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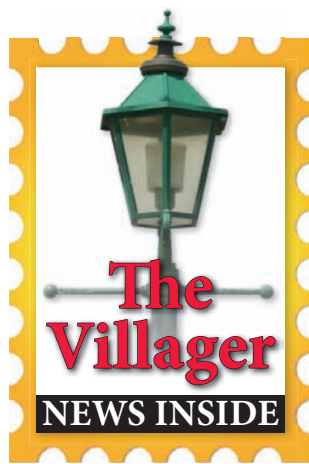
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Planting for the future

The Green Action Gang was at it again last week. On Fri., Oct. 9, members of the gang met in front of the Chesterville Arena to plant two sugar maple trees. The trees had been donated by South Nation Conservation through their Community and Environmental program. Left to right are: Ralph and Marge Norg, Louise Tilley, Carley Hutchinson and Kelsey Smith from South Nation Conservation, chair of the Green Action Gang Shirley Coons, Shelagh Derks and Michelle Fawcett.

Morin photo

North Dundas council to revisit truck ban in South Mountain

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas council is considering reversing its decision to ban truck traffic in South Mountain on Bridge Street and Sandy Row.

In early September, the council reacted to complaints about the safety of residents living along the existing truck routes that include Bridge Street, as trucks make their way from Sandy Row to wherever they want to get to –north, south east and west as well as on Sandy Row itself.

The truck ban had been in effect for just a few weeks, when council decided to take another look at the situation in order to make a fair decision for residents and truck owners.

At their regular council meeting in early October, the council put a hold on their earlier decision and made a Notice of Motion to revisit the earlier decision to ban the trucks at their Oct. 20 meeting.

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Jordon's Journey begins next chapter

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

On Thurs., Oct. 8, Jordon Cotton began the next chapter of his journey.

Thanks to a generous community, his family's fundraising efforts over the past year to raise funds to buy a specially equipped van resulted in the delivery of the van to his home. Surrounded by family and friends, Jordon took his first ride in the van that will allow him a greater amount of freedom that he has not had up to this point in his life. By the end of the day, he had driven all over the village.

"It's really cool. I have been going out for drives every day. I am just enjoying the freedom it gives me, and once COVID clears up, we are thinking about our first big trip in it to go back to PEI. It has really opened up so many doors for me," Jordon said.

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Ready to start on the clean up

Members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108 in Winchester were busy on Sat., Oct. 10 as they set off to clean a 2 km section of Highway 31 to Jennings Road. Even when the Legion is closed due to COVID-19, service to the community continues. Left to right: Shannon Sel, Bruce Morris, Shawn Corkery, Sharron Morris, Janel Webber, Janine Fawcett, Maria Fanning and Gil Yendal. Absent from the photo but present for the afternoon clean up were Kim Sheldrick, Matthew Bates and Dale Myers.

Morin photo

North Dundas council

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Indications are that they will look for other ways to solve the truck issues in South Mountain.

The issue began when Mayor Tony Fraser received complaints about the truck traffic along Bridge Street.

“Concerns were raised to me about the busyness of trucks going up and down Sandy Row and trucks on Bridge Street. Bridge is a small street, mainly residential especially on the south end. There is one business I believe just on the north side of the bridge. The issue was trucks going up and down Bridge Street and causing concerns for residents,” he said.

There were safety concerns about school children and residents walking their dogs or people just on bicycles.

The concern was over trucks heading out from the quarries on Sandy Row. They would turn north on Bridge Street or travel west on Sandy Row to get where they need to go.

“We wanted them to redirect themselves and go towards Brinston Road, and then go north or south or whichever way they see fit,” he said referring to the original plan to encourage the trucks to take different routes.

“I have had a chance to talk to two of the people who need trucks on their property. I talked about what the intent was, to ensure safety for the community and they buy into that, they think that is important; they are community members themselves, they understand the need for safety.

Fraser said he would like to look at other measures to ensure safety is top of mind for residents of the area as well as truck drivers.

I would like to look into what I talked about at the last meeting; the intent is safety, if we have to look at other traffic control speed mitigation measures, or ensure that the speed limit is followed,” Fraser said.

In light of the expected cooperation from truck drivers, the council is hoping that sharing the responsibility for road safety with residents and truck drivers will be better than simply banning trucks outright.

The arrival of new subdivisions in the Sandy Row area has resulted in more foot traffic and cycling along the road and into South Mountain itself.

Based on 2013, traffic data, Bridge Street has an average daily traffic of around 200 vehicles of which two per cent is truck traffic. Since 2013, the truck traffic has increased substantially in the area.

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Bringin' home the gold!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
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STORMONT – Stormont County 4-H Go For The Gold (GFTG) Team placed first in the recent provincial competition held virtually on Oct. 3. Members of the Stormont GFTG Team, Dougie Robinson, Bobbie Robinson, Aimee VanLoon and Hamish McDonald won the Region 2 competition on Aug. 18 and successfully competed against the winning teams from Region 3, 4, 5 and 6 coming from Peterborough, Wellington, Grey and Oxford respectively.



Courtesy photo

Information from the Ontario 4-H website describes GFTG competitions as “a great experience for 4-H members to increase their knowledge of 4-H project materials, agriculture, food, community events and much more, all while doing so

in a team atmosphere.” During the competition, team members answer questions from a variety of sources including 4-H project materials, resource guides, as well as from current events

reported by general and farm related media.

Neil Robinson, who with Jill Robinson, Susanna Bretzler and Molly McDonald coached the Stormont County Team, in a recent email to *The Chesterville Record* explained GFTG is sponsored by Ontario Mutuals, with “the event hosted on Kahoot, a virtual quiz program” which was used for the local and regional competitions. He continued “the Oct. 3 event was recorded and will be part of the virtual experience of the Royal Winter Agricultural Fair.” Robinson concluded his email by stating how the coaches are “super excited and beyond proud of this team’s accomplishment.”



The next chapter begins for Jordon

Jordon Cotton’s year-long fundraising campaign has ended and the goal has been reached. The campaign was raising money to purchase a specially equipped van, so that Jordon Cotton could have the mobility and freedom that up until now was beyond his reach. Here he is about to take his first ride in his special van driven by Elaine Watters. Morin photo

shopping it was a fairly complicated process. Now he just has to drive into his van and drive out at the grocery store, then use his motorized wheel chair to navigate around the store.

“He has never had the opportunity to go and just be a young man,” said Angela.

“Now he can take his power chair anywhere.”

His mother mentioned that so many area businesses helped out with donations to their fundraising campaigns with North Dundas community.

items for silent auctions. The success of Jordon’s Journey says a great deal about the generosity of the North Dundas community.

Getting ready to ride

Angela Cotton, Jordon’s mother watches as he backs his motorized chair into his new van. The moment was a special one as the van arrived on Thurs., Oct. 8 to be greeted by Jordon’s family and friends. Morin photo

Jordon’s Journey

Continued from the front

It was a special moment, not only for Jordon but for the entire North Dundas community who all helped to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of the van.

“He has surpassed everything that they thought he could do,” said Jordon’s mother Angela. The doctors felt that it was too much to expect him to be able to talk and walk, but he managed to do both as he grew.

His desire to be part of the world, and to experience as much of it as he could, prompted the need for more mobility.

The van has not had much rest since it arrived. Jordon has toured the village several times already. The van design allows him to scoot into it with a wheelchair ramp and to position his chair in the front passenger seat.

In the past, his wheelchair would have had to be lifted into the trunk of a car and Jordon lifted in a car.

The possibilities the van represent are just about endless.

His mother said they have gone to McDonald’s and driven all over Winchester.

“It is pretty amazing,” she said. “And this is just the beginning,” she added.

The van that was purchased included its conversion.

It was purchased completely ready to go from Universal Motion in Toronto.

It is a brand new 2019 van.

The total cost of the van ended up being \$50,978 with \$15,000 of that covered by a one-time-only grant from the March of Dimes.

Angela said, “We were lucky the van was one that had not been sold and was one that Jordon wanted.”

She jokingly explained that now it is really Mom’s Taxi service in her household.

Jordon’s family, mother Angela, father Paul, sister Amber and brother Chris are thrilled to be able to take Jordon along on their

adventures.

The van changes many things for Jordon and his family.

