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There will be a bouncy castle, treats, games, crafts, and prizes.

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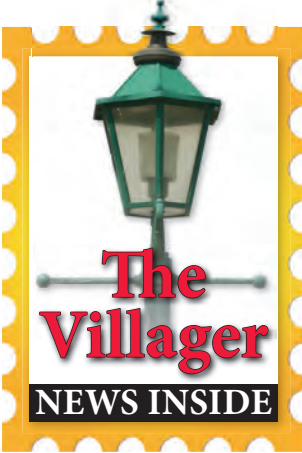
WINCHESTER – The annual Ottawa Motorcycle Ride for Dad in support of prostate cancer is rolling into Winchester on Sat., June 4. Read more about the event and organization on their website: <https://ridefordad.ca/chafter/ottawa/>

There will be a temporary road closure of Winchester Main Street from Bailey Street to Howard Street on Sat., June 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to allow for the 2022 Ride for Dad event.

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SDSG all candidates meetings starting off in Cornwall

An all-candidates meeting for the upcoming provincial election was held in the Automotive Room at Cornwall's Benson Centre during the evening of May 19. From the left: NDP candidate Wendy Stephens, GPO candidate Jacqueline Milner, OLP candidate Kirsten Gardner and All-Candidate Meeting organizer Louise Lanctot.

Thompson Goddard Photo

SDSG all candidates meeting

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
 Record Staff

CORNWALL – Facilitated by the Cornwall and District Labour Council an all-candidates meeting for the upcoming provincial election was held in the Automotive Room at Cornwall's Benson Centre during the evening of May 19.

In attendance at the event was Ontario Liberal Party candidate Kirsten Gardner, Green Party of Ontario candidate Jacqueline Milner and Ontario New Democratic Party candidate Wendy Stephen. As the meeting began, organizer Louise Lanctot offered regrets on behalf of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario candidate Nolan Quinn, New Blue Party of Ontario candidate Claude Tardif and Ontario Party candidate Remi Tremblay.

After being welcomed to the meeting by Lanctot and a land acknowledgement from Elaine MacDonald, each candidate made an opening statement followed by a question-and-answer period and concluded with a final statement from all candidates in attendance.

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Record breaking storm leaves chaos in its path

Joseph Morin
 Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE - The horrific summer storm that swept through Southern Ontario on May 21 surprised residents.

The storm spared SD&G for the most part but did knock down trees here and there and destroyed barns and farms as it blasted through the area.

Ten people were killed along the storm's path including a woman from Cornwall who was camping in Peterborough County in North Kawartha Township. Police identified Joanne Labelle; 64 years old who was struck by a tree. The other fatalities were throughout Southern Ontario.

This storm was different from a typical

summer storm according to Environment Canada. It is extremely violent with high winds, travels quickly through a region and leaves behind a mess especially in urban areas with downed power lines and trees uprooted in its path.

Environment Canada had alerted residents by cell phone, television and radio that the storm would be life threatening.

Stacy and Klaus Wahler of Wahler Farms Inc. is a cash crop farm growing corn and soybeans, and is family owned. Stacy said she was born in Nova Scotia where hurricane weather is more common than here. She said she could not remember a storm as fierce as this one. A large garage on her home farm was damaged, a couple of trees came down and they lost a gazebo.

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All candidates meeting

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Gardner commented she entered politics to help people and has served as the Deputy Mayor of South Dundas and sat on the United Counties council during her term as deputy mayor. A long-time resident of the riding, Gardner has advocated for many issues including long-term care, mental health supports and education and increasing the number of doctors in SDSG. As she concluded her opening remarks, Kirsten mentioned how “the focus of support for our most vulnerable says a lot.”

Jacqueline Milner, a self-employed artist and school bus driver spoke next and expressed her concern about the impact of people upon this planet. She explained how a few years ago, a student on her bus was concerned about the tree cutting and its effects on the animals who live in the forest. She continued, we need to consider the effect of people on the planet and how the GPO will listen to all concerns.

Wendy Stephen spoke on her observations as a teacher with 10 years experience, commenting on the struggles of students and their families and how “a lot of it has to do with social determinants of health and policy.” After realizing that something needs to change, she decided to enter politics and after investigating the provincial parties, decided to join, and run



From the left: NDP candidate Wendy Stephens, GPO candidate Jacqueline Milner, OLP candidate Kirsten Gardner and All-Candidate Meeting organizers Louise Lanctot and Elaine MacDonald. Thompson Goddard Photo

as a candidate for the ONDP. She mentioned issues such as healthcare, affordability as well as access to services and local concerns about the work on Highway 138 moving forward.

During the audience question-and-answer period, topics such as St. Lawrence River water levels, internet service, the effect of wind turbines on the local aquifer and health of individuals, provincial senior strategy of each party, riding representation in the provincial legislature, healthcare for all segments of society and educational issues. Each candidate expressed and explained their

party and personal response to each issue.

Educational issues discussed during the meeting pertained to changes in the curriculum, online versus in-person learning and the effects of the pandemic on education, staff, and students as well as the cost of post secondary education. Concerns over regional issues being advocated by the provincial representatives were reviewed, with each candidate mentioning the need for adequate and strong advocacy for the riding. All candidates expressed the need for providing support for seniors so they can stay in their homes as long as possible,

the need for accessibility of healthcare for all people and more health services available locally.

As the all-candidates meeting ended, people in the audience met with candidates. The evening ended on an amicable note.

All-candidates meetings are scheduled to take place in the reading room area of the Cornwall Public Library on Wed., May 25 between 5:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. and the Chesterville Legion on Thurs., May 26 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Election Day in Ontario is scheduled for June 2, with advance polls currently open.

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 Tuesday, June 7 Chesterville Diners' Drive Thru - Breaded Pork Chop
 Tuesday, June 7 Footcare Clinic - Call to book your appointment.
 Tuesday, June 7 10 a.m. - Historical Walking Tour of Winchester
 Wednesday, June 8 Footcare Clinic - Call to book your appointment.
 Wednesday, June 8 11:30 a.m. "Picnic in the Centre". Wear your sunhat, sunglasses & Hawaiian shirt.
 Thursday, June 9 Winchester Diners' Drive Thru - Breaded Pork Chop
 Thursday, June 9 2 p.m. - Outdoor Games Day. Come and enjoy some outdoor fun.
 Friday, June 10 Health & Wellness Clinics - Call to make an appointment.
 Friday, June 10 11:30 a.m. - Father's Day Lunch
 Tuesday, June 14 Footcare Clinic - Call to book your appointment.
 Tuesday, June 14 South Mountain Diners' Drive Thru - Salisbury Steak Meatballs
 Tuesday, June 14 1:30 p.m. - "Craft & Chat". Bring your own craft and enjoy some social time.
 Wednesday, June 15 Caregiver Café Support group at 1 p.m. Call for more information.
 Thursday, June 16 Winchester Diners' Drive Thru - Salisbury Steak Meatballs
 Thursday, June 16 2 p.m. Ladies Afternoon Tea
 Tuesday, June 21 Footcare Clinic - Call to book your appointment.
 Tuesday, June 21 Chesterville Diners' Drive Thru - Crispy Mayo Chicken
 Tuesday, June 21 2 p.m. - Coffee & Comedy
 Wednesday, June 22 "Birthday of the Month". Come for lunch and celebrate the June birthdays.
 Thursday, June 23 Winchester Diners' Drive Thru - Crispy Mayo Chicken
 Thursday, June 23 1:30 p.m. - "Cooking for One" in the microwave. Learn easy recipes that can be made in the microwave in a mug.
 Friday, June 24 Health & Wellness Clinics - Call to make an appointment.
 Friday, June 24 1:30 p.m. - Strawberry Social. \$5 each.
 Tuesday, June 28 Footcare Clinic - Call to book your appointment.
 Tuesday, June 28 South Mountain Diners' Drive Thru - Chicken Parmesan
 Tuesday, June 28 1:30 p.m. - "Craft & Chat". Bring your own craft and enjoy some social time.
 Thursday, June 28 Winchester Diners' Drive Thru - Chicken Parmesan

Bike Night is June 9 at the main corner in Winchester from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. 50/50 tickets are available now at Carefor/Nor-Dun building. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drop in to the centre or at the event to purchase your tickets to support Carefor.

