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Briefly

Mask requirement at WDMH

WINCHESTER – Masks are still required at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH), despite changes announced by the Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health. Patients, visitors, and staff must wear a mask while at the hospital.

"We know that masks provide an additional layer of protection, and we want to keep everyone safe," say Cholly Boland, CEO. "We want to protect our most vulnerable patients and also keep our staff healthy so they can continue to provide care." Active screening will continue, and masks will be provided upon arrival at the hospital.

Peter Van Kessel Memorial Duck Draw

CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville Rotary Club will be holding their duck draw at 1 p.m. at the Chesterville Rotary gazebo on June 25.

McIntosh Park Family Day BBQ

BERWICK – The McIntosh Park Family Day BBQ is planned for Sun., June 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be games for all the children and a barbecue.

History in the park

IROQUOIS – The Annual Iroquois Fly-In Breakfast at the Iroquois airport is planned for July 10. At the same time the South Dundas Historical Society is fundraising for Forward House in Iroquois.

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Bluegrass at its finest in Iroquois

The Dusty Drifters put on a great show Saturday afternoon at the Galop Canal Bluegrass Festival. The band members from Ottawa and Kemptonville came together to play some great music. Left to right: Brent Weatherall, Giles LeClerc, Paul Roberto, Stuart Rutherford, and Anthony Bacon. See page 5 for story.

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North Stormont receives updated water and wastewater capacity study

Sandy Casselman
 Record Staff

BERWICK – The township of North Stormont's politicians recently received an update on water and wastewater capacity for Finch, Crysler, and Moose Creek. "Council adopted the Allocation of Water and Wastewater Capacity Bylaw 10-2021 in February 2021," Moe Hammond, the municipality's asset management and junior planner, said in his report. "The bylaw states that the municipality shall, at least annually, determine the available units of water and wastewater capacities. From the available capacities, council shall determine the annual development allocation." R.V. Anderson Associates Limited's final report on North Stormont's water and sewer reserve capacity calculations was presented and discussed

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House of Lazarus takes on challenges

Joseph Morin
 Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – The House of Lazarus, (HOL), held their 2022 annual general meeting at the South Mountain Branch of the SD&G Library on Wed., June 15.

The meeting highlighted the challenges the HOL has faced over the past year, as a result of Covid, resulting in staffing shortages, and an ever-expanding housing crisis.

Cathy Ashby, the executive director of HOL said in her report at the meeting: "The HOL team has met the challenges with dedication, patience, and lots of hard work. Our team not only met the challenges but surpassed them."

She explained how HOL was able to establish an outdoor selling area as a result of pandemic regulations that would only let them have a 15 per cent capacity inside their store.

"During closures, the team revitalized Mountain Treasurers. Many hours were spent creating our new online store, House of Lazarus, and Vintage at shophol.ca," said Ashby.

Ashby believes the pandemic added to the existing housing crisis.

She said that HOL has never had the number of issues it has been asked to address as a result of the housing crisis.

"Landlords selling or renovating, people from out of our region purchasing houses, and driving house prices higher, and limited rental stock are all contributing factors in the housing crisis."

The housing crisis, according to Ashby, has contributed to the number of people in the region having to live in camping trailers, sleeping in their vehicles, having to stay in abusive situations and couch surfing.

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House of Lazarus

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HOL is a member of the Dundas County Housing Initiative Committee and was the author of the Dundas County Housing Report.

Kristina McDermott and Ashby presented the report to the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry council.

“The Counties passed a resolution based on several of our recommendations. The resolution was a positive step in the right direction in creating affordable housing options,” said Ashby.

The Places for People Program spearheaded by HOL, became a reality in 2022. This year, HOL was able to purchase a building in Williamsburg that will provide two, three-bedroom apartments of affordable housing. The tenants in the apartments pay 30 per cent of their income toward rent. Cornwall Housing



The House of Lazarus Team. Back row, left to right: Jen Bass, Kim Merkley, Hope VanNoppen, Vicki Cane, Tina Zersch, June Lamoureux, Linda Johnston. Front row: – Liz Russell, Abby Trizisky, Kristina McDermott, Tanya Hermer, Amanda Fox, Connie Warren, Cathy Ashby, Marianne Villemaire.

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subsidizes the units based on their market value.

HOL has not just provided a safe and affordable place for people to live, they have also offered mentorship to these families and have set up a trust fund for them.

“These are the first subsidized family units in Dundas County,” said Ashby.

She said, “HOL worked with the United Way of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, Cornwall,

Akwasasne, (SDGCA) to facilitate Last Resort funding across SDG, Cornwall and Akwasasne. The funding was used for heat, hydro, rent arrears as well as first and last month’s rent. This funding has housed 21 individuals who were homeless, and kept another 94 families housed. This work was often difficult, but very rewarding. A special thank you goes to the special private donors who made this program possible.”

Mark vanDelst is the past HOL board chair. His term ended this year.

He said, “The success, and outreach of the House of Lazarus is absolutely dependent on the community that supports us, and that we in turn support. It is simply beautiful to see a true communal relationship in action.”

The annual general meeting featured a guest speaker, the executive director of The United Way/Centraide of SD&G,

Juliette Labossiere.

She said, “Mother Theresa once said: “None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.”

I truly feel that is the principle behind the kind of work that I do, and the work that I do so proudly, shoulder to shoulder with your organization.”

Labossiere said that HOL was leading the way in helping its community and was being led by exceptional individuals.

She said, “Your organization is setting the bar, pushing others to do more, moving this community to be better. The work Cathy and the House of Lazarus is doing outside of your region is fueling the winds of change, and by helping the entire region, we will in turn inevitably help your clients. Thank you for what you do, thank you for sharing your expertise, your stories, your passion. We are all better because of it.”

Labossiere focused on

housing.

She said, “let us begin by exploring the work Cathy and Kristina did when Linking Hands created the Dundas County Housing Report. This report was originally created solely for the benefit House of Lazarus. It discussed the needs and potential for improvements regarding housing in Dundas, but it also became a beacon of possibility for the rest of SDGC&A, who was also plagued by a housing crisis and did not even know by which end to start.”

Labossiere said, “Like a butterfly batting its wings over the ocean only to make a hurricane on the other side of the world; the work Cathy and the house of Lazarus is doing outside of your region is fueling the winds of change, and by helping the entire region, [which] will in turn inevitably help your clients.

