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Briefly

South Mountain Fair opens today

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – The 130th South Mountain Fair is set to open today, Thurs., Aug. 18, and will run through the weekend. This year's theme is "A Fair to Remember." To learn more, visit southmountainfair.ca.

Carman House

IROQUOIS – Doors Open Ontario – Carman House Museum, a Georgian-era limestone cottage built in 1815, is open this Sat., Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 5895 Carman Rd. in Iroquois. Carman House is one of only two original buildings in Iroquois that were not moved during the 1950s construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Bursary deadline

SOUTH STORMONT – The township of South Stormont has reinstated its annual bursary for eligible residents graduating from secondary school who are focused on continuing their education or training. The deadline for this year's graduates is Sept. 13. Visit southstormont.ca for further information.

IPM coming soon

KEMPTVILLE – The 2022 International Plowing Match and Rural Expos is coming to the Kemptville area beginning Sept. 20. It will run through until Sept. 24. For more information, visit plowingmatch.org/ipm2022/ or find them on social media.

HOL 35th anniversary

MOUNTAIN – The House of Lazarus (HOL) is celebrating its 35th anniversary on Sept. 23 with a formal affair featuring guest speaker Rev. Allen Tysick. Tickets are available now.

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Meet Me On Main Street closes with Hallville celebration

The Meet Me On Main Street summer series for 2022 came to an end with one final event in Hallville on Aug. 10. Good food, music, fun, and an opportunity to have a chat with your neighbours were the highlights of the get together. Residents also took advantage of the event to celebrate with North Dundas retiring clerk Jo-Anne McCaslin as she moves on to the next chapter in her life.

Morin Photo

North Dundas reduces capital charges for water and sewer for Wellings of Winchester

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

North Dundas council has agreed to lower their general capital charges for water and sanitary sewer connections to the North Dundas system by 25 per cent specifically for Senior Oriented Dwellings.

Such a dwelling is one that is specifically designated for seniors.

The reason for the change was to address a request from Wellings of Winchester to keep future capital charges for their future phase in line with charges they have already been assessed for phase I of their five-phase project.

Since the Wellings project began the capital charges have increased from \$2,278 for each unit built during the first phase of development to \$4,474 per unit. The expected total number of completed units in Winchester when the entire project is completed will be 400 plus units.

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Meet Me On Main Street ends 2022 series with Hallville

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

HALLVILLE – The Meet Me On Main Street series came to an end on Aug. 10 in the Village of Hallville.

The community event had been planned as the first one in the popular series, for six different communities in North Dundas, but bad weather forced organizers to cancel the Hallville event and move it to the end of the series.

The occasion was the perfect time to not only celebrate the Hallville community and the summer gathering of neighbours, but it was also a great time to pay tribute to Mountain resident Jo-Anne McCaslin who has recently retired from the municipality after 24 years serving as its clerk.

The Hallville event featured music from the Ken Workman Band, food from Simply Baked Catering, Country Kitchen Restaurant - Winchester and Loughlin's Country Store, Smokie Ridge Vineyard, Windmill Brewery and King's Lock Craft Distillery kept everyone cool throughout the night.

The children enjoyed the crafts and games at the NDFS Fire Prevention Committee and the SDG Library booths.

As the event got underway, the municipality celebrated the retirement of their clerk Jo-Anne McCaslin with some comments about her long career with Mountain Township and then North Dundas.

Before 1998 and the amalgamation of Mountain Township with North Dundas, she served in a variety of positions.

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South Dundas officially approves 2021 year-end financial statements

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – Recently, local politicians with the Municipality of South Dundas officially approved the township’s 2021 financial statements.

Deputy treasurer Shawn Mason made the request during the Aug. 8 council meeting as a follow-up to the June 27 presentation from Jamie Pollock, an external auditor from MNP LLP, who attended the June council meeting to present a draft of his findings. Council approved Mason’s request.

“This report tonight is to approve the 2021 year-end statements that were presented by Mr. Pollock on June 27,”

Mason said. “At that time, Mr. Pollock had mentioned that there was still some testing to be done on the tangible capital assets section of the financial statements. That testing has now been completed and we got the go ahead from Mr. Pollock to put these on an agenda and have them approved. There are a number of transfers to reserves for surpluses for the year ended 2021 that are listed there on the report.”

Mason’s report included a list of surpluses. In addition to amounts, the list includes a breakdown of where the surplus originated, and to which reserve it would be transferred.

