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Chesterville Rotary holds Duck Draw

The annual Peter Van Kessel Memorial Duck Draw sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chesterville was held at the Rotary Gazebo on Sat., June 25. Winner of the first prize was Axel Ravera, with second place prize winner Justin Fawcett and third prize won by Patricia Derks (Nation Valley Road). From the left, front row: Savannah Bellows, Freyja Lawless-Johnson, Willow McLaren, and Bob McLaren. Back row: Rotarians Betty Vanden Bosch, Ruth Gilroy, John Stewart and Beate Stewart.

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Hallville residents want action on their promised park development

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

HALLVILLE – Residents of the Village of Hallville are frustrated with the lack of development of their community park.

North Dundas received funds from the Investing Canada Infrastructure Program to be used for the park.

According to a statement from the municipality, “The federal government has contributed \$1,091,477, the provincial government has contributed \$909,473 and the township of North Dundas will contribute \$727,742 for a total project funding of \$2,728,692.”

The Hallville park when completed will feature a multi-purpose park with play structures, picnic tables, paved bike

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South Dundas passes updated landfill fee schedule

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – “I’ve tried to prepare a proper fee schedule for us to review and I think it hits all the notes everybody wanted where it’s fair to the customers, it’s doing right by the actual landfill itself, and I think it’s the best way we can go moving forward,” Jeff Watt said.

During the June 13 council meeting, Watt recommended that politicians approve proposed landfill fees, along with updated operational hours, and that both be made official via a bylaw during the June 27 council meeting. Politicians unanimously agreed to the recommendation.

“On various occasions over the past two months, council has discussed and considered amendments to the Matilda Landfill fee schedule,” Watt said in his

report. “A fulsome discussion was held at the last regular meeting on May 24. As a result, I offer the following discussion points, proposed fee schedule and changes to hours of operations based on verbal and visual communications with customers, members of staff, and my own personal experience working with the scale house and the hill.”

The suggested hours of operation were Tuesdays to Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed Sunday and Mondays. Watt’s updated fee schedule included a breakdown of free versus paid items or services, along with suggested fee amounts. The free services include two bags of garbage per week, two 60-litre garbage cans of wood, branches, or twigs per day, and holiday trees.

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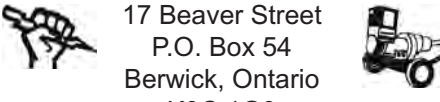
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SD updated landfill fee

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"When we had two landfills running at the same time, the public was allowed 28 hours to use both facilities, no matter which one they wanted to use. When Williamsburg did close, unfortunately, it did reduce the hours going to the patrons of the community to use the landfill. We're now down to only having 18 hours instead of 28," Watt said, noting that residents have complained about the inaccessibility of the current hours of operation. He said the changes he made will address the complaints and will also ensure less congestion at the landfill site on Saturday mornings.

With Wednesday and Fridays being added to the schedule, Coun. Lloyd Wells asked how

this would impact the budget. Chief administrative officer Shannon Geraghty said it wouldn't impact the budget, as staff are on site those days already.

"I think we've got it right, so I'm good to go," Wells said.

Councillor Archie Mellan said his only issue with the recommendation was having the municipality cover \$25 of the \$75 fee required from those dumping appliances with Freon. He said he doesn't believe the taxpayers should be paying a portion of someone else's dumping fee, even if the idea is to get people to stop illegally dumping these items elsewhere.

"Jeff, I love it. Two or three years ago we talked about having longer hours at the dump and I really enjoyed it whenever I saw that," Coun. Don Lewis said. "To touch on Coun.

Mellan's refrigerator, I'd rather pay the \$25 rather than send two employees to get it out of the ditch. In the long run, we're saving money."

Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner commented on the refrigerator discussion, asking that the situation be tracked to see if the \$25 rebate is making a difference in terms of illegal dumping of refrigerators. She applauded the addition of Wednesday and Fridays, as well as the extra time on Saturday afternoons, as she's also received input from residents on the restrictiveness of the original hours of operation. Meanwhile, Mayor Steven Byvels questioned the need for an 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift on Saturdays.

"It's hard to really say exactly how you can depict on who's going to come in when," Watt

said. "There are some weekends when we're busy right through till four o'clock, and there's other weekends where the last person we see is at noon. It's very hard to judge, but I do feel giving people the entire day for Saturday, right till four because some people still do work on Saturday and they work till one, two o'clock, and that might be the only day they can get there. I don't feel there's a problem working till four o'clock and allowing the customers in till that time."

Byvels thanked Watt for the explanation, noting that it made sense. He applauded the updated fee schedule's potential for increased income that will offset the expense of the upcoming landfill changes. Council also approved a massive mailout to residents outlining the changes.

Park development

Continued from the front

and pedestrian paths, an outdoor rink, accessible swings and tables and a pavilion.

Hallville resident Mary Cook along with a large group of Hallville community members made a presentation at the June 21 North Dundas council meeting where they explained their frustration with lack of movement on the park they have waited so long for. Cook read a letter to the councillors.

She said, "The residents of Hallville have been patiently awaiting a promised new community park since 2008. We have watched other communities in North Dundas receive funding for upgrades, new items, theme parks and infrastructure over these many years. The municipality took down our small local park (installed by residents early 90s) back in 2018 with no replacement. Our community outdoor rink has been left in disrepair. Our children have had nowhere to play."

She detailed the Hallville community was encouraged to participate in choosing park design plans. Residents were told to look forward to a public meeting where the details of the park project and its development would be discussed.

