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Briefly

Dairyfest returns WINCHESTER

Winchester Dairyfest is back on track this weekend. See *The Record's* sponsor pages on pages 6 and 7.

Tractor Parade in Winchester

Don't forget to stop by Dundas Manor in Winchester on Sun., Aug. 7 to see the annual Tractor Parade giving manor residents a break from their routine. The parade lead by John Cinnamon will kick off from the Winchester Arena parking lot and travel to the manor arriving between 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Trial kayak-lending CHESTERVILLE

The Recreation & Culture Department will be launching a free trial kayak-lending program at the Chesterville boat launch, located on Queen Street behind the cenotaph. Kayaks and safety vests will be available for those who wish to take a 1-hour paddle along the South Nation River. Aug. 10 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Aug. 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sept. 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bike Night returns to Winchester

WINCHESTER – Bike Night in Winchester is back on Thurs., Aug. 11. There will be live music with Bordertowne Boys at 5 p.m. and Canada's Bob Seger Tribute Show at 7 p.m. You can enjoy "Manufacturers on Main" and "Bike of the Month" and several local food vendors.

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Lots going on in Chesterville

The town square in Chesterville was busy during the 2022 Meet Me On Main Street event on Wed., July 27 in Chesterville. People were enjoying the music, dancing and good food. Friends and neighbours had an opportunity to get together and share some quality time during a perfect summer evening.

Thompson Goddard Photo

A night to remember

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – It was an evening of fun, food and socializing when Meet Me On Main Street Chesterville was held on Wed., July 26.

Held in several North Dundas communities, Meet Me On Main Street began in 2017 as part of the celebration of the sesquicentennial of Canadian Confederation in the TND. It has continued to be held annually, except for 2020 and 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic and has evolved into a wonderful series of summer events.

With the weather providing a beautiful July evening, hundreds of people joined their friends and neighbours on Chesterville's Main Street between Queen and King Streets. With the historic Nation River as a backdrop, people were able to enjoy refreshments while visiting with friends and neighbours, and dancing to the music of the Border Towne Boys or perhaps just sitting quietly, enjoying the hustle and bustle of the crowd.

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North Stormont councillor sanctioned following integrity report

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

BERWICK – Once again, township of North Stormont Coun. Roxane Villeneuve has been found at fault following another investigation into complaints that, as a member of council, she violated the Code of Conduct.

The report, which was penned by John Mascarin and John George Pappas of Aird Berlis LLP, was presented during North Stormont's July 26 council meeting. As per the *Municipal Act*, Aird Berlis LLP was delegated authority in writing to investigate and report on the matter by the township's appointed integrity commissioner, Tony Fleming of Cunningham, Swan, Carty,

Little, and Bonham LLP, on Oct. 18, 2021. It was determined that Villeneuve did contravene the Code of Conduct in two of the three complaints raised against her. Villeneuve did not attend the July 26 council meeting.

"A formal complaint pursuant to the Code of Conduct for Members of Council of The Corporation of the Township of North Stormont, dated Aug. 17, 2021, was provided to our office in October 2021," Mascarin and Pappas said in the report's introduction: "The Complaint alleges that Coun. Roxane Villeneuve, a member of the Township Council, contravened the code on account of her conduct at a meeting of

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Meet Me On Main Street Chesterville

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Several vendors provided people with refreshments during the event; these included Simply Baked Catering, Papa Gus Jr., Fat Les's Pub and Poutinerie, Chesterville & District Lions Club, Smokie Ridge Vineyard, the Windmill, King's Lock Craft Distillery and Humble Beginnings.

In addition to visiting and enjoying a bite to eat or drink, there were several organizations on site providing information to those at the event. Members of the Chesterville Fire Station were on hand during the event, providing information and swag for people of all ages. The Gathering House in Chesterville provided free coffee, with Southgate Church providing a bouncy castle for the youngsters. SDG Tourism was on hand to offer information about events and points of interest in the united counties.

Meet Me On Main Street Chesterville 2022 was an incredibly successful event, providing all attending the event with the opportunity to enjoy a summer evening out.



There was no shortage of youngsters who wished to have some fun in the bouncy castle during the event. Thompson Goddard Photo



There was a steady stream of customers to purchase a bite to eat from the Fat Les' Pub and Poutinerie booth. Thompson Goddard Photo



Simply Baked Catering of Winchester provided an array of delicious food to choose from. Thompson Goddard Photo



While some enjoyed listening to the music of the Border Towne Boys, others were dancing the night away during the 2022 Meet Me On Main Street Chesterville. Thompson Goddard Photo

"A humbling honour"- Joe Krol

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

BERWICK – Joe Krol, who has volunteered with Stormont County 4-H for close to 30 years, received the 2020 Ontario 4-H Arbor Award earlier this year and in his honour a maple tree was planted in the McIntosh Memorial Park in Berwick. The award was established during the International Year of the Volunteer in 2001 to recognize Ontario 4-H volunteers with at least 10 years of

service, who have provided exemplary service to the 4-H organization and their community.

Family, friends, members of both Stormont County 4-H and the Ontario 4-H organization gathered at the park to honour the work of Krol. He received congratulations for his dedication, service, and enthusiasm from speakers, with 4-H Ontario council past president Cheryl Sullivan commenting, "Joe is an inspiration to 4-H volunteers."



Front row: North Stormont Coun. Steve Densham, past president 4-H Ontario council Cheryl Sullivan, Joy Krol, 2020 4-H Arbor Award Recipient Joe Krol, 4-H Ontario ambassador Rhiannah Gallagher and 2020 Arbour Award winner Barbara-Ann Glaude. Back row: Jennifer Waldroff, Ontario 4-H council director and nominating committee member, Stormont County 4-H president Neil Robinson, coordinator of volunteer support Regions 1 and 2 Cam Crogie, nominating committee member Lill Smith and volunteer and database manager 4-H Ontario Megan Burnside-Poitras. Thompson Goddard Photo

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Integrity report

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council held Aug. 10, 2021, and a social media post made shortly thereafter, on or about Aug. 11, 2021, by making statements regarding an investigation and report by the township's Appointed Integrity Commissioner."

Mascarin, who led the presentation, noted that Villeneuve had been given a copy of the report and knew the presentation would be happening during the July 26 meeting, which she didn't attend. He said the report is the result of a completely neutral and impartial investigation.

"As I indicated during our investigation, we acted in a completely unbiased and impartial manner and in accordance with the requirements at law," Mascarin said. "The investigation was conducted in a fair process and manner that afforded procedural fairness to Coun. Villeneuve. So that there will be no misunderstanding, as I indicated to you, we did provide notice to Coun. Villeneuve of her opportunity to make submissions this evening."

Following Mascarin's opening statements, Pappas took over the presentation. While he didn't read the report word for word, he did give an overview of the complaints and the subsequent results of the investigation.

"I don't propose to go into great detail about our report. A report is in your agenda, and it speaks for itself and lays out in great detail what our findings are," Pappas said. "I'll highlight a bit of the inquiry process into the allegations of the complaint, and then deal with the findings of fact, and our determination in our report, and conclude with our recommended penalty."

The complainant alleged that Villeneuve's conduct and statements made during and after the Aug. 10, 2021, meeting contravened several sections of the Code of Conduct. Pappas reviewed the history of the case, including notes on the original investigation led by Fleming. He discussed Fleming's Aug. 10, 2021, presentation to council, Villeneuve's response during that meeting, as well as her follow-up statement on social media.

"We found that two of three of these allegations were sustained," Pappas said.

