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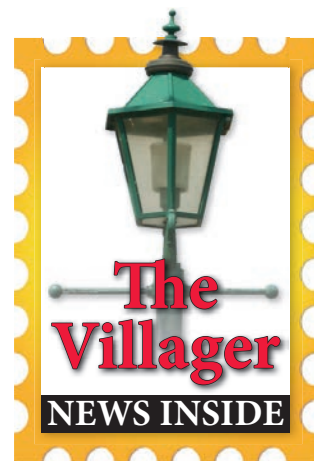
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## Briefly

### Family Fun Day

**MOUNTAIN** - This Sat., May 25, the House of Lazarus is holding a Family Fun Day and Walkathon at Mountain Memorial Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature music, games, giveaways, bouncy castles and face painting. Stop by with your family and partake in the fun!

### BINGO!

**ST. ANDREWS WEST** - The St. Andrews Knights of Columbus are holding a Community Bingo night on Thurs., May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Church Hall in St. Andrews West, to raise funds for the Children's Treatment Centre. Doors open at 6 p.m. Stop in and enjoy an evening of fun in support of a great cause!

### The race is on

**MOOSE CREEK** - On Sat., May 25, The Moose Creek Recreational Association in partnership with Club Optimiste de Moose Creek will host a Duck Race beginning at 1 p.m. Tickets are available at Provost Store, A Touch of Health, or from any REC member at a cost of \$5 per duck. First place duck will be awarded \$250, second place \$150, third place \$100 and the last place duck will win \$25. All proceeds will go to the recreational association.

## Waterfront Market season opener

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

**CHESTERVILLE** - In what has become an annual sign that spring has arrived, the Waterfront Market, formerly known as Chesterville Farmers' Market, opened on Sat., May 18. After an official opening by SDSG MP Guy Lauzon, there was a steady stream of people perusing the items for sale offered by the 14 vendors at the market, with market president Monique Morris commenting there were 20 seasonal vendors committed to the market.

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## Victoria Day Weekend celebrated in style!

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

**CHESTERVILLE** - Hosted by the Chesterville and District Historical Society, the third annual Victoria Day Tea held on May 18 at the Heritage Centre in Chesterville was by all accounts a resounding success, with CDHS President Ashley Harper commenting a post event email to *The Chesterville Record* that an estimated 30 to 40 people attended the Tea.

While enjoying a cup of tea or coffee accompanied by tea sandwiches and delicious desserts, people were able to peruse the CDHS collection. The collection includes artifacts, books, photographs as well as microfilm of *The Chesterville Record* all pertaining to the history of Chesterville, North Dundas and neighbouring municipalities.

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### Open for the season

SDSG MP Guy Lauzon cut the ribbon officially opening the 2019 Waterfront Market in Chesterville and later visited with vendors and residents at the market. From the left, vendor Heather Parent, Louise Arsenault and Lauzon take a few minutes to converse during opening day of the market on May 18.

Thompson Goddard photo

## 100 women care about local projects

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

**MORRISBURG** - Thanks to the dedication of the team behind the 100 Women Who Care South Dundas event Fri., May 3. A total of \$17,500 was raised to help fund local projects that will benefit the South Dundas community.

A total of 10 charities and organizations including the Upper Canada Playhouse, Timothy Christian School and the Matilda Memorial Recreation Committee, applied for funding toward their local projects with only three receiving the requested assistance.

Each of the women involved write a blank cheque of \$100 that will be distributed among the top charities voted on to help. This year, the Morrisburg Waterfront Committee, the Seaway District High School and the

Winchester District Memorial Hospital won funding for their projects.

"The Morrisburg Waterfront Committee won the first prize to install a water fountain in the park. The second prize went to the Seaway District High School who wanted to open a Learning Common Centre and third prize went toward the Winchester District Memorial Hospital to help fund for a new Phototherapy Bilisoft Light," said organizer, Janine Wagemans. "The Morrisburg Waterfront Committee received \$2,500, because that's all they asked for, the school received \$10,000 and Winchester District Memorial Hospital received whatever was left over."

The idea behind the water fountain installation is to install a water bottle filling station and fountain to

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## Public Works stretches budget

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – North Dundas is getting a makeover with a culvert replacement and reinstated sidewalks. Director of Public Works Dan Belleau took the stand in front of council to first request a transfer of \$30,000 from the Bridge and Culvert Reserve Account to replace the culvert on Levere Road. “The culvert that crosses the Municipal Drain on Levere Road was damaged during the spring thaw,” he said. “This culvert is over 30 years old and this project was not included in the 2019 budget. We have installed a steel plate over the top of the culvert to make it safe for traffic and are monitoring it daily.”

Public Works considered this an emergency and have applied with South Nation Conservation for the proper permits to move ahead with the replacement project.

Once the permits have been received, they intend to start work as soon as weather permits.

The council moved to approve the project to replace the culvert, updating the reserve account to reflect both the 2019 budget expenditure of the Marionville culvert for \$75,000 and this recent \$30,000 amendment for the Levere Road culvert. From the opening balance of \$177,483.26 and accounting for these projects, there will be a remaining balance of \$72,483.26 in the reserve.

Belleau also sat in front of the council to discuss the removal and reinstatement of sidewalks throughout the township, despite being \$15,000 over budget; however, after meeting with the contractor at D-Squared Construction Ltd. and discussing the issue, they have decided to work with the township to meet the budget, coming to the tender of

\$117,158.40. “Right now, we’re concentrating on Chesterville,” said Belleau. “In the past, we’ve concentrated on Winchester, South Mountain but this year, the work is mainly in Chesterville.” North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser inquired if the sidewalk connecting where the old *Chesterville Record* building stood and where the new parking lot will be installed will be looked after, “when the light pole is gone, in that spot there... will that be looked after, how are you going to manage that?” he asked.

“We’re looking at that with the parking lot owners to discuss where the lights should go,” Belleau answered. “I’m sure they’re going to want to change the configuration of the sidewalk to drive on instead of having a big lift.” The council agreed to approve this tender and proceed with a budget amendment to transfer \$15,000 from the Brush Head Capital Account to the Capital Sidewalk Account.

## Shopping for free donations

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Sometimes, events like Families Helping Families are needed for small communities like Winchester for more than one reason.

While it gives residents a chance to donate their unwanted or unneeded items around the house including clothes, appliances and toys; it also might also help another person find their treasure.

“We’ve collected some donations from various members of the community,” said organizer Emily Quinto. “[It] gives residents a chance to come in and do some free shopping for anything from clothing to toys.”

Quinto started this event as an organized giveaway, where people could simply drop off anything they no longer wanted or take the opportunity to clean out the clutter from their homes. “This gives people a chance to get rid of anything they no longer want, whether that’s clothes or anything else; people can just come in and take whatever they want or need,” said Quinto. “A lot of people have things just lingering around their house that are just taking up room, so I came up with this idea to help people get rid of what they no longer want or need.”

Quinto held a similar event back in November of last year to help people prepare for the winter season and the upcoming Christmas rush. However, she admitted that, while a decent crowd was attracted to the event, as well as a good number of donations, both the numbers weren’t as high as the November event.

Quinto assumed that the reason for this is because the last event was advertised better, or they simply had the advantage of riding the Christmas season.

On top of the free shopping, there was also a Mother’s Day draw for prizes, as well as a food donation drive.



### Searching for treasures

Despite not reaching the numbers of their November event, a good crowd formed to find their treasure among other people’s donations.

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## Victoria Day Tea

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Harper went on to note that the Victoria Day Tea has become “an annual tradition of the Chesterville and District Historical Society that is meant to bring the community together.” She explained how “it is a way for the public to become more aware of both our organization and our local community,” as well as an opportunity to thank the community for their continued support of the organization. The Heritage Centre will be

open for visitors during the Art on the Waterfront weekend planned for June 1 and 2. Currently the Heritage Centre is open by appointment only and between June and September will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons. The CDHS meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Centre in Chesterville. For more information on the CDHS, which strives to protect, preserve and promote local heritage, please feel free to visit their Facebook page or contact a society member.



### Time for a cuppa

CDHS president Ashley Harper is shown pouring a cup of tea for North Dundas councillor Gary Annable during the Victorian Tea.

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## 100 women care

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improve the area of the Morrisburg Beach, that has seen few improvements over the years. The installation of the station will help keep families hydrated on those scorching hot beach days.

The Seaway District High School wants to update the Learning Commons Room (or the school library) to the standards of today’s learning system from a simple big, empty, under-utilized space. The \$10,000 will go toward funding new computers, updated book collection/reading subscriptions, smart televisions, whiteboards and miscellaneous furniture.

The Winchester District Memorial Hospital states that newborn babies often develop jaundice, a condition where the liver cannot break down the amount of bilirubin in the baby’s bloodstream. A Phototherapy Bilisoft Light is required to treat this condition and without treatment, the newborns can become sick and experience life changing effects, including an effect to the baby’s brain cells.

