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**Shovels in the ground for Moose Creek Rec Centre**  
Moose Creek residents are looking forward to their new recreation centre. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new community building took place on June 10. From the left: Greg van Loenen, Sheldon Wells, Brandon Campbell, SDG warden Carma Williams, NS Deputy Mayor François Landry, Nicholas Forgues, Ryan Villeneuve, Matthew Lefebvre, Lorena Sollows, Ginette Quesnel. Thompson Goddard Photo

## Ground-breaking ceremony – Moose Creek Rec Centre

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

NORTH STORMONT – Representatives from Green for Life, Grant Marion, Eastern Engineering Group as well as the Moose Creek Chamber of Commerce and Moose Creek Recreation Centre joined North Stormont Deputy Mayor François Landry, SDG warden Carma Williams and members of the public to celebrate the ground-breaking for the new Moose Creek Recreation Centre on June 10.

The Moose Creek Recreation Centre, located on St. Polycarp Street, has been a gathering space for community events such as community breakfasts, Halloween haunted houses, Canada Day celebrations and winter carnivals hosted by organizations such as the Moose Creek

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## North Stormont Public School students bound for Avonmore in fall

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

BERWICK – Despite plenty of support from surrounding municipalities and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG), North Stormont Public School (NSPS) will close its doors for good later this month.

“As you are aware, our beloved school is closing at the end of the school year,” Amy Saunders, a member of NSPS’s advisory council since 2011, said during a presentation to the township of North Stormont’s politicians during the June 7 council meeting. “The school is closing for the same reason it was opened – for consolidations.”

Beginning with a history of the school, Saunders gave an emotional speech about the long fight to save the local educational institution. While the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) had sought to close the school earlier than planned, Saunders said they were persuaded to wait at least until the original closing date of June 2022.

“Thanks to the efforts of our school council, we reasoned with the board that transitioning during a worldwide pandemic would be detrimental to our students and staff,” she said. “The board relented and agreed to keep their original scheduled closure date of June 2022. This has allowed both Roxmore and North Stormont students to have one more year of near normal small-school education.”

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Whether you decide to bike-it or hike-it and whether you do it alone or with friends or family, it's a great way to keep fit. What's best is you can personalize your schedule and choose your own route, whether it be around your neighbourhood or out on one of the many area pathways. What's best? Your participation and generosity will help fund a priceless community resource.

For over 25 years, the Children's Treatment Centre has provided counselling services to children who have been physically, sexually, or emotionally abused. Of the more than 2,500 regional case referrals, close to 300 of have come from Dundas County.

The Treatment Centre is funded entirely by the community and receives no funding from government. Its services are made possible because of community generosity along with a number of fund-raising events held each year, among which is the Bike-A-Thon.

The Centre has become a lifeline for

these children, many of whom have gone on to become some of its best ambassadors. What's best? It's because of you that the Centre succeeds.

Grenkie, who has been a strong supporter of the Treatment Centre for many years, is looking forward to a huge turnout from Dundas. "The Treatment Centre is important to our community and events such as the Bike-A-Thon is one way we can all show our support. My family plans to be out there and we hope you will, too."

Grenkie's thoughts are echoed by the centre's president, Don Fairweather.

"Since 1996, the CTC has served 2,926 children from 2,527 families from Cornwall, the Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry and the community of Akwesasne with 10 per cent of the children having consistently come from Dundas County."

Peter Asquini, chair of the Bike-A-Thon and former area manager for BMO Bank of Montreal adds: "BMO has been the sponsor for the CTC Bike-A-Thon for the past 15 years and the BMO team is proud to support the wonderful service the centre provides to abused children and their families across the region."

Here are the details on how you can participate: Choose your dates and times between now and June 30; Go with family, friends or on your own; Choose your route



Left to right are: Doug Grenkie, Don Fairweather, CTC president and Peter Asquini, Chair of the Bike-A-Thon Committee. Photo taken at Roy Studio

... around your neighbourhood or on one of our many picturesque area pathways; Tell us how far your Bike-a-Thon journey took you.

### Registration/Sponsor Sheets

To register or, to become a sponsor, you may phone or email the Treatment Centre by: email [ctc@ctcsdg.ca](mailto:ctc@ctcsdg.ca) or phone 613-933-4400.

You can drop off your cheque for donations to the Grenkie, Remillard & Reynolds Law Offices office at 67 Main Street in Morrisburg or 13 Ralph Street in Chesterville. You can mail them directly to the Treatment Centre: Children's Treatment Centre, 305a Second Street E., Cornwall, ON, K6H 1Y8.

Cheques to be made out to: Children's Treatment Centre

If you would like to profile, your family or group you can send the Treatment Centre a photo and we'll post it on our Facebook page. It's a great way to showcase the Treatment Centre and to encourage others to join in. Send it to [ctc@ctcsdg.ca](mailto:ctc@ctcsdg.ca).

Doug Grenkie said: "What better way for the people of our county to support the centre and to enjoy the outdoors and fresh air while you do. Get your pledge sheet, join with friends and family and together, you can make a difference in a child's life. After all, they are our future and the future of our community."

The centre offers three essential programs for children and adolescents:

Treatment for children and adolescents from five (5) to seventeen (17) years of age who have been physically and/or sexually abused; Treatment for adolescents ages twelve (12) to seventeen (17) who have committed sexual offences against children; Treatment for children ages five (5) eleven (11) who are sexually reactive or sexually aggressive toward same age peers.

## NSPS

### Continued from the front

With the two schools scheduled to be amalgamated for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year, Roxmore Public School has seen the addition of six new classrooms, which brings the building's capacity to roughly 350 students, Saunders said. With the school becoming a mix of both Roxmore and North Stormont students in the fall of 2022, it was decided the school's name should change, and it will now be Avonmore Elementary School.

"Currently, North Stormont has 70 students," Saunders said. "The board did not allow new students to enroll this year. This also meant some families moved existing students to other schools, as they had children starting junior kindergarten, who wanted them all to attend together. Before COVID, our enrollment was over 100 students, which was a far cry from the 61 students that the board projected for the 2019-2020 school year."

She gave a bit of history behind school council and fundraising efforts over the years, noting that a significant amount of money remains in the account. She noted that the updated play structure, which was made possible due to the \$10,000 raised by the school's recreation committee, would no longer be part of the community.

"We have decided to use our remaining funds to create the North Stormont Public School Legacy Award," Saunders said. "It is a \$500 cash bursary that will be awarded to a Tagwi [Secondary School] graduate that is a deserving former student who demonstrates perseverance,

positive attitude, and a commitment to their learning. This bursary will be awarded annually until the current kindergarten class graduates 12 years from now, in 2034."

Saunders reminded council that NSPS had celebrated its 50th anniversary just six years ago, in 2016. To honour the school's closing, she said there will be a Farewell Fair at the school on June 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., which will include a free barbecue and carnival games for the school's current students and their families.

"I would like to finish by saying how proud I am to have been part of such a wonderful school, as a former student, as a parent, and a volunteer, I hope this township and its council members will always

remember how hard we fought to keep our school open," Saunders said. "And I hope that the fight to keep other rural schools open will take great priority in your planning."

Earlier this year, SDG and its individual townships put their support behind a request to the UCDSB requesting that the school's closure be put on hold until such time that the board could reassess the situation, taking into consideration North Stormont's consistently growing population. The school board's response came quickly, denying the request and referencing the UCDSB's original report, the 2017 Building for the Future Pupil Accommodation Review.

While there was no immediate discussion

among North Stormont council following Saunders's presentation, Mayor Jim Wert thanked the residents for their efforts to save the school. Prior to the close of the June 7 meeting, Coun. Roxane Villeneuve made a short statement thanking Saunders again.

"I was emotional earlier

when you gave your wonderful, I'm going to say, farewell speech tonight, Amy, so thank you," Villeneuve said. "Thank you for being here and thank you as well to all the parents and the teachers and all the volunteers who put so many hours into trying to keep the school open. I

know it's tough and thank you for your efforts. Although it's not a favourable outcome, I'm sure that Avonmore, the new name, and the new location, of Avonmore Elementary School will certainly provide you warmth and comfort as you move forward.