In the past, if he wanted to go along for grocery

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Letter To The Editor

St. Paul's Community Garden 2020

The St. Paul's Community Garden in Winchester has been awarded the Community Spirit Award by the Province of Ontario.

The idea of the garden started four years in 2016 but due to a lack of a project manager, it did not really start until the spring of 2017. This will be the fourth year that it has been providing produce for the community. The group to oversee the garden this year was myself, Tom Clapp, Jane Schoones, Community Food Share and Leslie Levere the garden coordinator. This year due to the pandemic, it was decided to enlarge the garden to meet the projected need. To assist with the budget costs we applied for the \$400 North Dundas Township community grant which was approved.

The existing gardens were tripled plus six raised gardens were added. Men from the Black Walnut Group (Prostate Cancer Support Group) built the boxes which were filled with soil provided by KG Patterson Construction. Vince Zandbelt and Dennis Cartner supplied the equipment to fill the boxes. Please note that Cedarview Lumber provided all the lumber for the boxes at no charge. Compost was purchased from Loucks Pastures in Chesterville (ND Grant Money).

Some seed was purchased (ND Grant) plus seedlings were provided by Plot of Earth Market Garden and from the Dundas 4-H Club.

The vegetables grown were peas, beans, radishes, peppers, spinach, cucumbers, spring onions, Swiss chard and tomatoes. The majority for the produce harvested went to Community Food Share with some to other community agencies (Meals on Wheels). To-date, there has been over 250 lbs. of produce harvested and distributed to the Community Food Share, Cooters in Berwick donated \$1000 which covered the cost of the new drip irrigation system which was managed by the volunteers. Plot of Earth (Ab Fawcett) installed the system.

We were overwhelmed with community volunteers almost to the point we might have to turn people away. Thirty-three volunteers worked at the garden with a schedule managed by Leslie Levere. The volunteers included several young people. In the past, there was a class from the public school that participated but this was not possible this year.

Also of note is that the Winchester United Church made and donated beautiful row markers. Cup of Jo's donated the green t-shirts assisted by Community Food Share.

The success of the garden is largely due to Leslie Levere who managed the garden, choosing the vegetables to be grown, harvesting and scheduling the volunteers. There was a family or person there every morning and afternoon to weed, harvest of water the garden.

The garden is still producing and will continue to until a killing frost. We hope to stay open until Thanksgiving, weather providing.

Following the closing of the garden we will meet to plan for next year. We hope to make this garden a focus of North Dundas with more sitting area for the people to enjoy the garden. In the past we had a Gospelfest afternoon to raise funds but this was not possible this year but it is for next year (hopefully).

Therefore you can see that this has been a great community program for North Dundas. The Community has really supported this project and it took the ND grant this year to initiate all the proceeding.

I truly feel that this was money well invested by the North Dundas Township.

With thanks

The Community Garden managers, Tom Clapp, Jane Schoones and garden coordinator, Leslie Levere

Editorial

Welcome to the country and all it has to offer!

The countryside has been a long sought-after place. As people look to improve their quality of life, and the awe of how far a dollar goes for a property out of the city limits, they often forget to consider all the facts.

A Sunday drive out to the country to see the beautiful colours, the wide-open spaces and the fresh air seems all too inviting.

For those looking at this beautiful space we have, it is important that you also consider that as in the city, we also work and play in this area; the local resources including churches, schools and the unique shops and the not so often understood farming practices. The local farmers who own that wide-open space around your newly found home do come with some different sounds and smells. Farmers do not work just between the hours of 9 and 5.

Consider all four seasons; not only the cost of heating, the change of scenery, and the roads to be travelled but also consider the different operations that will be happening during this time. Spring time brings the renewal of crops and with this there are loud noises from machinery, smells from

manure applications, long hours of equipment in the fields, as the seed is put into the ground to bring us into the next season. Summer brings with it warming temperatures and pool side BBQ's, oh, and there is also growth and spraying of crops, raising of livestock and hay being baled all in that same area. You may encounter large equipment on the roadways. You may hear noises of cows, chickens or even pigs. Fall brings the harvesting of crops. You will have slower oversized equipment, additional traffic on the roads to get those crops out of the field and either into the local elevator or into the feed bins.

You may be purchasing your dream home in the country but you must also remember that the area that appeals to your sense of wanting to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city, the country has it's own working force and that often includes the slower equipment on the road, the late nights and possible not so pleasant smells.

The rural area as welcoming as it is, the beautiful view, the peaceful morning coffee, more value for your investment dollar, may also be interrupted by those farms that have a short window to harvest their crop so the 2 a.m. combine running may just be a reality. For most of these inconveniences to the non-farm community, it is only for a short period of time but it is a reality of

living in a rural area.

When considering the size of the home or the amount of land that is coming with your new loved property, remember that your neighbours may not only live here but work the ground around you. What used to be considered normal farm practices are constantly being challenged, and farmers tend to their livestock at all hours and work with the crops in the fields when the conditions are right and not necessarily at the most convenient hours of the day. As the pressure increases

on this much sought-after land and the urban sprawl causes more productive farmland to be put under housing the farmers may remove that bush to put new land into crop production.

The existing agricultural community shares your love of the wide-open spaces and forests in the rural community, so welcome to the spaces and the smells and sounds that are part of the vast area. Welcome to the country and all it has to offer!

Linda Vogel

NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson
Student Council Communications



Celebrating harvest and hunting with a Spirit Day

We have an exciting spirit day coming up this week; Camo and Hick Day is on Friday! This celebration of Harvest and Hunting season was a favourite from last year and we are excited to bring it back. This is a fun spirit day that is also a great way to celebrate the culture of our rural school.

The student council has started a challenge in the school. The first grade to reach 75 per cent participation on a spirit day gets a treat. We also have a special challenge for the staff; can they get every single staff member to participate in a spirit day?

As we approach the middle of the first quadmester, the student council wants to continue encouraging positive mental attitudes in the school. We are gathering all the teachers' favourite motivational quotes to put up in the halls.

We want to give a big thank you to all the staff and students who participated in our Terry Fox walk last week. We especially want to thank the student council members who encouraged students throughout the day and Mrs. Williams for organizing the cohorts and making this event possible!

The Road Home

What is time anyway?

by Carolyn Thompson Goddard

With Thanksgiving over, Halloween looming at the end of the month and the trees transitioning to their fall dresses, fall has arrived in our area. The cool, dare I say cold, mornings makes it increasingly difficult to roll out from under those warm blankets but with a day full of hope beckoning how can one dismiss the call.

Fall always seems like an ending to me. The end of summer and its freedom, the end of the growing season giving us locally grown produce and the end of daylight savings time. If I recall correctly, Mom told me it began to give farmers an extra hour to work in

the fields during the first world war, but information on the world wide web says it was to reduce the amount of electricity used. I suspect Mom would win that argument by saying when it was first implemented electricity wasn't universally available and the work to produce was more important anyway.

For me, I have always found the time change in spring and fall hard to get used to. I would often forget to either move the clocks ahead or back depending on the season but with my cell phone changing automatically time has really ceased to be a problem when it comes to these transitions. My aging body on the other hand takes about a week to get used to these changes.

It is somewhat interesting however to note there is currently a private member's bill before the Ontario legislature to keep daylight saving time year-round. Reading an article online from *The National Post*, it seems this bill has unanimously passed second reading, with no date set for the third and final reading, but (if the bill passes in our provincial legislature) will only be enacted if Quebec and New York join on the Daylight Saving Time wagon. It seems that in this country Saskatchewan, Nunavut and the Yukon already have bid a fond farewell to Eastern Standard Time. This year we "fall back" to Eastern Standard Time on Nov. 1 whether the bill is passed in Toronto or not.



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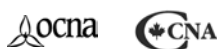
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Morin photo

Fostering the joy of writing

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

AVONMORE—Tunnels of time by Mary Harelkin Bishop was recently re-released in a Zoom launch twenty years after it was first published. For some people in North Stormont there was a lot of interest and memories of the connection between the book, its author and a class at Roxmore Public School.

Twenty years ago, Adele and Steven Densham took a family vacation to Western Canada. While looking for a copy of *Who Has Seen The Wind* by W.O. Mitchell in Weyburn Saskatchewan, the bookstore owner suggested purchasing *Tunnels of Time* a recently published book by Mary Harelkin Bishop. The book chronicles the adventures of a young girl who has a time-travelling adventure back to 1929, in tunnels located below the streets in a downtown area of Moose Jaw Saskatchewan.