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Record breaking storm

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Several farms close by lost roofs.

Stacy said she thought this was going to be a typical summer thunderstorm.

She said she had to go to pick up her children who were playing with their friends and all she could see

was a wall of rain.

"We got home and went into the basement. It was about 20 minutes before she felt it was safe enough to go back upstairs. Some of us were in the house but the rest of us were in the field."

"My husband Klaus was in a pickup truck out in the field, and he said he could literally feel the pickup truck being lifted off the ground. All he could do is hope for the best."

She remembers it was

such a beautiful day, everyone was able to go out to the fields to get some work done.

"It will take most of the summer to clean up."

Stacy said they have grain elevators that were missed by the storm but there was a great deal of debris in the fields that will have to be taken out.

Her farm does not have animals, but they do have a pig outside, and a tree fell on her house, but she is

fine. They will have to build a new home for her.

She said other farms have a lot of the silos down.

She was surprised by the devastation left behind by the storm.

This kind of storm is called a Derecho. It is a Spanish word meaning straight which is how it typically moves. Derechos can cause hurricanic or tornadic-force winds, actual tornadoes, heavy rains, and flash floods.

A spokesperson for the Weather Network said, "In this case, the damage extended almost 1,000 km from the Michigan border all the way to Quebec City, Que., hitting the most populated part of the country with damaging wind gusts in excess of 120 km/h."

The Ottawa international airport measured a record

breaking 120 km/h. The previous record was 119 km/h in May of 2018. Winds up to 132 km/h The Kitchener/Waterloo Airport recorded 132 km/h winds.

Power outages were everywhere along the path of the storm with exception of some communities south of Ottawa and along the St. Lawrence River.



Stacy Wahler Photo



From top left to right clockwise: The Wahler Farm in Bourget sustained damaged silos and downed trees during the 20 minutes the storm spent sweeping through their part of Eastern Ontario. Kaylee Desnoyers took this photo of a tree blocking Belanger Road between Winchester and Chesterville. Ontario Hydro took this picture of broken power lines in Ottawa. The Sarsfield Church in Cumberland was heavily damaged, in the Brabantdale Farms in Ottawa was left extensively damaged by the storm. Courtesy Photos

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Letter

Standing for office

Those who put their names in the hat to stand for public office should be applauded for their commitment to serve in the interest of their fellow citizens. It is, however, important the voting public has the opportunity to determine the value of the candidates in terms of local knowledge and the reason for each becoming a candidate. The recent 'All Candidates' meeting sponsored by the Labour Council clearly showed the weakness in the position of some candidates, those who failed to attend the 'All Candidates' meeting!

Why does this matter? There are two reasons, the first being they must make themselves available to be examined on political strategies affecting the community and secondly, they must demonstrate knowledge they have of the community and its needs. It is not enough to be a nice person because we could not have been represented by a nicer person than our last MPP, Jim McDonnell. Being nice simply

does not cut it. Once again, I will repeat my oft-quoted mantra "Actions Speak Louder than Words".

Addressing the first issue, attendance at the 'All Candidates' meeting.

If a candidate cannot adjust her/his schedules to allow for attendance at meetings, revolving around the public's need, then their candidacy must be in question. As an elected person one must constantly be adjusting schedules to meet the timeframes demanded of participants in government matters – the controlling element of public service. Those who failed to attend the 'All Candidates' meeting indicated a weakness in this respect – unless, of course, it was an issue caused by a critical health problem.

Secondly, knowledge of the community is an imperative. An example can be seen in the recent Conservative candidate's flyer. Sadly, the candidate in question demonstrated he, and those in the political party he is representing, knew little about community scenes. In this instance, the

candidate suggested "shovels in the ground at Long-Term Care Homes like Woodland Villa in Long Sault" as an example of government action. The fact is the Woodland Villa project is almost complete – after a year of construction that has made life a misery for all the residents of Mille Roches Road.

In the same political flyer, for the candidate who did NOT attend the 'All Candidates' meeting, it says, "Ontario cannot afford a return to the McGuinty/Wynne Liberal years, and we certainly don't want to elect the NDP." There are two points we can raise regarding this statement. Firstly, the Liberal Party of Ontario is now being led by Del Duca not McGuinty or Wynne. Secondly, George Samis, an NDP. MPP, and Liberal MPPs, John Cleary and Jim Brownell, combined, brought greater benefits to our communities than all the past Conservatives can claim to have achieved. On a final point with respect to the Conservative candidate's flyer, what purpose does the statement "he has business

experience and comes from a wonderful family" serve, when he DID NOT EVEN ATTEND the 'All Candidates' meeting?

Out of the candidates, who DID attend the 'All Candidates' meeting, one was able to show, through past successful service in the local political arena, a commitment to serve the community. Such experience should count for more than coming from a wonderful family, being a business owner or even being interested in serving. As an older person I appreciate the quality of experience. Without it there would be a need to climb the ladder of involvement BEFORE becoming an effective advocate – time lost!

The citizens of Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry have been ignored for too long. They deserve to be lifted out of the wilderness to which, over the past four years, they have been relegated by the present Ontario Conservative Government.

Let the voting public decide.

John E. Milnes, Long Sault

Re: Ladies take the mic at the labour council all-candidates' meeting

The Cornwall and District Labour Council (CDLC) wishes to comment on the quote reported by *Standard Freeholder* reporter Todd Hambleton in his May 20 article.

In the quote, the conservative candidate asserts that they advised the CDLC in early May that they had a scheduling conflict and would not be able to attend the CDLC debate.

The candidate accepted the CDLC invitation in early May, received the rules of debate on May 10 and advised the CDLC of their inability to attend on May 16, three days before the event.

Our question is why the change of plans? Is it because the CDLC debate is focused on questions from the audience posed at the meeting and not previously submitted questions?

We would have liked to hear the candidate's answers to:

Will your party repeal Bill 124 which restricts nurses' salaries to a 1 per cent increase?

Will your party provide adequate mental health supports to children post-pandemic?

Will your party stop the privatization of long-term care homes and health facilities?

And finally, I ask the people of SDSG: If you don't show up for the interview, do you really expect to get the job?