“This is our fifth year doing this event,” said Wagemans. “We were able to raise a bit more than last year. It started with me and Tracey [Veinotte] and we’ve just become a well-oiled machine. We encourage anyone who wants to contribute to the cause, sign-up at our website [www.womenwhocaresouthdundas.com](http://www.womenwhocaresouthdundas.com).”

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# South Dundas Council votes on post-budget funding requests

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

**MORRISBURG** – Three community groups requested funding during the May 7 council

meeting in South Dundas. Their requests were met with discussion, being so late after council had finalized the annual budget.

The Iroquois Volunteer Firefighters' Association requested \$2,000 to purchase fireworks for the Iroquois Canada Day celebrations. Association

member Ray Hunter, submitted the request while recognizing their late status in the hopes that council would be able to provide any support available. Councillor Mellan and Lewis found that the request, had it been made during budget time, would have been reasonable but at this stage they voted against it. Councillor Wells, deputy mayor Gardner and Mayor Byvelts however, noted that with such a high volume of people in Morrisburg, it would be difficult to accommodate more if Iroquois went without the fireworks. Byvelts confirmed that the group would cover their own expenses and insurance, before suggesting the \$1,900 left to spend for community funding go to the fireworks. The final vote passed three to two.

Matilda Memorial Recreation Committee sought additional financial assistance for the lighting at the baseball diamond in Matilda Memorial Park in Brinston. The municipality had already allocated \$20,000 in dollar for dollar funding upon the group raising the matching funds. Council all agreed that they

wanted to do what was possible to see the project move forward, despite some reservations that the lighting would go unused in future years. Mayor Byvelts suggested to council and staff that the \$25,000 available in the dollar for dollar funding budget be changed from matching funds to an outright donation and that the committee be given the full amount. The other council members agreed. "I think that is a fair partnership with them," said Byvelts.

Finally the Tubie Festival Committee, who works in conjunction with the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce, requested \$1,000 to go toward the winners of the parade and race participants. Council agreed that the prior commitment to land, and insurance, was enough for the partnership. Mayor Byvelts said that the decision was "not a slight to volunteers, we appreciate the work they do."

Earlier in the meeting Chamber of Commerce president Tom Morrow said this is the last year for the Chamber's involvement in events such

as the Tubie Festival. The Chamber has made the decision based on their members' feedback that they would like to see more programming geared toward the members. Morrow said they will be vacating the office space in Morrisburg toward the end of the year. Morrow said he hopes to see a rise in the current 130 memberships after going back to basics.

The students scheduled to be hired for the upcoming tourist season will remain; however, Morrow asked council for help with ideas to cover the rising costs of employee training requirements. Deputy mayor Gardner suggested that more could be done online and with partnerships with chamber members running the same training for summer employees; while councillor (and chamber member) Wells, said he has not seen a rise in membership fees for many years. Surveying members to determine a fair increase could help mitigate costs, Wells added.

More discussions will continue when the chamber has shared their financial breakdowns with council members for review.

## Business in the news

**WINCHESTER** – Local community investors have formed a real estate incubator and accelerator to support the ongoing housing needs in the area. "Invest in the market and community you know best, and you will see the greatest results every day," says Sarah Meharg, local resident and real estate investor. Along with a growing number of locally-based investors, Meharg has been busy meeting with real estate industry businesses to locate a real estate hub at the North Dundas Business Centre.

As North Dundas continues maturing, and is seen as the next "Russell/Embrun" waiting to be developed, the North Dundas Business Centre has become a hub for real estate services, investments, and new construction and development prototyping.

Soon to launch is a video show highlighting local developers and their new projects. Stay tuned for the launch of the pilot episode.

The hub has also launched a sustainable community investment fund which recaptures and redeploys funds in a profitable manner aimed at accelerating our community's ability to finance its growth. The Investment Fund - 100 Families Who Care – a hyper-local

investment fund for the families of North Dundas to direct their investments locally, and to earn returns from their community-based investments is poised to begin investing in the coming months.

100 Families Who Care, will be directed to profitable real estate projects such as infills, multi-family rental apartments, rejuvenating commercial properties and building new subdivisions. Later on, investments will be partnered into municipal infrastructure like building fitness facilities, indoor pools, indoor soccer domes and improving fire and safety services. All of these improvements are the measures by which real estate markets increase in value – which causes a triple net benefit for locals, property owners benefit when their property values increase; jobs are created so people can live and work locally and quality of life improves.

Want to learn more about businesses, startups and new projects in North Dundas? Check out @NDBOnline on Facebook.

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### Looking to the future

Armour Development's president Sarah Meharg reviews the plans for the new rental apartments to be built on Francis Street. Courtesy photo

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By Nation Rise Wind Farm Limited Partnership

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The CLC is intended to be a forum to discuss Project updates, milestones, concerns, issue resolution, and mitigation. CLC members will be asked to act as a liaison facilitating two-way communications between the Project and members of the public to provide updates and seek feedback regarding the Project.

DNV GL will coordinate each CLC meeting. All meeting materials (minutes, presentations, etc.) will be made available for public review on the Project website at <http://nationrisewindfarm.com/>. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Project website in advance of the meeting.

This second CLC meeting is open to the general public for observation. Brief Public Inquiries may be presented by members of the public. Please note that should a significant number of Public Inquiries be received in advance of the meeting, the CLC members and Nation Rise Wind Farm LP will review the inquiries and make a final representative selection for discussion at the CLC meeting. To be considered as a Public Inquiry, a written request must be sent using the Public Inquiry Form located on the Project website. Hard copies of the Public Inquiry Form are also available at the North Stormont Township Offices located at 15 Union Street in Berwick, Ontario. Public Inquiry Forms must be submitted no later than Thursday, May 30, 2019, to the Project email address ([nationrise@edpr.com](mailto:nationrise@edpr.com)). Alternatively, they can be mailed to the following address:

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## Editorial

### Lend a helping, linking hand

Some say a little volunteering can make the world go round, so imagine what a lot more can do. Last week, the House of Lazarus held an open house to show off the inner cogs of their operation, from the food bank to the clothing department, as an attempt to bring on more volunteers.

These days, a lot of people, especially the younger generation, don't or can't see the benefits that can come from volunteering. Not only can volunteering be an impressive addition to your resumé and earn you some Good Samaritan points, but studies have shown that volunteering can be linked toward improving one's mental and physical health.

Anxiety and depression can have an enormous impact on a person's day-to-day life, affecting both their career and personal affairs including relationships, friendships and even family. Volunteering may be a useful tool to add to your arsenal, because when you take away the looming cloud of pay-checks and set hours, and add in the benefits of helping others, meeting new people, and learning new tasks, it takes some of the pressure off.

Volunteering can also be useful for dipping your toe in the workforce. When students are done their stint in high school, a lot of the time they find the need to immediately apply for post-secondary education; even if they're not 100 per cent certain of what they want for their futures. Volunteering can help students understand what they like and dislike doing when it comes to work.

Television might make you think that young adults start to understand who they are during high school but this is often not the case; for many it is only when you finally have to deal with car payments, taxes, student loans, kids and a career that you finally understand where you belong in life.

Volunteering can help you discover a new interest or passion, whether it be helping out at a local care centre or folding clothes at the House of Lazarus.

While some might be nervous to begin volunteering, concerned with adding another item to your already busy plate, remember it could just be the very thing you need to improve physical and mental health or steer you to a better career.

Kory Glover

### UCP summer opening comedy has it all

MORRISBURG – Upper Canada Playhouse opens its summer season with the new comedy *Where You Are*. It features everything audiences like to experience and have come to expect from Morrisburg's popular professional theatre - unforgettable characters, an engaging story and hilarious situations that have audiences laughing well after the final scene while also making witty and poignant observations about those ups and downs of life that are familiar to us all. Running June 6 to 30, *Where You Are* is written by Kristen Da Silva, who Norm Foster calls "one of the brightest new comedic playwrights in all of Canada".

The play is set on Manitoulin Island and centres around Glenda and Suzanne, two sisters who enjoy a peaceful retirement sitting on their porch, selling homemade jam and orchestrating sightings of Patrick, the handsome veterinarian who lives nearby. Today is not an ordinary day, as the sisters are preoccupied with a visit from Suzanne's daughter, Beth, and also a secret they can no longer keep to themselves. When Beth finally arrives, she also has secrets she is keeping from them, and the three women face things that will change their lives and relationships forever. A joint production between Upper Canada Playhouse and Orillia Opera House, *Where You Are* is directed and designed by Orillia Opera House's artistic director, Jesse Collins.

The cast also brings extensive talent and experience to the production and features: Susan Greenfield, Debbie Collins, Kevin Aichelle and Caitlin Driscoll. "The Playhouse has a reputation for bringing some of the country's most talented theatre professionals to Morrisburg," adds artistic director Donnie Bowes. "We're happy to continue doing this with the dynamic company assembled for *Where You Are*." Flex Passes are on sale until June 6 with regular tickets available all season.

## CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

### The play's the thing

Some four years after I met him, I look across at Richard Sheridan Willis and wonder what he's doing here in Eastern Ontario, more specifically in Prescott.

This time, I'm looking across a table at the Red George Pub close to Prescott's St. Lawrence River waterfront where we've both enthusiastically participated in weekly Steak Night which provides an excellent cut smothered in mushrooms and onions, baked potato with sour cream, bun and salad or soup starter, all for \$14.99, with the beef prepared to order on the outdoor barbecue by publican Scott Hubbard.

There's no doubt pub namesake Lt. Col. Red George McDonell who led a contingent across the ice to capture Ogdensburg during the War of 1812, would approve. Steak Night offers the kind of meal that would have fueled soldiers perfectly for that nighttime, mid-winter raid.

As it usually does, our conversation turns to the state of readiness of the 2019 edition of the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival of which Richard is artistic director and I've been a member of the board for the past decade. Rotating on the menu for the July 13-Aug. 17

professional festival, the season of Passion and Panache, is Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* and Edmond Rostand's *Cyrano*, with Richard in the starring role.

That's another regular topic of discussion lately, the state of readiness of the famous nose, Rostand's trademark appendage affixed to his hero traditionally custom built for any stage play. Richard has been fitted for "the nose" and construction is underway by jack-of-all-theatre-trades Zach Council, a festival regular actor who provides choreography and fight direction services on the side. Who knew until now Zach did noses!

Prescott still seems like a modest port of call for a Shakespearean actor raised and trained in the Bard's homeland, a former child star in the U.K. who had sampled many of the challenges and rewards of the theatre before other kids had graduated from elementary school.

Now based in Toronto, Richard first arrived in Prescott after being cast for two seasons to act in the festival. He and wife Heidi Reimer were billeted with me and I got to know them and their two daughters who took to Prescott like ducks to water... literally! Richard and the kids swim in the St. Lawrence at least once a day all season long.

When the position of

artistic director came up, Richard applied. I was stunned: Why would a Shakespearean actor of some stature want to deal with the niggly details of mounting shows as part of what must appear to him as a backwater theatre festival?

Well he did... and he got the job. As it turns out, many seasoned actors would love to run their own show as artistic directors and location doesn't matter as much as credibility of the company, flexibility and board management style.

As Richard informed us, the St. Lawrence Festival was gaining a reputation across the country among professional actors, directors and production crew as a company with tremendous potential based in a welcoming community, staging its shows in a beautiful waterfront amphitheatre. What's not to like?

As it also turned out, Richard was tired of the unpredictable life of an itinerant actor, especially with his young family looking to establish roots. All of them like Prescott so why not give it a shot? Now the Willis-Reimers are contemplating a full move to Prescott if they can find the right house at the right price.

I know I'm biased but I've got to admit we do treat our journeymen actors and crew as visiting celebrities, putting them up



in local homes free of charge, providing bicycles for them to wheel around town, and hosting house parties in their honour including a welcoming reception June 27 at the stately historic home of board member Martin O'Hanlon and wife Sue.

After 16 seasons, when the flock of new and returning actors arrives in town, there's a buzz that comes with them. It's theatre season with all that it entails, not only professional performances but a whole social swirl that, for some of us, makes it difficult to go anywhere else for summer vacation. After all, you can purchase a "Friendship Pass" for 100 bucks permitting unlimited attendance at the two mainstage plays. I do that every season... there are no freebees for board members!

Just when you think it's over, we stage the community play with amateur local actors Aug. 22-24 in the basement hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. This year, it's the semi-sanitized version of *Cabaret*. I didn't audition... I just can't see myself prancing around the stage in black tights.

## NDDHS Report

By Ashley Wheeler  
Student Council Communications

### Brad Larmour wins gold in archery



The fashion show that took place last Wed., May 15, was a huge success! We would like to thank the staff, teachers and our community, for making this show possible. Thanks as well to our lovely models, who donned dresses from Bridals by Almor, Moscatel Boutique and Juliannah's. We also would like to thank Winchester Foodland and Anna Gruich Photography.

Also on Wed., May 15, the archery team represented North Dundas well. The team of Taylor Bazinet, Jason Larmour, Brad Larmour, Jared Wicks and James Drynan, travelled to Toronto to compete in the Ontario High School Invitational Archery Tournament. Brad Larmour, won the gold medal at the tournament. Well done Brad, and the other archers!

The talent show will take place Tues., May 22. We are excited to see what kind of talent ND has!

Last week was busy for our soccer teams, playing games on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. On Mon., May 13, the boys' soccer team tied St. Lawrence, and won against La Citadelle. The girls' soccer teams lost both

games. Thurs., May 16, the boys' team won both games against Tagwi and Holy Trinity, but sadly, the girls' team lost against these schools. On Fri., May 17, the boys continued their victories and won against Seaway, and tied against St Lawrence. The girls improved their plays and tied against St Lawrence and Seaway. Good job to both teams!

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# CCB gets second increase

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

MANOTICK – The Canada Child Benefit (CCB) is a monthly payment that was supposed to help middle and lower class families with the cost of raising children under the age of 18. Unfortunately, with the cost of living constantly increasing in this country, so is the need for more funds to raise our children.

According to a GlobalNews article from last year, it was estimated that raising a child for 18 years would cost the average parent \$257,364, which comes out to \$1,191.50 monthly. That intimidating number comes from expenses that range from food and clothes to extra-curricular activities and school.

So, with excitement in his voice, Families, Children and Social Development Minister Jean-Yves Duclos, during a visit to the Rideau Valley Child Care Centre Wed., May 15, announced that the CCB will be increasing for the second time to help combat the growing expenses of



## Playtime with the kids

Families, Children and Social Development Minister Jean-Yves Duclos visited the Rideau Valley Child Care Centre in Manotick, to spend some quality time with some of the children he works to protect and make an important announcement about the Canada Child Benefit.

Glover photo

living in this country. “The cost of living keeps on increasing and it’s important that the CCB’s value increase over time along with it,” said Duclos. “I’m so pleased to announce, starting on July 20, the third anniversary of the CCB, the benefit will, once again after the second

year in a row, increase with the cost of living certain families have to bear.” In an example provided by Duclos, he explained that if a family, in the Carleton Riding, earned \$50,000 - \$55,000 a year with two children, they are currently receiving about \$700 a month. “Starting on July 20,

that family will receive an additional \$30 a month to pay for extra costs of living,” he said.

In a one-on-one interview with *The Chesterville Record*, Duclos added that while the CCB will be increasing later this summer, the public will not be enduring another tax increase, especially after the blow of last month’s Carbon Tax.

“Families will earn additional, tax-free, CCB starting on July 20,” he said. “The important thing is that this benefit will help middle class and lower income families.” The CCB comes in the form of a tax-free benefit that was originally set at a per year maximum of \$6,400 per child under the age of six and \$5,400 per child between the ages of six and 17. This recent change could increase that to an extra \$143 per child under the age of six and children between six and 17 could get an additional \$121 per child.

The Liberal government has made the CCB a key point in their policies, while Duclos mentioned that the Conservative party, including Minister of Employment and Social Development Pierre

Poilievre, has voted against the benefit. “The previous plan from the previous government which, unfortunately, MP [Pierre] Poilievre and the Conservative party are still in support of, was helping millionaires and rich families [more] than middle class families who could use the support,” he said. “That’s completely unfair. That’s not how you grow the economy, you invest in the middle class families because those other families are doing well on their own.”

Duclos stayed on the path that the CCB continues

to benefit middle and lower class families in ways that are noticeable through different avenues including food banks and schools.

“Whenever I visit food banks, educators and more, they tell me that, after the 20th of the month, they see lunch boxes with better quality food, they see children more relaxed and families less stressed,” said Duclos. “We call this the 20th of the month effect. It just changes our ability to look after our children and investing in our children is absolutely essential in this community.”

# Local playgroup closes after 10 years

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – After five years of entertaining children with visits from Santa Claus, Christmas potlucks, Easter and Halloween parties, the Maple Ridge Playgroup has officially disbanded after the Maple Ridge Centre was sold.

“Originally, my plan was to move the group to a new location, but I’ve run the group for five years in Winchester Springs and another five years when we moved to the Maple Ridge Centre,” said Ruth Vanderland, the playgroup’s organizer. “But then my thoughts were that I didn’t want to be stuck running the group again for another long time. My thoughts were to just not go that avenue.”

Unfortunately, no one else wanted to step up to the challenges of running the playgroup, which led to the difficult choice of calling it quits. Vanderland continued to praise the Maple Ridge Centre being a place of perfection for the children to meet, offering a number of services to improve the experience for the kids.

“Maple Ridge was so good that there was nothing that was going to compare to it,” she said. “We had such a nice room and the gym was open to us which the kids love to play [in].”

Vanderland says that, if the weather cooperates, the group will continue to meet at local parks until the end of the season. “It’s sad but everything comes to an end eventually,” she concluded.