She purchased it, read it and in the fall suggested to Brenda Quesnel, her daughter's teacher at Roxmore Public School that "she might like a Canadian story for their novel study." Quesnel recently told *The Chesterville Record*, Adele's daughter Erin brought the book to class before commenting how the students really enjoyed the story.

According to Adele, Erin emailed "the author to ask about the second book," with Bishop responding how "she was thrilled, the class loved it, but her publisher had not yet committed to publishing the next book. Adele continued how upon her daughter reporting "this to the class, there was an uproar" as the students felt they "just had to know how the story continued." A letter writing campaign to the publisher began "explaining their love of the story and why they should publish the second one."

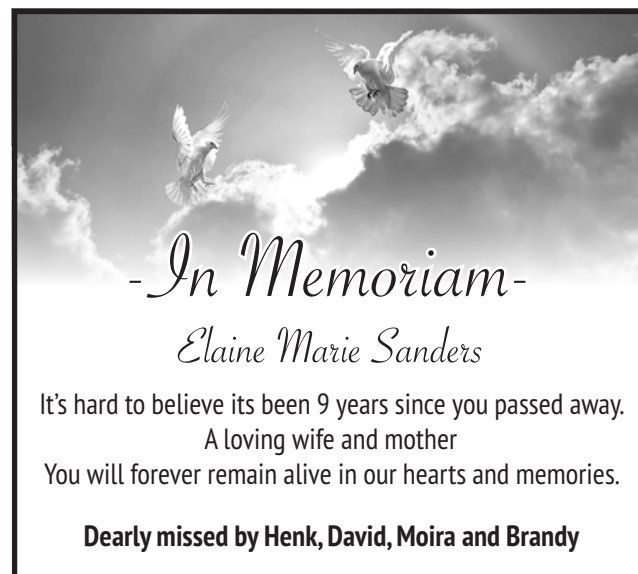
Bishop's publisher, Coteau Books, was surprised to receive the 30 fan letters with the author later explaining to Erin Densham "that because of the fan mail, her publisher was going ahead with novel two!"

It was early in 2001 when the decision was made to start a fundraising campaign to raise funds to cover Bishop's expenses for a visit to Avonmore's Roxmore Public School. The successful campaign enabled the author to visit and hold workshops for the entire school. Quesnel recalled how

it was a great experience for everyone, with Bishop holding workshops, author readings and show students the process of writing and publishing a book. Adele recalls how "the kids dressed up in tunnels' theme wear," calling the visit "a magical experience that our rural school got to partake in. It showed them the power of having a voice and reaching out."

Erin Lee, Quesnel's daughter, recalled how "It was such a special time when Mary visited our school. Throughout Grade 3 and 4, we read and enjoyed all of Mary's books and were thrilled to hear she agreed to come and see us. Mary was a mentor to many of us. I remember her speaking about her writing process and how she sent her first book to over 50 publishers. Her determination and perseverance was admired by all of us."

Tunnels of Time, the first book in the *Tunnels of Moose Jaw Time Travel Adventure* series written by Bishop was recently re-released in an updated version during a Zoom event. One of the highlights of the event was an author reading from the actual tunnels in Moose Jaw.



- Obituary -

Johanna Hoogeveen

It is with deepest sadness that we announce that Johanna Hoogeveen (nee VanderStraaten) of Chesterville passed away peacefully at the Dundas Manor on Thursday, October 8, 2020

at the age of 91. Loving wife of the late Henry Hoogeveen for over 59 years. Dear mother of Ted (Denise) of Ottawa, Jack (Dianne) of Chesterville, Joanne Seymour (Greg) of Barrhaven, Mary Dillabough (Bob) of Chesterville and Mike (Wendy) of Chesterville. Loving grandma of John, Ryan, Jaclyn, Cory, Kim, Eric, Kate, Sara, Rebecca, Mandy, Theo, Kevin and Taryn. Great-grandma of Abigail, Gabriel, Mason, Addison, Maeve, Daley, Rylen, Ellie-Mae, Blake and Cohen. Dear sister of Cor (Nolda), Koos (Antoinette) Miet Dekkers and Mientje (Tony), all of Holland. Predeceased by her parents Theodorus and Johanna VanderStraaten, her sister Rejeanne de Bruijn, her brothers Anthony, Piet, Martin, Gerrit, Sjeff, and Harry VanderStraaten, and her grandson Adam Hoogeveen. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, private family arrangements are entrusted to the Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville. Interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Chesterville.

Donations to Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences can be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.

Obituary

McILHAGGA, CAROLE ANNE (NEE REES)

Peacefully on Saturday September 12th, 2020 at the age of 73, surrounded by her loving husband and children at her home in Russell, Ontario. Carole lived a full life with deep dedication to her family, friends and community. Her husband Liston, her son David (Deborah Pagurek), her daughter Cariad (Jason Garratt), her grandchildren Nathan, Arlen and Kayla, her siblings Susan Powell, Twm Rees and Claire Rees-Woods are among the thousands of lives who continue to be enriched by Carole. For those desiring, donations can be made to the Parkinson's Society of Canada, 4211 Yonge St. Suite 316, Toronto, ON M2P 2A9. The McIlhagga family would like to express our appreciation for all the staff at the Winchester Hospital for their wonderful care and compassion during the last two months of Carole's life. Condolences can be left at www.daleyffh.ca.



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Chesterville Legion barbecue

On Fri., Oct. 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., please come by 167 Queen St., Chesterville for the take-out only Legion Barbecue. The barbecue platter will include chicken, beans, coleslaw and bun. Cost for the BBQ is \$13. You must call Isabelle at 613-448-1842 to pre-order. First serving pick-up will be at 4:00 p.m. with the second serving pick-up at 6:30 p.m.

Winchester United Church Fish Fry

The Winchester United Church will be hosting a fish fry on Mon., Oct. 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at its location (519 St. Lawrence St., Winchester) in the church's parking lot. Tickets are available by calling 613-774-2512. The cost is \$15 with pre-order and take out only (no deliveries). Orders must be in by Oct. 15.

Best Jack-O-Lantern Contest

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 30/31 come join us at the Veterans View Park in Morewood. Carve your pumpkin at home and write your name and phone number on the back. Place the pumpkin at Veterans View Park (on top of the hay) by Oct. 30. Winners will be notified on Nov. 1.

Busy South Dundas council meeting

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – South Dundas council met on Mon., Oct. 5 with an agenda filled with items to discuss and decisions to make.

SD CAO Shannon Geraghty provided council with Report CAO2020-12. Council agreed with the recommendation of the report, that the quotation from Aqua Drain Sewer Services Inc. for \$154,262 plus HST to do “additional Storm Culvert Relining in Iroquois” be accepted by council. Danielle Watson, SD director of environmental services, spoke to council regarding the need for bylaw No 2020-87, which would establish a corporate lockout-tagout policy, to be passed.

According to Watson after reviewing existing South Dundas Health and Safety Policies, the need for this policy was discovered. She continued that having a corporate lockout-tagout

policy would assist in ensuring the safety of staff and contractors “completing municipal work from any machinery that could inadvertently activate, or from the unexpected release of energy that could cause injury.” After discussion, council concurred with the report and the bylaw was passed.

Discussion around the development of an ash tree program similar, to the one in Ottawa was considered, and a decision regarding such a program was not made at this time. A request from the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club to be able to bring left over items from a garage sale to the dump at no cost was considered. After discussion which included recognizing the community work done by this organization, it was decided to reimburse IMLC the \$91 in this case. Watson provided information to council regarding the reporting procedures surrounding the anticipated closing of the Matilda Landfill site in approximately four years.

Council members discussed various aspects of Bill 197 which allows for electronic meeting participation and proxy votes. Council seemed agreeable to electronic meeting participation of council members under certain circumstances, with proxy voting at council not seen as acceptable to any of the council members. Administration was asked to provide some additional information as to what circumstances electronic participation at council meetings would be acceptable.

A draft agreement concerning a dry hydrant to be used by both North and South Dundas was presented to council by Geraghty. After discussion by council members, Mayor Steven Byvelts requested Geraghty to advise the CAO of North Dundas, SD “has no issues with the agreement as written.” Information on municipal Halloween programming was provided by Jamie Scott, community program coordinator. There are events planned for the Monday to Friday before Halloween, with deputy mayor Kirsten Gardner mentioning how important this was for people of all ages.



