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Curbside tree pickups will be planned throughout May, continue to check your inbox and junk email folders for a message from us. All submitted forms will receive a response from our team in May.

Morrisburg Easter Parade

MORRISBURG – The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. on Sat., April 16. It starts from the Morrisburg Legion and goes to the Plaza. There will be an Easter Bonnet contest, a bicycle decorating contest, fashion show and a face painting booth plus live music and more.

Seaway Valley Community Health Centre

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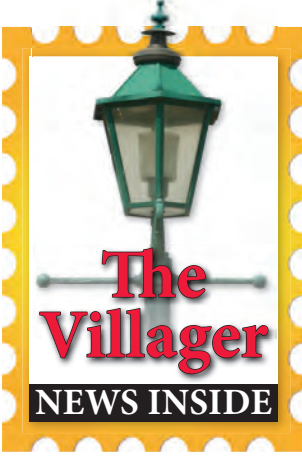
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North Dundas Rockets celebrate by raising the cup
The North Dundas Rockets defeated the Gananoque Islanders to win the Eastern Ontario Super Hockey League Trophy on Sat., April 9, with a capacity crowd watching in the stands of the Chesterville Arena. Shortly after receiving the cup, members of the North Dundas Rockets celebrated by hoisting it high in celebration. See page 9 for details and more photos. Thompson Goddard Photo

GFL Environmental Inc.'s Moose Creek expansion project moves steadily forward

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

BERWICK – The long process of gaining approval for the expansion of GFL Environmental Inc.'s Eastern Ontario Waste Handling Facility (EOWHF) in Moose Creek is steadily moving forward.

During the April 5 council meeting, the township of North Stormont's township consultant planner Jesse McPhail recommended that council approve the necessary zoning amendments to move the project forward. Once approved, a bylaw was passed "to change the zoning of certain lands in the township of North Stormont from 'Agricultural (AG) Zone,' 'Highway Commercial – Special Exception 7 (CH-7) Zone,' and 'Rural (RU) Zone' to 'Waste Disposal (WD) Zone,' 'Waste Disposal – Special Exception 2 (WD-2) Zone,' and 'Waste Disposal – Special Exception 3 (ANSI) Overlay' from the subject lands."

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North Dundas' firefighters gear up to train in Chesterville

Joseph Morin
Record News

CHESTERVILLE – Firefighters throughout North Dundas will have a great opportunity in a few weeks to take their training to a higher level.

Training for firefighters never ends. Firefighters have to be prepared for anything and everything from car accidents, house fires and unexpected calls for their service.

Getting the right training has always been a challenge for all rural fire departments.

Coming April 19 to the Chesterville Arena parking lot is one of three mobile live fire-training units.

The mobile units will be in place for firefighters from across North Dundas to come and train right up to April 24. Chesterville fire chief Mike Gruich went before the North Dundas council at their April 5 meeting to ask them to approve the closing of the parking lot at the arena for the North Dundas Fire Services' training. He explained, "Since the Ontario Fire Marshal closed the Fire College in Gravenhurst last year, they have purchased three mobile live fire training units (MLFTU) and are making them available to fire departments in Ontario for training. North Dundas Fire Services applied for a unit and was successful. The arena parking lot in Chesterville along with the Fire Hall and hydrants' locations met the requirements needed to be successful."

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Moose Creek expansion project

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McPhail said the process of approving GFL's expansion request began in December of 2021 with a public consultation. This was followed by a request to council for an Official Plan amendment, as zoning amendments cannot be made if they don't comply with the Official Plan. Amending the Official Plan required taking the matter to the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG) council, as well.

"If you'll recall in early March, there was a resolution brought to council essentially discussing the same development but just because the expansion lands were designated prime agricultural lands, they technically wouldn't have permitted a waste management facility to be established on them," McPhail said. "So,

in working with the county, as well as the [Ontario] Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as well as OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs), the solution to that was to redesignate those expansion lands to a special exemption in the Official Plan to allow that waste management facility there."

SDG county council has officially approved the Official Plan amendment. This brings the project back to North Stormont for the requisite zoning amendment approvals.

"So, tonight, what council is doing is considering the changes to these lands that will establish the principle of use moving forward and then the only subsequent instance where council would be taking another look at this property is when that holding is requested to be lifted on the site," McPhail said. "So, all the land use and the intended land uses and exceptions and setbacks and all that are dealt with now, subject to that holding being attached and

then when they go through their site plan process, when they get their EPA (*Environment Protection Act*) approval from the ministry and they're ready to put shovels in the ground, they're going to come back to council and say we've satisfied these two requirements and then that [will] be kind of the final kick at it."

Council members posed questions about setbacks, landscaping, and berms. McPhail noted that much of that is dealt with when the project moves to the site plan control phase. He also said that required setbacks from the footprint of the landfill is also tied to the EPA approval.

Council approved McPhail's recommendation. The report, along with accompanying documentation, can be found in North Stormont's April 5 agenda package, which can be found on the municipal website (northstormont.ca). A recording of the meeting can be found on the township's Facebook page.

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Writing in 150 winners announced

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – In an April 5 press release from ABOP, board president Amanda Burger announced the winners of the 2022 “Writing in 150” competition. This competition provides participants with the opportunity to create an original work in 2 ½ hours or 150 minutes.

Burger noted there were 20 people entered in the competition in addition to the entries from MPS; “each year ABOP receives new participants along with writers who have participated every year.” Each division had a prompt word on which to base their creation, with the name of the competitor not known until after the judging was completed.

The lyrics of the first and second place winners of the song writing genre will accompany the top two winners in the

poetry/spoken word, fiction and non-fiction divisions will be included in a book to be published by Pre-Raphaelite Brother Publishing. All 22 entries from Maxville Public School will be published in a separate book. People who wish to purchase a book for \$15 from the competition, which is provided free to the first and second place winners in each category are asked to contact abunchofpeopleartsandevents@gmail.com.

“We were really happy with an increase in Song Writing participants this year, as we have teamed up with Railroad Recording Company out of Chesterville to professionally record the 1st prize winner’s submission and provide them with a professionally mastered track they can upload to online platforms. This is a prize worth over \$1,000 and the winning song is really beautiful, and heart felt” commented Burger.



The 2022 “Writing in 150” competition was held on March 26 in a virtual format, with ABOP providing a mix of competitors.

Courtesy Photo

She continued how for the second year

Cornwall’s “Perch Magazine”, an independent magazine published by Big Catch Communications, “will be hosting all first-place winners on their website starting April 6, 2022.” The magazine is known for telling the stories of artists, performers, community leaders and others in Akwesasne, Cornwall and the SDG Counties. First place winners of the “Writing in 150” competition can be viewed at www.perchmagazine.com.

“Writing in 150” competition winners are as follows: Fiction: Molly Briggs and Marnie Fossitt are tied for 1st place, with Paul Stockton in 2nd place; Amanda’s Pick: Harloe White and Marion Voytinsky; Non-fiction: Patrick Burger in 1st place, with 2nd place won by Jo-Anne Barton; Poetry/Spoken Word: 1st place winner was Carla Gadula, followed by Sandra McNeill in 2nd place. Song Writing: Finley Briggs-Webb in 1st place, with Tony Glen in 2nd place. Maxville Public School winners are in 1st place Peyton Grabs, 2nd place Colton Crawford and in 3rd place Mariah Cherry.

North Dundas’ firefighters

Continued from the front

A press release from the solicitor general stated: “Ontario is launching the first of two new Mobile Live Fire Training Units to help support fire services’ firefighter training needs. The new mobile training units is part of the province’s plan to expand and modernize access to firefighting training, [it] will bring additional high-quality, hands-on training directly to fire services in all regions of the province.” The mobile units allow firefighters to do their training in their own community.

Gruich said, “The unit is being delivered tentatively on April 16. It starts on the 19th and each station will have an evening to themselves so that they can practice what they want in there. On Saturday we will be practicing for a large fire or response that would take all four stations and that is just to go through coordinating all four stations.”

Gruich said they put their application to get a unit early along with a number of stations in SD&G. Because of the number of stations that can



This is what a typical mobile fire unit looks like.

Courtesy Photo

make good use of the training opportunity, they will get to keep it for a month throughout the county.

“So we are really getting the first kick of the can with this. I think Wolf Island is first and then it comes to us.” he said.

The arrival of the unit means that local firefighters do not have to go to Ottawa for training time.

“We will get more training time on a unit right here. We are very excited about this.”

“The units which are 16m long, and are designed to operate across the province, including at Regional Training Centres and local fire departments. The first unit, launched in Bradford, is available immediately to fire services in southern and central Ontario. The second unit, [which was] expected to be

completed by December 2021, will be available to fire services in Northern Ontario in early 2022.”

Gruich said, “When we are done with it, it will go out to Western Ontario.

The mobile training units give firefighters an opportunity to come as close to the real thing as possible. The press release said, “As part of the training offered via the mobile training units, firefighters will experience real flames, extreme heat, high humidity, severely restricted visibility, and thick smoke during their real-world training. The fire simulation firefighter training meets the job performance requirements outlined in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) training standards.”

Ontario fire marshal Jon Pegg, said, “The new Mobile Live Fire Training

Units simulate real situations involving fire – which forms an important part of firefighter training and complements in-class learning. The introduction of the mobile live fire training unit is designed to ensure firefighter training is accessible, affordable, attainable and scalable to all fire services across the province.”

There are 441 fire departments in Ontario including 32 large municipal services consisting of full-time fire personnel, 215 composite

fire departments made up of full-time and volunteer personnel, and 194 small municipal fire services or communities without municipal organization and are made up solely of volunteers.

Municipal fire departments work closely with the Office of the Fire Marshal to deliver educational and training programs for firefighters.

The Mobile Live Fire Training Units were manufactured in Ontario by Dräger Safety Canada. Dräger is an international leader in medical and safety technology with over 130 years of experience.

The National Fire Protection Association is an internationally recognized organization that develops fire service training standards used in Ontario.

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Letter

An open letter to the public

Why is it that when a man states his opinion it is a concern, but when a woman states the same opinion, it is a complaint. Don't get me wrong, this is definitely a concern, and it is not a male/female issue, I have heard many men state the same concerns.

In our townships there are many piles of brush in the fields, so much so that I have seen people out taking pictures of them like they are now tourist hot spots, they have become attractions. There was once a letter written about them in the now defunct *Winchester Press*.

My concern, and don't get me wrong this is definitely a concern not a complaint, is the disposal of these piles of brush. People tend to think that they light a match, and the garbage is gone, but what about the wind currents? What about the person who tends the fire? What about the fireman that is called in when the fire gets out of control? The fire smolders long after the fire is out and the smoke has to go somewhere, it doesn't just disappear.

We have gone for a drive in the past and saw the smoke, it is hard to miss the smell when you drive through it. We have seen the smoke and concerned that there was an unreported fire and that someone may be in danger; we have followed the smoke only to find out that it was a brush fire.

We have gone through three gazebos because the wind has taken them down and we have talked to other people who have lost buildings due to wind, you may not be able to see it, but it is there.

In school we have learned the importance of trees, how they provide shade, give off oxygen, filter the air, their roots soak up water – was someone not telling the truth?

With the information that we now have on climate change, lung cancer, you can't smoke in restaurants anymore, you can't smoke in public places, they do not want you to smoke anywhere that you may expose other people to the damages of smoke but yet you can burn these piles of brush. We have been exposed to forest fires in other provinces where the wind currents have brought the smoke here and we have been told to stay inside with our windows closed.