## Everything comes to an end

After ten years of gathering new moms and children in the area for games and fun, the Maple Ridge Playgroup has disbanded after the recent selling of the Maple Ridge Centre.

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# Chili supper and trivia night fundraiser

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

AVONMORE – Looking for an opportunity to increase your general knowledge while enjoying a chili dinner? The opportunity for both is happening May 25 at North Stormont

Place when the Avonmore-Finch-Martintown Pastoral Charge is hosting a Spring Fling Chili Dinner & Trivia Night Fundraiser. AFM planning committee member Annette McRae explained the chili dinner, complete with chili, bun, apple crisp dessert and hot or cold beverage, begins at 5:30 p.m. with “the [trivia] fun” beginning at 7 p.m. She continued Connie Johnson of Russell

Trivia Services will be asking the questions.

McRae mentioned that after attending the recent trivia night fundraiser in Finch for Tagwi Secondary School she “was surprised how much fun it actually was.” She also mentioned there will be a garden themed silent auction during the event, explaining, “as you can imagine, one can take the theme loosely ... for example, one shouldn’t be surprised to see a massage certificate, or an apple pie, or a dog dish and mat ... as well as

plants!”

Advance tickets are \$20 each or at the door for \$25, with the opportunity to join a table or perhaps gather a group of friends and create your own. McRae explained each member of the table accumulating the most points throughout the evening will receive a prize. She added that the event will feature special music trivia questions for which prizes may also be won. For more information you can contact Rev. Lois Gaudet at 613-346-1648.

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# EDP renewables provides construction timetable for Nation Rise project

**Michelle O'Donohue**  
Record Staff

**BERWICK** – On Tues., May 14, North Stormont council saw EDP Renewables present to a packed house of local citizens who came to hear the update on the Nation Rise wind project. Four members of EDP were present for the meeting: Ken Little - associate director of development, Tom LoTurco - director of development, Nathan Roscoe - project manager and Heish Jayaswal - project developer; with Little and LoTurco providing the presentation to council.

In advance of Nation Rise commencing construction, Mayor Wert explained that the question of whether the township has enough checks and balances in place, had been raised by both council and concerned citizens. Council asked EDP to present on this issue, and at the next council meeting (May 28), hired experts will have a chance to respond to EDP's presentation.

At the May 14 meeting, Little began the presentation by providing background information on EDP as a company, followed by the history of the Nation Rise project including the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process. He outlined the various permits that have been sought from the federal, provincial and municipal levels, as well as the conservation authority permits. Little spoke about voiced concerns for water safety, explaining that, "one of the conditions [of the REA] was to do the detailed well survey." He added that a study was completed last fall, and another voluntary study is underway this spring.

Little went on to provide an

estimated timeline for the upcoming turbine construction; with site cleaning and prep already underway, access roads to be started as early as the end of May, work on substation and interconnection facilities as well as underground collection system and turbine foundation work beginning in June, followed by turbine delivery and installation in August, turbine commissioning in October and a goal of commercial operation by December. Little also stated some community benefits the project would bring to the township, most notably the building permit fees and the Community Benefit Fund Agreement (\$300,000 annually). Little completed his presentation by discussing community engagement efforts and the community liaison committee (CLC).

Councillor Douglas asked EDP who was involved in the water sampling to ensure that the township's best interests were looked out for. Little advised that the oversight was done by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). LoTurco added, "that was done by PhD hydrogeologists that work for MECP. They took a fine tooth comb through everything." Douglas also asked EDP if any residents had issues with their water, what their next steps to seek help would be. Little advised that within the conditions of the REA, "there's already outlined some of the steps that would need to be taken if there is a water well complaint." He went on to advise that these conditions require fast action and review of the problem and that there are contingency plans in place.

Councillor Densham inquired whether the turbines would be equipped with fire suppression technology. LoTurco advised that fire suppression technology can pose additional safety risks, and that instead, the turbines will be equipped with "fire detection systems," coupled with "an emergency response plan."

During councillor Villeneuve's remarks, she raised the issue of who would be responsible for decommissioning costs. LoTurco and Little both confirmed that the onus is on the company (the holder of the contract) to pay for decommissioning fees.

Following questions from council, the floor was opened up to citizens present. Several individuals stood to speak with questions ranging from noise complaint procedures to requests for mail out communiques to all residents as well as clear cutting concerns. Wert noted, "I appreciate everybody's patience with this. I know it is a highly emotionally charged process we've gone through. I thank EDP, they came [today] because we asked them." He also stated that there will be answers at the next council meeting to the questions raised. Deputy mayor Laundry stressed the importance of working together, stating "if we're not working together, that's when issues will happen."

The next meeting of the Community Liaison Committee will be on June 4 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Chrysler Community Centre. The public is welcome to attend. Little noted that there are still spaces available on the committee for individuals interested in joining.

# Remembering British Home Children

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

**DUNVEGAN** – Over the years, the stories associated with the British Home Children, a group of almost 130,000 impoverished children from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales who were sent to this country as indentured servants between 1869 and 1948, are beginning to be told and recognized as part of the history of Canada.

On Tues., May 14, members and guests of the Ontario East British Home Child Family gathered at Kenyon Presbyterian Church in Dunvegan to hold their annual dinner and general meeting. They also dedicated a red maple tree, specifically a Morgan red maple, to the memory of BHC George Fleming and all British Home Children. Fleming was grandfather of OEBHCF member Walter Hambleton and his final resting place is located in the church cemetery. Fleming came to Canada as a British Home Child in 1887 when he was just four years old via the Quarrier's Orphan Homes of Scotland.

The dedication, which occurred just prior to the AGM held in the church



## Board of directors

Pictured, from the left, Walter Hambleton, Jim Brownell, Judy Neville, Peter Jack, Tom Brownell, Lynda Jack, Margaret McChesney and Ada Sloan. Absent from photo: Dallas Buchan.

Thompson Goddard photo

hall, is the latest in a series of native red maple trees planted at locations in SDG by OEBHCF members. Judy Neville, president of the OEBHCF, commented to *The Chesterville Record* in a post-event email, the memorial tree planting project began on the first British Home Child Day in Ontario on Sept. 28, 2011, when the first red maple tree "was planted and dedicated at the Aultsville Station at Upper Canada Village" near Morrisburg. Other locations of the BHC memorial maple

trees include McIntosh Park in Berwick, the Nor'Westers & Loyalist Museum in Williamstown and the Lost Villages Museum in Long Sault. She continued that, "the native red maple is the arbor emblem of the OEBHCF," with plans being formulated to plant a tree in the Municipality of North Dundas in future years.

Guest speaker for the AGM was Marjorie Neill who provided information on a BHC trunk once owned by BHC W. Rowley, who had worked on a

family farm. While working with Neville, Neill learned more about Rowley and during her presentation donated the trunk to the OEBHCF in the hopes the organization "will make sure William Rowley is never forgotten."

The evening concluded with the election of a new board of directors which includes Walter Hambleton, Tom Brownell, Peter Jack, Lynda Jack, Jim Brownell, Margaret McChesney, Dallas Buchan, Judy Neville and Ada Sloan.

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# SDG Trade Show offers vendors a place to connect

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT — The SDG Small Business Trade Show held its fourth annual event at the South Stormont municipal building in Long Sault on Sat., May 18.

Organizer, Julie Whalley of Britannia Gifts said each year the show sees about 150 people come through and yet a lot of the appeal is from the vendors themselves. “The vendors

are very supportive of each other. It is a real community of vendors,” said Whalley.

Whalley said there were 18 returning vendors and 12 new. All in all, only two vendors came from out of the local SDG area.

Whalley also has a full-time job working for Canada Homestead but enjoys her small business, building traffic and community and giving vendors a place to

network. “I intend to carry it on as long as people are willing to participate,” she said.

Vendors had a lot of items for visitors to try including some free Father’s Day items, goody bags for the kids and a fundraiser lunch hosted by the South Stormont Foundation. The organization was

responsible for the Ingleside Splash Pad last year and

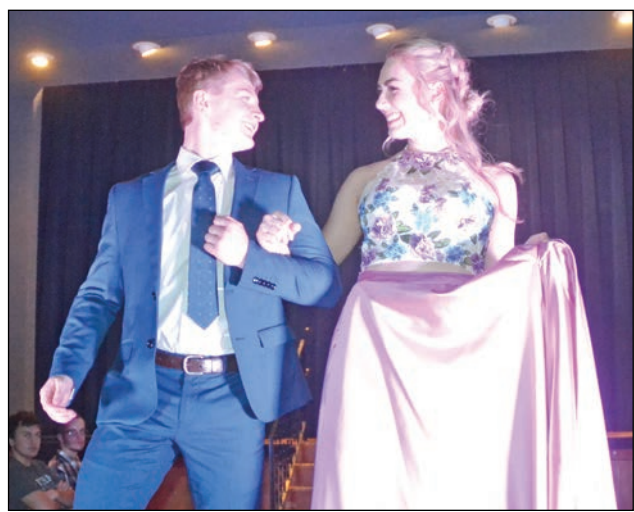
this year the group is working toward equipment upgrades at the RO School. During the show, the Foundation held a pancake breakfast, breakfast sandwich sale and lunches.