Garden party fun

The Planted Arrow in Winchester held their final Market Garden Party event of the year on Sat., Oct. 10. This was the third garden party of the year and all three were a success. In this photo, Kelly Windle, owner of the Planted Arrow had some fun on the front steps of her shop during the Saturday afternoon event. Morin photo



Happy Halloween

Calyie Martin and Vicky Johnstone of Hogaboom Stitchery Gifts took part in the Planted Arrow Garden Party last Saturday. Their fine selection of gifts was a fun addition for visitors at the party. Morin photo

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Patience is a virtue for Winchester motorists

Phase one of the Wellings of Winchester development is underway. Part of the large project is ensuring that drainage in the area is adequate. Motorists in Winchester have been dealing with a slow down along the west end of Main Street as new storm sewers are put in place. The work is expected to be completed shortly.

Morin photo



2020 Terry Fox run at NDDHS

NDDHS held their annual Terry Fox Walk on Fri., Oct. 9. Each grade participated separately while the student council played music and cheered people on from the bleachers. Despite the event looking much different than it has in past years, the students were still able to get outside and have some fun walking for cancer research.

Courtesy photo



Garlic for everyone

The Garlic Festival held at Lamoureux Park was a welcomed event to the many visitors looking to purchase from the vendors at the park. COVID-19 restrictions slowed down the entrance as the number of people in the actual vendor space was limited. Attendees seemed happy with their purchases.

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- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vegetable oil
- 1-1/4 lb (625 g) boneless Ontario beef grilling steak, cut in thin strips
- 2 tsp (10 mL) grated fresh ginger-root
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 each Ontario greenhouse sweet red pepper and orange pepper, cut in thin strips
- 2 Ontario onions, sliced in thin strips
- 2 cups (500 mL) sliced Ontario mushrooms
- 1-1/3 cups (325 mL) beef broth
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) sodium-reduced soy sauce
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) cornstarch
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) water

Instructions

In wok or large deep skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add beef, ginger and garlic; stir-fry for three minutes or until beef is browned. Add red and orange peppers, onions and mushrooms; stir-fry until tender-crisp about three minutes. Add broth and soy sauce; bring to a simmer.

Cover and steam for one minute.

In small bowl, combine cornstarch and water; stir into meat and vegetable mixture. Cook stirring, for one minute or until sauce is thickened. Serve over cooked rice or noodles.

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4 tips for rebuilding your business after the pandemic

Nearly all small businesses have suffered in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, but many are capable of recovery. To mark BDC Small Business Week, which runs from October 18 to 24, here are four tips to help businesses re-emerge following the pandemic.

- 1. Determine the damage**
 In order to recover, you'll first need to assess the impact that COVID-19 has had on your business. Update your financial statements and compare them to last year's figures. Remember to factor in other types of loss such as employee layoffs and a reduced marketing budget.
- 2. Revisit your business plan**
 You need to figure out how your business model fits in with the new normal. For many small companies, this is a good time to expand your digital store as more people are shopping online. You should also adapt your business growth goals to better reflect the current reality.

- 3. Look into available funding**
 Now more than ever, you need to spend money to make money. As you create a recovery budget, find out whether your business qualifies for government funding that will help you bounce back. Financial institutions may also offer more lenient loans to help struggling entrepreneurs.

- 4. Create a realistic timeline**
 It's important to keep in mind that your business won't recover overnight, and you won't be able to implement all your rebuilding strategies at once. Establish your priorities and track your progress to ensure you're investing in the right areas.
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The people behind Canada's small business resurgence

After nearly 20 years of stagnation, entrepreneurial activity in Canada is making a comeback. In fact, more Canadians launched small businesses in 2018 than any other year in the previous decade. To find out more about the people leading this resurgence, the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) conducted two national surveys on entrepreneurship in 2018. Here's what they found.

- Millennials and Gen Zers accounted for roughly one-third of new entrepreneurs. Over the previous four years, the number of Canadians under 35 years old starting a business jumped by 80 per cent.
- Four times more women are entrepreneurs now than they were 40 years ago, accounting for about 28 per cent of all Canadian small business owners. The growth in female entrepreneurship was about three times faster than that of male entrepreneurship.
- One in four small business owners is a recent immigrant. What's more, the rate of entrepreneurs entering the market is twice as high among newcomers than among the Canadian-born population.

- A growing number of baby boomers are starting small businesses late in their careers. In fact, the number of new Canadian entrepreneurs over the age of 55 tripled between 2000 and 2018.
 - Nearly 41 per cent of entrepreneurs have a post-secondary degree, despite university graduates making up only 26 per cent of the Canadian workforce. The university graduation rate is even higher among women and immigrants.
- In addition to their major contribution to the recent growth in entrepreneurial activity, these changes to the demographics of small business owners in Canada have created a more diverse market.

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A dream come true

MOOSE CREEK – In 1967 Thérèse Théoret opened Chez Thérèse and 53 years later her granddaughter Barbara Renaud is at the helm of this successful Moose Creek business.

Renaud lovingly told of the store's beginning, in her grandmother's front parlour and its expansion a few years later, into a store built by her grandfather Gérard next to their home. In 1979, Chez Thérèse moved to its present location in the Moose Creek Mall located at 30 Labrosse Street in that small North Stormont community. Around the same time her parents Vivian and Michel Théoret opened Vimi Shoes and uncle Richard Théoret opened Richards Mens Wear.

Chez Thérèse has always been an integral part of Renaud's life, recalling how she worked in the store since she was 16 years old. After finishing high school, she attended college studying business before returning to Moose Creek and Chez Thérèse.

During the interview, Renaud explained it had been her grandmother's wish she would one day own the store, a dream which was realized when Renaud purchased it in 2013 after managing it since her parents purchased the store after Thérèse retired in 2000.

When asked about changes to the business, Renaud explained in 2014 that the gift shop was added to the clothing line and in 2016 an online store, which shipped

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Celebrating 53 years

From the left: Elise Vallée, store manager Julie McNaughton and owner Barbara Renaud are pictured at the front of the store. For 53 years, Chez Thérèse has offered quality products for sale.

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“across Canada, the United States and occasionally overseas.” She explained in an email how she will “often wonder what my grandmother would think of my online store and the changes I have made.”

Noting the importance of the store's online and social media presence, she commented how “I've had to keep up with the times in order to keep the store profitable in such uncertain times, competing over the years with the opening of many box stores that my grandmother did not have to contend with in her time.”

Renaud expressed her good fortune “for the two wonderful women I work with” Elise Vallée and Julie McNaughton who have worked at Chez Thérèse for almost 25 years and 13 years respectively. During the interview Vallée and McNaughton were on hand and commented how Chez Thérèse has enjoyed great support from the community throughout the years and most recently during the COVID-19 pandemic. They explained how the store carries a line of quality clothing and as much as possible purchases from Canadian companies.

For more information on Chez Thérèse and the 53rd anniversary celebrations, please visit their Facebook page or their website located at www.cheztherese.ca.

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3D food printing, the future of the kitchen

AJ Al-Rajab
Record Staff

Innovation in agriculture and the food industry is a key to providing food supply and satisfying the needs of some 7.8 billion people and their domestic and farm animals.

Three-dimensional, 3D printing has already revolutionized industrial product development in different sectors. As prices for 3D printers continue to drop, the technology is increasingly available to consumers. The 3D printing of food is an emerging application; recent advances are delivering an assortment of products, from customized pizza, chocolate, hamburger and pasta. This innovation aims to promote healthy eating. Industrial food manufacturers are facing growing consumer and regulatory pressure to reduce the main additives in processed food such as salt, sugar and fat which also act as preservatives and mask bad flavours. Several multinational food manufacturers are using 3D food printers to test recipes of their flagship products with reduced salt, sugar, fat and preservatives.

The widespread commercial adoption of 3D food printing could replace or transform food manufacturers and retailers in ways that would significantly reduce the 1.3 billion tonnes of food that is lost and wasted along the food value chain each year, as reported by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations FAO in 2017. At the national scale, about 31 per cent of food in

Canada is wasted, worth approximately \$49.5-billion.