We have had days and nights where our windows are closed, yet you can still smell the smoke and it is hard to breathe.

Maybe these facts should be made aware to new residents as a matter of transparency in case they have breathing issues. I am sure that finding a solution for the safe disposal of trees won't be easy but then I am sure that living with cancer as well, which will kill a lot of people this year, is not easy either. The smoke also affects people living with asthma, colds, allergies, bronchitis, c.o.p.d., pneumonia and I am sure other health issues as well.

And how this will affect our climate is also a concern.

They say that when you know better, you do better, it does not seem to apply to this matter.

Pam O'Malley, Concerned Citizen

Editorial

Be thankful you are not a sparrow

Just when you thought all the bad stuff was over and it was safe to go outside, the Avian Flu comes along. Unnoticed by most of us, Mother Nature goes about her business with complete indifference to humanity in general.

When the Avian Flu comes along, it marches to its own drum, unaffected by human efforts to curb it, but if left to get out of control, it can go through the wild bird population as quickly as it wants.

The humbling lesson in all of this is that there is little we can do about it. The situation is slowly becoming a mild concern to Ontario poultry farmers and to the wild bird population in general.

Unlike Covid that created a firestorm of opinion, ideas, and different strategies to combat it, when you are dealing with a flu centred around the real world, there is little to be done about it, but watch it go by.

It's not a happy kind of circumstance for the bird population but containing it, is virtually impossible.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) notes there have been 11 instances of avian flu confirmed in Ontario poultry flocks from March 27 to April 10. Those numbers include three backyard flocks in Prince Edward County, the township of Selwyn and the township of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation.

There have not been any accurate numbers about birds in the wild getting Avian Flu but a red-tailed hawk was found to have the flu in the Waterloo area in mid-March.

In a technical briefing Monday at CFIA, officials noted that at least 260,000 birds have died of avian flu. In Ontario alone, more than 84,000 birds died of the flu or have been euthanized.

No one knows why viruses in the wild come and go. Some experts have suggested that the birds that migrate pick up the virus and bring it back home and in the case of this simmering outbreak there are larger numbers of virus

laden migratory birds.

Ultimately the virus can find its way from a wild bird to a poultry farm if farmers are not extra diligent in keeping their birds safe.

The Avian Flu illustrates how helpless we are as a civilization to combat what in nature is a normal, but sad occurrence. It's not to our liking but nature could care less.

We have long felt that the relationship between us and nature was one where we were the boss and nature was just something nice to look at.

The pandemic and even Avian Flu which does not spread to humans very often, illustrates how we have it all wrong.

Not to sound too new age but all we are rediscovering is what our ancestors always knew. We are part of nature and nature is part of us; there is no other way to look at it.

Accepting that we are part of something bigger than ourselves is kind of a relief. It means we do not always have to be right or know the exact thing to do at any given moment. It means that we can chuckle

at the art of politics and marvel at the strength of a dandelion growing through a concrete roadway.

Reality turns out to be reality. The birds out in Ontario's forests are not organizing a special meeting about the Avian Flu or passing bird centric regulations to combat the virus. They will live or die if they catch it based on how fit or lucky, they are.

Hopefully the virus will wear itself out, but until then it is just another item in the world out there that is roaming around causing havoc.

As humans we are so fortunate to be able to take on nature and find brilliant ways to outrun, outfox and outlast Mother Nature's standard operating procedure which includes such wonders as a summer sunrise and in the next moment a forest fire or virus.

The other critters like birds and animals that are along for the ride just in a different car do not have the choices or opportunities we have, and for that difference in ability to control our environment we should be thankful each day.

Joseph Morin

Remembering Vimy

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

Several years ago while looking through some military heirlooms given to my family by my children's paternal grandmother, I found what looked like a scrap of paper all folded up. Their maternal great-grandfather Capt. Ross MacDonald had served in World War I and in 1917 commanded a trench mortar battery in France. On the paper were the words stating how the bombardment was to begin at 5:30 a.m. on April 9, 1917.

While this was an interesting find, it was not until I began reading Pierre Berton's book *Vimy*, that I realized its significance. This 'scrap of paper' was in fact from a military message pad and contained the orders for Capt. MacDonald's trench mortar battery to commence the creeping barrage designed to assist Canadian troops leaving their trenches and moving towards the objective of Vimy Ridge.

The words 'Vimy Ridge' cause many Canadians to remember a battle in France in World War One which is often thought to be the defining

moment of nationhood for Canada. It was the first time all four Canadian divisions mounted an attack together and successfully captured the heavily defended and deeply entrenched German fortification. Both French and British forces had unsuccessfully tried to capture Vimy Ridge, with the success of the Canadian attack attributed to the intensive training undertaken. This training had lasted for months, with many historians concluding its success was due to each soldier knowing and having practiced his role in the assault as well as the innovative nature of Canadian soldiers.

I can only imagine the feelings of these men of all ages as they scrambled out of the relative safety of their trenches early that morning. What horrific sounds and sights must have greeted them as they progressed to their objective through the sleet and the rain and the mud. It took four days of intensive and deadly fighting for the Canadian troops to reach the top of Vimy Ridge. An estimated 3,500 Canadians lost their lives during this battle, with approximately 7,000 more wounded. The German casualties are

reported as being much higher with close to 20,000 casualties and 4,000 taken prisoner.

On July 26, 1936, the Vimy Memorial was unveiled by King Edward VIII, with many Vimy Ridge and World War One veterans in attendance. The memorial was designed by Walter Seymour Allward, a Canadian architect and sculptor, with work beginning in 1925. There are 20 figures which grace the moment, including a figure known as Canada Bereft which is said to represent this country grieving over the dead. The names of 11,285 Canadian soldiers with unknown graves are carved on the walls of the monument.

As the centennial of the battle of Vimy Ridge approached, the Vimy Oaks Legacy Corporation initiated a program to commemorate the memory of those Canadians who had fought in World War One. The plan was to plant oak saplings, from acorns gathered by Lt. Leslie Miller after the Battle of Vimy Ridge, in Canada and at Vimy Ridge. In late May 2017, Vimy oak saplings were planted at the Lost Villages Museum in Ault Park near Long Sault.



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Boyne landfill site expansion on the way

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The environmental assessment required to allow North Dundas to expand their landfill site on Boyne Road is coming to its end.

The assessment started in 2020 after terms of reference for the assessment were worked on as far back as 2016. In 2021, much of the work was completed and the next step expected to take place sometime in early summer of 2022, is to circulate the draft assessment to the government and associate organizations for comment and approval.

On April 7, the third open house detailing the environmental assessment was presented by Trish Edmonds of Golder Associates Inc. and was held in North Dundas council chambers.

There are still a few weeks left for when residents can ask questions and make suggestions before the draft assessment goes off to other levels of government for approval. The deadline for adding to the assessments is April 28.

Doug Froats director of waste management said, "Everything is going in the

right direction. We are still tabulating all responses and incorporating them into the environmental assessment. We have sent in a preliminary document, so the ministry has given us a response back. It's now down to crossing all of our i's and t's.

Presently there is nothing to be concerned about."

Froats explained that if the landfill site continues to operate as it has been, then it would still have two to two and a half years of operating space.

"We are operating within the guidelines set out by the ministry; we have always been very proactive."

According to the environmental assessment, the landfill has been operational since 1965, and "is the only operational waste disposal site in the township. The existing landfill operates as a natural attenuation landfill with no engineered liner or leachate collection system, but rather relies on natural attenuation within the site property boundary and containment attenuation zone lands."

The assessment added, "Ongoing environmental monitoring demonstrate site compliance with regulatory requirements.

The management of leachate will continue to rely on the same strategy of natural attenuation based on groundwater modeling results with the addition of 400 metres of containment attenuation zone line easement to the south of the current landfill boundary."

To deal with any possible contamination of groundwater, the section of the Vox municipal drain, north of the landfill site will either be lined or have a culvert installed to minimize groundwater that could possibly be affected by leaching from the site.

The assessment stated, "A storm water management wetland is required in the northeast

corner of the site. No landfill gas collection is required. Capital costs for construction of the landfill expansion are estimated to be \$2.1 to \$2.8 million, although costs will be expended in a phased approach. Operating costs are expected to be comparable to the current operating costs."

There are no existing residences within 500 metres of the site.

If residents want to comment or make a suggestion about what the environmental assessment has found, they have until April 28 to do so. Residents can connect with Trish Edmond of Golder Associates Inc. at: trish_edmond@golder.com or dfroats@northdundas.com or contact the municipality at 613-774-2105 ext. 235.



More support for the Thrift Shop
The Winchester Lions Club is very pleased to induct their two newest members: Gayle and Nancy, into the Winchester Lions Club on April 6. These two ladies are a key part of our Thrift Shop Management Team and bring a wonderful energy to the Club. If you are considering volunteering, send us a line at info@winchesterlions.com. Courtesy Photo

COVID-19 on the rise again in Eastern Ontario: What you can do

This is a joint message from Champlain region's hospital chiefs of staff and medical officers of health

OTTAWA – The level of COVID-19 in the Champlain region is on the rise. The COVID-19 wastewater viral signal is increasing in the region and is at record levels in Ottawa. In addition, (...) positivity across the region is high and increasing, according to regional public health units.

In response, every hospital chief of staff and every public health unit medical officer of Health in the Champlain region are coming together to highly recommend the following four things that you can do right now to protect yourself, your family, and your community, with the goal of reducing severe illness and hospitalization:

- Get vaccinated with all the doses you are eligible for.
- Limit your close contacts.
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces.
- Stay home if you are sick.

To book a vaccine, please visit COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario. For residents in the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, please visit their Vaccine Booking page.

If you know or suspect you have COVID-19 and need to be assessed by a clinician, below are some options for accessing care. When possible, please check with your primary care provider first. Also, please check the specific criteria for each clinic.

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Thank you for doing what you can to help keep yourself and those around you safe during this time of uncertainty amid the rising levels of COVID-19.

- OBITUARY - David Fordyce Barr-P Eng. RCN (Lt ret'd) July 12, 1936




It is with a great sense of loss and sadness that we announce the death of David Fordyce Barr, who braved the losses associated with Alzheimers without complaint. He was released from this cruel disease at Dundas Manor, Winchester, Ontario on April 2, 2022. David leaves his wife Penny and his children Nancy Mayer, Madge Barr and John Barr, as well as his 8 grandchildren: David Mayer, Elizabeth Barr, Emily and Marc Fleck, Adrienne, Robert, Paul Gaudreault and Jack Barr. Predeceased by his parents Marjorie Poe and Gordon Barr, his respected Uncle Bob, RBFB, and his son-in-law Raymond Gaudreault. David was the great-great-grandson of the Honourable Robert Baldwin, who with Louis LaFontaine, gave Canadians Responsible Government.

A Memorial Service will be held on June 18, 2022 at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Riverside Heights at 12 p.m. A reception at the Russell Manor, Morrisburg to follow.

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Easter Fun in South Stormont

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – There was a fantastic turnout at the 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Ingleside-Long Sault Lost Villages Lions Club at the South Stormont Community Hall on April 9.

Over 60 children and parents participated in the event that included a pancake and sausage breakfast, playing some fun games like bean bag toss, hunting for Easter eggs outside and a chocolate bunny.



