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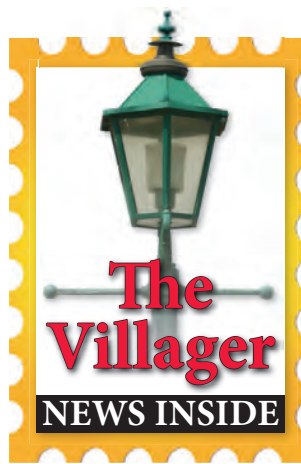
**MARIONVILLE** – The village of Marionville is up next for the Meet Me on Main Street event on July 13 from 5 p.m. to 8 pm. Good food, music and chatting with your neighbour are what you can expect to enjoy.

**Avonmore Fair is set to go**

**AVONMORE** – The annual Avonmore Fair is set for July 15 - 17. Events get underway Friday evening at 7 p.m. with the Stormont Glengarry Junior Farmers-hosting a Farmer's Olympics followed by a Barn Dance in the Superstructure with "The County Lads".

Saturday starts off with breakfast in the Dining Hall and the 4-H Dairy Calf Rally, and English Horse Show both starting at 10 a.m.; the Exhibition Hall will be open both days, which will display everything from children's artwork, flower arrangements and field crops, to photography and baking. The fairgrounds are on Fairview Drive in the village of Avonmore. See page 12 -13 for more information.

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**Happy Canada Day in Morrisburg**

Colton Strickland from Chesterville had a great time riding a horse at the Canada Day celebrations at Morrisburg's Waterfront Park. Canada's 155th birthday party was held in every part of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry and it was smiles all around for residents. *Morin Photo*

**Winchester Bike Night set for July 14**

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**WINCHESTER** – The Winchester Downtown Rehabilitation committee is looking forward to a busy summer of the Winchester Bike Nights on their main street. The first Bike Night of the summer originally planned for June 9 was cancelled because of a pending summer storm. The next one is planned for July 14. The pandemic forced the popular event to hold off for two years and organizers are looking forward to having them back. Bike Night is slated for Winchester's Main Street on the second Thursday of each month. The venue will feature live music along with great food and two distilleries selling their products. The band is called Eastbound of Bytown.

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**North Stormont gets update on SDG's County Road 22 project**

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

**BERWICK** – Township of North Stormont politicians recently received an update on the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG)'s County Road 22 improvement project. During the June 21 council meeting, council members were asked to support and approve a recommendation from the chief administrative officer, Craig Calder, and the township drainage superintendent, Sean MacDonald, for the appointment of a specified independent drain engineer retained through SDG's procurement process. Calder prepared the written report, while MacDonald led the meeting discussion. Council approved the request.

"SDG counties are planning to improve County Road 22 from Roxborough Kenyon Boundary Road to Highway 138 for a distance of approximately 5.6 kilometres," Calder said in his report. "The project design is in an early phase, but plans include widening from its current width and specifications. Construction is anticipated to take place in 2023."

BT Engineering has been retained by SDG to perform the project design, which includes the municipal drain relocation. Calder's report also states that the township's appointed engineer would perform a peer review of the design, incorporating BT Engineering's design into their report.

The report stated that several municipal drains running parallel to County Road 22 will need to be relocated or altered from

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# One door closes ... another opens

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

BERWICK – North Stormont Public School held a Fairwell Fair during the evening of Fri., June 24, with staff, students, families, friends, and neighbours gathering to have some fun and acknowledge the role this educational institution has played in the community since it opened in 1965.

“We are celebrating North Stormont Public School, the students, the staff and the families” commented Eric Barker, NSPS principal before wishing everyone a wonderful time throughout the evening. Gayle Poirier, who has worked at NSPS as an office administrator since January 1999, explained planning for the event began several months ago, with the committee deciding on a

theme of an old-time country fair. “We wanted it to not be a sad occasion, but rather celebrate the time we’ve shared together here at NSPS” she commented.

The country fair theme was evident to guests from the moment of arrival, with the front of the school decorated in this style, and upon entering the back schoolyard, one could not help but remember the fun of a country fair! People of all ages were busy visiting, sharing memories, enjoying a barbecued hamburger or hot dog, chips, and refreshments. Cotton candy, a staple of the country fair, was being enjoyed, while next door there was a photo booth and in the back section of the large school yard were bouncy games, sack races and other fun activities.

“The NSPS staff and school council would like to thank our local Lion’s Club and Fire department, as well as Tagwi student volunteers for donating their time and allowing us to spend this memorable evening together.” commented Barker in a post event email to *The Chesterville Record*.

“The township of North Stormont wishes to thank Amy Sanders Michaud and all those who helped in the recent celebration marking the proud history of North Stormont Public School. The school had a proud tradition of engaged staff and strong community support, providing an educational experience that pays dividends every day in our municipality,” said North Stormont Mayor Jim Wert in a recent email to the paper.



One of the more popular games at the Fairwell Fair held on June 24 at North Stormont Public School was the bouncy horse race. Even the adults took part in the fun. Shown here, left to right are Maria Barzo-Paul; Gayle Poirier; Kathy Hopmans; Kaitie McElheran; Lion Ernie Coumant and Eric Barker. Thompson Goddard Photo

For the generations of students and their families who attended NSPS, there will be memories of walking to the Berwick War Memorial on Nov. 11, book fairs, end of year trips, community events and activities, having lots of fun while gaining knowledge

from their peers and staff members.

Staff members who worked at the school will remember their time at NSPS with a smile, a full heart, and a sense of thankfulness at being part of such a wonderful school community. The parent-school council has been a big supporter of everyone who attended or worked at NSPS providing hot school lunches, books for the library, sports equipment, and a multitude of other resources for the school through fundraising activities.

When asked about her favourite memories of the time she spent at NSPS, Poirier looked thoughtful before responding how she was unable to pick just one memory but there were so many things that stood out each year, that it was impossible to choose one.

When the doors to North Stormont Public School close for the last time, there will be another door opening at Avonmore Public School for those from NSPS, bringing with them fond memories at their time at the school.

## Winchester Bike Night

Continued from the front

A new and interesting feature of Bike Night is the Manufactures on Main Feature. Each month the event will feature a different bike manufacture and their product. The first Bike Night was supposed to have featured the Harley Davidson company but because the event was cancelled, that manufacture has been shifted to September. At the July 14 event, the Manufactures on Main will feature Kolman’s Wheelsport.

