type of mulch used for a reason. It's inexpensive, it gives your garden a pleasing and natural look and it's easy to lay down.

This is just a small selection of the types of mulch you can use in your garden. For instance, there's also landscape fabric, mushroom compost, lava rock and seaweed. Simply choose the one that best suits your garden, budget and style.

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# LAWN & GARDEN

## Tweeze the tick

**AJ Al-Rajab, PhD**  
Record Staff

Ticks are the main vector of Lyme disease and other infectious diseases. The good news is their bites are avoidable! These small arachnids of three to five mm long, known as external parasites feed on the blood of humans and animals including birds. Ticks are distributed worldwide and spread with wild animals and migratory birds.

There are about 40 species of ticks in Canada, only a few of them can carry the Lyme disease such as the deer tick, western blacklegged tick, American dog tick, and others. A third of backlogged ticks (deer ticks) carry the Borrelia bacteria that can cause Lyme disease which commonly infects animals like rodents, birds and deer. The symptoms may range from flu-like symptoms in the beginning of infection to neurological illness in late stage. Lyme disease cases in Canada increased 14 fold in

less than a decade. There were 2,025 cases in 2017, comparing to 144 cases in 2009.

### Tick prevention

In spring and early summer, ticks are active and nymph ticks feed. Adult ticks are a bigger threat in fall. From July to September, ticks stay near the ground where the humidity can be higher during this period. However, taking the right precautions protects everyone from tick bites.

- **Landscaping:** Reducing the favoured environment for ticks helps to prevent them. Trim the tall grasses adjacent to structures and fences. Place a wide barrier (three feet) of wood chips or gravel between lawns and wooded areas. Stack wood in a dry area. Mow the lawn frequently, and minimize the access of wild animals to your property. When working outdoors, wear proper clothing that covers

the maximum amount of body, as well as gloves help to prevent tick bites.

- **Avoid tick infested areas:** Ticks favour shaded moist environments, leafy wooded areas, and tall grasses. Avoid contact with wet tall grasses and weeds.

- **Clothing:** Unlike mosquitoes, ticks can't bite through clothes, they attach to clothing and walk upward. Wearing light coloured clothing can help to see ticks easily. Also, covering the maximum of the body reduces the exposure to ticks' bites such as long sleeve shirts, pants, and full covered footwear.

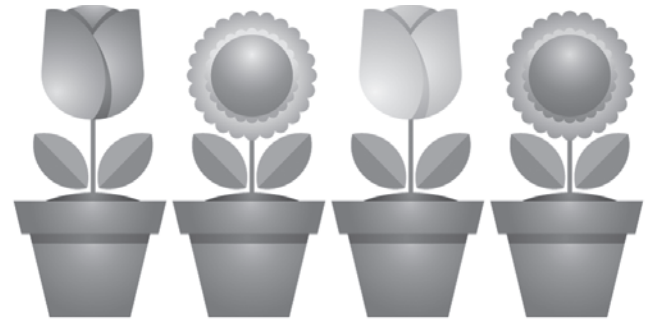
- **Repellents:** Different repellents are available in the market such as DEET, Cardin, and other natural repellents. Most of these products were tested on flying insects such as flies and mosquitoes and may not be efficient for ticks.

- **Tick check:** Check yourself and your pets thoroughly for the presence

of ticks as soon as possible after visiting a potential infested area. Showering is highly recommended to wash off any unattached ticks.

### Tick removal

If a tick bite occurs after taking the above precautions, keep quiet and tweeze the tick. Tick bites are usually painless so people are not aware they have been bitten. Unlike biting insects, ticks bite and stay attached to the body for a while. The sooner the tick is removed the less likely is disease transmission. If you see the tick, do not scratch, use fine pointed tweezers to grasp the mouthparts of the tick from the skin and not only its body; then slowly pull the tick out of skin. Disinfect the bite area and your hands with alcohol. It is important to tell your doctor about the recent bite if you develop a rash or fever within a few weeks of the bite.



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## Oh ho, my garden woes!

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

Every spring, when the weather begins to warm and those cold nights turn to summer winds, I find myself envious of all my neighbours. How I ended up on a street with so many good gardeners must be a trick of fate. Even if I wasn't surrounded by lush green lawns and boisterous blooming gardens, mine would probably still come up short.

Perhaps you are one of the lucky ones with a green thumb and have no idea the perils of having such a pitiful garden. If you're anything like me however, you know. See, I'm about as far from having a green thumb as it gets. I have trouble keeping some of the easiest to manage plants alive and if it's not directly my doing, it's my lack of attendance to the plants that adds wood to the fire. Just last week I came home to find a seedling I had been tending to on my windowsill, eaten by my unabashed feline.

Despite what seems like my efforts to kill every plant in my garden, I have found over the years a few varieties that are almost impossible for me to ruin. My favourite among them is the hosta. After the first summer at my house it was the only plant to have survived the season and it was then I knew that the hosta was my kind of plant.

The next year I enlisted the help of a seasoned

gardener and transplanted, separated and bought and planted more of these stylish yet hardy plants. If you're in the same boat, I do recommend getting some help when transplanting; I guarantee they wouldn't have survived had I done it alone. The nice thing about hostas is that different varieties can thrive in full sun all the way to deep shade. I have both for my different gardens and having somewhat of a one-size fits all plant really helps me boost my gardening game.

Other plants that have been recommended include hibiscus for full sun, ferns for shade, black-eyed Susan's in full sun or Tuscan sun's for a similar style with fewer pest issues, along with echinacea and hydrangeas.

If you need more suggestions, your local garden centre can definitely help or find a friend or family member with an affinity for these things. The ones above though are what I will be trying this year. Many of them have a wide reach once grown and the fewer the plants that can cover a larger area works best for my style. The less individual care needed increases my chances of success while still looking like a full garden.

Time will tell if I can make these new additions work and if they do the only thing left will be practicing my tending of the garden and then moving on to my lawn. But that's a whole other story. Happy gardening!

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## 3 things apple trees need to thrive

Apple trees are grown worldwide, and with over 7,500 varieties available, undoubtedly there's at least one that would make a good addition to your yard. But before reaching for your shovel, you should make sure that your slice of earth is a good place for planting. Here are three things every apple tree needs to thrive and bear fruit:

**1. Slightly acidic soil.** Apple trees grow best in soil with a pH level between 6.8

and 6.5. Determine your soil's pH with a soil test kit or by calling in a professional. If your soil isn't within this range, there are strategies you can use to adjust the pH.

**2. Lots of sunlight.** Apple trees require at least eight hours of sun per day during growing season. Make sure there's a sunny spot in your yard where you can plant your tree.

**3. A second apple tree.** If you want your apple tree to

produce apples, it needs to cross-pollinate with a friend. The second apple tree needs to be a different variety than the first and should be within 100 feet of your tree. If there are no apple trees in the vicinity, it's up to you to plant the second one.

If these conditions are met, you're in good shape. Just make sure to learn how to best plant and care for your apple tree. Your local nursery is a good place to turn to for advice and information.



## Certain needs for weeds

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

Weeds; just the sound of the word can make the most veteran gardener shudder.

Just the mention of that word makes us think of an ugly eyesore on our lawn that needs to be pulled out immediately. However, would you believe that there are some weeds out there that could be very beneficial to both your lawn and garden?

Certain beneficial weeds can help protect soil with their roots holding the soil together and keeping it from eroding away in the wind or rain. They can also help fertilize soil by accumulating vital nutrients from the subsoil, bringing the nutrients into their leaves.