Grandma Carolyn Goulet watches as Vayda Goulet tosses a ball into the basket, while her brother Rhys looks on.
Thompson Goddard Photo

Pictured on the right, SDSG Eric Duncan is shown with the Easter Bunny and former ILSLVLC president Lion Gerry Potvin. The morning event was a great success providing a lot of fun for people of all ages.
Thompson Goddard Photo



Osgoode Township Museum executive director appointed

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

VERNON – James Jenson has been appointed as the new executive director of the Osgoode Township Museum located in Vernon, Ontario. Jenson started his new position on April 4.

He comes to the position with over 25 years of experience in this field, including positions at the National Museum of Science and

Technology in Ottawa, Region of Waterloo Museum, the Boston Children's Museum, and the Connecticut Historical Society. He has a Bachelor of Industrial Design from Carleton University as well as a Master of Arts in Museum Exhibition, Planning and Design from The University of the Arts.

He is looking forward to working at the Osgoode Township Museum and its reopening to the public in the near future.

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Trivia competition at the Legion

The Winchester Legion Branch 108 is back to hosting a trivia competition once a month. This past Sat., April 9 the Legion had a group of eager people participating. Left to right are: Christine Mercier, Bev Ibbetson, and Janet Cooper.
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What an afternoon!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CRYSLER – The Mad Hatter Tea Party and Easter Egg Hunt event held at the Chrysler Community Centre was a fun and fascinating afternoon for people of all ages on Sun., April 10.

Danielle Linnett, who with her team of volunteers organized the event, explained Orbital Talent was originally to perform at the Chrysler Winter Carnival but the performance was delayed due to COVID-19 precautions in place at the time. It was decided to hold the event later, with volunteers deciding to hold a Mad Hatter Tea Party and Easter Egg Hunt.

Inside the Community Centre, performers from Orbital Talent in Ottawa provided an interactive theatrical presentation with the Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts delighting the crowd with magic acts, puppetry, and lots of laughs. Outside the Games to Go gaming truck was a favourite stop enabling gamers the opportunity to play some video games.

Following the presentation, children and parents



The Queen of Hearts delighted the audience with her antics, while the Mad Hatter looks a bit intimidated by Her Royal Highness. There was plenty of magic during the theatrical presentation by members of Orbital Talent during the Easter community event held on April 10 in the Chrysler Community Centre.

Thompson Goddard Photo

were able to participate in an outdoor Easter Egg hunt, with the Easter Bunny and volunteers assisting egg hunters. Linnett explained 55 children had registered for the egg hunt, which involved finding 10 eggs and upon returning them to the student volunteers in the gazebo would receive a free treat bag from the Chrysler Community Centre Committee. She continued there were two larger eggs for adults to find which contained a coupon from Waikato Pizza donated to the event by the business.

While the egg hunt was going on outside, volunteers

were busy inside setting up cupcakes and juice for the participants. During the final event of the afternoon, there was a draw for four Easter Baskets donated by Liv's Gift and Baskets in Crysler.

Linnett expressed her thanks to Lapp Construction, Games to Go, Harvex and the Chrysler Community Centre Committee for their support for this free community event. She also wished to thank the student volunteers who worked to decorate the community centre and facilitate the Easter Egg Hunt as well as the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

Lactalis to build a fire suppression system

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – North Dundas has entered into a water use agreement with Lactalis Canada.

Lactalis Canada wants to build its own fire protection system to satisfy insurance requirements related to fire protection.

The dairy process company in Winchester has applied for a building permit for the construction of their fire protection system. The site plan they presented to the North Dundas' council at its April 5 council meeting showed the conversion of a clarifier to a water reservoir. A clarifier is a settling tank used in a variety of processing industries to separate a liquid substance from a solid one. Lactalis also

will be building a pump house, fire hydrant and water mains at their Winchester plant, 490 Gordon Street.

The idea behind the construction is to be able to have a reservoir on the property that could be used to provide sufficient service as the plant's fire suppression system.

The reservoir would have the capacity to store up to 320,000 US gallons and would get the water from an existing well east of the DAF/Actiflo building.

The sprinkler system at the plant would use the reservoir only. The township fire department would also have access to the water in the case of an emergency for fire-fighting purposes only. The fire hydrants will be prohibited for use by Lactalis, their representatives or their operators.

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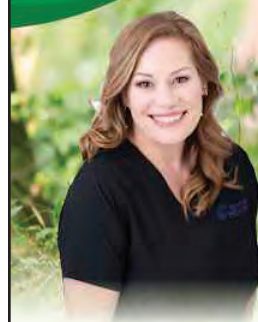
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CDHS Report to council

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Chesterville and District Historical Society president Caroline Roberts provided North Dundas council via email an extensive and informative report concerning CDHS activities in 2021 for the April 5 council meeting.

Included with the document was Roberts' report, financial reports from both CDHS and the book committee as well as reports from the book committee chair Gail Parker, Bob Pitruniak on behalf of the CDHS Collection Committee, a report from Kim McInnis on research requests and Ashley Harper's report on the website and social media. Prior to these reports being presented to council, they were provided to the CDHS membership at the organization's annual general meeting held on March 15, except for Harper's report.

Roberts reported the 2021 CDHS AGM was held via Zoom on Feb. 16, 2021; as was the case in 2020, membership dues were suspended due to the

pandemic with the executive and directors remaining in their current positions.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, meetings between March and June 2021 were held on Zoom, with outdoor meetings held at the Oak Valley Pioneer Memorial Park in August and the property of Verne McMillan in October. Visits to the Osgoode Township Museum in Vernon and Keith Boyd Museum in Russell were made, in compliance with COVID-19 precautions, "to gather valuable information as a start to planning improvements to the Heritage Centre."

It was noted in the report that "On June 7, Caroline Roberts and Gail Parker were invited to be presenters for the Ottawa Good Companions Seniors' Without Walls' Program" where they spoke on the history of Chesterville and the history book project respectively. The CDHS provided a display at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 in Chesterville for Remembrance Day.

Roberts commented on the successful launch of the book *Bridging the Centuries*



The Heritage Centre on Victoria Street has served the community in many ways since its construction in 1867.

Courtesy Photo

on Dec. 5, 2021. She explained the work of the book committee headed by Gail Parker was able to complete the updating of Chesterville's history. Five hundred copies were printed, and book sales were brisk during December 2021, "thanks to the assistance of Scotiabank, that kindly agreed to handle the transactions. Close to 400 copies were sold by year end."

The organization was the recipient of several grants during 2021. Donations to the CDHS included two works of art by Calgary

artist Herb Sellin of painting of area scenes by Kathy Komesch. Corrie McRae donated *The Sons and Daughters of Chesterville*, written by Michael T. Tracy. Other donations include *They Said We Couldn't Do It* by Diane Harkin and from Bernie Short photographs of the Dunbar Cheese Factory as well as "an aerial view of *Short Farm Sales*."

Other donations include several items from the estate of Blake Feeley, including several copies of *The Time That Was*. Phyllis Workman, whose late

husband Ron Workman co-owned the *Winchester Press* with his brother Reg, donated items such as local history books, photographs and other items related to the newspaper.

A report from the CDHS Book Committee chair Gail Parker included a word of thanks to editors Kim and Bruce Henbest, graphic designer Susan Marriner "for their dedication, loyalty and hard work," before making note of the work of all committee members as well as the people who made contributions to the project "because without them we wouldn't have the history and all of the contents that is included in our book."

Bob Pitruniak provided a report on the work undertaken by the CDHS Collection Committee in 2021, noting the pandemic stopped all formal committee meetings, with members working behind the scenes to continue the work. He noted this is a slow process that seeks to ensure accessioning the donated artifacts is an important but time-consuming activity.

Kim McInnis, CDHS secretary and researcher, reported there have been many requests for assistance and research from

individuals. She provided details on the requests which included genealogical work and researching donations which were provided to the CDHS. One of these include the donation of the "Winchester Springs Methodist Church 1923 Hy Shy Ny youth group signature quilt."

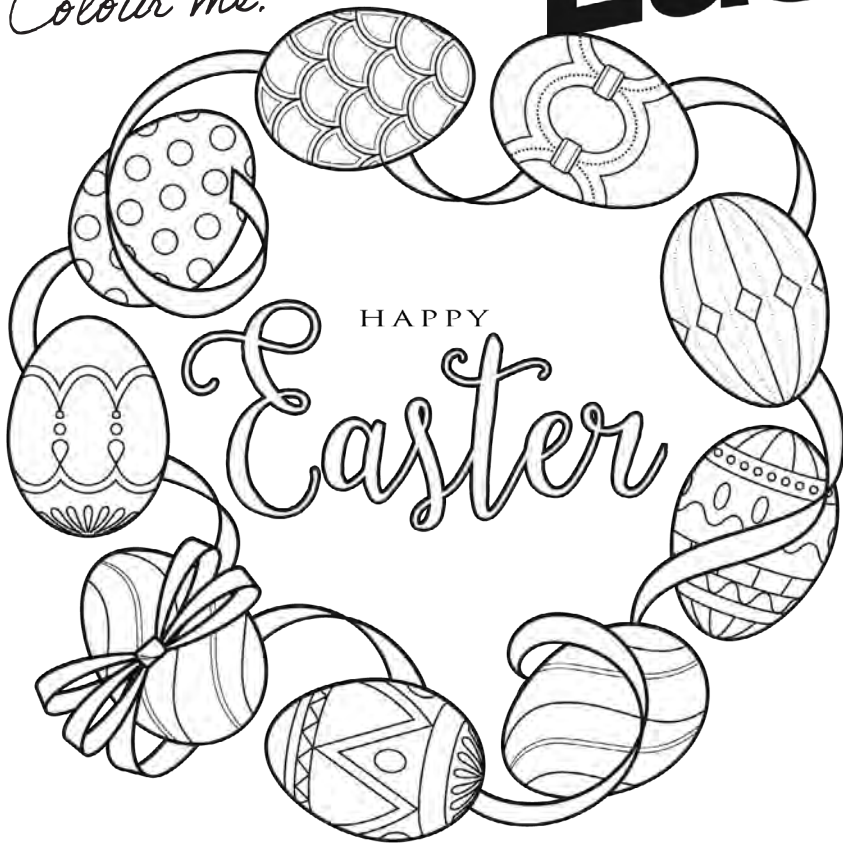
Ashley Harper has also been involved in providing research assistance to people. She continues to maintain both the social media page and website of the organization. In response to a request from Jennifer Westendorp, a North Dundas communications officer, and in association with Dundas County archivist Susan Peters, she researches and writes articles on the history of North Dundas. She continued the articles are published twice monthly, with subject matter alternating between North Dundas and South. Harper explains this has led to an increased interest by the public in the website and social media pages.

The Chesterville & District Historical Society continues to play a vital role in the preservation and protection of the history of Chesterville and the township of North Dundas.

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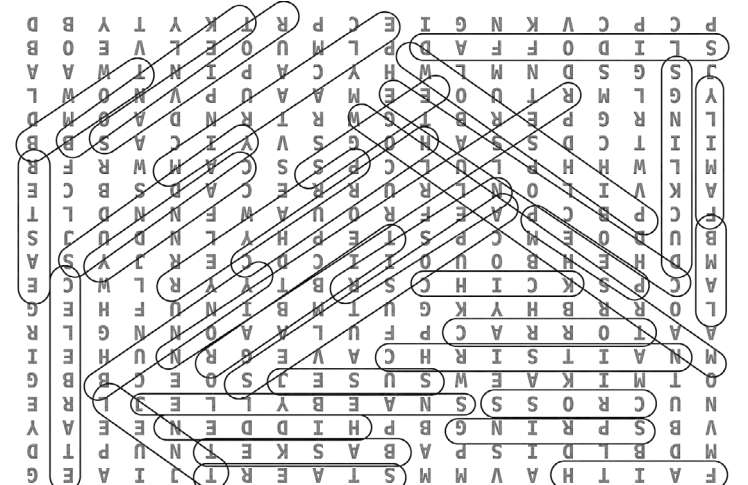
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EASTER WORD SEARCH SOLUTION



Turn to all-natural items for safe and easily dyed Easter eggs

Coloring Easter eggs is a time-honored tradition passed down from generation to generation.