Their exhibit will be at the corner of Main and St. Lawrence; check out the bikes and say hello to their staff.

Another interesting moment at the upcoming Bike Night will be the unveiling of a special project that Winchester residents are sure to appreciate and enjoy. The rehabilitation committee has three different groups that sponsored three unique gifts to their community.

The two breweries at the event are Windmill Breweries from Prescott and Humble Beginnings from Ingleside.

“We are going to do coolers as well,” said Vince Zandbelt a revitalization committee member.

“We are reacting to a comment that not everyone likes beer. Foodland will be providing water.”

The municipality has arranged for



2019 Winchester Bike Night before the pandemic. Courtesy Photo

a temporary road closure from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Winchester’s Main Street from Mill Street to Louise Street and St. Lawrence Street to Caleb Street.

Each Bike Night will have a group that it donates to. The House of Lazarus is the organization featured this time around.

Another special feature of Bike Night is a focus on a particular Motorcycle. For this July event Zandbelt is featuring his father’s refurbished 1956 DKW motorcycle.

A new idea intending to make going

to Bike Night more fun and relaxing, is a shuttle service that will run from the Winchester Arena parking lot up to the events on Main Street.

Zandbelt said, “We have room for all of the bikes uptown, but if everybody comes by car to see the bikes or hear the music, there will not be a lot of room uptown. We thought we have the arena, why not use that?”

He said it is a family fun event so the easier it is to go without having to worry about finding a parking spot the more fun the event will be for everyone.



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# South Stormont lists federal funding concerns

Sandy Casselman  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – In a recent township of South Stormont council meeting, local politicians received a key information report about the insufficient federal funding that rural communities receive in comparison to urban centres.

During the municipality's June 22 council meeting, chief administrative officer Debi LucasSwitzer provided the update, which included a letter from three shadow and deputy shadow ministers of rural economic development and rural broadband strategy at the federal level. The letter

requested rural municipalities to identify the three most important issues impacting economic development in their communities.

"It is integral to our economy that the federal government works for everyone no matter where they live," MP Shannon Stubbs, MP Damien C.

Kurek, and MP Jacques Gourde said in the letter. "We kindly ask you to express the three most important issues impacting your economic development as a rural community. We will use this feedback to ensure our work for rural Canada is as productive as possible and will determine the agenda for our proposed townhall. This

is an opportunity to network, share your priorities, and solutions to the challenges we face."

LucasSwitzer said South Stormont's administration identified the following three issues as important: funding for infrastructure of every type, response times for applications submitted to federal funding programs, and reporting requirements when funding

is received. She invited council to comment on the list, asking if they had suggestions that may differ from those chosen by staff.

"I'm happy to see us sending a letter highlighting these issues that we're having," Coun. Andrew Guindon said. "I'm just hoping it doesn't fall on deaf ears and we actually see some change over the next term of council."

# NDDHS students say goodbye to high school

CHESTERVILLE – Close to 60 North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) Grade 12 students donned their caps and gowns on June 27, ready to receive their secondary school diplomas. With a major milestone

achieved, these students can now focus on life's next big adventure, whether that's college, university,

apprenticeship, jumping straight into the workforce, or making their way down one of life's many roads less travelled.



Front row: Siena Dean (left), Alia McNaughton, Emma McRostie, Brooklin Begg, Lauren Kluge, Grace McKercher, Zena Bowman, and Jessica Groves. Middle row: Alexandra Beblow (left), Rachel Puenter, Kayla Nagerl, Emma Acres, Paige Nagerl, Cassidy Porteous, Keira Bartlett, Kiara Woods, and Mack McIntosh-St. Louis. Back row: Caylen Laberge (left), Brayden Thomas, James Burton, Noah Harper, Pietro Bertoja, Tristan Billings, Jack Link, and Elijah Paine.

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Front row: Ainsley Gordon (left), Stephanie Cormier, Emily Norris, Frannie Richardson, Paige Hannaford, Ella Holmes, Savannah Coleman, and Aaliyah Hutt. Middle row: McKenzie Reid-Stevens (left), Olivia Kelly, Mackenzie Baron, Alyssa Lynch, Rhiannon Erjavec, James MacGregor, Clayton Scebenski, and Jacob Stewart. Back row: Cierra Pappin (left), Rachel Donovan, Kloe Scott, Tatianna Kekanovich-Holmes, James Forrester, Patrick Kelly, Hunter VanBreugal, and Anna Chambers. Missing from photo: Braxton Bowers.

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# SDG's County Road 22 project

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their existing locations. There may also be several sections of drains that need to be enclosed into a buried pipe in front of residential homes.

A report from SDG director of transportation Benjamin de Haan stated that the McRae Branch of the McKenzie Municipal Drain, and the Morrow Brabec Branch of the Cumming Municipal Drain, including Road Branch and County Road Branch, will require relocation to facilitate the expanded road cross section. The Howes Branch of the McKenzie Municipal Drain, the McKenzie Municipal Drain, and the Cumming Drain will be improved where they cross County Road 22.

"We would be required to get our own appointed engineer to go through section 78 (of the Drainage Act)," MacDonald said. "When you're changing the report and bylaw, we need to update through a new

report. So, it's not something that township staff or council would be able to do without a third-party engineer involved."

To accommodate the changes, an engineer must be appointed to update the existing engineer's reports. This would include the new drain locations, drain specifications, and culverts impacted by the development. An assessment schedule for future maintenance and culvert replacement is to be provided to the township, as well. All impacted landowners are to be contacted prior to the requisite public meetings. Coun. Steve Densham asked for an estimate of how many residents might be impacted, but MacDonald said he was unable to give a definitive answer and would need to follow up later.

Calder's report stated that all costs associated with the affected municipal drains, including the engineering and construction costs, are to be covered by SDG as part of the road reconstruction project. The report can be found in the meeting's agenda package, while the meeting itself can be viewed on the municipality's Facebook page.

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## Editorial

### Happy Canada Day every day

Canadians sure like to party. This past Canada Day featured a pandemic free atmosphere and a return to 2019 in terms of atmosphere.

Across Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, villages large and small put together some kind of Canada Day birthday party.

The weather Gods did their part and made sure sunshine, and gentle breezes were the order of the day.

Even with odd mask here and there, the residents and their children were out and about enjoying festivities and behaved as if Covid was an unheard of event.