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# North Dundas opens Platinum Jubilee Pollinator Garden

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

MOUNTAIN – North Dundas celebrated the Queen’s Jubilee anniversary with the opening of the Platinum Jubilee Pollinator Garden at the Mountain Memorial Park on Mon., June 13.

North Dundas mayor Tony Fraser was the master of ceremonies for the opening.

The opening ceremony began with Jo-Anne McCaslin singing “O Canada” and at the end of the ceremony, piper Hugh Metcalfe played his pipes with a closing song.

Fraser said, “This garden was created in honour of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.”

He said it was important that the ecosystem be maintained whenever it can be.

Hugh Metcalfe said: “The garden features 12 different special native plants. I tried to choose 12 different species that offer great benefits to all birds and pollinators.”

The 1,200 sq foot garden features perennial plants that hopefully help attract bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds or other beneficial creatures that transfer pollen from flower to flower, or in some cases, within flowers.

The summer setting was perfect for 63 students from Nationview Public School who attended the opening ceremony and organizers who explained how the garden came into being.

Councillor Theresa Bergeron and Coun. Gary Annable attended the event.

Annable said, “I cannot think of a better way to honour the Queen. You never see a picture of the Queen without flowers in the forefront, the background or in her hands. It is also more importantly a good way to help Mother Nature with birds and the bees.” He told the students that when they are adults, perhaps they will remember the plants that are here and decide to plant their own gardens and help Mother Nature.

Bergeron gave the children present a brief educational explanation of why the garden was important.

Bergeron said that humanity was facing challenges because of climate change.

She explained how the Monarch butterfly, once plentiful in Canada was now on the endangered list. The butterfly can only lay its eggs on one plant, the milkweed plant.

She said when she was younger all the farmers’ fields were ringed with fences and along the fences grew the important Milkweed plant that the monarch butterfly needs to survive.

She said over time, fields were expanded, trees cut down and fence lines cleared of native plants like Milkweed. Bergeron has Milkweed on her farm.

“People finally realized what the problem was and started to plant Milkweed and

last year for the first time in a long time I saw two

caterpillars,” she said.

“People finally realized what the problem was and started to plant Milkweed”

Nationview teacher Linda De La Torre said, “The students at Nationview PS have taken a keen interest in gardening. We have planted a full vegetable garden in our garden boxes. We have been learning in both our English and French literacy programs about the importance of taking care of the Earth, about sustainability and pollinators.”

She said she would like to learn from the pollinator garden and perhaps making one of their own at the school next fall.

SDSG MP Eric Duncan and newly elected MPP Nolan Quinn spoke to the students telling the students there have been lots of little projects happening across Canada to celebrate the Queen’s anniversary, and the garden was a fitting tribute to the Queen.

MPP Quinn said, pollinators and birds were very important to our world. He hoped the students would remember this moment.

Christina Enright the leader of the Butterfly Away project explained that as wildlife refuges disappear, individuals could help the affected plants, birds, and insects by planting their own small pollinator gardens where they live.

She explained that in Ontario, it was against the law to bring the Monarch butterfly into your house. “You need a special permit to do so.”

She said she has a special little building at her house where the Monarch butterfly can live.

Enright wanted the children to understand that they could do something to help the Monarch butterfly.

The project was driven by Chloe Preston, executive assistant to the CAO and deputy clerk said, “We started the project planning back in December when the Jubilee grant applications came out. We were considering ideas of how we could utilize the grant funding and came up with the idea of a pollinator garden after a presentation by Hugh Metcalfe of Naturaide.”

At that point, the idea was only about finding a location to plant a pollinator garden.

“We reviewed a lot of the locations that we had. Mountain had adequate square footage for the garden, as well we wanted to bring something to this area to encourage people to use the park,” said Preston.

Metcalfe provide all of the plants. PV Signs in South Mountain provided all of the project signs, which were designed by Susan Marriner of Marriner Design. Byers Carpentry built the archway at the entrance to the garden.

Preston said the project has evolved as it moved along and in the end she is hoping it will be a great attraction to the park.

“We are very pleased about how it has turned out. We

“Moose Creek has historically been one of North Stormont’s most active communities and this new facility is expected to facilitate further community gatherings, build local relationships and improve overall health and wellness within the village and our beautiful township” commented Landry in a June 10 press release from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry issued on behalf of the township of North Stormont.

The press release also disclosed that the budgeted amount for the new community centre is \$3 million. The Moose Creek Chamber of Commerce and Moose Creek Recreation Committee are working together to facilitate the construction, with its fundraising committee having raised approximately \$100,000 thus far. Fundraising will continue with events such as golf tournaments, tours of local breweries or wineries and the “Adopt A Brick” campaign. Local business,

Green for Life has donated \$500,000 in 2022 with an additional \$500,000 to be donated in 2023 toward the cost of the new community centre.

The new recreation centre will be located closer to the other recreational features such as the rink, swimming pool and sport areas. There is little doubt that once completed, the new centre will provide residents and visitors to the area with a location to enjoy all there is to offer in Moose Creek as well as North Stormont.



Celebrating the opening of the Platinum Jubilee Pollinator Garden left to right are students, Kaylin Sutherland, Arlo Iacobucci and Ady Keyes. Standing behind the students left to right, Chloe Preston, Hugh Metcalfe and North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser.

Morin Photo

are hoping that people will utilize it in the future for educational activities, maybe 4-H would use it for some of their activities, and the Guides and Scouts, and as it matures it could be used for wedding photos.”

Metcalfe had to analyze the soil so that he could match the soil conditions with appropriate plants.

“I had to bring in some topsoil, as the soil around here is very sandy,” said Metcalfe.

“The plants do well in either dry conditions or in all different soil types.”

Maintaining the garden will hopefully be minimal.


Metcalfe said they had a very heavy layer of mulch on top of landscape fabric so there should not be a great deal of weeding involved.

After the garden opening, the students were given egg cartons with seeds in them. The entire carton can be planted and next year the children should have flowers in their yards.

## Moose Creek Rec Centre

**Continued from the front** Recreation Committee. The building itself has served the community for decades. It was recently demolished as construction on the new community centre has commenced. Grant Marion, a local contractor is anticipating the work will be completed by the end of the year.

As the ceremonial ground-breaking event began, Deputy Mayor François Landry pointed out how “the township is not building a new hall, it is the people who are building themselves a new hall.” Landry continued; the township will provide support to ensure residents will have a building which meets their needs. He continued; the building will be similar in design to North Stormont Place in Avonmore, with North Stormont CAO Craig Calder commenting there will be “two thousand square feet of rental space” available before continuing the interior will “be unique and specific to the Moose Creek needs.”




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## NDDHS Report

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### Summer break is near

As summer break approaches quickly, students and staff members are working hard to make the last couple weeks of the school year good ones!

North Dundas SHSM students travelled to Mattawa to the Canadian Ecology Centre for their end of the year trip from June 6 to June 8. Although they got down poured on 2/3 days, everyone made the best of it. Students learned about mapping, compassing, GPS, canoeing, and soiling. They slept in style in beautiful cabins with wood floors, a full bathroom, and comfy beds.

To celebrate ND's Grade 8s, they travelled to the YMCA Bonenfant Outdoor Centre on the Ottawa River for their one-night stay. The Grade 8s participated in canoeing, kayaking, archery, climbing, and activities that tested their skills. It was a great experience for everybody!

While most grades were away, student council put on a dance for the Grade 7s to celebrate their year. The multipurpose room was nicely decorated and lit up for the students to enjoy! While on the dancing topic, student council held a Glow Dance for grades 9-12. There were black lights that made everybody GLOW!