Councillor Archie Mellan suggested using some of the surplus dollars to make up for the roughly \$25,000 shortage

from fleet repairs. The suggestion was tabled for later in the meeting, as the current request was simply to officially approve the 2021 year-end financial statement.

Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner inquired as to the communication plan for ensuring the public has access to the information. Chief administrative officer Shannon Geraghty said there’s a section on the website under finance that has all the municipality’s financial statements. He said the 2021 statement will be added, as well.

Mason’s report to council can be found in the Aug. 8 agenda package, while Pollock’s draft report can be found in the municipality’s June 27 council agenda package. Both council meetings are available for viewing on the township’s YouTube page.

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Water and sewer

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After the 25 per cent reduction, that amount for a senior – oriented dwelling drops down to \$3,356.

The first phase charges were naturally lower because the water and sewer infrastructure in Winchester servicing the seniors' designated homes already existed. However, future development would have to connect to infrastructure still to be built, and would naturally come at a higher cost.

Wellings of Winchester is a project driven by the Nautical Lands Group, and has five separate phases to its development. The housing development company has several similar completed housing initiatives throughout Ontario.

They have currently built 41 of 61 units in Winchester along the town's Main Street.



Artist drawing of one of the many packages offered by Wellings of Winchester. Courtesy Photo

Phase two and three are expected to take place in 2023.

The positive response to the housing project aimed at the senior population has been overwhelming.

Mayor Tony Fraser was reasonably satisfied with the compromise.

He said, "They do not consume as much water as a detached home. We have looked at other aspects of senior dwellings. We want diversification. I have talked about this for a number of years leading up to the 2018 election."

Fraser explained that the municipality was unable to find out what other

municipalities were doing about these kinds of housing developments for seniors' situations so they decided to develop their own strategies.

"We are leading the way," said Fraser. "We have instituted a development charge for seniors. This is another step forward in the water sewer capital charge strategy that people can measure against others. We needed to be realistic about water consumption by seniors."

Residents have said they want an alternative to existing housing in the area. For example, as residents grow older they will want to move

somewhere affordable, safer and more practical than their existing home, but not a facility that doubles as a long-term care home.

At the July 12 council meeting, Peter Gregor vice president of production and design for Nautical Lands Group made a request of council to try and reduce future capital development costs for the Wellings of Winchester project.

Gregor explained that the project was well underway, and was in the process of building out all of the Phase 1 houses. He said the units had all been leased and over 50 deposits had been taken for Phase 2.

In a letter to the council he stated: "I would also like to point out that our affordable housing model works with the senior oriented development support provided by the Township, however, the recently noted significant fee increases would undermine the affordable housing concept that we have created. We are looking for the continued support of the Township of North Dundas council and staff to be able to provide the same great housing product that we have in Phase 1."

After he made his request the council asked staff to revisit the capital water and sewer charges with the aim of finding a way to reduce those charges related to specifically senior designated residences by 25 per cent.

These same capital charges were planned to finance the

sanitary sewer upgrades currently being designed for the west end of Winchester.

At the Aug. 9 council meeting, the council accepted the 25 per cent reduction in the capital charges that Wellings of Winchester was expected to pay for their future phases. They also agreed to the idea of support for establishing a cap on the County Road 3/Main St., West sanitary sewer capital charge at 20 residential sewer units per developer, per property.

Fraser said, "We never anticipated so many units."

The actual description of a senior oriented dwelling where the discount is applied states: "Senior Oriented Dwelling means a dwelling unit specifically designated for seniors to provide an age-targeted residence, primarily for persons who are either retired or close to retirement, which is part of a complex of 30 or more similar units, and shall have access to shared common facilities, sometimes with indoor and outdoor swimming pools, exercise facilities, craft rooms,

demonstration kitchens, and decks and patios for gathering, but shall not include a single detached dwelling."

The analysis of the reduction by North Dundas staff indicated that, "Reducing the general water and sewer capital charge for Senior-Oriented Dwelling Units (SODU) by 25 per cent is a reduction of \$1,118 per SODU. As of July 12, 2022, water and sewer allocations have been approved for 196 SODU that would be impacted by any change in the capital fees. The proposed fee reduction would result in a \$219,128 loss of revenue."

Establishing a 20 residential sanitary sewer unit cap per developer, per property means that it will take longer to recoup the cost of the sanitary system extension than it would without establishing a cap. It does not mean that the Township can't recoup the total cost of the original sanitary system extension.

Funds collected from the County Road 3 extension are used to fund other water and sewer expansion projects."