The reaction of people to the fun filled day was nice to see, and if you were lucky enough, as I was to visit three major Canada Day celebrations in Morrisburg, Russell and South Mountain you would realize all of the people having fun were interchangeable with their

neighbours in different places.

There was no chatting about politics or global concerns on July 1, even though all of us admit Canada has some work to do in righting wrongs from the past. Instead just parents watching their children take part in any number of fun games like tug of war, and of course an adventure on a bouncy castle.

It was wall-to-wall fun, from bingo games to listening to and dancing along with Ambush to feasting on a never-ending parade of barbecues, hot dogs, hamburgers and of course chicken.

Volunteers by the hundreds, the same ones that turn up at just about every community event everywhere were out and about making Canada Day happen.

At every party, praising Canada was the common thread expressed by everyone. There was not a protester in sight, just a huge group of adults and

children and even some dogs wearing shirts and red hats featuring a maple leaf and that favourite phrase, "I am a Canadian, Eh".

If you have been following the national news even a little bit, I'm sure you have come away with a more often than not negative view of just about everything in your country.

From arguments over whether or not to include the amount of fat that is in your typical hamburger to where does Canada stand on the world stage; it's not always a pretty picture.

I guess it all depends on what and where you are looking.

If you were looking at the excited faces of children as they had the chance to look at a lizard up closed courtesy of Little Ray's Reptiles at the South Mountain Canada Day birthday party or using all of your 10 year-old muscles to try and stay standing as you pull on a rope in a tug of war event in Russell, all you would see is people having fun.

Despite any suggestions that Canada might be headed toward expanding social and political challenges in the future, you would be hard pressed to sense any of that this past Canada Day in this part of rural Ontario.

There was no checking of bags and unusual security measured to worry about. The main concern was following the smell of cooking oil used for French fries to its source and going off your diet.

This Canada Day was surly a positive indication of how secure Canadians feel about their country and how much they enjoy the peace and security they find at their local festivities which were naturally smaller and more intimate events than big city birthday bashes.

Once more, in one way or another, rural residents can stomp all over the "bigger is better philosophy", and enjoy their villages' best efforts to celebrate where they live with an eye on a more fair and secure future for all.

Joseph Morin

### Stopping sexual violence requires acknowledging its existence

Did you know that marital rape wasn't criminalized in Canada until 1983? If you're wondering, that's a mere 39 years ago, not long at all.

Why am I talking about this? I realize that some people have intense reactions to openly discussing the violence that takes place everyday in Canada against women and girls. If you're one of them, I invite you to ignore this editorial, as it's not going to be something you enjoy, or continue reading or who knows, maybe you'll decide you want to be part of the solution.

In my opinion, injustice can't be altered or fixed if it isn't out in the open for all to see. If we want the statistics for violence against women in Canada to change - if we want violence against women in Canada to stop - we need to acknowledge the reality of it first. And probably more importantly, we all need to agree that the lives of girls and women are just as important and just as

deserving of safety as those of boys and men.

I attended the Community Action Network Against Abuse (CANAA)'s free virtual Bystander Intervention Training workshop on June 23, which was led by author, public educator, and women's rights' activist Julie S. Lalonde. She provided a host of statistics, information, as well as 'tools' for the stop-being-a-bystander toolbox.

Some of the statistics she presented included the following: one in three Canadian women, one in six men, and one in five trans people will experience sexual violence in their lifetime; girls and women with disabilities are four times more likely to experience sexual violence; Indigenous women are three times more likely to experience violence; nearly half of all homeless women have experienced sexual violence; 84 per cent of homeless Indigenous have experienced sexual violence; and less than 10

per cent of sexual assaults are reported.

Less than 10 per cent of sexual assaults are reported. Why? Well, just look at the opening sentence to this editorial: marital rape wasn't criminalized in Canada until 1983. What does that tell us about how our country's lawmakers saw women prior to 1983? (To be clear, while the act became criminalized in

1983, that doesn't mean Canada's lawmakers or residents jumped on board the 'let's not rape our wives' bandwagon.)

If you haven't picked up on it yet, I'm quite passionate about this topic. I'm a woman. I've experienced various forms of sexual violence throughout my life, including rape. While I'm openly admitting that here, I

didn't officially report the assault to police. I considered it. I discussed it with the police officer overseeing the case against the perpetrator in question, and it was made clear that charges would be laid should I make an "official statement." However, if I made the statement, I would lose control, meaning I could be forced to testify, meaning I could be forced to be in a room with this person. While there are many women who have come forward, I've seen the statistics, I've read the reports, and I know that, at the end of the day, most rapists get the equivalent to a slap on the wrist, you know, that is if they get anything at all. It's his word against hers, right?

Why am I discussing this in an editorial? Because it's

easier for me to count on one hand the number of women I know who haven't been raped, than it is to count the number of women who have been. In fact, if asked to count the number of women I know who've experienced sexual violence, two hands wouldn't be enough. We need to yell loud and clear that sexual violence - any violence - against girls and women won't be tolerated in any way, shape, or form in this country. (I say girls and women because that's my focus here, but really, no one, no matter what, should ever have to face sexual violence or violence of any kind in this country or in this world. We need to make violence - in all its forms and with all its targets - unacceptable in absolute terms.)

Sandy Casselman

### Destruction in the chicken coop

Living in the country has its benefits. Those quiet evenings listening to the frogs in the swamp across the road or watching the fireflies and stars shine bright. All is at piece, you can feel the calm right? Well, or so we thought.

We decided to add to our tranquility and purchased laying hens again this year. Always a joy to have farm fresh eggs. Going to the chicken coop every morning to see those feathered friends providing us with our most important part of our breakfast.

We introduced them to our secure pen and anxiously awaited for them to start producing eggs.

Patiently waiting for them to get into full production and harvesting our bounty of 8 eggs every morning. Just enough to feed the mouths around our breakfast table.

To our surprise, there is more than just us enjoying those chickens. The piece and tranquility has been ripped from our grasp.

Strolling out to the chicken coop to admire our addition was met with a surprise, we have a couple of racoons who have decided that their desire to have a piece of chicken in their diet outways our desire to have eggs for breakfast.

Unfortunately, we cannot get back what the racoons have taken, but you can bet your bottom dollar, that we are not taking this lightly.

We are very much in favour of sharing our little piece of heaven in the country but we are taking the racoons to the "train station" where they will not be interfering with our enjoyment of wholesome eggs.