As the weed leaves die back, they would make a healing medicine or fertilizer for damaged topsoil. Their presence can indicate the need to enrich the soil with amendments such as worm castings or compost.

These weeds can also attract beneficial insects looking for habitat or nectar that

can benefit the plants and flowers in your garden.

One of the best weeds for your garden is the Broadleaf Plantain that can benefit the soil if left to grow and die back on its own. Certain parts of the plantain also have edible properties that can be medicinal.

Another good weed that is common in old farm fields is Lamb's Quarters, which can improve the quality of your soil. This weed's roots accumulate nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium and manganese while loosening the soil.

Chickweed is another weed that shows up in disturbed soil such as garden beds and highly tilled areas. These weeds accumulate potassium and phosphorus while attracting pollinators searching for nectar in the spring and early summer.

So, while there are certainly a lot of weeds and other pests which can be harmful to your lawn and garden, there are some weeds out there that could certainly do much more good than harm.

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## The advantages of gardening with raised beds

Do you want a garden but have poor soil? Then gardening with raised beds is likely the best solution.

Raised beds are garden plots raised several inches or more off the ground and enclosed on all sides by a frame made of wood or rock. You simply fill your box with rich soil then start planting the desired fruits, veggies, herbs, flowers and plants.

Raised beds are different from planters because they have open rather than closed bottoms. Since raised beds are designed this way, they provide better drainage. Plus, the roots can extend into the ground

and seek available nutrients.

Having a raised garden bed has a number of other advantages, notably:

- It provides a strong barrier against weeds and pests;
- Its soil doesn't compact or erode away in the case of heavy rain;
- It allows you to plant earlier in the season, since soil that's above ground is warmer and drains better.

Lastly, gardening with raised beds is a great option for people with limited mobility or back problems. If the bed is high enough, you can tend to the garden without bending over.



## Plan ahead before beginning digging projects

Digging in your backyard could result in a neighbourhood-wide power outage, significant injury or even the loss of life if you strike underground electrical infrastructure. A survey conducted by Hydro One found that 20 per cent of customers are unlikely to call to have their underground utilities located before digging.

With over 100 dig-related incidents impacting Hydro One's underground electricity cables last year, Hydro One is urging individuals planning on starting any outdoor project

to contact Ontario One Call before digging to have utilities located.

"With many construction projects set to begin this spring, it is important to be aware of potential hazards before you pick up a shovel," said Lisa Williamson, vice president of health, safety and environment at Hydro One. "Even simple outdoor projects such as installing a fence or planting a tree could have serious safety implications if you don't know what is under your property.

It is a legal requirement to identify where cables are

located before starting a digging project. Residents looking to get started on outdoor projects can contact Ontario One Call to locate underground infrastructure. Once a request with Ontario One Call is submitted, residents will be provided with information detailing where underground infrastructure is located. More details can be found at: [www.HydroOne.com/Digging](http://www.HydroOne.com/Digging). As residents begin to roll-up their sleeves, Hydro One reminds customers to call or click before they dig for a safe and seamless construction project.

## 4 things to consider when choosing annuals

Ready to buy some annuals for your yard? Here are four factors to consider when choosing plants that will complement your landscaping:

### 1. What the plant needs

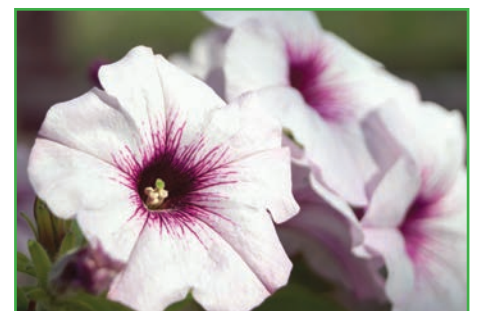
Check the soil and evaluate the environmental conditions in your yard. The drainage, pH and amount of sunlight available should all be factors when you choose plants for your garden.

### 2. The size of the plant

Give your annuals enough room to grow. Find out how big they'll become and plant accordingly. Place taller annuals behind shorter ones, and make sure each plant has room for its roots.

### 3. When the plant blooms

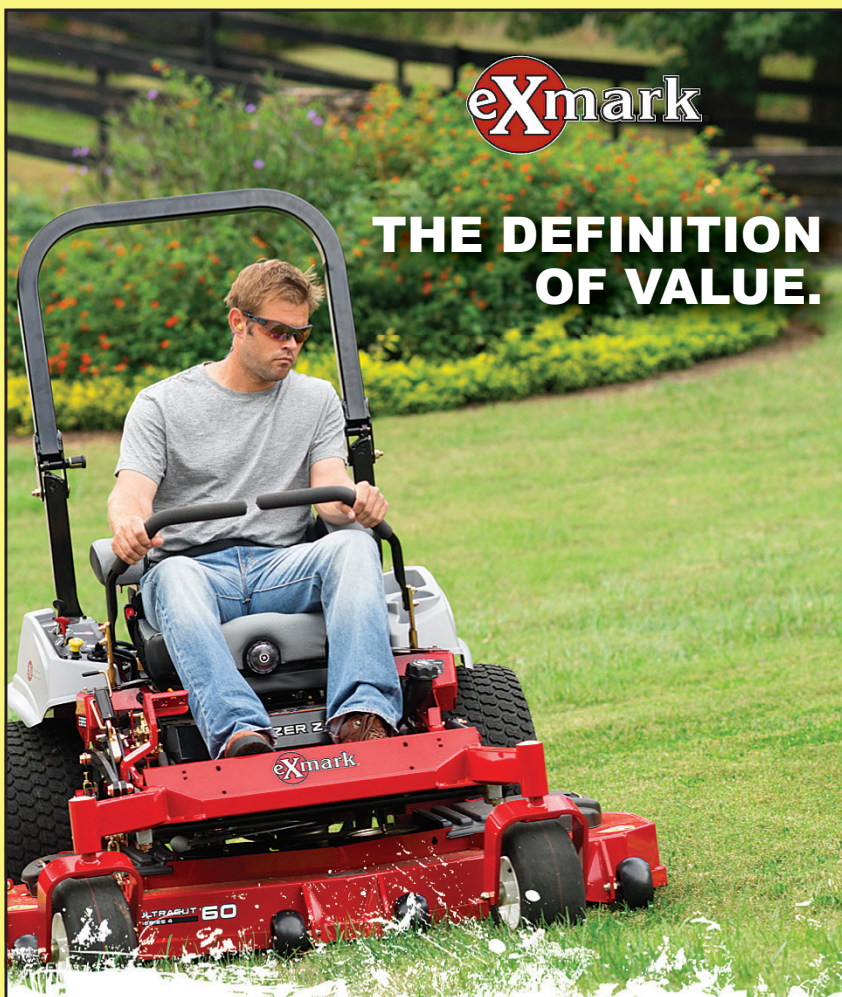
Enjoy blossoming annuals from May to October. Choose plants that flower at different times to have an ever-blooming yard.



### 4. The colour and shape of the plant

Choose annuals that look good together, and aim to get plants in a variety of shapes, colours and textures. Opt for a well balanced colour scheme by selecting either cool or warm tones for the entire yard.

If you have perennials in your garden, don't forget to take them into consideration when choosing your annuals.



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## Spring lawn care no small feat

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

After selling their old business to their nephew, Carl Berends and Sue Blaine tried the retirement life – only too quickly becoming bored by it.