## Networking in the community

Township of South Stormont fire prevention officer Nick MacGillivray and fire prevention/public education officer and volunteer firefighter Ty Kinstler manned the booth for the South Stormont Fire Services. From left, MacGillivray, organizer Julie Whalley and Kinstler.

Sawyer Helmer photo



## Feeling fierce

Grade 12 students from North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) took part in an annual tradition on Wed., May 15 when they participated in an afternoon and evening performance of the annual prom fundraiser fashion show. The students practiced during lunch-hours and after school to make sure the event went off without a hitch. Local sponsors included: Moscatel Boutique, Bridals by Al Mor, Julianna’s Bridal, Winchester Foodland, Anna Gruich Photography as well as many private dress owners. The tunes were loud and the poses were fierce on the NDDHS blue carpet. Friends, family and community members all showed their support, turning out for the events.



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# Inside the House of Lazarus

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

**MOUNTAIN** – If you thought the House of Lazarus operation was big before, wait until you see their operation on the inside.

From clothing and sorting to the food bank, Mountain's House of Lazarus wanted to show locals what they do on a regular work day, the different areas associated with their operation and where they need extra volunteers with an open house held on Wed., May 15.

"I don't think we have a set number of volunteers that we need, we just have some volunteer positions we're hoping to fill in each area of the property," said Vicki Cane, House of Lazarus's volunteer coordinator. "We're currently looking for volunteers in the clothing and sorting department. People can help out in the boutique, hanging and sorting clothing and our Green Food Box program, we're looking for people to help pack and drivers."

Cane also mentioned that they're currently looking for someone who can manage and monitor online sales as well as post important notices on social media. "A little bit like a social media manager," she



## Big job for a big operation

Tina Zersch guided participants through the clothing section of the House of Lazarus's operation, explaining that even though volunteers come in on a weekly basis, a lot of clothes continue to be left unsorted.

Glover photo

said. Cane mentioned that, even though the House of Lazarus has brought on approximately 100 volunteers already to help out; that is still not enough to carry the workload coming in everyday.

"It's so big, we have so many wonderful programs and we're constantly pushing forward to help people in our community and that takes a certain kind of manpower," she said.

People interested in volunteering were given a tour of the facility, from the food bank to the backdoor operations of the clothing

department. The participants couldn't believe, that even though the volunteers come in on a weekly basis to do their part, that still leaves bags of clothes in the backrooms that need to be sorted and folded. "We're a big operation and we'll take all the help we can get," said Cane.

The House of Lazarus will be hosting their annual Walkathon and Family Fun Day on Sat., May 25 as well as starting up their Giving Garden program as soon as the season turns to warmer temperatures.

# Waterfront Market

**Continued from the front**

Lauzon stated that he would "encourage the community to support" the Waterfront Market, while enjoying the opportunity to speak with local residents and vendors during a stroll at the market opening.

Will Stephenson, vice president of the Waterfront Market, mentioned there was a community booth at the market, which could be utilized by community organizations and suggested contacting Morris for more information.

There are some special events planned for the market season which runs between May 18 and Oct. 19. Morris mentioned an upcoming special night market to be held on the summer solstice,



## Perusing market stalls

Chesterville resident Caroline Roberts is shown in conversation with local entrepreneur Tom Manley, one of the 14 vendors on hand for the season opener of the Waterfront Market in Chesterville on May 18.

Thompson Goddard photo

June 21 from 5 p.m. until sunset in collaboration with Dan Riitano of The McCloskey Project. She continued the event will be held close to McCloskey's and will feature live

entertainment, vendors and local brewers. For more information on the Waterfront Market please visit their Facebook page or drop by the market on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.



## Over \$7,000 raised for CTC by 2019 Avonmore Ladies Night

There was a glow of thankfulness and happiness at the Children's Treatment Centre in Cornwall on Thurs., May 16 when Sophie Branchaud, organizing chair of the 2019 Ladies Night held at North Stormont Place in Avonmore on May 10, presented representatives of the CTC with \$7,804.50, which was raised at the event. CTC board member Carole Cardinal-Lorte commented on behalf of the board of directors: "we thank the 2019 Ladies Night Avonmore for their generous contribution, and it was a great night!" Pictured from the left, Robine Sabourin, Sophie Branchaud, Carole Cardinal-Lorte and Margaret Robinson.

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### Table decorating champions

The South Stormont Community Hall in Long Sault rocked and rolled during the fundraising Talent Show hosted by Friendly Circle Seniors Club on Fri., May 11. Entertainers had their performances judged by the crowd, with the entertainers returning the favour by deciding the winners of the table decorating challenge. As the evening drew to a close and the silent auction closed, there was an air of anticipation as the votes for best entertainer were counted, with Kevin Rivette taking top honours followed by Marc Rivette and John Mondoux coming in second and third places respectively. Winners of the table decorating challenge were The Farmers, followed by an Irish themed table coming in second and in third place the table sporting the Hawaiian theme. Pictured here, the table decorating winners, The Farmers, front, from the left, Elaine McIntyre, Ann McMillan, Lucy Broome and Joe Hartle. Back, from the left, Linda Warner, Lilly Beckstead, Doug Broome Dwayne Beckstead and Jack Warner. Thompson Goddard photo

## Council receives Highway 138 update

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Correspondent

LONG SAULT – South Stormont municipal council met on May 8 at the council chambers in Long Sault; they heard from Angelo Renon from Stantec and Gizelle Cotton from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation who provided an update on Highway 138 commuter parking.

During his presentation, Renon explained two sites were identified during a recent study concerning improvement on Highway 138, between the 401 and the 417

conducted over the past couple of years. An online public information centre concerning parking lot alternatives and design began in December 2018 and concluded in January of this year. Council was able to view the chosen plans for the two commuter parking lots that included standard parking spaces as well as a bus lane.

Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2019 after a design and construction report, with a 30-day public review period to take place later this spring.



### Singing a song for Canadian Cancer Society

Just under 30 people attended Sing It! held at Christ Church United in Chesterville on May 18. According to organizer Amanda Burger, co-owner of the Victoria Street Café in McCloskey's and member of A Bunch of People Arts & Events, the event was a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society with the monies raised for use in SDG and GPR. Burger went on to explain that the participants would be divided into three groups led by Liz Barton, Margaret Whisselle and Kayla Droppo and after some practice would re-assemble to record the two pieces selected, "We are the Champions" and "We will rock you" made famous by Queen. She explained the pieces chosen were indicative of "the strength and perseverance of those touched by cancer." The video would be uploaded to YouTube with the opportunity to donate to the Canadian Cancer Society provided. While the event was originally scheduled to be held at McCloskey's, a power outage necessitated the change of venue to Christ Church United. Burger explained when it became apparent the location had to be changed for the event, both The Gathering House and Christ Church United offered to host the event and wished to thank both organizations for their kind offers, with the incredible acoustics at CCU being a determining factor on the location for the event. She expressed her heart felt thanks to Dan Riitano of the McCloskey Project, for his support in this and other events. Burger mentioned an upcoming event, Schools Out Silly Walk Parade, is scheduled for June 29 and is in the planning stages with more information to come soon. Thompson Goddard photo



### Holding down the fort

Due to the under performing weather conditions, the opening of the second annual Winchester Market was met with vendor cancellations, all except one. Rob Harsh of Harsh by Nature Farm still set up shop across from Winchester's Cup of Jo's, saying that, while the morning did give him a little rush of customers, the weather was largely keeping everyone inside. Glover photo



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## A week of shutouts for Red and Blue

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE — Teams met up for another week of games at the Chesterville Arena in the Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League on Thurs., May 16.

### Green 0 Red 1

Green welcomed Red in the early game of the evening at 7 p.m. Green was coming off their first win last week against Blue and was looking to continue their success.

The game got off to a slow start without either team being able to find the back of the net and both defences playing strong games.

Red finally got on the board in the third period at 12:00 when Jessica Rutley found her mark with helpers from Marlee Grady and Theresa Schoones. Rutley's

goal was the one and only of the night making it a 1-0 victory for Red.

Taking home the win in Red's goal was Cashelle Baldwin and suffering the loss in Green's goal was Roxanne Crump.

### Blue 4 Yellow 0

Blue played host to Yellow in the late game at 8 p.m. Blue had been dominating this season but suffered a loss last week to Green and aimed to redeem themselves.

Blue got the ball rolling in the first period when Rebecca Kennedy lit the lamp at 4:20 from Kara Bartholomew and Kelly Francis. Yellow couldn't make it even before the buzzer brought the teams into the second period.

Blue made the big plays again in the second period, first at 14:00 with Kennedy's second of the night from Lindsay Cummins and Bartholomew;

then at 2:00 when Kalia Beckstead sniped one home from Leigh Ann Dearing and Francis. Blue took the 3-0 lead into the third period.