"We waited," she said. "This past month an inquiry was made on the status. It was learned that in fact no plans were going forth for the development of our park for 2022. This had not been communicated to the residents."

Cook also mentioned that apart for the concerns over

the park there were several safety concerns coming up about the increase in traffic and the lack of pedestrian options for residents.

We have a "concern for our residents, our children, and grandchildren walking on County Rd #1. Hallville's residential developments continue to grow, and we have seen a surge in the number of young families with children. Our residents are very concerned over walking along County Rd #1 to get to the local store or a neighbouring residential development in our community. This stretch of road is very treacherous due to continual speeding vehicles."

Cook added, "We have collected signatures from residents to submit to you tonight. We have collected 175 signatures from our residences. We also asked residents to record how many children they have in the household and or

grandchildren that could potentially be using this park when it is completed. Of the 119 residences we attended, a total of 218 children in our community are waiting for a safe place to play."

Mayor Tony Fraser apologized for the delay in getting the park project started and promised better communication between Hallville residents and the municipality in the future.

Fraser cited the pandemic as one reason why the park program has been slow to get started and said that was about to change.

He said, "On the communication aspect, I should have been driving it harder."

A meeting explaining more about the plans for the park will be held on July 12 at the township hall.

"So, the ball is rolling. It's moving ahead," said Fraser.



Therien Martial Arts and Fitness Centre opens

Therien Martial Arts and Fitness Centre officially

opened its doors in Winchester at their new address at 614 St. Lawrence Street on Sat., June 18. It is a family-oriented martial arts dojo that has been part of the North Dundas community since 1993. The fitness centre is led by 8th degree black belt, Kyoshi Norm Beauchamp. Therien Martial Arts and Fitness Centre offers a number of programs including Jiu-Jitsu, Kickboxing, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and fitness training. Left to right are Carol Buma-Beauchamp, John Therien, Norm Beauchamp, MPP Nolan Quinn, North Dundas Coun. Gary Annable, North Dundas Chamber of Commerce president Nanda Wubs and Dan Gasser.

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NDDHS Report

By Savannah Coleman
Student Council Communications



School is out for the summer

North Dundas District High School's 2021-2022 school year is officially over! Students had their last day on Monday, June 27th, while teachers stayed for one more day to finalize things for the summer.

The last couple weeks of school were filled with fun days! Mrs. Hall's leadership class ran a Grade 6 transition day to welcome all Grade 6 students from feeder schools for a day of fun activities; ND held an Athletic Banquet to honour the students who played on a sports team and treat them to snacks and refreshments; Mrs. Baker and Ms. Dubois created personalized gifts for our bus drivers to thank them for all that they do for ND's students; AG and Health and Wellness SHSM's had their celebration days where they were treated to lunch; and finally, Mrs. Hall's leadership class organized a "Spring" Carnival, that happened to be on the first day of Summer, where students had games and sports set up to enjoy for the afternoon with their friends, as well a thank you to parent council for providing students and staff to a BBQ on this day.

ND's Grade 8 celebration was held on Thurs., June 23 and the Grade 12 graduation was held on Mon., June 27. Both were wonderful celebrations to honor ND's amazing graduates! Going with our Grade 12 graduates this year, there are a few staff members that will be retiring. On behalf of the entire student and staff body at North Dundas District High School, we would like to thank and wish you

all the best for your retirement - Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Durant, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Weyermars (Gr. 7/8), and two of our extraordinary custodial staff, Ms. McMillan, and Mr. Ball. We would also like to give our best wishes to our VP, Mr. Bartsch, who is headed to Rockland for the upcoming school year. It is hard to say goodbye to such wonderful and inspirational teachers and staff members throughout our school, but we thank you for everything you have done for us.

As I am writing my last newspaper report for North Dundas, I would like to introduce next year's 2022-2023

Student Council: Sebastian Lafrance, Olivia Pereira, Thomas Dean, Alissa Buttivant, and Kate Link-Horvath. This group of students will do amazing things for our school!

I was honoured to be able to keep our community updated about what goes on at the wonderful school of North Dundas! I will be heading to Trent University in the fall in the Teacher Education Stream!

To all of the students and staff at ND, I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe summer, and all the best in the 2022-2023 school year!



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Editorial

A memory made to last

Every ending is the moment before a new beginning.

As high school students across Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry reach the end of their journey through high school, they get to have a celebration that marks the end of one part of their life and the beginning of another.

It is a special moment for the students, family and friends.

Any of us who have travelled the same road can remember if we are lucky, those days when summer was roaring up to meet us as the school doors closed for the final and last time.

It is a special moment for many, a terrifying one for some and a satisfying one for the young adults who already know what they want to do with rest of their life.

For most of us, graduating is nothing more than opening a book with chapter after chapter of paths we may or may not take.

It is so easy to look back and wonder what would have happened if we had gone to this college or this university or just went out and got a regular job doing something we had a passion for. For some it was enough to just have a job to go to even if it was not loaded with all of the meaningful insights we thought we would be looking for.

As a bystander, a parent watching teenagers try out their still wet wings as they get ready for their special moment

up on the stage getting their diploma, it is a bitter sweet moment. You know what real life is like and you know that hard work and a positive attitude are not always enough to win the race, and you resent the fact that you have to refer to a career or life in general as a race, but almost against your will you do just that.

It's easy to feel all of the cynicism you have collected over your years, begging to be turned into cautious advice a teenager would only smile at.

If you were to have found yourself in any high school gymnasium on graduation night, you would have been treated to a few precious moments when children pour into the room, they have played in for six years, select a graduation gown and mortar board for their head, and solemnly and suitably garbed, go over to talk to their equally excited friends.