“We tried the retirement life and it just did not work out for us,” said Blaine.

“There’s only so many drives you can take, so many restaurants you can eat in and so many things you can fix around your house until you run out of things to do,” Berends added, “when you’re a goer and you gotta keep going, well you keep going.”

So, they decided to start a new business back in 2006, B&B Small Engines, in Hallville and continue to find great success even to this day.

With a long line of lawnmower selections, both Blaine and Berends believe that their Ultima ZT1/ZT2 series will be a big seller going into the summer months. “It’s a whole new system,” said Berends.

“It’s a little simpler than what the old ones used to be but a bit more durable with a stronger build.”

He added that, since opening their doors 13 years ago, they are only now getting the odd trade back in, due to their machine tapping out. “But not very many trade backs yet,” he said. “They’re all still going. You’re definitely looking at over a decade, probably closer to 15 years.”

Blaine added that people should be getting their machines serviced with lubrication, oil changes and anything else that needs to be done in order to prolong the life of your machine. This is a service they also provide.

“You bring them in on a yearly basis, have the oil changed, have the rest of it looked at and you’re guaranteed to get more years out of your machine,” she said. “We offer everything that needs to be done which includes parts, service, warranty, the works.”

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### Who says retirement is relaxing?

After selling their previous business to finally retire, both Sue Blaine (left) and Carl Berends very quickly realized they were going to get bored. This led them to open Hallville’s B&B Small Engines in 2006.

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### A long line-up

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# LAWN & GARDEN

## Keeping them singing

**Karen Spinney, Biologist**  
Special to the Record

To my mind there is nothing sweeter than the whistles and chirps of our songbirds in the spring and all year. Learning to recognize each call is a satisfying undertaking. Keeping those delightful, colourful winged wonders

around your yard all year is also very satisfying.

Some folk suggest feeding your birds past spring will further their dependence on your food source and not allow the newest members to learn to forage independently. Truth is, birds rely on many food sources and will forage for most of their meals from what nature provides. Adding a little "birdquet" to their diet is a win for you and the birds.

What you decide to feed

your backyard birds, will determine who comes to your feeder. Black oil sunflower seeds are a great choice for a variety of feeder visitors. Sparrows, finches, cardinals, bluejays, nuthatches and chickadees love these sunflower seeds. Nyger seed is a hit for goldfinches.

In the winter, suet, a mixture of seeds and animal fat can mean the difference for some birds' survival when food sources are scarce.

### A touch of gold

Goldfinches are partial to Nyger seed when loading your bird feeders throughout the year. The brightly coloured wings make the goldfinch a popular favourite among bird watchers.

Courtesy Spinney photo



### Friends in the sky

Chickadees, well known for their distinctive song, can be a year-round visitor to homes building a bird paradise. These winged friends have been known to pick-up seed straight from a person's hand if they can stay still enough.

Courtesy Spinney photo



apples and orange segments. Leave some leaf litter in the corners of your yard or the edge under the hedges or along the fence and robins, thrashers and towhees will spend hours scratching in the litter for insects and grubs.

Many birds species are ground feeders and will feast on the seeds that have fallen from your feeders. Throw a handful of seeds on the ground and you'll discover new friends - sparrows, juncos and doves. Include some peanuts, diced

nectar feeders will attract everyone's favourite

hummer and you might be lucky enough to entice the ever increasingly rare oriole.

Planting bird/butterfly friendly flowers in your garden, not only adds colour interest but provides a natural food source. National Geographic names these perennials as the top

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## B&B Small Engines

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Berends added that a lot of people do their own service but it would be good if they saw their customers at least once every three years or so.

"We can do the lubrication stuff that they might not know about. They'll just do their usual oil change and spark plug, that sort of thing," he said. "There are a lot of places that people don't know that need lubrication like your brakes and brake moving parts, your front axel and your steering wheel."

When your machine is not serviced at the garage, there are some things you can do on your own property that can help prolong your mower's life.

"If you keep your mower in a shed, the

squirrels and the mice, they get in underneath the shroud to make their nests," said Blaine. "If you're not careful and you don't see that happening, you can easily blow your engine. I've seen it time and time again and it's not pretty."

Berends added that it'd be wise to not leave your mower out in the sun for too long as the long exposure to the hot sun could harm the paint job and tires.

"It's better for the paint and tires," he said. "Same as a camper, you see the boots over the tires to avoid any cracks forming."

B&B Small Engines have a long line of equipment to get you ready for lawn maintenance this summer, so the next time you're in Hallville, look them up.



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# LAWN & GARDEN

## Starting your first vegetable garden

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

Growing your own vegetables can be a great way to save some money and get yourself outside this summer. But if you've never grown a vegetable garden before, there are a few practices that you'll want to follow to increase your chances of success.

First, you'll need to pick a spot on your property. Vegetables are picky plants and require at least five to six hours of full sun a day, eight hours is even better if possible. You'll want to also choose a place that isn't at risk for flooding in the event of a rainy summer or won't be damaged by high winds. A protected, sunny place is ideal.

Once you have your location decided, growers can choose between a ground-level plot or raised garden beds. There are merits to each choice and it really depends on your preference. For larger gardens, a plot with rows

can be a good way to go. It also allows for uniform structure and spacing in the garden. Rows should run north and south to take full advantage of the sun. Remember not to start too big with your garden though, a smaller plot well managed can feed a family of four for the summer.

Raised garden beds work well for smaller properties, they also allow the grower to reduce any compaction from walking between the rows, limit your space so you don't over plant and don't require rows so plants can be interspersed.

No matter what option you choose, the best place to start is with good soil. Ideally a vegetable garden needs a soft loamy soil. If you're not sure what type you have, perform a mason jar test. Fill a mason jar a little over half with your soil and then the rest with water. Shake vigorously and let settle for a few hours. When you return, the soil will have separated,

telling you how much of sand, clay and silt you have. Ideally you want 20 per cent clay, 40 per cent sand and 40 per cent silt. If you're not so lucky, consider making some amendments to the soil composition like purchasing soil at your local garden centre or adding compost in the spring. A good soil will also ensure the garden has the appropriate conditions allowing for the perfect combination of water retention and drainage.

Once the soil is ready, you can start your planting process. You'll want to plan your garden to allow enough space so plants don't need to compete for sun or water but don't have too much open space. Once plants are at the height of their growing season, shaded soil beds will allow for more water retention and less dry-out from the direct sunlight of mid-summer.

When you do begin planting, there are a few ways to go about it. If starting earlier in the spring when evening weather is still cool, use individual seed containers. Use the pots with small holes in the bottom so seeds don't drown. Set the pots near a window with a lot of sun and away from any drafts. Remember to create a barrier if you have pets that might like to disrupt the seeds.



### Starting small

Starting vegetable seeds indoors in small individual pots or egg cartons is a great way to ensure your cultivating efforts can begin early in the spring and avoid hungry insects or rodents.

Bouwers photo

If you're planting once right into the garden can package to ensure you are the weather has turned work well. Read the planting at the appropriate warm, sowing the seeds instructions on the seed

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## Bird paradise

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ten bird attractors: sunflower, echinacea (coneflower), cornflower, black-eyed Susan, daisy, aster, marigold, Virginia creeper, elderberry and staghorn sumac.

Providing water is also essential for bird health, especially with our increasingly hot dry summers. A bird bath, fountain or a dripping container will do the trick, when the natural and ephemeral ponds have all dried up for the season.