While there are many kits on the market that enable people to easily color eggs, there also are plenty of all-natural foodstuffs, like fruits, vegetables, herbs, and spices, that can get the job done just as effectively.

Below are a few tried and true methods for producing brilliantly hued eggs with items from the kitchen, courtesy of The Spruce and Martha Stewart.

BEAUTIFUL BLUES

Give chicken eggs a beautiful robin egg shade with red cabbage. Simply shred one cup of red cabbage into a pot. Bring the cabbage and roughly 4 cups water and 1 tablespoon salt to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Let the broth cool. Strain out the cabbage and stir in 2 tablespoons of distilled white vinegar. Let the eggs sit in the dye for the desired duration to achieve light to dark blue eggs.

PERKY PINKS

Use beets to create pink and red eggs. Take 1 or 2 beets and roughly chop them. Combine with 4 cups water and 1 tablespoon of salt in a saucepan. Bring it to a boil, then reduce and simmer for 30 minutes. Strain the mixture and allow to cool. Add 2 tablespoons of vinegar. Use the solution for red and pink eggs.

South Dundas introduces residents to mass notification system

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – “We’re very excited to be bringing this new tool to our roster,” Municipality of South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelde said. “The accessibility of the service means we can reach each of our residents whether they have a cell phone, computer, or a landline. This is another step in the municipality’s work to provide inclusive and timely communication to the people of South Dundas.”

The Voyent Alert mass notification system was launched on April 7. Residents have been invited to register for the free multi-purpose service. The

registration process, it was noted, takes less than a minute to complete, and once done, the registrant will be on the list to receive notifications of critical events, such as floods or boil water advisories, as well as non-emergency notices, such as road closures, planned maintenance, or watermain breaks.

“This tool will become one of the most reliable sources of information for the municipality,” communications coordinator Kalynn Sawyer Helmer said: “It also means that our residents won’t need to go in search of important notifications, they will get the information sent right to their chosen device.”

During registration, residents chose how they’d like to receive the notifications, whether through text message,

email, or voice call. It was also noted that there is an app that can be downloaded for Apple or Android devices. Helmer said residents can add multiple locations to their profiles for their home, work, or family members’ addresses and specify that they only receive notifications that affect those specific locations. This way, residents won’t need to sift through notifications that don’t pertain to them.

“We strongly encourage everyone to sign up,” Helmer said.

To sign up for the Voyent Alert service, visit the township’s website (southdundas.com). Those who need assistance to register can contact the municipality in person or by phone (613-543-2673) to receive help with the sign-up process.

Comedy Night Fundraiser

Carolyn Thompson
Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – It was quite the evening at the South Stormont Community Hall on April 8, with a comedy show and dance raising \$1,500 for Carefor South Stormont Seniors’ Centre’s Meals on Wheels Program. The show was hosted by the South Stormont Fun Raisers and featured The Dan Allaire Comedy Show followed by dancing to the tunes of Classic Soul.

Dave Smith explained how COVID-19 precautions had delayed the fundraiser from March, Carefor’s “March for Meal’s” month, to April; close to 200 patrons attended. Describing the atmosphere in the hall as ‘electric’, the comedy team from The Dan Allaire Comedy Show” featured two comedians as well as Allaire, the host of radio’s Boom 101.9 morning radio. The comedians provided an evening of laughter, with Smith saying the show received a “two-thumbs” up from the audience. He



From the left: Carefor Eastern Ontario administrative office assistant Krysta Villeneuve is shown with the cheque for \$1,500 received from South Stormont Fun Raisers president Dave Smith. Thompson Goddard Photo

continued how Classic Soul “kept the dance floor busy for the duration of the evening.” Smith explained Up in Smoke, which is South Stormont’s newest mobile meat vendor showcased their delicious smoked meat and sausages at the event.

South Stormont Fun Raisers is a community organization that was “incorporated less than a year ago” and has grown into a team of volunteers providing “successful events of all kinds, ranging from euchre tournaments to craft shows to major community fundraising shows” explained Smith. More information on upcoming events is available on their social media sites.

“We are the champions”

Carolyn Thompson
Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The North Dundas Rockets defeated the Gananoque Islanders to win the Eastern Ontario Super Hockey League Trophy on Sat., April 9, with a capacity crowd watching in the stands of the Chesterville Arena.



After some celebrating with teammates on the ice, the championship team of the North Dundas Rockets gathered for an on-ice team photo. Thompson Goddard Photo

The winning goal was scored by No. 66 Brett Gustavsen, a former player with the Carleton Ravens and Ottawa 67’s in the sudden death overtime period. Immediately following the goal, the sounds of Queen’s musical hit “We are the Champions” played over the sound system; fans cheered, and players gathered.

Mitch Gagne, president of the Eastern Ontario Super Hockey League commented during the game, “how all in all it was a fantastic season.” In a post game email, Rob Sadler, coach, and general manager of the North Dundas Rockets noted “It’s been an incredibly successful season and I’m thrilled for the North Dundas Community to be able to celebrate a hockey championship. It’s the first one since 1986 when the Chesterville Flyers won the Junior C title.”



Derek Froats of the North Dundas Rockets received the award for the Most Valuable Player in the 2021-2022 Playoffs from Mitch Gagne, president of the Eastern Ontario Super Hockey League. Thompson Goddard Photo

The Eastern Ontario Super Hockey League has six teams each in the East and West Divisions and their website is located at www.eoshl.hockeyshift.com. For more information on the North Dundas Rockets visit their website at www.ndrseniorhockeyclub.com or social media site.

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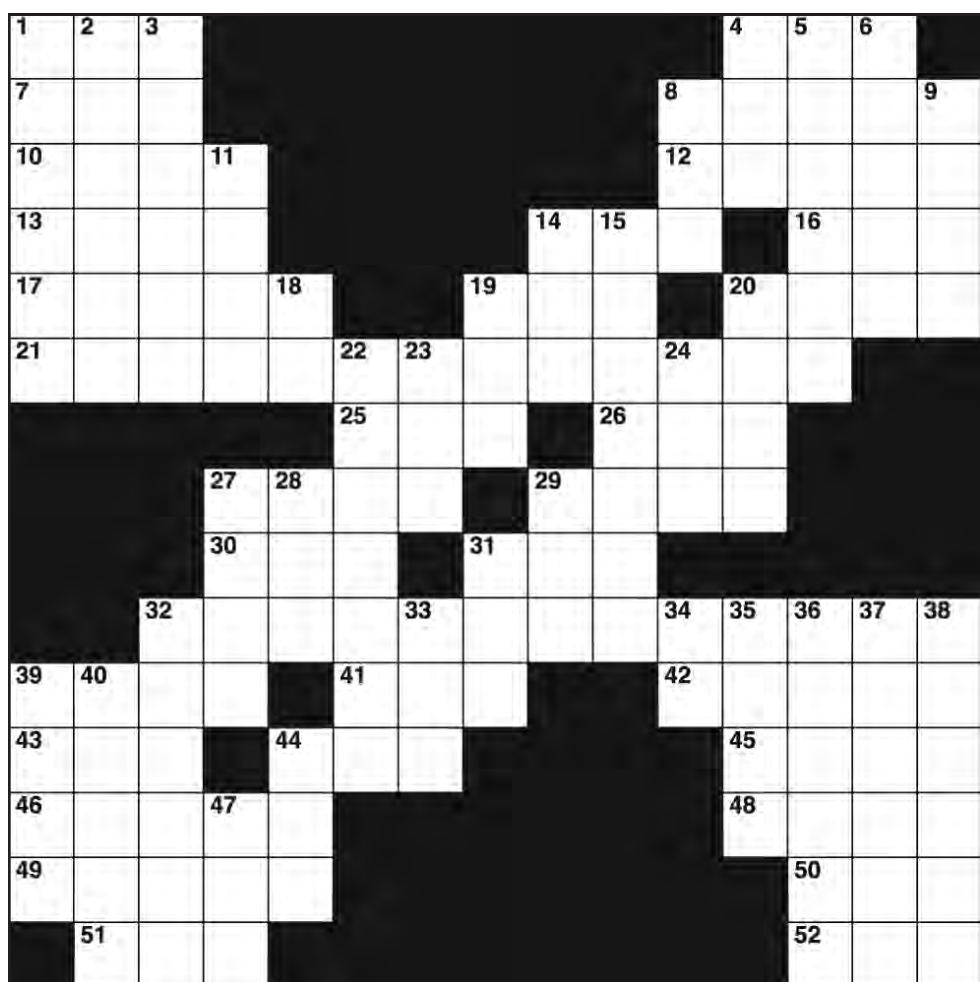
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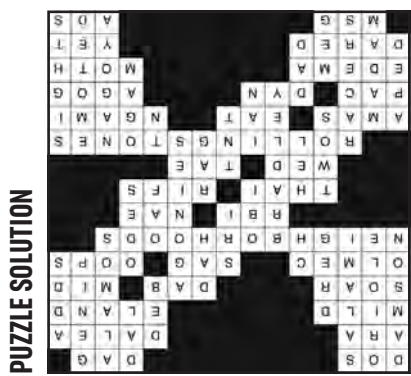
- 1. Runs PCs
4. An entertaining, eccentric person
7. Small, faint constellation
8. Indigo bush
10. Not excessive
12. African antelope
13. A way to fly a glider
14. Tough softly
16. In the course of
17. Early Mesoamerican people
19. A way to drop down
20. Mistake!
21. Housing developments
25. Baseball stat
26. No (Scottish)
27. Type of cuisine

- 29. British Army infantrymen (abbr.)
30. Marry
31. Buffer solution
32. Legendary rock band
39. Recording industry show
41. A way to consume
42. Lake in Botswana
43. Political action committee
44. Field force unit (abbr.)
45. Very eager
46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
48. Nocturnal insect
49. Challenged to perform
50. Thus far
51. Famed NYC arena
52. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small, purple-black fruit
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Highly seasoned sausage
4. Split pulses
5. Northwestern Mexico town
6. Edible fruit
8. Upper-class southern young woman
9. Sums up
11. The most worthless part
14. Dash
15. Sufferings
18. Clearinghouse (abbr.)
19. Indian title of respect
20. Poems meant to be sung
22. Actor Cooper
23. Luke's mentor _-Wan

- 24. Clumsy person
27. Figures
28. Polish Baltic coast peninsula
29. Old cloth
31. Explosive
32. Automobiles
33. 007's creator
34. The Volunteer State
35. Old Irish alphabet
36. Japanese city
37. Portrayed emotion
38. Observers
39. Mimicked
40. Polite reference to a woman
44. Male parent
47. Peter Griffin's daughter



THE BENEFITS OF CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Even though crossword puzzles have been entertaining and helping people pass the time for more than 100 years, the benefits of crosswords go beyond boredom-busting. Various studies have shown the positive effects crossword puzzles can have on a person's brain and capacity to learn.

