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**Snowarama comes to Riverside**

RIVERSIDE – This year's North/South Dundas Snowarama kicks-off with a pancake breakfast at the Riverside Recreation Centre with a pancake breakfast on Sat., March 5. For more information, contact Heather Cooke-Erwin at 613-989-6145 or email at: heathercookeerwinphotography@gmail.com. The event is sponsored by the Nation Valley Snowmobile Association.

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**Three-quarters of a century and still going strong**

From the left: Brooke Carruthers, SNC general manager Angela Coleman and SNC communications specialist Shannon Gutoskie hold some of the snowshoes that were available for the public to use at Warwick Forest.

Thompson Goddard Photo

**Pandemic restrictions begin to lift**

Joseph Morin  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – As telegraphed several weeks ago, the provincial Covid restrictions imposed for the last two years are gradually being lifted, as the number of Covid infections seem to be steadily decreasing.

In a press conference on Mon., Feb. 14, Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced that he was going to begin to roll back some pandemic restrictions and ultimately hoped a return to normal would be sooner than later.

He said, "As I said, from the very beginning, extraordinary measures that we introduced during this pandemic were always intended as a last resort. And I stood at this very podium and promised you that these tools would only be used as long as they were absolutely necessary, and not one day longer."

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**North Stormont amalgamated schools have new name**

Joseph Morin  
Record Staff

ROXMORE – The North Stormont Public School has been renamed the Avonmore Elementary School.

The name change comes into effect on Sept. 1.

The change is the result of the amalgamation of North Stormont Public School and the Roxmore Public School.

A look at the state of schools in the Upper Canada School Board was part of a study called, the Pupil Accommodation Review of 2017.

One of the conclusions of the review was that the North Stormont Public School would be closed, and the school's students would become part of the Roxmore Public School student body.

The closure is expected to take place in September 2022.

To help with the transition and amalgamation, the school board decided to come up with a new name for the amalgamated school.

A transition committee including representation from both school communities was created and worked over the past year to plan for the successful transition of students, staff, and families; "ensuring the creation of a shared vision and culture inclusive of all," according to a school board update.

The school board ensured that the transition committee, called the School Naming Committee, included a healthy representation from parents, school staff and the board.

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# NS schools

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The School Naming Committee was created as a sub-committee of the established Roxmore/North Stormont Transition Committee. The School Naming Committee included: Three parents from North Stormont Public School, including the school council chairperson. Three parents from Roxmore Public School, including the school council chairperson. A community representative, and two staff members from each school, as well as administrative staff from each school.

The local Trustee and the families of the schools' superintendent, attended in a supportive role.

The committee set out to determine a new name for



The North Stormont Public School and Roxmore Public School will be amalgamated under the new name Avonmore Elementary School. Courtesy Photo

the school by first creating the criteria that would be used to determine potential new names.

This criterion was then aligned with a scoring system for reviewing names submitted for consideration by the School Naming Committee.

Anyone who was

interested in finding a new name was asked to submit suggested names for consideration by the School Naming Committee. Information on how to do so was shared via school newsletters, social media posts and hard copy posters in local post offices.

In addition to public

input, the School Naming Committee also brainstormed and submitted names for consideration.

The committee then evaluated all name submissions according to the established criteria and scoring tool and came to a consensus on the top three name options.

The top three options

were provided to each family and all staff in the two school communities. Each family and staff member had the opportunity to submit their preferred name choice.

The name Avonmore Elementary School received 82 votes, and Fairview Elementary School, and

Mapleview Elementary School received respectively 35 and 37 votes.

## Corrections

In the Jan. 20 edition of the *Chesterville Record* there was an error in a headline. The correct headline is: South Stormont names new public highway, Jim Bancroft Boulevard. *The Record* apologizes for the error.

Also, in the Feb. 3 *Chesterville Record* article, titled: 'North Dundas salary increase put on hold' had an error. In 2021, the staff increase for North Dundas' municipal employees was 0.7 per cent and not 1.7 per cent. *The Record* apologizes for any confusion the error may have caused.

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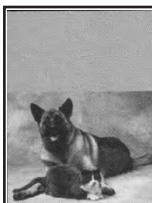
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# Population increases in SD&G

Joseph Morin  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Despite the pandemic, and the economic and social stresses that have become normal as a result, rural communities are growing.

Recent information about population growth from Statistics Canada illustrate how Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry communities are growing.

The following are population increases from 2016 to 2021.

North Stormont has enjoyed an increase of 7.7 per cent. The rural community has a population of 7,400. Next is the township of South Stormont with a 2021 population of 13,570 with an increase of 3.5 per cent.

Cornwall with a population of 47,845 is ready to increase their numbers by 2.7 per cent. South Dundas has a population of 11,044 and overall has experienced a 1.8 per cent increase in its population. South Glengarry has 11,304 residents and increased its



Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry have enjoyed healthy population growth according to Statistics Canada.

population by 1.4 per cent. Lastly, North Dundas has increased its population by 0.2 per cent and has a population of 11,304.

In North Dundas, the numbers that reflect the new growth are interesting. In June 2020, building permits in North Dundas totalled \$5,223,050. In June 2021, that amount skyrocketed to \$18,920,268. There were 41 new homes built in the municipality compared to 11 in June of 2020.

In July of 2021, the dramatic increase in building permits continued with \$9,019,872 compared to \$1,142,650 in July of 2020.

Reaching back into the past, you

can see for example the slow increase in growth as more people arrive in North Dundas. The values of building permits in 2016, for example, was a comparably small amount compared to 2021 coming in at \$250,000.

In North Dundas, the growth has resulted in the municipality's search for more fresh drinking water necessary to service their community, as well as expanded sewer services. The growth has also resulted in municipal staff requesting help in bolstering their staff to deal with increased building and engineering needs.

Data for Akwesasne is not available.

Courtesy Photo

# Pandemic restrictions

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One of the first steps in moving away from restrictions was getting students back in schools. In January students were able to return to class but with mask restrictions in place.

Ford said, "At the peak of the Omicron wave, over 4,000 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 in Ontario. That number has now dropped to 1,500."

The premier announced that beginning on Feb. 17, the province will remove all capacity limits, except for sporting events, concert venues, and theatres, which will be capped at 50 per cent. The vaccination passport will no longer be required in all settings; however, this means that the vaccination passport is no longer a legislative requirement for it to be required in different settings. Where it is still needed will be posted. Businesses and other settings may choose to continue to ask for a vaccination passport, but only if they want to. The masking rules remain in effect.