Louise Lanctot, President
Cornwall and District Labour Council

Editorial

Ontario's healthcare system is slip, slip, slipping away

It's editorial-writing time again and I'm trying to settle on a topic, so I'm thinking about what's been on my mind this past week and trying to decide if there's anything worth writing about. The thing that keeps popping to the top of the list is the state of our healthcare system in Ontario. It's not great, not even good, really, and unfortunately, with every government cut, it gets that much worse, especially for those of us who can't afford private healthcare.

There are several health-related services, resources, and products that Ontarians need but don't have access to due to a limited income. I have sleep apnea, for instance, and while there is a government rebate when you purchase a machine, it doesn't cover the cost of the machine, the accessories for the machine, or the necessary regular replacement of said accessories. Those who can't afford to buy a machine often go without the potentially life-saving device.

What about eye care or hearing needs? If it's covered, it's only covered for certain age groups, and only the "basics" are included. Cataract surgery? The government will pay for the basic surgery but if you want to upgrade and have a better lens for your eyes – you know, to increase the chance you won't need to buy glasses you can't afford – no, not so much. Hearing aids? Same deal. There might be some programs you can apply to, but it's not easy, quick, or guaranteed.

Many seniors are living on a fixed

low income. How many of them do you think can afford to pay out of pocket for extras, so they can see or hear better? Many can't, and they go without. Does this negatively impact their peace of mind, their health and wellbeing? I'd say yes.

Let's say you're plagued by depression or anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, a personality disorder, or some other mental-health related issue, what do you do? Well, if you can't afford to hire a therapist, you go on a long waiting list. And what are you waiting for? Whatever therapist is available next, not the one who fits your needs. And don't get comfortable because there's often a limit to the number of times you can see the government-funded professional. If you need a live-in program for a mental health related issue – addiction, eating disorder, personality disorder, etc. – there's also a long waiting list and the probability of getting the help you need is slim to none. Unless, of course, you can pay for it.

Need a family doctor? Sorry, not so easy, especially if you live in a rural setting. If you can't find a doctor accepting new patients, you're often directed to visit a walk-in clinic or to go to an emergency room. But, at the walk-in clinic, the doctors don't know your medical history, and, for whatever reason, you're often limited to talking about one health-related issue per visit. What about when you head to the ER? Sure, they'll see you, eventually, but there's usually some

sort of scolding for doing so when it's not a life-threatening emergency, and all you really needed was a family physician.

What about the so-called lack of available beds in hospitals. Ontario has hospitals with entire wings closed, wings that are filled with rooms, rooms that are filled with beds, but people who need to be hospitalized are being sent home due to a lack of beds. Why? Well, when I've asked, I've been told it's due to a shortage of staff, a shortage that's due to government funding cuts. We don't have enough doctors or nurses, not in our hospitals, and not in our rural municipalities.

Do you see where I'm going with this? Currently, low-income Ontarians and those living in poverty have access to some basic healthcare, yes, but it's not adequate or sufficient, and with every government funding cut, it gets that much worse.

Everyone deserves access to healthcare, and that basic human right is slowly being eroded by politicians choosing to spend that money elsewhere, like donating to corporations who don't need financial help to stay afloat, or by giving themselves a raise when so many Ontarians are struggling to get by on a minimum wage that doesn't support the current cost of living, let alone healthcare extras. When will elected officials start caring about the wellbeing of all their constituents, including the ones who aren't swimming in cash but rather working two to three jobs to pay the rent?

Sandy Casselman



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Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

INGLESIDE – May is Cystic Fibrosis Awareness month in Canada. This year, Pierre Doucette and Susan Wallwork, owners of Humble Beginnings Brewing Co. in Ingleside, are selling 65 Roses' socks in addition to their 65 Roses Red IPA. Cystic Fibrosis Canada describes CF "as the most common fatal genetic disease affecting Canadian children and young adults," with there being no cure presently and which mainly affects the respiratory and digestive systems.

"When we opened the brewery, we knew we wanted to be a business that gave back" commented Wallwork in a recent email to *The Chesterville Record*. She continued the decision to

fundraise for Cystic Fibrosis Canada resulted in the business brewing a specialty beer 65 Roses Red IPA to support finding a cure for CF and "have raised approximately \$17,500" for this cause since opening HBB Co. four years ago. "Cystic fibrosis is a cause very close to our family and we know that every dollar raised makes a difference" commented Doucette in a recent press release before adding they will support the cause until a cure for CF is discovered.

Wallwork explained the 65 Roses' socks are available at the brewery as well as Farran's Footwear in Ingleside. She continued the socks cost \$18 a pair, with "100 per cent of the proceeds (\$8.25) donated to cystic fibrosis" in support of the "Walk to Make Cystic Fibrosis History" being held



From the left: Susan, Ewan and Pierre sport their 65 Roses' socks while enjoying some time out in the fresh air and sunshine.

Courtesy Photo

on May 29, noting "this will be the fifth year our family and friends have participated in the walk. "Our sock fundraiser will continue until we have sold all 100 pairs of socks," commented Wallwork, before explaining that in a week almost half of the socks have been sold.

She continued how research and the treatment of

CF have led to improvements which enables "some people with cystic fibrosis to live longer healthier lives," mentioning there is a long way to go before a future without CF is possible, "but there is still a long way to go. Every dollar we can raise helps to get us closer to that future – we'll do whatever we can to get us there."

Garden Party starts 2022

WINCHESTER – The first Planted Arrow Garden Market Party of the summer was held on Sat., May 14. The event enjoyed perfect summer weather and 40 vendors shared the day at The Planted Arrow and at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

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The next garden market will be on June 11.



Emily MacDonald and daughter Quinn had fun at the garden market.

Morin Photo



– OBITUARY – WENDY LANG

With great sadness the family announces that Wendy Elizabeth Lang of Berwick passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the age of

63. Loving wife of Roy Lang for nearly 37 years. Devoted mother of Amanda Alexander (Eric) of Williamsburg and Britta Claessen (Chris) of Casselman. Cherished grandma of Jackson and Issac Claessen. Beloved sister of Ian Lang (Diane) of Finch and Judy Ouderkerk (Jeffrey) of Crysler and niece of Gary Hewston (Colette) of Barrhaven. Daughter-in-law of Pat Lang of Finch and sister-in-law of Blaine Lang (Anne-Marie McNamee Duguay) of Missisauga, David Lang (Sharon) of Hamilton, Pattie Atherton (Ian) of Burlington and Dale Dingwall of Finch. She was predeceased by her parents Stirling and Daryl Lang, her father-in-law Earl Lang and her sister-in-law Wendy Dingwall. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Wendy was proudly raised in Avonmore and moved to Berwick where she lived with Roy and raised their two girls. She was a retired employee of Bell Canada where she worked for over 34 years. After her retirement she spent many hours doing her favourite hobby, crafting projects on her sewing machine. Wendy was a member of St. Luke's-Knox Presbyterian church where she loved to share her gift of music by playing the organ and singing. Wendy loved to travel and would take the opportunity to see new places any chance she could. She adored her two special boys Jackson and Issac and treasured every minute spent with them. Wendy's sweet, compassionate personality and loving smile will be greatly missed by all. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Luke's-Knox Presbyterian Church in Finch on Friday, May 27th at 11 a.m. Interment of cremated remains will be at Paul's Hill Cemetery, Avonmore. Donations to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church or the Lung Association would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at marsdenmcLaughlin.com.