Yellow just couldn't get past Blue's defences and Blue put the icing on the cake at 7:10 when Bartholomew scored with assists from Backstead and Laura Rushford. Yellow wasn't able to get on the board before the final buzzer making the score, 4-0 for Blue.

With the shutout in Blue's goal was Olivia Salmon.

### Up next

On Thurs., May 23, the Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League will meet for another round of games at the Chesterville Arena. In the early slot, Red will take on Blue at 7 p.m., followed by Yellow welcoming Green in the 8 p.m. late game.

## Kurtis Barkley ranks third in U.S. Disabled Open

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Local golfer, Kurtis Barkley competed in the U.S. Disabled Open in Richmond Virginia last week from May 14 to 15. This was Barkley's first ever world ranking event. Despite not having much time on the grounds this year due to the cool, wet weather in the area, Barkley finished in third place overall and is scheduled to head to the Czech Republic in late June for the next tournament.

Barkley said, "I was happy with my finish considering it was my seventh and eighth rounds of the year." He added that he would have liked to have a better short game around the greens but would have needed more time to familiarize himself with the playing grounds. When heading to the Czech Republic, Barkley said he will be heading there a few days prior to get familiar with the grounds.

Until then, Barkley will continue his normal schedule playing in a number of tournaments throughout the Ottawa Valley and will put in the hours to improve his short game and putting.

The top three standings at the U.S. Disabled Open included Barkley among three pro golfers, Christopher Biggins and Chad Pfeifer in first, and Barkley and Kenny Bontz in third with a total gross of 148.

Barkley said he wouldn't have been able to do it without the support of Marissa Imire, who helped with all the driving and scheduling while Barkley focused on the game.



Kurtis Barkley (left) accepts third place in the U.S. Disabled Open held in Richmond, Virginia last week along with fellow third place Kenny Bontz. Courtesy photo

## Junior Pioneers fall to Red Sox in season opener

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Junior Pioneers held their season opener against the South Ottawa Red Sox last week, and met the Glebe Junior Canadian Blue Giants for their second of the season.

### Pioneers 8 Blue Giants 15

The Blue Giants opened the first inning with two runs. The Pioneers were hot out of the gate and answered with five runs in the bottom of the first, from Dawson Coleman, Cam Shaver, Dryden Butter, Brady Barrie and Hudson Fetterly.

Despite the good start, the

Pioneers couldn't get past the Blue Giants' defences in the second, third and fourth innings, not able to make any runs compared to the Blue Giants' eight.

The Blue Giants made another five runs in the top of the fifth, making the win too far out of reach for the Pioneers. Even so, the Pioneers were able to rack up another three runs before the end of the game from Alex Larocque, Caleb Machan and Devon Honders.

The Blue Giants took the game 15-8. Pitching for the Pioneers were Cam Shaver in the first, second and third, Brady Barrie in the fourth

and James Martens in the fifth.

### Pioneers 9 Red Sox 17

The Red Sox opened the first inning with one run. The Pioneers matched the inning with a run from Chloe Young.

The Red Sox came out swinging in the second inning and managed to pack on five runs. The Pioneers answered the call and mirrored the Red Sox for five runs of their own from Marty McCleod, Devon Honders, Dryden Butter, Alek Larocque and Cam Shaver.

The Red Sox pulled ahead once again in the top of the third with three runs; while

the Pioneers were held to one from Mason Hummer.

The Red Sox increased their lead in the fourth by another five runs and held the Pioneers off the board completely. In the top of the fifth, the Red Sox topped off the game with three runs. The Pioneers were able to get a couple more runs on the board from Brady Barrie and James Martins but it wasn't enough to close the gap. The Red Sox took the game 17-9.

Pitching for the Pioneers were Butter in the first and second, Shaver in the third, Barrie in the fourth and Dawson Coleman in the fifth.

## Until next season, Rockets

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The North Dundas Rockets hockey team trained and fought hard these past few months and, while they didn't quite reach the gold, they still had a lot to celebrate from their latest season.

"Last year, we managed to make it to the finals but lost in game seven," said Kent Young, owner of the North Dundas Rockets. "This year, we only made it to the second round. You know, we just caught some bad breaks, some misfortune but we'll just have to try harder next year."

The team held their annual end of the season banquet Sat., May. 18 at the Chesterville Legion, to bring together the players, their families, friends and sponsors to celebrate the biggest accomplishments of the past season.

"For the banquet, we like to involve our sponsors and volunteers to show our appreciation for all their hard work and the money they donate," said Young.

During the night, other than anticipating the hot roast beef dinner, the crowd was eager to find out who the recipients were for this year's awards. The awards ceremony was meant to honour the players who showed the most improvement, best defense, most sportsmanship and much more.

The full list of this year's trophy and plaque recipients are as follows: Most Improved Player: William Watson; Top Scorer: Justin Lefebvre (33 goals, 41 assists); Most Outstanding Forward: Connor Roth; Coaches Award: Pierce Egan; Top Volunteer or Executive: Melissa Elliot; Music Technician Thank You: James Forrester; Equipment Manager Thank You: Duane Young; Trainers Thank You: Andre Tondreau; Rookie of the Year: Dylan Robinson; Rockets Resolution Award: Hugo Lusignan; Most

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### Most Improved Player

William Watson was recognized as this year's player who has shown the most progress and improvement over the course of the season. Also pictured: Tammy Sadler.

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### Top Scorer

With 33 goals and 41 assists under his belt for the entire season, Justin Lefebvre was recognized as this year's top scorer. Also pictured: Duane Young.

## Cedar Glen Men's Night

WILLIAMSBURG – The results from the Cedar Glen Men's Night on Thurs., May 16, were: first low gross A - Dave Bird 39, first low net A - Shawn Lapier 34; closest to the pin - Dave Bird; first low gross B - Billy DeJong 41, first low net B - Vince Cousineau 36, second low gross B - Larry Harper 46, second low net B - Brian Ball 38; longest drive - Brandon Cousineau; first low gross C - Shaler Hill 44, first low net C - David Hutt 34, second low gross C - Andrew Byvelds 47, second low net C - Peter Elliot 38; closest to the pin - Larry Harper; first low gross D - Kevin Osborne 58. Other winners were: A/B skins - Brandon Cousineau three on 13, Dave Bird two on 15 and four on 16, Wayne Markell three on 17. C/D skins - Shaler Hill four on 11, Andrew Byvelds four on 12, Peter Elliot four on 15. 50/50 winner was Dillon Lapier.





# Yan Bussière and Shane Pecore, big winners at CMS

**Martin Bélanger**  
Special to the Record  
CORNWALL

Motor Speedway started with a big night with the Canadian Nationals Modified Series and Race for the Cure Sportsman Series plus the Weekend Warriors Pro-Stock Series sponsored by Gerdau Ameristeel. It has been a very long and hard winter and everyone was anxious to get racing, especially the Cornwall Motor Speedway management who were very excited to open their doors on Sun.,

May 19 with a season opener that will mark the 50th year of racing at the quarter mile track.

JF Corriveau led the way in the 100-lap Fat Les Chip Stand Canadian Nationals when Mathieu Laramee landed on his roof on lap 1. On the restart, Corriveau remained in the lead as Yan Bussière was in second and Corey Wheeler in third. While Corriveau was in the lead a good battle for third was taking place with Steve Bernard and Wheeler as Bernard had the edge with

20 laps in the books. Corriveau did a good job in front while in lap traffic. Corriveau got surprised by Bussière in the backstretch on lap 52 and Wheeler was on the heels of Corriveau for several laps. Both Corriveau and Bussière battled for the lead as Bussière had the advantage with 25 laps to go. Bussière led the way as David Hebert challenged Whitteker for third with 10 laps to go. Bussière led the final portion to get his biggest win at Cornwall over Corriveau et Whitteker. Moise Page took the

lead in the Race for the Cure Sportsman Series feature with Robert Delormier and Jason Shipclark in third. Page still in the lead as many changes took place behind him, as Justin Lalancette made his way to third by lap 25. The red flag waved on the following lap as Ricky Thompson landed on his roof. Page was in trouble as a lap 46 restart was beneficial for Lalancette as he took the lead over from Page with Shane Pecore running in third. Lalancette led the way but Pecore was on his back bumper while Page was in third. Page had

handling issues and Ryan Stabler took third with 75 laps completed. Pecore made the move on Lalancette on lap 76 and got the lead over Lalancette. Pecore started to pull away from the field as Lalancette got challenged from Stabler and Kurtis Cayer. Lalancette broke something on his car and gave away his spot on lap 88. Pecore never looked back and got the feature win over Stabler and Cayer completing the podium.

A very entertaining Weekend Warriors Pro-Stock feature as Dave Bissonnette led the way but got passed by CD Beauchamp on lap 3.

