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Briefly

Youth dance
WINCHESTER – Winchester Dairyfest hosts the Get Moo-ven youth dance at the Joel Steele Community Centre on March 13, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Enjoy music videos, dancing, prizes and live on-screen VJ host.

St. Patrick's celebrations
CHESTERVILLE – Get your Irish on in Crylser, Metcalfe or Russell to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

On Fri., March 13, the Chrysler Citizen Committee invites you to a community supper and Irish ceilidh, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Chrysler Community Centre.

On March 14, join the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club for a night of fun, food and laughter. Wayne Rostad provides the entertainment at the fundraiser. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Matilda Hall, Dixons Corners. Tickets are \$45.

The Russell and District Historical Society hosts an Irish tea party with music by the Gallagher Family on Sun., Mar. 15. The event begins at 2 p.m. at the Church Museum, 1150 Concension St., Russell.

Councillor Darouze requests that attendees wear green for his Irish tea party on March 16 at the Metcalfe Town Hall. The afternoon tea runs from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



Start your engines!
There was a steady stream of ATVs of all designs leaving the parking lot at NDDHS on March 7. The Nation Valley ATV Spring Ride raised more than \$21,000 for Camp Erin Eastern Ontario during the event.
Thompson Goddard photo

ATV ride raises \$21,000 for Camp Erin

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

NORTH DUNDAS – A steady stream of ATV's left the parking lot at North Dundas District High School shortly after 10 a.m. on Sat., March 7 as the Nation Valley ATV Spring Ride for Camp Erin got underway. Charlotte Coons, co-chair of the organizing committee, said the 192 participants raised more than \$21,000 for Camp Erin.

Camp Erin Eastern Ontario began a few years ago and is hosted by Carefor Health and Community Services. Carolyn Bourassa, Camp Erin director, said it "is an amazing experience for the children," with no cost to camp participants.

Designed for children 6 to 17 years of age who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives, Camp Erin provides emotional support and grief education with camp activities. According to Bourassa, several

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Winchester Public School concept plan sent back to UCDSB

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Progress on the Winchester Childcare Development plan has been slow but steady. Last week, the North Dundas council deferred the latest concept plan for the project from the Upper Canada District School Board.

Councillors had a lengthy discussion about the plan at the council meeting on Tues., Mar. 3.

The issue seems to be a concern by the council over the consequences of increased car, school bus and foot traffic around the school once the daycare has been added.

The plan was first proposed in 2019 by the school board. There have been several

meetings between the school board and the council and each time the concept plan becomes more clearly defined.

The site of the daycare is on the Winchester Public School grounds. The school is surrounded by four streets: St. Lawrence, Louise, Clarence and York.

The school board would like to close off York Street to traffic except for school buses and school traffic, and add a new stop sign at the intersection of Louise and York Streets.

The latest version of the plan, as suggested by the council, is to nix a plan to put up the new stop sign at York Street and Louise Street.

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Local group hosts writing competition

CHESTERVILLE – On Mar. 28, Chesterville will host the 2nd annual Writing in 150 writing competition at McCloskey's, 22 Victoria St., Chesterville.

“What is really fun about this event is the public can attend for the song writing judging and then stay and listen as the writers read aloud their pieces. This is the aspect I really like – the

public can attend for free for an afternoon of artistic fun!” said Amanda Burger, the organizer of the event.

The competition is called Writing in 150 because the writers have 150 minutes (2-½ hours) to write based on a theme assigned that day. The Writing in 150 writing competition consists of three age categories (10 to 14 years, 15 to 20 years, 21+

years) and six writing genres: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, short play, spoken word/slam poetry and songwriting.

This fast-paced and creative competition will be judged by an impressive lineup of experienced local and non-local judges.

Tony Glen, winner of last year's songwriting genre, said: “I think we were all surprised what we could achieve in 150

minutes. Having a deadline like that really energizes the creative spirit. Everybody has something important to say; this event gave us licence to express ourselves in a supportive environment.”

Award-winning songwriter Cory M. Coons will be judging this year's songwriting category. For poetry, Czandra of Montreal will be returning as a judge, as will Rachelle Eves for short play, Thomas Schoch and

Murray Barkley for fiction, and the ever-popular Suzanne Millaire for spoken word.

This is the second time Chesterville will host this event. Last year's winners were all published in a book entitled “Time Has No Hold On Me,” published by Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood Publishing.

“The book was a real success,” said Burger. “We have sold over 50 copies locally, with many bought as

Christmas stocking stuffers.”

The event will start at 11 a.m., with judging beginning at 1:30 p.m. The spoken word and song entrants will perform their pieces in front of the judges and this portion of the competition is open to the public. The event is organized by A Bunch of People Arts and Events. The entrance fee to compete is \$25. To enter visit www.abunchofpeople.ca and download the registration form.

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ATV ride for Camp Erin

Continued from the front parents have mentioned there was a noticeable positive change in their child after attending Camp Erin.

Bourassa said Camp Erin is "excited beyond belief with the fundraiser," and complimented the organizing committee on the event. She explained one of the obstacles to overcome is that many people haven't heard about Camp Erin, but that she had lots of enquiries about it during the registration process on March 8.

Coons echoed Bourassa in her remarks, saying the club was "thrilled with the funds raised and the awareness our event helped bring to such a worthy cause."

A sincere thank you was extended to the volunteers, participants and local businesses for the support of the 2020 Nation Valley ATV Spring Ride for Camp Erin. "We hope to see everyone in March 2021 for the 2nd annual Nation Valley ATV Spring Ride in support of Camp Erin," said Coons.

More information on Camp Erin Eastern Ontario can be found at elunanetwork.org or the website of Cornwall hospice.



Thank you, volunteers

With registration completed, many volunteers went outside to watch as the parade of ATVs left the NDDHS parking lot. Those who remained inside were busy clearing up the cafeteria in preparation for ride administrative duties, overseeing the silent auction and beginning preparations for the evening dinner. A few of the volunteers were able to gather for a group photo during a brief break.

Thompson Goddard photo



First responders support spring ride

Firefighters Tim Lacasse and John Lennox from North Dundas Fire Station No. 3 in Winchester were present at the Nation Valley ATV Spring Ride for Camp Erin to assist during an emergency or breakdown during the ride.

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Last minute instructions

Just prior to beginning the NVATV Spring Ride for Camp Erin, participants were provided with final safety instructions and route rules by organizers of the event.

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Looking for answers!

There was plenty of people searching for answers during the Lions Trivia Night held on March 7 at the Chesterville Legion. Lion Carl Robinson explained just over 90 people attended the evening event which featured 10 sets of 10 questions developed and asked by local quizmaster Lion Mark McMillan. Robinson pointed out it was an evening designed to provide an opportunity to enjoy some fun, food and fellowship while supporting the Chesterville & District Lions Club. When asked about upcoming events, Robinson mentioned the annual car rally coming up on March 28 followed by a BBQ chicken dinner. He suggests getting your tickets for the dinner early, as it is often sold out, while rally participants can register the day of the event.

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NDDHS Report

By Carley Milne-Servage
Student Council Communications



March break approaching

On Fri., March 6, our senior class, with the help from some amazing staff and student volunteers, successfully hosted our spaghetti dinner, cake auction, and silent auction to help pay for prom. Many families, friends, and community members came out to join us for a great meal. A bunch of guests went home with a silent auction item or a delicious cake.

Thanks to everyone who attended as we have been able to lower the cost of our prom tickets, making them more affordable for everyone who would like to go. None of this would have been possible without our student council, volunteers, and amazing teacher organizers and participants. An extra thanks goes out to Eric Duncan, for kicking off our cake auction, and Brandon Scheepers for stepping in as our official auctioneer. It was a very enjoyable night!

Last Friday was also the day that our staff and students came together wearing plaid in memory of Jole, a fun loving and plaid-wearing student who has now been gone for three years. North Dundas wore plaid in order to remember him and raise awareness of mental health and suicide. According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, one in five Canadians will personally experience mental illness. Around 4,000 people die each year from suicide. Let's reach out to one another and prevent mental health from causing serious effects. Remember, you are not alone. If you ever need anyone to talk to, know that your teachers and parents are here to help.

The Winchester Dairyfest is holding a small event as a replacement for the traditional Dairyfest in the summer. On Fri., March 13, there will be a youth Videomax dance for those aged 13 to 17 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Joel Steele Community Centre. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the door. This is a super fun, affordable way to spend a night with your friends and support community initiatives!

Finally, North Dundas students are approaching their March break, which takes place from March 16 to March 20. We will be back in classes on Mon., March 23. We wish everyone a fun and relaxing week off!