Thank you for what you do. Thank you for sharing your expertise, your stories, your passion; we are all better because of it.”

Water and wastewater capacity study

Continued from the front

during the township’s June 7 council meeting. Hammond recommended that council receive the report and approve staff’s recommendation for the annual development allocation for 2022. Council approved the recommendation.

Staff’s recommendation for water allocations includes 26 general development and six infill for Finch, 146 general development and 37 infill for Crysler, and 74 general development and 18 infill for Moose Creek. Their recommendation for wastewater allocations includes 59 general development and 15 infill for Finch, 242 general development and 60 infill for Crysler, and 10 general development and three infill for Moose Creek.

North Stormont’s data shows that in 2021, there were two water allocations issued in Finch, three in Crysler, and 38 in Moose Creek, while there were two wastewater allocations issued in Finch, three in Crysler, and 38 in Moose Creek. In the township’s staff report, it was noted that the recommendation is 80 per cent of the capacity go to general development, while the remaining 20 per cent go to infill development.

The R.V. Anderson Associates Limited study covers the standalone water treatment and supply systems in each of the three villages of Finch, Crysler, and Moose Creek. It also covers the shared sewage collection and treatment system shared between Finch and Crysler, as well as the separate standalone system in Moose Creek.

The R.V. Anderson Associates Limited report recommended that only 90 per cent of the capacity

available be utilized “to allow for peaks based on best practices.” Based on the findings, Finch can support roughly 38 additional residential units with water servicing, while Crysler can support roughly 207, and Moose Creek can support roughly 145. Taking the 90 per cent recommendation into account, this would mean roughly 34 residential units for Finch, 186 for Crysler, and 130 for Moose Creek.

The R.V. Anderson Associates Limited study showed that the Crysler-Finch pumping station and lagoon can support up to 424 additional residential units. Further calculations show that Finch can support roughly 85 units of residential units with sewage servicing, while Crysler can support 339. Moose Creek can support roughly 57 additional residential units with sewage servicing. Once again, the recommendation is to use only 90 per cent of the available capacity, which means 76 residential units for Finch, 305 for Crysler, and 51 for Moose Creek. It was suggested that, going forward, an annual review be done, as recommended by the Ministry of Environment and Conservation of Parks (MECP).

Prior to the start of the presentation, Deputy Mayor François Landry asked about potentially needing to expand to create greater capacity for both water and wastewater servicing. He said it’s something he believes the current or the coming council will need to address.

“This issue of servicing capacity and need from developers is an issue that’s been seen all across the province, and these huge upgrades usually require investment from upper-level governments. What we have here today presented from R.V. Anderson is the first step, because the last time this calculation was done by a professional was in 2014,” Hammond said, noting that

R.V. Anderson’s numbers are based on design capacity. “In order to know the best way to increase the capacity, or to optimize the capacity, that should be determined through a higher-level study, which would be a master servicing plan. That is the recommendation from this calculation that was done by R.V. Anderson.”

Hammond went on to say that the answer to the capacity issue could be dealt with in several ways, such as expanding the system by drilling another well or building another lagoon, or through optimizing the current system. He said residents are currently paying a flat rate for water, but if they were to pay based on how much they used, they might consider conserving more. He suggested an education program for residents.

“So, you’ve answered my question, basically. I’m just being proactive, so again, you’re saying this report, the data, so we need now to invest in another report that will now bring us closer to understanding where we need to be,” Landry said. “I’m just making the public aware that it is a big thing.”

Mayor Jim Wert reminded everyone that at some point in its history, North Stormont had tried metred billing and it didn’t work out, adding that it “was not a positive experience.” However, he also acknowledged that the idea could be revisited again at some point.

“I think staff is fully aware of potential challenges in regards to this process,” Wert said. “So, let’s make sure we keep everybody well informed on how this process goes.”

R.V. Anderson’s report, along with the staff report, can be found in North Stormont’s June 7 agenda package. The agenda and minutes can be found on the township’s website, while the recording of the meeting can be viewed via North Stormont’s Facebook page.



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An act of kindness goes a very long way

Depending on where you are looking and what you are looking at, your worldview will definitely be different depending on what you see.

An average day, for the average Canadian, if they pay any attention to the news includes a glimpse of the ever-present dark side of things; a list of crimes the OPP has come across, some right next door to where you live, government talking points that make little sense and an overwhelming sense that you are being taken advantage of.

All of that can leave you with a twisted view of the world you once thought was happy and sensible. Further investigation can result in a very cynical point of view, which according to the experts can lead to depression, even a compromised immune system. Binging all your favourite movies and eating way more than you thought possible of whatever your comfort food is may seem to be the logical solution; however, there may be another option by directing your gaze and interest in a different direction.

Your new view could be as simple as one that includes helping other people. Even people you have never met.

You would not be dealing with world news, a national scandal, a windstorm, or volcano.

The annual general meeting of the House of Lazarus, (HOL), is a good example of what happens when mixing some kindness into your life takes precedent in chewing on too many negative thoughts. The meeting shared the many successes the HOL can claim to have achieved.

Basically, a relatively small group of people have gotten together to help everyone and anyone who needs a bit of a boost.

The HOL has been around forever. If you focus on just what the folks at the HOL are doing, and why, then all of the other crazy stuff falls into the background. Their mandate is pretty simple, they help people. There is no politics involved, no bureaucratic drama and wringing of hands, just a simple helping hand when needed to those in the area who need some help.

The HOL foodbank served 24,863 meals to 628 people 36 per cent of whom are children. There were 10,315 food bank visits. That gives HOL staff mixed feelings. They are relieved and happy that they could

make someone's day a bit easier on a full stomach, but at the same time frustrated that they cannot change the world so that no one ever needs to go hungry.

Christmas can be a hard time for many residents and this past Christmas the HOL through their Christmas Adopt Program were able to help 32 seniors, 76 families and 41 couples. They handed out 242.5 lbs. from their giving garden and 30 students received school supplies, their outreach program included \$19,345 in clothing gift cards and \$12,600 in household gift cards.

The giving does not end there.