Ford said, "Social gathering limits will increase to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors. Organized public events will increase to 50 people indoors with no limits outdoors, and we intend to eliminate capacity limits in all indoor public settings at the same time, and at the recommendation of Dr. Moore. We will lift proof of vaccination requirements for all

settings based on the advice of Dr. Moore and what we have learned over the pandemic. We will need to keep masking in place for just a little bit longer.

Ford stressed that there was never any doubt in his mind that the restrictions as frustrating as they were, paid off in keeping residents safer than they would have been had the province done nothing.

He said, "The steps we took together as difficult as they were, were absolutely necessary and saved 10s of thousands of lives from Covid-19. We're able to take this step now because of each and every one of you, because of our nurses, our doctors, hospital workers, because of every single person who volunteered in a vaccine clinic and every single person who played a part in this fight."

Ford pointed out that his decision had nothing at all to do with what was happening in Ottawa, or Windsor even though he

had declared a state of emergency in Ontario.

Locally in SD&G, residents will soon be seeing the difference that calling off some restrictions will make.

While celebrating the decrease of Covid infections in the province, Ford stressed that he was not going to tolerate the kinds of protests that have been happening through the province over the past two weeks.

He said, "And while Ottawa remains a more complex situation involving municipal, provincial and federal law enforcement, all three levels of government are focused on ending the illegal occupation of those who are still there, to those of you who are there with a sole objective of causing disruption [and] chaos."

Some mask requirements will remain in place and will be an optional requirement depending on what a business wants to do.

Beginning on Feb. 17,

capacity limits will be removed for several indoor settings where proof of vaccination is required, including restaurants; bars and other food establishments that do not have dancing; retailers, including shopping malls, and gyms and non-spectator sports' facilities. Capacity limits will be removed from movie theatres, meeting and event areas, museums, zoos, aquariums, casinos, and bingo halls as well as churches.

The province is also lifting some restriction for long-term care homes.

In early February the maximum number of designated caregivers per resident was increased from two to four. Residents who have received at least three doses of Covid -19 vaccine will be allowed to resume social day trips.

Feb. 21, visitors five years and older who have had at least two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, will be able to resume visits to long-term care residents. The number of visitors at a time, per resident

# New SDSG PC candidate to be selected March 26

CORNWALL – Local Ontario PC members in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry will select their new candidate for the upcoming June provincial election on Sat., March 26. The date was announced by the local Nomination Committee last week and ensures that candidates have several weeks remaining to sign up new members.

Member of Provincial Parliament and Progressive Conservative candidate Jim McDonnell has announced that he will not seek re-election in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry. To date, two candidates have been formally approved to seek the nomination: Andrew Guindon and Nolan Quinn.

"We are very proud that two great community leaders have stepped forward to seek the PC nomination locally," said local Nomination Committee chair Eric Duncan. "We encourage any supporters who are interested in having a say in our next PC candidate- and our next MPP- to purchase a membership and have their say by casting their vote."

Those interested in joining the Ontario PC Party to have a vote in the in-person balloting process must purchase their membership at [www.OntarioPC.ca/join](http://www.OntarioPC.ca/join) by Sat., March 5 at 11:59 p.m. Paper forms are available from the candidate's teams if needed, but are due to Party Headquarters in Toronto on Fri., March 4 at 4:30 p.m.

Current members who are eligible to vote will be notified of the specific voting times and locations, and the required identification to provide at the polling site, for the Sat., March 26 vote.

For members to confirm that their membership is current, they can contact 613-930-5042.

will also increase from two to three, including caregivers. All residents, regardless of vaccination status, will be able to resume social day trips.

Adult day programs can

resume, along with the return of entertainers and external personal care services in the homes, however social activities should remain small, with up to 10 individuals.

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## NDDHS Report

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### Returning to sports

We have officially completed a full week of semester two here at North Dundas District High School. Students and staff rolled into it like a breeze and made it feel like we had been doing a semester system all along!

Up until now, there had been no extracurriculars of any kind happening, but we received great news on Friday that we could return to extracurriculars and sports! As many already know, North Dundas students strive in sports, and we cannot wait to get back into it.

Student council held an Olympic Week at ND to show our support to our country competing in the 2022 Olympics. Mon., Feb. 7 was Grade Colour Day where each grade wore their assigned colour; Wed., Feb. 9 was Jersey Day, and our halls were filled with many different teams of all sports; and, Fri., Feb. 11 was Red and White Day to support Canada at the Olympics. On top of all the spirit days, there was a door decorating contest: each class was assigned a sport, and they had the task of decorating their door to represent the sport they were given. The doors will be judged, as the Olympics head to a close, on Fri., Feb. 17.

Finally, with Valentine's Day's arrival, student council sold Valentine o'grams to students, to be handed out to their special someone on Valentine's Day. They had the choice of purchasing a candy bag or a can of Crush to be delivered to a student of their choice. We look forward to seeing all the smiling faces on Monday when the o'grams are handed out, and we look upon this day as one to celebrate love and kindness for all!

## Editorial

### One breath at a time

We certainly live in interesting times.

The world is still on the ropes despite the pandemic appearing to be almost down for the count; solar flares are playing havoc with satellites designed to provide better internet service; the price of gas is becoming absurd and blockades, and pandemic protesters, and government reactions to them are dominating the news across the country.

The competition in your brain for space for all these events and more, is fierce, and trying to understand it all is bordering on being a pointless exercise much like trying to herd cats.

Probably as distracting as the sound of truck air horns going off in Ottawa.

I say almost, because you can take each crisis and news' events one at a time, and probably come away with an opinion about it, but it is easy to be overwhelmed.

The constant noise from social media, should you find you are trapped there because one night you could not sleep and decided just to look at your favourite social media outlet, is louder than it has ever been.

It has been suggested

that the solar flares that are knocking satellites out of orbit would do us all a favour by interrupting our connection to the internet, so that we would have time to digest the raft of current catastrophes and take a deep breath to be ready for the next one.

In the middle of all of this, on a Saturday afternoon, I accidentally looked out the window.

With my keen eye, I spotted a group of bluebirds congregating around the bird feeder. A smaller group of what appeared to be sparrows was massing under a tree scrounging around for bread that had been left for them.

Neither the bluebirds nor sparrows appeared to be willing to give a flying feather about the current events happening only in our world. They were busy dealing with just getting by on a cold winter's day.

Rather than go back to perusing the addictive and

fascinating, though crazy news, I managed to force myself to go outside for a walk.

With nothing to see or hear but the crunch of my boots on the snow and the muffled sound of the wind through my hat, I was spared the stimulation offered up by the internet, television, and radio.