Staff and students of North Dundas District High School wore plaid on March 6 in memory of a deceased student and to raise awareness of mental health issues. Courtesy photo

Correction

A story about the Farmer's Bonspiel in the *Chesterville Record* on March 4 misspelled a name. It should have read, "The bonspiel came to life with help of all of the club's volunteers and food from Lyle Skuce, who catered the event." *The Record* regrets the error.



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CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

A model system

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. That was literally my bottom line when filling out a provincial survey reviewing the mandate of conservation authorities and questioning how it might be revamped. The 10-minute online survey remains open until Fri., March 13, if you'd like to jump in.

The survey tone seems to suggest that only flood and water quality control, and management of forests under their contracted care, should be mandatory under conservation authorities (CA) while any other duties they've taken up over the years – largely because nobody else was doing them – should only continue on an optional basis. These duties include fish, wildlife and forestry protection and enhancement, as well as issuance of various permits for septic systems and other installations.

Before I continue, I should point out that I'm very close to Finch-based South Nation Conservation. I'm a past director, and member for more than 20 years of the SNC Communications Committee, as well as a recognized "Friend of South Nation" with the plaque to prove it.

So I'm a fan. While there are discrepancies from region to region, I like the way conservation authorities work to protect the natural

environment, prevent and repair shoreline erosion, enhance habitat, replace felled trees through annual planting projects, and generally work sympathetically along with major property owners – the farmers – in reducing their impact on a given watershed.

In fact, at the annual Dundas Federation of Agriculture meeting in Chesterville last Friday, SNC got a shout out from Ontario Federation director Drew Spoelstra, a farmer from the other end of the province (Hamilton), who was somehow aware that the local CA had a productive, positive working relationship with the agricultural community.

That's the truth, piped up Jackie Pemberton, a Winchester-area farmer and regional director with the provincial federation; she noted that about 50 per cent of SNC committee members are farmers including herself as chair of the Clean Water Committee. Board chairman Bill Smirle is also a farmer.

Farmers, more than anyone, are impacted by the activities of CAs, which are predominantly rural-based. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture is encouraging its 38,000 members to participate in the survey and share their perspectives on what programs CAs should deliver.

Stating that its members are regularly frustrated by inconsistencies between

CAs in offering stewardship programming, the OFA maintains CAs require secure funding to remove those inconsistencies in filling the core mandate.

In my mind, at least in this neck of the woods, the existing model is pretty positive. I like the way CA decisions are made at ground level by directors appointed to represent member municipalities and not dictated from on high. A large portion of expenses are covered through levies on those municipalities who benefit directly from services provided; other funds are obtained through grants and user fees with a small proportion originating with the province.

One of 36 provincial CAs, South Nation Conservation was launched more than 70 years ago. While there was some mistrust early on and some critics remain, in recent times it has earned the respect and support of its members. That's why general manager Angela Coleman, a lawyer who owns a maple syrup business with her husband, could stand up at an all-committees meeting at SNC headquarters last week and state calmly she isn't overly concerned about the survey or what changes the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks might try to implement based on the results.

That's because, like me,



municipal members are fans and don't want to give up any of the SNC services their ratepayers demand, which they can access economically through SNC. She can also say that because, at this point, the provincial government doesn't have a lot of skin in the game and therefore shouldn't have a major say on what and how services are delivered.

In an era of climate change and depletion of natural resources around the world, those protective services are more necessary than ever before. There has to be a layer in place – and CAs fill the bill beautifully – to guard the natural environment against the impact of ongoing development and urbanization which, without CAs, would bulldoze full-steam ahead with little consideration of the long-term ramifications.

The Ontario CA model is admired by others interested in environmental enhancement across North America. While any system can use tweaking from time to time, a major overhaul largely for political reasons to satisfy certain critics would likely do more harm than good.

The Road Home

Memories of Nestlé not forgotten

by Carolyn Thompson Goddard

For most of my life, the Nestlé plant in Chesterville played an important role. When I was about two years old, my family moved into the white Nestlé house at the corner of King and McMillan streets. Mother loved telling the story about how she had had enough of living on the farm, while Daddy was busy doing wiring and other electrical work around the countryside before finally taking a job as an electrician at the plant in Chesterville. She lobbied and finally was successful in securing a house in Chesterville, owned by Nestlé and very close to the plant, for us to live in.

Ma would laugh about moving day, recalling how she called Henry Greer (I think I have the name right) and told him she would be ready with the first load early on a Saturday morning. Aunt Bess helped her, and of course my older brothers assisted in packing, and later on that same Saturday we were watching the midnight train roar through town in our new home.

There are many memories of mine associated with the Nestlé plant. These include sitting on the seats at the railway station watching the big train cars filled with sugar and other materials shunting until they were closer to the plant, allowing for access for the production of various products. From my vantage

point either on the front porch or up in a big maple tree in the front yard (now long gone), I watched the men walking to and from work, heeding the whistle at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

The Nestlé whistle was an important part of my upbringing, for it told me, and I suspect many of my friends, that it was time to head home for dinner or supper (now referred to as lunch or dinner).

Then there would be the times that Mom would forget the plant was making coffee or Quik and put the laundry on the clothesline in the backyard. If the breeze was going our way and they were making coffee across the tracks, Mom wouldn't be very happy as the white shirts would be a lovely shade of brown. I remember hearing the song "My Little Town" and knowing exactly what was meant by the line "My mom doing the laundry, hanging out shirts in the dirty breeze."

Many times on a Sunday afternoon Daddy would take my brother David and I with him as he checked something or other in the plant. We walked quietly beside him, heeding his advice not to touch or say anything while he took a look at whatever it was, being amazed at the machinery which made such things as Nestlé Quik or coffee. I remember Mom saying that around Passover, a Rabbi would come

into the plant to bless the lines, making it possible for the products to be considered kosher for Passover.

Of course there were the Friday staff sales when Dad would bring home some Quik, or pudding or candy for us to use in the house. I remember getting a first taste of some new product like strawberry Quik, thinking I didn't mind at all taste testing for Papa Nestlé, as Mom would call Dad's employer. I also didn't mind it when we received a five-pound box of delicious Nestlé chocolates at Christmas time or got to meet families from all over the world as they either visited or were transferred to the Chesterville plant.

These are just a few of my memories of the Nestlé plant and I must say most of them are wonderfully simple and enjoyable. I cried when the plant closed a few years ago, worried what would happen to my beloved home town, then I realized we who call Chesterville home are a strong, resilient group of people. We have survived the plant closure quite well. A group of people at the Chesterville & District Historical Society are planning a tea to be held with the idea of collecting our memories of the Nestlé plant. The tea is planned for March 24 at the Heritage Centre between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. I hope you can make it and ensure this important part of our heritage is recorded for posterity.



Winchester Public School

Continued from the front

At issue is safe access to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital just west of the school grounds.

Councillors also questioned if York Street needs better lighting because of the increased traffic on the street.

Calvin Pol, the township's director of planning, building and enforcement said in his report to council, "If a stop sign is installed, this would give pedestrians the right-of-way over vehicles travelling into the hospital. Ambulances would have to stop before crossing Louise Street and entering the ambulance bay."

He continued, "Without the stop sign, pedestrians would have to wait until it is clear before crossing. Given the new one-way direction of York Street, the traffic flows on York are expected to be reduced considerably."

The main entrance to the hospital is at the end of York Street. Consequently the intersection of York and Louise is frequented not only by visitors and



Winchester Public School

The Winchester Public School concept plan is an evolving idea first proposed in 2019. It has been passed back and forth between the school board and the North Dundas council several times. There are more changes expected to come before the plan is finished.

Morin photo

staff to the hospital but also by ambulances; because of that, the council does not want to see any change where the two streets meet.

The council also decided that they did not want the addition of a painted crosswalk across Louise Street for people going and coming to the hospital; they did not feel there was enough traffic at this time to warrant the change.

They want the suggested painted crosswalks at either end of York Street removed from the plan.

The concept plan has been sent back to the school board for its input.

"The deferral was strictly and simply about getting a bit more information," said Mayor Fraser.

Councillors were concerned about the school board's plan to deal with increased traffic caused by the addition of the nursery school. "What was the plan to manage the cars that park to pick up kids after school or parents that park to drop children off," said Fraser. "That was the question we wanted to have answered."

Cheryl Firlotte, executive director of Happy Face Nursery School which will be occupying the new space, was happy to hear that some progress had been made.

"I am really hopeful that they can come to an agreement," said Firlotte. She said, "It has been five years.

There will be a lot of happy parents when it goes

through. When we started this, there were people who were pregnant but now their children are in kindergarten."

When completed, the nursery school will have room for 49 children from 0 to kindergarten age and will employ 12 full-time staff.