With only 11 days left of school, the upcoming weeks include students finishing up any outstanding work and teachers getting their marks in while having fun at the same time! Student council has planned a spirit week for students and staff to stay engaged during the home stretch of summer vacation as well as a Summer Fun Day on June 21, organized by Mrs. Hall's leadership class with a BBQ put on by parent council!

Hang in there ND, we got this!



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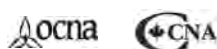
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## Editorial

### What happens at the barn, stays at the barn

I am sure you have heard this term used in many different ways, but the bottom line is, when you are enjoying yourself, your troubles stay away and you can relax and enjoy your time with friends and neighbours.

The tractor soiree on Saturday, held at Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm was a preview for what is to come.

Although there were more than farmers present at this event, the tremendous support shown to a local business and family from the area was overwhelming. People came from near and far to support a family who has experienced a loss and difficult time.

For me, I had to work, so missed out on the occasion but listening to the joy in my husband's voice as he was driving home from the event said it all.

"I ran into Ian, I talked to Harold" and the list goes on. This was his first opportunity to share his passion for tractors, farming and the love of socializing in (a long time) way too long.

For some, this is still a cautious time, which is fine and respected. But for those who have the need to be sharing their opinion and robust knowledge of tractors, crops and really anything that comes up in conversation, this is a relief. This is a time to celebrate and reminisce.

As we advance into the summer and these local events are starting up, consider supporting them. These events are an integral part of the community and a community builder. Volunteers and organizers spend time putting the logistics into place and your attendance, and support makes it all worth the while.

Although we have learned how to maneuver social media, and the online world, it is important to remember that human contact and socialization is important as well. Of course, it is most important to be safe, and to stay within your comfort zone, but if you think about the Dr. Seuss Christmas saying "Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!" and put that into a community perspective - "Maybe socializing, doesn't come from the internet. Maybe community... perhaps...means a little bit more!"

For some of us, your neighbour may be next door, or they may be five miles down the road; it really doesn't matter, as they are part of the community. Let's rebuild the local fairs, and community events and let our children get to know why being social is an important part of our future.

Linda Vogel

## Letter

### The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG), comments on the province's draft Transportation Plan for Eastern Ontario

Dear Minister Mulroney:

It was very nice meeting you again several weeks ago in Prescott-Russell when the provincial plan to increase highway capacity in the National Capital region was unveiled. I hope you will recall that we met at the AMO conference in Ottawa in 2019 when I was part of our county delegation to discuss the expansion plans for Highway 138. Unfortunately, since that time, the province has taken no action to improve the safety of Highway 138, and the death toll continues to mount. That is why I am writing to you today.

The United Counties of SDG has had the opportunity to review and consider the Draft Transportation Plan for Eastern Ontario. While SDG council supports many of the actions contained within this plan, our council was extremely disappointed to note that improvements to Highway 138 were not identified as a provincial priority, particularly given that this project aligns well with the plans' overarching goals of Connecting People and Places, Improving Safety, and Preparing for the Future. Highway 138 is a crucial north-south commuter link through our county and region, connecting many of our communities (and the United States via the Seaway International Bridge) with the City of

Ottawa.

There are no other words to describe Highway 138 other than dangerous, due to the frequency and severity of motor vehicle collisions, the most recent fatality occurring only one week after the release of the plan. For decades, SDG, its local municipalities and the City of Cornwall have lobbied the province to make Highway 138 safer, and residents of our region continue to petition for action (<https://www.change.org/p/make-highway-138-safer>)

In fact, our county CAO has attended at least five delegations with various Ministers of Transportation over the past 10 years, including you.

As your office is aware, in 2017, the Ministry of Transportation completed the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for Highway 138 between Highway 401 and Highway 417. Through this report, the following improvements have been recommended to be implemented within the short to

- Construction of carpooling lots (completed in fall 2019);
- Intersection improvements at County Road 44;
- Intersection improvements at County Road 18;

- Construction of passing lanes at various locations; and
- Other intersection and traffic safety improvements.

The recommended improvements noted above are significant in scope and value and were positively endorsed by our community. SDG is confident that when these improvements are all implemented, they will positively improve the safety along Highway 138.

Respectfully, I cannot overemphasize the need to commence construction of passing lanes as soon as possible. Over the years, too many people have lost their lives or been seriously injured for the province to continue to ignore our requests. If you are not familiar with the grim statistics related to Highway No. 138, I encourage you to take a look. These statistics are widely available, either through the East Region OPP, Ministry staff, or open sources.

In light of the above, I request a meeting with you as soon as possible so concrete steps can be determined to move forward to make Highway 138 safer. Action is required now.

Sincerely,  
Carma Williams,  
Warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry

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### Four local ag groups combine forces to feed the hungry

Members of four local agriculture groups met at Community Food Share (CFS) on May Street in Winchester on June 2.

Together, Ryan Devries and Jackie Pemberton of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA), along with Thomas Breteler of the Dundas Dairy Producers, and Brian Vandenberg, representing both Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association (DSCIA), and the local chapter of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO), met with CFS executive director Jane Schoones, donating \$2,000 to the local charity. Pictured left to right: Pemberton, Schoones, Breteler, Ryan Devries, and Vandenberg. Casselman Photo

## Theodore TOO coming to South Dundas July 3

Sandy Casselman  
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The Municipality of South Dundas recently announced it will be hosting an interactive day for residents featuring Theodore TOO and the tugboat's crew early next month.

"The support we received from the Tourism Advisory Committee and at the council table have helped bring this one-of-a-kind attraction to South Dundas," economic development officer Rob

Hunter said.

On July 3, Theodore TOO, the life-sized tugboat based on the CBC series Theodore Tugboat, will arrive at the Morrisburg Dock. The tugboat, which is 65 feet long, is fully operational, having travelled from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Hamilton, Ontario last summer.

"Hi friends, my name is Theodore TOO," Theodore (theodoretugboat.ca) said. "I am a former television star, a champion for the marine

industry, and ambassador of Swim Drink Fish and a Great Lakes Guide. My job is to connect people to water so that they will learn to love it as much as I do."

Theodore TOO was built at Snyder's Shipyard in Dayspring, Nova Scotia. It was launched on April 19, 2000. In June 2021, the tugboat left Nova Scotia to begin the task

of educating Canadians about the marine industry.

"These types of events work to put South Dundas on the map and bring visitors to South Dundas who get to experience all of the wonderful things it has to offer," Mayor Steven Byvelds said. "It's sure to be a great and busy day. We hope to see you there."



### Obituary BOBBY HARPER

Passed away peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, Bobby Harper of Chesterville, age 73. Loving husband of Lucy Harper (nee Lafontaine) for almost 53 years. Loving father of April Harper of Chesterville and Brenda Harper-Lewis (Ryan) of Calgary. Dear brother of Raymond Harper (Beverly) of Morewood. Bobby will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Noah, William and Kennedy. He was predeceased by his sisters June Runions, Geraldine Cassell and Joanne Harper. He is also survived by nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Bobby's life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville on Saturday, July 9th from 6-10 p.m. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society 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](https://www.marsdenmclaughlin.com).

### A Sincere Thank You

In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, the late **Dwayne "Spicy" Cinnamon**, who passed away on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

We wish to express our thank you to family relatives and friends for phone calls, sympathy cards, visits, flowers and prayers.

We would also like to express our sympathy to his wife Kathy and family, as they go through this difficult time.

*With our love and prayers,  
Sister Doris Imrie and family  
Brother Allan, Maureen Cinnamon and family*

### - 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, RFBF, 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.

"An Officer and a Gentleman"

Arrangements entrusted to the Byers Funeral Home, South Mountain, (613-989-3836) Online condolences may be made at [www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com](https://www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com).