Boys gather together with the odd one standing nervously on the outside of everything just waiting and watching while groups of girls excitedly talk about everything from what they are wearing to what they will be doing in the years to come.

They look frightened at one moment, then excited, then puzzled as they listen to the instructions their teachers are giving them. Throughout it all, they seem to change from individually spirited, impossibly tall boys and girls, into serious young men and women.

It is an amazing transformation, and one that you believe will disappear once that graduation gown comes off and the party begins.

Traditions are funny things to see from a distance. On one side of a school's gymnasium's wall there is a dark room filled with parents and family waiting to witness their child graduate and knowing that moment is an exciting milestone to be part of. After all, family has been the team you were on all the way from kindergarten to this moment.

On the other side of that same wall, getting ready to line up in alphabetical order are a hundred or so young men and women who have their entire academic life sitting to the left of them and another unknown life sitting on the right.

The chatting stops, the coughing and nervous laughter dwindles away as this group of impossibly optimistic students stand before the door that will lead them to the auditorium where their parents and family wait to acknowledge an accomplishment years in the making.

In that moment life as they have known it is about to change forever.

Each and every one of them deserves that moment and hopefully they will cherish it as the wonderful lifelong memory it is.

Joseph Morin



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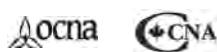
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Young entrepreneurs receive grant

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

NORTH STORMONT - Bobby Robinson of Finch and Connor Armstrong of Crysler recently learned they received a grant from the Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre's Summer Company grant program. This program provides young entrepreneurs with the opportunity to learn about how businesses are run and developed.

Robinson and Armstrong are both students at Tagwi Secondary School in North Stormont and received the information about the program from their school guidance counsellor. The application procedure included filling out an application that "included having to create and submit a business plan. I had to include the start-up costs, target audience, and pricing in my business plan" explained Armstrong. Robinson mentioned a similar process, noting how a 4-H Club he had taken previously, provided him with invaluable information on how to set up a business plan.

Armstrong's business is called "Armstrong Stump Grinding and Hedge Removal". The company involves grinding stumps and removing hedges. "I will then clean up the area and fill the holes with topsoil. I will also re-seed the area" he continued, explaining removing a stump makes lawn maintenance much easier. Robinson has named his



From the left: Connor Armstrong, beside the stump grinder and Bobby Robinson in front of the inline tube wrapper, were recipients of a grant from the Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre's Summer Company grant program. Courtesy Photo

company "Baler Bob Custom Work" and will be wrapping the large square or round bales of hay or straw using an inline tube wrapper.

The funding is for a summer business, but both mention their businesses can be operated from the early spring until the fall. Robinson mentioned how in the future he would like to expand the services he can provide to clients, perhaps "buying an excavator to clear land and do excavation work" or other lines of agricultural work. Armstrong noted how he has purchased the stump grinder, to continue his work through the fall and next summer. He commented how he is planning to expand the services he offers to customers and is willing to consider requests from them.

"It's a great opportunity to learn about how to run a business, how to start and all the work that goes in behind the scenes to your business"

Robinson commented, after saying he would recommend this program to others who are considering it in the future. Armstrong mentioned how the program "encourages young people to start a small business" and provides support and information about running a business.

Both young entrepreneurs mentioned the program provides them with the opportunity to learn about starting a business. They have had to register the business in the province and set up a business bank account, as well as learn about advertising their business. Armstrong and Robinson both agreed they would recommend this program to other young people.

If you are interested in contacting Armstrong Stump Grinding and Hedge Removal, you can call 613-581-7193 or email armstrongstumpgrinding@gmail.com. Baler Bob Custom Work can be reached at 613-984-2027.

Crysler family launch Go Fund Me Page to help with family dog's surgery

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CRYSLER - A Chrysler family is dealing with a \$3,000 veterinarian bill after a neighbour claims he had to shoot their dog to protect his chickens.

They have set up a Go Fund Me Page to help pay for their pet's life saving surgery.

Last week Amber Chinnick sent her children, Ava and Jack who live in the Chrysler area to take their dogs Chloe and Bow Jangles and Spud out for an evening walk.

"Next thing we knew, our son Jack came in the house screaming that Bow had been shot. We ran out to see Ava and the dogs coming down the front yard. Bow had a hole on his left side the size of a toonie. Panic hit. And we were calling any, and every vet within the area before just heading to Alta Vista Animal Hospital in Ottawa. Along the way I notified the police. I asked my daughter what had happened."

The children were playing with their pets, and Bow had disappeared into a hay field. Jack called Bow and as the dog came running back to him he was shot with a rubber bullet.

"My immediate thought was: wait Jack was in the field too? He could've missed and hit my kid."

Bow and his family took their dog to the veterinarian. While they waited they heard from the police who were investigating the incident. Apparently the person who shot the dog thought Bow was about to go after his chickens. The shooter said he had no choice, and no idea whose dog it was, "We've taken Bow to his place before to meet him, and his family. We have chickens our dogs are used to animals. Furthermore, maybe someone can explain to me, who shoots a rubber bullet directly at a dog from a 12-gauge shot gun? There was intent to harm."

The family spent seven and a half hours waiting to find out if their dog would survive. They owe the hospital \$3,000. "Bow had a rubber bullet that was 2.2 cm by 4.6 lodged centimetres from his spine. They had to remove it from his body. He has a drainage tube to make sure there is no fluid build-up."

The police say the shooter was within his rights to shoot at the dog.

The family has set up a Go Fund Me Page to help pay

for their pet's surgery.