The first allegation, which suggested Villeneuve contravened section two of the code – foster respect for

decision-making process – was determined to be unfounded. While Pappas's findings concluded Villeneuve did not break section two of the code, he did find through his investigation into the second and third allegations, that she violated several others. It was determined that Villeneuve contravened section one of the code (release of confidential information), section eight of the code (complaint process), section five of the code (reputational management; interpersonal behaviour), and section four of the code (relationship with staff).

The report outlines in detail how each code was violated. It then lists a series of recommendations.

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"The councillor has twice been determined to have contravened the code for her action respecting township staff. She has twice been sanctioned, with an escalating response in each instance. In these circumstances, a continuation of the councillor's behaviour, engages the principal of progressive discipline," the report states. "As such, we recommend that a penalty of a suspension of remuneration for a period of 60 days is appropriate for purposes of specific deterrence and to maintain public confidence in the township's accountability and ethical

framework."

The recommendations included notes on comments made by Villeneuve during the Aug. 10, 2021, meeting. It was suggested that she self-educate herself on the Code of Conduct, as well as the role of the integrity commissioner.

"Based on our investigation, it is also clear that the councillor fundamentally misunderstands how the code is administered and enforced. It is our view that the councillor miscomprehends the role of council in considering a report from the integrity commissioner, including the permitted scope of submissions that may be made," the report states. "Whether based on a misunderstanding or a deliberate alternative interpretation, the councillor has also challenged the legality of council's ability to impose 'remedial measures,' despite such measures being acceptable and entirely within council's broad statutory authority to deal with accountability and transparency."

Pappas's report also addresses Villeneuve's remarks condemning the remedial measures implemented following the Aug. 10, 2021, determination. The report includes several references to cases determining the legality of remedial measures.

"In our view, this matter was conclusively addressed by the Divisional Court in Magder versus Ford when it held that a municipality is not precluded from imposing remedial measures or corrective actions to carry out the objectives of its Code of Conduct. The Ontario Superior Court, in Altmann versus Whitchurch-Stouffville, indicated that the imposition of remedial measures or corrective actions are valid provided that they not be implemented for punitive purposes," the report stated. "These principles were recently affirmed by the Divisional Court in Dhillon versus The Corporation of the City of Brampton, which upheld remedial measures imposed by the council in that case. To say that remedial measures are somehow 'illegal,' or to suggest that the jurisprudence on this specific topic is unsettled is plainly wrong."

Mascarin and Pappas then addressed questions from council. Council members expressed concern for the mental health and well-being of staff. The full report, dated June 27, can be found on the municipal website in the meeting agenda package. The meeting itself is available for viewing on the township's Facebook page.

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Proposed 65.0m Communications Tower Site ON8297, IROQUOIS Located on Carman Road, Iroquois

Xplornet Communications has proposed a 65.0m tall lite duty steel lattice style communication tower and related radio equipment on private property on Carman Road, Iroquois. The proposed new structure will enhance internet and data coverage and capacity for the surrounding areas.

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SITE LOCATION MAP (not to scale)



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Proposed 45.0m Communications Tower Site ON8299 MORRISBURG Located at 10 Campbell Street, Morrisburg

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Prior to proposing a new freestanding mobile base station facility, the area is investigated for existing tower infrastructure and/or tall structures suitable for antenna deployment. Our investigations showed there is an existing tower facility located 250m south of Xplornet's proposed location.

We are currently exploring the opportunity to collocate Xplornet equipment on the existing tower however, should collocation not be viable, Xplornet will be required to build their own tower as quickly as possible to provide enhanced service to Morrisburg.

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Editorial

Blank pages, controversy, and world peace

As a writer, I find that there are days when the words flow, as if by magic, and then there are the other days, the ones where it takes an hour to write a sentence. Of course, today's writing experience is decidedly in the latter group, which is inconvenient because I've waited all week for inspiration to hit me and now my deadline is here, and I have a blank page and no ideas.

My guidelines are simple. As much as possible, I need to keep my commentary focused on non-controversial topics. You may or may not find this surprising, but it's not easy to create interesting editorials about non-controversial topics, unless I know what my readers are interested in, of course. For the record, I don't.

Also, now that I'm really considering this on a deeper level, it occurs to me that almost anything could lead to controversy. Let's say I wanted to write an editorial about my favourite foods. It sounds non-controversial, but I became a vegetarian in 2014 and then a vegan in 2016. While I've returned to being vegetarian for the

moment, I still believe eating animals is ultimately unnecessary and, in my opinion, wrong. That statement, in and of itself, is controversial. (For the record, I'm the kind of vegetarian who doesn't want to argue about my choice. Also, I'm fine with you choosing whatever works for you.)

Avoiding controversy usually means abstaining from discussions around politics or religion, but I find that in 2022, no matter what topic we focus on, someone, somewhere, somehow is going to find a way to make it controversial. Just look at social media. It's almost impossible to post anything without someone taking offense. (Of course, I need to point out that there are a lot of offensive things being shared on social media, but that's not what I'm referring to here.)

I think we're living in a time when a lot of people are walking around in a defensive sort of mental state. I'll give you an example. There have been a couple of times where I've said to someone, "Hey, good morning! You look fabulous today!" In response, there have been a few people who

have then looked at me like I'm from outer space, and others who have taken it a little farther, asking, in a snarly kind of manner, "What's that supposed to mean?" For the record, I meant what I said. In any case, I've since learned, for the most part, to not say anything unless the other person speaks first. I find a smile and a wave are fine. Not always welcome, but fine.

Controversy. It's everywhere these days. I'm beginning to think that maybe some people just like to argue for the sake of arguing, regardless of the topic. Again, I'm not one of those people. In fact, I'm quite the opposite. I much prefer everything to be peaceful, happy, and stress-free. Honestly, my idea of a perfect world would be one where everyone loved each other, cared for one another, and went out of their way to be kind. With that said, I must also admit that I'm still prone to anger when I witness or experience injustice. It's automatic and a little intense, so if you're ever on the receiving end, I apologize in advance.

Wow, has this editorial taken a weird turn or what? The whole idea of controversial topics has me thinking about the fact that many of us here on Earth seem to believe it's necessary to

always choose a side, pick a team, or find a way to put people into an "us versus them" box. I mean, is that necessary? I don't think so, but sadly, I still fall prey to this type of thinking sometimes too. However, for the most part, I'm trying to be more open minded and non-judgemental when it comes to opposing views. None of us has the one right answer to anything. In fact, I'm not sure there is a one right answer to anything. I'd even go so far as to say that if we find ourselves thinking we have all the answers, it's probably time for us to take it down a notch, do a little research, maybe some active, non-judgemental listening, and then admit that maybe we could possibly be wrong, or at the very least, not completely right.

Okay, so that's my editorial for this week. I'll leave you with this thought – it's what I wish for every time I wish on a star or blow out birthday candles – instead of stoking controversy, let's make it our mission in life to spread a little love and kindness everywhere we go and with everyone we meet. Peace out.

Sandy Casselman

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Linda Vogel

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In an age of shrinkflation, inflation and indignation, it's a surprise to run into something that is exactly what it claims to be and is worth it.

I am not talking about NHL hockey on its best night or a candidates' debate where all the candidates feel it's worth their while to participate. On that note, I have to wonder when it became normal for someone going for a job interview, like a political candidates' debate, and then they decide they don't feel like going but still expect to get the job. I want to try that out next time I apply for a job. I will just tell the interviewer that there is no need to read my resumé, as I have already just told them the job is mine.

In any event, and not to distract you with an off-road adventure into political intrigue, obstruction, and make-believe, I wanted to zero in on something much closer to home in Winchester and Chesterville.

The other day I had the scary task of being part of a team of two people instructed with taking a literal herd of grandchildren out for a swim.

You can imagine the logistics involved. Where were all of the goggles, the bathing suits, towels, and sunscreen? Can we do this with just one vehicle, or do we need to rent a bus, and lastly where do we go for this grand summer swim.