Seventy-five people were helped through the Neighbours Helping Neighbours Program. Last Resort Funding gave 241 people some financial help. Thirty-three families received Heat for the Holidays, ten Handyman Hero projects were completed, and 30 youth participated in Youth Hunting Certification while another 150+ people had help with their tax returns.

Covid and the pandemic was a challenge for HOL staff but as expected they came through, and kept their good works coming and their clients looked after.

The 2021 National Week of volunteer of all kinds had a theme. It was about the 'Value of One, the Power of Many'.

When many people dedicate themselves

to acting out of kindness, all kinds of challenges can be met.

The act of giving to someone other than yourself instead of just weathering all that negative news swirling around you, and keeping your head down and your hands in your pockets is profound.

Last year at the HOL, 10 volunteers packed 5,576 bags for Operation Backpack. Fifteen contractors and trades' people helped out in 10 projects in the Handyman Hero Program and 103 volunteer hours helped to run the Mountain Boutique. Volunteers spent 3,629 hours sorting donations and 10 people helped to create two units for Places for People. In the end, 119 volunteers contributed 5,525 hours to HOL.

Each one of those volunteers could have spent their time at home gazing at a television screen or glued to their cell phone watching the latest political drama unfold and feeling, if nothing else, simply sad. Instead, they volunteered and in every one of the thousands of hours volunteers worked, they were helping someone, making a difference, and reaching out to a world that is always in need of kindness.

Congratulations to the House of Lazarus and its team of helpers, they have set an example for the rest of us.

Joseph Morin

Contemplations on life, attitudes, and the definition of a paradox

I'm sitting here at home in my comfy chair thinking about how things can seem so terrible and impossible while also being so magical and beautiful. Before you ask, yes, I am a tad bit on the nutty side, and clearly, I'm also an overthinker.

I went for a drive with my dad earlier today. We were taking County Road 2 from Morrisburg to Cornwall, and I thought it would be nice to drive through the Long Sault Parkway since it's such a beautiful day. By the way, this is Wednesday, June 8, and this editorial won't make it to the paper until June 23 so in case you've forgotten, today – June 8 – has been a gorgeous day so far. The sun's been shining, the sky is blue, there are puffs of clouds scattered here and there, and everything – grass, trees, shrubs, even the weeds – are just so incredibly green, vibrant, and alive.

Back to my comfy chair. It's early evening and the sun hasn't set yet, and where I live, I'm surrounded by forest and gardens. It's heavenly. I have the sliding door open, as I do most nights, so I can hear nature, and that's what started this line of thinking. I'm sitting here growing ever more relaxed just listening to the sounds of the various birds, insects, and mammals living around me. You see, I'm surrounded by wildlife – deer, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, frogs, toads, bear, bees, butterflies, spiders, and so on, so I'm not certain who's making what sound, but in the end, I suppose it doesn't really matter. The individual voices are important, yes, but it's the music they make together that's important, and surprisingly, it's always beautiful no matter the combination. It's a gift, really, one most people are oblivious to, unfortunately.

So, I'm sitting here, relaxed and "at peace" with the world when I start to think about topics for the next

editorial. With that said, I just finished watching two council meetings, so the closing of North Stormont Public School came to mind almost immediately. Of course, this made me think about the cuts to education, and then, of course, the cuts to healthcare and so on and so on. Then I remembered Monday night's Russell council meeting, where a concerned resident gave a presentation on the lack of affordable housing. This, in turn, had me thinking about our province's current housing strategy, and now I'm super irritated.

Suddenly, despite the soothing sounds emanating from my backyard and the comfort of my warm (and vibrating) comfy chair, I found myself feeling hopeless and helpless. I started spiralling into the "everyone sucks" sort of thinking, wondering why people can't just be good. (My definition of "good" would be someone who unconditionally wants what's best for every single living being on the planet.) And then I stopped myself.

Today was the first day I've taken my medications (plural) in several days, as it took me longer to schedule a trip to the pharmacy than I had originally anticipated. The medications keep me on a somewhat even keel, I suppose, so going several days without taking them tends to take a toll. So, are my contemplations, my dramatic spiral into "we're doomed" thinking, a product of my brain not getting the necessary chemicals needed to function smoothly, or is it because life is just one big paradox? (Am I using that word correctly because I'm not entirely certain that I am. In any case, I'm sticking with it.)

I think the answer is

possibly a bit of both, but probably predominantly the latter. Think about it. In just one day or even in the space of just one hour, there can be so many amazing things happening in the world, while also so many tragedies taking place. We live in an amazing universe that is as beautiful as it is chaotic, randomly twisting and turning – and sometimes combining wonders with the horrors. Every day. Everywhere. Life is random in its generosity and in its cruelty.

Where does that leave us? With our thoughts, our perceptions, our attitudes. We may not be able to control what happens outside ourselves – politics, economy, weather, life, and death – but we can control how we think about those things and how we react to them. I first learned this back in university when I read Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*. It was a life-changing read for me, and today, I'm grateful for that. Life is good – hard, but good.

Sandy Casselman

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Ten bands for the 10th anniversary of the Galop Canada Bluegrass Festival

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

IROQUOIS – Summer had a warm introduction this year with the Iroquois Bluegrass Festival up at the Iroquois Locks on June 16-18.

The annual and anticipated event had been sidelined by Covid for the past two years.

This summer, the festival returned with ten all Canadian bluegrass bands from across Canada.

There were approximately 20-30 volunteers that made the event happen, 158 trailers with bluegrass fans parked up at the Locks.

Overall attendance for the three-day festival was 627. Organizers said the festival could not have been as successful as it was without the generosity of their sponsors and the small army of volunteers.

Mary Lussier speaking on behalf of the Galop Canal Bluegrass Festival



Caitlin Dolan danced the afternoon away with Oliver Kinnear.

Morin Photo

Committee said, "I cannot say enough about what a pleasure it is to be

involved with such a wonderful organization as the Galop Canal Bluegrass Festival.

She said that people do not realize how much work goes into the festival.

The Iroquois Locks has always been the perfect place to hold community festivals.

Barbara Rabideau the president of the the Galop Canal Music Society that puts on the Bluegrass Festival said, "I love the music, and this could not be a better spot to hold the festival."

She said the support from local business has been especially appreciated considering how many businesses suffered throughout the pandemic.