Linda Vogel



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# Congratulations to the 2022 Tagwi Secondary School Grade 12 graduation class

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

AVONMORE – On Mon., June 27, commencement exercises were held for over 100 Grade 12 students in the

cafeteria at Tagwi Secondary School. This was the first in-person graduation held at TSS since 2020, when COVID-19 precautions precluded holding an in-person graduation.



From the left: Valedictorians Kiera Speck-Meek and Heath Patterson are shown with Tagwi Secondary School principal Ewen McIntosh. Courtesy Photo



From the left, first row: Allie Aitken, Corrine Anderson, Paige Aubin, Tyler Babcock, Jenna Barry, Alessandra Beltrami and Jacob Bender. Second row: Matthew Bill, Bryanna Boer, Alyssa Boudrias, Dillan Bradford, Kaitlin Brennan, Landon Brownlee and Ryan Butler. Third row: Brooklyn Canham, Haylee Ceasor, Taryn Crooke, Hallie Cutler, Vanessa Davidson and Luca Della Corte. Courtesy Photo



From the left, first row: Sydney Denney, Kenny Deshane, Jonathan Dilamarter, Cole Donald, Matthew Doyon, Emmett Duprau and Amaris Edwards. Second row: Jorja Emard, Nathaniel Ewen, Ella Flegg, Fiona Freeland, Dustin Goddard-Sleeth and McKayla Gravelle. Third row: Michelle Grignon, Haidyn Hanton, Joanna Helmer, Olyvia Hitsman-Casselmann and Cayden Iwachniuk. Courtesy Photo



Left to right, first row: Landon Jacobs, Rose Jones, Barak Kline, Zachary L'Ecuyer, Caleb Lalonde, Matthew Lalonde, Martin LeBrun and Logan Legue. Second row and third row: Shelby Legue, Alexander Leroux, Fia Leroux, Timothy Lorange, Brycen Loynachan, Jacob MacDonell, Duncan Mackenzie, IreLynn MacKillican, Nolan MacMillan, Jordyn Marion, Emma Marsolais and Lucas Martel. Courtesy Photo



From the left, first row: Shayla McDonell, Jonathan McIntosh, Thomas McMahon, Gage McMillan, Braden McRae, Paige Moores-McNicol, Gage Mitchelson and Myrah Murray. Second row: Liam Nichol, Ashtyn Nugent, Emma Padbury, Kaw Buakham, Justin Paquette and Heath Patterson. Third row: Zayne Pitblado, Gwen Quenneville, Michael Ramjist, Cameron Rennie, Savanna Rochon and Mear Scharf-McRae. Courtesy Photo



Pictured at left: From the left, first row: Jordan Sears, Sarah Sidorchuk, Halia Arthurs, Jonathon Sopata, Alexis Soulliere, Kiera Speck-Meek, Zackary Spec-Meek and Stephanie Spichtig. Second row: Dillan St. Amand, Jasmine St. Pierre, Carley St. Thomas, Carly Stata, Shae Stinson, Owen Van Putten and Brenda Watson. Third row: Cherie Watson, Alyssa Wensink, Mckenzie Wereley, Vienna Wiens and Bryden Witteveen. Courtesy Photo



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## – Obituary – THOMPSON, BETTY LAURA

Betty Laura Thompson passed away on June 28, 2022 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital at age 82. Betty was born June 15, 1940, youngest of five children, to the late Thomas and Laura (nee Pollard) Burkitt of Frankford. She married her sweetheart Ernest Thompson on May 16, 1964. Together they had two beautiful boys, Eric and David. Betty worked for Bell Canada for 35 years. Spending time and keeping in touch with family, friends and the Bell girls was very important to Betty. She later moved to Belleville and then to Chesterville to be closer to her family. Betty is survived by her loving son David, daughter-in-law Andrea and grandchildren Caleb, Maria and Jacob of Winchester, daughter-in-law Rhonda, grandchild Latara and her husband Paul and great grandchild Moira of Trenton, sister Doreen, brother Jack (Ann) and many family and friends. Betty was predeceased by her loving husband Ernest of 40 years, son Eric and brothers Hugh and Harry. A private service will be held at the family's request. If you wish to donate in Betty's memory, please consider donating to Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Thank you to the wonderful nurses and doctors of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital for their compassionate care and support. Mom, you left us too soon, but your giving heart and caring soul will live on with us. We are so blessed to have such a beautiful angel watching over us now.


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# South Stormont supports SDG warden's appeal to province

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – “It’s something that’s really important, and it’s near and dear to my heart too,” township of South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis said.

McGillis made the statement during the municipality’s June 22 council meeting, where council members were asked to not only endorse comments made by the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG) on the province’s transportation plan for Eastern Ontario, but to also “urge the province to seriously consider

recommendations made and take action.” Following brief comments from McGillis, as well as Deputy Mayor David Smith, South Stormont’s politicians voted in favour of the recommendation.

In a report from Loriann Harbers, South Stormont’s director of corporate services and clerk, it was noted that the much-needed improvements to Highway 138 have not been included as a priority in the province’s recent draft transportation plan for Eastern Ontario. The report noted that SDG warden Carma Williams wrote a “strongly worded letter expressing dismay and frustration with the

lack of attention to this integral commuter link within our region.”

Echoing the mayor’s sentiments, Smith said that he was “very vocal and upset” during a “contentious” discussion on the topic during a recent SDG council meeting. He said the lives of those who drive Highway 138 are just as important as the lives of Ontarians living in Toronto.

“This is something that we’ve just got to stay on them, stay on, and stay on, and be diligent, make sure we get this done,” Smith said. McGillis agreed, noting that Highway 138 has needed improvements for many years.

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# Happy Canada Day in Morrisburg

MORRISBURG – The Morrisburg Waterfront Park was the place to be to have a sunny and fun Canada Day birthday party. Children had many places to play and have some summer fun. The park’s splash pad was a popular spot for children and adults had shady trees to take a break under and have something to eat. The Morrisburg and District Lions Club cooked up hundreds of chickens, there was a bingo, fruit pie baking contest, face painting, bouncy castles and children’s activities and games for all ages. There was a petting zoo and pony rides, bike decorating and at the end of the day a fireworks display.