At a Feb. 19 meeting, many of the transportation and road alignment issues were addressed, according to Pol.

Once the concept is accepted by the council, the UCDSB will prepare a construction and phasing plan for the project.

These plans are necessary to determine how construction will be sequenced without causing significant disruptions to the area.

Making connections at St. Clare's

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

NORTH DUNDAS – There was a lot of fun, food and friendship during the recent Friends and Family Friday held Feb. 21 at St. Clare's Anglican on the outskirts of Winchester. With a hotdog dinner beginning around 5:30 p.m., followed by singing and story time led by Rev. Canon Wilcox, and ending with craft activities, it was a wonderful get-together. Wilcox said the evening event was designed to help people discover "how we are all connected" and he was very pleased with the turnout.

A large map of the world was on display giving participants the opportunity to put a colour coded dot on the their birthplace, places visited, where they live and where their ancestors originated. People were busy placing the colour coded dots on the various locations throughout the world, discussing the dot locations and learning a bit about one another. While enjoying a hotdog or two or perhaps three, there was ample opportunity to visit or do puzzles.



Story time at St. Clare's

People of all ages enjoyed the story read by incumbent Rev. Canon Wilcox during the Friends and Family Friday at St. Clare's on Feb. 21. Once the story was finished there was time to be creative at the craft tables or continue visiting.

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Hot diggity dog

There was a steady stream of people lined up for hotdogs with all the fixings during the Friends and Family Friday held at St. Clare's Anglican Church near Winchester. Wilda Marriner is shown preparing Shirley Coons' hotdog.

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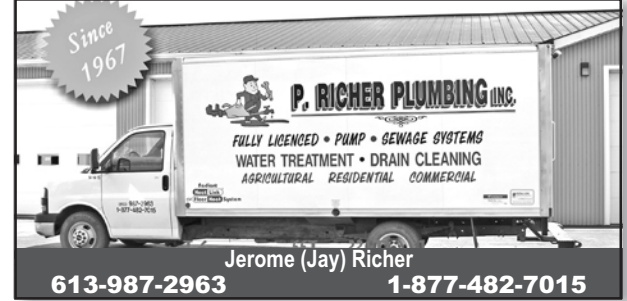
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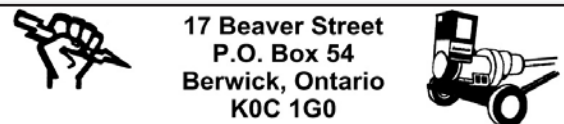
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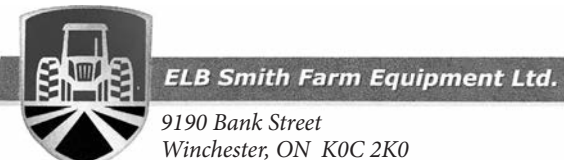
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International students try winter sports at Summerstown Trails

SUMMERSTOWN – More than a dozen St. Lawrence College students descended on Summerstown Trails March 2, many of whom had never been on snowshoes or cross-country skis in their lives.

The international students from India were blown away with the trail system but there was a steep learning curve when it came time to strap on the equipment.

“I fell like 50 times,” joked Arth Shah, a resident of Gujarat, India who is studying in the environmental technician program at St. Lawrence College’s Cornwall campus. “But I got right back up again every time.”

This is a great place to enjoy the outdoors. It’s nothing like the weather we have in India.”

Indeed, while the system at Summerstown Trails is in impeccable condition given the cold weather of Canadian winters, in India at this time of year the temperature hovers around 40 C.

“Some didn’t even know what cross-country skiing or snowshoeing is,” said Jordan Kevan, an environmental technician professor at the college. “I told them it will be fun. And if it isn’t fun, at least it will be an adventure. And if it’s not an adventure, then at least you’ll be able to send a photo home to your parents.”

Turned out, it was fun – a lot of fun.

“I saw a lot of smiles, and also a lot of snowy pants,” said Kevan. “But that’s part of the experience and everyone seemed to have a smile when they were getting up after falling. When we



Some international students attending St. Lawrence College got to try skiing and snowshoeing for the first time at Summerstown Trails in early March. Courtesy photo

turned around and started coming back the confidence level had really improved. I was really excited for the students from India.”

Summerstown Trails, the majority of which is owned

by the county, is operated by a dedicated army of volunteers who have been driving home the message of fun times at the trail system since before the snowflakes began to fall this winter.

The result will be about 4,000 visits this season, which includes hundreds who took part in the Family Day festivities last month.

“We had 525 people here for Family Day,” said Jean-Pierre Tibi, a member



There may have been a steep learning curve, but the international students were all smiles after their day on the trails. Courtesy photo

of the Friends of the Summerstown Trails. “We’re very proud of that number. Of that number we had 300 people who used our equipment. Everyone was having fun and everyone came back with a

smile on their face.”

The trail network includes 20 km of groomed cross-country ski trails (classic and skating), 12.5 km of snowshoe trails and 10 km of groomed fat bike trails.

Half-load season: Why it’s important to protect our infrastructure

SDG –The first sign of spring in the county? It’s not the tweet of the robin. Nor is it Roll Up the Rim.

Instead, it’s the beginning of half-load season on select county and local roads. Half-load season is just that, the limiting of materials to five tonnes per axle on the weaker roads located throughout the region.

Roads that are subject to seasonal weight restrictions are identified with a sign. Half-loads will be enforced while signs are posted, which started March 6 and will likely run into the early part of May.

Benjamin de-Haan, the director of transportation and planning for the county, said half-load season is integral to the long-term sustainability of the road infrastructure within the county – the largest municipal roads system in the entire province.

“We strive to ensure we allow for the transportation of goods across the county, while at

the same time putting measures in place to protect the investment taxpayers have made in our infrastructure,” he said. “These kinds of measures are important to the bottom line of the county, as well as the effective use of taxpayer dollars.”

The base of the road begins at its deepest point with the sub-grade material, which is typically native material or imported fill. On top of this layer is aggregate material of varying sizes of crushed stone and other granulars that are packed into place. Finally the whole thing is topped with asphalt.

Problems arise in the late winter and early spring when the heat of the sun can warm the asphalt base to several degrees above freezing, while the ambient air temperature can often be well below zero. As snow and ice melts, it can permeate the asphalt in areas. When that water refreezes, say after sunset or during an especially cold day, the ice and trapped water

will weaken the strength of the road.

By restricting the amount of weight a vehicle carries, the damage to weakened roads can be mitigated.

Most roads within SDG are subject to half-load restrictions, except the following locations: south of Highway 401 on County Road Nos. 1, 14, 33 and 35; County Road 15 from County Road 2 to the southwest leg of County Road 36; County Road 44 from Highway No. 138 to 840 m east of County Road 42; County Road Nos. 31, 34, 43, 46; County Road No. 2 from Leeds & Grenville boundary to the City of Cornwall boundary and from the City of Cornwall boundary to the Ontario/Quebec boundary.

“Half-load season is an effective means to protect our roads,” said de-Haan. “It won’t be long before the weather warms even more, and we will remove the restrictions.”

To learn more about half-load season, check the county website at sdgcounties.ca.

Playing cards for a cure

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – There was a hint of summer at the Chesterville Legion when the Kayaking for Cancer group held its annual euchre tournament there on Sat., March 7. More than 70 people played cards and raised funds for the Canadian Cancer Society.

While working the event’s registration desk, member Fred Bortolussi explained the organization is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and is expecting a larger turnout at the annual fundraising kayak trip along the Rideau Canal. In a post-event email, Sharon Erdelyi of the Kayaking for Cancer organization explained that every August kayakers attending the annual kayak trip “paddle the 202-km length of the Rideau Canal from Kingston to Ottawa in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.”

The group has raised more than \$763,000 for the CCS. Erdelyi said the organization “is the number

one independent fundraising event in the Ottawa area.”

Bortolussi said usually 35-40 kayakers participate in the week-long kayaking adventure, with organizers hoping the 20th anniversary event will draw more participants. Erdelyi noted many local kayakers have participated in the end-of-summer event, throughout the years; with some paddling for 13 years.

More information on Kayaking for Cancer can be found on the group’s Facebook page.



From the left: Kayaking for Cancer volunteer Fred Bortolussi hands Tamara Merkley her scorecard for the fundraising euchre tournament held at the Chesterville Legion on March 7. Thompson Goddard photo

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Farming has changed, but the Chrysler Farm Show endures

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CRYSLER – This year’s Chrysler Farm Show is in its 50th year and it is still a great event for local farmers.

The show on March 5 and 6 had 30 vendors and a full house of interested visitors and enthusiastic competitors.