I started to think I was slipping into some kind of withdrawal from the urge to read more about truck protests, government mandates and provincial shenanigans.

A deep breath of minus 20 Celsius air confirmed that I was indeed moving away for my isolated little spaceship, and I was once more travelling in the real world on a real planet.

Ice and snow reigned supreme outside with no sign of Mother Nature protesting anything.

There were more birds, a wild turkey and probably a deer or two deep in the bush where I could not see

them enjoying a nice winter's day. A neighbour's dog spotted me and came over to say hello speaking his dog language, which I am not fluent in but he, or it may have been she, had a great deal to say. It seemed the longer I was out of touch with that other world the quieter the chattering in my brain became.

It was, as if left alone, the typical human being tended to return to a natural state of rest that had more to do with the world around them, than the calamity of alarm bells going off day and night through any and all media.

The safest media to consume I realized was the eBooks available at your local library, that while stored on an electronic device did not come out and yell at you.

That winter afternoon walk did more to restore my out of balance perspective than a metric tonne of tranquilizers.

Social media has a role to play in keeping civilization rolling along, as does the media in general, but a deep breath of fresh air, whether it is freezing cold or balmy has an even greater role to play.

All you have to do is take a moment to go outside and breathe it all in.

Joseph Morin



# Happy Family Day

From everyone at the Record  
have a wonderful and safe  
Family Day!



## The Road Home

Carol Thompson Goddard

Entering my grade nine history class one morning, it was announced that the *War Measures Act* had been declared, with basically the suspension of our civil rights. While I had never thought about my civil rights, they suddenly were front and centre now. The easiest way for us to understand what this could mean was a policeman could arrest us without cause and send us to jail.

I don't remember too much more about that class, but the idea that our town policeman, Leonard Shane, could walk into my history class, put me in the town jail and not have to explain why, scared me beyond

belief. Hours later I remember running into the house after getting off the bus and yelling for Mom. Luckily, she was home from teaching at Chesterville Public and quickly explained that Mr. Shane would not be arresting me, unless he had a reason to, and that she had lived for many years under the *War Measures Act* during World War Two.

This period of time in our Canadian history became known as the FLQ crisis or to others the October Crisis. It began with the kidnapping of James Cross, a member of the British consulate in Montreal, and the kidnapping and killing of Pierre Laporte. I have

often thought about this and what had happened in my country over the years.

Waking this Valentine's Day, I began hearing rumblings about the *Emergency Act* of 1988 which replaced the *War Measures Act* being enacted due to the protests in Ottawa, and elsewhere in this province. I thought back to that frightened high school student in 1970 and being honest I must confess I am feeling a whole bunch of emotions today which include sadness, fear, and hope. Sadness that this is happening, fear at what could happen, and hope this will soon be over.



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## Doug MacGregor: Sixth-generation dairy farmer, straight talker

Doug MacGregor calls it like he sees it.

The sixth-generation dairy farmer grew up on his family farm in Morewood.

"The first MacGregors were here in 1882," explains Doug, "and we've been here ever since."

Doug now runs the farm alongside his parents, Janet and Tom, with help from his wife, Margaret.

"My dad still works seven days a week," he notes. "With the automated milkers and feed system, he says farming has become fun now."

Doug and Margaret have two kids, a seven-year-old son and three-year-old daughter.

"My daughter is a tomboy," says Doug, "but everything has to be pink."

He says the kids like coming to the barn, where they can ride their bikes and scooters down the feed alley while Doug gets on with the chores.

He says growing up on a farm was "work." Every morning before school, he'd head out to the barn and do his chores, then go inside for breakfast before leaving for school.

There was a brief time when Doug considered becoming a mechanic instead of a farmer.

"In high school, I worked at a garage in Chesterville," he explains. "I did my co-op there in Grade 11 and 12 and I really enjoyed it. Then one day I was doing an oil change on a car, and I had salt running down my arm dripping into my mouth... and there was this moment where I thought I'd rather be in the barn."

Doug says his life is pretty much farming. He's also been a volunteer

firefighter in Morewood for going on 19 years, having signed up right out of high school.

"My dad was a firefighter for many years and Morewood used to have bingos every second Saturday. Dad used to help out with that, and I'd go up with him and help out at the canteen, just to spend time with him. It's a great group here in Morewood."

Doug says what he likes about farming is the variety.

"The thing I love most about farming is that one day to the next is never the same," he explains. "Today it could be some field work, tomorrow working in the shop and the next day doing something with the cows."

Doug and Tom spent eight years designing their state-of-the-art dairy barn.

He says milk production has steadily climbed since upgrading the equipment, even though the number of cows being milked has stayed the same.

"Robots have changed everything," Doug notes. "We don't need to be here at 5am and 5pm every day - it makes farming more flexible."

He's been using some of his free time to learn how to skate and swim. He even built a 36ft by 60ft rink inside his machine shed.

"I never really skated or swam much as a kid, so the last couple of years I've been teaching myself how, so I can keep up with my kids."

Doug says his son is a better skater than him because he's not afraid to fall.

"I don't skate without a hockey stick in my hand," he laughs.

Doug would like to see a



Doug MacGregor in his dairy barn. Courtesy Photo

seventh generation at Glen Haven, but whether his kids become farmers is entirely up to them. Right now, his son wants to be a 'police officer/firefighter,' but that could change 10 years down the road.

"We'll see how it goes... hopefully one of them takes over - I'm not picky."

Doug says farming is a job that if you don't love it, don't do it.

No matter what you do to earn a living, Doug says North Dundas is a great place to hang your hat.

"The community and the

people make it what it is," he notes. "I don't know any different, but Morewood has always been a great town. I remember the carnivals we had in the wintertime and then in the summer, we used to have a Sun Fun Day. At the RA, they would have a water slide set up in the back and we used to take a cow the odd time for Bossy Bingo (cow plops instead of plastic markers, painted grass instead of a number card).

"Stuff you'd never see growing up in a city."

## Province seeks agricultural representative to join Conservation Authority board of directors

CORNWALL - As part of the recent changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Ontario's Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks is looking to appoint a local agriculture-sector representative to each of the province's 36 Conservation Authorities to increase agricultural perspectives within Conservation Authority operations. As such, a position as an agricultural sector representative on the Raisin Region Conservation Authority's (RRCA) board of directors is currently available.

Applicants to the position must reside in a participating municipality in which the CA has jurisdiction and have knowledge and experience in the local agricultural sector. The application deadline is Feb. 21.