The Morrisburg and Iroquois beaches seem like a good choice, but

they are around 20 minutes away and the patience level of the heir to the throne is clearly declining. At some point, if a decision is not made, there will be no point in going. Interest will flag, discipline will be set aside and what was once a happy crowd of energized children will quickly become a mob of dissatisfied rabble.

The obvious solution was to stay close to home and motor over to the Winchester swimming pool and satisfy the urge to be one with the aquatic world. So, off we went.

In the short drive to Winchester, there were 16 requests for an estimated time of arrival by our charges.

While Winchester is only a few minutes down the road to the children, each second must have seemed like an eternity.

We arrived at the Sam Ault Arena and parked the car. Within seconds, the car was empty, towels and goggles were flying everywhere and the pool now just yards away seemed to be at an impossible distance; we arrived. The pool sparkled in the sunlight, the Lion's pavilion, beside the pool, a bastion of shade and picnic tables beckoned.

My job was to sit and read occasionally, looking up to see if anyone had run into trouble.

The cost was minimal, just two dollars for each child but the result was priceless.

There is no doubt that we got more value at the pool than the admission price suggested. The fun was simple, loud, and wet, watched over by attentive but quiet lifeguards.

Everything the municipality had advertised was there including a great play structure for wet and soon to be worn out children to play on. Unlike a bag of cookies that stays at the same price, while the manufactures hopes you will not notice but there is less in the bag or a cookie or hot dog that appears to be a little smaller than you remember, even though the price seems to be the same, the Winchester pool was exactly what it appeared to be and delivered exactly the fun it promised.

The afternoon of keeping children happy could not have been easier, and imagine it was right down the street from where we live.

You could say that in this world where things are not always what they seem to be or the cost of something no longer has any relationship with the actual item in terms of money, value or content, the pool adventure was a refreshing find.

Watching children having fun in their local pool is something that can take your breath away, and how the municipality has set all of this up ensures that the fun will be the first thing to come to mind when these children remember their trip to Winchester.

Joseph Morin



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Fall opening planned for “Tom’s Pantry” in Alexandria

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

ALEXANDRIA – Local businessman and entrepreneur Tom Manley recently announced his plans to open “Tom’s Pantry” at 1 Main Street South, Alexandria in early September. Manley has had a long career in business, serving as the executive director of the Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network, operating “Tom’s Pantry” out of his North Stormont home for three years, president and owner of Homestead Organics as well as providing consultation services to businesses and organic food organizations.

Manley explained how the decision was made to open the storefront as his term at EOAN was ending, and the realization of how much he enjoyed operating “Tom’s Pantry”. “I like food, I like preparing food and I like the tangibility of the real product” commented Manley, explaining there is a satisfaction in seeing a customer liking the product you have created and returning for more.

Once the decision was reached, Manley began looking for a location for his bakery, and finally decided to locate where the “Quirky Carrot” had operated in Alexandria. Manley mentioned how Alexandria was a superb choice for his business, as it has a good population base and has many tourists visiting the area. He mentioned as the



From the left: Jean Vaillancourt, Tom Manley, North Glengarry Jamie MacDonald, and SDG counties manager of economic development Tara Kirkpatrick.

location had previously been a restaurant, there was a kitchen and some restaurant furniture there. Manley commented while this business is primarily a bakery, there will be some space available for customers to enjoy their purchases. These purchases will include products made with “a heavy

emphasis on local and/or organic products.”

Manley received the keys to the store on July 18 from property owner Jean Vaillancourt and commented he plans to spend the time prior to the grand opening of “Tom’s Pantry” to organize the space, receive inventory, and practice baking in the

new location. There will be the opportunity to purchase Manley’s baked goods from local farmers’ markets during the transition period.

North Glengarry Mayor Jamie MacDonald commented how he is pleased to see a business returning to the location, noting how a lot of good things are happening in Alexandria. Tara Kirkpatrick, SDG counties manager of economic development commented how Tom’s Pantry will be a welcome addition to Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and Alexandria, noting how this business has the potential to become a community hub and a destination for people from the counties as well as from places such as Montreal and Ottawa.

Thompson Goddard Photo



North Dundas Senior of the Year

The June 21 North Dundas regular council meeting featured a special presentation. The council presented long-time resident Terry Foley with Senior of the Year Award for all of the volunteer work Terry does for the community as well as being a 50 year member of the Mountain Fire Station number 2. Left to right are: North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser, Maryann and Terry Foley, councillors Theresa Bergeron, John Thompson, Gary Annable and Al Armstrong.

Morin Photo

EOHU offering COVID-19 vaccinations for children six months to four years old

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CORNWALL – At the end of the month, children six months old to four years old will be able to get a Covid-19 vaccination at all six of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit offices.

The booking period for the shots began on July 28.

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) will be offering COVID-19 vaccinations for children six months to four years old, by appointment only, at all six of its offices. Bookings opened July 28 at 8:00 a.m., and appointments can be made using the provincial booking system.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for children six months to four years old was approved by Health Canada on July 14, and is given in two doses, eight weeks (56 days) apart. Children must be at least six months old at the time of their appointment to receive the vaccination. Moderately to severely immunocompromised children six months to four years old should receive a three-dose vaccine series, with the third dose being administered four to eight weeks after the second dose.

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Additional booster doses available for moderately to severely immunocompromised youth aged 12 to 17.

As of July 28, moderately to severely immunocompromised youth aged 12 to 17 will also be eligible to receive their second booster dose (5th dose,

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Appointments for children aged six months to four years old and youth aged 12 to 17 can be booked online at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/> or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900. Your child’s doctor or primary healthcare provider, as well as your pharmacy, may also be offering COVID-19 vaccinations – please contact them directly for more information or to book an appointment.

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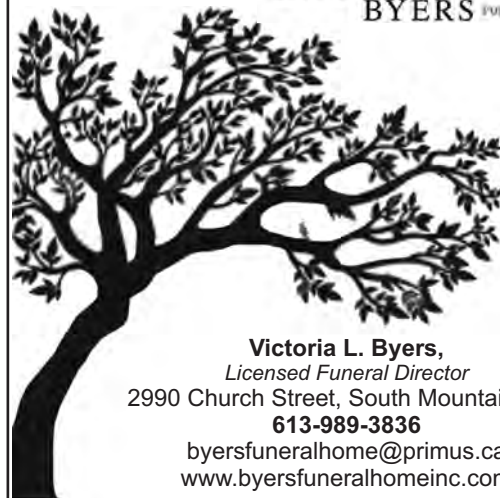
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Morrisburg Tubie Festival was a summer treat

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The annual Tubie Festival did not appear to have missed a beat as it returned to Morrisburg after being derailed by Covid for three years.

Organizers of the popular event of fun, music, eating, racing, and parading, say it is the 50th anniversary of this special summer event.

Thirteen teams registered for the race, along the St. Lawrence on Sun., July 31 and there were 10 that actually arrived for the race. At the start, there was some confusion as tubie crafts collided with each other, but then it was clear sailing as the contestants sorted themselves out.

The Roll'er Back Over captained by Gordon St. Louis came in first with a time of 26:19. Close behind in second place with a time of 27:29 was the Cabin Craft. The Lion King came in at 28:37. Winners of the parade Saturday were the Lion King float followed by the Wizard of Oz and Roll'er Back Over crew.

The festival featured something for everyone with a parade that was both creative and colourful, lots



The winners of this year's Tubie Festival race on the St. Lawrence was the Roll'er Back Over team. Front row, left to right are: Ryan Brown, Katrina Geurkink, Jordan St. Louis, Tanner Hummel, Casey McNairn, Alice Cameron, Makayla Barrette, and Aaron Smith. The teams winning time was 26 min and 19 seconds for the 3.5 km course along the St. Lawrence. Back row, left to right: Kaitlyn Geurkink, Christyn Vienotte and Dev Sam.