The farm show was started by Alphonse Lafrance and his late brother Marcel in 1970.

“In the first year we had five vendors,” said Lafrance.

Farmers from the area had to travel to Ottawa for the Ottawa Valley Farm Show as there was nowhere else for them to go back then.

Now, villages across the region have their own farm shows with the top award-winners going to Ottawa to compete in the larger show.

There have been a great many changes to farming equipment and techniques over the past half century.



Among the vendors at the farm show were Taylor Brophy (left) and Julie Lortie of the Embrun Co-op. Morin photo

“Back then we only had a 30 hp tractor but now we have 200 hp,” said Lafrance.

He pointed out that there are fewer farmers working on farms these days. He also noted a decline in dairy farms in the area; now there is only around ten.

Sylvain Lafrance, his son, has been working for Harvex Agromart for the past 30 years. He took over his father’s farm when his father retired.

Sylvain commented: “Two hundred acres used to be considered a big farm but not today.”



There were 22 exhibitors at the Chrysler Community Centre on Mar. 5 and 6. Morin photo



There were 30 vendors and a full house at the Chrysler Farm Show, organized by the Stormont Federation of Agriculture. Morin photo



Hitting the bull’s eye

There was a lot of fast paced action during the twelfth annual Darts for Cancer Tournament held on March 7 at the George Jowett Memorial Hall in Riverside Heights. Organized by Lion Brian Erratt, the event raises funds for cancer research. Erratt expressed his thanks to local businesses for their donations to the silent auction and participant prizes. He also thanked Kelly Hawkes, Joyce Simzer and Lion Steve Barkley for their assistance. Hosted by the Morrisburg and District Lions Club, there were participants from other local Lions Clubs, forming nine teams in all, according to MDLC president Lion Randy Prevost. Prevost is shown removing a dart during the tournament. Thompson Goddard photo



A farm show is fun for the whole family. Pictured here are: Wade Guindon (18) months on the left, his mother Hadie St. Denis, Jessica and Jenny-Rieka Mitchel (seven months). Morin photo

North Dundas home to winners of two wedding awards

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

NORTH DUNDAS – Two North Dundas businesses took home awards at the 2020 Ontario Wedding Awards held in Toronto on Feb. 18. The Planted Arrow Flowers & Gifts of Winchester took home the award for Florist of the Year East, while the award for Creative Photographer of the Year was won by Dyad Imagery – Emotional Storytelling of Chesterville.

Organized by Creative Oceanic, the event recognizes top performers in all aspects of the wedding industry, ranging from wedding cakes, to event location, to florists and to photographers.

Photographers Annie Carrier and Yves Gagnon of Dyad Imagery explained the awards’ process. Following nomination to the Creative Photographer of the Year category and selection as finalists, the 10 nominees were asked to submit information and photographs to the selection committee who reviewed the submissions before deciding which company would receive the award.

Carrier said they were “very shocked and excited” at winning the 2020 Creative Photographer of the Year Award. She noted she and



From the left: Yves Gagnon holds the 2020 Creative Photographer of the Year Award won by Dyad Imagery at the 2020 Ontario Wedding Awards, while Annie Carrier is joined by family pet Niu. Thompson Goddard photo

Gagnon work with their clients to develop a relationship with them as they explore the whole story of the life event they are photographing from different and creative angles “to tell the story.”

In addition to the two North

Dundas businesses attending the event, Avonmore’s Carrie Couturier of CC Squared Photography was nominated for Photographer of the Year East, with Over the Moon Photography of Finch nominated in the same category.

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Council studying where growth will occur around Winchester

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Looking into a crystal ball is something the North Dundas council would prefer not to do.

Instead they have given the green light to a study that should, when completed, give them a pretty good look at how much growth Winchester will experience and where it will occur.

J.L. Richard, who will be undertaking the report, will be looking at growth patterns in the area over a 20-year period.

The study will look at the water and wastewater capacity of the town.

The proposal presented to council on Mar. 3 by Mark Buchanan stated: “The 20-year population projections will serve as the basis for establishing the drinking water and wastewater system requirement.” Low growth and high growth scenarios will be developed, and the study will look at five, 10 and 20 year horizons.

Mayor Tony Fraser said the council’s job will be to make sure the areas where

growth is expected to take place are the same areas that are serviced appropriately.

“Do we see growth taking place in the areas they have captured?” said Fraser. “It is not so much about agreeing with the numbers about the amount of growth that will take place in those areas, but where those areas of growth would take place,” said the mayor.

The council felt that the logical place for growth would be in the west end of Winchester.

“The biggest expense is

putting the pipes in the ground, so you want the pipes to be able to deal with the higher projections. The study will prepare us for the financial impact of growth. We have to make sure the infrastructure is in place,” said Fraser.

A review of available 2016 Census information indicates that the population in 2016 within Winchester and Chesterville was approximately 2,394 and 1,677 persons, respectively. In 2011, the population was 2,460 people in Winchester and 1,448 people in

Chesterville, representing an annual percentage growth rate of approximately -0.5 and 3.1 per cent, respectively, over a five-year period.

The low growth scenario projects an annual growth rate of 1.5 per cent from 2016 to 2019. This does not include the expected growth from the building of the Wellings of Winchester development.

Chesterville has a projected growth rate of 3.5 per cent from 2016 to 2019 and an annual growth rate of 1.5 per cent from 2019 to 2039.

Looking at a high growth

projection, the presentation to council indicated that Winchester would experience an annual growth rate of 1.5 per cent from 2016 to 2019. These projections do not include the completion of Phase 2 through to Phase 5 of the proposed Wellings of Winchester development.

“Our exercise the other night was not to find fault but to look for areas that they do not capture. They have expert opinion from our staff and their experience and that went toward defining where the area of growth would be,” said Fraser.

Pin Tales

Stormont Ladies: Ladies High Single, Pat Middleton 257; Ladies’ High Triple, Rejeanne Sanders 579. Team Standings: Susan 214.5, Elaine 211.5, Pat 198, Angela 166.

Monday Men’s: Final Standings. Men’s High Single, Dave Bird 313; Men’s High Triple, Marc Robinson 783; Men’s High Average, Marc Robinson 250. Team Standings: East-Ont 141, Alley Cats 117.5, Raiders 110.5, A-Team 97, Alley Rats 88, Country Boys 70.

Tuesday Mixed: Men’s High Single, Ron Robinson 266; Men’s High Triple, Ron Robinson 723; Ladies’ High Single, Sharon Shaver 202; Ladies’ High Triple, Sharon Shaver 516. Team Standings: Hope 197, Love 192, Faith 151.5, Charity 149.5.

Defenders: Men’s High Single, Ossie Linton 261; Men’s High Triple, Brian Casselman 630; Ladies’ High Single, Emily Pollock 203; Ladies’ High Triple, Gwen Clarke 499. Team Standings: Brian 239.5, Glendon 227.5, The Funny Bones 208.5, Gwen 206, CCBD 198.5.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies’ High Single, Dianna Moffat 225; Ladies’ High Triple, Brenda Fraser/Dianna Moffat 556. Team Standings: Lorna 302, Dorothy 282, Dianna 282, Mary 267, Pat 245.

Finch Mixed: Men’s High Single, Noel Lalonde 294; Men’s High Triple, Colin Sanders 708; Men’s High Average, Danny StPierre 208; Ladies’ High Single, Dianne Hoogeveen 383; Ladies’ High Triple, Dianne Hoogeveen 777; Ladies’ High Average, Isabelle Bissonnette 222. Team Standings: 3 and 1 114, Team #4 81, Team #1 74.5, Kingpins 68.5, NADD 67, Oma’s Team 55.

Matilda: Ladies’ High Single, Anita Schmid 250; Ladies’ High Triple, Anita Schmid 565; Men’s High Single, Joel Verdurmen 139; Men’s High Triple, Danny Scheuner 653. Team Standings: Anarchy 98, Granny and the Grunts 89, The Ballers 76, The Happy Gang 74, Oh Danny Boy and the Pipes 73. Two C’s and a K 73.

Avonmore Mixed: Men’s High Single, Kevin Osborne 289; Men’s High Triple, Frank Jerome 743; Ladies’ High Single, Mink Fusee 235; Ladies’ High Triple, Mink Fusee 610. Team Standings: Akitas 271.5, Pomeranians 271.5, Labradors 249, Chowchows 228.5, Poodles 225.5, Boxers 203.