Additional information and application instructions can be found at: [pas.gov.on.ca/Home/Advertisedpositions](http://pas.gov.on.ca/Home/Advertisedpositions).

A map of the RRCA's jurisdiction can be found at [rca.on.ca](http://rca.on.ca).



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## - OBITUARY -

### Janice Elizabeth Ouderkirk

Passed away suddenly at the Ottawa Heart Institute on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, Janice Ouderkirk (nee Nephew) of Morrisburg, in her 81st year. Beloved wife of the late Dalton Ouderkirk. Loving mother of Kelly Briggs of Richmond Hill, Jeff Ouderkirk (Cindy) of Ajax, Karen Ouderkirk (John) of Morrisburg and Tim Ouderkirk (Christine) of Glen Walter. Janice will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Karleigh Wert (Chris), Brett Ouderkirk (Abbie) and Dylan Ouderkirk. She is also survived by nieces and nephews. Janice is the last of the Watson and Georgie Ouderkirk clan of Berwick. A spring graveside service to be held at the Finch Community Cemetery will be announced at a later date. Donations to the South Dundas Pet Rescue, c/o Pet Valu, 12438 County Road 2, Morrisburg, K0C 1X0 would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).



## - OBITUARY -

### ED DECOOMAN

*Owner of D and D Performance in Chesterville*

At the Montfort Hospital in Ottawa on Sunday, February 13, 2022, Ed DeCooman of Chesterville, age 71. Loving husband of Debbie DeCooman (nee McMillan). Loving father of Melissa Jones (Barry) of Russell. Dear brother of Marcella Matthews (Jim) of Kemptville and Roger DeCooman of Rockland. Bumpa will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Liz, Benjamin, Grace, Nathanael and Olivia. He was predeceased by his parents Pierre and Maria DeCooman (nee Panny), his son Peter DeCooman and his sister Edith LeClair. He is also survived by nieces and nephews. A celebration of Ed's life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 1-4 p.m. Please dress casual. Spring interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to Dundas County Hospice or 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 may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).



# Pink Shirt Day

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Pink Shirt Day is Feb. 23 in Canada. Winchester Foodland and Giant Tiger are selling pink shirts, with the funds being raised by their sale staying locally.

Jacque Richards, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Cornwall/SDG, explained the organization “introduced [the] Pink Shirt Day Anti-Bullying campaign in 2011.” This day was started due to the great impact of bullying on young people was observed. The goal of the campaign was to

raise awareness of the problem and begin conversations with community members about bullying.

Pink Shirt Day t-shirts are available for purchase at Foodland in Winchester and Giant Tiger in Morrisburg. Richards confirmed the BGC Cornwall/SDG have been selling the t-shirts in Dundas communities, with “100 per cent of proceeds from shirt sales” staying in the county and directly supporting BGC youth programs.

Richards reminds us we should be kind to one another, noting how “Pink Shirt Day reminds us to come together and create moments of positivity.”



Dan Pettigrew, owner of Foodland Winchester is shown by the display of pink t-shirts in his store. Courtesy Photo



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# Snowarama is just around the corner

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

RIVERSIDE – Mark Sat., March 5 on your calendar.

The North and South Dundas Snowarama event is kicking off from the Riverside Recreation Hall with a pancake breakfast ending at the Mountain Trailblazers Club House.

The breakfast runs from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Snowarama chairperson Heather Cooke-Erwin said, “Snow or no snow the breakfast will be on, and we will run if snow conditions cooperate, and we will run from the Pancake Breakfast to the Mountain Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club House in North Dundas.”

Easter Seals’ Snowarama ambassador Keira Reaney who is now nine years old, will be arriving at the breakfast around 9:30 a.m. to enjoy a good breakfast and help send snowmobilers on their way. Keira was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis at 15 months old. Her condition led to other health issues like strokes. The strokes resulted in mobility challenges.

The Riverside Recreation Committee has donated all the food for the breakfast and will be



Heather Cooke-Erwin and Keira Reaney. Courtesy Photo

cooking it.

The event is still accepting sponsors and riders. Anyone is invited to attend the breakfast, which is \$10.

Snowarama events take place across Ontario for Easter Seals and to date, have raised more than \$17.98 million since 1975. This winter will be the event’s 47th anniversary.

Snowarama is sponsored by the Nation Valley Snowmobile Association in memory of Debbie McHaffie-Strader and Jean MacDougal.

There will also be an online auction from February 19 to March 5 on Facebook.

Emma Reaney said, “Keira is now in Grade 4. She loves it and is a little social butterfly with lots of friends.”

Keira takes on her

health challenges in a variety of ways including therapeutic horseback riding.

“We have been trying to get back into different activities, but we are a little bit cautious because of Covid,” said Emma.

“We are in the middle of renovating our house to make it more accessible to her.”

The snowmobile rally is an opportunity to win fun prizes and celebrate with family and friends and at the same time help a worthy cause.

All the funds raised go directly to Easter Seals for their various programs.

The funding is used for helping families purchase essential mobility and accessibility equipment for their child. It also goes toward camps where children can experience

greater independence, friendship and adventure and Special Education information for parents.

North and South Dundas have been great supporters of Snowarama over the years. In 2021, the top three provincial Snowarama fundraisers were Thunder Bay with \$10,135, Sault Ste. Marie with \$5,495, and Heather Cooke-Erwin in North South Dundas with \$4,505.

Since 1922, Easter Seals Canada and its provincial member organizations have been working to create a more inclusive and accessible society that includes and honours the contributions and potential of Canadians of all abilities. Easter Seals Canada runs national awareness campaigns and raises critical funding for the transformative programs and services that are offered by Easter Seals provincial member organizations at the local level. Serving a broad range of people—both children and adults—with varying physical, intellectual, sensory, and learning disabilities, we help to ensure that everyone living with a disability has access to the equipment, programs, services and support they need to make the most of their abilities and live their lives to the fullest.

You can contact Heather Cooke-Erwin at 613-989-6145 for more information, or to donate, you can connect with Heather by email: heathercookeerwinphotography@gmail.com You can register for Snowarama at Snowarama.org.