Morin Photo

to eat and drink, a place for children to play and live music.

The entire event was organized by the Tubie Committee of Volunteers. It was an event to fundraise for the Morrisburg Lions' Junior C hockey team.

Geraldine Fitzsimons, a member of the organizing committee said, "It is nice to see people out with their friends and family."

She said, "The parade was outstanding and

creative."

She claimed putting the event together was relatively straightforward. "We have a good group," she said referring to the organizing committee.

Chair of the organizing

committee, Lois Casselman said "We have done this for years and we have a very good group."

She said the committee was good at its job but the community was fantastic in its support for the festival.



The Tubie Festival Parade was fun and exciting with participants going the extra mile to make their particular float special. The first place float was the Lion King Float.

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Honeybees and sunflowers

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MOREWOOD – It was a wonderful way to begin the August long weekend, when the "Soak Up the Sunflowers and Bee Amazed" event was officially opened at Smirlholm Farms in Morewood in the late afternoon of July 29. The event which runs between July 29 and Aug. 7 is a fundraiser event in support of the Winchester District Memorial Foundation's Cancer Care Fund.

Guests were able to view an educational display on beekeeping that includes the opportunity to view bees at work through an observation hive in one of the farm's buildings. A short walk down a sunflower lined lane is a two-acre wildflower plot to enjoy. On July 29 through to the 31, visitors were able to enjoy a horse drawn wagon ride to the wildflower area courtesy of Navandale Farms operated by the McWilliams Family. From Aug. 1 to Aug. 7 tractor rides will be available to take people to the wildflower plot.

During the opening ceremonies, SDSG MP Eric Duncan, SDSG MPP Nolan Quinn and ND Mayor Tony Fraser all thanked Glenn and family for providing the community with the opportunity to support both local agri-tourism in the community and the WDMH Foundation. Kristen Casselman, WDMH Foundation managing director commented on the importance of events such as these and thanked Smirle for organizing it.

More information on Smirlholm Farms and this fundraising event is available on its social media sites.



Glenn Smirle thanked everyone for visiting Smirlholm Farms as the WDMH Fundraiser, "Soak Up the Sunflowers and Be Amazed" was officially opened. From the left: WDMH Foundation managing director Kristen Casselman, North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser, SDSG MPP Nolan Quinn, SDSG MP Eric Duncan and Smirlholm owner Glenn Smirle.

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Updates at the Heritage Centre

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Members of the Chesterville and District Historical Society have been busy over the past few months planning and preparing the Heritage Centre for renovations and updates to the building built in 1867.

Caroline Roberts explained

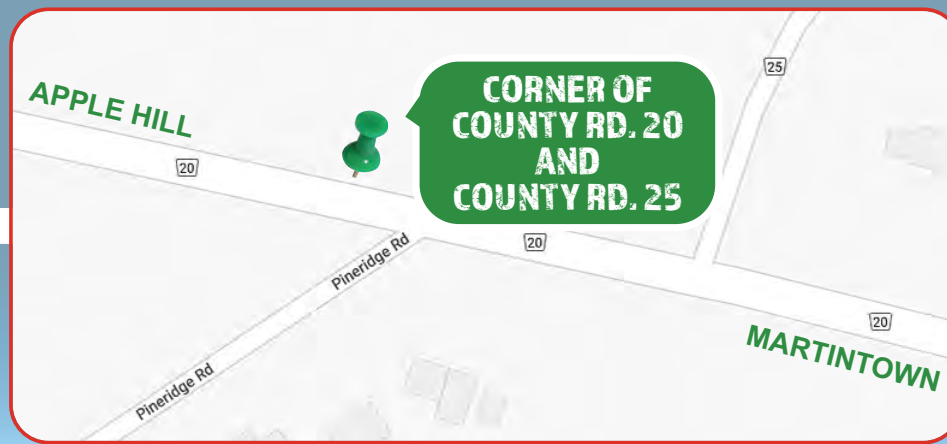
volunteers, which included both members and non-members of the CDHS, have been busy packing up donated artifacts, placing them in storage and working with the township to facilitate the project. Roberts explained artifacts were inventoried then packed and are currently in storage at the nearby Chesterville Community Hall.

She continued the walls of the Heritage Centre have been painted by Jeff Canham of Chesterville and track lighting installed by Thompson Electric. Curran Flooring will provide the vinyl

flooring that resembles wood planking and is easily maintained. The township of North Dundas has provided funds for the painting and electrical work at the Heritage Centre, with the cost of flooring still under discussion.

"We hope the work will be completed by the next meeting on August 23," commented Roberts, continuing there will be discussions centering around the display set up. She mentioned how plans to have different displays throughout the year are to be considered.

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Smyth's Orchards under new management

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
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DUNDELA – Smyth's Orchards, located in Dundela South Stormont, has been purchased recently by brothers Gagan and Navjot Singh, with the sale announced in early July by Nikki Beckstead. Nikki's husband, Dean was the 5th generation of the Smyth family to operate the orchard after his ancestor Sam Smyth purchased the property from Allan McIntosh, the son of John McIntosh who discovered the first McIntosh apple in the early 1800s.

During a recent interview, Gagan explained he and his brother come from a family who farmed in Punjab, and the brothers had made the decision to investigate farming opportunities in this country. When the opportunity to purchase the orchard became available, the decision was made to purchase the business. Gagan mentioned how "people should pursue what they love to do" and work in the agricultural field; it is something the brothers enjoy. He mentioned the former owners, Nikki and Dean Beckstead, will be staying on as consultants to guide them



From the left: Navjot and Gagan Singh are shown with the first two apples of the season, Vista Bella and Yellow Transparent. Thompson Goddard Photo

over the next few months.

Both men mentioned how they have been spending a significant amount of time learning about apple growing from a variety of sources, including a brother-in-

law who is an apple farmer in British Columbia. Navjot mentioned they are investigating growing techniques, including planting apple trees one foot apart instead of the current 10 feet

between each apple tree. A selected area in the orchard is currently being planted in this high-density model to see if it is feasible.

When asked about the challenges associated with the business, both agreed there is a great deal to learn about including the weather and the maintenance of the different apple varieties. They did mention they are very grateful to Nikki and Dean who are assisting them during this transition period and are enjoying the peaceful surroundings on the farm. Both gentlemen commented how the local community has been most welcoming and are looking forward to the coming season when they will meet their customers.

When asked about goals, they mentioned growing the business, meeting others working in the agricultural field and ensuring the current commitment to quality in food production and customer service is continued. "If there are no farmers, then there is no food" commented Navjot, explaining the fundamental importance of the field of agriculture is human existence.

Smyth's Orchards is now open for the season, with more information available on their social media sites.

Alison McDonald vies for position on North Stormont council

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

CRYSLER – "I'm really excited to announce that I will be putting my name forward. It's something I've been thinking about for a long time. I'm proud of our community and after working in the planning and environmental sector for 14 years, I'm looking forward to putting my passion and knowledge to work from the other side of the council table," Crysler resident Alison McDonald said.



Alison McDonald
Courtesy Photo

McDonald filed her nomination papers with the township of North Stormont late last month. If elected, this will be her first stint as a member of municipal council. She is running for one of the three councillor positions.

"I regularly work with complex budgets and tight timelines and I'm always working to save time and money for our residents," McDonald said. She currently leads the South Nation Conservation (SNC)'s planning and development review work on behalf of 16 municipalities in Eastern Ontario to deliver essential services throughout the region. "I also have years of experience serving the public on challenging issues like development of new subdivisions, on-site sewage permitting, and dealing with natural hazards and drinking water protection. I see these experiences as valuable additions to the council table."