And finally ensure your yard is a safe haven. Hang your feeders close enough to shrubs and trees to provide launching positions, but not so close as to allow the neighbour's cat to stage an ambush. Give the birds enough room to react to the cat and take flight.

Remember, once you have committed to being part of the birds' forage routine, keep it up throughout the winter, it could make the difference in their survival. In the meantime enjoy every moment of your backyard bird paradise.

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## What makes a good tree?

Many people can agree that trees add value to a property, to life and to local ecosystems. They shade and shield people from strong winds; they provide habitat for wildlife; they clean air and water, and they help to reduce the negative effects of climate change. So now that spring has finally sprung, tree planting season is also here.

But what should planters know before setting out for the tree nursery? According to Cheyene Brunet, a forest technician at South Nation

Conservation Authority (SNC), a good tree is a balanced tree.

“You want to make sure that the roots and the tree itself are in proportion,” says Brunet. If the roots are too long, the seedling can be hard to handle, and it can be easily damaged as a result. If the roots are too short for the tree, the tree won’t be able to access all the water and the nutrients that it needs to grow.”

“It’s also a good idea to check for substantial damage to the roots, the

buds and the stem of the tree,” Brunet explains. For oaks, hickories, juglans and hard pines (like red pine) there should be a taproot that goes straight down and smaller, fibrous roots coming off it. On the other hand, species like spruces, maples and white pines should have well-spread fibrous root systems. Well-formed buds mean that the tree will be ready to grow when planted. “You’re looking for overall structure. Don’t worry about small imperfections,

which are simply a part of nature, but do check for rodent damage and significant breakage.”

As for appropriate tree species, Brunet says that, “The South Nation Watershed varies in it’s conditions, but the soil is mostly clay-based, agricultural soil. For this reason, white pine, red maple, sugar maple, oak and black walnut trees tend to do well.” But don’t worry if you’re unsure which species to plant on your property; Brunet says that a good tree nursery will have knowledgeable staff on-hand to guide you.

Brunet also emphasizes the importance of choosing Native or non-invasive trees because, “invasive species can out-compete the native plants and disrupt the local ecosystems.”

“The most important thing for inexperienced tree planters to remember is to take their time,” Brunet advises. “Be gentle with the tree’s structures and ask for help if you’re unsure about something. SNC has a lot of resources on our website, [www.nation.on.ca](http://www.nation.on.ca), and you can reach out to us if you have questions.”



**Planting season**  
Cheyene Brunet, forest technician, SNC, says a good tree is a balanced tree and has some helpful tips this spring for those planting trees.  
Courtesy photo

## Vegetable garden

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depths then cover with the loose soil. Either way, be sure to use a high quality seed for best results.

Finally growing will begin. Each plant will have different harvesting times so it can be good to choose a variety that will allow for vegetables to be ready at each stage of the summer and fall. To give your plants the best chance, weed the garden often so the vegetables don’t get choked out and water whenever necessary. If you’re unsure about water, feel the soil about two inches below the surface or pick up a handful. If the soil is dry or crumbly, water is needed. Also, water plants in the morning or early afternoon for best results.

For a little extra boost, consider using a

quick release fertilizer made for vegetables. Another option for an at-home solution is mixing one tablespoon of epsom salts with one gallon of water; then use the mixture to water the plants.

If you’re still worried about too much or too little watering, consider using vegetables that don’t require too much water maintenance for your first year. Beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, carrots, onions and parsnips are some options that don’t need frequent watering. Other good options for beginners are tomatoes, zucchini squash, peppers, cabbage, bush beans, lettuce and radishes.

Whatever you choose, remember to have some fun and enjoy reaping the rewards of your very own vegetable garden.



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# LAWN & GARDEN

## Keep your lawn healthy with AA Landscaping

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

What started as a small, simple business to help pay his way through high school and summer vacation turned into a successful career path for AA Landscaping owner, Devon Byers.

"I started my own business called Byers Lawn Care Services six years ago at the same time as AA Landscaping and two years ago we created a

partnership," said Byers. "I tried attending post-secondary education and absolutely despised it and quit four months in, worked for Dad a bit which didn't really fit and then I just started working more with this business I already had."

Working with a wide range of clients from 20 years old, all the way to 80 years old, Byers sees a lot of what can happen if you start to neglect your

property.

"I've seen properties that were so neglected that the grass was dried up and nearly scraped away, so we had to come in, seed it and bring it back to life," he said. "Sometimes the rain damages parts of your lawn, revealing rocks. Some weeds can grow and become harder to cut or get rid of."

Other common problems include bald spots in your

grass, dead grass through fungal spores and even animal damage from raccoons, moles and pets.

This time of year, spring clean-up is a common job for Byers and his team to pick up any leaves, sticks or other grit that the previous seasons left behind.

"This is an important step because it gets your lawn ready for further maintenance into the summer months like lawn mowing and tree trimming," he said. "Neglecting this step could lead to some problems, big or small, in the coming months."

While weekly visits to clients are his most common practice, sometimes that isn't always necessary as certain jobs only need maintenance as much as once every month.

"There are some jobs and grass types that don't need weekly visits, and we certainly don't want to waste the client's time and money on unnecessary visits," said Byers. "We can help determine how much maintenance your property needs."

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## Dig for the mole

**AJ Al-Rajab, PhD**  
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Moles can damage lawns, gardens and parks with their extensive network of underground tunnels. Small garden plants may die because of removing the soil surrounding the roots or the diseases spread by a mole's movement. Most moles do not eat plants; they are carnivores and feed on earthworm, slugs, grubs, larvae and insects; consuming up to 90 per cent of their weight everyday. Moles may be beneficial, in addition to consuming soil insects pests, their tunnels and mound building mixes soil nutrients and improve the soil aeration and drainage.

Rodents like field mice and voles use the mole's tunnels to feed on plant roots and avoid their natural predators. The adult mole is distinguished by its small eyes, broad front feet with strong claws to remove soil, has a brown or dark grey fur and measures five to eight inches. Moles are considered as solitary animals, so more likely one or two of them are responsible for the damage to your lawn!

Unlike other wild animals, moles do not hibernate during winter, they are active year round and look for food deep below the frost line. Moles sleep and work in shifts of four hours, and they are more active during quiet periods early in the morning or late in the evening. They cease digging when they feel vibration in the ground from surrounding human activities.

Moles usually mate in spring, having only one litter a year of three to five young, the gestation lasts four to six weeks. The young moles stay with the female in her tunnel for one month and

reach their adult size in less than two months. Then, they start creating their own tunnels in the same area for a few months before moving to a new territory, they may live three to four years.

There are about 30 species of moles worldwide, six of which occur in Canada. In 2008, the Eastern mole (*Scalopus aquaticus*) was assessed as a species of special concern which means it may become threatened or endangered due to a combination of threats and biological characteristics.

### How to get rid of moles?

Mole control is challenging. They dig their tunnels deep roughly 10 to 40 inches underground.

However, physical control using traps is still the most efficient and environmentally friendly solution to getting rid of moles.

The main runways and active tunnels should be located to install the trap in the pathway of moles. Use an open end of the tunnel or walk around and dig in the soil where you feel it is disturbed to install the traps. Different kinds of traps are available in the market such as live traps to catch them alive, or other mechanical traps to kill them, i.e. mice snap trap, the plunger style trap or the tube reusable trap. Ultrasound devices and natural repellents may not be efficient in mole control. However, if the mole infestation persists, it is preferable to hire a professional pest control expert to rid your property of them. Finally, keep your lawn healthy and check it regularly. A healthy lawn with low or no infestation of grubs is less attractive to moles!