– Obituary – CAYER, Dianne Jacqueline (Nee: Cartier) January 8, 1931

Peacefully and surrounded by her family, Dianne passed away on Wednesday May 18, 2022. She will be lovingly remembered by her children: Jackie (Jim) Robinson, Roger Cayer, Denise (Larry) Gravelle and Carole (Ralph) Mitchell, her sister Theresa and brother Richard. She will be greatly missed by her 10 Grandchildren and 21 Great Grandchildren. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 68 years Aurilien Cayer, daughter Claire Guilbault, sisters Fern, Annette, Germain, Olivette, Hugette, brothers Earl and Ronald. She will also be dearly missed by her friends at the Kemptville Retirement Living Residence.

Dianne married Aurilien Cayer in 1949 shortly after they bought a farm on the Boyne Road, Winchester. Over the years they built a prosperous dairy farm together, living there and raising their family for many years. After an early retirement Dianne's passion was spending quality time on her beautiful flower beds she created at their home on the Rideau River. Many winters were spent in the sunny south enjoying winter getaways. Dianne's family feels very blessed that she lived a full happy life.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary of the Presentation, 10 Church St., Chesterville, Ontario on Friday, May 27, 2022 at 11 a.m.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at the Kemptville Retirement Living Center for their care and compassion. Also to Bayshore Home Health and the Beth Donovan Hospice for the exceptional care Dianne received from many dedicated individuals. We are forever thankful to Karen Jones who was there for her when we couldn't be. Arrangements entrusted to the Byers Funeral Home, South Mountain (613-989-3836). Online condolences may be made at www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com.

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MPP Candidates for SDSG

The 2022 provincial election is already underway with advanced polls opening last week.

There are six candidates vying for the position of MPP in the Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SDSG) riding, including Kirsten Gardner (Ontario Liberal Party), Jacqueline Milner (Green Party of Ontario), Nolan Quinn (PC Party of Ontario), Wendy Stephen (Ontario NDP), Claude Tardif (New Blue), and Remi Tremblay (Ontario Party). Note that candidates have been listed alphabetically by last name. The information provided has been taken from the official party websites up to a limit of 200 words.

Residents are encouraged to learn more about each candidate before placing their vote on or before election day, which is June 2. Advance polls are open now until May 28. For further voting information, visit the official election website (elections.on.ca).



Kirsten Gardner (Ontario Liberal Party)

"Kirsten Gardner is a community activist with a reputation of being a 'leader and doer who delivers.' She was elected deputy mayor of South Dundas in 2018 in her first foray into municipal politics. As deputy mayor, Kirsten also represents South Dundas as a councillor with the United Counties

of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry. She is also a board member of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, and a board member of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Victim Services.

Kirsten's career of public services includes positions of senior responsibility at the municipal, provincial, and federal government levels where she has been recognized for her leadership and organizational abilities. She also runs a consulting company that offers in-person mental health first aid training to employers.

Before municipal politics, Kirsten volunteered on the Parent Council of the Morrisburg Public School. Kirsten is passionate about education, and she is recognized for her leadership at the county level for advocating for rural education reform. Also at SDG Council, Gardner was a proponent for funding the Mobile Crisis Response Team pilot project with the OPP. The project added a trained mental health nurse to work with officers at the SDG detachment when responding to mental health crises."



Jacqueline Milner (Green Party of Ontario)

"Milner believes the time is now to get behind a party that cares for their citizens, their communities, supports new green jobs, and housing while caring for nature for

generations to come.

"I'm committed to tackling critical issues like access to affordable housing and properly funded health care," Milner said. "I will focus on creating new opportunities for green economic growth in my riding and work to implement environmental policies to preserve and care for Ontario's vital waterways, habitats, and wildlife."

"Jacqueline is a champion of all things local," Ontario Green's Leader Mike Schreiner said. "She understands the needs of her neighbours and will make her community more caring, green, and healthy."

Milner lives just outside of Summerstown. She is a self-employed visual artist and photographer and has worked part-time as a school bus driver for the last 20 years. She supports local business, community gardens, local food, and the arts community. She has invested time and care, supporting organizations such as Transition Cornwall Plus, Cornwall and District Environment Community, and Your Arts Council - Cornwall and the Counties."



Nolan Quinn (PC Party of Ontario)

"Nolan began his professional career working for Saint Elizabeth Health Care, specializing in Human Resource Management. After leaving Saint Elizabeth, he decided to pursue

his entrepreneurial goals, returning to manage the business for the last 15 years that gave him his first job, Dairy Queen Cornwall.

Over the years, Nolan has volunteered his time and resources to many community endeavours and charities, working with organizations such as the United Way, the Children's Treatment Centre, Big Brother's Big Sister's, and the Cornwall Community Hospital Foundation. Nolan has seen firsthand the caring nature of our community and what we can accomplish when we work together for the good of all.

After being asked to join the Children's Treatment Centre, Nolan has spent the last three years serving on their board of directors, where he is a passionate advocate for children's mental health and wellbeing.

Nolan's restaurant, with the help of his community and staff, is extremely dedicated to fundraising for our local children's hospital, CHEO. In 2019, Nolan was honoured to win the Miracle Maker award, which is given annually to the one Canadian DQ franchisee who goes above and beyond for the cause.



Wendy Stephen (Ontario NDP)

"I'm excited to be running to represent the people of this riding and to join Andrea Horwath and the committed team of New Democrats who are ready to fix what the Ford

Conservatives and years of Liberal governments have broken," said Stephen.

Stephen is an elementary teacher with a young family. She grew up in Eastern Ontario and knows well the struggles people are facing throughout the region with the high cost of everyday living and our broken essential services like health care and education. Over the past number of years, she has been active in fighting the cuts in public education.

"What teachers, nurses, and all workers in Ontario are being asked to do right now is impossible. If nothing else, the pandemic has highlighted the problems with the services people rely on most. I have lived through successive cuts to education, and I am keen to work with this community to fix what is broken, make life more affordable for everyone. I look forward to... represent the real interests of the people of this riding at Queen's Park," she said.



Claude Tardif (New Blue)

"Standing up for you. Strength. Stability. Liberty. Good government." It is time for change and Claude is deeply committed to being the voice of this constituency. With great determination and passion, he seeks to work with, support, and speak out for individuals, businesses, and community organizations, to represent the interests and concerns in provincial parlia-

ment. Claude strongly believes that government must remain accountable to the people and that elected officials must uphold their duty to listen to and represent their constituents respectfully, transparently, and in a lawful and dignified manner.

Claude is fluently bilingual. Claude's military career as pilot began in the RCAF in 1979, after which he transferred into the Air Reserve from 1990-2006.

"I consider myself to be your public servant and I will hold myself accountable to my constituents. I will provide my constituents with my voting record on any motions brought before Queen's Park, whether or not the votes are publicly recorded. I am willing to bring forward private member bills that will benefit the development and growth of our constituency and promote growth for small business."



Remi Tremblay (Ontario Party)

"A proud Franco-Ontarian fluent in both of Canada's official languages, Remi enjoyed a successful managerial career in the automobile industry before taking up employment in the agricultural industry. Remi is deeply involved in his community because of his love for his fellow citizens, and he can no longer sit idly by and watch deceitful Doug Ford erode the future of all of our communities through his alliance with leftists."