Diana Seguin and Justin Cardinal along with Juniper the dog enjoyed an afternoon of great weather and fun in Morrisburg on Canada Day. Morin Photo



Amelia Vyletel was all decked out to enjoy Canada Day. She is from Kingston. Morin Photo



Morrisburg and District Lions Club members Chris Wiltshire and John Ciampaglia turn over a rack of chickens at Canada Day celebrations in Morrisburg. Morin Photo

## United Way Centraide SDG launches new video addressing the realities of local poverty in SDG

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

CORNWALL – During its annual general meeting last month, a video designed to provide information on the realities of poverty in the local area was launched.

“This 12-minute video addresses misconceptions about poverty through the perspectives of three people with lived experience: a young man who fell into addiction and fought to get his life back on track; a single mom who suddenly had to raise her kids on an unstable single income due to unforeseen circumstances; and, a young woman who struggled for years to get the help she needed, and once she did, she was finally able to thrive in a way she never knew was possible” explained a June 10 press release from the organization.

Stephanie Lapointe, United Way Centraide

SDG campaign and communications coordinator, commented how this video provides an opportunity to see the complexity of poverty and begin to understand and address this issue “by having a common understanding about what poverty is and what it looks like here in Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry and Akwesasne.” She continued how the organization has developed new partnerships as well as increased investing in the past year, and this initiative will help them to understand the reasons they were needed. “We hope this video is the first step for all of us to start looking at poverty differently and breaking through the stereotypes to have an open and honest conversation.” Lapointe added this will assist the collaboration between the community it serves and the organization.

The video can be accessed at [www.uwtalkspoverty.com](http://www.uwtalkspoverty.com).

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Welcome to a joint update from **Winchester District Memorial Hospital**, the **WDMH Auxiliary**, **Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home** and the **WDMH Foundation**. We are pleased to share highlights from the past year and to take this opportunity to thank our local communities for your incredible support. We also want to thank our health care teams for your commitment to keeping our patients, residents, community, and each other safe.

## We are one team

*We've got this.* It's something we've been saying a lot at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) and we mean it. For more than two years, Team WDMH has done us proud – and we are so grateful for their commitment and compassionate care. We also want to thank our amazing local communities who have been behind them every step of the way.

The pandemic has presented many challenges both at WDMH and in our communities. But our team has been innovative and remained vigilant against the spread of the virus. And we have much more to celebrate.

First and foremost, WDMH was awarded Accreditation with Exemplary Standing in January, exceeding national standards for patient safety and quality of patient care. An internal medicine clinic and a new service to provide special intravenous lines for chemotherapy patients were launched. Extensive planning for Epic, our new digital health record system is underway. And did we mention that 795 babies were born at WDMH last year? We also welcomed new staff, physicians, and midwives and we are actively recruiting for more health care professionals to join our team. We embraced students throughout the hospital and are participating in several research projects.

We are here for you – from childbirth to seniors' care. And we are committed to compassionate excellence. Thanks for your support!



## Amazing volunteers

**Gratitude is all about thanks and appreciation** – and we couldn't be more grateful for the community volunteers who support health care close to home.

WDMH Auxiliary members have stayed home to stay safe this past year, and we miss them. But their impact is still being felt. In fact, this amazing team recently donated more than \$75,000 to cover the cost a specialized ultrasound disinfection system. WDMH can now offer more procedures for women in our community.

We are also grateful to the community volunteers who sit on the Patient and Family Engagement Committee, various hospital committees, and the WDMH Boards of Directors. Special thanks to James Pitruniak who has completed his term as Board Chair and to our new Board Chair Bruce Millar.

*To learn more about WDMH, visit [www.wdmh.on.ca](http://www.wdmh.on.ca). Don't forget to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter.*

## Inspiring happiness and joy

**Dundas Manor's commitment to happiness and joy for its residents has never wavered** – despite the challenges of the pandemic. We are proud of the care that we provide and want to thank our team, as well as our wonderful residents and families for the never-ending support.

We are also proud of the results we've achieved. Our annual survey showed a 96% satisfaction rate from residents and families. Resident safety remains our top priority. We continue to monitor how we are doing through our Quality Improvement Plan, ongoing successful Ministry inspections, and our meetings with families. Throughout the pandemic, we have focused on strict protocols and we're proud of our 100% vaccination rate.

Supporting our work are our wonderful volunteers, including the Board of Directors. This year, we welcomed our new Board Chair Lisa Little. Our sincere thanks to Bill Smirle for his Board leadership since 2012 – truly our #1 supporter!



*To learn more about Dundas Manor, visit [www.dundasmanor.ca](http://www.dundasmanor.ca)*





## We are ready!



**A giant sign will soon appear near Dundas Manor** officially announcing the future site of our new home. We are so excited! While the pandemic has slowed down some of our planning, it hasn't dampened our enthusiasm. In fact, we've improved the design based on what we've learned, particularly related to infection control.

The new Dundas Manor will include larger resident rooms, accessible spaces, and dining and gathering areas that bring people together. Every resident will have more privacy and their own window and there will be air conditioning throughout the building. Plus, we will welcome 30 more residents.

Construction is expected to begin next year.



## It's great to meet you

Every day, the WDMH Foundation team has the pleasure of speaking with donors who are grateful for the care they have received at WDMH. It's the best part of the job. Our donors' gifts are used wisely, including supporting cancer care services, purchasing medical equipment, and educating staff – making an incredible impact throughout the hospital. This past year, because of our donors, we were able to purchase 106 new pieces of equipment. Everything from a \$3,200 training mannequin for ongoing staff education to state-of-the-art colon and gastroscopes for the operating room, valued at \$363,630. The total cost of the 106 pieces: \$1,132,927!

The WDMH Foundation Team is busy planning as well. We are honoured to be working with staff, residents, and families as they plan for the brand-new Dundas Manor. While we can't share exactly what is going on behind the scenes, please stay tuned for some exciting announcements in a few months.

Finally, we want to thank the community volunteers who support our work, including the WDMH Foundation Board of Directors for their commitment of time and expertise. A special shout-out to Peter Krajcovic who has completed his term as Chair. His sage advice is most appreciated. Thank you to our new Board Chair Chris Chevalier.