The festival received great support and Rabideau said she did not forget all the businesses that had supported the festival every year.

There were bluegrass bands from as far away as Halifax.

Perfect day for kayaking

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CASS BRIDGE – It was a bright and sunny day for the 2022 Poker Run hosted by the Chesterville Kayak Club on June 11. The event saw two stand-up paddle boarders and 76 kayakers enter the Nation River at Cass Bridge near Winchester. Participants were expected to arrive at the boat launch near Veterans' Park in Chesterville a couple of hours later. The day concluded with a barbecue lunch at the Nelson LaPrade Centre.

CKC past president Bonnie MacIntosh explained that the first Poker Run was held in 2011, one year after the club was formed in 2010. This year, the event raised funds for Naomi's House, Community Food Share, the House of Lazarus and Camp Kagama explained Kim Smith, CKC treasurer in a post-event email.

MacIntosh explained there were kayakers and SUPs from Brockville, Kars, Ottawa, Embrun and the Chesterville area. Smith mentioned the youngest participant in the event was approximately 9 years old, with the oldest kayaker in his 90s. There were door prizes for those participating as well as prizes for the top five poker



A large group of kayakers pass by the bridge on Nation Valley Road during the 2022 CKC Poker Run as goldfinches look on.

Thompson Goddard Photo

hands. "The winners of the best poker hands were 1st Connie Chartrand, 2nd Mary Lynn Plummer, 3rd Darwin Smith, 4th Tracy Villeneuve, 5th Gisele Hâché," commented Smith.

"A thank you to the members of the Chesterville Kayak Club for their time and effort to make this poker run a success," said McIntosh. On behalf of the CKC, Smith wished to thank South Nation Conservation for their assistance and to "Winchester Foodland, Mike Dean's, Greg's Meats, Avonmore Berry Farm, Christ Church United, Mike's Baked Goods, Louis' Restaurant, Finch Feed and Seed, Fat Les's Chesterville, A.B. Greenhouse, Grampie's

Sugar Shack, Metcalfe Lions Club, Finch and District Lions Club, Chesterville Rotary Club" for their donations to the event.

The Recreation and Culture Department of the township of North Dundas recently announced the

launching of a kayak lending program this summer. The free kayak and safety vest one-hour rentals will be available from the boat launch in Chesterville, with more information available on the township's social media pages or by contacting the township office.



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Busy day of fundraising in Iroquois

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

IROQUOIS – The Iroquois Matilda Lions Club shared the Iroquois Plaza parking lot with River Rat Treasures and its CHEO fundraiser, to bring residents a day of fun and food. The Lions Club sold more than 600 tasty, barbecued chickens, while a few feet away, children and adults had a great time having some Saturday afternoon fun with the Chili Dog Day for cancer; the event raised \$955.00.



Members of the Iroquois Matilda Lions Club cooked up more than 600 chickens for their annual chicken barbecue.

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Vylett and Karlena Beckstead pose for a picture with the CHEO Bear.

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The event featured a

bouncy castle, Dr. Kaboom and his amazing balloon making skills, the Monkey Rock Music band and food cooked up on the spot by

volunteers. Also on hand was a group from the Brockville chapter of the Guardians of the Children. The group is dedicated to raising

awareness and being involved in helping abused children. JR Trucking/Ironhorse from Cardinal had a display of trucks and racing cars.

South Stormont to see historic plaques in three communities

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – Township of South Stormont politicians were recently provided with an update on three historical plaques to be erected within the municipality as part of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG)'s Historic Tour project.

The SDG Historic Tour update was the only item on the May 25 council agenda. Without further discussion, South Stormont politicians unanimously agreed to receive and file the item for information purposes.

“On Nov. 24, 2021, South Stormont

received a presentation from the United Counties of SDG concerning the SDG Historic Tour, a project that will see three plaques created and installed in each of the six local SDG municipalities, which will honour events, landmarks, and stories from our past,” SDG’s corporate communications coordinator Todd Lihou said in his report. “Counties’ administration has identified \$50,000 for this project. Additional funding from local municipalities is not required.”

In South Stormont, there will be plaques erected in St. Andrews, Osnabruck Centre, and Newington. The first plaque is expected

to be installed in the Quinn’s Inn parking lot in St. Andrews and it is to relay the history of the inn and its historic connection to that community. A plaque devoted to the 1925 Osnabruck Centre fire that destroyed roughly two-thirds of that community is to be installed at the southwest corner of County Roads 14 and 18. Meanwhile, a plaque is to be erected at the Newington Fairgrounds in honour of the Stormont Fair’s early days, as it is “nearly as old as the Williamstown Fair.”

Lihou said a request for quote was posted in December 2021. SDG staff have finalized an agreement with a Cornwall-based artist, Pierre Giroux, who has already begun the work.

“A series of follow-up projects is also planned, in addition to the creation and installation of the plaques,” Lihou said. “These projects include the creation of a roster of all plaques, and their locations, in SDG, geocaching activities, an online GIS-based map of Historic Tour plaque locations, and the sale of merchandise that will create a small revenue stream to be reinvested in the project.”

Lihou said that since the November 2021 presentation, the Historic Tour team has met with local historical societies, heritage committees, and historians to pinpoint what the plaques should cover and where they should be located. For South Stormont, he said that information was gleaned from Clive and Francis Marin, Jim Brownell, and Don McIntosh.



Tri County Country elects 2022-2023 executive

After some dining and dancing, members of the Tri County Country group elected the 2022-2023 executive. From the left, front row: Ed Manwell, Mary Lussier, Elaine Manwell, Diane Dion. Back row: Carl Jodoin, David Lussier, Larry Tyo, Marg Jodoin, Janell Moore, Carol Carbino, Garnet Carbino and Norm Dion.

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Maxville Fair: Zone 1-season opener

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MAXVILLE – There were plenty of things to see and do during the 2022 Maxville Fair held on June 17-19. From the Amazing Race held on the opening day to the highland dancing competition on June 19, fairgoers were treated to a large selection of activities and agricultural competitions during the weekend.

Despite the rainy weather, the first annual Amazing Race Challenge was held in front of the grandstands on Friday evening. There were 24, two-person teams registered with 12 events for them to participate in, with a view of taking home prize money for 1st and 2nd as well as the “best dressed team.”