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North Dundas chamber focuses on bright future

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

MOUNTAIN – This year’s North Dundas Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting took place at Smokie Ridge Vineyard in Mountain, on Thurs., May 19, against a backdrop of anticipation, as small businesses in North Dundas get back to the new normal after the lifting of pandemic restrictions.

The evening meeting featured words from SD&SG MP Eric Duncan who served as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The event included a tour of the winemaking facilities and the official opening of Smokie Ridge’s new microbrewery.

Representatives of the Merrickville Chamber of Commerce were on hand to see what their North Dundas business cousin was up to and took advantage of the networking portion of the meeting to share ideas and experiences with chamber members.

The meeting included electing a new executive. The 2022 executive is now Nanda Wubs, president, Lorelee Carruthers vice president, Susan Lanthier treasurer, Jen Feeny secretary, and James Taylor and Haley Bedford directors at large.

Nanda Wubs the North Dundas president wrote a report that was read at the meeting by the vice president of the chamber, Lorelee Carruthers. Wubs was absent due to Covid and could not attend the meeting.

Wubs’ theme for her report was, “Strength in numbers, pride in membership.”

Carruthers said, “The North Dundas Chamber of Commerce has been working hard towards this goal. We recognize the needs of our business community and strive to bring more awareness, resources, and support to our



SD&SG MP Eric Duncan was the master of ceremonies for the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting on Thurs., May 19. The meeting was held at the Smokie Ridge Vineyard. Morin Photo

members. 2021 was a challenging time for business owners, as well as the chamber. And yet, we saw people and businesses pull together and most importantly the community recognized the importance of shopping local.”

Carruthers mentioned that despite all the challenges the chamber faced, such as reduced membership, board members and staff leaving the group and the inability for the chamber to host in-person meetings, “the chamber finished strong.”

“We held various virtual free events such as “Marketing Plan Made Easy” with Dan Gasser and “Make Your Website Stand Out” with Sandy Burns. We introduced our first “Chamber Chat” in December as an in-person event. Chamber Chat provides an opportunity for both members and non-members to connect. This informal meeting gives us a chance to hear from our business community and has brought about real change, workable goals, and lasting

business connections,” said Carruthers. The chamber has a healthy variety of industries that are represented by its members. They include agriculture, financial services, construction and trades, manufacturing, non-profit, automotive, health/wellness, and retail.

Carruthers said, “The member dues (the lowest cost member dues in the region), support the goal of collaborating with business owners to strengthen our community. The chamber takes an active role in local economic development through leadership, creativity, and collaboration.”

The chamber has taken several initiatives to help its own members and business in North Dundas in general. They include surveying our members on important issues, including their annual ‘Business Health Check’ survey, open to all local businesses. Supporting local tourism through the establishment of the Chamber Tourism Grant. Hiring a professional Social Media developer to provide

weekly Facebook and Instagram posts that promote both the chamber and its members, and incorporating community resources such as a job board, and community events to its website. The chamber has created a weekly newsletter that goes out to more than 700 area businesses.

Quoting from Wubs’ report Carruthers said, “Profitability for member companies today and prosperity for the community tomorrow” is the mission we strive for. We accomplish this by being the ‘voice of business’ in North Dundas and encouraging fellowship and a spirit of cooperation within the business community.”

The chamber’s latest initiative is called ‘ShopNorthDundas.ca’ which was created by board members Jen Feeny and Nanda Wubs Huizenga in 2020, to support local businesses during COVID-19. The online directory has grown to list over 400 businesses and service



The Smokie Ridge new microbrewery was officially opened for business during the annual general meeting of the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce. Left to right are Jeff Anderson, Paul LeBlanc, MP Eric Duncan cutting the ribbon and Claude LeBlanc. Morin Photo

providers in North Dundas.

President of the Merrickville Chamber of Commerce, Robyn Eagle said, “We were invited by Nanda, and we just wanted to come and network. Wanted to rub elbows with kindred spirits. Right now, we are reviewing our mission goals and what we

actually do. It was actually nice to see what North Dundas is doing and how they articulate to its members what the benefits are.”

The Merrickville Chamber of Commerce is planning for their own meeting in early June, where they will be presenting to its members what their goals are.

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Fundraiser at Sunset Cove Senior Residence

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
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LONG SAULT – On May 21, employees of Sunset Cove Retirement Living held a fundraising barbecue lunch. General manager Angel Murray explained that 100 per cent of the proceeds from the event were being provided to the family of Amanda Sneath who

tragically died earlier this year because of a car crash.

Murray described Amanda as “an amazing person, a caring, loving individual” who loved her family, her bees and was a vendor at the Williamsburg Country Market. People were able to enjoy a barbecued hot dog or hamburger, chips, and a

selection of refreshments and many got up to dance to the music of a live band.

\$810 was raised during the event, with Murray expressing her thanks to the staff who volunteered their time for the fundraiser, Sunset Cove residents and their families as well as community members for participating in the event.



From the left, front row: Travis Murray, Angel Murray, Stephanie Richards, Marie Brunet and Jonathan Ssenkaali. Back row: Hope Parent and Frankie Marion. Thompson Goddard Photo

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JUNE 4 & 5, 2022



SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

- 8 A.M. – 10 A.M.** Breakfast (The Gathering House)
- 10 A.M.** Opening Ceremonies (Gazebo): Mayor Tony Fraser, Councillor Gary Annable, Councillor Theresa Bergeron, Pipe Major Hugh Metcalfe, Committee Chair Cheryl Beasley
- 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.**
 - Artists, Artisans, and Vendors (Waterfront – both upper and lower levels); Chesterville Rotary Club BBQ (Gazebo)
 - Rick Ventrella and Sandra McNeill: Chapter 6 – Rick Ventrella is a singer songwriter. Originally from Toronto and living in Chesterville, Rick and Sandra's folk foundations give their music a beautiful sound with lyrics that resonate with experience.
 - Miss McLeod (on the lower promenade on the river): Marlayah McLeod is a 16 year old committed singer, songwriter, musician, performer, entertainer and not to mention, producer, from Ottawa with a dash of Jamaican roots.
- 11 A.M. – 6 P.M.** Food provided by Chesterville Fire Department (main stage area); bar available
- 12 P.M. – 6 P.M.** Music and Bar Area (south side near Library). Full Music lineup here.
- 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.** Demonstration area: Therien Martial Arts & Fitness Centre
- 2 P.M.** Demonstration area: Ashley Thomas School of Dance
- 3 P.M.** Demonstration area: Chesterville Line Dancers

KIDS' ZONE (INSIDE THE GATHERING HOUSE)

- 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.** Seaway Train Show (The Gathering House)
- 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.** Titanic Exhibit: Chesterville Rotary Club (The Gathering House)
- 11 A.M. – 12 P.M.** Junkyard Symphony is an eco-entertainment company that creates extraordinary entertainment from ordinary things. The best part is that their entertainment is

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Dreaming Hearts Art Studio Kids' Drawing Club
Colouring Contest submissions due (Kids' Zone)

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

- 8 A.M. – 10 A.M.** Breakfast (The Gathering House)
- 10 A.M. – 11 A.M.** Church Service
- 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.**
 - Artists, Artisans and Vendors (Waterfront – both upper and lower levels), Chesterville Lions Club BBQ (Gazebo)
 - Rick Ventrella and Sandra McNeill: Chapter 6 – Rick Ventrella is a singer songwriter. Originally from Toronto and living in Chesterville, Rick and Sandra's folk foundations give their music a beautiful sound with lyrics that resonate with experience.
 - Little Baby Nothing (on the lower promenade on the river): Little Baby Nothing is a Canadian indie rock band. Inspired by popular 90's acts like Veruca Salt, The Sundays, and Juliana Hatfield, their sound is laid-back and romantic.
- 11 A.M. – 5 P.M.** Food provided by Chesterville & District Lions Club (main stage area); bar available
- 12 P.M. – 5 P.M.** Music and Bar Area (south side near Library). Full Music lineup here.