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# LAWN & GARDEN

## Compost is part of the circle of life in gardens

The season for fresh fruits and vegetables grown right in the backyard is upon us. Warm weather breathes life into fresh berries, tomatoes, eggplant, cucumbers, and many other delectable fruits and vegetables.

Home gardens can be supplemented with delicious finds from the supermarket or farmer's market, including melons, corn and more.

The bounty of the garden can be made more abundant and fruitful with the addition of the right soil amendments. Compost is a key element of rich, nutritious soil. Scraps from items that have been grown in the garden can then be reused in the production of the compost that feeds that same garden. It's a

continuous circle of garden life.

Getting started with compost is relatively easy. Homeowners should choose an outdoor space near the garden but far away from the home so that it won't be disturbed by kids or animals. Some people opt for an open compost pile, while others choose closed bins to contain the possible smell and to camouflage the compost. A sunny spot will help the compost to develop faster, according to *Good Housekeeping*.

The next step is to start gathering the scraps and materials that will go into the compost. *Better Homes and Gardens* suggests keeping a bucket or bin in the kitchen to accumulate kitchen scraps. Here are

some kitchen-related items that can go into the compost material:

- Eggshells
- Fruit peels
- Vegetable peels and scraps
- Coffee grounds
- Shredded newspaper

In addition to these materials, grass and plant clippings, dry leaves, bark chips, straw, and sawdust from untreated wood can go into the pile. Avoid diseased plants, anything with animal fats, dairy products, and pet feces.

A low-maintenance pile has an equal amount of brown and green plant matter in the compost plus moisture to keep the bacteria growing and eating at the right rate. Aerating the compost occasionally, or turning the bin when



possible, will allow the compost to blend and work together. Compost will take a few months to form completely, says the Planet Natural Research Center. The finished product will

resemble a dark, crumbly soil that smells like fresh earth.

Compost will not only add nutrients to garden soil, but it can also help insulate plants and may prevent

some weed growth. It is a good idea to start a compost pile as a free source of nutrition for plants and a method to reduce food waste in an environmentally sound way.

## Why you need a hammock or hanging chair

Sunny days and warm weather beckon us to the great outdoors. A day spent in the pool or lounging around the patio is a great way to embrace the relaxing spirit of summer. But those who want to go the extra relaxing miles should consider adding a hammock or swinging chair to their backyard oasis.

Hammocks and swinging chairs make great investments. Outdoor enthusiasts can take them on camping trips, and they're equally at home right in the backyard. People on the fence about these symbols of relaxation can consider these benefits of hammocks or swinging chairs.

### Nap comfortably outdoors

Who needs an excuse to catch up on missing sleep? If the time presents itself, the sun and the fresh air can induce a deep sense of relaxation. Lying on a hammock or floating in a hanging chair provides that additional soothing rocking motion that can make a cat nap even more enticing.

### Use it indoors or outdoors

Create a retreat in any corner of your yard or home. A hanging chair can be hung



in the corner of a bedroom to provide a spot to curl up with a good book or rock a baby to sleep. The same chair can be brought to a covered deck or patio so people can swing with the breeze when the weather allows.

### Super stargazing retreat

Hammocks and swinging chairs can make it easier and more comfortable to stargaze at night. With a double hammock or chair,

bring a romantic partner along to snuggle and watch the cosmos. Or teach children about the constellations in the night sky.

### Be inconspicuous among nature

Lying on the ground disturbs the lawn and other outdoor components. Being suspended several inches above the ground in a chair or a hammock can help a person blend in with the natural environment. Birds, small animals and insects may not even know you're there, and that can make them easier to observe.

Everyone can appreciate the opportunity to sit back and relax. Hammocks and swinging chairs can help a person feel lighter than air and recharge in the warm summer air.



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# LAWN & GARDEN

## Things to consider before building a greenhouse

Avid gardeners may be enticed by the idea of a greenhouse that allows them to explore their passion for plants year-round. While it's true that greenhouses afford this luxury, there are important things to consider before erecting a greenhouse in your yard.

Greenhouses require ample time to maintain. Greenhouses are not self-managing; they require heat, water, venting, electricity, and maintenance on the part of gardeners. Individuals need to determine how much time they have to devote to a greenhouse and then consider their options.

Start by choosing the size of the greenhouse. Many experts, like those at the home and garden information site *The Spruce*, suggest getting the largest one you can afford and fit into the yard. It is much easier to fill a large greenhouse than try to expand on a small one later on.

Next, consider whether you want to build the greenhouse from scratch or utilize a prefabricated kit that can make easier work of the job. Kits typically contain all of the materials needed, and are easiest for someone who is a construction novice. Look for "grower greenhouses," which are



all-purpose options with adjustable shelving and space for growing plants full-term.

The next step is deciding where the greenhouse will be located. The goal is to

have a consistent amount of sunlight year-round. A south-facing locale is ideal, and structures should remain north of the greenhouse so they do not cast a shadow on

it. The building, care and technology resource *Popular Mechanics* advises gardening enthusiasts to take into consideration the angle of the sun during all seasons before choosing a location. Doing so ensures that the sun is not obscured in the winter or fall.

Select a spot that also has ample drainage, as you will not want water pooling up along the sides of or underneath the greenhouse. Raise the greenhouse on footings to alleviate flooding concerns.

Consult with a gardening or agriculture expert about the best way to heat the greenhouse. Options abound with electric-, gas- and propane-powered heating sources. Some systems will require venting. You also will need to know what is available and legal in your area. Check to see if you need a building permit for the greenhouse and any accompanying heating elements.

Once the greenhouse is situated, you can begin to add other items, like benches, additional shelving, hooks for tools, and even an automated watering or misting system.

Greenhouses take commitment, but the reward is the chance to enjoy gardening all year long.

### Did you know?

Oxygen is essential for the roots of grass to breathe and grow strong enough to support healthy lawns. But according to the Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, compacted soil can produce a decrease in oxygen content that can make it hard for roots to thrive. Soil compaction can result from a number of activities, including walking on grass or driving or parking vehicles on grass. When soil is compacted, it breaks into small particles that reduce the amount of pore space in the soil. That makes it hard for water, oxygen and nutrients to get through, threatening the strength of the roots and putting the grass in jeopardy. Aerating a lawn can help homeowners foster strong root growth and healthy grass. When to aerate may be contingent upon local climate, so homeowners who suspect the soil in their yards is compacted should consult with a local landscaping professional to determine the best time to aerate their lawns.

### How to bring beneficial bees back

Bees, birds and butterflies play integral roles in pollinating many of the crops humans rely on for sustenance. The National Pollinator Garden Network, through the National Wildlife Federation, recently launched the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, an effort to increase the amount of nectar and pollen food sources as the organization aims to reverse the alarming decline of pollinators such as honeybees, native bees and monarch butterflies.

Many people are afraid of bees because of their propensity to sting. Unlike their wasp and yellow-jacket cousins, honeybees and bumblebees are much more docile and content to hop from bloom to bloom without paying humans any mind. The only time such bees may resort to stinging is if someone inadvertently steps on them.

Bees are beneficial for yards. Gardener's Supply Company says one out of every three bites of food humans take depends on a pollinator. That's because about 150 crops grown in the United States depend on pollinators. Even though there are 4,000 species of native or wild bees in the continental United States, many populations are in decline. According to the Pollinator Partnership, various areas of North America have lost

more than 50 per cent of their managed honeybee colonies in the past 10 years.