Beauchamp had company in Rock Aubin at the halfway point while both drivers ran side by side for several laps, they got together in the backstretch on lap 17 and Beauchamp had to go to rear. Lebrun led the final laps and got the win.

Nicholas Lamarche won the Weekend Warriors Mini-Stock feature, his first career win.

Join us next week as the Lightning Sprints will be in town next Sunday along with a complete program. For more information on the upcoming season at Cornwall, please visit [www.cornwallspeedway.com](http://www.cornwallspeedway.com).

## Rockets banquet

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Sportsmanlike Player: Brodie Barkley; Top Defenseman: Matt Cowley; Best Defensive Forward: Bradley Stitt; Playoffs MVP: Connor Roth and Regular Season MVP: Bradley Stitt.

Near the end of the ceremony, players Connor Roth, Matt Crowley, Riley Tondreau and Bradley Stitt were honoured and given a heartfelt goodbye as this was their last season due to aging out.

"I want to thank all of our sponsors for coming out, along with the parents, we really appreciate it," said emcee and general manager Rob Sadler, ending the ceremony. "Best of luck to everyone, we look forward to seeing you back next year."

Check back next week for more photos of award winners: Rockets Resolution Award, Most Sportsmanlike Player, Top Defenseman, Best Defensive Forward, Playoffs MVP, Regular Season MVP and graduating players.

## Minor Pioneers go 2-0 in 2019 season so far

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Minor Pioneers played their second game last week on Thurs., May 16 against Kemptville 1. The Pioneers are now 2-0 in their season and despite several walks during the game, there were well hit balls from Ethan Nelson, Emmett Lemire, Reed McCadden and Christian Markell.

### Williamsburg 18 Kemptville 1 6

The Williamsburg Minor Pioneers welcomed the Kemptville 1 team to J.C. Whitteker Park on Thursday for a

few innings of baseball.

Kemptville opened the game with five big runs in the top of the first but the Pioneers answered with five of their own from Emmett Lemire, Carter Froats, Donovan Shaver, Austin Workman and Ethan Nelson.

Kemptville couldn't continue their scoring in the second inning, stunted by the Pioneers' defence. The Pioneers were able to get on base and round up another three runs in the bottom of the second by Simon Martens, James Barrie and Lemire.

Once again, the Pioneers held off Kemptville's attempts leaving them

without any runs in the third, while the Pioneers raked in another five from Nelson, Callam Larocque, McCadden, Bennett Byvelts and Martens.

In the top of the fourth, Kemptville was able to get one run past the Pioneers but it wasn't enough as the Pioneers added yet another five runs to the board from Lemire, Froats, Markell, Shaver and Workman.

The Pioneers took the game with a final score of 18-6. Pitching for the Pioneers were Nelson in the first, Shaver in the second and third, followed by Lemire in the fourth and fifth.



### Most Outstanding Forward

Racking up a total of 107 points over the course of 48 games, Connor Roth was an easy choice for the recipient of the Most Outstanding Forward award. Also pictured: Colleen Young.

Glover photos



### Coaches Award

For always putting his team first with an approachable attitude and showing constant hard work on the ice, Pierce Egan (centre) was the winner of this year's Coaches Award. Also pictured from the left, coaches Nik Paas and Lenard McLean.



### Top Volunteer or Executive

Melissa Elliot was the recipient of this year's Top Volunteer or Executive Award for her dedication toward the North Dundas Rockets. Also pictured from the left, Pete van Kessel Jr. and Pauline van Kessel.



### Music Technician Thank You!

The Rockets gave a big thank you to James Forrester (right) who operated as the team's music technician. Also pictured: North Dundas Rockets owner Kent Young.



### Equipment Manager Thank You!

Duane Young (right) was honoured for his work as the Rockets' equipment manager. Also pictured: Kent Young.



### Trainer Thank You!

Andre Tondreau (left) was given a big thanks for his work as the Rockets' trainer. Also pictured: Kent Young.



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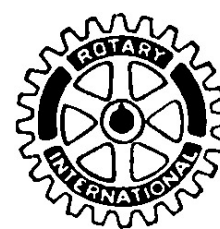
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## Government of Canada improves accessibility for Canadians with disabilities

FOURNIER – On Fri., May 10, Francis Drouin, Member of Parliament for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, on behalf of the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility, announced that the Nation Municipality Corporation in Fournier has received financial support of \$88,485 through the small projects component of the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF).

This support will allow to build 3 exterior ramps and 3 accessible bathrooms, to enlarge doors, and to install automatic doors openers. This will improve accessibility for Canadians with disabilities.

With programs such as the EAF, the Government of Canada is breaking down the barriers that prevent persons with disabilities from fully participating in all aspects of Canadian society, ensuring that

everyone has equal access and equal opportunity. Through the 2018 EAF call for proposals for small projects, eligible organizations could apply for project funding for up to \$100,000 per project under two funding streams: Community Accessibility and Workplace Accessibility.

The Workplace Accessibility stream gives eligible organizations across Canada funding for projects that improve accessibility and safety for persons with disabilities through renovations, retrofits or construction of workplaces, including the provision of accessible information and technologies for work use.

The Community Accessibility stream provides funding for projects that help improve accessibility and safety through renovations,

retrofits or construction of community facilities and venues so that programs and services can be accessed by persons with disabilities. This includes the provision of information and communication technologies for community use that eliminate systemic accessibility barriers.

Providing support to help persons with disabilities access their communities and workplaces is a key part of the government's plan to create a more inclusive and accessible Canada. By tabling the proposed *Accessible Canada Act* in 2018, the government is taking concrete steps toward the realization of a barrier-free Canada where all Canadians have the same rights and opportunities to contribute to society. "Today's announcement is another example of what our government is doing to help



### Moving toward greater accessibility

On Fri., May 10, GPR MP Francis Drouin announced an investment of \$88,485 for the Nation Municipality Corporation in Fournier. Pictured here, from the left, Marie-Noëlle Lanthier, councillor of ward 1; Drouin; François St-Amour, mayor of The Nation Municipality and Marc Legault, director of Public Works.

Courtesy photo

Canadians with disabilities gain access and contribute to their workplaces and communities. This funding will have a tremendous

impact on persons with disabilities in our community. I want to thank all participating organizations for applying

for funding that will help to make our public spaces and workplaces more inclusive for all Canadians." said Drouin.

## Learning about the 2019 budget

Kory Glover  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL TOWNSHIP – A township's budget can often be confusing to understand, trying to figure out how the money should be distributed throughout the township, how much taxes have increased and how developments receive funding.

Luckily, Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux held a live Q&A on Facebook to answer any questions locals may have about this year's budget.

One of the first topics that Leroux brought to the public's attention was the myth that simply raising peoples' taxes can get big projects approved and completed like flicking a light switch.

"One of the questions that I like to ask residents when talking about taxes is, 'if we were to raise taxes by one per cent in the municipality, how much revenue does

that actually generate for the public?," he said during the livestream. "I've heard some crazy numbers out there but the reality is that one per cent in 2019 is roughly equivalent to \$115,000. If somebody says that they want to build a sports complex, that's a \$30 to \$50-million project, so you can understand that it's not as easy as flicking a switch to get the project done."

From the livestream, Leroux mentioned that the township's taxes have gone up roughly by 1.5 per cent since 2016 and for 2019, they've increased by two per cent. However, he explained what this increase could mean for the average home.

"A municipal taxation of two per cent, with the average household [of] approximately \$330,000 in assessment value, you'll roughly see an increase of \$32.29. Honestly, that is roughly a couple large coffees a month, that is the reality,"

he said. "As I said, one per cent is roughly \$115,000, so we're actually getting \$230,000 out of this. It's not a huge revenue generation for the township."

Leroux was excited to announce an improvement to Russell Township compared to the other seven municipalities in the area involving residential tax rates.

"A chart that I love to see is the Prescott-Russell residential tax rates, which lists all of the eight municipalities

in all of the area and it shows what the taxes are per \$100,000," he said. "So per \$100,000, Russell Township is actually the second lowest in all of the United Counties. For the value of \$100,000, we're paying \$498 in taxation, whereas you have a municipality that's over \$1,000 and double the amount of taxes."

If you want to see the live stream in its entirety to see if your questions were answered, you can watch it on the Russell Township's official Facebook page.

## RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen  
Student Reporter

### RHS shines at PRSSAA track and field meet



Hey everyone, hope all of you had a great long weekend! We have a lot of sports announcements and results so here we go. First, we hosted a girls' softball tournament at the Russell ball diamond last week! With two home games, our T-Wolves had one win and one loss. With girls' softball going, boys' baseball is getting started too. Their first tournament has been rescheduled for May 28 at Patenaude Field in Embrun. Girls' playoffs are in Embrun next week as well, the 27. Good luck to both teams!

In addition to softball and baseball, track and field meets have been up and "running" as well. May 14 was PRSSAA and wow, we got some results!