KIDS' ZONE (INSIDE THE GATHERING HOUSE)

- 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.** Seaway Valley Model Railroaders Train Show (The Gathering House)
- 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.** Titanic Exhibit: Chesterville Rotary Club (The Gathering House)
- 11 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.** Talent Show (main stage) – Judges: MP Eric Duncan, North Dundas Deputy Mayor Al Armstrong, Mr. Murray Geroux
- 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.** Imaginary Gary is a fun loving, party starting, hand talking, balloon twisting, magical imaginary friend...that everyone can see.

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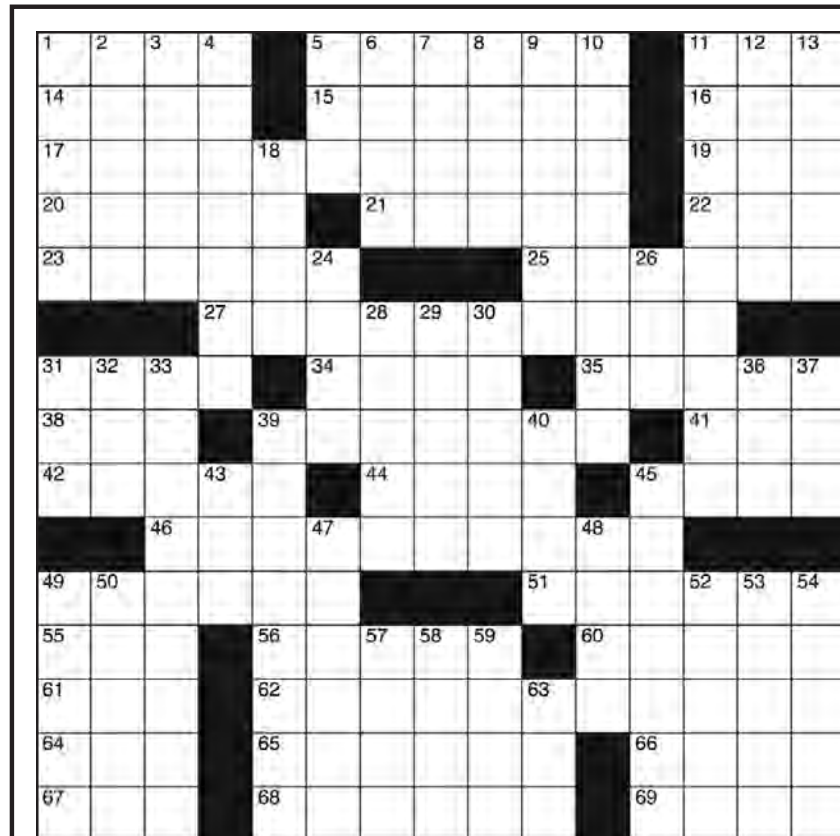
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26, 2022

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. English river
5. Particular part of something
11. Cool!
14. Welsh for John
15. Given name meaning "great spirit"
16. Wrath
17. Social occasion
19. Mechanical belt
20. _ de la _
21. Commands
22. Body part
23. Caught sight of
25. Funeral car
27. Skin infection
31. Sometimes they "burn"
34. Russian river
35. Famed soap opera character Kane
38. Pie __ mode
39. Endangered

- 41. Socially inept person
42. Romanian river
44. Swerve
45. Monetary unit of Samoa
46. A type of approach to please
49. Form of Hebrew name for God
51. "Carry On My Wayward Son" rockers
55. A team's best pitcher
56. A woody climbing plant
60. Long, edible marine fish
61. Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)
62. Data
64. Corporate bigwig
65. Climbs
66. Relating to the ear
67. Commercials
68. You need it to eat
69. Political extremists

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Reconnaissance (Brit. military)
2. Asserts to be the case
3. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers
4. Foes
5. Rheumatoid arthritis score
6. Ruler of Iran
7. The top of the head
8. Lilly and Manning are two
9. Purchase attire for
10. Glittering with gold or silver
11. The bank of a body of water
12. Regions
13. Makes tractors
18. Adult beverage
24. Force unit
26. Swiss river
28. Cater to
29. Woody climbing plants
30. Seems less impressive
31. Consume

- 32. Boxing's GOAT
33. Southwestern farmers
36. Beverage holder
37. A way to deteriorate
39. Judge
40. Norse explorer _ the Red
43. Farm resident
45. One who helps to govern
49. Plant-eating ground bug
48. History Finnish county
49. Conifer native to Jamaica
50. Longed
52. Small Japanese city
53. Arum family plant
54. Puts together in time
57. From a distance
58. _ contendere: no contest plea
59. Region
63. Mountain Standard Time

PUZZLE SOLUTION
Grid with letters filled in for the crossword puzzle.

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.

- Improve vocabulary
- Strengthens memory
- 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.

A unique experience

WINCHESTER SPRINGS – A few minutes drive outside of Winchester Springs, is a zoo of a different kind. The family attraction provides the opportunity to see animals, learn about them and for the younger guests there are play areas for them to enjoy.

“A pack of llamas, guinea pigs, all kinds of poultry, pot bellied pigs” can be found at Vanderlaand The Barnyard Zoo commented Ruth Vanderlaan, who with husband Tony run the farm and its star attractions, the animals who call it home. Ruth commented that donkeys, goats, and sheep complete the menagerie at the farm where guests can pet and feed the animals when visiting.

The Barnyard Zoo began approximately 14 seasons ago when the Vanderlaan children had the idea for a zoo containing farm animals; then Ruth and Tony made it a reality. Ruth continued how their children have now grown up and left the farm, but the zoo continues to provide people of all ages a chance to enjoy the outdoors and the animals.

She mentioned how in addition to local visitors, the site is now visited by people from London, Ontario, Toronto, Montreal, Kingston, and other communities, with it becoming a destination location for

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Farmer Ruth and Bumper, the sheep, are shown at the farm just outside of Winchester Springs, waiting for the spring shearing to begin.

Thompson Goddard Photo

tourists. While chatting with visitors, Ruth learned they would google “things to do outside with animals” when planning their visit to the area and would learn about the

Barnyard Zoo in that manner.

In addition to visitors seeing, petting, and feeding the animals, there are opportunities to arrange group visits,

private visits where the smaller animals can be held as well as birthday parties. She noted how private tours can be booked for a non-holiday Monday. The farm is closed on Tuesdays. Ruth continued how when open during the pandemic, people would book private tours “because they just didn’t want to be around other people” as well as getting a better experience and education about the animals.