Twenty-four, two-person teams participated in the first annual Amazing Race Challenge at the Maxville Fair. Despite the rain, there seemed to be a lot of fun during the competition that featured 12 challenges for the prize money. Seen here is the first challenge called Tower Takedown, which involved building a tower out of blocks and having your teammate knock it down with a tennis ball. The first team to buildup and takedown their tower were the winners of the challenge.

On Saturday, the 4-H Open Showmanship Show, and Holstein Show were held in one of the onsite buildings. These shows provided an opportunity for people to visit, with good turnouts for both events and people expressing their pleasure at the return of the cattle shows. The English Horse Show was held in the horse ring, with organizers explaining there were no jumps used this year.

With a Baby Show, tractor pull, youthful programs in the educational tent throughout the fair and a beach volleyball tournament, there certainly was something for everyone to enjoy.

On Sunday, the sunny weather returned with people coming out to visit the fair. The SD&G Highland Dancing Association held a highland dancing competition, with

the sound of the bagpipes heard over the fairgrounds. Families seemed to enjoy the inflatable games, the petting zoo and youngsters were able to take a pony ride. There were vendors selling a variety of items and food trucks for those who had worked up an appetite. As the 2022 Maxville Fair came to an end, Homecraft awards were presented, and people were able to enjoy the music



A grand championship round was held at the 4-H championship show that featured 1st and 2nd place winners from the show’s three divisions. Brenna MacDonald of Glengarry County 4-H was the show champion, with Taylor Maters from Dundas County 4-H the reserve champion and honourable mention awarded to Emily Smygwyat of Russell County 4-H. From the left: Emily Smygwyat, Taylor Maters, Brenna MacDonald and Judge Bruce Mode.

congratulated for their work, which resulted in a weekend of fun and informative events at the 2022 Maxville Fair.

Crysler Library outdoor furniture

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CRYSLER – An outdoor space adjacent to the Chrysler Branch of the SDG Library, was officially

opened during the “Touch A Truck” event on June 11. The yet unnamed area provides two benches and an accessible table with an umbrella. North Stormont Deputy Mayor François



From the left: Lynn Lafleche, François Landry and Kim LeBrun are pictured in front of the furniture in the new outdoor area.
Thompson Goddard Photo

Landry cut the ribbon held by Friends of the Chrysler Library chair Lynn Lafleche and FCL member Kim LeBrun at the mid-day event. The area was installed a short while ago and has been very popular already, with many families enjoying their lunch in the area during the “Touch A Truck” event.

Lafleche commented that a contest is currently underway to name the outdoor area. She explained the contest is open to people 16 years of age and under, with ballots available at the Chrysler Library or from a member of the Friends of the Chrysler Library group. Ballots can be deposited in the contest box in the library by June 30. The winner of the contest will receive a gift basket.

Ambush coming to Monkland Rec

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MONKLAND – Circle June 25 on your calendars as the well-known band Ambush will be featured at an outdoor concert at the Monkland Recreation Centre. Volunteers from the MRC committee have been busy over the past few years, improving both the recreation centre in Monkland and the development of the outside space into a family friendly location.

money for picnic tables, ground structures and a play structure. He mentioned they will be approaching local businesses with sponsorship opportunities soon.

The Ambush concert, planned for June 25 at the MRCC, is a major event to raise funds for the children’s playground and the MRC. This will be a rain or shine event, with

gates opening at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments and barbecue available from that time until the event is over. The event is sponsored by Fat Les’s in collaboration with the MRCC.

For more information and tickets please visit, ambushmonkland.eventbrite.ca or the MRCC social media sites.

Matt Shea, of the MRCC, explained the work on the recreation centre is completed, with the kitchen up and running and able to provide breakfast and lunch canteen services for the bi-monthly Farmers’ Market and monthly Country Market. He mentioned the swing set is up now and includes an accessible swing, with the township of North Stormont sharing the cost of the installation of the safety base with the MRCC.

Looking forward, Shea continued the focus of the group currently is to raise

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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Half-conscious states
8. Unnatural
13. Deep regret
14. Rogue
15. Took without permission
19. An alternative
20. After B
21. Partner to "flowed"
22. The best day of the week (abbr.)
23. Helps you hear
24. Egyptian river
25. Lake __ one of the Great
26. Make free from bacteria
30. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
31. Sanctuaries in Greek temples
32. Most unclothed
33. NJ senator Booker
34. Tibetan lake
35. Desecrate something sacred
38. John __, English educator (1467-1519)
39. Obtains in return for labor
40. Views
44. Rugged cliff
45. Not quiet
46. Body part
47. Newt
48. German city
49. A way to save money
50. NBC's Roker
51. Dire Straits frontman
55. Actress Lathan
57. Most meager
58. Poems
59. Companions

- CLUES DOWN
1. Draws over
2. Recur
3. Current unit
4. Neither
5. Certified Radio Operator (abbr.)
6. Power of perception
7. Peace
8. Supplemented with difficulty
9. The last section or part of anything
10. Dorm worker
11. Bones
12. Most unnatural
16. Spanish island
17. The skill to do something
18. Where golf games begin
22. Untethered
25. Print errors
27. The sport of engaging in contests of speed
28. Ones to look up to
29. Stringed instrument
30. Gives whippings
32. Type of tie
34. Make more concentrated
35. Die
36. Part of a winter hat
37. Young men's club
38. Bathrooms need it
40. U.S. president
41. American novelist
42. Take into custody
43. Hurts
45. Type of gibbon
48. American actor Lukas
51. Partner to cheese
52. Some are covert
53. Political action committee
54. To and __
56. Atomic #28

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South Stormont makes new Jim Bancroft Boulevard official

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – A new public highway in the township of South Stormont's Long Sault Industrial Park is now officially named the Jim Bancroft Boulevard.

The official ceremony took place on site on June 3, with township council and staff joining Bancroft's family for the event. A former mayor

of South Stormont from 2014 to 2018, Bancroft died on Dec. 1, 2020. He also served on the former township of Osnabrock council, as well as on various committees and community groups.

"Jim served his community well for many years," South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis said. "He was a strong advocate for industry for our region,

and we felt it was fitting to honour him by ensuring his name will live on as a reminder of his contributions to our community and our industry partners."