You can connect with the page at <https://gofund.me/c65067a5>



- OBITUARY - RIETTA HILLIS

Passed away peacefully at the St. Jacques Nursing Home in Embrun on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, Rietta Hillis (nee Steven) of Morewood, age 92. Beloved wife of the late Ken Hillis for 68 years. Loving mother of Greg Hillis of Morewood, Blair Hillis (Kathy) of Morewood and Shari Haas (Rick) of Orleans. Dear sister of Lloyd Steven (Doris) of Cannamore and Ken Steven of Grandview, Manitoba. Rietta will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Joey, Kristine, Bryan (Megan), Stephanie, Kimberly (Jody), Grant (Danielle), Julia (David), David (Stephanie) and several great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister Viola Steven and her brother Allan Steven. Rietta is also remembered by many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held at the Winchester United Church on Wednesday, June 8th followed by a luncheon at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville. Burial of both Ken and Rietta was held following the reception, at Morewood United Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Rietta can be made to the Winchester United Church and will gratefully be acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the Winchester United Church, 519 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, ON K0C 2K0, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.

Rietta will be remembered for her deep faith in God, a faith that she lived out everyday in her family, her friends and her community.

- THANK YOU -

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of St. Jacques Nursing Home for their excellent care and compassion for Mom over the past three years and in particular during the challenging times of Covid. We would also like to thank the Reverends Catherine Lowson and Rodney Merkley of Bobcaygeon, soloist Diane Campell, the Winchester United Church choir, ladies of the Chesterville Legion, and members of the Morewood United Church Bible Study. We would also like to thank all of the friends and family who attended Mom's funeral and provided support to the entire family during this difficult time. We would also like to thank David Lapier and his team from Marsden McLaughlin who provided excellent and compassionate services to the family.

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Tagwi Grade 8 grads

June 23 was graduation night for over one hundred Grade 8 students at Tagwi Secondary School near Avonmore. Family and friends gathered in the cafeteria at Tagwi to celebrate the eight students, as well as watch the graduates receive their certificates from Tagwi Principal Ewen McIntosh. Just prior to the ceremonies, members of the graduating class gathered in the gym for a class photo.

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Grade 8 valedictorians

The four Grade 8 valedictorians were selected by teachers from Grade 7 and 8. They are from left to right: Blake Thompson, Cedar-Rain Doherty, Annika Michaud and Brycen Michaud.

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Contributions to the community recognized

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The Rotary Club of Chesterville recognized the contributions to the community of Sawyer, Greg and Brent Vanden Bosch in a ceremony at Vanden Bosch Elevators Inc. on the outskirts of Chesterville on Fri., June 24 by recognizing each as a Paul Harris Fellow.

“They were always there when we needed them” commented Rotarian Martin Derks, shortly after the presentation. He

explained how for years they have supported the club in several ways. This support includes the installation of the foundation in the Nation River near the Chesterville Waterfront, dumping the ducks in the river for the Duck Race and providing storage for items such as the club barbecue, snowflakes, and other items.

Sawyer commented how they are “glad to help out the Chesterville community,” with all three recipients mentioning feeling “very honoured” to receive this recognition.



From the left: Brent Vanden Bosch, Sawyer Vanden Bosch and Greg Vanden Bosch are shown shortly after being recognized by the Rotary Club of Chesterville as Paul Harris Fellows. The Paul

Harris Fellow recognizes an outstanding contribution to their community and its Rotary Club. A donation of \$1,000 is made to The Rotary Foundation, a charity of Rotary International, on behalf of each Paul Harris Fellow. Thompson Goddard Photo

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Fun in the sun!

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BERWICK – It was a bit hot during the Family Fun Day held on June 26 at the McIntosh Memorial Park in Berwick, but that didn't stop the people attending the event from having a wonderful time. People were able to visit with friends and neighbours, have a bit to eat, and perhaps pick up a box of Krispy Kreme donuts to enjoy. There were tried and true games like the three-legged race, sack race, egg race and wheelbarrow race that were enjoyed by the children with prizes for everyone.

McIntosh Park Committee chair Ernie Coumont thanked South Nation Conservation for maintaining the park, noting how funds raised would be used to make the park more accessible, perhaps enlarging the parking lot and expanding the walk.

The late Floyd Dingwall was honoured with a plaque for his contributions to the McIntosh Memorial Park. This plaque installed on an oversized rock near the entrance to the gazebo at McIntosh Memorial Park and reads: “In dedication of Floyd Dingwall's passion & hard work toward the creation and stewardship of the McIntosh Park. In Memory of: Floyd Dingwall 1933 – 2019 Muriel (Casselman) Dingwall 1936 – 2014.”

SNC vice chair, North Stormont Coun. Steve Densham spoke to those

gathered about the contributions made by Dingwall to his community, SNC and the McIntosh Memorial Park. “Through memorial donations to this park in his name, through the trees planted here in memory of loved ones, demonstrating a commitment to the environment and the local community” his legacy lives on commented Densham. North Stormont Deputy Mayor François Landry commented although he served on SNC for four years, he had “never gotten to work with Floyd, but heard about his work for the community and McIntosh Park.”

There are many volunteers working behind the scenes to ensure an event like the Family Fun Day runs smoothly. Ernie Coumont and Rainer Pethke made the trip to Montreal to pick up 75 dozen Krispy Kreme donuts which sold very well. Ruby Mekker, Linda and Perry Carruthers as well as Brooke and Andrea worked to ensure the site was ready for the day and all went well.