Bringing these important pollinators back will take a little work, but it is possible.

- Plants that offer cover can be attractive to bees that desire a respite from the sun and heat. Coleus and other ground cover offerings can be handy.
  - Offer water in shallow dishes, as even bees need a cool drink to stay hydrated.
  - Bees like various plants, so plant more than one species. Some plants that bees tend to like include alyssum, aster, geranium, bee balm, poppies, and clover.
  - When planting, include some native species.
  - Brush piles, dry grasses and dead woods offer nesting areas for bees.
  - The Gardener's Supply Company also says that bees find blue, purple and yellow flowers most appealing. Opt for more of these hues when planning gardens.
  - Above all, avoid using pesticides in the yard. Even organic ones can be toxic to bees and other pollinators, and they may contribute to colony collapse disorder.
- With these techniques in mind, homeowners can attract more bees to their yards and gardens, which can benefit bees and humans alike.

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# A magical evening raises over \$7,000 for CTC

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

AVONMORE – It was certainly a magical evening as the annual Avonmore Ladies Night 2019 was held on Fri., May 10 in North Stormont Place.

In her welcoming remarks, Sophie Branchaud thanked her organizing team and the ladies who were in attendance noting that the event began in 2014, and since then had raised over \$40,000 for various organizations including Baldwin House, Camp Erin, the Stephanie Grady Foundation and Beyond 21. This year, the money raised through ticket prices, a silent auction and a live auction

featuring auctioneer Chad Simmons would be provided to the Children's Treatment Centre (CTC) in Cornwall.

CTC Volunteer Margaret Robinson explained how this organization, which is 100 per cent community funded assists approximately 120 children per year from Cornwall, Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry and Akwesasne. Since 1996 the CTC has provided counselling services to children who have suffered abuse and provide transportation to and from appointments with referrals coming from many community sources including schools, police and medical professionals. An information booklet on the CTC explains that this organization "is a

community based, community supported agency governed by a volunteer board of directors" and is "committed to the prevention and treatment of child abuse."

As the evening progressed there was plenty of opportunity to visit with friends, enjoy a magic show featuring Magician Ryan Lalonde and have a few delicious desserts. In an email the following day, organizer Branchaud reported \$7,804.50 was raised for CTC and mentioned that plans were already underway for the Avonmore Ladies Night 2020. If you are planning to attend, don't waste time getting your ticket as this is



## A successful night of fundraising

\$7,804.50 was raised for The Children's Treatment Centre on Fri., May 10 at the Avonmore Ladies Night. Pictured here are representatives from the CTC with organizer Sophie Branchaud. From the left, Carole Cardinal-Lortie, Margaret Robinson, Robine Sabourin, Manon Tailleur and Branchaud.

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one of the best attended fundraising events in the local area. In post event emails from Nancy Wert and Carrie Currie, they confirmed the impressive history of fundraising for the

last six years at the Avonmore Ladies Night: in 2014, \$7,630 for Stephanie Grady; in 2015, \$7,100 for Beyond 21; in 2016, \$9,780.50 for Open Hands; in 2017, \$11,456 for Camp

Erin; in 2018, \$10,000 for Baldwin House and this year, raising \$7,804.50 for Children's Treatment Centre; for a grand total of \$53,771 raised for local causes in the last six years.



## A chance to socialize

The annual Victorian High Tea at the Morewood Community Centre is meant to give seniors who don't have much mobility these days a chance to get out, see friends and socialize over tea, sandwiches and other little treats. The number of participants has seen an increase from last year and the ladies couldn't stop singing the praises of how much fun everything was. Pictured from the left, Judy Douglas, Debbie Courneyea, Joey Hannaford, Shelly Hutt, Carol McElheran, Laurie Rae and Donna Wallingford all helped organize the event and/or volunteer their time to serve drinks and food to the seniors. Marjorie Van Der Veen was absent from the event due to being in Ireland for vacation.

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## Green takes home first win of the season

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville Women’s Ball Hockey League met for another week of games on Thurs., May 8 at the Chesterville Arena. Green hosted blue in the 7 p.m. game while Yellow welcomed Red in the 8 p.m.

slot.  
**Green 2 Blue 0**

Green played host to Blue in the early game in the Chesterville Women’s Ball Hockey League this Thursday. Neither team could get on the board in the first period and entered the second period still vying for the first goal of the

game. In the second period, Green’s Sara Casselman picked up a penalty at 9:45 until 7:15 but Blue couldn’t take advantage of the shorthanded Greens. Finally, with only 30 seconds remaining, Green’s Jackie Morris found the back of the net with a helper from Karen Edwards to make the score 1-0 going into the final frame.

Blue worked hard to even the score but Green’s defence held them off. At 3:05 of the third period, Alyson Erwin topped up Green’s lead to 2-0, unassisted. As time wound down, Blue wasn’t able to

make a play and Green took the win for this week.

With the win in Green’s goal was Roxanne Crump and suffering the loss in Blue’s goal was Olivia Salmon.

**Yellow 2 Red 5**

Yellow welcomed Red in the late game on Thursday night at the Chesterville Arena. Red came out swinging in the first period, racking up two goals early on at 19:45 from Steph Dafoe with help from Jessica Rutley, and 10:35 by Marlee Grady with two assists by Jessica Rutley and Stephanie Shane. Red took the 2-0 lead into the second period.

Neither team was able to get points on the board in the second period and the 2-0 lead for Red continued into the final frame. Red racked up the points again in the third period, making big plays at 9:30, when Stephanie Shane found the net assisted by Marlee

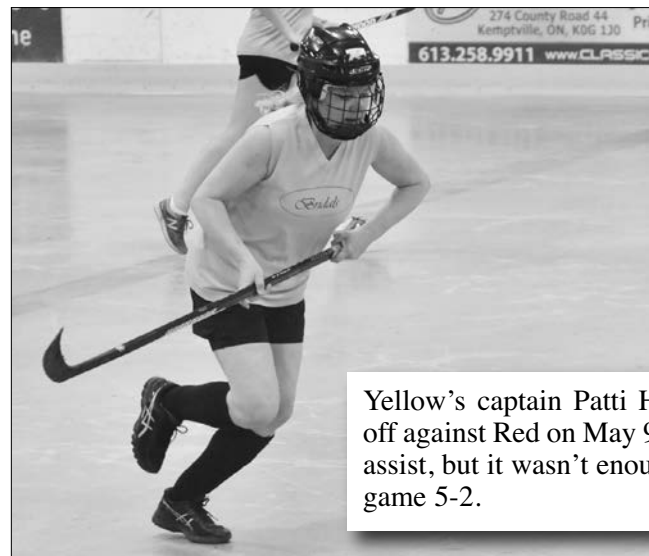
Grady and then Marlee Grady picked up her second of the night at 6:40 with help from Jessica Rutley and Angie Helmer, making the score 4-0.

Yellow made a play for a comeback at 5:00 when Patti Hall sniped one to the back of the net assisted by Sam Benoit and one minute later Rebecca Alves hit the mark with a helper from Sam Benoit and Patti Hall, bringing the score up to 4-2.

It wasn’t enough to go for the win and Red put the final tick on the board at 3:12 by Laura Melenhorst, unassisted. Red, wound down the clock and took the win 5-2. Celebrating the victory in Red’s goal was Cashelle Baldwin and suffering the loss in Yellow’s goal was Lindsay Chambers.