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Gang 132, Fuzzy Leprechaun’s 128.5, Wow Team 107, Corner Pins 104.5, Strugglers 102.5.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men’s High Single, Dave Ridge 236; Men’s High Triple, Bryan Holmes 615; Men’s High Average, Matt Hartle 212; Ladies’ High Single, Pat Middleton 136; Ladies’ High Triple, Pat Middleton 566; Ladies’ High Average, Pat Middleton 170. Team Standings: Mental Mishaps 267.5, King Henry’s Court 260.5, The Morrisburg Sandbaggers 258, The Pin Pluckers 255.5, Harley 247.5, The Chickipoos 247.

Youth Bowling Canada

YBC Peewees: Girls High Single, Deliah Heuff 147; Girls High Double, Deliah Heuff 239; Boys High Single, Isaac Bradley 114; Boys High Double, Isaac Bradley 223. Team Standings:

Bruins 155, Kings 143.5, Leafs 106, Sharks 95.5.

YBC Bantams: Girls High Single, Isabella Gaudette 158; Girls High Double, Isabella Gaudette 299; Boys High Single, Luke Bradley 157; Boys High Double, Luke Bradley 268. Team Standings: Coyotes 229.5, Avalanche 210, Rangers 200.5, Flames 196.5, Jets 189.5, Red Wings 188.5, Blackhawks 169.5.

YBC Juniors: Girls High Single, Caroline Sanders 216; Girls High Triple, Caroline Sanders 561; Boys High Single, Alex Robinson 172; Boys High Triple, Alex Robinson 480. Team Standings: Sabers 156, Senators 151.5, Ducks 142.5.

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Rockets ousts Castors in seven, take game one versus Royals

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—The North Dundas Rockets had a busy week of hockey as they welcomed the Clarence Castors on Wednesday for game six of the NCJHL quarter final, travelled to Rockland on Thursday night for game seven and welcomed the Bytown Royals on Saturday night for game one of the semifinal.

Rockets 4 Royals 1

The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Bytown Royals to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., March 7, for game one of the best-of-seven NCJHL semifinal. The Rockets knocked off the Clarence Castors in a thrilling 6-3 game seven victory taking the series in seven games while the Royals dropped their first three games against the St. Isidore Eagles only to win four consecutive games

taking the series in seven.

The Rockets claimed home ice advantage for the first time in the playoffs finishing ahead of the Royals in the regular season. The Rockets opened the scoring when Evan Barosso blasted one home from the point from Brad Nash and Jarrett Williams at 3:44 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead.

The Rockets made it 2-0 as Williams roofed one from Drew Holmes at 4:55. The Rockets took a three-goal lead when Brett Lannin slapped a long-distance one home from Justin Lefebvre and Matt Pietrkiewicz at 13:06. The Rockets took a 3-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Royals cut the deficit to two at 11:16 but the Rockets bounced back with a goal at 17:50 as Lefebvre snapped one home from Cameron Brown and Barosso. The Rockets took a

4-1 lead into the second intermission.

The teams battled to a scoreless third period as the Rockets picked up a 4-1 victory taking a 1-0 series lead. The Rockets outshot the Royals 50-21. Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Anthony Kerwin making 20 saves.

Rockets 6 Castors 3

The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the CIH Arena in Rockland on Thurs., March 5, to take on the Clarence Castors for game seven of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinal. The Castors won game six the previous night 4-1 to force a game seven with the series tied at three. The winner would move on to face the winner of the St. Isidore Eagles vs the Bytown Royals who were playing at the same time in their game seven.

The Castors opened the scoring at 7:31 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Rockets tied the game at 10:12 as Joel Hunt ripped one home from Cameron Brown and took their first lead of the game when Nicholas Carroll snapped one home from Evan Barosso and Hunt at 12:52.

The Rockets made it a two-goal lead when Carroll scored his second of the game from Hunt at 13:46. The Rockets took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission.

The Rockets took a 4-1 lead when Justin Lefebvre blasted one home from Hunt just 35 seconds into the second period. The Rockets took a four-goal lead when



The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the CIH Arena in Rockland on Thurs., March 5, to take on the Clarence Castors for game seven of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinal. The Rockets' defenseman, Cameron Brown takes a tumble over the Castors' goalie, Corey Camirand as teammates, Cole Hodges and Jarrett Williams look for a rebound. The Castors defenseman, Gabriel Rouselle was able to clear the puck out of harm's way. The Rockets went on to double the Castors 6-3 taking the series four games to three.

Moore photo

Brown scored on a breakaway at 9:38 unassisted and took a 5-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Castors got to within three at 9:29 of the third period but the Rockets got that goal back just 46 seconds later as Lefebvre scored a breakaway goal unassisted. The Castors cut the deficit in half at 12:09 but that was as close as they could get as the Rockets hung on for a 6-3 victory, eliminating the Castors from the post-season.

The Rockets also found out their second round opponents after the Royals beat out the Eagles earlier in the evening. Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Anthony Kerwin.

Castors 4 Rockets 1

The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Clarence Castors to the Chesterville Arena on Wed.,

March 4, for game six of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinal. The Rockets led the series three games to two and had a chance to close out the series with a victory but with a loss, the series would move back to Clarence the next night.

The Rockets opened the scoring when Nicholas Carroll snapped one home from Joel Hunt and Brett Lannin at 9:44 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Castors tied the game at 7:24 on the power play. The teams took a one-all draw into the first intermission.

The Castors took their first lead of the game at 17:24 of the second period and took a 2-1 lead into the second intermission. The Castors increased their lead to two at 6:35 of the third period and took a three-goal lead at 9:34.

The Rockets had no

answer as the Castors took the game 4-1 forcing a game seven in Rockland the following night. The Castors outshot the Rockets 30-29. The Rockets had one of the best crowds of the season with over 300 fans in the stands.

Suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Anthony Kerwin making 25 saves.

Up next

The North Dundas Rockets travel to the Bernard Grandmaître Arena in Ottawa on Wed., March 11 to take on the Bytown Royals for game two of the best-of-seven NCJHL semifinal at 9:15 p.m., welcome the Royals to the Chesterville Arena for game three on Fri., March 13 at 7:30 p.m., head back to Ottawa on Sat., March 14 for game four at 5:15 p.m. and play in Chesterville on Sun., March 15 at 3:15 p.m.



The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Bytown Royals to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., March 7, for game one of the best-of-seven NCJHL semifinal. The Rockets' forward, Nicholas Carroll was sprung on a breakaway in the second period on the Royals' goaltender, Danik Gervais. Gervais made the save here but he couldn't stop them all as the Rockets slipped past the Royals 4-1 taking a one game to none series lead.

Moore photo

Vikings end Hawks' season in wildcard

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The Winchester Hawks closed out their season this past week as they welcomed Casselman Vikings on Wednesday night.

Vikings 4 Hawks 3

The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Casselman Vikings to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Wed., March 4, for game two of the best-of-three CCHL2 Martin Division wildcard series. The Vikings took the first game 4-1 as the Hawks looked to extend the series to three games with a victory.

The Hawks opened the scoring when Marco Haw scored his second of the post season from Colby Schroeder and Kyle Fleming at 11:31 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Vikings knotted the affair at one when Shawn Patterson ripped home his second of the playoffs from Alexandre Charlebois on the power play at 16:29. The teams took a one-all draw into the first intermission.

The Vikings took their first lead of the game when Zachary Fournier scored his

first goal of the post season from Charlebois and Samuel Labre at 7:18 of the second period.

The Vikings took a two-goal lead when Nicolas Chartrand scored his first of the playoffs from Jason Cossette at 17:52 and took a 3-1 lead into the second intermission. The Hawks closed the gap to one when Kyle Kuehni snapped home his first of the post-season from Noah Fraser on the power play at 7:08.

The Vikings retook a two-goal lead when Chartrand scored his second of the game and post season from Adam Paquette at 14:21. The Hawks closed the gap to one gain when Haw scored his second of the game and third of the playoffs at 17:55 from affiliated player, Adam Barkley and Fleming.

With just over a minute remaining in regulation, the Hawks pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker and had a few chances to score but the Vikings were able to hold them off the score sheet taking the game 4-3.

The Vikings swept the series two games straight ending the Hawks' season. The



The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Casselman Vikings to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Wed., March 4, for game two of the best-of-three CCHL2 Martin Division wildcard series. The Hawks' forward, Morgan Wark battles for the puck with the Vikings' defenders and goalie, Nicholas Campbell. Campbell and the Vikings ousted the Hawks from the playoffs with a 4-3 victory and a two games to none series win.

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Vikings move on to face the Ottawa West Golden Knights in the Martin Division semifinal. The Vikings outshot the Hawks 44-43.

Picking up the win in the Vikings goal was Nicholas Campbell making 40 saves and suffering the loss in the Hawks' goal was Cole Defazio making 40 saves.