On behalf of the McIntosh Park Committee, Coumont wished to express thanks to SNC, North Stormont Public School for the donation of hot dogs and hamburgers, Finch and District Lions Club for barbecuing and serving lunch, the South Mountain Lions Club and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 357 in Finch for lending letters for the marquee sign. Coumont mentioned how the sign can be provided to local organizations

for advertising upcoming events by calling him at 613-984-1762.

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Great day for a walk

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – It was a great day for a walk to the park with your favourite canine. And people of all ages did just that, while raising money for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. The walkathon, hosted

by the Morrisburg and District Lions Club and Pet Valu was held on Sat., June 11 and raised \$2,250 for the foundation, according to information on the MDLC social media site.

Lion Keith Robinson explained the walk began at Pet Valu and finished at Docksyde on the Morrisburg Waterfront where participants were able to redeem a ticket for a free ice cream. Lion Raja Wysocki from the Russell Lions Club

explained the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has its headquarters in Orillia.

When asked about the dog breed used for Guide Dogs, she responded that generally they are Labrador Retrievers. When pups are old enough, they are provided to specially trained dog caregivers for about two years, before being returned to the foundation. It is at the LFCDG headquarters in Oakville where they meet and train with the person they will be assisting for about two weeks. Wysocki explained Canadians who require a guide dog, be it for vision or hearing impairment, diabetes, or autism are provided one free of charge from the foundation; there are currently 162 people on the foundation's waiting list for a guide dog.

On June 30, 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions International Convention and asked the Lions to become Knights of the Blind; with Lions Clubs having to assist visually impaired people. Since that time, Lions Clubs around the world have strived to be Knights of



Lion Ernie Coumont of Finch was at the walkathon with Spencer, a two-year-old Golden Doodle.
Thompson Goddard Photo

the Blind, and the LFCDG is just one way in which the Keller's call has been answered.

Equestrian vaulting in Chesterville

Jen Byvelds

Special to the Record

CHESTERVILLE – North Dundas welcomed 52 vaulters from across Ontario as part of a provincial vaulting show series.

On Sat., June 18, Ontario celebrated by hosting their first live Vaulting Competition since pre-Covid. Saturday's show was held at the Nation Valley Ranch in Chesterville Ont., home to Nation Valley Vaulters.

Vaulting is an equestrian sport combined with gymnastics and dance. It is a Fédération Équestre Internationale, (FEI) nationally recognized sport, and part of the World Equestrian Games.

Unlike trick riding, where the focus is who can out stunt who the fastest, vaulting competitions include a judging panel where vaulters are judged on harmony with the horse, artistic interpretation, strength, choreographed freestyles, gymnastic-like moves and balance.

It takes extreme dedication, training, and confidence. The horses are like no others, and coaches and clubs work together across the province, and country.

This is truly a spectacular sport and supportive community.

There are three clubs in Ontario that are recognized by Vault Canada, from Listowel, Maple Rock Vaulters, Peterborough's Hoofprint Vaulters and Chesterville's Nation Valley Vaulters.

Despite Saturday's extreme wind, the horses and vaulters gave it 110 per cent and



Ila Byvelds, with her superhero freestyle, placing 2nd and 1st place in her divisions.

Photo by Samantha Mirzaee Photography

everyone had wonderful results. Canadian Judge Nichole de Villiers made the trip all the way from BC to make this event possible.

Results can be seen on the Vault Canada website.

Nation Valley Vaulters can be seen performing at the RCMP Sunset ceremonies July 1-3 alongside the Musical Ride and the Capital Cowgirls Drill team.

Coach Jen Byvelds is even more excited to be taking five vaulters to the nationals in Alberta at the end of the summer.

Special thanks to Samantha Mirzaee photography for sponsoring and Iron Forge Pizza from Winchester!

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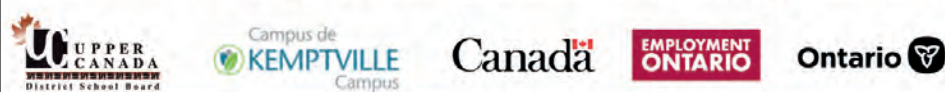
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Rainbow 'Pride' crosswalk coming to Iroquois

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – “It is time for change,” Seaway District High School (SDHS) student Eshal Ali said. “Although change is often met with adversity, this does not mean that the change is not necessary. So, tonight we bring forward this initiative to allow everyone in this community to feel safe and welcome. If a simple symbol or gesture can provide this, then what are we waiting for?”

Ali posed the question to the Municipality of South Dundas politicians during the June 13 council meeting, where she made a presentation on behalf of SDHS’s Gender and Sexualities Alliance (GSA) with teacher Sarah Ball by her side, and several GSA supporters in the audience. She asked that council agree to the installation of a ‘Pride’ crosswalk in Iroquois going from the west side of SDHS to the post office, essentially re-painting the current crosswalk in the rainbow colours associated with the ‘Pride’ movement.

“This council can take action to show our community that it is ready to take a stand and ensure representation acceptance of all people of South Dundas, including members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Not only should everyone

feel accepted, but they should feel welcome and this ‘Pride’ crosswalk, if approved by the municipal government, will allow for South Dundas to be a place where all visitors and residents feel welcome,” Ali said. (2SLGBTQIA+ stands for TwoSpirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and other non-heterosexual orientations, or non-cisgender identities.)

Ali is an Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) student trustee, as well as the vice chair of the UCDSB Students’ Senate, the chair of the UCDSB’s Student Trustees’ Equity Inclusion Committee, and the vice president of SDHS’s student council. She told council the GSA is composed of both youth and adults who represent the diversity of South Dundas, and who believe everyone should feel fully represented, and safe, in their community.