### - OBITUARY - ERIC STEELE



Eric Steele of Winchester Springs passed away peacefully at the Carefor Hospice in Cornwall on Saturday, June 11, 2022, with his daughter Maureen by his side. He was 88. Beloved husband of the late Mary Steele (nee Shane) for 68 years. Cherished father of Wendy Byvelds (Jerry) of Brinston, Donna McNairn (Donnie) of Oshawa, Larry Steele of Winchester Springs, Brian Steele (Ann) of Winchester Springs, Gary Steele of Winchester Springs, Maureen Steele (Dan Smith) of Kingston and Rob Steele (Susan) of Winchester Springs. Dear brother of Lorna Hooper (Winston) of Appleton, and Ruth Robertson (Lorne) of Bracebridge. Dear brother-in-law of Anna Shane of Rideau Ferry and Freida Tharp (Russell) of Manotick. He was predeceased by his parents Alvin and Della Steele (nee Holmes), his sister Irene Davidson (late Allen), his brother Malcolm Steele, his sister-in-law Marguerite Milne (late John), and his brother-in-law Murray Shane. Eric will be fondly remembered by his 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be held at the Hope Springs United Church in Winchester Springs on Friday, June 17th at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at the Royal Canadian Legion in Morrisburg. Interment will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to Carefor Hospice in Cornwall or the Kidney Foundation 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](https://www.marsdenmclaughlin.com).

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Contact: Tel: 613-346-1648 Email: [revloisgaudet@gmail.com](mailto:revloisgaudet@gmail.com)

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*Sunday School Classes & Nursery have resumed.*

Please contact the church office for information on mid-week meetings or any other questions.

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139 Castor St., Russell, ON Parish Office: 613-445-3226  
Presiding: Rev. Anne Quirk  
[infostmarysrussell@rogers.com](mailto:infostmarysrussell@rogers.com) Website: [www.stmarysrussell.ca](http://www.stmarysrussell.ca)

**We're back to an in-person service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m., followed by a Zoom service of Morning Prayer at 10:30 a.m. Register for the live service or to get the Zoom link at 613-445-3226 or [infostmarysrussell@rogers.com](mailto:infostmarysrussell@rogers.com).**

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**11 a.m. Sunday Worship**

Nursery (parental supervision) is available. Covid-19 protocols are in place.

## North Dundas firefighters bring first place honours home from games

Joseph Morin  
Record Staff

ATHENS – The 110th Eastern Ontario Firefighter Games resumed after a two-year break due to Covid on Sat., June 11 in Athens, Ontario.

This was the 110th running of the games.

Nine fire departments from across Eastern Ontario took part.

By the end of the day, North Dundas Mountain Station No. 2 had taken the top spot with Prescott coming in 2nd.

It was a productive day for members of the North Dundas Fire Services. Firefighters from Winchester, Chesterville and Mountain signed up for the competition. The event was made up of 11 different dry and wet races.

From the start, it was obvious that North Dundas had come to win.

Mountain Station No. 2 fire chief Ray Sherrer said, "As a chief participating in these games, it was fun, and I was proud to watch all North Dundas succeed and cheer each other on."

The morning started with the eight-man hose coupling. Mountain took 2nd place with Winchester in 4th spot.

Next was the three-man ladder climb. Mountain took 2nd place, and Winchester came in 4th. In this race there was a 100th of a second between 1st and 2nd, and less than a second from 1st to 6th place.

The five-man bunker gear ladder race was next with Mountain taking 1st



Firefighters Association Games in Athens on Sat., June 11. Firefighters from Mountain, Winchester and Chesterville each fielded a team. The group won their share of the rigorous competition with the Mountain Station No. 2 taking 1st place overall.

Courtesy Photo

place and Winchester in the 4th spot.

In the four-man hose coupler event Mountain came in 1st with Chesterville coming in 5th place. The fire fighter bunker gear relay saw Mountain in 1st place and Winchester in 3rd.

In the five-man hose where teams have to disconnect a fire hose then insert a wye then attach two hoses to it then go on to hit two targets, Mountain was 4th with a time of 34.12 seconds and Winchester came in 5th with a time of 34.22 seconds.

"That is how close these races are," said Sherrer.

In the four-man hose insert event Mountain was 4th and Winchester came in 5th.

In the five-man efficiency event Winchester had an incredible fast race beating everyone by three seconds.

Mountain came in 4th place.

In the eight-man efficiency competition Winchester took 1st place while Mountain came in 2nd.

The eight-man bucket brigade held some pleasant surprises as Mountain took 1st place followed by Winchester in 2nd place, and Chesterville in 3rd.

Mountain fire chief Sherrer said, "I don't think any of us have even placed in this race before."

At the end of the day, Mountain ended up with the most points taking home 1st place overall, and Winchester came in 3rd, and Chesterville with their team going to the games for the first time, finishing in the 8th place out of nine possible spots for a respectable 1st effort.

Mountain was neck and neck with Prescott for points right up to the last race.

## D-Day Remembered

Seventy-eight years after the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944, members of the Glen's Association, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders Foundation, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 and local dignitaries gathered at the Cornwall War Memorial for a Service of Remembrance. The 1st Battalion of the SDG Highlanders stormed Juno Beach on D-Day as part of the second wave of the Allied invasion force as part of the 9th Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Infantry Division.

Operation Overlord was launched on June 6, 1944, and designed to open a second front in northwestern Europe as allied armies were fighting in Italy to the south and ease pressure on the Soviet Union forces to the east. The United States forces were to land on Utah and Omaha beaches, Canadians on Juno Beach and British forces on Sword and Gold beaches and move inland toward their targets. Within five hours of the landing, allied forces were in control of the beaches, but counter attacks by German forces continued throughout the day and into the weeks ahead.

One of the most famous images from the D-Day landings is of troops leaving Large Landing Craft Infantry 299 at Juno Beach on the Normandy coast of France. Wrongly identified as members of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders or the Highland Light Infantry, veterans of the 1st Bn SDG Highlanders remembered leaving LLC 299 on June 6, 1944. After a considerable amount of research led by former SDG Commanding Officer William Shearing and an attestation from SDG 1st Bn veteran John Angus MacDonald, Library and Archives Canada has corrected the outline for the photo.

Following the Ceremony of Remembrance, the group gathered at RCL Branch 297 in Cornwall. Shearing provided a significant amount of information on the experiences of the SDG Highlanders as they prepared to disembark at Juno Beach on D-Day. He explained LLC 299 had arrived at its destination

at approximately 9 a.m., but due to congestion on the beach, soldiers were not able to disembark until around 11:30 a.m. During that time, those who were waiting to disembark watched as a battle raged ahead of them before being ordered ashore.

The iconic picture shows the SDG Highlanders wading through the sea toward the shore with their kit, which included their rifle, supplies and a bicycle. Shearing remarked that while members of the regiment survived the landing and ensuing battles in Northwest Europe, many of our regiment's soldiers lie forever in military cemeteries in France, Belgium, and Holland.

We must continue to remember the sacrifices made by all veterans, but there is a special place in history for those soldiers, sailors and airmen who participated in Operation Overland. Their sacrifices paved the way for the victory of allied forces over those of the Axis which culminated in peace in the European theatre on May 8, 1945.

For the communities throughout Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Brockville, Peterborough, and Kingston areas from which the initial members of the 1st Battalion SDG Highlanders were mobilized, there is a special and eternal connection to the D-Day landings in Normandy.

Carolyn Thompson Goddard



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– Obituary –

**MICHAUD,  
Beverly Jean  
(nee Hewlett)**

**May 30, 1933 - Montreal, Quebec  
May 27, 2022 - Calgary, Alberta**

On Friday, May 27, 2022, in Calgary, AB, our dear Mom and Nanny, Beverly Jean Michaud (nee Hewlett), went to Heaven to dance up a storm with her loved ones. May 30th would have been her 89th birthday, so it is fitting she got to celebrate it with our dad George Wilbert Michaud, her parents James Blackburn Hewlett and Nola Jesse Cotter, as well as her beloved brother Donnie Hewlett and sister Diane Lucas.

Mom was a very important part in the lives of her two children and their spouses, Linda Diane and David Noruschat, as well as George James and Lizzete Michaud. Mom was thrilled when she became a Nanny to her darling grandchild, Damaris Marie Michaud. Mom's sister Bonnie Belle Mende resides in Calgary and her brother Jimmy Hewlett in High River.