Vikings suffer game one loss to Golden Knights

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

OTTAWA—The Casselman Vikings played a pair of playoff games this past week as they travelled to Winchester on Wednesday for game two of the CCHL2 wildcard playoff and to Ottawa on Monday night to take on the Golden Knights in game one of the CCHL2 Martin Division semifinal.

Golden Knights 2 Vikings 1 (2OT)

The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Barbara Ann Scott Arena in Ottawa on Mon., March 9, to take on the Ottawa West Golden Knights for game one of the best-of-seven CCHL2 Martin Division semifinal. The Vikings defeated the Winchester Hawks in the CCHL2 wildcard playoff in two straight games earning the right to take on the Golden Knights.

The Golden Knights finished the regular season first place in the Martin Division and the league overall, therefore they own home ice advantage as far as they can go in the playoffs.

The Vikings opened the scoring at 17:05 as Xavier Léveillé scored his first goal of the post-season from Frédéric Gagnier and Mathieu Talbot and took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission. The teams battled to a scoreless second period with the Vikings narrowly outshooting the Golden Knights 9-8. The Vikings

carried the 1-0 lead into the second intermission.

The Golden Knights tied the game at 12:03 of the third period. Neither team was able to score before time expired so the game headed to a sudden-death 10-minute overtime period. The Vikings outshot the Golden Knights 5-4 in the first overtime but neither team was able to end the game.

The game then headed to a second overtime frame, this one 20 minutes sudden death. At 5:33 of the second overtime period, the Golden Knights ended it as Jack Haymes scored from his brother, Noah Haymes.

The Golden Knights took the game 2-1 and a 1-0 series lead. The shots on goal were even at 40 each. Suffering the loss in the Vikings' goal was Nicholas Campbell making 38 saves.

Up next

The Casselman Vikings travel to the Barbara Ann Scott Arena on Thurs., March 12 to take on the Ottawa West Golden Knights for game three of the best-of-seven CCHL2 Martin Division semifinal at 7:20 p.m., welcome the Golden Knights to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Sun., March 15, for game four at 7:30 p.m. and travel back to Ottawa on Mon., March 16 at 7:20 p.m. for game five.



The Vikings' forward, Xavier Léveillé (24) uncorks a shot that beat the Golden Knights' goalie, Brent Pledge-Dickson in the first period giving the Vikings a 1-0 lead. The Vikings held the 1-0 lead until late in the third when the Golden Knights tied the game and later went on to win the game 2-1 in double overtime. Moore photo

Peewee B Rep Demons fall behind Braves in final

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The North Dundas Peewee Rep Demons had a pair of playoff games this past weekend as they travelled to Brockville for the UCMHL final against the Braves on Saturday and welcomed the Braves on Sunday night.

Braves 5 Demons 2

The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons welcomed the Brockville Braves to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Sun., March 8, for game two of the first-to-five-points in the UCMHL final. The Braves drew first blood with a 5-2 victory in game one as the Demons looked to even the

series at two points each.

The Braves picked up where they left off from game one as they opened the scoring at 7:25 taking a 1-0 lead. The Braves made it 2-0 at 12:50 and took a three-goal lead with just 53 seconds remaining in the opening frame. The Braves took a 3-0 lead into the second period.

The Demons cut the deficit to two when Jay-Zeus Mbarushimana slapped one home from Josh Lafrance and Jake Weber at 10:26. The Demons made it a one-goal game when Lafrance sniped one from Weber and Patrick Guy at 11:57 but trailed 3-2 heading into the third period.

The Braves restored a two-goal lead at 2:42 and

made it 5-2 at 11:31. The Demons had no answer as they dropped the decision 5-2 falling behind in the series four points to none. The Braves outshot the Demons 45-24.

Braves 5 Demons 2

The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons travelled to the Brock Youth Arena on Sat., March 7, to take on the Brockville Braves in the UCMHL final. The Demons took out the South Stormont Selects in two games straight in their semifinal and had not lost in the 2020 playoffs.

The Braves meanwhile, struggled against the Kemptville Royals but pulled off a four points to three

semifinal win to make it to the final.

The Braves opened the scoring at 8:49 of the first period and took a 1-0 lead into the second period. The Demons knotted the affair at one when Gavin Eikelboom ripped one home unassisted just 1:42 into the second period.

The score didn't stay tied for too long as the Braves scored just six seconds later taking a 2-1 lead. The Braves took the 2-1 lead into the third period. The Demons tied the game at two when Ryan Wilson slipped one to the back of the net unassisted at 4:51 of the third period.

The Braves retook the lead at 8:47 and took a two-



The Demons' forward, Nathan Epps (10) rips a shot for the goal line trying to beat the Braves' goaltender, Brody Poole. Epps and the Demons find themselves with their backs against the wall after dropping the first two games 5-2. Moore photo

KC's Lawn Maintenance wins WDLHL A championship

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The Winchester and District Ladies' Hockey League culminated this past Sunday with the Main St. Clothing Company (Blue) facing off against KC's Lawn Maintenance (Green) in the A championship.

The Main St. Clothing Company finished the regular season in first place with 25 points followed by KC's Lawn Maintenance with 23, WS Trucking with 22, Foodland with 15, Bridals by Al-Mor with 13 and Summers Physio with four. It came down to the top two teams squaring off in the A final.

Green 3 Blue 1

Blue and Green tied with three points in

the round robin portion of the playoffs and faced off against each other on Sun., March 8, for the WDLHL A championship. Blue opened the scoring at 9:10 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead but Green knotted the affair at 12:04. The teams took a one-all draw into the second period.

Green took their first lead of the game at 3:27 of the second period and took a two-goal lead at 14:50. Green hung on for 3-1 victory taking the 2020 championship.

Scoring the goals for Green were Vicki Van Hoof, Ashley Middleton and Kaila Beckstead. Picking up the helpers were Roxanne Baches and Jessica Legue. Picking up the win in Green's goal was Kristie Wade and suffering the loss in Blue's goal was Dana

Dore. Scoring the lone goal for Blue was Casey Dore.

In the B final Foodland took on Summers Physio. Foodland scored four goals in the first period and another four in the second period which Summers Physio only had one answer. Foodland took the game 8-1 claiming the B championship.

Scoring for Foodland were, Michaela Morrow with three goals, Melissa Young with

two and Amanda Rylaarsdam, Leah Wells and Ashley Gilmer added singles. Picking up the helpers were Kristyn Wings with three, Young and Wells with two each, and Lynne Lambourne and Kelly Holmes with singles.

Scoring for Summers Physio was Amy Fraser and helping out was Jennifer Wilson. Picking up the win in Foodland's goal was Melissa Blanchet and suffering the loss for Summers Physio was Kelly Forrester.



WDLHL A champs

KC's Lawn Maintenance took the A championship in the Winchester and District Ladies' Hockey League on Sun., March 8, over the Main St. Clothing Company. The champions are, front from left, Jessica Legue, Vicki Van Hoof, Kristie Wade, Brina Whitley, Eleanor Robinson and Roxanne Backes. Back from left, Cheryl Armstrong (sponsor), Jackie Boulanger (coach), Ashley Middleton, Alyson Sample, Stephanie Casselman, Heather Erwin, Kaila Beckstead, Laurena Matthies, Grace Mellano, Jane Foster, and Don Van Hoof (coach).

Moore photo

Rangers jump out to a 2-0 series lead over Volant

GATINEAU—The South Grenville Rangers travelled to Gatineau on Sunday afternoon.

Rangers 6 Volant 4

The South Grenville Rangers travelled to the Robert Guertin Arena in Gatineau on Sun., March 8, to take on the Hull-Volant for game two of the best-of-seven NCJHL semifinal. The Rangers drew first blood in the series with a 4-1 victory.

The Rangers opened the scoring when Dylan Sharpley slapped one to the back of the net from Jared Fenlong at 5:19 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Rangers made it 2-0 when Matthew O'Brien ripped one to the top of the net from Jordan Dodge at 7:48.

The Rangers took a three-goal lead when Brayden Forestell slammed one home from Cooper Kingston and Dylan Sharpley with just nine seconds remaining in the opening frame. The Rangers took a 3-0 lead into the first

intermission.

The Volant got on the score sheet at 4:57 of the second period cutting the deficit to two. The Rangers answered at 7:58 when Owen Webster sniped one from Dodge. The Rangers took a 4-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Volant cut the deficit in half at 5:27 of the third period. The Volant moved to within one at 14:10 but the Rangers answered just four seconds later as Dodge pounded one home from

Sharpley to make it 5-3.

The Volant got back to within one at 17:08. With just over a minute remaining in regulation, the Volant pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker but it was the Rangers who took advantage as Sharpley found the abandoned cage at the far end.