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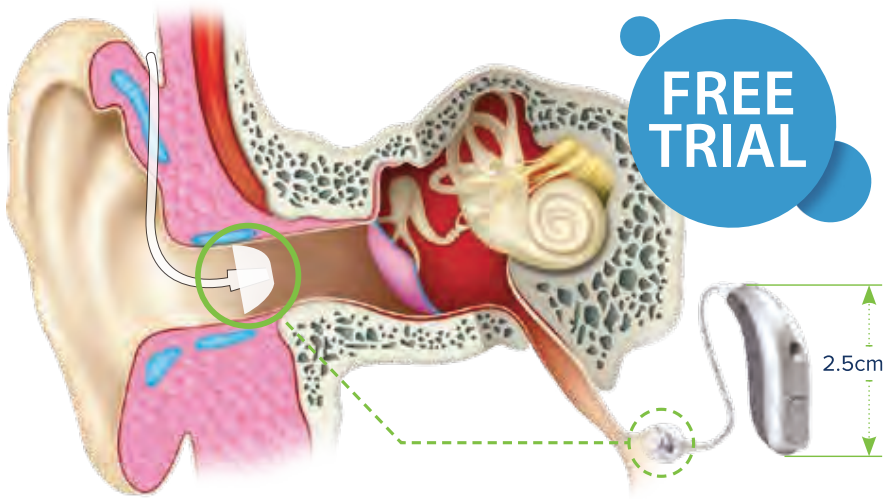
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Angela Rutley (CAO) 25 years. Courtesy Photo



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Johanna Barkley (Deputy Treasurer) 5 years. Courtesy Photo



Tom Dekker (Facilities Manager) 5 years. Courtesy Photo

# Township of North Dundas recognizes Years of Service

North Dundas council showed its appreciation for long-serving staff during the Feb. 8 regular North Dundas council meeting. Eight township employees were recognized for collectively providing 110 years of dedicated service to North Dundas. Five township employees were present to accept certificates of appreciation. The remaining awards went to: Ryan Byers, five years (Waste Management), Mike McInnis, ten years (Waste Management), and Todd Elliott 25 years, (Recreation and Culture).

# Covid restrictions begin to ease in Ontario schools

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff  
**WINCHESTER** – Access to hospital non-urgent and non-emergency surgeries and procedures is about to move a little toward normal.

A Feb. 10 press release from Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonnell announced, “With the steady decline in COVID-19 related hospitalizations and ICU admissions, in addition to stabilizing health human resources, the Ontario government, in consultation with the chief medical officer of health and Ontario Health, is lifting Directive 2 to begin a gradual and cautious resumption of non-urgent and non-emergent surgeries and procedures across the province.”

Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Ontario Minister of Health said, “Thanks to the sacrifices of Ontarians and unwavering efforts of our health care workers, we are now in a position to resume additional surgeries and procedures,” she added, “We recognize the impact these measures have had on patients and together with our hospital partners we will ensure patients can continue to access the health care they need when they need it.”

McDonnell’s press release said, “Resumption of non-emergent and non-urgent surgeries and procedures will follow a planned phased approach across the province, in alignment with guidance provided by Ontario Health. As these services cautiously resume, the province’s hospitals will continue to work in partnership to ensure that all regions have the capacity to resume services and no one is left behind, and when local conditions permit.”

Ontario students will be able to take part in extra-curricular activities, including high-contact sports in schools.

Masking will still be a tool to help limit the spread of Covid, as well daily on-site confirmation of screening.

Students are expected to still wear their masks while in school but will be allowed to remove their mask if they participate in activities such as basketball or playing musical

instruments. Indoor curriculum-based programs including health and physical education and music, will continue with similar masking and other health and safety requirements in place.

Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education said, “I have always believed that sports and extra-curriculars are an essential part of a student’s learning journey and support positive mental and physical health. That is why, with the full support of Ontario’s chief medical officer of health, students

can partake in extra-curricular high-contact sports and activities in Ontario schools. This will allow students to participate in activities like indoor basketball, volleyball, choir, and wind instrument ensembles – activities that help students become well-rounded leaders, build teamwork skills, and support the development of students.”

“Thanks to the efforts of Ontarians to go out to get their booster dose and to adhere to current public health and workplace

safety measures, the province has seen a recent steady decline in COVID-19 related hospitalizations and ICU admissions,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, chief medical officer of health. “While the months ahead will require continued vigilance, our hard work has allowed us to gradually and cautiously lift public health measures to let children and youth in schools participate in extra-curricular activities, and public hospitals to resume non-urgent surgeries and procedures.”

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## Art so good you can eat it

You never go wrong with a perfect cake.

Jody Beaudry has a cake baking business called Frostings in Embrun.

Beaudry will take on just about any cake project. She likes to make cakes that will have a special meaning for the people that will get them.

The cakes she makes reflect her artistic streak, in fact, her products are as much cake as they are an artistic endeavour.

"You have to love what you do and be artistic as well," said Beaudry.

"I enjoy painting and sculpting and creating, and so, I put it all into what I do. I make anything from sugar cookies to cupcakes to cakes. Anything and everything to do with any kind of celebration you are into," she said.

She describes her cakes as edible art. She bakes any and all kinds of cakes from wedding cakes, fondant cakes, customized and unique birthday cakes, anniversary cakes as well as 3D sculpted cakes, cupcakes and decorative cookies and sugar cookies.

She explained that anyone could get a cake at the grocery store.

"They are wonderful, but I want to give you that 'wow' factor."

Beaudry started up her cake business in 2007.

She is prepared to make any kind of cake you want to celebrate with.

She likes to be able to use the kind of artistic edge that she has with her cakes.

"Sometimes people do not know what to buy. They will be looking for something special and creative. They come to me, and I try to give them that," she said.