“GSA clubs were started to allow 2SLGBTQIA+ students a safe and welcoming environment within their schools and allow them to be their authentic selves with the UCDSB,” Ali said. “Although we have much support and awareness within our schools, we do lack such support, representation, awareness, and education within our

community.”

Citing the desire to complete the crosswalk during June, which is ‘Pride’ month in Canada, Ali requested an immediate decision. Council unanimously agreed to the request.

“I’ve sat around this table for four years almost, and we throw out the ‘Y’ word quite frequently. We need to hear from our youth. We need to talk to our youth. We need to engage our youth. Why are youth leaving our communities? Why are we doing this? Why are we doing that? And one of the reasons I have absolutely no problem supporting it, is the youth are speaking, so it’s up to us to listen,” Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner said. “I’m hoping that our residents will look at it as something that our youth have requested, and not get somber in it. Communities and community leaders need to understand that when people don’t feel included, it actually can end in loss of life by suicide.”

Speaking directly to South Dundas youth, Gardner said she’s heard them “loud and clear.” Like the remaining members of council, Coun. Lloyd Wells gave his support, noting that everyone should feel safe. Both Gardner and Wells had questions around funding and maintenance. While Ali assured council

the project will be funded by the UCDSB and carried out and maintained by students, she also said donations would be accepted. She assured Wells that there is a surveillance camera covering the area, as well.

“I think it really takes courage and foresight on your part and your group’s part because we live in a prominent rural community, and we have mindsets that have been entrenched in us, and it’s time that those mindsets have to be changed. This is a step, I think, in breaking down those barriers and communicating the importance of everybody’s rights, and I think this is a phenomenal first step,” Coun. Archie Mellan said.

Ali said the school board has undertaken a Safe Space Rainbow Sticker initiative, as well. All UCDSB schools have the stickers on all interior and exterior doors. The sticker, Ali said, symbolically shows that targeted harassment, bullying, or violence will not be tolerated in those spaces.

“There are going to be hurdles in your road but I’m hoping you’ll prevail and stay with it,” Mellan said. “I want to thank you and all the young people that have come to council here and come to the community and have the guts to speak up and say, ‘okay, this is what we want,’ because it takes something a little extra to do that.”

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Tuesday, July 5 Chesterville Diners' Drive Thru – Stuffed Meatloaf
Tuesday, July 5 10 a.m. – Historical Walking Tour of Winchester
Tuesday, July 5 1:30 p.m. – Ice Scream Social – Enjoy an Ice Cream Sundae
Wednesday, July 6 11:30 a.m. – “Sports Day”. Wear your cap or jersey of your favourite team.
Thursday, July 7 Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Stuffed Meatloaf
Thursday, July 7 2 p.m. – Ladies Afternoon Tea
Friday, July 8 Health & Wellness Clinics – Call to make an appointment.
Monday, July 11 11:30 a.m. – “Bring a friend/neighbor to lunch day”.
Tuesday, July 12 Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Tuesday, July 12 South Mountain Diners' Eat In at South Mountain Ag Hall – French Onion Pork Chop
Tuesday, July 12 1:30 p.m. – “Craft & Chat” – Bring your own craft and enjoy some social time.
Tuesday, July 12 1:30 p.m. – “Rock Painting” – Paint some rocks for the rock garden.
Wednesday, July 13 Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Wednesday, July 13 11:30 a.m. – “Celebrate Being Canadian”. Wear your red & white and enjoy a meal.
Thursday, July 14 1:30 p.m. – How to Spruce up your Patio/Balcony. Get some great ideas.
Thursday, July 14 Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – French Onion Pork Chop
Monday, July 18 1:30 p.m. Stroke Support Group
Tuesday, July 19 Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Tuesday, July 19 Chesterville Diners' Drive Thru – Chicken Cacciatore
Tuesday, July 19 1:30 p.m. – Ice Scream Social – Enjoy an Ice Cream Float
Wednesday, July 20 Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Wednesday, July 20 Caregiver Café Support group at 1 p.m. Call for more information.
Thursday, July 21 Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Chicken Cacciatore
Thursday, July 21 2 p.m. – Neighbourhood Afternoon Tea
Friday, July 22 Health & Wellness Clinics – Call to make an appointment.
Friday, July 22 11:30 a.m. – “Christmas in July” – Turkey dinner for lunch
Tuesday, July 26 Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Tuesday, July 26 South Mountain Diners' Eat In at South Mountain Ag Hall – Baked Spaghetti
Tuesday, July 26 1:30 p.m. – “Craft & Chat”. Bring your own craft and enjoy some social time.
Wednesday, July 27 Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Wednesday, July 27 11:30 a.m. “Birthday of the Month”. Come for lunch and celebrate the July birthdays.
Thursday, July 28 Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Baked Spaghetti
Thursday, July 28 1:30 p.m. – “Cooking for One” in the Microwave. Learn easy recipes that can be made in the microwave in a mug.

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HuckleHounds Home Goodies bakes up

MORRISBURG – That donut or specially decorated cake you picked for a special occasion is not something you should take for granted.

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“We have a huge variety for the farmers’ market and our PopUp Shops in the winter when we set up at The Cooks Corner in Morrisburg,” said Trena Grant owner of HuckleHounds Home Goodies.

Operating a bakery has always been in the cards for Grant. Originally from Cornwall, her family moved to Morrisburg about 20 years ago. They had a bakery called Blues Bakery for the first six years of their existence as a bakery business. The Grant family has been operating the bakery for the past seven years as the HuckleHounds Home Goodies.

Grant said, “We needed a change and decided to build a bakery in our home. We renovated our former garage into a fully health inspected commercial kitchen which serves as our bakery.”