Special events are becoming part of The Barnyard Zoo experience. Ruth mentioned they held one this past Easter, as they were open all four days and had many people visit. There is an upcoming sheep shearing event which will provide visitors a chance to experience sheep losing their heavy winter coats while enjoying a unique outdoor experience.

For several years, the business provided people a chance to see and pet the animals at local events, but Ruth mentioned how responsibilities at the farm have lowered the number of occasions they are able to attend. However, Vanderlaand The Barnyard Zoo will be attending events such as Canada Day in South Mountain and the Mayor’s Festival in Ottawa.

More information on Vanderlaand The Barnyard Zoo can be found on their social media pages or website.

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Winchester Print moves forward while industry partners leave the market

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The arrival of Covid created health challenges and consequently economic ones.

Several industries had been struggling before the pandemic arrived and the aftermath of the virus has been catastrophic for many.

Canada’s once dependable supply train was affected slowing down the production of food and manufacturing and at the same time driving up the cost of many raw materials and products.

The widespread arrival of online services as opposed to printed products created other issues for printing companies and newspapers.

One by one, printing presses from Smiths Falls to Prescott to Gravenhurst have been closing their doors.

Then most recent is McLaren Press Graphics Limited in Gravenhurst.

Winchester is home to Winchester Print. Only one of a few printing presses serving in Eastern Ontario. The printing presses in Winchester are still operating, and despite industry challenges, are enjoying a healthy business outlook.

Winchester Print is owned by Kent and Kreg Raistrick. They have no intention of slowing down.

The printing business is not unlike a close family. When informed about the decision to close McLaren Printing, Kent was understandably disappointed.

“There used to be a wealth of presses in Brockville, Smiths Falls, Cardinal and Peterborough, and Pembroke and every single one of them is gone,” said Kent.

He said there were several factors affecting the health of the printing industry.

A press release from the president of MacLaren Press

Graphics Limited Drew McLaren said in a press release about the closure: “The last two years has been extremely challenging for us, with business running at 40 per cent below pre-Covid levels. At the start of Covid, our 2nd largest client ceased publishing. Then, in January of this year, our largest customer closed their doors, leaving us with significant unpaid accounts. Further, due to the current global paper shortage that is forecast to continue into 2023, we have been put on a paper supply allocation that is well below the 2021 levels, meaning we have no ability to grow the business.”

Winchester Print continues to survive because of their commitment to their community and their industry.

Kent noted, “As I have always said, I set my prices at a stable level.” His business plan includes the determination not to lower costs to satisfy a client, when he knows lowering the cost will hurt his company, and possibly threaten its existence.

“If you pay my price now,” he said, “I will still be here next year when you need more.”

He said Winchester Print prides itself on producing a consistently good product with built in quality assurance, and that costs to maintain.

“We check absolutely everything. We check before we start the press that everything is correct. We check copies as they are coming off the press.”

A paper supply allocation is a nice way of making sure rolls of necessary printing paper are rationed out among industry presses based on what their needs were in the past. Once your past the amount of paper or allocation has been reached, you cannot get more.

McLaren said, “Material costs have increased 20 per cent to 30 per cent putting huge pressure on profit margins. Labour shortages have meant we have not been able to

replace key employees who have left the company, forcing us to reduce shifts and trim schedules while trying to align things with our current sales’ levels.”

Another symptom of an industry that has been faced with challenges is the cost of equipment which has fallen as more printing companies fail.

“You used to be able to buy a tower for the press for about \$400,000 used. I do not think any body has bought a new tower in five to seven years. Now, I can buy a used tower, fully equipped for about \$5,000. A tower refers to a separate printing unit for each colour of ink. An offset printing press has a separate printing unit, or tower, for each colour of ink. Some presses have as many as 12 towers.

Kent explained that the newspaper shortage is just one part of a bigger problem. He said that the companies that make paper, the kind a newspaper would be printed on, are slowly switching their machines and raw materials over to producing boxes, lines and packages for online companies that use them for their business.

He said they do not have the capacity to do both newsprint and the other.

“We have the ability to take on more work but we do not have the paper.” He said he used to only spend 20 minutes a month sourcing his paper, but these days he has to look for it every day.

He said he has to spend more of his time sourcing out newsprint than doing anything else.

“We have a labour problem along with a supply problem.”

Kent said everyone talks about the supply train, but do not realize how interconnected it is.

“If you start robbing one supply chain to fulfill the needs of another, the downstream effect of that is devastating.”

Kent pointed out another factor, is the price of ink; “it is all petroleum, all based on the price of oil.”

Ontario 4-H kicks off summer with annual golf tournaments

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The Ontario 4-H Foundation is holding their first of two annual fundraising golf tournaments.

The first is planned for Thurs., May 26 at the Victoria Park East Golf Course in Guelph. The second tournament will take place on Thurs., June 9 at the Anderson Links Golf and Country Club in Ottawa.

In conjunction with the tournaments, there will also be a silent auction. The auctions will begin two weeks prior and end two days prior to each tournament.

A statement about the fundraising events about 4-H Ontario webpage stated:

“Foundation chair Kim Turnbull is once again setting up a competition between 4-H County Associations as to which can raise the most money through auction donations. Each of the top three counties will get a cash prize added to their County Endowment Fund from Turnbull, as well as a basket of gifts all engraved with Ontario 4-H logo suitable for gifts or awards.”

If you are not able to attend the golf tournaments, you can still donate auction items, sponsor an event as a ‘Friend of 4-H’. All details can be found on the Foundation page of the 4-H Ontario website.

Any funds donated to the foundation go to the long-term sustainability of 4-H in Ontario.

Its website states: “Since 2008, the Foundation has also supported local associations by investing funds on their behalf for the benefit of programs within their counties. Every year, a percentage of the Foundation’s earnings are used by 4-H Ontario to help keep delivering innovative and exciting projects and events. Since being founded in 1995, the goal of the Foundation has been simple – to acquire and invest funds through endowments and donations for the long-term benefit of the 4-H Programs in Ontario. At the end of 2021, funds managed by the Foundation

totalled nearly \$3.5 million. Regular charitable donations to the Foundation are welcomed and can also be made through the 4-H Ontario website.”

The Foundation’s 2022-2023 executive is chair Kim Turnbull of Canfield, vice chair Naomi Lutes (Toronto), secretary Stuart Budd (Paris) and treasurer Tayler Black (Fergus). John den Haan (Loretto) remains on the board as past chair.

Three new trustees were also voted in: Lois James (Russell), Theresa Wever (Russell) and Valerie Allen (Prescott), who replace the retiring John Mayes and Ted Morwick.

You can register online for the Ottawa tournament at <https://4-hontario.ca/supporters/fundraising-events/golf-in-support-of-4-h/>



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Amanda Simard Liberal candidate for Glengarry- Prescott-Russell



Amanda Simard
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GLENGARRY-PRESCOTT-RUSSELL – Amanda Simard is the Liberal candidate for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and is the Liberal critic for: Francophone Affairs, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture, and Small Business and Red Tape Reduction in the current provincial government.

Simard was elected as the MPP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell in 2018 and appointed as parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs.