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Dimi Stavrou and her mom Kim enjoyed a fun afternoon at the South Mountain fairgrounds during Canada Day celebrations. Morin Photo



## South Mountain Canada Day

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – North Dundas focused their Canada Day celebrations in the South Mountain Fairgrounds. There was music by Ambush, Marleen Fawcett and an Elvis impersonator, a beer tent, bingo and children’s activities. Vanderlaand the Barnyard Zoo brought along their animals for children to have a look at as did Little Ray’s Reptiles. Shake-a-Paw Dog Training was also at the celebrations thrilling children and adults. Partygoers had all kinds of food and fun to enjoy at North Dundas’ Canada Day.



Residents of Russell, North and South Dundas and surrounding municipalities celebrated Canada Day with family fun. This family in South Mountain stopped by the South Mountain Fairgrounds to share in the birthday party. In this photo they are enjoying animals provided by Vanderlaand the Barnyard Zoo. Left to right are: Amelia, Sydney, Angela and Nick Dallas. Morin Photo

## Canada Day fun in Avonmore

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

AVONMORE – Canada Day celebrations in the North Stormont village of Avonmore included a community breakfast, followed by the Colours Run, swimming in the community pool, children’s activities and concluded with fireworks.



Canada Day celebrations in Avonmore began with a community breakfast at North Stormont Place; it featured a selection of pancakes, ham, sausages, scrambled eggs, potatoes, and a selection of fixings. Organized by the Roxborough Agricultural Society as a fundraiser for the Avonmore Fair, being held July 15-17, organizers were pleased with the turnout. SDSG MP Eric Duncan commented how “the crowds are out,” when asked about the breakfast and Canada Day celebrations. From the left: RAS volunteers Ken and Linda Holland, SDSG MPP Nolan Quinn and SDSG MP Eric Duncan. Thompson Goddard Photo



There were plenty of children running in the 2022 Colours Run just outside North Stormont Place on Canada Day beginning around 10 a.m. Facilitated by Avonmore Rec. and North Stormont Fire Station Number No. 3 in Avonmore, there was a lot of excitement as runners were covered by coloured powder and then at the finish line were able to enjoy a soft cascade of water from the fire hoses. Thompson Goddard Photo



commented Carol Shea, a member of the organizing team. She mentioned that an estimated 200 people attended the event. She commented in a post event email that the committee is “looking at a big event for Canada Day next year.” Ambush is shown performing on stage at the event that garnered a lot of excitement in the local area. The MRC committee organize and hold both a monthly Monkland Recreation Centre Country Market, held on the first Saturday of the month, and the bi-weekly Saturday Farmers’ Market at the MRC. Courtesy Photo

## Ambush wows the crowd in outdoor concert

MONKLAND – Organized as a fundraiser for the Monkland Recreation Centre, there was plenty of good music at the outdoor concert featuring Ambush on Sat., June 25. “With the support of many local businesses and volunteers” the event was a success

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## Begins Bounty and Boards

CRYSLER – Begins Bounty and Boards provides customers with the opportunity to purchase organic vegetables at local community markets and throughout the year wood crafts.

Larry Begins explained the business is “a sole proprietorship, but it’s very much a family effort with my wife Melissa and my sons Hayden and Riley.” He explained how after attending a 2019 Christmas Craft Market in Crysler, with retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces on the horizon in 2020, the decision to “make a go of it” was made.

With a passion for vegetable gardening and woodwork, the decision was made to incorporate both into his business. He noted in an email how he is “literally running a business centred around my favourite hobbies.”

The family lives in Crysler, but their farm is located south of Chesterville. Noting how he currently does not provide garden services for clients but is always “happy to answer questions and offer tips from [his] experience.” He mentioned it’s never too late in the season to start growing, and mentioned how understanding, and working our grow zone can result in “better tasting vegetables after frost has kissed them.”

“Growing organic vegetables for the

# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Larry Begin of Begins Bounty & Board is shown at his vendors’ booth during the Monkland Farmers’ Market earlier this spring. Thompson Goddard Photo

community markets at an affordable price is the aim for our growing season,” explained Larry. He continued how his wife Melissa has begun “making her own garlic powder from last year’s harvest;

dried and prepared chili flakes; and picked preserves including beets, hot pepper rings, etc.”

He spoke about the woodworking portion of the business, commenting how

the winter months are when the custom wood items are made, “like cabinets or unique crafts that someone can’t seem to find. Begins mentioned how customers have ordered platform beds, kitchen islands or entryway benches from his company. Begins Bounty and Boards attend several community markets, including Williamsburg Country Market, Metcalfe Farmers’ Market, and the bi-weekly Monkland Farmers’ Market. “The first market we started and maintained is at the Old General Store in Crysler on Friday afternoons,” commented Begins before adding how they are often vendors for the Winchester pop-up near Christmas and Events in Crysler.

When asked what advice he would have for those starting out in a similar business, Larry mentioned the best advice was to educate yourself on the topic by reading. He noted how while “There isn’t any one author/expert I would recommend but the context of the trades isn’t captured as well simply through videos.” He did mention how one of the biggest obstacles to overcome when developing a business is time itself and the need to become more efficient.”

For more information or to contact Begins Bounty and Boards, please contact their Facebook and Instagram accounts. Their website is currently in development.

*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.*

## Sugar Road to open July 7

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – *Sugar Road*, which has thrilled and excited audiences across Canada, is set to open at the Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg on July 7. The play by Kristen Da Silva is being performed at Upper Canada Playhouse between July 7 and July 31. In a June 23 press release, director Donnie Bowes noted *Sugar Road* had originally been scheduled for 2020 but was rescheduled to the 2022 season because of the COVID-19 pandemic. He continued that Da Silva is an emergent Canadian playwright, with *Sugar Road* being performed in several Canadian theatres.

Described by Bowes as a ‘country comedy’, the setting is a country amusement park, inherited by Hannah Taylor who is trying to keep the business viable during difficult

economic times. Taylor, played by Erin Mackinnon, decides to host the “Spurs and Heart Festival” to increase business during the summer. The event’s headlining act is Jesse Emberley, played by Kevin Aichele, a country music star who had played at the amusement park many years ago. He and Taylor had a brief romance at that time before he hit it big in the country music world. Aichele has appeared in several theatres across Canada and is returning to the Upper Canada Playhouse for this performance.

Aichele explained during an interview his character had performed at the amusement park before hitting it big in the country music world. He mentioned the play has a great storyline, great characters, lots of humour and action. He continued the audience should be left wondering



There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to make the production and actors’ performances. From the left, front row: Kevin Aichele and Erin Mackinnon. Back row: Laura LaKatosh (assistant stage manager); Bryan Young, Jackie McCormick (stage manager); Anna Marie Lea and production intern Megan McDonnell. Absent from photo: director Donnie Bowes. Thompson Goddard Photo

what will happen next, noting the *Sugar Road* is episodic in nature.