The quality and delicious result of the family’s baking business speaks for itself, and the name of their bakery catches residents’ attention for being so novel and interesting.

The name for the bakery, HuckleHounds is sure to get your attention.

“The name HuckleHounds was a nickname my dad gave to my children. We thought it was something unique for our business name,” said Grant.

When it comes to items like their tasty expertly decorated cakes, they are mostly custom designs.

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



You can’t go wrong with cookies, cakes, and cupcakes from HuckleHounds Home Goodies.

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The bakery offers a personal take on anything a client might want.

Grant said, “We decorate according to what the client needs, what theme they are having and what fits their celebration.”

The resulting cake for example is sure to strike a resonating chord in the recipient on their special occasion.

The key to making so many HuckleHounds’ customers happy is being able to work with them in an effective way.

When a customer comes to the bakery with an idea for a birthday or anniversary

cake, being honest about how the customer’s vision can or cannot be done is extremely important.

Grant said, “We try our best to fulfill all specifications, but we are always honest and if we know it is not something in our skill set yet, we find another solution to create the same idea.”

HuckleHounds takes part in trying to raise awareness about the great food that can be found in South Dundas. They have been a vendor of the Morrisburg Farmers’ Market for the last seven years.

“We update the Market Facebook page and encourage new vendors to join the market.”

Keeping up with trends in baking is important in keeping with what the customer wants and expects.

“Cookies are very popular now,” said Grant.

“Some clients go with cookies instead of cake. The style and decorating are simple or very detailed with lots of themes.”

The family bakery takes a great deal of work to do what they do. Like most family operations everyone gets involved and helps. HuckleHounds is no exception.

“We do not have any staff. It’s just me and my family. My mom helps in the bakery to get ready for the farmers’ market, my dad comes to help set up and tear down, my husband does everything and anything that is needed, and my children help run the table at the market and are learning to help create in the bakery,” said Grant.

Cake making goes all the way back to ancient times. Initial cakes were way too different from today’s exotic cakes. The word cake was derived from the Old Norse word “kaka”, and Oxford dictionary traces the word “cake” back to the 13th century.

Historians claim Europeans to have baked the first modern round cake with icing on it and HuckleHounds Home Goodies continues a long tradition of great baked goods and cakes.

You can get in touch with HuckleHounds Home Goodies at www.hucklehounds.ca

You can also go to their Facebook page or call 613-551-2502.

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.

Strawberry Social: A resounding success

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – There was a fantastic turnout for the Strawberry Social held at supertime on June 26 at Christ Church United in Chesterville. While it was hot and humid outside, the church dining hall in the basement was cool, with people able to enjoy a great selection of sandwiches, served with a selection of garnishes and refreshments. The dessert of ice cream, cake and strawberries were enjoyed by diners, with many commenting how the cake was delicious. In addition to the meal, people were enjoying the opportunity to visit with friends, neighbours, and family members, with several people mentioning how wonderful it was to be out and about again!

The event was organized by Christine Cross-Barkley, Janice Paquette, and Mary Grubb, with many volunteers stepping up to the plate to assist the committee. “This is our first sit down food event,

From the left: Mary Grubb, Carol Barkley, Bernice MacLeod, Martin Reichert, Marion Finnis, Janice Paquette, Nancy Dean, Christine Cross-Barkley, Cathy Cross McMillan, Louis Smith and Lorne Finnis.

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THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT – The purpose of the Public Meeting is to provide an opportunity for Council to receive input from the public and stakeholders in respect of the current proposed Cannabis Cultivation and Production Amendment to the SDG Official Plan. The amendment is intended to clarify policy and mapping regarding the permitting of cannabis cultivation and production facilities, including the mitigation measures, land use compatibility, and studies required, in the County Official Plan. The Official Plan applies to the entire geographical area of SDG; as such, no key map is provided.

Copies of the draft Cannabis Cultivation and Production Amendment and relevant studies can be found at: sdgcounties.ca.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendment to the SDG Official Plan.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the adoption of the Cannabis Cultivation and Production Amendment to the Official Plan you must make a written request to the Director of Planning (at the address below) or to info@sdgcounties.ca.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the Cannabis Cultivation and Production Amendment to the Official Plan, including information about appeal rights, is available on the SDG website and at the local township offices.

DATED this 22nd day of June, 2022

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Leroux running for re-election as Russell's mayor

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – “In my last eight years as mayor, I have truly found my calling, and my desire to help my community has simply grown from there. Our community is in full growth mode and with my experience, I hope to continue serving our incredible community,” township of Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux said. “I would like to thank the amazing people in our community for allowing me the opportunity to serve as mayor. It has been an honour and a privilege, and if they are so inclined to bestow me the position again, I will continue to serve as I have always done, by being playful, passionate, and professional.”

Leroux has submitted his nomination papers for the position of mayor in the upcoming municipal election. As for what makes him the best person for the position, he said his record speaks for itself. He also said he believes that he and the current council have handled the township's growth, in addition to the challenges that come along with it, admirably.

“Over the years I've learned two important points. One, the township doesn't have enough resources or money to accomplish every project,

and two, despite these limitations, our community spirit often finds a way,” Leroux said on his campaign website (pierreleroux.ca). “That is what our campaign is based on, community spirit. Instead of spending thousands of dollars on wasteful campaign signs, we will minimize our spending in this area of our campaign and direct the funds toward community initiatives instead, turning our campaign into a massive community fundraiser.”