Mom was cherished by all those she touched with her spark, vitality, and fun-loving personality. She will be missed but never forgotten. You were a gem of a lady Mom, and so loved by the people who got to know you.

A Celebration of Beverly's Life will be held in Calgary on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the residence of her daughter, Linda Diane. Another Celebration of Life will be held in Ottawa later this summer. Mom's ashes will be interred beside Dad in the Finch Cemetery. Her cousin, Reverend Stewart Hewlett, will officiate at her gravesite. Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed at [www.McInnisandHolloway.com](http://www.McInnisandHolloway.com).

In living memory of Beverly Jean Michaud, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes, Crowfoot, 82 Crowfoot Circle, N.W., Calgary, AB T3G 2T3, Telephone: 403-241-0044.



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## Lending a helping hand

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The United Way/Centraide of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry held their annual general meeting on June 8, with attendance at the event available either in-person at the Cornwall Public Library or via Zoom.

Juliette Labossiere, executive director of the organization, provided a comprehensive overview of the accomplishments of the United Way/Centraide of SDG over the past year. During her presentation, Labossiere noted how the pandemic has highlighted “social inequities that we always knew were present, but we were not so good as a society of keeping those under wraps.” She noted this led to a greater collaborative effort in the non-profit sector to build a pathway to recovery for people.

“We do this by being a catalyst and a coordinator by providing training and support for agencies and other key community stakeholders by raising awareness and of course, by continuing to fundraise, so that we can direct funds to the programs that are addressing our community’s most pressing needs,” commented Labossiere.

Despite being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual campaign kick-off event was held at Lamoureux Park in Cornwall and hosted by campaign chair Craig Fuller, with the 2021 gala for the organization held at the Cornwall Golf and Country Club which “netted us just over \$63,000.00” added Labossiere. She described several other community fundraisers held throughout the year, mentioning Pommier Jewellers, Angels for the United Way campaign and the Celebration Sleigh Draw sponsored by the Bank of Montreal.

Other fundraising programs include grants, corporate

donations, payroll deductions and a major donor program. She explained the major donor program has the United Way/Centraide “sit shoulder to shoulder with some of our most generous philanthropic families in this region and talk about creating direct and immediate impact.”

Funds from the United Way/Centraide are provided to member agencies to assist in building communities that are strong and healthy. She noted there are two programs, The Ontario Electricity Support Program, and the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, which are designed to help individuals keep their power on. As the pandemic began, the United Way/Centraide set up a Regional Emergency Response Council with Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area. This organization is comprised of more than 25 organizations and is still meeting monthly as the Regional Emergency and Strategic Response Council. Homelessness and housing issues are a major concern throughout the region. The RESRC has established a subcommittee to research and report on the housing crisis. Currently UW/C SDG is working on supporting the living wage movement in the region and projects to alleviate local poverty.

UC/C SDG has switched from food hampers to grocery gift cards for a variety of reasons, including allowing those receiving them the opportunity to shop for what they required. A new project has been developed in collaboration with Agape and House of Lazarus. Called “Hope Bags” people are provided reusable bags filled with “hygiene products, socks, underwear and sanitary supplies as well as other items such as can openers, rain ponchos, camping kits with tents and sleeping bags are available, which can be used as a makeshift shelter in times of crisis.”

Other projects include a leadership development program for local non-profits, which provided the opportunity to learn about “governance, strategic clarity, succession planning and more.”

commented Labossiere, with skills learned to better serve volunteers, staff, and clients. In 2021 a workshop focusing on the well-being of the staff and volunteers who have worked to serve others was held.

She continued there has been a workshop set up through the generosity of funding from private donors, a “Last Resort Fund” in partnership with the House of Lazarus. “The purpose was to keep people in their homes by providing hydro, utility and rent arrears or by providing first and last month’s rent to people who could afford monthly rent, but not always the additional fees.” Information was provided to agencies and organizations so referrals to HOL could be made, with the money provided directly to the companies and information to donors given. “We did not realize how many of our brothers, sisters, neighbours are one accident, one illness, one crisis away from despair,” commented Labossiere.

The new board of directors and executive were announced during the AGM. Craig Fuller will serve as president, Scott Szabadka as vice president, Wendy McDonald as treasurer, Kelsey Catherine Schmitz as secretary and Clayton Delaney as past president. Members of the board of directors for the United Way/Centraide SDG include Binal Bhavsar, Shannon Ferguson, Maria Limontas, Kris McCarthy, Gerard McDonald, Mel Merpaw and Ngozi Iloabuchi.

The winners of the United Way Centraide SDG Community Award were announced during the AGM. These are presented to businesses and individuals “who went above and beyond in their support to support us over the past year!” The winner of the Business of the Year Award was Pommier Jewellers, with Cornwall Electric receiving the Employee Payroll Business of the Year and Wendy McDonald awarded the United Way/Centraide SDG Board Member of the Year, with the Lew Stanley Award for Volunteer of the Year presented to Gabriele Rivière-Reid. Karen and Ray Brunet were awarded the André Mailhot Award from United Way Centraide Canada United Way/Centraide.

## Recognizing World Elder Abuse Prevention Day

EASTERN COUNTIES & AKWASASNE – As June 15 is observed as World Elder Abuse Prevention Day, it’s important to recognize not all seniors are in the best of circumstances.

It’s estimated that seven to 10 per cent of older Canadians are victims of elder abuse. Physical, sexual, psychological, or financial abuse and can result in distress, impairment, or bodily injury. Every senior deserves the right to feel safe, and live free from abuse.

The theme of World Elder Abuse Prevention Day for 2022 is “Rights don’t get old.” Basic human rights of older Canadians are challenged and undercut every day and, tragically, this has never been truer than over

the last two years during the COVID-19 pandemic. It’s estimated that one in six seniors are victims of elder abuse. Within the eastern counties alone, the Carefor Elder Abuse Prevention Program has seen an increase of over 40 per cent in elder abuse cases since March 2020. Tanya Mayich, Carefor’s elder abuse prevention coordinator, and community network chair for the Prevention of Elder Abuse for the eastern counties and Akwasasne shared the following: “Seniors who lack capacity or have serious medical issues can be taken advantage of by the people closest to them. It is key to have good support around these seniors.” It is imperative within our local community that we educate ourselves of

the universal warning signs and the associated risk factors concerning elder abuse, and advocate for the rights of seniors. Tanya explained, “This day is celebrated to advocate for seniors so their voices can be heard. We must acknowledge elder abuse as a public and human rights’ issue throughout the community and around the world. Every older adult deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and we can only make a difference if we mobilize together as a community.” Seniors have the right to live free from abuse and you can make a difference. If you know a senior experiencing any type of abuse, if you need support, or have any questions or need further information call Carefor’s elder abuse

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The Community Network for the Prevention of Elder

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## Ontario 4-H big winners in tournament

Joseph Morin  
Record Staff

OTTAWA — Great weather and a healthy turnout of more than 100 4-H supporters made this year's annual Ontario 4-H Foundation golf tournament a success on Thurs., June 9.

The event was held at the Anderson Links Golf Club in rural Ottawa.

The rainy week had a short break as the tournament began, and then resumed after golfers had enjoyed a day of fine golfing and had retreated to the Anderson Link Clubhouse.

The tournament is only one of the Ontario 4-H Foundation's annual fundraising events. The master of ceremony duties were shared by foundation chair Hugh O'Neill and golf committee member Joe O'Neill.

Every summer the popular fundraising event in Ottawa receives tremendous corporate and individual support. All the funds raised go directly back into the 4-H programs that has enriched the lives of so many children and adults.

The signature sponsors for the tournament was Ontario Mutual and the golf cart sponsor was Canada Life. Both sponsors join the list of generous sponsors who supported the tournament.