**Up next**

Red will welcome Green on Thurs., May 16 at the Chesterville Arena in the 7 p.m. game while Yellow faces off against Blue at 8 p.m.



Yellow’s captain Patti Hall helped her team face off against Red on May 9, picking up a goal and an assist, but it wasn’t enough to win as Red took the game 5-2.

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Green picked up their first win of the season on Thurs., May 9 in the Chesterville Women’s Ball Hockey League. The team worked together for a 2-0 victory over Blue.

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## Minor Pioneers top Red Sox

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The Winchester Red Sox welcomed the Williamsburg Minor Pioneers to Morgan Field in Winchester on Sun., May 12, for an afternoon match. This was Winchester’s second game of the season and Williamsburg’s first.

**Red Sox 8 Pioneers 10**

In the first inning, the Pioneers started off strong getting Simon Martens on base and later home, thanks to Christian Markell’s hit. The Red Sox couldn’t answer, getting two players on the bags with nowhere to go. The second inning saw goose eggs for both teams as they struggled to get anyone home.

The Red Sox pulled ahead in the third inning when the first two at bat got on base and were sent home after a big home run, allowing all three to cross the final plate. The Pioneers had no answer, going out in four.

The Pioneers made it even in the fourth inning with two runs from Ethan

Nelson and Reid McCadden. The fifth inning was neck and neck after two runs from the Pioneers’ Austin Workman and Bennett Byvelts and the Red Sox answered with their own two in the bottom of the fifth.

In the top of the sixth, the Pioneers pulled ahead, scoring five runs in a row from Ethan Nelson, Christian Markell, Reid McCadden, James Barrie and Emmett Lemire. Despite their best efforts, the Red Sox were held to three by the Pioneers’ defence. The Pioneers took the game 10-8. Pitching for the Pioneers were: Donovan Shaver in the first and second, Emmett Lemire in the third and fourth, and Reid McCadden in the fifth and sixth.

**Up next**

The Williamsburg Minor Pioneers host Kemptville 1 at the J.C. Whitteker Ball Park on Thurs., May 16 at 6:15 p.m. and will travel to Kemptville on Tues., May 21 to meet the Kemptville 1 team at 6:15 p.m.



### On the bend

Number 28, Simon Martens of the Williamsburg Minor Pioneers rounded the bases on Sun., May 12 to get the first run of the game. Martens and the Pioneers went on to win the game 10-8.

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## Cedar Glen Men’s Night

WILLIAMSBURG – The results from the Cedar Glen Men’s Night on Thurs., May 9, were: first low gross A - Kurtis Barkley 36, first low net A - Rick Barkley 35, second low gross A - David Bird 39; closest to the pin - David Bird; first low gross B - Barry Casselman 41, first low net B - Robby Waddell 33, second low gross B - Rick Morrow,

second low net B - Roy Fields 36; longest drive - Kurtis Barkley; first low gross C - Verne McMillan 55; closest to the pin - Kurtis Barkley; first low gross D - Pete Brown 55. Other winners were: A/B skins - Dave Bird three on five and six and Rick Morrow four on four. C/D skins - Tom Sloane four on three, five on five and four on eight and Verne McMillan two on six. 50/50 winner was Stephen McMillan.



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- Use your judgment. Don't get into a car with someone who's been drinking or doing drugs, even if they tell you they're fine. And keep in mind that getting caught driving after having just one drink can be enough to lose your licence.

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## Running through Russell

Kory Glover  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – The 10th anniversary of the annual Russell Run brought in over 100 participants of various ages Sat., May 11 to begin embracing the season of healthy, active living.

On top of a 1.2 km run for the small children around the Russell High School track, there was also a 5 km run around the neighbourhood for the whole crowd to participate in.

“It’s a big community event to get everyone, runners and walkers, outside to run together,” said first time organizer Michelle Leduc. “The 5 km run is for adults but there are also some youth participating, we want as many people as possible to get in the healthy spirit.”

Last year, the previous organizer moved out to British Columbia, which made this year’s event a challenge to put together for Leduc.

“This year’s goal is to just keep [the run] going,” she said.



### Ready, set, go

Approximately 100 runners and walkers came out to participate in the 10th annual Russell Run to help promote the idea of healthy, active living.

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“Keep participation up and going within the community while bringing attention to the benefits of staying active,” volunteer Chris Tuck added.

In previous years, the run has raised money for different causes including the Sports Club and the Russell Run Club but this year, they decided to keep

the theme to awareness to active living.

“Obviously, as this all evolves, we’ll be looking at other opportunities to help raise and donate money to worthy causes,” said Tuck. “But this year, it’s just more laid back for people [to] come out for some exercise.”

The top male finishers in



### A little race

Before the big 5 km run around the Russell neighbourhood, children as young as two-years-old participated in a 1.2 km run around the Russell High School track.

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the 5 km run were; Jacob Hill, 17:51; Tim Huebsch, 18:03 and Owen Johnson, 20:35. The top female finishers in the 5 km run were; Rebecca Greer, 20:46; Junelle McClain, 22:28 and Sarah Fothergill, 24:55.



### And the winners are...

The top finishers in the Russell Run from the left are, Owen Johnson, Jacob Hill, Sarah Fothergill, Junelle McClain and Rebecca Greer. Absent from photo: Tim Huebsch.

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## Konstantine Malakos acclaimed as NDP candidate in GPR

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer  
Villager Staff

NORTH GLENGARRY – Konstantine Malakos was acclaimed as the New Democratic Party (NDP) candidate for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell at a party meeting in Hawkesbury on April 11. Malakos is a first-time candidate for office but has been active as a member of the NDP and in politics since a young age.

He grew up in Peterborough in his family’s restaurant. Malakos recalled fondly that after leaving the hospital as a baby, his family brought him home to the restaurant before actually going home. “I was always around people and came to love people and interacting with them,” he said. Malakos added that his upbringing provided him with a sense of what was fair and a solid understanding of justice.

It was at the age of 16 that Malakos filed as a member of the NDP. He said he wanted to be able to be involved in the decision making process, picking candidates and having a say. As a young boy, Malakos said he would watch debates with his parents and kept tabs on politics. “When I was young, there wasn’t a protest that I wasn’t at,” he said.

His own views aligned strongly with the NDP and Malakos found a home with the party. After leaving Canada for many years to attend post-secondary education in New York City and then staying to be with his partner, Malakos and his husband, Robert, returned to Canada and settled in Montreal.

Once back in Canada Malakos said he was able to get more involved with the NDP, where he was elected to the Rosemount Petite Patrie NDP riding association and then later served as president of the LGBT Commission for two terms.

Malakos and Robert then decided it was time to move away from the urban life and find a home in rural Ontario. “We bought a farm a few years ago [in Ste-Justine-de-Newton] and fell in love with the community,” he said. Malakos added that

he had always held a desire to run for office but wanted to do so when the time was right. Once becoming part of the GPR community, he said the feeling of home and putting down roots meant that opportunity had arrived.

After reaching out to the party to express interest,

extensive paperwork and being vetted by the party, Malakos was approved and announced his intension to seek the bid. That dream became a reality at the April 11 meeting.

Already Malakos has begun door knocking and reaching out to the community. He said the experience has been essential to understanding what issues the residents care the most about. Some of those at the top of his radar include supply management tensions due to trade negotiations, the inaccessibility of expensive medications, protecting seniors and an aging community as well as protecting the environment and social justice.

“It’s important that we listen to our

senior citizens.