Six life-size cut-outs of Leroux are in businesses throughout the community, each representing a different community project. For every selfie a resident takes with one of his cut-outs and then posts on his website, Leroux said he will donate \$2 to that local project, redirecting a maximum of \$7,500 from his campaign back into the community. He's already recruited many businesses and individuals who have pledged funds over his \$2, and he's confirmed he now has more than \$73,000 in commitments.

“I am super excited about it and how we change the focus from candidates to the community they wish to represent and help protect the environment,” Leroux said. The cut-out locations and related projects include Russell Foodland (new Russell Village Splash Pad), IDA Downtown Pharmacy in Russell (increased tree planting in the township), Russell Restaurant (new Russell Village Entrance Sign Project), Giant Tiger (improvements to dog park), Tuque de Broue (improvements to Embrun Splash Pad), and Marché BoniChoix (restoration of the Embrun Train Station).

Russell High School celebrates Grade 8 grads



The H.B. Loucks Award

The H.B. Loucks Award for Excellence in Language Arts was being awarded to the following Grade 8 students: Sammy Bérubé and Eva Dumoulin.

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History Achievement Award

The Grade 8, School Advisory Council History Achievement Award goes to: Josie Beaton, Aga Wyroslak, Aidon Hamilton, Keira Tuck.

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Marc Lalonde running for councillor in upcoming election

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – “Having recently retired from a career in the Canadian dairy sector, the time seemed right to become

more involved in the issues and challenges that lay ahead for our fast-growing township,” Marc Lalonde said. “With rapid expansion comes the need to preserve and promote

our sense of community in our villages and neighbouring farms. I came to Russell Township in 1983 and was instantly drawn to its charm, its volunteer spirit and ‘can-

do’ attitude. I want to be a part of the next council to help ensure these important attributes and values remain at the core of who we are as a township.”

Lalonde, whose had a “keen interest in local politics for quite some time,” has submitted nomination papers to become one of Russell's candidates for councillor in the upcoming 2022 municipal election. This would-be first-time councillor served on Russell's Planning Advisory Committee in 1989-1990, and he's also acted as moderator for several candidate debates in the Village of Russell.

“I hope the next council will follow through on my proposal for the creation of a much-needed Affordable Housing Strategy which was well supported by the present council. The wellbeing of our seniors, disabled and low-income families depends on this,” Lalonde said, responding

to a question about his goals if elected. “Proper oversight and prudent fiscal management of the proposed sports complex will be paramount for the sake of our resident taxpayers. The careful planning of ongoing major development identified by United Counties of Prescott and Russell for our township. Growing concern by residents on the increase in car traffic and the safety challenges it poses for pedestrians must be studied more closely. These are just a few of the many important issues facing our township in the coming four years.”

A volunteer in the Russell community for more than 30 years, Lalonde has worked on a variety of community-based, as well as church-based projects. He coordinated the construction of the first tennis court facility and implemented a tennis instruction program. He worked alongside others to



Marc Lalonde

Courtesy Photo

preserve what is now the Russell Community and Sports Centre. He chaired the finance committee at his local church.

“My involvement in several community-based projects over the last three decades, coupled with the business and administration skills I acquired over 33 years at the Canadian Dairy Commission, makes me a strong candidate for the position of councillor for our township,” Lalonde said. “A council is only as good as the people who serve on it.”



Stevenson Memorial Scholarship Award

This award is for the highest academic standing overall. It was presented to Ben Alexander by Russell High School Principal Ms. Pooni-Gunderson. The recipient of the award not only achieved the highest academic achievement in all subjects, but he also would take the initiative to help anyone around him regardless of if they were working collaboratively with him in his group. He grasped concepts easily, and was able to find ways to assist others who struggled. He was inquisitive, attentive and eager to learn no matter the subject.

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Russell unveils additions to Historical Plaque Program

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell recently made two additions to its Historical Plaque Program.

On June 15, two historical plaques were unveiled, one for Église Saint-Jacques and another for New York Central Railroad. With seven plaques already in existence, the new additions bring the township's current total to nine for now. Residents are encouraged to contact the municipality if they know of a person, place, event, or object they believe has historical significance to Russell.

Mayor Pierre Leroux was in attendance for the unveiling of both, which includes a bronze plaque, historical photo, and bilingual text outlining the historical significance of the site. For the plaque at Église Saint-Jacques, Father Michel and the

parish president, Laurier Lemieux, were also present.

The Église Saint-Jacques plaque is located at 1041 Notre-Dame Street in Embrun. It's been included in Russell's Historical Plaque Program because of its architecture, historical associations, and its importance in defining the village of Embrun's character. Designed by architect L.Z. Gauthier and Roy of Montreal, the neo-baroque style building was built in 1891. In addition, there is a series of 14 original oil paintings purchased from France in 1892 called the “stations of the cross” hanging inside the church. It was also noted that the Catholic Church played a significant role in the founding of the village, and the francophone community.

The New York Central Railroad plaque is located along the recreation trail near 901 Notre-Dame Street in Embrun. The railroad is significant because of its impact on the

regional economy, transporting passengers and goods from Ottawa, Montreal, and New York City from 1898 until 1957. It allowed residents to travel more easily and gave local merchants opportunities to bring in new products from nearby cities. The township acquired a section of the railway, between Embrun and Russell, in 1979, converting it into a multi-purpose recreational trail.

The municipality has stated that the plaques are intended for commemorative purposes, and not designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. The previous seven plaques include Carscadden Bridge, Church Museum Building, Great Russell Fire, St. Andrew's and St. Paul's United Church Cemetery, Russell Train Station, Russell Shale Brick Company, and Voie de la Liberté Monument. To learn more about these commemorative plaques, visit Russell's website (Russell.ca), where the information can be found under the recreation and culture tab.