Jim Bancroft Boulevard connects Warner Drive to the former rail spur line east of the Long Sault Industrial Park. The new public highway provides access to new development parcels.



Township of South Stormont council and staff joined family and friends of the late Jim Bancroft for the official unveiling of the new Jim Bancroft Boulevard in the Long Sault Industrial Park on June 3.

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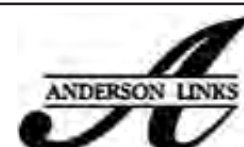
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SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

Morrisburg Physiotherapy helps clients 'to move and feel better'

MORRISBURG – It's been almost eight years since Morrisburg Physiotherapy opened in the small South Dundas village, and co-owners Suzanne Johnston and Victoria Windle, along with their team, have treated residents throughout the township, as well as the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG), and further abroad.

"We feel that residents of SDG shouldn't have to travel long distances to get specialized care," Morrisburg Physiotherapy co-owner Victoria Windle said.

Co-owned by Windle and Suzanne Johnston, both physiotherapists, Morrisburg Physiotherapy is located at 29 Main Street in Morrisburg. In addition to the owners, the team also includes physiotherapy resident Tosha Burns, and physiotherapy assistant Alex Bates, who joined the team in September 2021 and is a registered kinesiologist.

"Most of our clients are from South Dundas but we have several patients that travel from as far away as Ottawa for our services," Windle said. "We do not require a referral. Physiotherapists are primary care providers. We complete a thorough assessment, diagnose a condition, and make recommendations for treatment. Some insurance companies may require a referral prior to paying for physiotherapy services, so it's always good to check with your provider prior to booking."



The team at Morrisburg Physiotherapy believes residents of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry shouldn't have to travel long distances for specialized care, and they are qualified and ready to treat a variety of conditions. The current team includes physiotherapy assistant and registered kinesiologist Alex Bates (left), physiotherapy resident Tosha Burns, and physiotherapists, and co-owners of Morrisburg Physiotherapy, Suzanne Johnston, and Victoria Windle.

Courtesy Photo

The clinic has added pelvic floor therapy to the already long list of available services, which includes joint mobilization and manipulation, soft tissue release, acupuncture, functional dry needling, interferential current, ultrasound, TENS and microcurrent, post concussion rehabilitation, motor vehicle accident rehabilitation, vestibular rehabilitation, cardiovascular training, education, one-on-one exercise instruction, custom orthotic fitting, and therapeutic taping, which includes kinesiotaping. In addition to the list of available services, Morrisburg Physiotherapy's website (mbpt.ca)

includes a list of commonly treated conditions, such as sciatica, arthritis, cervicogenic headaches, and more.

"We do see back and shoulder injuries very often," Windle said. "But practicing in a smaller community means we treat a variety of conditions."

Johnston and Windle both have additional training in concussion and vestibular rehabilitation, as well as acupuncture and functional dry needling. Johnston does fittings for custom orthotics, and Windle has additional training in chronic pain, neurorehabilitation, and has a PhD in neuroscience. Burns, who joined

the team in February, has her level two certification for assessment and treatment of pelvic floor dysfunction. She also treats orthopaedic conditions.

"We pride ourselves on providing one-on-one, individualized care, to maximize recovery," Windle said. "Three and half years ago, we moved to our current location that was completely renovated and is fully accessible."

Windle said the pandemic has had little impact on Morrisburg Physiotherapy other than the addition of face masks and small changes to the facility's layout, which didn't impact the number of patients seen each day. As a healthcare facility, Windle said that Morrisburg Physiotherapy already had strict cleaning protocols in place, and so nothing really changed on that front with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Suzanne and I are very proud of the business and the team that we have built and are thankful for the positive response we have received from the community," Windle said. "This fall will mark eight years since we started Morrisburg Physiotherapy and we look forward to continuing to help the community to move and feel better."

Morrisburg Physiotherapy is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to the company's website (mbpt.ca), Morrisburg Physiotherapy can also be found on Facebook. To contact the clinic directly, phone 613-643-2000 or email book@mbpt.ca.

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

South Stormont passes resolution to support Community Schools Alliance

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – The township of South Stormont has officially shown support for the Municipality of Shuniah's resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario implement recommendations outlined in the Community Schools Alliance Three Point Action Plan to address the educational needs of Ontario's smaller communities.

"The Community Schools Alliance has sent out this resolution to municipalities that have committee members that are sitting on their committee," Coun. Jennifer MacIsaac said. "To tell you a little bit about the Community Schools Alliance, they advocate for schools, how schools have social and economic impact for small

communities in Ontario, and with the support of its many municipal members has made changing provincial education and infrastructure policy in the delivery and maintenance of school properties a priority."

As a member of the alliance, Coun. Jennifer MacIsaac spoke in favour of the recommendation during the township's June 8 council meeting. In addition to a written report prepared by Loriann Harbers, South Stormont's director of corporate services and clerk, council's agenda package also included the resolution passed by Shuniah, and the alliance's three-point action plan.

"The resolution states that council hereby receives the Community School Alliance Action Plan and Social and Economic Impact for Small

Communities in Ontario Study," MacIsaac said. "Whereas all students should have the opportunity to attend elementary and secondary schools in their home community – as you know, that's something that we feel quite passionate about – therefore be it resolved that the province increase the Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) to \$50 million. Number two: should the current moratorium on accommodation reviews and school closures be lifted, we ask that a moratorium remain in place for schools that qualify for the RNEF until a thorough review of the education funding formula is completed. And number

three, before templates required by the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review Guide (PARG) are developed, there be consultation with school boards and community groups, including the Community School Alliance."


MacIsaac said she feels very passionate about the third part of the resolution. She said the Community Schools Alliance circulated the resolution, and Shuniah forwarded it to other Ontario municipalities, including those in SDG, as it relates to work currently being done by SDG's Rural Education Committee.

"I have to say that I am in full support of this. Our schools have been closed

without consideration for the municipalities, without consideration for the children. The education system is sorely lacking, so I'm hoping that everyone supports this motion," Coun. Cindy Woods said. "We need it and I really hope that we can make a difference because something has to be done, and I know it's a long process, but at least we're in

the process."