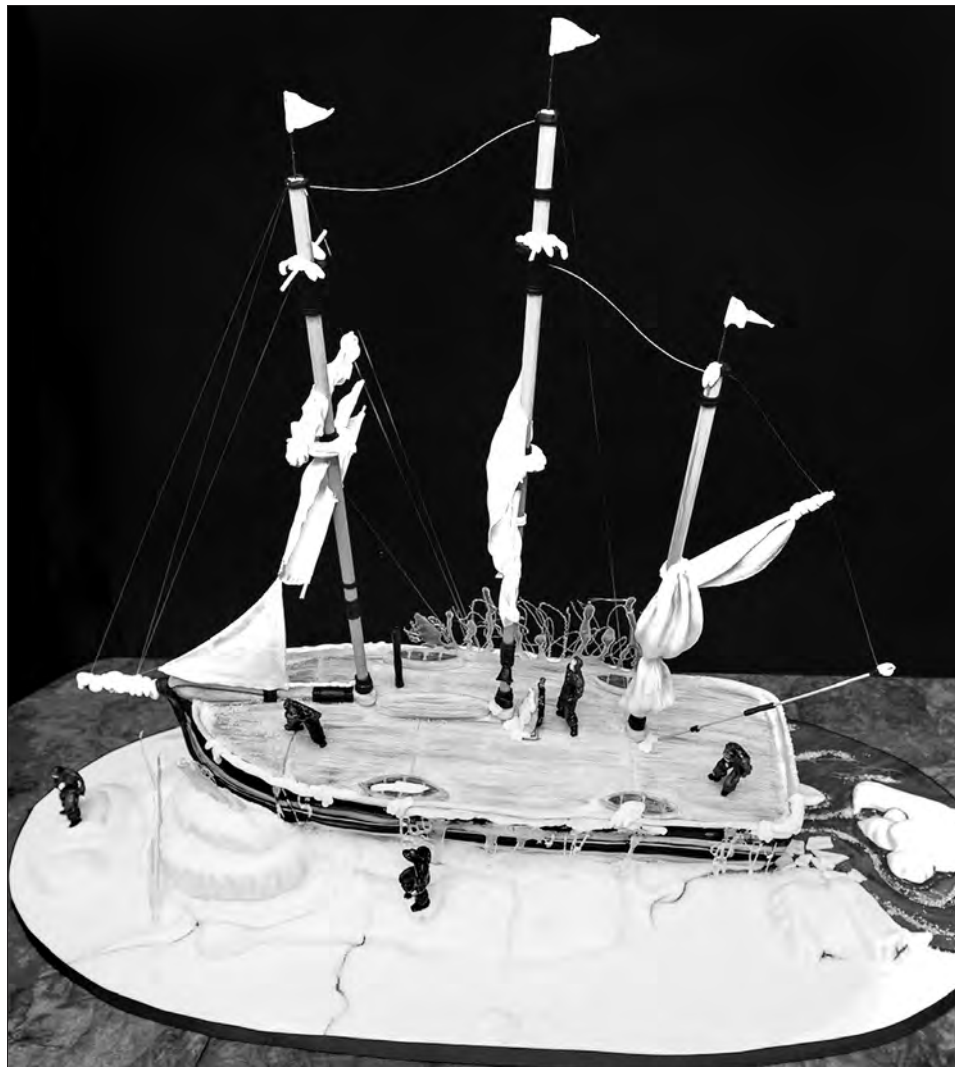
Her business, like her cakes is all about the people she meets and the feedback she gets from her customers.

"I make everything from scratch," she said.

She has a cake studio and does all her work from home.

Her baking is not done in a walk-in bakery atmosphere, mostly because her cakes are all customized for people for a

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A tasty cake depicting one of the ships from the lost Franklin expedition.

Courtesy Photo

particular celebration and theme. Her clients order online or call her and then they simply pick it up.

The idea of owning a cake making business was not the kind of thing Beaudry had ever dreamed she would have.

Her passion was art and baking.

Being a mother with three boys, she was always making them cakes. At one point her family suggested she bake cakes full-time.

She realized that this could be a way for her to stay at home with her children and still do something meaningful and that she

loved.

"I waited until my children were in school and then I started. Since then, it has been full speed ahead."

She said she was very lucky to be able to do something she loved.

I am still here for my family when they need me, even though they are a lot older now.

Beaudry is not afraid to take on challenges.

She remembers, before Covid she would go to Cornwall to take part in a themed event at the Ramada Inn.

"It is a beautiful event and every year we would have a theme. One year we did Marilyn Monroe, casino night and Havana nights for example.

"I have always done the cake."

She even had a revolving cake.

"The most challenging cake was for Prime Minister Harper. At the time, everyone was searching for the remains of the lost Franklin expedition. They wanted a cake to celebrate the occasion when the ship was finally found."

After researching the expedition, Beaudry was able to make a cake in honour of the expedition.

"I recreated the whole ship. The ship had gotten stuck in the ice at an angle, so I had to make the cake showing the angle of the ship some of the water and even the icicles that would have been on the ship. I was so nervous," she remembers.

"I got to cut the cake."

She said she never does a simple cake; she likes to be creative about it.

"I want the cake to have a special meaning for the people getting it."

"I am so lucky to be able to do what I do. It's great that I can get up each morning and know I will be doing something I love. You have to try and find joy in everything," she said.

For more information about Frostings, you can look them up on Facebook and connect with them there or call 613-443-9464.

Frostings is located at 153 Maple Grove Street, Embrun, Ontario.

*If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: editor@etceterapublications.ca or call us at 613-448-2321.*

## Pin Tales

**Monday Men's: Men's High Single,** Jason Vanoers 306; Men's High Triple, Jason Vanoers 780; Men's High Average, Jason Vanoers 238. Team Standings: A-Team 81.5, Alley Cats 73, East-Ont 72.5, Raiders 66, Alley Rats 43, Country Boys 24.

**Tuesday Afternoon Mixed:** Men's High Single, Ron Robinson 245; Men's High Triple, Ron Robinson 577; Ladies' High Single, Diane Holmes 229; Ladies' High Triple, Sandra Bloom 554. Team Standings: Love 103, Charity 95, Hope 72.

**Finch Mixed:** Men's High Single, Donovan StDenis 224; Men's High Triple, Donovan StDenis 634; Ladies' High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 273; Ladies' High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 622. Team Standings: L.T.T.D 125, F.I.S.T 106, Billy's Girl's 100, B&S 87

**Thursday Seniors:** Men's High Single, Gary Baillargeon 169; Men's High Triple, Gary Baillargeon 430; Ladies' High Single, Janet Polowich 160; Ladies' High

Triple, Janet Polowich 421.

**Avonmore Mixed:** Men's High Single, Mike Byvelds 240; Men's High Triple, Mike Byvelds 665; Ladies' High Single, Anita Byvelds 212; Ladies' High Triple, Crystal Gane 511. Team Standings: Red 112.5, Blue 112.5, Orange 93, Black 92, Purple 85.

**Les Dynamiques;** Men's High Single Pierre Briere 301; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 740; Ladies' High Single, Janine Quesnel/Rejeanne Lefebvre 206; Ladies; High Triple, Rejeanne Lefebvre 521.

**Williamsburg Mixed:** Men's High Single, Gary Hutt 227; Men's High Triple, Garry Hutt 608; Ladies' High Single, Judy Monro 190; Ladies' High Triple, Judy Munro 491. Team Standings: George 153, John 153, Garry 151.5, Danny 142.5.

**Winchester Odd Couples:** Men's High Single, Dave Ridge 240; Men's High Triple, Matt Hartle 619; Ladies' High Single, Pat Middleton 201; Ladies' High Triple, Pat

Middleton 533. Team Standings: The Balljoints 116, Mental Mishaps 112, Team nike 110, Golden Girls 98.