The Rangers took the game 6-4 and a two-games-to-none lead in the series. Picking up the win in the Rangers' goal was Sam Limoges-Ring.



The Rangers' forward, Dylan Sharpley (11) celebrates after scoring the game's opening goal with teammates, Brayden Forestell and Jacob Servage. Moore photo



March is Pharmacist Awareness Month

On the frontlines of family medicine

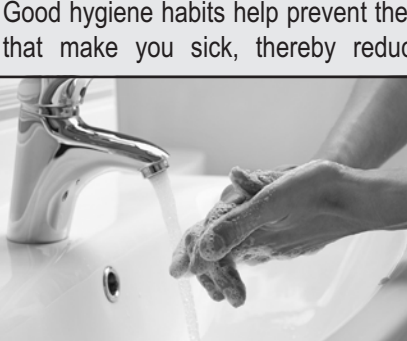


3 ways to fight antimicrobial resistance

Antimicrobial resistance occurs when bacteria and other micro-organisms adapt and render medication used to cure infections ineffective. This urgent global health threat is largely fuelled by the improper and excessive use of antibiotics.

In 2018, more than 14,000 deaths in Canada were associated with resistant infections. Luckily, there are simple ways you and your family can help fight antimicrobial resistance.

1. Infection prevention



Good hygiene habits help prevent the spread of bacteria that make you sick, thereby reducing the need for antibiotics. Wash your hands thoroughly and often, make sure your vaccinations are up to date and stay home when you're sick

to prevent the spread of germs.

It's also important to store, handle and prepare food safely. Always wash your hands before and after handling raw meat and seafood. You should also scrub fruits and vegetables before eating them.

2. Shorter treatments

There's a common misconception that you should always finish your antibiotic prescription even if you feel better. In fact, recent studies have shown that shorter courses of antibiotic therapy effectively treat common infections while reducing the risk of resistance. Talk to your pharmacist about the duration of your antibiotic therapy and whether you can stop treatment when your symptoms disappear.

3. Proper disposal

Bring all unused and expired antibiotics to a pharmacist for safe disposal. You should never share leftover prescription medication or save antibiotics for future use. Taking an unnecessary or incorrect dose of antibiotics can be dangerous and promotes antimicrobial resistance.

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Pilot project aims to achieve parity in municipal politics

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RUSSELL—A project to encourage women in the United Counties of Prescott-Russell to become more involved in municipal politics has received support from the Russell council.

The pilot project, called Towards Parity in Prescott-Russell, was presented to the Russell council at the March 2 meeting by project leader Marie-Noëlle Lanthier.

“We are encouraging women from all municipalities to participate,” said Lanthier.

The project will be officially launched this June and Lanthier stresses that women from all the region, not just Prescott-Russell, are encouraged to take part.

The idea behind the project is to provide women who are interested in becoming involved in their municipality’s politics with the tools to run for a municipal political position.

“You want more than 40 per cent or less than 60 per cent of either sex whether it be men or women so that you have a balanced approach to things. Women are brought up in a different way and have a different perspective,” said Lanthier.

She said Russell is 49 per cent male and 51 per cent female but when it comes to elected officials women represent only 21 per cent.

“This is what we need to work on and we are behind when we compare ourselves to the rest of Ontario. There is some work that needs to be done and it will not happen naturally.

“I am not saying women are way better than men. It is not about being better, it is about having more balance,” said Lanthier.

Lanthier feels that the demographics of the country do not reflect a balance, in municipal politics, between men and women. “Councils should be a little more reflecting of the demographics in their community and younger people. Less than 10 per cent of all elected municipal officials are between the ages of 18 and 40 years old. The median age in Ontario at the same time is about 40 years old.”

Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux and his council supported the project.

“There was just a letter of support,” said Leroux.

“At this point they have not asked anything else of us,” said the mayor.

The mayor does not believe promoting one sex over the other is the issue.

“I think a campaign to educate the public is never a bad thing,” he said.

“Personally I vote for the best person whether they are a man or a women,” said the mayor.

He believes the pilot project is a positive

thing and he said, “I personally firmly believe that when people are looking at the election process, they find the person who best suits their values, who they think will do the best job; whether it is a man or woman it makes no difference.”

The mayor feels the project has a lot of good points.

“They are focused on the female population but it could be geared for anyone,” he said.

Lanthier’s presentation included a brief look at some of the project goals.

The plan is to create the “Women and Politics Prescott-Russell” advisory committee to strategically advise about the planning and implementation of the “Towards Parity in Prescott-Russell” project.

A steering committee has been set up to bring together elected and non-elected women interested in advancing the project. This group will mobilize the necessary resources to achieve the desired objectives. Six elected women are participating on this committee.

The committee will be working to design and conduct an awareness campaign on the place of women in politics

This “social marketing” campaign has three objectives: stimulate Prescott-Russell women’s interest in municipal politics by



Marie-Noëlle Lanthier’s pilot project will encourage women from all municipalities to participate more in municipal politics. Courtesy photo

demystifying certain beliefs about the roles of elected officials and municipal politics in general, present positive role models of women already involved in politics, and influence the general public opinion in Prescott-Russell by demystifying the role of women in politics and their ability to be a politician.

Councillor calls for vigilance when Hydro One trims trees

Tom Van Dusen
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – Residents of Russell Township’s most scenic, stately thoroughfare have been notified by Hydro One that tree trimming is planned where there’s interference with power lines.

The utility is permitted by law to undertake such work along the road allowance but residents and township councillor Cindy Saucier hope cutting

and trimming is done carefully.

“Our neighbours are very proud of the tree-lined street and very protective of the few remaining trees along it,” Forced Road resident Harry Baker wrote to Hydro One forestry technician David Fortin. Noting that five trees on his property are marked for trimming, he asked to be notified when the work is to be done “so I can arrange to be at home to observe.”

An environmental lobbyist for 25 years, Saucier is a member of council’s environmental committee, Trees for Tomorrow, and Eco East. While she has been reassured by Fortin that utmost care will be taken with trimming, she’s asking Forced Road residents and other villagers to remain vigilant

when Hydro crews are on the scene.

“I have previously witnessed terrible cuttings by Hydro and over-zealous work,” she wrote to Fortin. “Some trees were simply lobbed off with no consideration for aesthetics.”

Saucier is also concerned about Garlon, a product Hydro has used for vegetation elimination which she claims is unsafe for humans, animals and nearby streams. Fortin said there would be no spraying.

She noted much of the east side of Forced Road backs against a South Nation Conservation-protected ravine containing a creek running into the Castor River. The property was donated with the intention of protecting majestic trees that grow there. She cited one pine close to the road which she called the “Elbow Tree” for which she’s trying to secure heritage status. To date, that tree hasn’t been marked by Hydro and doesn’t appear to interfere with any power lines.

As to Hydro’s intention of removing “diseased, dead or dangerous trees,” Saucier said the street was recently assessed by an arborist who found nothing of concern. She added the township can’t afford to lose any trees as it only has 12 per cent forest coverage compared to a recommended minimum of 30 per cent to sustain wildlife.



Russell councillor Cindy Saucier at what she calls the “Elbow Tree” on Forced Road. Saucier has expressed concern to Hydro One about upcoming tree trimming. Van Dusen photo

Russell looks to the future while respecting the past

Joseph Morin
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – The Russell council has created two more committees it hopes will better reflect the character of their community.

At the council’s March 2 meeting, Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux got to fulfill an election promise by creating seniors and teens advisory committees.

“That was part of something I wanted to bring forward after the election and council supported it,” said Leroux.

The mayor’s belief is that different community groups view their community with their own bias and point of view.

“This would be a youth lens or senior’s lens,” he said.

The mayor said the township has an accessibility committee and

they look at things from an accessibility point of view, for example. With three high schools in the township he believes if he can attract a few to the committee from each high school their input would be valuable.

With the input from students he feels the council would have a better chance to see if there is anything missing or something that could make a difference as far as decisions they make for the community.

“They are our future leaders so they should get involved in the process,” said Leroux.

The same reasoning is used for the creation of a committee with seniors in mind. A seniors’ perspective in an aging community would be invaluable.

Leroux will be chairing both committees.

Extra service pushes up Russell bus fares

Joseph Morin
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – Bus fares for service to Ottawa have increased by 2.5 per cent. The regular monthly pass is now \$253, an increase of \$6 and the student monthly pass went to \$182, an increase of \$4.

A one-way trip is \$15 and a booklet of 10 tickets is \$102.

The demand for more room on the bus has resulted in an increase in bus fares for Russell users.

The rural township has decided to add another bus to its service because of complaints about a standing-room

only trend on their existing service. “That was the reason for the increase,” said Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux.