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- Improve socialization
- Help relieve stress
- May help prevent brain diseases

Crossword puzzles can fill empty hours with an entertaining and educational activity. However, there are many other benefits to doing crossword puzzles that may surprise even the most ardent puzzle enthusiasts.

ND Waterfront Gallery

CHESTERVILLE – Stepping inside the North Dundas Waterfront Gallery on Main Street in Chesterville, your eyes are treated to a collection of paintings created by Ron Leclair and the opportunity to visit with the artist himself.

A life-long resident of Chesterville, Leclair has a long and successful career as an interior and exterior painter. He has created many signs for clients, perhaps most notably the signage at St. Mary's of the Presentation Church as well as the Roman Catholic cemetery on the outskirts of Chesterville. These signs demonstrate the artistic abilities of this gentleman.

Opened by Leclair less than 10 years ago, NDWG provides him with a location where he can showcase his paintings as well as a collection of heirloom items amassed over the years. To the rear of the gallery, is the studio where the paintings on display are created.

He explained his artistic abilities were noticed by a primary teacher, who encouraged him to develop his talent. He continued how attention to detail is one of his passions when creating his works of art. This attention to detail is quite apparent in one of his pencil paintings of a group of soldiers at a train station. When looking at the different poses of soldiers, their uniforms and faces there is a sense of individuality that is the earmark of a talented artist.

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Artist Ron Leclair is shown with one of his paintings in the ND Waterfront Gallery located at 25 Main Street, Unit 3, in Chesterville. Thompson Goddard Photo

He is proficient in the use of oil and acrylic paints, but mentions his favourite medium is pencil or ink. One of his pencil works is of a cardinal which when looking at it, emerges from the canvas with a 3D quality. When asked, Leclair explained this is accomplished by shading, which

adds to the quality of the realism of the work.

When asked about his favourite subjects, Leclair quickly replied he enjoys historical subjects. In the Gallery there are pencil drawings of World War One soldiers waiting at a train station, a pen and ink

train engine and a pen and ink depiction of The Last Supper.

One of his proudest moments came when his mural depicting Chesterville firefighters at the fire station in Chesterville (now the Heritage Centre), town policeman Leonard Shane and the 1950s fire engine was hung in the fire station in Chesterville. He commented how it took a lot of time to create the mural but was very happy with the final product. He added that due to the mural being inside the fire station that that would ensure its longevity.

Leclair is looking forward to learning more art techniques and developing different artistic skills. He is spending more time at the Gallery, predominately on the weekends and encourages people to visit when he is there. When asked advice for developing artists, his response was to be patient, seek mentorship from different artists and as it is a slow process try not to get discouraged.

With Bob Lafontaine, Leclair developed the first Art on the Waterfront many years ago. He is pleased with how the event has progressed and mentioned how there is a great amount of talent in the North Dundas area. This year, Art on the Waterfront is being planned for June 4 and 5 and while Leclair is not directly involved in its organization, he commented how it is nice to see local talent highlighted.

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Crysler plans for a community garden

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CRYSLER – Community gardens are important for all the communities they are in.

Winchester has a great one in the back of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and most small villages have similar community gardens that grow food for their community's local food bank.

In the village of Chrysler there have been recent discussions about creating a community garden.

President of the Chrysler Recreation Committee Pierre Thibault said, "Talks are in the works again with volunteers to build a com-

munity garden for the spring of 2022."

This new garden will be strictly organic and will serve the community.

"Volunteers already had a meeting, and their enthusiasm is growing. This garden will be behind the community centre on a section of property not being used," he said.

Thibault said the initial interest came from their event coordinator and new residents in the new subdivision in Chrysler.

He said, "The vision was to promote healthy living, sharing within the community and educate the young and old how to harvest from a commu-

nity garden, the difference in an organic garden such as the compost, natural minerals. After a very educational meeting with interested volunteers, the community centre has agreed to help create this garden for the community. A fundraiser at the community dinner on May 13 is in the plan; people will be able to purchase organic seedling from our local grower right here in Chrysler or purchase a seedling and donate it to the garden."

These funds will help with the purchase of the wooden boards around the garden and the purchase of compost.

Russell set to enter its second year of No-Mow-May

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell is set to participate in No-Mow-May again this year.

The decision was made during the April 4 council meeting where director of public safety and enforcement Millie Bourdeau recommended that politicians direct staff to not enforce the grass cutting section of the Clean Yard Bylaw for the month of May, and every year after, in support of the No-Mow-May Project. Russell participated in the project for the first-time last year.

"In 2021, council approved a request to support our local bee population by participating in the No-Mow-May pilot project. Council requested that information be shared with the environmental committee and that an update on this project be provided to council,"

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Bourdeau said. "During the month of May 2021, we saw property owners participate throughout the township and no complaints were received due to this initiative."

She also noted that the township's Environmental Advisory Committee is still in support of the project and would like to see it continue annually. Both her department and the infrastructure department agree. An official direction is needed from council for staff to overlook the bylaw for the month of May.

Pin Tales

Stormont Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Susan Chambers 258; Ladies' High Triple, Susan Chambers 674. Team Standings: Hilda 230, Marin 208, Susan 204.5, Pat 197.5.

Monday Men's: Men's High Single, Frank Jerome 296; Men's High Triple, Frank Jerome 722. Team Standings: Alley Cats 15, East-Ont 15, Raiders 12, Country Boys 10, A-Team 6, Alley Rats 5.

Tuesday Afternoon Mixed: Men's High Single, Ron Robinson 305; Men's High Triple, Ron Robinson 722; Ladies' High Single, Sharon Shaver 184; Ladies' High Triple, Sharon Shaver 455. Team Standings: Hope 9, Charity 6, Love 3.

Defenders: Men's High Single, Brian Casselman 217; Men's High Triple, Brian Casselman 559; Ladies' High Single, Diane LaCasse 225; Ladies' High Triple, Diane LaCasse 572. Team Standings: Brian 14, Gwen 11, Ossie 7, Debbie 7, Glendon 6.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Mary Osborne 174; Ladies' High Triple, Dianna Moffat 441. Team Standings: Mary 314, Dianna 291, Linda 178, Pat 257, Lorna 232.

Finch Mixed: Men's High Single, Danny StPierre 264; Men's High Triple, Danny StPierre 669; Ladies' High Single, Maida Rowe 225; Ladies' High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 606. Team Standings: L.T.T.D 188, Billy's Girl's 172, F.I.S.T 163, B&S 135.

Thursday Seniors: Men's High Single, Ross Bennett 213; Men's High Triple, Tony Derks 493; Ladies' High Single, Sue Shay 164; Ladies' High Triple, Sue Shay 445.

Avonmore Mixed: Men's High Single, Mike Byvelds 243; Men's High Triple, Mike Byvelds 649; Ladies' High Single, Mary Osborne/Anita Byvelds 193; Ladies' High Triple, Anita Byvelds 534. Team Standings: Orange 2207, Red 2190 Purple 2111, Blue 2099, Black 2099.

Friday Seniors: Men's High Single, Pierre Briere 178; Men's High Triple Pierre Briere 531; Ladies' High Single, Lucie Briere 340; Ladies' High Triple, Lucie Briere 629.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men's High Single, Danny Holmes 267; Men's High Triple, Danny Holmes 665; Ladies' High Single, Erin Drapeau 224; Ladies' High Triple, Erin Drapeau 515. Team Standings: John 232, Garry 224.5, George 215, Danny 208.5.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men's High Single, Darryl Britton 291; Men's High Triple, Darryl Britton 724; Ladies' High Single, Marin Middleton 252; Ladies' High Triple, Marin Middleton 619. Team Standings: Mental Mishaps 3367, Ball Joints 3205, Golden Girls 3195, Team Nike 3092.

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YBC Peewees: Girl's High Single, Vanessa Bissonnette 112; Girl's High Double, Vanessa Bissonnette 209; Boy's High Single, Kaden Leach 103; Boy's High Double, Kaden Leach 199.

YBC Bantams: Girl's High Single, Robin Sanders 144; Girl's High Double, Robin Sanders 227. Team Standings: Red Wings 1361, Jets 1336, Sharks 1319, Leafs 1311, Oilers 1299, Flames 1222.

YBC Juniors: Girl's High Single, Caroline Sanders 261; Girl's High Triple, Lindsay Burnett 620; Boy's High Single, Clark Sanders 254; Boy's High Triple, Alex Robinson 540. Team Standings: Bruins 2369, Senators 2268, Ducks 2234, Sabers 2206, Kings 2005.



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Russell's future recreation complex takes another step forward

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell's dream of building a multi-use municipal recreation complex has moved one step closer to becoming a reality.

During the municipality's April 4 council meeting, Mayor Pierre Leroux invited director of parks and recreation Céline Guitard to present "this significant report" on the most recent recreation complex project updates, as well as her recommendation to council. She requested approval to move forward "with the formal municipal request for proposal (RFP) tender process for the conceptual design of the recreation complex per the proposed conceptual plan in this report with the upset limit of \$75 million." Russell's politicians approved the request.

"We've [gone] through this once before and now we've entered a new layout with a little bit of changes and a new cost estimate to discuss a little more in depth," Colliers Project Leaders' senior project manager Scott O'Hearn said.

O'Hearn walked council through a slide presentation outlining Phase 2 of the Russell Recreation Complex project, which includes the layout options, as well as the accompanying cost analysis. The total project costs' estimate came in at

roughly \$103,325,700. O'Hearn broke everything down, explaining how he came to the estimates provided.

Councillor Jamie Laurin questioned the timeline, noting that it didn't line up with the plan to break ground in July 2023 or the plan to be fully operational by 2025. O'Hearn said that the design could be done in a year or a year [and a half], but his report reflects what he called "COVID time" where things could be delayed.

"If we post a tender like tomorrow or the end of the week – we've already started working on that – we're hoping to come back to council for a contract [at the] beginning of June," Guitard said.

Councillor André Brisson suggested returning to the previous layout design, as this would feel financially safer. He questioned the need for the bowling alley and the gym.

"I think it's important to note that tonight is to go to the design," Leroux said. "We can put it into tender to draw it in a way that if council needs to step back and remove items from the design, that it is possible without scrapping the whole project."

Guitard confirmed what Leroux said. She added that this would be part of the design tender specifications.

"The other thing as well is

that we haven't discussed what we're doing with existing facilities," Leroux said. "We haven't talked about provincial or federal grants. So, I don't think we're at the stage where we want to start pulling stuff out. I think at this point in time, it's better to go with the design, and if we need to step back later on, we'll be in a position to do so. Based on this timeline, there are two or three steps for council to turn back, if need be."

Again, Guitard confirmed Leroux's take on the situation. She said there will be three separate opportunities for council to make changes. She said if all goes well, the first opportunity will be in November 2022 when staff comes back with the drawings and cost estimates at 30 per cent completion. If things stay on track, she said she'll be back again in January 2023 at 60 per cent completion, and again in March 2023 at 90 per cent completion.

Brisson reiterated his concern, noting that he'd feel more at ease paring back. He referred to the potential for escalating costs.

"Yeah, and I share some of your concerns," O'Hearn said. "Absolutely. But I think we still need to have it designed so that we know where it could go, if we were to get additional funding, if costs changed."