Prior to working for SNC, McDonald worked as manager of planning for

the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG). While there, she saw the introduction of SDG's Regional Incentives Program, which provides funding to local businesses. She also chaired groups with the conservation authority to bring municipalities together with members of the agricultural community to

discuss forest conservation. McDonald, who works, lives, and volunteers in North Stormont, said she was inspired to run for council. She attributed that inspiration to the passion of residents focused on big issues within the community, as well as by her work on local development projects. McDonald said she's familiar with many of the

local challenges and opportunities for growth, business development, and improvements to recreational and community services.

"I look forward to bringing my love for our community and my

extensive knowledge of timely, efficient municipal service together to serve local residents," she said.

In addition to her professional activities, McDonald has participated in her community as a volunteer as well,

including her work with the Glengarry Pipe Band, the McIntosh Park Committee, the International Plowing Match, and the Crysler Community Garden. The 2022 municipal election is set for Oct. 24.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 2022

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Female parent
5. NY city
10. Israeli diplomat Abba
14. Surrounded by
15. Car part
16. Simple aquatic plant
17. Tough skin of fruit
18. Finnish lake
19. Composition
20. Very willing
22. One and only
23. Cluster cups
24. Famed Hollywood director
27. Score perfectly
30. Important lawyers
31. Undivided
32. Part of the foot
35. Spun by spiders
37. Married woman
38. Reagan's Secretary of State
39. Instruments
40. The A-Team drove one

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Female of a horse
2. Bowfin
3. Chinese dynasty
4. Small venomous snake
5. Global news agency
6. Common fractions
7. American state
8. Tired
9. Boxing's GOAT
10. Made less severe
11. A group of countries in special alliance
12. God of fire (Hindu)
13. Northeast Indian ethnic group
21. Anchor ropes
23. They _
25. Apprehend
26. Autonomic nervous system
27. A theatrical performer
28. 2-door car
29. Partner to flowed
32. Pair of small hand drums
33. Former Houston footballer

- 41. Short-tailed marten
42. Oil organization
43. Predecessor to the EU
44. "Hotel California" rockers
45. Color at the end of the spectrum
46. Actress Ryan
47. Digital audiotape
48. Expression of creative skill
49. Scientific instrument
52. Dog _ marked for later
55. Israeli city _ Aviv
56. Fencing sword
60. Turkish title
61. Wise individuals
63. Cold wind
64. Popular type of shoe
65. The territory occupied by a nation
66. Tattle
67. Chop up
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

PUZZLE SOLUTION grid with letters.

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.

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

Local master potter showcases new 'summer series'

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – “I create functional stoneware pottery items for hearth and home,” Gilmer Clayworks owner, Debbie Gilmer, said.

Located at 10104 Nation River Road in South Mountain, Gilmer Clayworks is a home-based business where Gilmer creates and sells her many unique creations. A master potter, Gilmer has been creating stoneware pottery for more than three decades.

“After 35 years of creating stoneware pottery on my electric wheel, I have mastered the art (and science) of creating pottery,” she said. “Experts say one needs over 10,000 hours of practice to master a skill. I have probably four times that amount of time at the wheel.”

Gilmer creates an assortment of functional items, including serving dishes of all kinds, such as platters, berry bowls, pedestal cake trays, teapots, casseroles, and large bowls. She also produces batter bowls, spoon rests, utensil caddies, saltshakers, pitchers, mugs, tankards, bowls, stemmed goblets, plates, custom dog bowls, soap trays, custom dish sets, and Christmas ornaments. Gilmer also works with clients directly to fulfill unique customer requests.

“Items can always be improved upon and experimenting with new ideas is one of the joys of being a studio potter as opposed to a production potter making set items that are replicated exactly as listed in a catalogue,” she said. “Some of my best stock items have originally come from customer requests. In the past, I have also worked with couples to create a gift registry for custom-made dish sets. I like the challenge of creating new items that function well. Recent examples of this are a coffee pour-over and a slow-feed dog bowl.”



Debbie Gilmer, master potter and owner of Gilmer Clayworks in South Mountain, creates unique and functional pieces that are available online, as well as in her 10104 Nation River Road shop. Pictured is her summer series.

Gilmer said there's a series of steps to creating pottery, beginning with sketching, and developing concepts, followed by throwing several pieces on the wheel or building by hand, drying, bisque firing, glaze making, glaze application, glaze firing, inspection, and sanding the rough bits. She said the steps create a cycle of work in the studio, and that one, two, or several of these cycles creates a “series” of similar-looking work.

“I am currently working on a summer series,” Gilmer said. Gilmer’s summer series is pictured here and can also be found on her website. “My next cycle of

work in the summer series will introduce splashes of lemon yellow and turquoise, as well as the original lime green and charcoal. Once I have explored this style to my satisfaction, I will develop another series. I sometimes revisit ideas decades later.”

While Gilmer has been a potter now for many years, pottery-making didn't become a full-time “second career” until about 20 years ago. In addition to creating and selling her work, Gilmer also gave pottery lessons at her in-home studio for roughly 10 years prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. She also hosts an

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annual Christmas artisans event featuring not only her own creations, but those of other local artisans as well.

“I only host one event annually and it has really grown in popularity. We switched to appointment-only format when COVID hit and this approach was so successful, we will continue to take half-hour bookings for this December also,” Gilmer said.

She noted that those who attended last year's Christmas artisans' event will receive a text or email a week before this year's schedule opens. She also said she'll be advertising via Facebook and Instagram beginning in November 2022.

“Now that the pandemic has subsided, I am doing more in-person shows – Garden Party Markets in Winchester at the Planted Arrow this summer, Merrickville Festival of the Arts, Merrickville Studio Tour where she will be hosted at Rideau Ramble near Kemptville, Pottery Show and Sale at Marlin Orchards in Summerstown, Ottawa Guild of Potters Christmas Show at Lansdowne Park, and my annual Open House the first weekend in December here at the studio,” Gilmer said.

To find out more about Gilmer Clayworks and the items available, contact Gilmer directly via email (gilmerpottery@gmail.com), or phone (613-889-2871). For those interested in online shopping, Gilmer also has a website (gilmer-clayworks.square.site). Follow her on Facebook and Instagram.

“Heartfelt thanks, that ‘shop local’ is becoming a commitment made by more and more customers, which enables little shops like mine to succeed,” Gilmer said. “I always love to have customers pop by the shop. Come by chance or by appointment.”

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.

Barbara Ann Glaude receives 4-H Ontario Arbor Award

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

NEWINGTON – Barbara Ann Glaude was awarded the 4-H Ontario Arbor Award for her years of volunteering with the 4-H movement. She was given the award in 2020 but it was not until this past weekend, Sat., July 30 at the Newington Fairgrounds that the award could be officially presented to her.

She and her family live just outside of Berwick operating a dairy and cash crop farm.

The award is given out at the local, regional and provincial level.

Along with the award comes a tree specially planted for the award winner. The tree for Glaude is called an Autumn Blaze Maple. The tree can grow three to five feet each year and can reach a height of 40 to 50 feet. It creates a large, shaded area. In the fall, it changes to orange and to the crimson red fall colours.

The award ceremony was looked after by Jennifer Waldroff and several members of the Stormont 4-H.

Glaude, “I have been involved since I was age 12, but now it is age 9 or you can be a clover bud at age 6,” she said. As she grew with the 4-H movement, the age limits dropped.

“I continued on being a 4-H member. I did many things, participated at many provincial and international events. From that I became a leader and continued on. I have been in 4-H ever since,” she said.