The fundraising event was an opportunity for the foundation to recognize many of its members for the support they have given the 4-H movement over the years.

Lynda McCuaig, Gib Patterson and Terry Bender were recognized for their interest and support over the years of the 4-H organization and programs.

McCuaig was thrilled with the recognition the Foundation gave her.

"I was surprised," she said. "I had been invited by John Mayes the former treasurer to the 4-H Ontario foundation, to come to a small reception after the golf tournament. I thought it was to formally acknowledge the \$100,000 that had been given to the 4-H Ontario Foundation and \$100,000 to the 4-H Ontario Council by the CCEA. And perhaps, the \$11,000 that had been given to eleven counties in Eastern Ontario (each receiving \$1,000). I did not know it was to honour my 50+ years in 4-H."

Over the past 50 plus years that she has been involved in the 4-H movement McCuaig said she, and her husband Jim had many special moments to remember.

"High points would be the amount of benefits that I received from 4-H. I travelled to Saskatchewan for a leaders' conference; been to the National 4-H Conference in Toronto; on one of the Queen's visits to

Ontario, I was one of several 4-H volunteers that got invited to a reception in her honour. I did not meet the Queen but was very close."

The couple also took on roles for 4-H club members.

"My husband and I were escorts to a 4-H exchange with Alberta, and from that visit made some very good friends, Bob and Glenna Boulton. After our visit, Bob served as president of the Canadian 4-H council. Jim and I also were chaperones to an exchange with 4-H members from West Union, Ohio, another experience where we made lifelong friends with the participants."

She also received the 125th Anniversary of Confederation Medal from 4-H Ontario for her involvement with 4-H.

She said, "4-H has provided me with many opportunities and adventures that I am happy and proud to have had."

Another long-time supporter of 4-H is Gib Patterson owner of the Anderson Link Golf Club and successful farmer and real estate developer.

He credits his success to the lessons he learned in the 4-H program as a youngster.

He said, "I have been a 4-H member all of my life. I started when I was 15 years old."

He said he likes being able to help the Ontario 4-H Foundation keep the 4-H program healthy.

He said 4-H is responsible for at least 50 per cent of his success as an adult and the other 50 per cent to his parents. He said I have had a wonderful life as a result.

"4-H taught me how to think on my feet, speak publicly and make decisions. That is what you learn from judging cattle and grain." Patterson and his brother were champion potato judges in Canada in 1955.

"4-H teaches you about animal care and animal health and the correct varieties of grain to grow, the chemicals to keep crops and animals healthy. It's a wonderful program."

He thanked the tournament organizers for the support they have always shown for the 4-H program.

Patterson taught high school in Metcalfe and at the same time learned about the real estate industry and began building a golf course building career with the Emerald Links Golf and Country Club in 1990. Cloverdale Links Golf Course in 1996 and the Anderson Links Golf and Country Club in 2007.

Rhiannah Gallagher is a 4-H ambassador. She is involved mostly with sheep and beef farming. She said a few words at the end of the tournament describing why 4-H was so important to rural young people today.

"4-H is a really big part of my life and I know a lot of people benefit from it. I would not be on the career path I am



Lynda McCuaig accepts the special award from the Ontario 4-H Foundation presented by John Mayes and Cheryl Sullivan.

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Golfers took the top spot claiming the 2022 Ontario 4-H Foundation Annual Golf East Tournament trophy. Left to right are: Jason VanOers, Kim Turnbull, Foundation Chair, Stacey Weagant, Stephen Roster and Adam Scofield.

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Elsie and Gib Patterson were recognized for all of the support they have given to the Ontario 4-H program over the years.

Morin Photo

on today if not for 4-H.

She thanked the tournament organizers for the support they have always shown for the 4-H program.

She said the 4-H programs were great for providing hands-on learning and leadership development.

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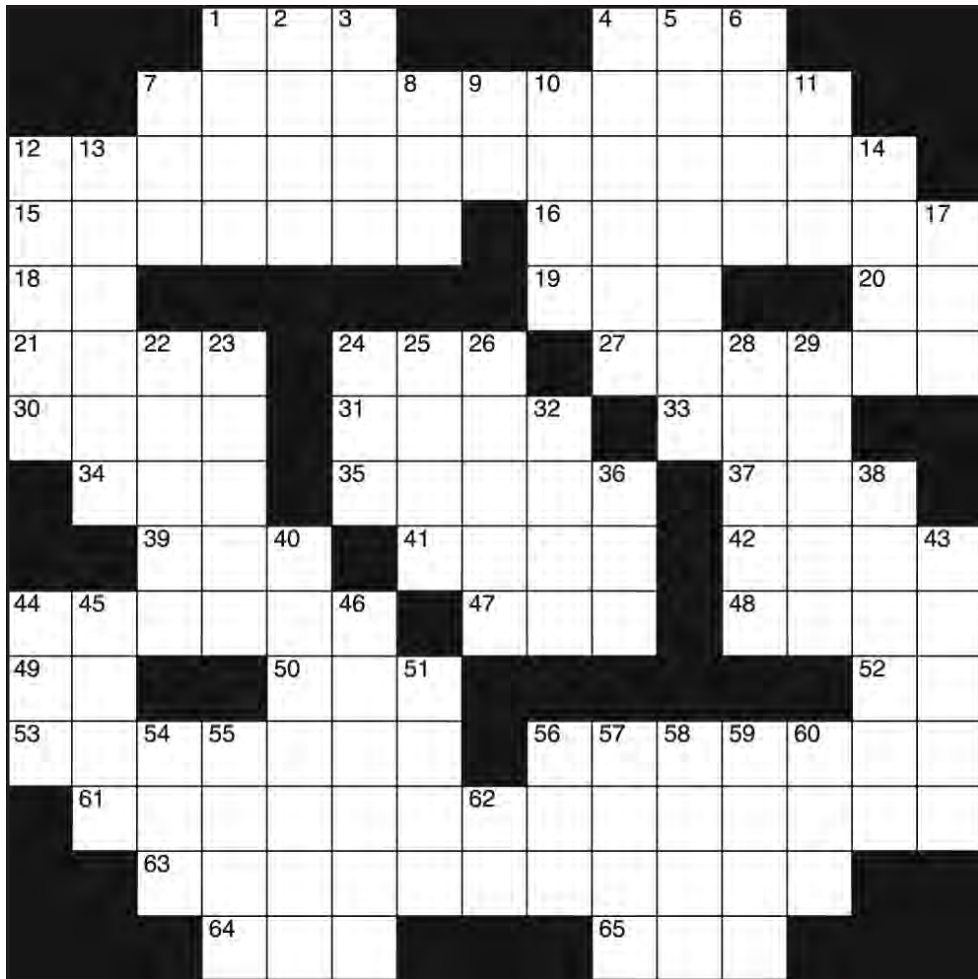
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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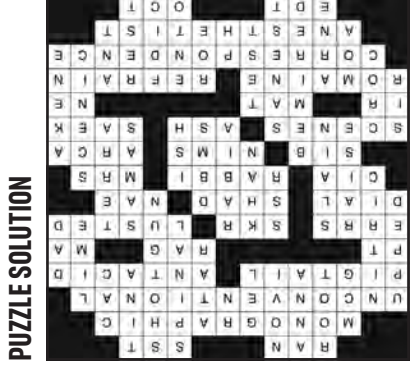
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- Married woman
- Blood relation
- German river
- Genus of clams
- Parts of a movie
- Residue
- Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
- Atomic #77
- Where wrestlers work
- Northeast
- Type of lettuce
- Abstain
- Communication between two
- One who administers medicine
- Sun up in New York
- Having eight

### CLUES DOWN

- He played "Milton"
- Elsa's sister
- Digital wallet
- About backbone
- Type of weapon
- Turner, rock singer
- Microgram
- Hair product
- Health care pro
- Holy fire
- Military ID (abbr.)
- the ante
- Containing nitrogen
- Green citrus fruit
- Male parent
- Bring up
- Murdered
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Supreme ruler Genghis
- Social media hand gesture

- Semitic Sun god
- Land
- Database management system
- Similar
- Nice to look at
- Covered with mud
- Simple dry fruit
- Title of respect
- Type of footwear
- Most lucid
- Exam
- Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
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## Continuing a family tradition

**RUSSELL** – Matt Peck, owner of Gora Forge south of Russell, is the third generation of blacksmiths in his family. What began several years ago as a part-time occupation, evolved into him working full-time as a blacksmith last year.