### Youth Bowling Canada

**YBC Peewees:** Girl's High Single, Vanessa Bissonnette 91; Girl's High Double, Vanessa Bissonnette 155; Boy's High Single, Kaden Leach 128; Boy's High Double, Kaden Leach 202.

**YBC Bantams:** Girl's High Single, Robin Sanders 166; Girl's High Double, Robin Sanders 281; Boy's High Single, Caleb Vanderveen 134; Boy's High Double, Caleb Vanderveen 233. Team Standings: Jets 117.5, Oilers 92.5, Leafs 86.5, Red Wings 81.5, Flames 72.

**YBC Juniors:** Girl's High Single, Caroline Sanders 233; Girl's High Triple, Caroline Sanders 510; Boy's High Single, Alex Robinson 273; Boy's High Triple, Alex Robinson 628. Team Standings: Ducks 160, Sabers 157, Kings 154, Bruins 131, Senators 118.

## East Region OPP showcase PCC

### A day in the life of Chris Allan

SMITHS FALLS – A day in the life of provincial communication centre (PCC) Chris Allan in Smiths Falls.

Chris explains the dispatchers roll, in the day to day, running of any police organization is vital.

If there were no call takers who would the public call? If there were no

dispatchers, who would the officers depend on to help them help the public? Call takers hear the cries for help, the frustration, anger, panic, desperation, sadness, and fear. They speak to people, sometimes at the worst possible time in their lives, while trying to help them, and get the officers the information and support

they need. It is not an easy job. Dispatchers or call takers that work for the PCC are all front-line workers. OPP call takers are the first contact point between the public and the OPP. They work shift work (12 hours), evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Chris has been doing this complex career for 19 years starting in Belleville then onto Perth before

ending up in Smiths Falls.

Chris is married and has two adult children, one continuing education as the other is out in the working world.

While away from the hustle and bustle of the PCC, Chris loves the outdoors all year round. Chris can be found hiking, cycling, skiing, skating, or relaxing at the cottage. Chris loves to be active that's for sure.

Once it's time to put the headset back on, Chris has

to manage calls and six screens in front of him. To say he is a highly skilled multi-tasker is an understatement. Chris wants us to know more about the wonderful staff at PCC and the multitude of tasks they do.

How they start the day depends on where they are sitting. There is a division of labour in all PCC's (Provincial Communications Centre) separated into call taking and dispatching.

Once they are set up at

their desks for their shift, they are ready to take calls for service.

As a dispatcher they manage six monitors and three computers, assisting the public with calls for service and getting officers out to the locations.

When they relieve their colleagues, they conduct a "hand off" or mini debrief of what is currently on the go, anything that is outstanding, any concerns or major events that may be ongoing.

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## Greely Winter Carnival put off for this year

Joseph Morin  
Villager Staff

GREELY – Despite the apparent decline in Covid infections and a cautiously optimistic approach for lifting restrictions by the Ontario government, the organizers of the Greely Winter Carnival have decided to cancel it.

This would have been the 50th anniversary of the carnival.

Doug Thompson, the president of the Greely Community Association board of directors said, “The Greely

Community Association, (GCA), board of directors has made the very difficult decision to cancel plans for our 50th Annual Greely Winter Carnival. In consultation with residents, businesses, and city officials, it was determined that it was in the best interests of our residents to cancel this year’s carnival.”

Thompson thanked all the volunteers and organizations that had stepped forward last December, as the association began planning for another

carnival which was originally scheduled for Jan. 27 - 30.

“We had postponed our Winter Carnival to a later date in February,” he said.

“Unfortunately, conditions have not improved to a point where we felt it was in the best interests of our residents to continue with our plans. In our unanimous decision to cancel, the GCA board committed to a more exciting and vibrant Canada Day celebration on July 1 in Greely.”

## Run for our smallest loved ones on May 7

Jane Adams  
Special to the Villager

WINCHESTER – Charlee Clare Holmes was born on April 29, 2011 and was only given a very small amount of time in this world. Her parents, Mallory and Dave Holmes, want her life, however brief it was, to have meaning and purpose beyond just being their story of pain and loss. Charlee’s Run, set for May 7, is helping to make that happen.

Charlee’s Run aims to bring the community together to raise awareness for pregnancy and infant loss, to offer support for those in need, and to provide an outlet for families to remember the little ones that have been lost too soon. And this year, the 1K or 5K run will take place in the Ferguson Forest in Kemptville.

“Many of us know someone whose life has been affected by prenatal or infant loss. We are honoured that the Holmes’ family has chosen to expand the run to support the WDMH Family Birthing Unit,” notes Justine Plummer, the WDMH Foundation’s manager of direct mail and events. For the past few years, the run has taken



### Charlee's Run

place in Orillia, Ontario, supporting Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital. The Holmes’ family recently moved to Kemptville and have decided to support the obstetrics program at Winchester District Memorial Hospital as well.

“When we lost our daughter Charlee, we felt alone in our loss. There are no words, no language surrounding pregnancy and infant loss; this often leaves people silent, which adds to the loneliness of an immeasurable loss,” explain Mallory and Dave. “After losing Charlee, we never wanted another family to feel alone. We thought if our story could reach even one family in need, then it was worth it.”

The run takes place on May 7. To register or to donate to Charlee’s Run - Winchester, please visit [www.charleesrun.com](http://www.charleesrun.com).

## RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen  
Student Reporter



### Good day to you all!

We’re trucking through our classes these past few weeks, it’s definitely a huge change, as many can imagine!

But, for this week, I would like to highlight how with this month being Black History Month, how important it is to recognize our history. It’s no doubt in anyone’s mind that our history has had some dark times. We’ve had some cruel and unforgivable sins occur throughout the world regarding this topic. But now, our society has evolved, and it is time that our minds do too.

I thank our beautiful and glorious people with gorgeous chocolate brown skin for all your resilience. On behalf of my ancestors, I am unbelievably sorry for the treatment you’ve had to endure over the past many centuries. We as the newest generations, need to educate and learn from our mistakes to become more of a cohesive society.

As a Caucasian, white, young woman, for the rest of my days on this earth, I promise to be better. I promise to do my duty to make our society a diverse environment where everyone is accepted with open arms. And finally, I promise to empower our dark-skinned people. There is a reason God has given you your skin colour, so rock it and show it off!

Overall, this shouldn’t just apply to Black people, this applies to our Indigenous, or any other groups of people who have experienced racist acts, or even sexist acts. I want Canada to be the most diverse and united country in the world. I want people to feel safe, wanted, and accepted.