Mayor Bryan McGillis called for the vote; all were in favour and the resolution was passed. Supporting documentation can be found in South Stormont's June 8 council agenda package. A link to the agenda, as well as to the meeting minutes, and the recording of the meeting, can be found on the municipality's website.




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NDDHS discusses impacts of social media on youth

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MAPLE RIDGE – “Increasingly, we are seeing children struggling with mental health concerns ranging from self-esteem issues and developmental disorders to depression, anxiety, eating disorders, self mutilation behaviour, schizophrenia, and suicidal behaviour,” registered social worker Rob Billard said, quoting a Stanford Prevost 2013 study.

Billard was one of three guest panelists during North Dundas District High School (NDDHS)’s June 14 event, which was organized by principal Michael Deighton and the school council with parents and guardians of both elementary and secondary-aged students in mind. Deighton said the event was possible due to a PROgrant (parents reaching out) from the Ministry of Education.

“We felt that especially coming out of a period where we’ve had a lot of stay-at-home time and internet time, and maybe disconnecting from the real world and humanity, it would be a good idea to explore what’s going on in terms of the mental health and well-being of our young people, specifically with social media and the internet,” Deighton said.

In addition to Billard, OPP Cst. Tylor Copeland and soon-to-be NDDHS graduate Brooklin Begg, who is co-prime minister on the school’s student council, were panelists. Roughly 20 people attended the event.

“I know it’s definitely not a packed house, but we’re back and we have to start somewhere,” Deighton said. “If we do nothing, then we’ll get nothing. So, we do a little bit and maybe save one person, or help one person, or help one family.”

Billard said that technology has become a necessary source of communication and so it’s important to pay special attention to the potential hazards of both social media and social networking sites. He defined social media as digital tools or applications that are used for social interaction, while social networking is the use of internet sites to stay connected with friends, family, neighbours, or business associates.



North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) school council, along with principal Michael Deighton, hosted an informational event on social media and its impact on the mental health and well-being of youth on June 14. Soon-to-be NDDHS graduate Brooklin Begg (left), and OPP Cst. Tylor Copeland watch as registered social worker Rob Billard offers his presentation.

Casselman Photo

“According to a recent survey by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, 86 per cent of students in Ontario visit social media sites daily,” Billard said. “Fifty per cent say they feel addicted to their phones, 68 per cent believe social media negatively impacts their peers, 72 per cent say they believe they are manipulated by tech companies, 56 per cent do not feel confident identifying truthful information, [and] 43 per cent have witnessed conflict online, [while] 39 per cent believe it’s acceptable.”

Copeland gave examples of some of the issues he’s seen as a member of the OPP, noting that the hazards people hear about are happening locally. He gave some examples – without identifiers – of cyberbullying that’s led to suicide. He said there’s also been local cases of youth being exploited by online predators disguising themselves as the same age.

“Calls of extortion for images, these are happening, I’d say at least once a day, across SDG (United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry),” Copeland said, noting that this is just one of many internet-related

issues taking place in the region. “This is happening in our own backyard.”

Billard invited attendees to list some of the benefits, as well as the hazards, of social media and networking. Three benefits discussed included the ability to communicate with friends and family from around the world, the opportunity to find and make new friends with similar interests from around the world, and the opportunity to join or promote worthwhile causes. The hazards listed included exposure to inappropriate or upsetting content, cyberbullying, and exposure to too much targeted advertising.

“The number of social media accounts is moderately correlated to inattention, hyperactivity, impulsivity, ODD (Oppositional Defiance Disorder), anxiety and depressive symptoms, as well as fear of missing out, and loneliness,” Billard said, referencing current research. “Increased time spent online is related to a decline in communication with family members [and] reduction in sleep and in sleep quality.”

South Stormont discusses development charges

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – A public meeting was recently held in the township of South Stormont to offer the public an opportunity to share their input on the municipality’s proposed development charges.

The public meeting was held immediately prior to the township’s regular council meeting on June 8. Sean-Michael Stephen, a representative from Watson and Associates Economists Ltd., was on hand to present the information and answer questions. Following questions from the public and the resulting discussion, Mayor Bryan McGillis reminded everyone that a decision is not being made at this time; however, he did say that this is the direction municipalities are taking and he sees it as a strategic move.

“This meeting is a mandatory requirement under the *Development Charges Act*. Prior to council’s consideration of a development charges bylaw, a background study must be prepared and available to the public a minimum of two weeks prior to a public meeting and provided on the municipality’s website 60 days prior to the bylaw passage,” Stephen said. “This public

meeting is to provide a review of the development charges proposal and to receive public input on the proposed policies and charges.”

The purpose behind development charges is to recover the capital costs associated with residential and non-residential growth. These capital costs are in addition to those normally associated with subdivisions, such as watermains, roads, sidewalks, streetlights, and so on. Municipalities are now empowered to enact development charges through the province’s *Development Charges Act*.

“I know we’re not here to make any decisions this evening,” McGillis said. “It’s

time, and sometimes we have to make some bold decisions. With the amount of record growth and industrial growth that we’re going to be expecting, we can’t always, as in the past, rely on taxpayers or burden the taxpayers with all the extra services and the cost. So, I think you’re right. This is a strategic move and I think it’s going to be a big difference in terms of offsetting the cost of the repairs, so I think they’ll appreciate that. The developer has to look at making decisions about how they want to move forward with development here.”

The next step is the review of all feedback received through the consultation

process, and the issuing of any addendums that may be required. Council is set to vote on the bylaw during the July 13 council meeting, at which point the development charges would take effect immediately. Information on South Stormont’s development charges, including a process timeline, as well as links to data and video recordings from both the May 30 and the June 8 meetings, can be found on the municipality’s website: (southstormont.ca/en/business-development/development-charges.aspx).

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12 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Beer Garden	1 p.m.	National Anthem and Cutting of the Canada Day Cake.	8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Entertainment - Charlie The Kid
12 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Bouncy Castle and Carnival games (includes snow cones, etc).	1 p.m.	Face Painting	10 p.m. (dusk)	National Anthem and FIREWORKS at Russell High School. Donations graciously accepted onsite.
12 p.m.	Volleyball Registration at 12 noon onsite.	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Russell Fire Department Giant Water Sprinkler	<i>Contributing sponsors of this year's events are the Township of Russell, Canadian Heritage and The Police Village of Russell.</i>	
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Safety concerns see Embrun's Villa Fleur Ange close doors

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EMBRUN – Residents at Embrun's Villa Fleur Ange were recently uprooted and moved for immediate safety concerns.