“I make pendants, key chains and copper roses which are purely decorative items” commented Peck. He continued his work includes both functional and decorative pieces as well as small sculptures. “I have made most of my daily use tools such as hammers, punches, hardy tools, bending jigs, tongs, chisels, etc.” as well as functional pieces such as hooks, hinges, bathroom hardware and curtain holders.

“About seven years ago I started with a small homemade coal forge and a piece of steel that I used as an anvil” explained Peck.

“As soon as I started, I knew I wanted to do more,” said Peck. His grandfather and father had both worked as blacksmiths and a couple years after beginning his blacksmith career he was able to purchase the family anvil from an uncle. He explained four generations of the family have forged items on the family anvil. “My grandfather and dad made tools and horseshoes. I make tools and decorative items. My kids have also made decorative hooks and key chains,” he commented.

Last year he made the decision to leave

# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Gora Forge owner Matt Peck is shown at his vendor’s booth at the Fiat Farm Spring Bazaar held on May 28.

Thompson Goddard Photo

his decade-long career in healthcare to begin working full-time as a blacksmith. “I enjoy the challenge of figuring out how to create things, I love repurposing and creating something from a raw material.” He explained how in creating a piece of work, there are steps which need to be

followed,” like a puzzle he said.

“The better I get, the more I can see the steps clearly outlined.”

Another part of being a blacksmith which Peck enjoys is knowing the products he creates have a long lifespan. “I love how my forged items could be used for

generations; tools I make today could be used by my grandkids one day. I have tools my grandfather made.”

There are certain challenges that are associated with being a blacksmith and working in the forge. Peck described them as being the heat, dust, and physical exhaustion, noting the temperature of the room is controlled by the forge as his workshop isn’t insulated. “You work around a lot of sharp hot surfaces” so burns and cuts are a regular part of a blacksmith’s work experience according to Peck.

He had some advice to those looking at blacksmithing as a career. “Take a class, try it out! It takes time, patience, and a huge financial investment to set up a good working shop.” He mentions it is possible to make some of your tools “but those skills need to be developed over time.” He says this career path can be started with “a small forge, anvil shaped piece of steel and a hammer” and as well, to check out the very supportive blacksmith community online.

Looking ahead to the future, Peck mentioned they are contemplating bigger sculptures, architectural blacksmithing and larger functional pieces. “I am currently refining my tooling for hammer and axe making,” he explained.

More information on Gora Forge can be found on their social media pages.

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## Ground broke on new Chrysler Firehall

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

**CRYSLER** – A groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new North Stormont Fire Services Station 2 in Chrysler was held during the afternoon of June 10.

Joining North Stormont fire chief Nancy Ann Gauthier, Station 2 deputy chief Kevin Lapp and North Stormont Deputy Mayor François Landry at the event, were Brian Shane from Brian Shane Construction and Brandon

Campbell from Eastern Engineering Group.

A June 10 press release issued by the United Counties of SDG on behalf of the municipality of North Stormont indicated the budgeted cost of the new fire hall at \$900,000. Landry explained during the brief ceremony that the community had been well served by the previous fire station for approximately 50 years. With the steadily increasing population in the Chrysler area, the new, larger fire hall will address this growth. The

new fire station will have three bays and an area for onsite firefighter training.

“Our volunteer firefighters are an essential part of the township family. They provide lifesaving and property-saving activities that our residents have come to rely on. The new fire hall adds to their ability to complete effective training, while also housing equipment and improving the overall firefighting infrastructure in North Stormont” commented Landry in the press release.

From the left, front row: North Stormont Deputy Mayor François Landry. Back Row: North Stormont Fire Station No. 2 deputy chief Kevin Lapp, North Stormont fire chief Nancy Ann Gauthier, Brandon Campbell and Brian Shane are pictured at the ceremonial sod turning for the new fire station in Chrysler.

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## Coming together to remember

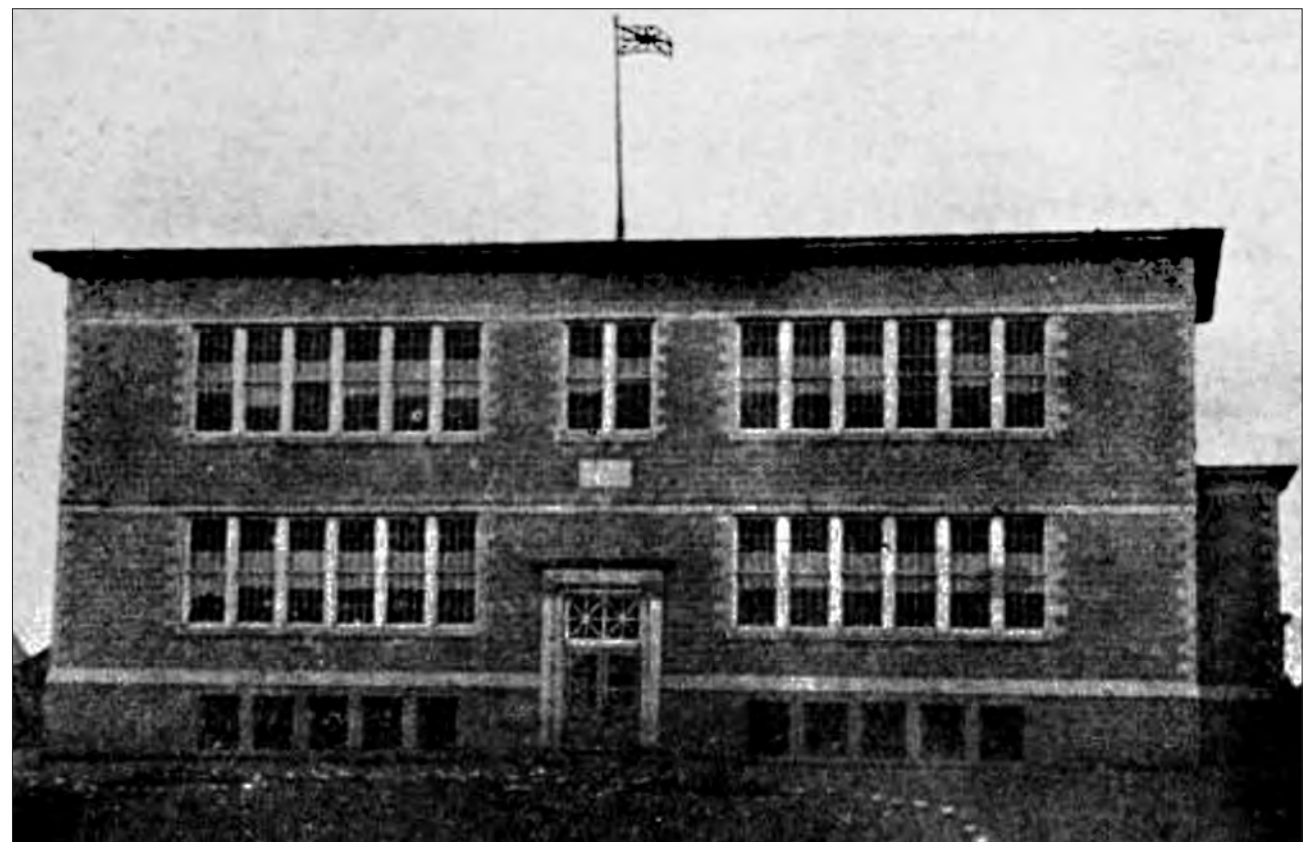
**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
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**MOUNTAIN** – Plans are coming together for a celebration commemorating the closing of Mountain District High School in South Mountain. Originally planned for the 50th anniversary of the MDHS closing in 2020, the pandemic forced the cancellation of the event until July 16 and 17 of this year.