Our society has grown so much, but I think it still has a long way to go, and every little change can make a difference. So go out there and make positive change!

Have a great day readers!

## PCC

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As an East Region call taker, they process calls for service and treat all callers equally and at face value.

They use a headset and answer calls with a beep in their ear, with a slight difference between 911 calls and non-emergency lines. 911 is strictly to be used for EMERGENCY calls and others are directed to non-emergency lines.

In either roll, most especially on the dispatch side of the room, they are tethered to the desk by their headset, and they do not have the ability to get up and walk away. There is some leeway on the call taking side, but dispatchers cannot get up and leave their desk for any reason without being relieved. Over a 12-hour shift this requires a great deal of co-ordination.

All calls in and out of the PCC are recorded and all calls entered for service including calls from dispatchers to officers that may be in detachment.

Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2021, OPP call takers handled 96,126 - 911 calls that did not go to the road (officers) saving 174,661 hours. These are just pocket dials.

Call taking is a very one

on one conversation with the caller and the call-taker, however, there are often, times to conference in EMS or other services or police jurisdictions.

As a dispatcher, our main concern is for the safety of the officers we are dispatching for, the efficient and expedited sharing of vital and accurate information, and the general safety of the public via our actions.

On any call, they may be required to do a myriad of different things (multitasking) and be responsible to listen to multiple talk groups (radio channels), TAC's (tactical channels), the phone and in person conversations (my sergeant/supervisor).

One of the first duties, whether it is a day or night shift, is to ensure that all officers are logged onto the system accurately. Although officers now have the ability to log themselves on via their MWS (Mobile Workstation or onboard computer) dispatchers must confirm that they have logged on to the correct vehicle, the correct call sign, the correct badge number, skill sets (like SOCO Scene Of the Crime Officer), Off duty time, and work cell number.

As equipment, like cruisers, are shared, it is also vital that the dispatcher confirm officers are off duty and their cruisers are available for the new officers starting their shifts.

As dispatchers, we are the conduit between officers on the road and other agencies or services. They are consistently tasked to make contact with MTO, Tow

companies, Funeral services, MOE (environment), Hydro, Fire, Roads Dept, etc.

Status checks on the officers on the road is required, especially in priority or potentially dangerous situations. Traffic stops are one of the most dangerous situations an officer could be in, given the person driving the vehicle is unknown.

The console

management is vital. Updating, documenting, and timely clearing events keeps officer time and status checks up to date. Dispatchers are ultimately accountable for officers.

As with the start of my day, another debrief is required when ending my shift between myself and my relief. Ready to wrap up another day to go home get recharged and do it all

over again. The OPP officers across the region and province appreciate our dispatchers and truly understand how vital they are to our safety. Without their dedicated, caring, and professional PCC staff, officers could be put into real danger as the information they provide to us enables officers to safely and effectively do their jobs.



Call takers make the difference, helping police officers do their job effectively and efficiently.

Courtesy Photo

## SNC kicks off 75th Anniversary celebration

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Villager Staff

BERWICK – South Nation Conservation began their celebration of 75 years as a conservation authority in Ontario by holding Warwick Forest Healthy Walk on Sat., Feb. 12. The event featured several activities including the opportunity to walk or snowshoe along the six kilometres of trails in this conservation area near Berwick.

SNC communications specialist Shannon Gutoskie welcomed people to the event at the entrance to Warwick Forest. “The turnout has been amazing” commented Gutoskie who explained that by noon, a couple of hours after the event began, over one hundred people had already visited the conservation area.

“This wonderful winter extravaganza is the kickoff for many events that will be happening this year” commented SNC general manager Angela Coleman. She continued how the celebratory events will

be designed to provide participants the opportunity to enjoy some time in the natural areas across the SNC. Information on their website indicates the SNC covers an area of “4,441 square kilometres of land in Eastern Ontario” with Gutoskie mentioning there are 15 conservation areas in the watershed of the South Nation River.

One of the events planned to celebrate the anniversary is a 75 km challenge. Gutoskie commented in an email that participants can register for the challenge at [www.nation.on.ca/about/75-years-conservation](http://www.nation.on.ca/about/75-years-conservation). They will receive “a participant’s package, which will include a map of our conservation areas and a tracker so they can log their distance.” She continued participants have all year to complete the challenge by visiting one of SNC’s conservation areas to enjoy hiking, walking or perhaps kayaking.

More information on SNC is available on their website or Facebook page.



There is something special about an outdoor fire, especially in the winter when you can warm up near it, and perhaps enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or make some s’mores while listening to live music. SNC stewardship and outreach assistant Kelsey Smith was busy near the firepit providing hot chocolate and s’mores’ kits from A Taste of Health for the Warwick Forest Healthy Walk on Feb. 12.

Thompson Goddard Photo



# RRSP or TFSA

## Which one is right for you?

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Contributions to your RRSP reduce the tax you pay in the year you apply the contribution. When you withdraw funds from your RRSP, you will pay the taxes on that money at that time. The intention behind the RRSPs is to set money aside for your retirement; therefore, the monies are withdrawn when you are in a lower tax bracket.

There are additional options for the RRSPs as well. You may wish to contribute to your RRSP to withdraw funds without paying the tax on them at the time of withdrawal; you may use the Home Buyers' Plan (HBP) or the Lifelong Learning Plan (LLP). These two plans allow you to withdraw funds from your contributions and repay the amounts over time. If you are looking to purchase your first home, you can withdraw up to \$35,000 from your qualifying RRSP contributions without penalty and then repay the withdrawal back into your RRSP over 15 years. If you do not make the required contributions, each year the amount for the current payment will be added as income into that

year and taxed at the specified rate. The Lifelong Learning Plan allows you to withdraw up to \$10,000 per year and up to \$20,000 in total to attend full-time training or education for you or your spouse. The designated repayment period is 10 years.

TFSA's have no age limit to them. You can make withdrawals and deposits at your discretion. The annual contributions are determined by the government. For example, 2018 the contribution room was \$5,500, 2019 was \$6,000. These amounts carry forward so you can have a maximum amount of money in your account.

RRSPs accumulate contribution room at 18 per cent of your annual income. The contribution room increases each year by your earnings and decreases by the amount of your contributions. If you withdraw from your RRSP, that room is lost unless it is through the HBP or the LLP.

Consider the advantages of each of these options and consider what you are looking to achieve with your funds before you commit to one or the other.

If you are looking to reduce your taxes owing for the 2021 year, be aware that the deadline for RRSP contributions to use against your 2021 income taxes is March 1, 2022.



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