To start off, our T-Wolves were on a winning streak with many wins. Six of our T-Wolves were in Ottawa and they picked up 10 first place finishes! We have some amazing performers, such as Cassidy Porteous, she placed first in the midget girls 300 m hurdle; Abby Sinden placed second in senior girls' high jump; Daniel Kreft set two more records for our school: first in the junior boys' 100 m hurdle with a time of 15.49 seconds and another gold in the junior boys' 300 m hurdle with a time of 44.58 seconds. He also placed second in the junior boys' 400 m. Owen Johnson also finished first in 3 events and set one new record: Owen had a time of 45.71 seconds in the midget boys' 300 m

hurdle. Jacob Hill also set a school record with first place in the midget boys' 3,000 m with a time of 10 minutes and 12.98 seconds. He also got first in the midget boys' 1,500 m. Finally, Teagan Williams got two first place finishes in the midget boys' 100 m and 200 m. What amazing results! Go T-Wolves and good luck at the EOSSAA Track and Field Championships!

Now it's getting to the end of the school year which means the dreaded exams are coming up. Exam schedules are posted in the school and if you would like a paper copy of it, ask one of our staff members for one. Exams will take place between June 21 and June 26. Good luck to our Grade 9 T-Wolves! Have another great week!

To find more results from both Prescott-Russell and Stormont Dundas and Glengarry students heading to EOSSAA, go to <https://ottawalions.com/results/2019-results/>.

## Ontario Government nominates critical infrastructure projects for GPR

GPR – The Government of Ontario is making infrastructure investments to create jobs and grow the economy while protecting what matters most to hardworking families and businesses in GPR. The following projects were approved by the province for funding:

- Township of East Hawkesbury - Grande Montee Road reconstruction- final phase - estimated total eligible cost: \$1,550,000\*
- United Counties of

Prescott & Russell - Reconstruction of St-Isidore Culvert - estimated total eligible cost: \$700,000\*

• Township of North Glengarry - Creek Road Bridge Replacement - estimated total eligible cost: \$2,070,000\*

\*Total eligible costs will be split between the federal, provincial and municipal government.

The projects are now awaiting approval by the federal government. Earlier this spring, Ontario's Minister of

Infrastructure, Monte McNaughton, launched the \$30-billion integrated bilateral Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. Minister McNaughton has been working closely with Ontario's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Ernie Hardeman, on the \$500-million Rural and Northern stream of this program. Projects, including those listed above, are the first to be nominated under this stream.



# Shrubs, flowers, hot commodities at annual plant sale

**Tom Van Dusen**  
Villager Contributor

RUSSELL – Start time Saturday for the annual Russell & District Horticultural Society plant sale was set for 8 a.m.... but the green thumb crowd was already fanning out across MacDougall Park starting at 7:30 a.m. looking for garden enhancements at a reasonable price.

Located in Russell Village, MacDougall Park is one of the horticultural society's pet projects; not only do members maintain the garden there but they financed construction of the dry stone bridge crossing the ravine. As part of the society's 100th anniversary celebrations this year, "Afternoon in the Garden at MacDougall Park" will be presented June 22.

The sale theme was "Take home something green" and enthusiastic shoppers did just that, snapping up most of the plants on display before the noon cutoff, said sale coordinator Lindley McPhail, as she dealt with a line-up of shoppers paying for their purchases.

Knowledgeable society members were on hand to provide advice on what plants would be likely to do best in what locations. They also explained the 100th anniversary "Rudi the Rubeckia" contest whereby a metal sculpture of the plant commonly known as black-eyed Susan will be travelling the area waiting to be spotted by residents who could win it simply by emailing the key word and even a selfie to rudi@russellgardeners.ca.

Not only were decorative flowering plants supplied from members' gardens for sale, but students were offering vegetable plants and the Trees for Tomorrow group had potted trees and shrubs for sale at \$2 a container.

Trees for Tomorrow's Dr. Steve Mihok sold more than 100 one-year old seedlings grown in his backyard from seed collected from various sources, all producing edible berries for people and birds, including three types of serviceberries, Saskatoon berries, and chokecherries. A portion of the money was donated to the society and the remainder will go toward Trees for Tomorrow projects.

Mihok said he was a little surprised at how popular the trees and shrubs were with gardeners who wanted something native, edible, and attractive to



## Trees for Tomorrow

Dr. Steve Mihok of Trees for Tomorrow was on site at the Russell & District Horticultural Society's plant sale on Sat., May 18.

Van Dusen photo

birds. While he couldn't attribute the surge of interest directly to people

wanting to help compensate for cancellation of the provincial 50-Million Tree

Program, there was some "chitchat" about that controversial decision.



## Raising awareness for the prevention of sexual assault

EMBRUN – On Thurs., May 16, La Maison des Arts in Embrun, in partnership with Centre Novas of Casselman, hosted a public awareness event on the prevention of sexual assault. The evening included 10 choreographed dance numbers depicting different messages about sexual assault. Choreography was by Lisa Godard. Following the dance performances, there was a reflective collaborative art project completed by attendees. Centre Novas' website explains that they provide legal services to Francophone women in Ontario who are experiencing violence. Speakers from the Novas Centre were present during the event. A total of \$500 was raised for the Centre. Pictured here, one of the 10 choreographed dances of the evening.

Courtesy photo

## Meet n' Greet shows improvement, expansion on the horizon

**Kory Glover**  
Villager Staff

METCALFE – The fifth annual Meet n' Greet on Victoria Street on Sat., May 11 had the highest number of vendors to date, which means that it might be time to expand the operation.

"We're considering expanding our reach to Osgoode Ward. We usually keep it local to Metcalfe but we're considering an expansion," said Marc Sauve, lead organizer of the event. "The event is getting more popular and we're receiving a lot more applications to join in; we don't have an elected official who decides these things, it's a collective decision by the organization team. Nothing is concrete

yet but it's in consideration.

This year's event brought a total of 41 vendors, an increase of 10 from last year, including Rural Family Connections, Rural Ottawa South Support Services (ROSSS) and the local Farmers' Market, that makes a point to coordinate their seasonal starting date with the Meet n' Greet.

"The Farmers' Market started coordinating their start date with our Meet n' Greet because it helps give them promotion," said Sauve. "It's a nice partnership we have with them."

The main idea behind the Meet n' Greet is to help local businesses promote their brand and local shopping. Without any

# Thresher power! Musical Ride musters \$6,500 for cancer campaign

**Tom Van Dusen**  
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ST. ALBERT – Horsepower old and new combined on Sunday to entertain three bleachers full of enthusiastic fans to a performance by the fabled RCMP Musical Ride and to a warm-up by antique threshing machines preparing to challenge the Guinness Book of World Records here Aug. 11.

The highly-trained RCMP horses and riders added St. Albert to their 2019 tour when they heard that the cause was breast cancer research, said Marie Claire Ivanski a prominent Eastern Ontario volunteer for the cause over 15 years.

Offering the kick-off salute to La Nation Mayor François St-Amour, the riders took their steeds through their patented paces, demonstrating the

various formations that have made them famous. Despite all the water in the region this spring, only one corner of the cordoned off performance ring was wet, with the horses kicking up water and mud when they passed through it.

Guinness Book challenge leader François Latour has pledged all proceeds from the Aug. 11 event to the breast cancer campaign. Latour estimates \$100,000 will be raised, an amount that Ivanski said is realistic with more than \$30,000 already banked from donations and sideline projects. The Musical Ride attracted 650 people at \$10 each, most of which will be added to the cancer coffers.

"Not bad for a long weekend when the weather was iffy," stated Ivanski as she coordinated sales of memorabilia;

she added that by the end of the summer, she expects to have spearheaded contributions of close to \$1-million since starting as a volunteer in the name of a friend, a breast cancer victim.

Pink is the colour of the Guinness challenge, with an antique Massey-Harris tractor pinked out as well as the same brand of thresher painted free of charge by Robin Cayer of Embrun Collision Inc. who also donated \$10,000 to the cause.

For the second time, tractor-powered threshers mustered by Latour will seek an entry in the famous big book during the annual St. Albert Curd Festival, with the lead organizer promising more than 200 of the cumbersome-looking machines gathered to attempt the feat.

Back in 2015, Latour won the title by assembling 111 threshers which operated for 15 minutes straight in a field behind the St. Albert Cheese Factory; in that first outing, \$23,000 was raised for breast cancer in the name of Latour's wife Suzanne who died of the disease that same weekend.

The euphoria was short-lived with a Manitoba group snatching victory away the following year with 139 threshers. Now Latour wants the title back again... and in a resounding way. He doesn't want to have to compete for it again any time soon.



## Enjoying the show

Marie Claire Ivanski poses as the RCMP Musical Ride takes place behind her.

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## Taxi!

Oliver Tetreut was taxiing children up and down the street to give them a more glamorous look at the event. Also pictured, Nina and Dima Voskresensky.

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Greet was still high.

"When it's hot, people usually need to sit down and take a breather to cool off."



joked Sauve. "At least today, people need to walk around in order to keep their body temperature up."