Hannah’s best friend Caroline Dawn, an Elmvalle

resident and huge fan of Jesse Emberley, is played by Anna Marie Lea. Lea comes to this production after producing *Sugar Road*

at Alberta’s Cow Patti Theatre Company and has been “in countless playhouse productions... there is nothing like live theatre,” commented Lea who described how *Sugar Road* keeps you on the edge of your seat as the journey unfolds before your eyes. Veteran actor Brian Young plays the amusement park’s custodian Ray Bishop, a friend of Hannah’s mother and a source of support for the young woman.

“*Sugar Road* draws audiences in and quickly involves them in the lives of these everyday people with their dreams, relationships, joys, and challenges. It’s all

about small towns and big hearts. And a lot of laughter in between” explained Bowes. He mentioned how it is a play that has a wide appeal and “all the elements of an engaging theatre experience.”

*Sugar Road* runs between July 7 and 31, directed by Donnie Bowes, set design by John Thompson of Cornwall and lighting design by Sean Free of Morrisburg. More information is available by contacting the box office of Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg by phone at 613-543-3713, 1-877-550-3650 or on their website at uppercanadaplayhouse.com.



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7, 2022
CLUES ACROSS
1. Ancient Greek sophist
5. Genus of insects
11. Culinary herb
12. Neutralizing antibody
16. Plan
17. Pa's partner
18. A city in S Louisiana
19. TNT sportscaster
24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
25. Well-known bug
26. Body parts
27. Monetary unit of Albania
28. Kids' play things
29. Coastal city in Malaysia
30. Famed French physician
31. Flourishing
33. Excessively overweight
34. Pampered
38. Emerged
39. Order of tailless amphibians
40. Indian term of respect
43. Shift sails (Brit.)
44. Beloved Mexican dish
45. Scottish tax
49. Health insurance
50. Monetary unit of Samoa
51. Move about
53. Execute or perform
54. Taste property
56. Unit of dry measure
58. Blood group
59. Something you can up
60. In great need
63. Breezes through
64. Spoke
65. Become acquainted with
CLUES DOWN
1. A particular part
2. Spanish neighborhood
3. Business
4. Reddish browns
5. Extinct Hawaiian bird
6. Disney town
7. Part of the Bible (abbr.)
8. Atomic #22 (abbr.)
9. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
10. In a moment
13. Monetary unit of Vietnam
14. Submerge in a liquid
15. Yellowish cotton cloth
20. ... denotes past
21. Hoopster Morant
22. Not
23. Indian title of respect
27. Horsley and Marvin are two
29. One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
30. Hoover's organization
31. Round globular seed
32. University official
33. Spherical body
34. Iraq's capital
35. To any further extent
36. Swollen lymph node
37. Anger
38. Technological marvel
40. Peruvian district
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. What Santa says
44. Israeli city \_ Aviv
45. Late Heisman winner
46. Reveal the presence of
47. Long upholstered seat
48. Most wily
50. Sword
51. Respiratory disease
52. The Ocean State
54. Flethy watery fruit
55. Lying down
57. Superheavy metal
61. The ancient Egyptian sun god
62. Indicates position

THE BENEFITS OF CROSSWORD PUZZLES
Even though crossword puzzles have been entertaining and helping people pass the time for more than 100 years, the benefits of crosswords go beyond boredom-busting. Various studies have shown the positive effects crossword puzzles can have on a person's brain and capacity to learn.
- Improve vocabulary
- Strengthens memory
- Improve socialization
- Help relieve stress
- May help prevent brain diseases
Crossword puzzles can fill empty hours with an entertaining and educational activity. However, there are many other benefits to doing crossword puzzles that may surprise even the most ardent puzzle enthusiasts.



Visitors to the Russell Fairgrounds all had a piece of Canada's birthday cakes. In this photo cutting the special cake were, left to right: Liz O' Gorman, Donna Lafrance, Karin Lovenuk and Jane Patterson. Morin Photo

### Russell Canada Day

RUSSELL – Canada Day in Russell was held on the Russell fair grounds. It was sponsored by the township of Russell, the Russell Lions Club and the Russell Agricultural Society.

The day featured music by The Front End, a beer garden, bouncy castle and carnival games. There was a volleyball tournament, face painting and hot dogs and hamburgers cooked up by the Second Russell Scouts. The fire department had a water sprinkler to help people cool off and later in the evening there was more music and fireworks.



Scarlett Wood had fun having her face painted by Jack's Face Painting. Morin Photo



The Front End was one of many bands who helped Russell residents celebrate Canada Day. Morin Photo

## Russell council meetings now available for online viewing

Sandy Casselman  
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – At the onset of 2022, the township of Russell began limiting access to the municipality's recorded council meetings, citing potential issues with the *Accessibility for Ontarians Disabilities Act* (AODA).

"As a transparency initiative, the township of Russell posts council meeting recordings on our YouTube page," communications coordinator Megan Beehler said in her report. "The videos are currently posted without closed captions. As the lack of closed captions in the videos might contravene the Integrated Accessibility Standards (IAS) Regulation made pursuant to the AODA, 2005, the township stopped uploading the videos to our public YouTube page as of January 2022."

Following Beehler's June 20 report, council gave staff the greenlight to make the recordings available, once again, to the public via an online link. Written transcripts of the meetings are available upon request.

"At the March 21, 2022, council meeting, council requested the administration revise our AODA compliance regarding our website and meeting webcast and to evaluate the costs of continuing to offer the most content possible while remaining AODA compliant," Beehler said. "The township has sought a legal opinion on the interpretation of the AODA in the context of posting recorded videos of council meetings online. The conclusion and recommendation from legal were that the township would have a strong argument for keeping the videos of council meetings posted online, even if they are not compliant with the AODA, and specifically if there is an alternative the township can offer to those with an auditory disability, such as providing a transcript of the meeting when requested."

Beginning in January, the council meetings were broadcast live on the township's YouTube page; however, following the meeting, the recordings were only available through a request to the township directly. Following council's June 20 decision, all 2022 meeting recordings, including those already completed, are to be uploaded and available for viewing by the public at their leisure.