O'Hearn said leaving the extras in now will not

negatively impact the design, as they can be easily deleted before construction if that's what's needed. However, if the extra items, like the bowling alley, for instance, aren't included in the design now and it turns out there's money for it later, it will be too late to add back into the design.

Interim director of finances and treasurer Patrick Auger reviewed the financial plans, which are outlined in Schedules A, B, and C of the report. Laurin then requested an addition to the recommendation. He said he'd like to see a stipulation added that a bylaw for financing the project would be put forward at the next recreation complex update. Brisson agreed, once again raising concerns over the potential cost increase from the \$75

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million to \$103 million.

It was suggested that the term "upset limit of \$75 million" be removed from the resolution if council is looking at possibly entertaining a higher-cost project. Interim chief administrative officer Richard Godin said he would recommend leaving it in for now, so it's clear that's what council is aiming for with the design team. He said the number can always be changed in the future.

"By putting that target to \$75 million, we're going to

force the design team to be as efficient as possible," Leroux said.

After lengthy discussions, council approved Guitard's recommendation. Council also directed staff to return with a financial update, including a bylaw, soon. The report, along with several attachments, including the Colliers project leader's presentation, can be found in the April 4 council agenda package on the municipality's website (Russell.ca).

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By Janel Therkelsen
Student Reporter

Hey readers!



Since it's the week before Easter weekend, this week we're having another Spirit week! As per usual, spirit days have been a hit! Today is a new one, "Purple vs. Pink" day! Honestly, I have no idea which one to choose- they can both be so nice. And very Eastery!

As RHS staff and students' notice as they walk through the atrium, they can always see a table with many snacks. Thanks to our breakfast program at RHS, with the goal being peak health in all students, grocery bags were filled with healthy foods and given to students for free to allow them to eat healthy! Studies show that kids who eat significantly better perform better in school, and at RHS, we strive for student accomplishment regarding their learning.

Did you know colouring decreases anxiety and stress? Well, at RHS, we have been supplying colouring pages for RHS T-Wolves to colour! According to scientific research, colouring can actually relax the fear centre of your brain, the amygdala. This means that it induces the same state of mind as meditating by reducing the thoughts of a restless mind. This generates mindfulness and quietness, which allows your mind to relax. A natural and powerful medicine!

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Charting a course through the housing mortgage maze

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – For home buyers understanding the housing market, where they want to live and all of the financial considerations that go into buying a home like a mortgage can be more than daunting at the best of times.

Because of the pandemic, construction and housing costs in general these are not easy times to navigate through those choppy financial waters.

Interest rates for home mortgages have been relatively low but as the traditionally low rates were

intended to help borrowers weather the economic storm, they also appear to be creating the potential for a real estate boom. That could lead to a housing bubble. A housing bubble happens when real estate demand is greater than the number of homes available for sale. The situation causes the average price of properties to increase often at an alarming rate. Potential homeowners are faced with the difficult decision of whether or not to buy a home during a time of high house prices or wait until they begin to level off.

When the number of homes available for sale drops but the price of homes keeps increasing there is the risk that the housing bubble will burst. In that case a home will lose some of its value making it difficult for the homeowner to recover their costs down the road if they want to sell their now overpriced home.

The current economic situation has given rise to several challenges for potential homeowners or for those who have a home, but want to renovate.

Trevor Watters of

Watters Financial, in Winchester looks after insurance, mortgages and investments.

He has some great advice for those trying to understand the 2022 housing market, and how they can navigate their way through it as they complete their journey of buying their first home or renovating their older one.

“Everyone is dealing with the shortage of inventory for homes, and those wanting to renovate are dealing with higher costs of supplies and time delays of getting product,” said Watters.

While mortgage rates are the same for rural and urban parts of the province, the mortgage rate may vary depending on a borrower's credit, and if a property is residential or commercial.

One way to ensure you are getting the best bang for your dollar is to get help understanding the mortgage market.

Watters said, “I highly recommend using a licensed mortgage professional, agent or broker. They also have yearly government mandated training to ensure they are up to date with the latest rules.”

Increasing instruction and labour costs are driving up the cost of buying a home. At the same time the cost of just renovating an existing

home is becoming prohibitive thanks to the pandemic and the global instability all countries are experiencing.

But when you have an existing home and a reasonable mortgage it is possible to finance those renovations with a new mortgage, as that is one of the better kinds of investment in your home you can make.

Watters said taking out a mortgage to cover the expenses involved in renovations can be a good idea.

He said, “Most cases yes, it is a good thing as you're investing in your asset and making it worth more. In fact many are taking money out to do investments – TFSA / RSP, as mortgage rates are so low.”

4 must-have accessories for your home

Decorating with accessories is a great way to quickly and affordably enhance the look of your home. Here are a few suggestions.

Rugs come in a variety of shapes, sizes, colours and textures. To create the perfect look, make sure you choose a floor covering that matches the style of your home.

Plants can instantly make your space feel bright and lively. If you decide to purchase real plants instead of artificial ones, make sure your home has plenty of light.

Textiles like duvet covers, table linens, chair cushions and throws can add colour and texture to your home. Look for beautiful designs that express your personal sense of style.

Wall hangings like picture frames, clocks

and paintings come in a variety of sizes and styles. However, make sure you don't overcrowd your walls. You can also install shelving to display your decorative items.

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Keeping spring waters out of your basement

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – If you live in a rural part of Ontario you will have the thrill of experiencing all four seasons that Canada has to offer. Each season bringing with it its own characteristics good and bad.

Now that we are into the spring season we can look forward to an eventual return to summer, sunny skies and warm temperatures, but first we have to get past the wet part of spring.

Many rural residents live in an older home with an older basement.

A standard rural basement feature is the always ready to save the day sump pump.

Older basements have a number of flaws that do not have a quick fix and when spring arrives and brings rain with it, and that rain falls on the ground around your basement that is still more or less frozen, all that spring water will try to find a home in your basement.

A regularly flooding basement can be a disaster or an inconvenience, and there are strategies you can use to keep your basement as dry as possible.

Jason Munro Plumbing and Heating has their share of flooding situations that they have to deal with each spring and they have come up with a few great ideas to help homeowners out.

Craig Munro had a few good ideas homeowners can follow through on.

“Check the grading around the house to make sure water can flow away from the foundation as effectively as possible,” he said.

A relatively new house might have excellent grading already around it but older homes have had years for the ground around the foundation to settle.

You should be checking your basement on a daily bases to make sure that if it is flooding there are no issues as a result. If you have a sump pump which you probably do, make sure it is working properly. Remember if your basement tends to flood every spring and if your sump pump cannot keep up with flooding or simply breaks down, you can damage a furnace or other equipment in your basement.

“Ensure that the sump pump pit is free of debris,” said Munro.

You also want to check what your discharge pipe is doing. Is it taking the water from your basement far enough away from your foundation, and not just creating a small pond at the end of the pipe?

Another easy fix is making sure the discharge pipe has some kind of slope to it and is properly supported so that it will not collapse.

Munro said, “Test the sump pump prior to the melt to ensure it is in good working order for the wet season, and if your home has a lot of water coming into the sump area, consider installing a backup pump and/or battery backup system. Some of these systems come with WIFI/remote monitoring which can notify you if there is an issue. This can also lower insurance premiums.”

A good idea for a basement that flood even a little every spring is to put a

dehumidifier in the basement. Most gas and oil furnaces have sensitive electrical parts that when exposed to a humid environment can become corroded over time.

A dehumidifier also helps prevent mould in your basement as the water dries up.

Older foundations may need to be sealed here and there. It’s a good idea to have your foundation checked by a professional to make sure it is doing its job.

Eavestroughing is another way of carrying the rainwater away from the house. Make sure your downspouts are clear of obstructions and are discharging away from the foundation.

When summer finally looks like it is here to stay and you are getting ready to get into summer gardening mode, check that your outside tap has not burst during the winter. A burst garden hose tap can quickly flood a basement.



Pictured here is a recent Jason Munro Heating sump pump setup with a sealed sump pump pit with two pumps and one battery backup pump (three total). Courtesy Photo



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Home Decorating - Design Centre

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INGLESIDE – For those who are looking forward to re-designing and re-decorating their homes, Design Centre operated in the Ingleside and Cornwall Hardware Building Centres, can provide

professional advice and assistance.

“Home decorating has been a staple in our Ingleside Home Hardware since we took over six years ago” explained Amanda Fines, who operates Design Centre. Fines mentioned that before continuing this service is also available at their Cornwall location.

It's all in the details!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – There is nothing like a fresh coat of paint on the interior walls to freshen up a room or even the whole house. Before painting begins, there are a few steps which need to be followed including choosing the paint colour, prepping the walls, and moving the furniture towards the centre of the room. There are several places where someone considering painting the interior of your home can get lots of good advice including paint stores, home décor specialists and professional painters.

Ron Leclair of Chesterville has close to 30 years experience with interior house painting; he shared some tips. Leclair is known for his attention to detail as an artist and this skill is transferred into his career as a house painter.

He explained how once the decision to paint the interior walls of your home, one of the first decisions to be made is the colour

to be applied. A visit to the paint department of stores often results in looking at the display of colour pallets and wondering how to make this important decision.

Leclair mentioned people will often choose a colour “they are more comfortable with” but will assist his clients in choosing if needed. He explained wall colour should coordinate with the room’s flooring or countertops, with different rooms in the house having complementary colours.

Painter’s tape is often used in the attempt to keep moulding, windowsills and other surfaces adjacent to the area being painted and protect against one colour running into the other. When asked about using painter’s tape, Leclair commented how he doesn’t use when painting due to his concern over one colour bleeding into the other.

If you are looking for a way to quickly freshen up your home, painting a room or group of rooms can give you a new outlook on your house.

She continued how the design centre is in the kitchen and bathroom departments of the two stores, and painting advice is available from in-store paint specialists in the store. Fines noted they provide information and assistance to their clients from the beginning to end of the interior design experience.

Fines explained how she began the Design Centre out of “the sheer love of renovation and making the space more enjoyable for our clients.” She noted the pandemic has resulted in people spending more time at home and wanted to help clients make their homes more comfortable.

When asked about the process followed by the Design Centre, she explained a consultation with the client, either in-person or by Zoom, is the first step. This allows both parties to discover what is being considered, preferred paint colouring, the layout and functionality of the space. Following a site visit, where further discussions around layout and designs are

held and plans firmed up, the Design Centre can provide “an installer to finalize the measurements” or the client may decide to proceed with the renovations themselves.

When considering an interior design renovation, there are many factors to consider when making decisions. These include the location of windows, which facilitate natural lighting, the functionality of the space and whether the space is rented, being put up for sale or is a “forever home.” Fines suggests one of their first steps in home décor renovation when a client has “a love for a lot of styles” is to declutter the space, to be able to focus on the “simplicity and functionality of the space.”

“The most rewarding part of our process would be stuck between the final pick of our layout/colours’ schemes and finalizing our idea board and the final reveal of completion once the customer can finally start utilizing their new space” concluded Fines.

Signs a roof needs repair or replacement

Many homeowners believe a roof is a once-in-a-lifetime investment. But roof damage can force homeowners to replace a roof regardless of how much time has lapsed since the roof was installed.

The average life span of a roof depends on when the roof was installed and the materials it is made from. According to Central Homes Roofing, three-tab shingles may last between 10 and 15 years, architectural shingles can endure for 15 to 20 years, and tile may last between 35 and 50 years. RPS Metal Roofing indicates a metal roof may last as long as 70 years. However, climate and colour of the roof also will affect its longevity.