The township provides a bus service to Ottawa, through a contract with 417 Bus Lines.

“What was happening was that the bus was running at full capacity,” said Leroux. “We had people who were having to stand up, so we had to add a bus.”

“In between two other runs there will be a third run, so that there will be more flexibility and we wouldn’t find ourselves in a situation where we could not let people on the bus because we were over capacity,” he said.

It is the same bus route but the township is just adding another time slot.

“At the end of 2019 we saw a lot of new users come on,” Leroux explained. When the township saw what was happening and people were beginning to complain, the council felt it was time to make some kind of decision.

“The contract we signed is a six-month contract. It will give us an opportunity to see if it’s functioning and if we are able to add more users to it,” explained Leroux.

The more users who take advantage of the bus service, the closer the municipality comes to being able to reduce its contribution to the service.

The mayor said that the service is trending towards being in a cost-recovery position.

Ladies Night picks Camp Erin as 2020 beneficiary

Tom Van Dusen
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – For the past 17 years, Judy McFaul has been organizing Ladies Night in Russell. For the past 16 years, Lynne Rochon has been right there beside her. Together, along with dozens of volunteers, the women have raised \$400,000 for a wide variety of charitable causes, most of them healthcare related.

Along with members of the Russell Agricultural Society Ladies Night committee, McFaul and Rochon are back at it, with the 2020 edition of Ladies Night set for May 8 at the Russell Arena. Although it seems like an odd fit, the high-fashion Ladies Night has always been sponsored by the agricultural society.

Correction: traditionally

high fashion. This year's theme, "Camp Ladies Night," will take it down a notch, with organizers calling for an anticipated 500 guests to wear their best outdoor togs. That's in sympathy with this year's recipient Camp Erin, which is operated every June at Rideau Hill Camp, Kemptville.

The music will match the theme, with country band Rainwater Whiskey providing the tunes. The women-only event will also include full dinner, live auction and prize draws. In the past, the party for many used to move on to the old Russell House Pub and later to the Russell Legion but times and tastes have changed.

Camp Erin is a national bereavement program for

children aged 6 to 17 grieving the death of a parent, sibling or other significant person. Participants get a camp experience which combines grief education and emotional support with traditional activities. Since there's no timeline on grief, there's no restriction as to when a grieving young person can attend the camp, said Finch farmer Lianne Acres Hanna, regional coordinator for the program.

Camp Erin has partnered with registered charity Carefor Health & Community Services as its sponsoring body. Carefor provides a variety of services for families, from nursing, to assisted living, to end-of-life care.

It's a perfect fit for Ladies Night, McFaul said, adding organizers are keen to use their fundraising machine to



At the public launch of Ladies Night 2020, Camp Erin was designated the beneficiary of this year's fundraising effort. The organizing committee consists of (from the left) Josee Nugent, Sarah Dupont, Judy McFaul, Lynne Rochon and Michelle St. Pierre.

Van Dusen photo

help Camp Erin continue doing its valuable work in Eastern Ontario. What with \$55 tickets, sponsors and donors, average yearly proceeds for Ladies Night are about \$20,000. The take was closer to \$25,000 before

Scotiabank ended its matching funds program three years ago.

Having experienced her own personal loss, Richon said the grieving never really stops and it's a good fit for Ladies Night to help with

that process.

Coinciding with International Women's day on Sunday, the 2020 Ladies Night was launched Fri., March 6 at Bay Street Salon & Spa in Embrun, an event partner.

Russell councillors raise the cost of missing meetings

Joseph Morin
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – Russell Township councillors have approved incentives to ensure everyone around the council table is paying attention.

The group, at their regular council meeting on Mon., Mar. 2, decided to increase the monetary penalty for any councillor who misses a certain number of council meetings.

The number of meetings that can be missed without any kind of penalty was

decreased from five to three.

The penalty for too many missed meetings was increased from \$100 to \$400 for the mayor and from \$50 to \$200 for the rest of the members of the council.

Also changed was the wording related to the process a council member must adhere to in order to have an authorized meeting absence without any penalty.

Another suggestion was new extra remuneration for attending more than 27 council meetings in a one-year period. The frequent attendee would receive \$200 per meeting (\$400 per meeting for the mayor), once the threshold of meetings is reached.

Legion sets lineup for June day-long concert

RUSSELL – It's shaping up to be a great all-day concert. The Russell Legion's parking lot party on June 20 will feature 10 hours of music from five bands, as well as lots of food and fun.

Set to play at the parking lot event are: Brea Lawrenson, Arc of Fire, Chris Labelle, Eastbound of Bytown and Branded.

Tickets are now on sale for \$20 (early bird prices). Last year the event sold out, so get your tickets early.

Tickets can be purchased at the Legion or by emailing reeannslater@gmail.com.

Embrun entrepreneurs receive start-up grant

L'ORIGINAL – Eight entrepreneurs from the region have received total grant funding of \$40,000 under the Starter Company Plus program for their respective businesses.

The recipients each received a grant funding of \$5,000:

Chantale and Nathalie Deslauriers – Académie Shanthaly – Embrun

Marie-Pier Vandette – The Interdisciplinary Family Centre of Eastern Ontario – Rockland

Edgar Soriano and Fiona Taylor – Empress Distribution & Supply – Hawkesbury

Félip Duval – F.J.D. Service – Plantagenet

Karl Couture – Jumper Farm – Limoges

Louis Piccone – Larvage Inc. – Hawkesbury

Chantale Stucker – Event Resource Specialist – Rockland

Justin Fisher – Covenant Springs Farm – Curran (Pendleton)

Through the Starter Company Plus program, these entrepreneurs were able to obtain advice from Antoine B. Carrière and

Marc-André Clément of the Entrepreneur Lifestyle Academy, Renée Gendron of Vitae Dynamics and Aline Gravel of the Municipality of Champlain. Participants attended business workshops, which topics which ranged from marketing, financial basics, creativity, sales, and motivation to making their elevator pitch.

"These training and networking sessions helped participants in writing a business plan and in delivering a pitch in front of a panel of judges. The Starter Company Plus program also allowed many to connect with each other. We are certain that they acquired good tools to help them succeed in their entrepreneurial career," said Liza Langevin, project officer with the Prescott and Russell Entrepreneurship Centre.

This financial assistance, in the form of a non-refundable grant, can help with the purchase of equipment, their marketing and any other entrepreneurial expenses. Langevin noted the Starter Company Plus program, funded by the Ontario government and administered by local business enterprise centres, will be back again this year.

CDSBEO using virtual reality to introduce skilled trades

KEMPTVILLE – Virtual reality and specialized job skills were discussed at the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario board meeting on Tues., March 3. The board heard an update on the Specialist High Skills Major Program and virtual reality learning experiences.

CDSBEO is taking career exploration to a new level in its Grade 10 Careers' classes. This year, students have the opportunity to use CareerLabs VR, a virtual reality program, to explore the skilled trades in an immersive, virtual environment.

Students can choose from virtual reality experiences in an array of programs including welding, residential electrician, robotics technician, HVAC technician, mining engineer, and heavy equipment operator. In each application, students are immersed in a virtual worksite, performing tasks that would be expected in that sector. For example, in the HVAC program, users are prompted on how to fix a broken fan, troubleshoot defective compressors, and

fix broken wires. In the electrician program, users are challenged to test voltage levels in outlets and replace broken wires.

Currently, CDSBEO is one of only four school boards in Canada using virtual reality to inform student career pathways planning.

"It is amazing that students have this opportunity to explore, learn, and discover a variety of career options through the immersive power of virtual reality," explained board chair Todd Lalonde. "This virtual reality (VR) system puts students in the driver's seat to see, hear, and experience the job itself, without ever leaving the classroom and we are extremely excited to have partnered with CareerLabs VR to offer this learning experience."

Experiential learning consultant Liz McCormick presented information about the new virtual reality learning opportunities for students, and how students benefit from the program.

"As educators, one of our duties is to provide opportunities for students to discover what careers are out there and what careers

would be right for them. Virtual reality simulations of job sites are a fun and engaging way to explore opportunities," noted McCormick.

Dan Lortie, CDSBEO Ontario youth apprenticeship coordinator, commented: "For the last 15 years, the CDSBEO has been active in the promotion of skilled trades and apprenticeships through the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship with excellent results. This new technology will allow us to reach a broader audience and attract new students to the apprenticeship pathway."

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs provide an opportunity for students to focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests, while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students receive the SHSM seal on their diploma when they complete a specific bundle of eight to 10 courses in the student's selected field, earn valuable industry certifications including first aid and CPR qualifications, and gain important skills on the job with employers.

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