While the robotics-based food manufacturing technologies designed to automate manual processes for mass production, the 3D

food printing integrates 3D printing and digital gastronomy technique to customize food products. This introduces artistic capabilities into domestic cooking, and extends

customization capabilities to the industrial food sector. For a material to be printed it needs to be easily extruded from the nozzle of the printer and it needs to hold its structure after

deposition. Additives such as thickening and gelling agents can be used for a food system to achieve suitable structure for printing.

Moreover, the 3D food printer allows consumers to use fresh, wholesome ingredients to print a variety

of labour-intensive homemade foods such as spinach, quiche, pumpkin ravioli, or whole-wheat crackers, they all just need to be cooked. Different brands of 3D food printers are already available in the market for commercial food fabricants and home users.

Everyone needs a will

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Record Staff

I am frequently asked by family, friends and clients if they really need a will. I didn't need three years of law school to answer this one. The simple fact is that every adult person absolutely needs a will. In this article I do not intend to tell you what to put in your will. That would be inappropriate. A will is a very personal document and needs to be developed carefully with the help of a trained professional lawyer, preferably a lawyer who does a fair number of them.

Before we discuss what should be considered for inclusion in your will, let's review capacity. A friend recently sent me an e-mail asking if his elderly father needed a capacity test before he could make a will. He had been advised he did. A recent B.C. case has settled this question. The issue of capacity is a legal question not a medical one. It is up to the lawyer taking instructions to be satisfied that the person giving instructions is capable of preparing and signing a will. In the B.C. case the father had been assessed for capacity for other reasons and the court found that was not determinative. In most people their mental state is not static. People have good days and bad days. The key point is that the lawyer determines that at the moment the lawyer was taking instructions to prepare and sign the will, the person was of a sound mind and body.

The next question I often get is should I use the store bought standard form will or online DIY service? Absolutely not. Only litigation lawyers get rich from this practice. There are a multitude of issues that need to be considered with proper legal advice and simply filling in the blank spaces will not suffice. I cannot impress



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enough that you should avoid the DIY method.

The key components of a will are executor/trustee, assets, items of personal value and the beneficiaries. Each of these components must be discussed with your lawyer and make sure you understand each one. An important factor on transferring assets is taxes. You should make sure the lawyer taking instructions has this tax information or have your accountant review the draft will before completing it. In the B.C. case referred to above, the parent had a falling out with her child and gave all her assets to her neighbours. The will was found to be valid. At the same time you are preparing your will you should also consider obtaining power of attorneys. Your power of attorney is effective during your life and the will becomes effective on your passing. One can never be a substitute for the other.

Over the past 40 years I have been involved with a lot of farm family litigation that cost the families a lot of money and bad family ties. It is

extremely important that all members of the farm family have strong wills. It is also important that each member of the family understand the parent's intentions on intergenerational transfer. The most common family litigation was where one sibling stayed at home and worked the farm, often with less remuneration, with the expectation of taking the farm over when the parents retired. The other siblings went off to the city to make their fortune. Over time the farm value goes up significantly and on the death of the last parent, suddenly the non-farm children want their fair share. To avoid litigation the parent's will must be carefully drafted so there is no doubt what the farm child receives and what the non-farm children receive. Nothing must be left to interpretation.

Finally I repeat that I have deliberately not included any advice on what should be in your will. Discuss all those details with your lawyer. There are no bad questions. My take away here is you absolutely should have a will.



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And what a fair it was in Metcalfe

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METCALFE – Restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic may have changed how the 164th Metcalfe Fair was organized, but it didn't stop the community from enjoying a weekend of family fun and entertainment. Included in the weekend event were Drive-in Movie Nights on Friday and Saturday, Opening Ceremonies, Barn Quilt Unveiling, a Community Drive-Thru on Sunday as well as a decorating competition and several virtual competitions. Virtual competitions included a Virtual Family Division Competition, Virtual Open Junior Beef Show, Virtual Baby Show and a cross Canada Virtual Fiddle and Step Dance Competition.

The 2020 Metcalfe Fair featured two Drive-in Movie nights held on Oct. 2 and 3, with attendance ranging between 55 and 65 cars both evenings. Reports

indicate those attending seemed to have a good time at the drive-in and left people wondering if this would be a new part of the fair.

On Oct. 3, the fair was officially opened and the 32 Barn Quilts, decorating the Agricultural Hall on the Fairgrounds were unveiled.

On the fair's Facebook page, the quilts and their stories are posted. Agriculture has always been an integral part of the Metcalfe Fair and this year, there were several livestock competitions held in keeping with this tradition.

One of the highlights of

any fair is the Baby Contest, and this year the Metcalfe Fair hosted a virtual Baby Contest. Cheryl Sullivan, office administrator for the MAS, commented each participant in the Virtual Baby Show will receive a certificate with categories including "Cutest Chubby Cheeks, Best Dressed, Cutest Smile and Best Hairdo."



Because of COVID-19, the Metcalfe Fair did things differently this year. The fair was stationary while visitors drove through it looking at all of the displays. Many of the traditional fair competitions still took place only virtually. Here the fair celebrates its official opening.

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Russell High School Report

Janel Therkelsen
RHS Student Writer

Hey everyone!

It has been a long while since my last weekly report for Russell High School, but I'm back! This is an odd year already, and one we will be talking about for the next few years—maybe even decades in the future...after we conquer this invisible virus. We just have to remember that in unity there is strength!

We'd like to give a warm welcome to the class of 2024 that are just moving up the ranks into high school. Welcome back to all of our returning students. Good to see the T-Wolves pack back together.

This year, as you can imagine, school is undoubtedly different. Not only are there more rules we need to abide by, to keep everyone safe—social distancing and sanitizing— but our bell times have shifted tremendously. Make sure all you T-Wolves get enough sleep; you should aim for at least eight hours! Then on top of that, this year there is a limited amount of sports and events that we will be able to host. Although, one thing about us T-Wolves, we are always very resourceful, and we will always come up with a way to stay connected and have fun. For example, this Friday, Link Crew is hosting a Terry Fox event full of fun activities and a great opportunity to recognize the 40th anniversary of the 1980 "Marathon of Hope."

Also, this week is "Walk to School Week" where students are encouraged to walk to school if they can. This Saturday is World's Mental Health Day to bring recognition to the people who fight their inner battles and the importance of making sure that you are not only healthy physically, but mentally as well.

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How to winterize your home's interior

To ensure your house is safe, warm and energy efficient all winter, there are several maintenance tasks you should complete in the fall. Here's what you'll need to do.

Heating system

Use a vacuum to clean the electric baseboards or wall vents, and make sure furniture and curtains are at least 10 centimetres away from these heat sources. Remember to test your system before the temperature drops. If necessary, get it inspected and cleaned by a professional.



Doors and windows

To protect your home from drafts, caulk and replace worn weather stripping around your doors and windows. Remove window screens to prevent condensation from building up. If you have an attached garage, check that the door closes completely.

Detectors

Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors work. Hold down the test button until the alarm goes off. Change the batteries if necessary and make sure you have extras on hand.



Sump pump

Confirm that your sump pump is working by slowly pouring water into the pit. The pump should immediately turn on and start draining the pit.

Ventilation system

Clean your air exchanger filters and make sure the system is working properly. Remove the grates and vacuum out the ducts.

Air conditioner

If you have a central air conditioning system, cover the outdoor unit with a weather-proof tarp. Alternatively, remove the window unit or put away your portable AC.

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Home Inspection – Protect your investment

Linda Vogel
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Are you looking at buying a new house? With interest rates so low, it is very tempting to jump into a mortgage. But before you make that all important signature, be sure to check out the little details that can have such an impact on your future happiness.

Yes, there is a cost to having a home inspection but let's be honest, there is an even bigger cost that could be lurking between you and your "perfect" home. When you step into that potential dream home, your senses heighten, and the overwhelming excitement of ownership is compounded by the fear of the high demand for houses making it easy to miss those unapparent white elephants.

A home inspector will do a "full inspection on the outside, from the foundation to roof and inside basement to attic and everything in between including electrical, plumbing, heating, structure, etc.," says Dean Slaney of Peace of Mind Home Inspections, "within hours of having the home inspection done, you will

receive a copy of the full report including photos."