Homeowners would be wise to consider these factors when determining if a roof is in need of repairs or replacement.

- **Roof age:** The age of the roof is a major factor in determining if it will need to be replaced or if repairs can be made to isolated damage. Individuals who live in neighbourhoods where neighbours are now replacing roofs will likely find it is time to consult a roofing company. Homeowners also can check to see if they have any receipts that indicate the roof’s installation date so they have an idea about its age.

- **Grain in gutters:** Roofing shingles are designed to overlap, and sealant keeps them steady. Friction, weather and atmospheric

changes can impact sealant and cause degradation. Gutters with grainy material in them could indicate worn out sealant and shingles.

- **Ridge damage:** Ridges are spots where two separate areas meet and often are important to the structural integrity of the roof. If the roof ridge is showing signs of wear, it could be time to repair or replace it.

- **Curled shingle edges:** If shingle tabs are curled or cupped, the shingles may need to be replaced. But if curling is extensive, a whole new roof may need to be installed.

- **Bald spots or lost portions of the roof:** Missing granules and missing shingles are reasons to consult a pro for a roof evaluation.

- **Leaks indoors:** Homeowners who find dark streaks or moisture in the attic may discover that water is penetrating the roof underlay. Water often comes in around chimney flashing. Other water signs are blistering and bubbling in walls.

- **Incoming light:** Look up through the attic and see if any light is coming through the roof, which may indicate there are cracks or holes in the roof.

- **Aesthetics:** If a homeowner doesn’t like the look of the roof from a design standpoint, a replacement also may be warranted.

Roofs can last many years, but the presence of certain signs indicates replacement or repairs will be necessary.



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Adding Enjoyment to the Home

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WILLIAMSBURG – House plants can be a wonderful addition to a home. While house plants are generally considered to be a decorative addition, they also provide many benefits to people. This includes medicinal benefits from the aloe vera plant, being able to enjoy the fragrance from plants such as the lavender plant or converting the carbon-dioxide we breathe out into oxygen or reduce moulds in the home. House plants also provide people with the opportunity to learn about plants, care for a living object and are great home projects for families. Many people grow herbs and other food plants inside the home during the cooler seasons.

There are many locations where house plants are able to be purchased as well as online sites where information and advice on indoor plants can be found. Jenn Fournier in Williamsburg operates Plants Fournier You where you can purchase houseplants, related accessories as well as receive advice on the care and maintenance of plants through her website or at local markets. She enjoys talking to people about plants and bringing plants back to life.

Fournier explained she started the business in August



Ready for the home

Jenn Fournier is shown with some of the plants she provides to customers. Courtesy Photo

2021 because she “had fallen in love with plants.” Her interest in plants began as a young person, helping her dad in the garden and flowerbeds and having a mother who enjoyed caring for house plants. About half of the plants, she has for sale are grown by herself, with the remaining plants purchased wholesale. She is able to source plants for clients as well as provide them with the opportunity to purchase pots, hangers, soil and pest control products as well as offering consulting services to clients

who are purchasing plants for the office or home.

Amongst the necessities for plants to thrive are access to air, water, nutrients and light. The placement of plants in a home will affect the amount of light the plant is exposed to with this being an important factor in the survival of house plants. Fournier explained all plants need light, “so even your low-light tolerant plants in your windowless bathroom aren’t going to thrive,” mentioning options such as rotating the location of the plant or grow

lights. Plants such as the spider plant, ZZ plants, snake plants and cast-iron plants could be considered to live in a low light environment.

“Bright, indirect light is the most common light requirement” according to Fournier, before noting it is in the medium to high light conditions where most houseplants will survive. She mentioned when deciding where to locate the houseplant to remember east windows will get the morning sun and west windows the afternoon light. She continued tradescantia varieties and most “string of” plants (e.g., Sting of Arrows, String of Pearls, String of Hearts, and String of Turtles) are recommended for high light areas of direct sunlight. Fournier suggests the Golden Pothos, which is recommended for low light areas, could be introduced slowly into a sunny location will start sprouting “really brightly variegated yellow leaves.”

When asked for advice on caring for houseplants, she suggests to “buy the plant you love” and while it may not thrive to not give up as you learn while you are caring for the plant. People are able to contact Fournier by email, direct message on Facebook or Instagram or by visiting her website at www.plantsfournieryou.ca.

4 reasons to add a level to your home

Does your home feel cramped? Whether you’re growing your family or developing your property, you may want to consider adding an extra floor to your home. You can create a second story or build out your basement. Here are four advantages of adding a level to your home.

1. You can significantly increase your living space

Adding a second story creates several new rooms. You can use them as you wish to meet all your space requirements.

2. You don’t lose any outdoor space

You can avoid expanding the footprint of your home. For instance, you can keep your garden and continue enjoying all your outdoor activities.

3. You don’t have to move

You don’t have to give up your dream location. Moreover, you can save yourself the cost and inconvenience of buying and selling properties.

4. You increase the value of your property

Adding a floor allows you to renew and transform the appearance of your home and upgrade the siding to keep the exterior looking fresh. For added value, make sure your home matches the style of other homes in the area.

Are you ready to take on this large expansion project? Before you do anything, contact your municipality to ensure your project complies with applicable bylaws.



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4 ways to update your flooring

Restoring or replacing flooring is a great way to refresh your home's look. Here are four ways you can update your floors.

1. Refinish it

If your floor looks a little worse for wear, refinishing it is an affordable solution. Depending on its condition, you may need to sand, varnish, stain or repair cracks to make the floor look new again.

2. Paint it

You can paint over most

types of flooring. For example, wood flooring is particularly easy to paint. Just make sure you choose a suitable product for the type of surface and level of traffic in the room.

3. Replace it

If your floor is beyond repair, replacing it may be your only option. However, make sure you choose a suitable floor type. For example, if you need to update your bathroom floor, choose a waterproof

material like ceramic. Additionally, if you have pets, you may want to opt for a scratch-resistant flooring material like vinyl.

4. Decorate it

If your floor is in good condition, simply adding a rug or two can instantly transform your space. Choose a rug that's the right size, style and colour for the room.

If you don't have any experience repairing or installing flooring, hire a professional.



6 tips for renovating your foyer

Does your foyer need a little TLC? If so, here are six tips for a successful update project.

1. Consider the front door

If your front door is in good condition, a fresh coat of paint can do wonders. If you need to replace your door, choose one that's sturdy, secure and has sufficient insulation.

2. Add windows

If you want your foyer to feel bright and inviting, install windows on either side of the door or choose a model with built-in windows.

3. Spruce up your flooring

The floor in your foyer takes a beating and must withstand water, dirt and salt. Consequently, choose durable, easy-to-clean materials like ceramic, stone, concrete or vinyl.



4. Improve the lighting

Make sure your entryway is well-lit, both inside and outside. Whether tying your shoelaces or getting your key into the lock, having good lighting can make your everyday life easier.

5. Make storage a priority

Foyers tend to get cluttered. Therefore, efficiency is key. Make space to store clothes and accessories for summer and winter. Furthermore, consider installing a custom-made cabinet to provide easy access and make the most of the space.

6. Pay attention to decor

Don't overload your foyer. Instead, focus on a few well-selected decorative touches. Choose light shades to make the space feel open and airy.

Visit the home improvement stores in your area to get everything you need to update your foyer.



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There is help out there to assist with energy saving renovations

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CHESTERVILLE – Making a home a special place to live just for you and your family is the reason homeowners buy homes in the first place.

A home is not just a financial investment it is also a special place to be and looking after it is priority.

The cost of making a home energy efficient can be one reason why homeowners choose to avoid energy efficient renovations but there are a number of grants available that can help.

The following is a short list of energy rebates available to Ontario homeowners.

There are at least 48 Ontario energy rebates in total. The idea behind the rebates is to give homeowners the opportunity to save money while at the same time helping the environment.

From big changes to a home to smaller ones like switching out inefficient appliances for new ones that conserve energy there is a rebate to look after most of those situations.

Ontario Energy Rebates for Seniors

This program is funded by the Ontario government and the federal government. It allows for forgivable loans to low-income seniors as well as those with a disability. This program is



not designed just for energy-efficient upgrades but energy-efficient products and equipment have to be part of any renovation especially if the renovation is for health and safety reasons as well as achieving energy efficiencies.

Ontario Energy Rebates for Low-Income Households

This program features forgivable loans up to \$15,000 to homeowners who have low-income seniors, and people with disabilities who need to make renovations to have their homes meet safety and health requirements. The program encourages applicants to include energy efficient products in their renovations.

Ontario Electricity Support Program

This program is funded by the Ontario Energy Board and administered through your local utility

company. If you are the account holder, and live in the home, and your household income is below the allowable threshold, you could receive a credit of \$30 to \$50 on your electricity bill.

Your income must be less than \$48,000 (after taxes for everyone who lives in the house for more than six months per year) if you have a family of four. If you use additional electricity for medical reasons you could receive a larger credit, so be sure to let your utility company know what your particular situation is. Homeowners will have to apply every two years. If you are over 65 or receiving CPP disability benefits you only have to apply every five years.

You can contact an OESP Centre (1 [855] 831-8151) for an application form.

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How to choose between an apartment, condo or house

Do you want to move? Are you trying to decide between renting an apartment, purchasing a condo or buying a house? If so, here are some things you should know about each option.

Apartment

Renting an apartment is ideal for people on a tight budget. It's also great for individuals who don't have the time or energy to maintain a property. Tenant insurance is affordable, and the landlord will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs. Additionally, you can easily move out when you're ready to leave.

However, you'll never get the money you pay for your apartment back, and rental rates increase annually. Additionally, you may have to pay for a parking space or storage locker. Furthermore, your neighbours may be loud, and the landlord might impose rules like a no pet policy. Plus, you may need to restore the apartment to its original condition before moving out. In some cases, you could be forced to leave if the landlord repossesses the apartment.

Condo

Condos are generally more affordable than houses, and many buildings have a pool, gym or other amenities you can use. If you own one, you'll be responsible for maintaining your unit. However, you'll also share responsibility for the upkeep of

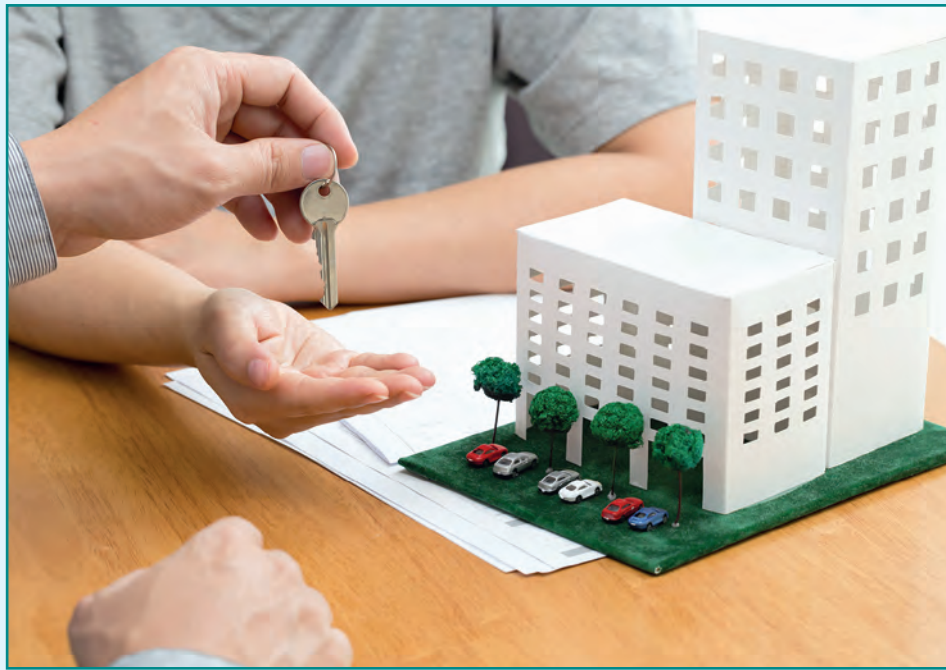
common areas like the roof with other condo owners. Consequently, you must pay monthly condo fees in addition to your mortgage. You'll also need home insurance, which can be expensive, and your mortgage rate could increase at the end of your term. Furthermore, much like an apartment, you must adhere to any building rules.