After the Conservative cuts to French-language services, Simard left the government to sit as an Independent. She serves at the international level as chair of the Network of Young Parliamentarians of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie. Before her election in 2018, she served as a municipal councillor, elected with the most votes of any council candidate. She graduated from the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law and worked at the Parliament of Canada from 2009 to 2017.

Simard was born and raised in Embrun where she lives, along with her family, who has been in the riding she represents for over 200 years.

Her platform includes removing the HST from more meals, revolutionize senior care through universal home care guarantee, and clear the surgery back log for everyone in Ontario. She wants to repair and rebuild schools in the province and establish new worker benefits including 10 paid sick leave days. Making getting to your workplace, according to Simard, would be more affordable if transit fares were reduced to \$1. Another consequence of encouraging public transit use is a drop in pollution. She is determined to fight poverty and ban handguns, while being committed to representing her riding in the best way possible.

New Blue candidate for Glengarry- Prescott-Russell



Victor Brassard
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GLENGARRY-PRESCOTT-RUSSELL – Victor Brassard is the candidate for the New Blue party in Glengarry – Prescott-Russell in the upcoming provincial election on June 2.

He explained on his official election webpage: "My life has been a wonderful journey. When I turned sixty, I told family and friends that I was halfway there. With seven children ranging from five to 39, and eight grandchildren, I have been gifted with a life of many adventures. I've always had the heart of an entrepreneur, starting businesses and organizations from the ground up, whilst having a desire to empower others. My passion has always been to support people."

He has worked in Manila to combat trafficking, and in Haiti to bring medical supplies and build houses for the homeless. He spent three years in Montreal where he started groups to help teenagers. Brassard worked as a volunteer at McGill University where he challenged students to look at life, truth, and freedom.

"In the late 80s, I started a school in Vancouver that trained people on how to actively participate in society. This was an outreach that grew from one to 30 quickly, and helped thousands of young people on the streets," he said.

During the 90s he continued to pursue his entrepreneurial skills while coaching hockey and lacrosse."

He recently sold his businesses in Montreal so that he could follow his heart, and passions, which included building an organic sustainable farm.

He said, "I've always had a voice, expressing life, truth, and freedom. Politics is not something that I have sought after, but life has called me and is challenging me to take this road. I will serve my community with all my heart and soul. Be the change that you want to see."

Voters get ready in Glengarry Prescott Russell

The Glengarry Prescott Russell riding has a full slate of candidates for the 2022 provincial election.

The riding has a population of 109,975 (as of 2016 Census) and will like most regions of the country, facing several key challenges in the next four years.

We present four of the six declared candidates. Stéphane Aubry representing the Ontario Party and Alicia Elgin representing the NDP could not be reached before going to print.

Stéphane Sarrazin is Ontario PC Candidate for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell



Stéphane Sarrazin
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GLENGARRY-PRESCOTT-RUSSELL – On May 7, Stéphane Sarrazin launched his campaign in the provincial election being held in Ontario on June 2.

The Progressive Conservative (PC) candidate welcomes his supporters at his campaign headquarters, at 750 Principale Street in Casselman. Sarrazin has served as Mayor of Alfred and Plantagenet since 2018 and as warden of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell in 2021.

He described himself as someone who achieves results. He said the PC Party led by Doug Ford has the best plan to deliver further results for Ontario residents through building the post-pandemic economy with more jobs and better transportation.

"We have a plan to create new and better jobs, and to support existing ones," he said. In his capacity as mayor, Sarrazin was involved in projects such as the new Prescott and Russell Residence and economic development initiatives to support local businesses and farmers.

He says his work is not done and he will continue to make local concerns a priority at the provincial level, "I look forward to continuing to work hard for the people of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and, together, we will continue to put Ontario back on a solid path to recovery," said Sarrazin in a press release.

Prior to his career in municipal politics, Stéphane started his own business in 1990 and was the president of Hydro 2000 Inc., overseeing electricity distribution in the villages of Alfred and Plantagenet.

"We are proud to have strong candidates like Stéphane as part of our PC team," said Brian Patterson, president of the Ontario PC Party.

Sarrazin claims the PC government will increase its investment by \$1 billion to be used for roads, wastewater facilities and clean drinking water. He believes this can be implemented over the next five years in Ontario.

Thaila Riden is Green candidate for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell



Thaila Riden
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GLENGARRY-PRESCOTT-RUSSELL – Thaila Riden is a long-time resident of Glengarry – Prescott – Russell and is the Green Party candidate in this year's provincial election. He is well-known in the community for his activism and dedication to sustainable and organic growing practices. His actions have contributed directly to strengthening Ontario's local economy and putting the province on the map for craft beer production.

Riden was an important player in professionalizing one of Ontario's most successful and beloved craft breweries, Beau's Brewery. He aided the brewery's certification as a B-Corp, represented them on the board of directors for Sustain Ontario, and managed their organic certification status. As a board member of the non-profit Eco East, he actively supports the United Counties of Glengarry – Prescott – Russell in developing a regional climate action plan. He also converted a portion of his farmland into a community garden for people to have a safe space to grow local, healthy food.

He believes Ontarians deserve a just democratic process in the form of proportional representation

and advocates wholeheartedly for cross-party collaboration. He is committed to integrating equity and sustainability into provincial policies to benefit the community of Glengarry – Prescott Russell for generations to come. He has a B.A. in Law and a B.Sc., he will apply evidence-based decision making to ensure that facts and science inform his actions.

He is dedicated to protecting the region's natural resources, habitats, and farmlands. If elected, he will continue to amplify the voice of Glengarry – Prescott – Russell at Queen's Park.

The Green party's platform includes, freezing urban boundaries, building 1.5M homes. Clamp down on real-estate speculation. Invest \$1B/year to build 182,000 affordable community rental homes, including 60,000 supportive homes over the next decade. Increase mental health spending to 10 per cent of the health budget to include mental health care under OHIP. Increase funding for children's mental health to reduce wait times to less than 30 days.

Russell passes bylaw finalizing 2022 tax rate

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EMBRUN – The township of Russell has passed a bylaw making the 2022 tax increase official.

During the May 16 council meeting, local politicians officially approved a bylaw establishing the final tax rates for 2022 for all categories. As per the 2022 budget deliberations, the tax increase is set at 2.5 per cent. The bylaw also stipulated that the identified additional tax revenue be allocated to the recreation complex project reserve. Council passed the bylaw after making some adjustments to how and where the extra funds are to be allocated.

"The 2.5 per cent tax increase approved by council with the 2022 budget will generate a tax levy of \$14,748,218, which is \$111,330 higher than what had been estimated in the 2022 budget," director of finances and treasurer Richard Godin said in his report. "We will, from now on, transfer on an annual basis an amount of \$111,330 to the recreational complex reserve. By 2028, an additional amount of \$791,310 will have been set aside for this project. Afterward, the allocation of \$111,330 will help cover approximately \$1,484,000 of the total debt."

The report stated that the additional revenue is mostly due to the township's increased growth in the past year. It was also noted that the United Counties of Prescott and Russell had adjusted the multi-residential ratios, which also resulted in a bit of additional revenue.

Council members chose to amend the second portion of the bylaw. From the \$111,330, they suggested that \$75,000 be allocated to the recreational complex reserve, while the remaining \$36,330 be allocated to the proposed Russell Village splashpad project. The bylaw was passed as amended.



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