The event will be held at the South Mountain Agricultural Hall on Lough Road in South Mountain. The event is open to the public but may be of special interest to those who attend or taught at Mountain District High School, South Mountain Continuation School, Hallville Continuation School, and North Mountain Consolidated School.

The event will feature a catered meal and dance on Saturday, followed by a Meet and Greet between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the SM Ag Hall. The local fire department will be providing a breakfast on Sunday morning for a free will offering.

Registration for the reunion weekend is \$75 per person, with registration available until July 1 on the Mountain District High School 50th Reunion website.



North Mountain Continuation School opened in August of 1922 and offered classes for students from Grade 1 to Grade 13.

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## Community support for Skuce family

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**EDWARDS** – Customers, clients and family friends flocked to Stanley’s Olde Maple Lane Farm on the weekend to support one of their rural institutions, the Skuce family and their business Skuce Repairs.

Much of Skuce Repairs, a garage that services all kinds of tractors as well as other mechanical services was destroyed by a devastating fire on Dec. 26.

Skuce Repairs was established in 1988 by Linda and Albert Skuce. Through their business the Skuce family became everyone’s favourite neighbour and go to business in Eastern Ontario.

Before the fire was completely extinguished, Earl Stanley owner of Stanley’s Olde Maple Lane farm was making plans to fundraise for the Skuce family.

“We all came up with this right after the fire,” said Stanley. “We wanted to help them get back up on their feet.”

Stanley mentioned the history of the Skuce family in the area and the longstanding friendships that were created by doing business with the Skuce family.

“Ron’s dad was a friend of our family,” said Stanley. We dealt with all of them.”

Months later on Sat., June 12, Stanley held a vintage tractor jam on his farm. The event featured Allis Chalmers tractors and equipment, a favourite of the late Albert Skuce who started his tractor repair business in Vernon as well as other brands

thanks to the co-sponsors of the event, Vintage Iron and Traditions.

Linda Skuce visited the event and was thrilled and humbled by the effort made to help her business and her family.

“This is just amazing,” she said. “We will be fine. We just keep plugging away. I can’t believe the support we have.”

“I was told Earl started thinking about doing this while the fire was still burning,” said Linda.

“He brought some cookies over after the fire and I was in the shop and he said, “You’re going to be ok; you will be better than you were before.”

She said the plans have been made to rebuild their shop and now all they have to do is wait for Ottawa to approve the plans.

“We have the down payment on the building, so it is in the works.”

Despite the outpouring of support, Linda felt the farmers hit by the destructive windstorm needed help.

“We will be fine. No one was hurt.”

There was a tractor pull, musical entertainment courtesy of Ginette Hamilton and an auction by Stewart James and Family Auctioneers as well as a swap meet.

Ottawa Coun. George Darouze was at the event and said the Ottawa Fire Services had been very supportive and at the fire, had managed to save many of the older instruction manuals of the older tractors.

“The Skuce family have been in the community for many years looking after the farmers, the people who put food on our table.”

Years before Coun. Darouze was the



Linda Skuce took a stroll around the property at Stanley’s Olde Maple Lane Farm and marveled at the 50 or more tractors on display. Morin Photo



Darrell Dooly drove a 1956 Cockshutt 30 tractor in the tractor pull. Morin Photo

president of the Osgoode Snowmobile Club. He became friends with Ron Skuce one of the Skuce’s sons during his time as a snowmobiler.

“Our groomers used to break down from

time to time. When we were out grooming the trail, usually at night when it was minus 20 C to 30 C and at 3 a.m., we would call Ron and he would be right there,” said Darouze.

## Russell’s upcoming events focus on building business and community

Sandy Casselman  
Villager Staff

**EMBRUN** – The township of Russell’s politicians recently received an update for upcoming events from the municipality’s economic development department.

During the June 6 council meeting, Dominique Tremblay, Russell’s director of economic development presented the information, which was prepared in a written report by economic development officer Vanessa Carrière. The three events discussed included the Parklets Program – Phase 2, the creation of a new economic development event, and a virtual event in partnership with Skills Ontario for businesses in the 417 Industrial Park.

“We’ve had our parklets installed again this year at the same location as last year,” Tremblay said. “We were successful with the grant application, so we’re

moving forward with phase two.”

The municipality’s two community parklets have been established at 905 Notre Dame Street in Embrun and at 1125 Concession Street in Russell. It was noted that township staff have collaborated with the Prescott Russell Arts Council to develop a community art project that will see a mural painted on each parklet, as well as the addition of two flower boxes at each parklet. The theme for the murals will focus on the environment and diversity.

“On the weekend of June 11 and 12, two artists from Prescott Russell, Ms. Shanna Steals and Carly Covey, will lead the project with students from the Embrun Catholic High School in the visual arts program and possibly Maison des arts,” Carrière said in her report. “During

this same weekend, the drone company Faux Pop will also be in the township of Russell to gather footage to update our promotional videos of the community and of the 417 Industrial Park in Vars. The drone will capture the art project, the community market in Russell, new commercial and residential developments, farms, and more. There will also be a ‘shop local’ component in this initiative.”

Carrière said new furniture for the parklets, ordered from Maglin Site Furniture, and in the style recommended under the municipality’s Streetscape Master Plan, is expected to arrive some time this month. It was also noted that this project is being funded partially through grants already received.

“In between September and October, we’ll organize an event to encourage skilled trades among young

people,” Tremblay said.

In her written report, Carrière said staff wanted to organize an event that would encourage Russell’s young people to consider careers in the skilled trades. She said they’ve partnered with Skills Ontario to do this at the 417 Industrial Park in Vars in either September or October of this year. She also said the provincial entity has a new truck equipped for this purpose and municipal staff are attempting to secure the truck for the event.

“In the truck box, there is a simulator to drive heavy machinery, a section to change a tire and even to learn about electricity,” she said. “In addition, we want to include a few companies from the park so that they offer an open house of their business. Students will therefore be able to learn about the different trades that can be found close to home, encourage them to stay in the community after their studies, and help fill the labour shortage.”

Mayor Pierre Leroux applauded the partnership event with Skills Ontario. Coun. Cindy Saucier and Coun. Mike Tarnowski had supportive things to say about the Meet Me on Main Street event and its potential for bringing the community together.

“This unifying event, which will take place on July 13 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the street in front of the community centre in Marionville, is organized by the township of North

Dundas,” Carrière said in her report. “This year, we are partnering this event with the City of Ottawa to add elements from each of the municipalities. There will be local food and drink, live music, and children’s activities. This event will promote some of our local businesses and bring the community together.”

In case of rain, Carrière said the community centre hall has been reserved. She also noted that a law enforcement officer will be on site, and that a section of Grégoire Road will be closed during the event. Also, a detour will be arranged for Grégoire, Bouchard, Marion, Gustave, and St-Pierre Streets.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

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## New bike rentals program kicks off in Russell Township

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**EMBRUN** – In a recent announcement from the township of Russell, residents learned they can now rent bicycles at the Sports Dome.

Currently, the township has eight bicycles of different sizes for adults and children for cyclists to choose from. The bikes have adjustable seats and come with a helmet and lock. The rental is \$10 per bike per hour. With the Sports Dome set as the rental location at 150 Sportsplex Street in Embrun, cyclists have easy access to the New York Central Recreational Trail.

The New York Central Recreational Trail, which is located between the villages of Embrun and Russell, is roughly 10 kilometres in length, running from 901 Notre Dame Street in Embrun to 290 Route 200 in Russell. Completely paved, the trail is also open for walkers, runners, and rollerbladers.

Bike rentals are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit Russell’s website, which includes a bike rentals’ tab complete with photos of the available bikes, under the website’s recreation and culture section.