What should you expect from a home inspection? An inspector will take that unbiased check of the property and document potential concerns and severe issues. They will also take pictures to assist in your understanding of the points of interest detailed in the report. The report card, if you will, is divided into items that are defective and must be repaired either immediately or within a specified time frame right through to items that are acceptable to the building codes but you will need to have addressed or at least be aware of.

The inspector will evaluate the exterior of the house including items such as siding, windows, weather sealant, and roof surface. Faulty materials or installations will be identified. Railings and stairs will be evaluated for their height and safety requirements. An attic will be inspected for the depth and quality of insulation as well as the condition of roof vents, and truss condition. Each item will be identified as acceptable, not

present, not inspected, marginal or defective.

Most financial institutions, mortgage brokers and insurance companies are requesting home inspections to protect their own interest. Slaney says "These days we are also doing inspections for buyers prior to them making an offer on a home. If the inspection goes well, then they can put an offer in, minus the inspection clause and hopefully beat out another offer in this competitive market."

Sellers can benefit as well by having their property inspected so to prevent any unexpected negative reports that can ultimately reduce achieving the optimum price for their investment. In some cases, you may want to fix these issues before listing and protect the return on your investment dollars.

Whether you are looking to purchase a home for your family or an investment property, it is important to be aware of what financial commitments are needed in addition to the initial mortgage. The initial cost of a professional home inspector can far outweigh

Defective Summary

This summary is not the entire report. The complete report may include additional information of concern to the client. It is recommended that the client read the complete report.

Lots and Grounds

- Deck: Wood Frame Deck and Roof - Some deterioration was present on the wood due to age and moisture. Deck is not supported on proper footings as it was attached to the home. Some settlement was noted. Roof shingles on the deck were severely deteriorated. A qualified contractor is recommended to evaluate and estimate repairs**



A comprehensive home inspection will give you an itemized listing of items that are: normal wear, items that should be attended to and things that do not comply with the current regulations. This document can be used for the initial purchase and securing the financing but can also be used later on as you are deciding your home improvement projects.

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the cost of those unexpected repairs. A home is always a place of growth, and imperfections may not stop you from proceeding with

your purchase but, with a comprehensive report you can make those financial decisions which may include borrowing additional funds to

repair the key items in the report. A home inspection can help increase your odds of realizing your dream of making a house a home.

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How to hang a mirror

A mirror can add light, depth and elegance to a room. Here are a few tips for a quick and easy installation.

and quantity of hooks to use. For a frameless mirror, you can mount clips or use a strong adhesive.

mirror opposite a window that gets direct sunlight as this can create a blinding reflection. Take your time to mark the spot for each nail or screw with a pencil.

Use the right hardware

Drywall, wood and brick require different types of anchors to support a mirror. You'll also need to consider the mirror's size and weight when determining the kind

Find the right spot

Use a measuring tape and level to determine the ideal location to hang your mirror. Opt for a height that's at eye level for most adult members of your household. Avoid hanging a

Once you've chosen a location and installed the hardware, carefully hang your mirror. Make sure it's secure before you let go, then step back and enjoy the view.



Watch the weight!

Keep in mind that some mirrors are too heavy for drywall, even with a large anchor. If your mirror weighs more than 50 kilograms, you'll need to secure it to a stud.

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It's a sellers market in rural Ontario

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

Getting married, raising a family and owning your own home have always been goals shared by couples everywhere.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had its own effect on the real-estate industry.

Surveys indicate that more than ever, people living in urban areas of the country feel safer moving from a busy city to a quiet rural area.

The virus is expected to be a long-term issue, consequently the urge to limit interactions with other people has increased.

Historically, low interest rates and reasonable regulations regarding mortgages has encouraged buyers to take the plunge and sellers to make up their minds to move on to the next chapter of their life.

The housing market in rural areas of the country has never been so busy.

Steve Summers, a veteran broker with Coldwell Banker, Coburn Realty, Brokerage in Kemptville said now is the time to sell your rural home if you are ready to move on.

Many older homeowners are poised to make the next step by selling their home and moving into some kind of retirement home.

If you are a young family looking for a home to buy, rural homes are your best bet.

Rural living may involve a longer commute to work but it is difficult to beat the quality of life found in rural Ontario.

Low interest rates, readily available mortgages and the idea of escaping urban living have created a market situation where there is more profit to be made. There have been many homes bought in the area that have sold for more than the seller had asked for.

Rural home prices have been historically appropriate for where they are, however a home owner in an urban area is getting more when they sell their house and are taking that extra money and throwing it at a

rural property.

The result is a sometimes out of balance marketplace.

Despite the out of balance marketplace, the Canadian market is expected to be active for the rest of 2020. According to a report by RE/MAX, there is an increase in interest in suburban and rural homes. Housing prices are expected to increase by 4.6 per cent as the year ends. This is more than what brokers and agents anticipated earlier in the year. According to a survey conducted by Leger on behalf of RE/MAX Canada, 32 per cent of Canadians, according to the report do not want to live in an urban centre, instead they want a rural or suburban community to live in. Researchers have also found that more Canadians want more living space for their families with room for a pool, balcony or large yard.



5 components of a cosy nursery

If you have a baby on the way, you'll probably want to think about creating a nursery. Here are five design elements to incorporate into the room.

1. A soft, neutral palette

Create a soothing space with light tones and pastel colours. Options like seafoam green, lavender and cream are lovely alternatives to the traditional pale pink and baby blue. Be sure to use eco-friendly paint that doesn't contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

2. A durable floor

Favour strong materials like bamboo, cork and vinyl that will provide a comfortable play surface for your infant. Avoid

flooring with a glossy finish as it will highlight every scratch and imperfection. A soft rug makes a nice addition to the space, and there are colours and designs for every taste.

3. An ergonomic chair

A comfortable place to feed, soothe and read to your baby is essential. Opt for a rocking chair, glider or simply one with sufficient padding. For those 3 a.m. wake-up calls, treat yourself to a rocking ottoman as well so you'll have a place to rest your feet.

4. A versatile changing table

An increasing number of vendors now offer multi-purpose changing tables that double as a dresser or bookcase. In addition

to being an attractive piece of furniture, you'll have plenty of storage space for clothes and toys as your child gets older.

5. A safe place to sleep

Before you purchase a new or second-hand crib, make sure it adheres to the latest government safety standards. This includes having a tight-

fitting mattress and bars that are no more than six centimetres apart. You should also be aware that drop-side cribs are a hazard and their sale is prohibited.

For the finishing touches, install a roller shade or thick curtains to make nap time easier. You should also include a few lighting options such as a ceiling light, table lamp and nightlight.



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Choosing the right tile

Not all tiles are the same. In fact, each type has its own characteristics that make it well suited for some spaces and less than ideal for others. Here's what you should know before you start your next tiling project.

Ceramic

The durability of a ceramic tile depends on its PEI rating, which measures the surface enamel's resistance to abrasion. Class 1 and 2 tiles are lightweight options perfect for shower walls and backsplashes. On floors, however, you'll need at least a class 3 tile to avoid cracking the surface.

Porcelain

This material is available in a wide range of styles and can be made to look like just about any type of flooring.

Porcelain is highly resistant to damage, stains and moisture, which makes it a good choice for bathrooms, kitchens and entryways.

Natural stone

From marble and slate to granite and limestone, there's no denying the elegance of stone tiles. However, the porous texture of certain types makes them harder to clean and more susceptible to scratching. To prevent water damage and stains, you'll need to regularly apply a high-quality sealant.

Glass

While not recommended for floors, glass tiles can be used to create a mosaic-styled backsplash in the kitchen or an accent piece around a bathtub. Using the material can



brighten up a room as glass reflects light and pairs wonderfully with natural surfaces like wood and stone.

Once you've selected your tiles, leave installation to the professionals. Their experience allows them to work efficiently, waste fewer materials and create unique designs.

Unwind on a daybed

If you want an elegant piece of furniture built for lounging, consider including a daybed in your home decor. This trendy item offers a number of advantages.

A cross between a couch, single bed and chaise longue, the daybed is a versatile piece of furniture. It's equally great as a spot for sitting, sleeping or curling up with a book.

Plus, a daybed is just as stylish as it is

functional. Available in a wide variety of materials and styles, it can tie in with nearly any design aesthetic. Use yours to create a private retreat or an inviting area for guests.