"I was as surprised as many of you to hear of the unfortunate situation at the Villa Fleur Ange in Embrun this past week," township of Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux said in a June 16 statement. "When township received a complaint from the Retirement Home Regulatory Authority (RHRA), municipal staff conducted an immediate investigation, practically and professionally. Once the building and fire departments deemed the situation an 'immediate threat to life,' they immediately coordinated with local stakeholders to facilitate the relocation of those impacted residents while taking steps to help ensure their safety during the transition period."

The Villa Fleur Ange, a residential care facility on St-Jacques Road in Embrun, is closing due to urgent concerns relating to the Ontario Fire Code and Ontario Building Code, which could impact the safety and well-being of the facility's residents, the township said in a June 15 statement. It was noted that the United Counties of Prescott Russell (UCPR) Social Services team and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) are coordinating the relocation of residents to other facilities.

"I share and understand the frustrations caused by this revelation. I am grateful that, in this instance, the impact was merely an inconvenience for some and not a loss-of-life tragedy experienced by so many other municipalities," Leroux said, thanking staff for their dedication to the safety of Russell's residents, and thanking partner organizations, such as UCPR and EOHU, for their quick action.

Leroux's statement came a day after the release of the township's statement on June 15. The mayor's remarks offered additional background information, as well as thoughts on what might be done to keep this from happening in other unlicensed facilities.

"Cases such as this, raise many questions and concerns and the township will cooperate with the various agencies responsible for investigating this situation within their respective legislative mandates," Leroux said. "I will also be seeking council's support in writing a letter to the province in order to ensure that this situation does not occur again. I wish to request an explanation and/or investigation into how this facility could operate under these conditions without proper approvals and how we can help implement, facilitate, or streamline processes so that this situation never repeats itself in our community."

Cost to construct Russell's snow disposal facility increases

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – Township of Russell politicians were recently asked to increase the budget for the municipality's snow disposal facility construction project.

Jonathon Bourgon, the township's executive director of infrastructure services, raised the issue during the June 20 council meeting. Bourgon recommended that council award the contract for the construction project to

A.L. Blair Construction Limited at a cost of roughly \$1,970,822, which is roughly \$417,904 more than originally predicted. While questions and concerns were raised and addressed regarding the increase in cost, council unanimously approved the request.

Timing and inflation were given as two of the reasons the cost is much higher than originally anticipated. Richard Godin, Russell's director of finances and treasurer, said the original budget was \$1.8 million

to be financed by development charges and a loan; however, he said the budget needs to be increased to \$2,217,904.20, which includes the construction cost, a 10 per cent contingency, and the engineering cost. He said this change will see the amount financed through development charges increase from \$423,606 to \$532,297, while the amount financed through a loan would increase from \$1,376,394 to \$1,685,607.20.

The municipality received three bids via

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Bids and Tenders by the June 10 closing date. Of the three, A.L. Blair Construction Limited was the least expensive. The other bids were well over the \$2 million mark with one at \$2,207,667 and the other at \$2,514,120.41.

What a day to "Touch A Truck"

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CRYSLER – The weather cooperated for the "Touch A Truck" outdoor event in Chrysler on Sat., June 11. There was a steady stream of people of all ages to the event which was in the parking lot of the Chrysler Community Centre and Chrysler Branch of the SDG County

Library.

Crysler Friends of the Library and the Chrysler Community Centre Committee were the co-hosts of the event which ran from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Over 15 vehicles were featured at the event including those from police, fire, and paramedic services as well as a school bus, construction, and

agricultural machines.

Visitors to the event were able to take a closer look inside the vehicle, speak to the people who brought the machines and learn about their role in the community. From a construction boom truck to first responder vehicles to the giant agricultural machines, there was the opportunity to learn by

doing at the event.

Kim LeBrun from the Chrysler Friends of the Library commented how she was "absolutely

pleased with the turnout" and extended a big thank you to those who brought their machines to display during the event. She also

wished to thank the Chrysler General Store and Desormeaux Meats for their donations to the barbecue at the event.



There was a steady stream of people visiting the Chrysler "Touch A Truck" event on June 11. People of all ages enjoyed the opportunity to get out in the sunshine, enjoy a barbecue lunch and take a very close look at a multitude of different vehicles.

Thompson Goddard Photo



Mom Renee Robinson enjoys seeing sons Justin and Curtis having some fun on the O.P.P. quad bikes at the "Touch A Truck" event in Chrysler on June 11.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Council approves \$250,000 addition to 2022 project list

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell has initiated the water and sewer master plan process.

During the June 20 council meeting, Jonathon Bourgon, executive director of infrastructure services, recommended the addition of the water and sewer master plan to the 2022 project list, including the addition of \$250,000 to the budget, which is to be covered by development charges. Bourgon said the last master plan was

completed roughly six years ago, in 2016.

"Since then, we have completed several more in-depth analyses of the system to determine the exact improvements to be completed on our infrastructure," Bourgon said in his report. "Our improvements are relative to the capacity needed to serve existing urban boundaries. Last April, council approved the increase in urban boundaries, and this was supported by the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR). To be proactive, the administration wants to begin the selection process to identify a new firm to develop a new water and sewer master plan."

After some discussion, council ultimately approved the request. To see council meeting agendas and minutes, visit the township's website (Russell.ca).

Russell council appoints new deputy chief building official

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – Chantal Bégin has been appointed the full-time deputy chief building official for the township of Russell.

The appointment was made official during the June 6 council meeting following a recommendation from Dominique Tremblay, the township's director of planning, building and

economic development. Tremblay presented the recommendation in French, highlighting Bégin's attributes. Council approved the appointment.

"The Building Code Act stipulates that the council of each municipality shall appoint a chief building official and such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of this act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction," chief

building official Julia Tuff said in her report. "A full-time deputy chief building official is required to fill the vacant position that was previously approved and filled. As it has proven historically, finding qualified building officials to fill the position is very difficult, however, Chantal is fully qualified with many years of experience. Ms. Bégin started working for the township on May 30, 2022."