“I would not be doing it if I did not enjoy it.”

She pointed out that belonging to 4-H is in a lot of ways like belonging to a family.

“Our children were involved in 4-H, we have grandchildren who are at an age when they can be involved in 4-H. There is more of them coming up.”

She explained that 4-H is such a network and leadership building experience.

Glaude currently works with a 4-H organization serving as the club's webmaster and has in the past held the position of chairperson and treasurer at the regional level.

“This is really an honour,” she said.

“It is a provincial honour and only three are awarded each year by the province.”

Glaude said the motto of the 4-H club is “Learning by Doing” and that has certainly affected her life as she grew up being part of the club.

“There are so many new things, challenges; whether

it's been with 4-H Junior farmers or moving on to different organizations.

There are many different clubs within 4-H where members learn how to look after animals such as a horse, sheep, cow, chicken or rabbit. She said they also have life skills clubs, crop and sports.

“It's a multitude of clubs,” said Glaude.

Glaude has been a Stormont 4-H volunteer for 28 years. She has led several groups including, A Sporting Chance, Good Food Fast, Marketing, Wearable Art to name a few.

When she graduated out of 4-H, she had 45 projects to her credit and had received many Stormont and Glengarry awards. She was also a repeat winner of the Grand Champion Show

Person for Stormont.

The 4-H Arbor Award was started in 2001, the International Year of Volunteers.

The award is presented to 4-H volunteers who have made a difference to 4-H in Ontario through showing leadership and their initiative at the various levels of the organization.

The award is sponsored by Bayer Crop Science.



Barbara Ann Glaude was presented with the 4-H Ontario Arbor Award for volunteers on Sat., July 30. Left to right are: Cam Crogie coordinator of Volunteer Support Regions 1 & 2, Cheryl Sullivan, past president of 4-H Ontario Council, Molly McDonald, past president of Stormont 4-H Association, Alysa Waldroff, vice president of Stormont 4-H, Dougie Robinson-4-H Ontario ambassador, Megan Burnside-Poitras, volunteer and database manager, 4-H Ontario, Barbara Ann Glaude, Neil Robinson, president of the Stormont 4-H Association.

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United Way Centraide SDG invests in community

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

CORNWALL – “This was a big year for us,” United Way Centraide Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG) executive director Juliette Labossière said. “We supported individuals faced with homelessness through the Last Resort Fund and addressed food insecurity through the continuation of the Food Hampers program, while also continuing to invest in our 16 local member agencies.” Labossière’s complete message to residents of SDG can be found in the agency’s recently released 2021-2022 annual report titled “Together We are Possibility.” The 23-page report includes statistical, as well as anecdotal updates on the United Way’s activities, including various programs, initiatives, and campaigns, in the last fiscal year.

“In partnership with House of Lazarus and with financial support from a couple of generous donors, we created the Last Resort Fund. This \$160,000 fund’s purpose was to help those facing homelessness, or they are on the verge of losing their homes,” Labossière said. “It helped

people who could not find support anywhere else stay in their homes by covering lapsed rent, mortgage, heat, hydro, and other bill payments. This fund also helped 21 homeless individuals/families find new homes by covering first and last month’s rent to give them the fresh start they needed.”

In the last year, the local United Way supported roughly 12,000 people in conjunction with 16 other agencies and through 19 different programs. In statistical highlights, it was noted that 9,161 food hampers or grocery store gift cards were delivered to residents throughout SDG and Akwesasne, 94 families and individuals received the financial assistance necessary to remain in their homes, 21 individuals facing homelessness were rehomed, 262 youth were supported via mentorship and after-school programs, and 178 individuals received access to mental health supports, including counselling and behavioural therapy.

“I want to start by offering a huge thank you to the volunteers, partners, donors, and other community members who supported the United Way Centraide SDG in 2021-22. You are all the reasons we were able to

accomplish what we did over the past year which was, simply put, to invest in the services and programs to help as many people as possible with their unique needs,” board president Craig Fuller said in the report. “As we continue to grow our impact, we are now choosing to invest in ourselves to streamline our processes, have a more seamless online experience for donors, and to also put more focus on raising awareness on how poverty is impacting our community. We also plan to continue being at the forefront of building the much-needed path to recovery to help our community heal and flourish in the years to come.”

The report contains information shared during the United Way’s annual general meeting in June. The report can be found online at (unitedwaysdg.com/about-us/accountability/). Also in June, the agency released a video about poverty, featuring conversations with three local individuals with lived experience in poverty. Access to the “Let’s Talk About Poverty” video can be found on the agency’s website. To stay current on what’s happening, follow the United Way Centraide SDG on Facebook or Instagram.

Don’t miss Upper Canada Playhouse’s next comedy, *Wally’s Café*

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The Upper Canada Playhouse (UCP)’s latest comedy, *Wally’s Café*, hits the stage next week.

“It’s really like a typical TV sitcom,” UCP manager Donnie Bowes said. “In fact, the writers of the show, Sam Bobrick and Ron Clark, were also writers for many of the classic TV sitcoms we all remember like *Bewitched*, *The Flintstones*, *The Andy Griffith Show*, *Get Smart*, *The Smothers Brothers*, and more.”

Wally’s Café, written by Sam Bobrick and Ron Clark, will run for just over two weeks, from Aug. 4 through to Aug. 28. Bowes said Playhouse audiences, after seeing the UCP’s production of *Wally’s Café*, will know first-hand why the show continues to be popular, noting reviews that have dubbed it “the best comic explosion you’ll see on Broadway.”

Set in a typical roadside diner in the California desert, *Wally’s Café* is about Wally Murdock, a dreamer, who convinces his wife Louise to buy a rundown café. The play follows the antics of the café’s owners, as well as diner Janet Cheshire, a wannabe Hollywood starlet attempting to hitchhike her way to stardom. The comedy follows the trio over a span of more than 40 years, beginning in 1940, then in 1958, and finally in 1981.

Bowes, who is directing the UCP’s production of *Wally’s Café*, said the four-decade passage of time and its effect on the diner and characters as they age and chase their dreams will be a fun and entertaining experience for audiences. The production was designed by Sean Free. Bowes said there have been some “interesting challenges for the cracker jack production team,” noting that Playhouse designers, technical, and stage management departments, have been working tirelessly to create the set, as well as the accompanying props and wardrobe.

Wally is played by



Pictured during a first read-through of Upper Canada Playhouse’s production of *Wally’s Café* are Sweeney MacArthur, Kathleen Egan Veinotte, and Melissa Morris. A comedy, *Wally’s Café* will run from Aug. 4 through to Aug. 28 at the theatre in Morrisburg.

Courtesy Photo

Sweeney MacArthur, while Louise is played by Kathleen Egan Veinotte, and Janet is played by Melissa Morris. All three have performed in several Playhouse productions throughout the years.

MacArthur is making his way to the Morrisburg stage following a run of the “new hit” musical *GROW* at London’s Grand Theatre. He has also performed with England’s National Theatre, toured the United Kingdom with *Macbeth*, and Germany with *A Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

MacArthur’s Playhouse performances include *The Christmas Express*, *Looking*, *A Christmas Carol*, and Ethan

Claymore’s *Christmas*. He’s also performed in *Calendar Girls* and *Mamma Mia!* For Mirvish Productions, *Seven Stories* at Brampton’s Rose Theatre, *Dear Johnny Deere* at Charlottetown Festival, and *The Full Monty* at Stage West.

Veinotte has graced the Playhouse stage in productions of *Maggie’s Getting Married*, *The Affections of May*, *Having Hope at Home*, *Wrong for Each Other*, and *Lunenburg*. She’s also performed at the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival. Most recently, she was seen in a production of *The Christmas Tree*, produced by her company, *acting like kids*, at Stone Crop Acres

Winery and Vineyard.