This multipurpose piece of furniture can be used to optimize your living space without having to compromise on decor. To find the right daybed for your home, visit a furniture store in your area.



3 reasons to consider an induction cooktop

Are you in the market for a new stove? If so, here are three benefits of opting for an induction cooktop or range.

1. Rapid cooking

Powered by electricity, an electromagnetic field beneath the glass cooktop transfers a current to the pot or pan. This efficient process directly heats up the cookware rather than warming a burner which then transfers heat to the pot. Keep in mind that the cookware must contain a ferromagnetic metal like stainless steel or cast iron to work.

2. Easy cleaning

Since the glass cooktop

doesn't have a hot burner, stray food and spills won't get burned to the stove. This makes cleanup a lot less strenuous. However, you should wait a few minutes before you wipe down the surface as the pot will have transferred heat onto the cooktop.

3. Consistent heating

Induction ranges and cooktops provide consistent heat, even at their lowest setting, and allow you to make accurate temperature adjustments. Plus, since the cookware is heated directly, no energy is lost in the transfer from burner to pot.

One additional thing to keep in mind about

induction stoves is that they draw a fair amount of power. For this reason, you'll need to determine whether your circuit breaker has the adequate rating. If you're unsure, consult a licensed electrician.





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What's the best material to frame your windows?

If it's time to replace the windows in your home, you'll need to choose a material for the frames. Here are the most common options and what you should know about them.

Vinyl

Made of PVC and often supported with a metal interior, this material is easy to maintain, an effective insulator and resistant to moisture and corrosion. It's also the most affordable window frame option. Over time, however, fluctuating temperatures can cause the corner seams to fail.

Aluminum

This durable material requires little maintenance and is extremely weather-resistant, although exposure to sunlight can affect its appearance. Though more expensive than vinyl, these sturdy frames can be built thin to increase the surface area of glass in your windows.



Wood

This timeless, warm and recyclable material is both an eco-friendly and esthetically pleasing option. However, it requires meticulous care to protect it from water damage and rot. Alternatively, hybrid window frames include a layer of aluminum or fiberglass to shield the wood from the elements.

Fibreglass

While not as affordable as vinyl, this low-cost option offers the strongest window frame structure. It's also resistant to temperature fluctuations and moisture. Fibreglass tends to discolour in the sun, but it can easily be repainted. Plus, the material won't deteriorate.

All of these window frame varieties have an average lifespan of 20 to 30 years. However, if properly cared for, wood frames can last much longer.

3 things you need to pour a concrete slab

Concrete is a durable and affordable material that can be used to build a patio or walkway on your property. Here's what you need to successfully pour a concrete slab.

1. A stable base

Excavate a hole that's the right dimensions for your project, then add a layer of compacted gravel that's at least 10 centimetres deep. This facilitates soil drainage and will help prevent the slab from shifting and cracking when the ground

freezes and thaws.

2. A strong form

A form is a framework that holds the liquid concrete in place to ensure it hardens in the desired shape. For best results, use straight wood planks to build the form and firmly brace the sides. You should also reinforce the concrete with rebar to strengthen the slab and prevent cracking.

3. A steady hand

When you pour the concrete, make sure it

seeps into every crevice. Once the form is filled, you'll need to remove air bubbles and smooth out the surface of the slab with a bull float and trowel. Allow the concrete to harden overnight before you carefully remove the form.

Keep in mind that pouring concrete can be a challenge, particularly for large-scale projects like a garage floor. To ensure the job is done correctly, leave it to the professionals.



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5 essential precautions if you have a wood-burning fireplace

A wood-burning fireplace can add warmth and charm to your home. However, if certain precautions aren't taken, these devices pose a serious hazard. To ensure your home and family members remain safe, here are five practices you should adopt.

1. Use the right wood

Wood smoke contains a number of pollutants. To minimize emissions, opt for hardwood like elm, maple and oak, and avoid softwood such as spruce and fir. Additionally, make sure the logs are clean and dry.

2. Install quality alarms

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are essential. Purchase quality devices from a recognized brand, test them regularly and always have extra batteries on hand.

3. Keep an extinguisher nearby

A single misdirected spark or fallen ember can lead to a devastating fire. Make sure you always have easy access to a fire extinguisher and that you know how to use it.

4. Store ashes safely

Keep your fireplace

clean by putting hot ashes in a sealed metal container outdoors and away from buildings and flammable materials. Wait a few days before transferring the ashes to the garbage.

5. Clean the chimney

Get a professional to clean and inspect your chimney every year. This will ensure proper ventilation and reduce the risk for chimney fires.

If you carefully follow these tips, you and your family will be able to safely enjoy the benefits of having a wood-burning fireplace in your home.



3 advantages of floating floors

If you need to replace your flooring, keep in mind that the quality of floating floors continues to improve while its other enticing characteristics remain. Here's what floating floors have to offer.

1. Superior resistance

The most common type of floating floor material is laminate, which is resistant to impact, scratches and UV ray damage. Laminate does fine in a damp environment, so you can safely install it in a basement or bathroom.

2. Affordable price

A floating floor is an affordable solution that offers a balance between quality and price. Even if you opt for a higher quality floating floor material, the cost is only about \$5 per square foot. Installation tends to be cheaper as well.

3. Easy installation

This type of flooring is referred to as "floating" because it doesn't need to be glued or nailed to the

subfloor. Instead, each plank has grooves that make them interlock. With a few simple tools, you can install them yourself, although you'll likely get better results if you hire a professional.

Keep in mind that floating floors can mimic the appearance of wood, ceramic or stone. This means there's a flooring choice that's right for every room, and you won't have to compromise on style.



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Modern day challenges need modern day solutions

Joseph Morin Record Staff

Steve Baird Electric has joined the ranks of so many successful family businesses in rural Ontario.

The company's motto is "Prompt service with a dedication to quality."

The business was founded in 2018 by Steve Baird and his wife Katie.

Baird said, "I have always dreamed of owning my own business. My wife works in the office doing the admin work, I have employees who are like family, and hope my son will choose to join me many years down the road."

Steve Baird Electric covers all aspects of electrical work at home or on the farm.

"I specialize in motor control and the wiring of industrial facilities, for example, grain handling plants, farms as well as the agricultural field," said Baird.

Living in, and running an electrical service business in the middle of an agricultural part of Ontario, he understands what it takes to keep farm equipment operating properly as well as the many challenges farmers face on a daily basis. That means when electrical issues come up, they have to be dealt with quickly. "I have been involved in my family's cash crop farm for years which gives me a great understanding of crops and grain handling and the importance of being there for repairs in the heart of crop season. I also spent my younger years working on a dairy farm milking cows, so that gave me a lot of knowledge of herd health and what livestock needs are."

He believes the need for electrical servicing in rural areas of the country is growing and there is no shortage of challenges to take on.

"The electrical industry in the rural area is becoming so vast, with needs and advancements in the industry. The knowledge an electrician needs to know is increasing drastically," said Baird.

"For example, we can start our day with a light fixture change in a house, then be called to a dairy barn to service a motor, then head to a plant to trouble shoot a computerized controller running a robot arm. I personally find the rural electrical field so interesting and it gives you the opportunity to learn so much."

The modern farm in Ontario has to be efficient and able to improve its operation when needed to remain competitive. The

days of simple farm operating systems is becoming a thing of the past, even a small two-bin grain system looks for simple improvements such as soft starting motors to reduce load, to wiring starters together; so when there is a plug in an auger the other pieces of equipment feeding that auger stop to eliminate damage. "The trends I see are all about improving what we have and tweaking things to increase efficiency and reduce down time," said Baird.

He explained, "The equipment we wire is the same stuff that has been around for years; you have barn fans, manure pumps, augers and grain elevators.

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12 ways to winterproof your property

Winter weather can take a toll on your home's exterior. However, if you take precautions, you can protect it from getting damaged. Here are 12 essential tasks to complete before the season's first snowfall.

1. Inspect the roof. Clear off leaves and other debris so you can examine the shingles. Replace any that are damaged or worn out.

2. Clean the window wells. Remove all leaves, sticks and other debris. Make sure the drains are clear to prevent water from pooling and possibly leaking into your basement.

3. Empty the gutters. Once the trees on your property have shed their leaves, remove all debris from your gutters. Clogs can lead to ice damming and even water damage.