House

The best part about purchasing a home is that its value will increase over time. Homes offer the most privacy and usually have a spacious yard and parking spot. You also don't have to pay for amenities you don't use, which is often the case with condos. Additionally, you'll have complete freedom over how you decorate your space.

However, you'll be responsible for all maintenance, which could require a lot of time, energy and money. Additionally, home insurance is more expensive than tenant insurance, and you'll have to pay municipal and school taxes as well. You're also susceptible to rising mortgage rates. Lastly, you don't get to choose your neighbours. Therefore, they could end up being just as bothersome as those in an apartment or condo building.

Regardless of which option you choose, make sure to hire a realtor. A professional agent can help you find the perfect home.



Rebates

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The Ontario Native Welfare Administrators Association (ONWAA) is also available to assist Indigenous households with their applications. Indigenous households can call ONWAA at 1 (844) 885-3157.

Low-income Energy Assistance Program

There are rules that utility companies have to follow regarding low-income households. This program funded by the Ontario Energy Board and administered by all local utility companies makes sure rules are followed and that everyone has reasonable access to electricity.

The program can provide one-time emergency relief if you are having problems paying your electricity bill.

If you have received a disconnection notice you can apply. If you qualify you could get up to \$500 to pay your bill or up to \$600 if your home is heated with electricity.

If you think this program could help you, contact your local electricity company or the United Way:

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Save On Energy Home Assistance Program

It is possible to get new energy efficient appliances and have free installation if you are a low-income family. To qualify you would have to be a family of four and your income less than \$61,028.

You could get items such as light bulbs to programmable thermostats or window air conditioner.

To qualify the homeowner would have to have a detailed in-house assessment.

Every electricity company has their own version of this program, so call the IESO at 1-877-797-9473 or your local electricity company to learn more and apply.



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The rising cost of building materials has hindered many renovation projects. Do you want to put your house up for sale but feel it needs a little TLC? Here are a few ways to lower your reno costs and make your home irresistible to potential buyers.

Refresh rather than replace

Before throwing something away, ask yourself whether you might be able to give it a second life. The internet is full of creative upcycling ideas.

Talk to your neighbours

Did your neighbours redo their roof last year? If so, they might have a few bundles of extra shingles they'd be happy to sell you at a discounted price. Don't hesitate to ask for input from those around you.

Keep an eye out for bargains

If you're not in a rush to complete your renovations, keep an eye on store flyers over several weeks instead of buying everything at once. You may be able to

find good discounts to help lower your bottom line.

Save on labour

Don't dismiss your own handyman skills. If you plan to hire a professional to do your renovations, consider taking on some of the work yourself. In any case, ask for quotes from several accredited contractors to get the best price.

Finally, find out if you're eligible for any available government subsidy programs.



Upgrading your kitchen

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

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MOREWOOD – One of the most utilized rooms in a home is the kitchen. How many of us have been visiting and ended up sitting around a kitchen table talking with the cook while they are busy preparing a meal?

Kitchen renovations can add value to your home if you are considering moving as well as adding to the enjoyment of the home. When renovating your kitchen, experts advise the choice of quality, functional countertops, appliances, cabinets adding long lasting features to this room.

There is a considerable amount of information available online, but for those who are considering a kitchen renovation, North Dundas Cabinetry and Woodworking can provide professional assistance. NDCW, located between Morewood and Chrysler, is owned by Jeff and Anne-Sophie Redekop. Jeff explained the company designs, manufactures, and installs custom cabinetry as well as some custom furniture.

"There is such a wealth of information and pictures online. The first question I always ask my clients is if they have any 'inspirational pictures'" commented Jeff, before continuing clients often provide him with plans or pictures of the area to be renovated at their initial meetings. After the decision is made to proceed with the project, a site visit is planned, initial measurements taken, and a design meeting scheduled. The design meeting provides an opportunity for the client to choose door styles, finishes and hardware after going through individual cabinets and total design concepts. Following a down payment, production is commenced with client and other trades collaborating to schedule the installation date. Jeff noted it generally takes about two days to install a medium sized kitchen, followed by installation of countertops.

When asked about whether the material the cabinets are constructed from make a difference in the quality of the cabinets, he commented of greater importance is the method they are made from. He continued NDCW utilize the mortice and tenon construction, machined on their CNC machine, with "full thickness material used for the back of the cabinet." He mentioned the thicker back provides lateral stability, while helping "the cabinet keep its strength after years of hanging on the wall without sagging."

"White painted kitchens are fairly popular right now" noted Jeff before commenting on a possible reason behind this is the increased longevity of the cabinet colour as trends change. Other changes include improvements in cabinet finishes and countertops which last longer and are aesthetically pleasing, 3D modelling software and the use of specialized hardware. Jeff continued how the opportunity to help his clients and to see their happiness when the job is completed is very rewarding to him.



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Raccoons are cute but not as house guests

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In spring, you may observe raccoons in your yard foraging for food. But they can be a headache if they choose your attic as a nesting place. The raccoon baby season in Ontario is in April and May every year. During this period, raccoons are always on the search for a secure place to create their nest. This is the best time to take preventive measures by making your home less attractive to raccoons. Despite the importance of raccoons in nature for their role in the ecosystems, no one wants them in their house.

Identification and behaviour

The common raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) is probably best known for its black face mask. The name raccoon is derived from the Algonquian Indian word arakun, meaning "he scratches with his hand." The species name, lotor, refers to the raccoon's supposed habit of washing food with its front paws.

Raccoons are usually a grizzled grey in colour with a tail marked by five to ten alternating black and brown rings. Total body and tail length for adults averages 80 cm; males are generally larger than females. Raccoon usually weigh 4-8 kg, but they may reach 28 kg for adults in fall in some areas. Raccoons are able to live in a wide range of habitats wherever they have



A raccoon trapped in the backyard of a house in Ottawa, April 2022. Al-Rajab Photo

access to water, food, and protected areas for denning. However, their best habitats are floodplain forests, fresh- and saltwater marshes, and farmland. Because of the high adaptation of a raccoon, it's seen in most cities in Canada. The home ranges of raccoons usually between 1 and 4 km². Raccoons are omnivorous and will consume any food such as corn, crayfish, fruit, nuts, small animals, and insects.

The breeding season of raccoons generally begins in late winter. Mating tends to take place in March in most areas. Male raccoons are polygamous, or will mate with

several females in succession. Females, however, are monogamous, and will mate with only one male and will not tolerate other males after mating has occurred. Litter sizes tend to be between three and seven young per litter. The gestation, or pregnancy, period averages two months. The life span of raccoons in the wild is estimated at three to five years; most populations are completely replaced over seven years.

Raccoons removal

Raccoons are known to be handy, smart and strong animals. They may cause serious

damage to the house such as electrical fires by chewing the wires, enlarging the gaps in the walls and foundation, attics, and plumbing. Raccoons can destroy the insulation in the attic which causes the increase of energy cost in addition to the cost of re-insulation. On the other hand, raccoons are known to carry different diseases such as rabies, baylisascaris procyonis, giardiasis, leptospirosis, salmonella, E. Coli, fungus and other parasites. Raccoons can carry fleas, ticks and lice on their body and pathogens on their feet which increase the spread of disease. Two cases of rabies in raccoons were confirmed in Ontario in 2021 as reported by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Protect your house from raccoons

Raccoons as nocturnal animals are active at night to feed. However, some tips help you keep them away from your property such as: protect your trash by using containers with secure lids; clean up around your house; fence the garden; remove food from your backyard (fallen fruit, pet food, etc); trim all trees in direct; inspect the roof and repair any holes in the structure. In case you observe signs of a raccoon's presence on your property, avoid being in direct contact with the animal, and call a wildlife specialist to remove it.

Advantages and disadvantages of short-term rentals



The short-term rental industry has exploded in recent years because of platforms like Airbnb and VRBO (Vacation Rentals by Owner). If you're thinking of getting into this market and renting your residential space, there are a few things to

consider. Here's an overview of the pros and cons to give you some insight.

The upsides

Short-term rentals can be a substantial source of passive income that requires relatively little effort. The

initial investment is often negligible. Therefore, you'll quickly see profits with minimal risk. This income is also flexible since you have the freedom to rent when it suits you best.

The downsides

You must put in a substantial amount of effort to make your visitors happy and have a successful enterprise. Consequently, expect several expenses, from maintenance and repairs to legal obligations and insurance coverage.

Moreover, short-term rentals are increasingly singled out as an aggravating factor in the housing crisis occurring across the country. Therefore, be aware that your new source of income

could provoke disapproval, especially if you live in a small community among residents in the area.

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Selling your home: focus on the most profitable upgrades

If you're planning on selling your home, you may want to make a few upgrades to make it more attractive to potential buyers and maximize your profit. This is an excellent idea if you invest in the right places. Here are a few things to consider.

Refresh your walls

If you're on a tight budget, a fresh coat of paint can do wonders. For just a few hundred dollars, you can drastically improve your home's appearance to make a good first impression on potential buyers. However, make sure

you choose a subdued palette.

Redecorate the kitchen

A bright and attractive kitchen can instantly make foodies fall in love with your property. If your appliances are dated or the space is poorly designed, renovating it is a profitable investment.

Transform the bathroom

Potential buyers often try to imagine their everyday lives when touring your home. Consequently, a cramped, dark and unwelcoming bathroom won't earn you any points.

Instead, turn this room into a true oasis of relaxation. You'll be glad you invested the money.

Focus on the details

Although large-scale renovations like repairing the roof or finishing the basement can really pay off, replacing accessories, such as light fixtures and faucets, can instantly modernize your home and increase its sales potential.

Hire a renovation specialist in your area to make your home stand out from the rest of the housing stock.



How to choose a front door



If you want to improve the curb appeal of your home, consider replacing your front door. Here are four things to consider when choosing one.

1. Material

The material you choose for your front door will impact its strength and style. Wood doors are timeless, but they require regular maintenance. Steel doors are durable and affordable, while fiberglass doors are sturdy, energy-efficient and available in many colours. Make sure you research the pros and cons of each material before making your choice.

2. Glazing

Glazed doors add a touch of elegance and allow natural light into your home. However, keep in mind that all-glass doors

and those with large glass inserts must be made of reinforced glass to remain secure.

3. Insulation

If you live in a cold climate, it's important to make sure the door you choose has good insulation. Additionally, a well-insulated door can help block out street noise. Look for an Energy Star certified model to ensure you choose a high-quality product.

4. Personalization

You can customize your front door with unique hardware and accessories like mouldings, inlays, handles and locks. You may even be able to personalize the glazing pattern.

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