Meanwhile, actor, composer, musician, singer, writer, and music director, Morris is playing the part of Janet. Morris recently

completed a run of the *Twelfth Night* at the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival. She’s performed in the Playhouse’s production of *Barefoot in the Park*, as well as its production of *Miracle on 34th Street*, where she also

acted as the play’s musical director. Morris has also been seen at the Watershed Music Theatre Festival and Dan School of Drama and Music.

She is a faculty member at Queen’s University, teaching, acting and musical theatre.

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AVONMORE - There were plenty of blueberries ready to be picked at Rubicon Blueberries on the outskirts of Avonmore on the opening day of the 2022

There were plenty of blueberries ready to be picked at Rubicon Blueberries on the outskirts of Avonmore.

season on July 23. Jenny McBain, who with husband George operate Rubicon Farms, explained the season will run until approximately the end of August. In addition to blueberries,

there is also the opportunity to purchase a jar of black raspberry or blueberry jam as well as honey.

More information can be found on their social media sites.

From the left: George and Jenny get a bit of shade on a hot July day, while displaying products available for purchase at their farm.
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12 p.m. Judges Lunch - Curling Club
1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Persons with Disabilities Entertainment. Must register with tanea.forward@gmail.com - Arena
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Registration for Truck Pull - Weigh Station
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Entertainment/Bar Tent Opens - Entertainment Tent
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Friday, August 12th

9 a.m. GATES OPEN
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Family Day - Children's Education Tent
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Exhibits Open for Viewing - Arena & Curling Club
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Antiques Display - Curling Club
9 a.m. Crafts and Merchant Market - Curling Club
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Agricultural Education Tent - Children's Education Tent
10 a.m. Magic Marvin - Bandshell
10 a.m. Meet the Keepers - South Ball Diamond
10 a.m. Monalea's Petting Zoo & Pony Rides
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Sheep Shearing Demonstration - Behind Horse Ring
11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Robertson Amusement Midway Opens. Bracelet Day
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Jacky's Face Painting
11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Sheep Shearing Demonstration - Behind Horse Ring
11 a.m. Splash & Boots - Bandshell
12:15 p.m. Dr. Kaboom - Bandshell
1 p.m. Magic Marvin - Bandshell
1 p.m. Meet the Keepers - South Ball Diamond
1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Sheep Shearing Demonstration - Behind Horse Ring
2 p.m. Splash and Boots - Bandshell
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Sheep Shearing Demonstration - Behind Horse Ring

3:15 p.m. Dr. Kaboom - Bandshell
3:15 p.m. Meet the Keepers - South Ball Diamond
3:45 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sheep Shearing Demonstration - Behind Horse Ring
8:30 p.m. Con Leche Fire Show - Open Shelter Area
5 p.m. Entertainment/Bar Tent Opens - Entertainment Tent
7:30 p.m. - Midnight Rosewood Ave / Tent Jean / Dean Brody - Entertainment Tent

Saturday, August 13th


8:30 a.m. Gates Open
9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Crafts & Merchant Market - Curling Club
9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Exhibits Open for Viewing - Arena & Curling Club
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Agricultural Education Tent - Arena & Children's Tent
9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Antiques Display - Curling Club
10 a.m. Meet the Keepers - South Ball Diamond
10 a.m. Con Leche Circus Show - Arena Alley
10 a.m. Monalea's Petting Zoo & Pony Rides - Children's Education Tent
10 a.m. Super Gymkhana Western Games - Horse Ring
10 a.m. Dr. Kaboom - Bandshell
10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Magic by John Pert - Bandshell
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Sheep Shearing Demo - Children's Education Tent
11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Robertson Amusement Midway Opens
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Super Dogs - South Ball Diamond
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Jacky's Face Painting - South Ball Diamond
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Holstein Open Heifer Show. Jersey Open Heifer Show. Special "Peewee" Class - Cattle Barn
11:30 a.m. Magic Marvin - Bandshell
11:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sheep Shearing Demo - Behind Horse Ring
12 p.m. Con Leche Circus Show - Arena Alley
12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Meet the Keepers - South Ball Diamond
1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Magic by John Pert - Children's Education Tent
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Talent Show - Arena
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Craft Beer Festival - Entertainment Tent
1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Sheep Shearing Demo - Behind Horse Ring
2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Super Dogs - South Ball Diamond
2:30 p.m. Magic Marvin - Bandshell
2:45 p.m. - 3 p.m. Sheep Shearing Demo - Behind Horse Ring



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3 p.m. Con Leche Circus Show - Arena Alley
 3:30 p.m. Meet the Keepers - South Ball Diamond
 4 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Sheep Shearing Demo - Behind Horse Ring
 4:30 p.m. Super Dogs - South Ball Diamond
 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Thompson Boiler Works Demo Derby - Track
 Noon - Midnight Entertainment/Bar Tent Opens - Entertainment Tent
 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Jessica Pearson - Entertainment Tent
 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Rainman - Entertainment Tent
 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Sticks & Stones, featuring Sam Stone - Entertainment Tent
 9:30 p.m. - Midnight Canada's Bob Seger Tribute Band, Rock & Roll Never Forgets - Entertainment Tent

1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. Magic by John Pert - Bandshell
 1:30 p.m. Dr. Kaboom - Bandshell
 2 p.m. Nation Valley Vaulters - Horse Ring
 2:30 p.m. Meet the Keepers - South Ball Diamond
 3 p.m. Magic Marvin - Bandshell
 3:30 p.m. Quilt Raffle Draw - Curling Club
 3:30 p.m. Super Dogs - South Ball Diamond
 4 p.m. Homemade Supper by "The Leatherworks". Roast Beef Buffet, includes chicken dish, meatballs & dessert - North Ball Diamond

Noon - Midnight Entertainment/Bar Tent Opens - Entertainment Tent
 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Terry Marcotte - Entertainment Tent
 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Vinyl Revival - Entertainment Tent
 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. SOS, The ABBA Experience - Entertainment Tent

Con Leche Circus Show - Arena Alley
 Magic by John Pert - Bandshell
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Sunday, August 14th

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Gates Open
 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Giant Tiger Pancake Breakfast. Served by the Knights of Columbus - Arena
 9 a.m. Registration for Tractor/Garden Tractor Pull - Weigh in Station
 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Crafts and Merchant Market - Curling Club
 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Exhibits Open for Viewing - Arena & Curling Club
 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Agricultural Education Tent - Children's Education Tent
 10 a.m. Meet the Keepers - South Ball Diamond
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monalea's Petting Zoo & Pony Rides
 10:30 a.m. Super Dogs - South Ball Diamond
 10:30 a.m. Magic Marvin - Bandshell
 10:30 a.m. Junior Sheep Show - Big Barn (#1)
 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Robertson Amusements Midway Opens
 11 a.m. Con Leche Circus Show - Arena Alley
 11 a.m. Jacky's Face Painting
 11 a.m. Dr. Kaboom - Bandshell
 11 a.m. Open Sheep Show - Big Barn (#1)
 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Magic by John Pert - Bandshell
 11:30 a.m. Meet the Keepers - South Ball Diamond
 12 p.m. Dr. Kaboom - Bandshell
 12 p.m. Tractor & Garden Tractor Pull - Track
 12 p.m. Nation Valley Vaulters - Horse Ring
 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Magic Marvin - Bandshell
 1 p.m. Super Dogs - South Ball Diamond
 1 p.m. Junior Sheep Costume Show - Big Barn (#1)

Gate Admission Prices

Thursday, August 11th

Adults (13 and over): \$10 online + service charge or \$12 at the gate
 Children (7-12): \$5 • Children (5 and Under): Free

Friday, August 12th

Adults (13 and over): \$12 online + service charge or \$15 at the gate
 Children (7-12): \$6 • Children (5 and Under): Free

Saturday, August 13th

Adults (13 and over): \$12 online + service charge or \$15 at the gate
 Children (7-12): \$6 + • Children (5 and Under): Free

Sunday, August 14th

Adults (13 and over): \$12 online + service charge or \$15 at the gate
 Children (7-12): \$6 • Children (5 and Under): Free

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Township of Russell offers lots of fun activities

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – Those looking for fun activities to participate in this summer in the township of Russell, they need look no further as municipal staff have created a helpful list of suggestions for fun local activities.