Beehler's report noted that a full assessment of Russell's services and their compliance with the AODA is a significant undertaking that isn't possible during the 2022 calendar year. She said the 2022 Business Plan doesn't include the necessary resources required for an assessment on this scale. She suggested revisiting the subject at budget time. Links to council meeting agendas, minutes, and recordings can be found on the municipality's website (Russell.ca).

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## Russell High School graduates 2022

Russell High School celebrated the end of another school year with their graduation ceremony on Mon., June 27. Here is a list of graduating students listed in alphabetical order: Nathan Anstey, Alexis Atkinson, Makenzie Belisle, Sydney Berard Beaupre, Dylan Bolton, Mackenzie Bonneville, Abby Boszormeny, Nicholas Bourguignon, Jacklyn

Bryson, Asher Burnett, Louis Cantin, Sara Cavar, Haydon Chadwick, Anthony Coren, Kataryna Dawiskiba, Alisha Desebrais, Jasper DesRoches Ossel, Hayden Diakoumeas, Sebastien Dillon, Joey Dowich, Danika Dupelle, Paul Dupuis, Andrew Eagleson, Ana Forero Dimas, Elysium Francoeur, Conor Gault, Ryan Gendron, Nicholas Gingras, Kathryn Golden, Kiera Guerin, Malika Hammoe, Jacob Hill, Evan Houle, Kaiden Huard, Ruby Hustins, Owen Johnson, Grace Lambe, Chloe Lanouette, Tasha Laurin-Piche, Clark Little, Xander MacDonald, Alec MacGregor, Beatrice Magri, Matthew Marsh, Alexis Martel, Mason McComb, Roland Neill, Megan Nolan, Charlie Pascoe, Nick Perrozzino, Scott Perry, Sam Peters, Sara Prentis, Quinn Provost, Landon Read, Zachary Regalbutto, Zachary Rochon, Connor Ross, Codey Ryan, Sophia Santoro, Annabelle Saxe, Brody Saxe, Sebastien St. Pierre, Curtiss Sturgeon, Emily Suddard, Janel Therkelsen, Taylor Thompson, Jaden Trudeau, Joshua Tuinder, Aleana Vasiljeva, Autumn Weatherall, Bible Williams, Teagan Williams.

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## St. Thomas Aquinas Graduates of the Class of 2022

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School in Russell celebrated its graduating students on Mon., June 27.

Jason Anderson, Tristan Babin, Evan Belafi, Liam Berry-Lavallee, Spencer Billings, Kallum Birch, Kisthen Bocicot, Zoé Bols, Tayte Bouchard, Madison Boucher, Benjamin Brasseur, Abbey Buckingham,



Ruby Budel, Makenzie Campbell, Elena Ciavaglia, Patrick Cogan, Alexis Cook, Joshua Corput, Riley Daniell, Hailey Denis, Shea Desjardins, Teagan Donovan, Rachel Drevniok, Cole Eikelboom, Devon Elliott, Brett Esnard, Owen Fewtrell, Ty Findlay, Mac Fiset, Ronan Foster, Emma Gaudette, Cody Gaudreault, Emilie Gauthier, Greta Giacchetta, Matthew Gibeault, Rebecca Greer, Sarah Greer, William Grégoire-Toutant, Wilham Hamelin, Grace Hamper, Max Hannivan, Alex Hassan, Katie Horner, Sierra Hynes Ion, Riley James, Keith Johnston, Tristan Judd, Olivia Keoughan, Sierran King, Katelyn Knap, Skyler Lafrance, Asiah Lanteigne, Abyssa Lanthier, Brookfyne Lapensée, Zoe Larrivée, Matthew Lawton, Cole LeBlanc, Daphné Leblanc, Hunter Leclair, Nathan LeRoyer, Noah Lévesque, Ethan Logtens, Danica MacQueen-Ladouceur, Kjeran MacQueen-Ladouceur, Katie McNair, William Meisner, Max Messervey, Kaden Mikkelsen, Rachel Miller, Erin Monette, Kaden Moore, Brigit Moreau, Paige Nadeau, Nathaniel Nielsen, Jonah O'Donohue, Lauren Patterson, Daniel Piché, Noah Porco, Hailey Reed, Mackai Robinson, Darien Robitaille, Kassondra Roy, Michael Smith, Tanner Smith, Gavin Somers, Isabella Sperotto, Marina Spitz, Ineke Standish, Harrison Stewart, Ryan Stinson, Damian Streng, Chase Summers, Jacob Taylor, Katarina Tessier, Noah Tessier, Keely Tondreau, Aiden Tremblay, Alexander vanDelst, Lucien Veddern, James Verspeek, Logan Verspeek, Hannah Wanamaker, Emily Way, Jack Wharton-Geary, Anastasia Yakabuski, Olivia Zandbelt, Autumn Zimmerman.

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## Russell updates Citizen Recognition Program

Sandy Casselman  
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – It's been five years since the township of Russell established its Citizen Recognition Program and the municipality's current council members recently approved some updates.

The request for changes was made during the township's June 20 council meeting when communications coordinator, Megan Beehler, asked politicians to approve the recommended updates. Council approved the request.

"The introduction of a Citizen Recognition Program was approved by council in 2017," Beehler said in her report. "Over the last five years, the administration has proposed a number of ways to improve the program. The updated version simplifies the award categories, criteria, and logistics of the administrative process. These changes will help the township encourage more nominations and recognitions within the community."

The 2022 version of Russell's Citizen Recognition Program outlines the purpose, criteria, and procedures of the program, along with information on the Recognition Wall, which is located in the Town Hall,

and a note on exclusions. Council members and employees of the township are not eligible for an award if it's related to their role as a municipal representative.

There are three types of recognition avenues available. These include the Certificate of Recognition, the Community Award, and the Key to the Township. Certificate recognitions are used to celebrate things like a milestone birthday, anniversary, or some other major life milestone. The community awards are given to individuals who have proven to be "exceptional community members, working tirelessly to make the township of Russell a better place to live, work, and raise a family." Meanwhile, keys to the township are given to persons, organizations, or groups who represent the community on a national or a global scale.

To learn more about the program, including how to nominate someone for an award, visit Russell's website (Russell.ca). Information can be found by accessing the "Your Township" tab and choosing the "Awards and Recognitions" link. Council agendas and minutes can also be accessed via the municipality's website.

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