At this stage, Malakos said his main priority is meeting as many residents as he can and hearing the issues they feel strongly about. “I want to do the most good for the people in GPR. I believe in the platform and I believe in the party,” Malakos concluded.

Malakos is currently facing off against current MP, Liberal Francis Drouin and Conservative candidate Pierre Lemieux.



Konstantine Malakos  
Courtesy photo



### Planting event adds 310 trees in Alfred Plantagenet

South Nation Conservation (SNC) and partners added another 310 trees to the Eastern Ontario landscape through a planting event in the Township of Alfred Plantagenet on Sat., May 11.

SNC teamed up with youth from the 58e St-Bernard de Fournier Scouts group to refill an existing tree buffer near Curran, Ontario. Local scouts worked together to plant 290 white spruce seedlings and 20 red osier dogwood shrubs, contributing to the area’s forest cover and wildlife habitat. 2019 marks the 12th partnership anniversary between SNC and the 58e St-Bernard de Fournier Scouts. Every spring, SNC offers property owners, organizations, and member municipalities a variety of planting subsidies and programs for idle land, stream banks and buffer strips. Over-the-counter coniferous and deciduous tree sales are also available for smaller orders and are accepted year-round!

In addition to community tree planting events, free tree giveaways are sponsored by organizations that provide free trees to property owners in select locations. Organizations looking to partner on these initiatives can contact SNC. Pictured here, members of the 58e St-Bernard de Fournier Scouts group take a moment to pause for a photo during their day of tree planting.

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# Poutmasters continues to reach new heights

Kory Glover  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – For their 20th outing, the annual Poutmasters Fishing Tournament managed to bring in the largest number of participants in its two-decade run; coming in at 337 participants, catching a grand total of 501 fish over the weekend.

“This year is incredibly exciting because this year, we had the most participants ever,” said Doug Anthony, member of the Kin Club of Russell. “Last year, we had 271 people out, almost 70 more; definitely the best year ever. Last year, we caught 413 fish and this year we caught a whopping 501, very exciting!”

Member of Parliament Francis Drouin and Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux were in attendance Sun., May 12 to share their pleasure of this year’s tournament’s success.

“I just want to thank all the volunteers who spent a countless amount of hours organizing and setting this up for the past 20 years,” said Drouin. “I hope everyone has caught a lot of fish and I hope everyone had a beautiful time with their families.”

Leroux added that “Doug mentioned earlier that we’re rated the third best place to live in all of Canada, and I think if we take into account the people in this community, we would definitely be first. So, congrats to the Kin Club of Russell for another successful event, and to all of the participants who have been here since the beginning.”

The tournament’s organizer and founder, Stephen Hynes-Ion took a few minutes to speak about this year’s event, while also offering a generous prize to someone for a crazy dare.

“Anybody get their feet wet? Anyone have to go back for some socks? Back when we started this thing, we didn’t have cellphones, we had to send somebody up for socks,” he joked. “This is a good moment to think about



## Third best place to live!

Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux spoke to the crowd on the last day of the tournament to congratulate everyone for their participation and a record breaking year.

all the people who have come and gone in our lives, bless them and thank everyone for being here today.”

He continued to mention that he had friends in Prince Edward Island who gave him the challenge of giving away a \$100 worth of lobster. What’s the catch?

“I was thinking the first person to get their feet wet was a good idea but then I thought, ‘why not go all the way,’” said Hynes-Ion. “So, the first person to jump in the river and come up to give Doug [Anthony] a big hug receives a \$100 of lobster in their pocket.”

Many took the challenge and Anthony ended up with a



## Happy Mother’s Day

In honour of the holiday, carnations were handed out to each of the mothers in the audience as a special gift. Glover photos

wet, muddy outline of a hug on his torso, following the laughter and cheers of the crowd. For 20 years, the tournament has brought together the community for one goal of weekend fishing with friends and family, and this year proves that it’s still growing with no intention of slowing down.

The winners of the tournament are as follows: Pro Series; Mike Lamoureux came in first with a fish weighing in at 2.208 kg, Stephane Dicaire came in second with a fish weighing in at 2.090 kg and Shawn Laronde came in third with a fish weighing in at 1.872 kg. Youth Division; Zacarry Belair came in first with a fish weighing in at 624 g, Amanda Gauthier came in second with a fish weighing in at 602 g and Emma Richardson came in third with a fish weighing in at 584 g. Adult Division; Richard Cloutier came in first with a fish weighing in at 598 g, Hailey Denis came in second with a fish weighing in at 594 g and Sylvie Denis came in third with a fish weighing in at 582 g.

# Seniors celebrate the past, look to the future

Kory Glover  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – The +55 Seniors Club Zone held their annual rally Wed., May 8 at the Russell Arena, discussing what has past and what is to come for the rest of 2019.

“There are three seniors’ clubs that belong to one zone including Winchester, Mountain and Russell. Once a year, we get together, as many people who want to come out, to go over the events of the past year [and] hold a memorial for the people who have passed away,” said Elisabeth King, vice president of the zone. “We celebrate the accomplishments of the past year while also creating some resolutions of what we would like to change or bring up to ministers of parliament in the future.”

The biggest accomplishment the zone is celebrating at this rally was getting proper dental care for



## Rallying around good causes

Each year, senior clubs from Russell, Winchester and Mountain gather for a yearly rally to discuss the accomplishments they’re proudest of and what resolutions they would like to see done in the coming year. Pictured from the left: Dorothy Kincaid, secretary of the zone, Deborah McBride, president of the zone and William McDill, president of the Russell +55 Seniors Club. Glover photo

the seniors who only earn a small income. “Seniors 65 and over that only earn a certain income can get dental care and that took quite a few years,” said King.

King continued to explain that all of the clubs within the zone are doing well,

staying out of the red, and using their resources to help fund local charities. “We also go on a lot of trips to

New York, they’re going to Nashville, there’s going to be boat tours. All kinds of big events that happen in all

the clubs to share what different people have done and accomplished,” said King.

Looking into the future, the clubs would like to put more attention on the need for improved healthcare for seniors, trying to acquire one social worker that can be responsible for one person. “We’re trying to get one worker who can be responsible for one person, so that when you go into the hospital, you have a social worker who is going to be aware of everything about you so that they can book

appointments,” she said. “The workers can also keep track of medications, just so that they receive better care in the hospital. A lot of the times, people are getting lost in the cracks. Someone could get surgery and the family could be stuck wondering about rehab and other services.”

Each of the senior groups in the zone came forward with their own resolutions during the rally, explaining what they would want to see accomplished this year. Unfortunately, these resolutions were not made available at press time.

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## - Obituary -

**QUINN,  
Wayne Milton**  
March 27, 1942 -  
May 9, 2019

Passed away peacefully at the Bruyère Hospital at the age of 77. Predeceased by his parents, Milton and Stella (Scharf), and brothers Lyman and Melville.

Survived by children Barry (Diana), Debbie (Ross), Brian and Samantha. Grandfather of Scott, Shannon (Jason), Debb, Shawn and Dean. Sister Marilyn (Roy), brother Lee (Margo) and brother David.

He will be missed by his dear friend Betty and many friends in the community.

Wayne spent most of his career as a long haul truck driver and enjoyed his retirement years in Russell helping his son out on the farm.

Special thanks to the staff at Bruyère Hospital, Palliative Care Unit for their compassionate care.

Respecting his wishes, there will be no service. Inurnment will be at Springhill Cemetery at a future date.

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