4. Check the foundation. Look for cracks and repair them before winter. Otherwise, water can seep into the concrete and cause more extensive damage when it freezes.

5. Sweep the chimney. Hire a professional to remove soot and creosote from the flue to prevent a fire. Make sure the chimney cap is intact so critters can't sneak in.

6. Install the vent covers. Keep out cold air and pests by installing covers over the

exterior vents for your dryer and range hood. Otherwise, check that the existing ones are in good condition.

7. Close the pool. Clean out the filter, drain the pool about halfway and disconnect the pump. Remember to remove the ladder before you install the winter cover.

8. Plant the bulbs. Get all your spring bulbs in the ground before it freezes. Remember to cut back perennials.

9. Tidy up the yard. Rake the leaves, clean out the gardens, aerate your lawn and add mulch or compost as needed.

10. Protect the shrubs. Wrap bushes and saplings in burlap or tree wrap, and bring potted plants inside.

11. Prune the trees and hedges. Cut away branches that are close to your home to avoid winter storm damage. This will also help prevent animals from climbing onto your roof.

12. Put away summer items. Clean the grill and disconnect the propane tank before you cover up the barbecue. Drain the sprinkler system and shut off the water supply. Wipe down and store the patio furniture.

Since fall is a busy time for arborists, pool technicians and other professionals, be sure to schedule your service calls sooner rather than later.



Modern day challenges need modern day solutions

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Of course, things are newer and have more features but what is really changing is control. How we operate things. Its all about process control, we still have the same barn fan but now we control speed based on temperature. As temperature increases so does fan speed, thus creating a better environment. I find we are looking at the big picture more and using the same equipment, but installing controls with brain power that make decisions and changes based on your settings."

There have been many changes to the agriculture industry.

Baird has been working in the electrical field for the past ten years.

During that time he has witnessed ever-changing demands, challenges and innovations in agriculture.

"I find the dairy industry has really come a long way. Just a simple thing like

lighting has changed from big heavy lights that draw a pile of power to nice LED lights that draw next to nothing. The automation alone in the industry has changed drastically; from robot milkers texting your phone, to a fully temperature and humidity controlled barn."

Steve Baird Electric works on just about everything electrical for the home or farm. The electrical company works on all types of agricultural facilities, including dairy and horse barns, grain handling and drying, the repair and servicing of large automated plants.

They work on industrial equipment as well as rewiring machining equipment like breaks, shears and drill presses.

"We can design and custom build controllers for almost anything," said Baird.

When not busy with agricultural jobs Steve Baird Electric works on house wiring, new home

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Are you sitting quietly in your house, maybe enjoying a hot cup of coffee and you hear that relentless scratching inside the cupboard, or that little scurry along the wall as you try to enjoy your expected quiet time?

Rodents can enter your buildings in the smallest of spaces but big or small, they can create a lot of damage in a short period of time. Not only is this annoying to hear but the damage that can be caused to your insulation, wiring and health can be even more frustrating.

Canucks Wildlife Services offers 22 years of experience in the business. Getting rid of the pesky critters is only a part of infestation issues. Concerns about the wastes left behind can be more of a health issue than most people realize. Owner, Keith Fowler, carry's the zoonotic disease

certification with the National Wildlife Controller Operators Association (NWCOA) which ensures that when you use their services they will safely clean up any contaminated waste your unwanted friends have left behind.

Repairing small or major damage from these pests is all part of their service.

"I pride myself in providing a pest free home with custom metal work and exclusive ideas that don't take away from your home," states Fowler, "to the point people have to ask me what did I do?"

The NWCOA provides the guarantee that a business that holds a membership in their association shows that they care about the industry and improving their business practices.

It is important that you have someone deal with your infestation in a knowledgeable way while respecting the integrity of

your buildings and the safety of residents whether that be human or pets.

Pests can range from mice, bats, starlings, skunks and squirrels to name a few. Fowler comments that, "We didn't stop there, gaining a basic wildlife control course, a bat standards course and the rodent standards course from NWCOA puts us in the know."

With the increasing demand for these services, Jess Fowler has opened Mouse Management Inc.

To assist in dealing with the regular maintenance of those pesky little critters that tend to be persistent in wanting to share your warm spaces.

With experience, training and state of the art techniques Canucks Wildlife Services and Mouse Management Inc. can rid you of those unwanted visitors and allow you to relax in the comfort of your home.

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3 ways to display your wine bottles

If you want to display your wine collection, here are three simple ways to showcase it.

1. On a bar cart

Opt for a cart made of reclaimed wood or with an industrial metal frame. Lay out an assortment of bottles and glasses to create a look that's as stylish as it is functional. Make sure your bar cart is on wheels so you can entertain in any room in your home.

2. In a hutch

Traditionally used to display dishware, this classic piece of dining room furniture can also be used to exhibit your wine collection. Choose one with plenty of space and open shelving to highlight bottles, decanters and glassware. You'll also want your hutch to have drawers and cabinets as these are helpful for storing bar tools and accessories.

3. On a mounted rack

From simple metal pegs

to elaborate wood shelving, you can display your wine collection by hanging it from a wall-mounted rack. You can choose either a vertical or horizontal model and select a style that suits your decor.

Keep in mind that the ideal temperature for storing all wines, red or white, is around seven to 12 degrees Celsius (45 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit). Additionally, it's best to keep bottles out of direct sunlight.



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Attic insulation materials

Before you add insulation to your attic, you'll need to select a material that suits your needs and budget. Here are a few options and their benefits:

- **Cellulose.** It's all-natural, made from recycled materials and offers high thermal resistance.
- **Fibreglass.** It's affordable, easy to install and provides excellent thermal performance.
- **Hemp.** It's a renewable material that's easy to install and resistant to rodents and other pests.
- **Expanded cork.** It's biodegradable, resistant to water and air leaks and boasts superior thermal and acoustic insulation.
- **Mineral wool.** It's durable, offers acoustic insulation and is fire and moisture resistant.

While some types of insulation are easier to install than others, it's always best to hire a professional to ensure your attic is properly sealed and can protect your home from the elements.

4 reasons you should insulate your attic before winter

If the insulation in your attic is sparse, worn out or needs to be replaced, it's best to take action as soon as possible. Here's why you shouldn't delay in starting this essential home repair.

1. To avoid paying more for your energy bills

Insufficient insulation makes your home less energy efficient, which means you'll pay more for utilities. Additionally, your HVAC system has to work harder to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature. This shortens its lifespan and leads to more frequent repairs.

2. To avoid getting cold

In winter, heat loss caused by inadequate insulation can contribute to the formation of ice dams on your roof. These ice buildups can damage your roof and pose a hazard to people walking nearby.

3. To avoid impairing your home and health

A poorly insulated attic is more at risk of water leaks, which could lead to mould growth, wood rot and other damage. This can compromise both your health and the structural integrity of your home.

4. To avoid pest infiltrations

A lack of sealed insulation makes it easier for small creatures to infiltrate your attic, where they might procreate, chew electrical wires and cause other costly damage.

In addition to preventing costly repairs and other problems, keep in mind that you may be eligible for a considerable tax credit if you add insulation to your home. This is because it's an environmentally friendly repair that can improve the energy efficiency of your home.



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Why you should buy a hygrometer

The humidity level in your house can have a significant effect on your well-being. If there isn't enough moisture in the air, you may develop dry skin, a scratchy throat and chronic nose bleeds. Excess moisture is also problematic as it can lead to water damage and mould growth.

While condensation on the windows and other issues can be signs that the humidity level in your home is less than ideal, the most reliable way to assess the amount of moisture in the air is to use a hygrometer.

How it works

A hygrometer is an affordable, user-friendly instrument that measures relative humidity, which is the amount of water vapour in the air expressed as a percentage. Since this device is hand-held, you can easily monitor the humidity level in each room of your home.

Ideally, the humidity level throughout your home should be between 30 and 50 per cent. To avoid inaccurate results, don't use the hygrometer near a heat source. If the humidity level in one or several rooms isn't optimal, here are a few ways to add or remove moisture from the air:

- Install a humidifier or dehumidifier;
- Ensure your windows and doors are well-sealed;
- Install ceiling exhaust fans;
- Open a window;
- Avoid air-drying laundry indoors.

To purchase a hygrometer, simply visit any hardware or big-box store in your area.