The list of “things to do in the township this summer” can be found on the municipal website (Russell.ca), as well as the township’s Facebook page. The list offers 10 suggestions for exploring the community, beginning with travelling the 10-kilometre New York Central

Recreational Trail located between the villages of Embrun and Russell.

Number two on the list is the Embrun Splash Pad, which is located at 2 Marcel Street and open everyday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Next on the list are the tennis courts with one in Embrun (10 Blais Street) and one in Russell (988 Concession Street). The fourth activity on the list is “turf time” at the Sports Dome in Embrun, which is located at 150 Sportsplex Street. Coming in at number five is the township’s newest venture, the Parklets. The Parklets are sectioned areas near local businesses for

residents and visitors to sit and relax for a bit. One is located at 905 Notre Dame Street in Embrun, while the other is located at 1125 Concession Street in Russell.

If the first five options don’t appeal, there are five more, beginning with an afternoon on the river via the Embrun Boat Launch, which is located at 1392 Notre Dame Street. The seventh suggestion on the list is bowling at Embrun’s Bowling Hall, which is located at 8 Blais Street. For those who prefer to swim in a pool, number eight on the list suggests dropping in for a public swim. The Centennial Public Pool is located at 288

Castor Street in Russell. The ninth suggestion offers residents a way to get some exercise outdoors while also seeing more of their municipality. To do this, they can rent a bicycle from the Sports Dome in Embrun.

The final item on the 10-item list is a tour of the township’s Historical Plaques. Currently there are nine, including the Carscadden Bridge, the Church Museum Building, the Great Russell Fire, St. Andrew’s and St. Paul’s United Church Cemetery, Russell Train Station, Russell Shale Brick Company, Voie de la Liberté Monument, Église Saint-Jacques, and the New York Central Railroad. For more information on each of the plaques, including their locations, visit the municipal website.

Help monitor biodiversity at RRCA conservation areas

CORNWALL– With a few taps on a smartphone, visitors stepping into nature at the Raisin Region Conservation Authority’s (RRCA) three Conservation Areas can now easily identify the plant and animal species they encounter. The free Seek app by iNaturalist also lets users effortlessly log their observations into a wide-ranging database, providing RRCA staff and other scientists with useful data to help monitor the biodiversity found at Cooper Marsh, Charlottenburgh Park, and Gray’s Creek Conservation Areas.

“It’s a fascinating and incredibly useful tool,” says RRCA’s Jamie Would, who coordinates the Cooper Marsh Biodiversity Project. “Many of us have

had a ‘What is that?’ encounter with an unfamiliar plant, bug or other wildlife which piqued our curiosity. Using the Seek app to identify species at Conservation Areas really helps to see our natural environment with a fresh set of eyes, as we realize how many different plants and animals live in our region.”

Observations logged by users are automatically added to an iNaturalist project page for each Conservation Area, resulting in an ongoing bio-survey freely accessible to anyone. The RRCA’s iNaturalist pages, as well as a link to download the free Seek app, can be found on the RRCA’s website at rrca.on.ca/CitizenScience. “More and more people

are now engaging in citizen science with the help of these apps,” says Would, noting that the City of Cornwall has also recently created an iNaturalist project and held a backyard bio-blitz event from July 28 to Aug. 1, where residents were encouraged to observe as many species as possible.

For those looking to deepen their knowledge of the biodiversity found at Cooper Marsh Conservation Area, the RRCA is partnering with the River Institute to host a free workshop on aquatic macroinvertebrates at the Marsh on Aug. 19, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Those interested can register on the RRCA website at rrca.on.ca.

The Cooper Marsh Biodiversity Project is a multi-year biodiversity-

enhancement effort by the RRCA aimed at protecting and enhancing the Marsh’s rich biodiversity through initiatives such as habitat planting and enhancement, invasive species control, biodiversity monitoring, and outreach. This project was undertaken with the financial support of the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund, a Government of Canada’s Department of Environment and Climate Change program in partnership with Conservation Ontario. The federal grant supplements’ funding awarded by Ontario Power Generation in 2021.

For more information, including directions to the RRCA’s Conservation Areas, visit rrca.on.ca or contact 613-938-3611 or info@rrca.on.ca.



Observations logged by users are automatically added to an iNaturalist project page for each Conservation Area. Courtesy Photo

The games return to Maxville

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MAXVILLE – The pipes were calling people to the 2022 Glengarry Highland Games and thousands upon thousands answered the call heading to the fairgrounds in Maxville on July 29 and 30. The Glengarry Highland Games began in 1948 and have been held annually since then, except for 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. “It’s one of the largest Scottish celebrations in North America,” noted a July 17 Games Committee press release.

There was something for everyone, with competitions in highland dancing, drumming, heavyweight sports such as caber tossing and of course several bagpipe individual and band competitions; it is “the home of the North American Pipe Band Championship.”

Throughout the day, the sounds of the bagpipe filtered through the air as people enjoyed a bite to eat from food vendors or look over the wares available from onsite vendors. The Clans Buildings allowed members of different clans to provide visitors with information on the various Scottish clans. On Saturday, led by the South Glengarry Pipe Band, members of several clans participated in the Clans Parade; Michael Yellowlees, who walked across Canada raising money

for “Trees for Life” a Scottish Charity working to restore a forest in the Scottish Highland.

Visitors were able to enjoy several entertainment events during the games, including Celtic musicians performing, the Tattoo on Friday night and the Massed Bands in the late afternoon on Saturday. There were harp and fiddling demonstrations as well as the opportunity to socialize with friends old and new. As the 2022 Glengarry Highland Games ended, people will surely answer yes to the question, “Will Ye No Come Back Again?”



Dancers participated in a mass highland fling during the official opening ceremony of the Glengarry Highland Games.

Thompson Goddard Photo



Members of the South Glengarry Pipe Band led the way for the Clan Parade at the 2022 GHG.

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SNC Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser returns following 2-year hiatus

BERWICK – South Nation Conservation (SNC) is thrilled to host its annual end-of-season golf fundraiser once again this year! The “Friends of SNC Golf Tournament” is set for Sept. 9 at the Casselview Golf and Country Club in Casselman in celebration of SNC’s 75th Anniversary.

Players will enjoy an 18-hole round of golf, a powered cart, and a breakfast buffet, along with contests and prizes to commemorate SNC’s 75 years of conservation.

Proceeds from this year’s tournament will help support SNC’s Forest Conservation Initiative and annual free tree pickups that are hosted within each of SNC’s member municipalities.

“This tournament is about more than just golf; it’s about the watershed community coming together and supporting environmental initiatives that benefit all of Eastern Ontario,” says Pierre Leroux, chair, SNC board of director and Mayor of Russell Township.

Registration is \$120 per player. SNC accepts both team and singles registration; all are welcome to participate. Charitable receipts are also provided.

Local businesses are also invited to sponsor the event; multiple tiers of sponsorship are available at affordable rates, from \$250 to \$1,500. Donations for door and raffle prizes are also welcome.

To register, or for more information, please visit: nation.on.ca/golf