International Plowing Match sewage headed for Winchester Wastewater lagoon

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – A request by the organizers of the 2022 International Plowing Match, (IPM) in North Grenville, to use the North Dundas sewage lagoon to get rid of sewage created by their event was given the green light at the council's Aug. 9 meeting.

The council was divided on the issue, with Mayor Fraser and Coun. Al Armstrong disagreeing with fellow councillors Bergeron, Thompson and Annable about the request, out of concern for affecting the capacity of the Winchester sewage lagoon. A final vote of three to two decided the issue in favour of agreeing to the request.

Councillor Armstrong felt that even though it was clear that the Winchester lagoon capacity would not be affected in a negative way, and that the municipality should consider charging more than the \$8.52 per cubic meter fee suggested.

Mayor Fraser acknowledged that the residents of Winchester and Chesterville might be concerned about taking sewage from another municipality, even though it was clear that doing so, would not put their capacity at risk. He said he would prefer to give the IPM a cash donation as a show of support, as opposed to taking all their sewage.

The mayor wanted to make sure Winchester and Chesterville residents were aware that the IPM sewage would not affect their wastewater capacity.

Councillor Thompson was in favour of going ahead with the offer.

He said, "We do not usually take it, but for this event. Whenever it's discharged it will be gone, there will not be any long-term effects."

He considered that if the OCWA felt it

was safe to agree to the request, then council should go ahead with it. Councillors Annable and Bergeron agreed with Thompson.

The actual request from plowing match organizers stated: "The 2022 International Plowing Match Committee has made a request to dispose of their wastewater from the 2022 event scheduled to occur Sept. 20 – 24, 2022 in North Grenville. The committee had made requests to the Municipality of North Grenville, but they were unable to accommodate the request."

The council has the option of waiving any fees for the plowing match sewage in return for being a sponsor of the event or charging \$8.52 per cubic metre for sewage brought to the Winchester sewage lagoon. The council chose to charge organizers for the use of their sewage lagoon and accept the \$8.52 per cubic metre offer.

North Dundas CEO Angela Rutley said, "We have not accepted external effluent in the past, so staff contacted the Ontario Clean Water Agency, (OCWA) to confirm the suitability of the Winchester or Chesterville lagoons in terms of capacity and our Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA). OCWA confirmed that the Winchester lagoon could receive this wastewater discharge. The ECA for Chesterville has a restriction on the source of influent that does not permit us to accept wastewater external to our collection system at that location."

The IPM planning committee estimates the event will generate approximately 20,000-25,000 gallons (or approximately 76-95 cubic metres).

The fee would amount to approximately \$647 to \$809.



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The Voters' List is available to the public for viewing beginning on September 1, 2022 during regular business hours at the appropriate municipality (refer to the applicable Municipal information box below or the appropriate Municipal website):

Electors should examine the list to ensure that their name and relevant information is correct. **Electors must also ensure the Municipality has their correct date of birth.**

Revision period for electors is September 1 to October 24, 2022.

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Editorial

Opportunities for fun abound with South Nation Conservation

Do you like hiking? How about challenges? Me, I like both. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to walk more than 10 to 15 minutes at a time due to a lower back issue, but we won't dwell on that today.

Right now, I'd like to talk about the South Nation Conservation (SNC)'s "75KM Challenge" issued at the beginning of 2022, in celebration of the local conservation authority's 75th anniversary. This is the kind of thing I love – activity, nature, fresh air, and a challenge.

For those not interested in hiking, I think the challenge is open to any activities that take place in or on SNC lands or waters, including geocaching, walking, canoeing, kayaking, and so on. In fact, SNC has a handy downloadable guide on their website (nation.on.ca) that includes a list of available activities and where they can be done, as well as a map of all the conservation areas within SNC's boundaries. It's worth checking out, especially if you're looking for fun, healthy things to do either alone, with friends, or

with family.

One of the things I've always been interested in trying but haven't done yet is geocaching. For those who don't know, geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity where people use navigational devices to locate and hide "treasures" for others to find. So, I guess basically, it's like an outdoor treasure hunt that is open to anyone on the planet with sites, as I just said, all over the globe. In addition to adding an extra challenge, I think geocaching also adds a bit of whimsy to an average walk or hike. I can't say that for sure, as I haven't participated yet, but it's on my bucket list. I'll get there as soon as I can walk for at least 60 minutes at a time.

Canoeing and kayaking are also great ways to travel through some of our area's conservation sites. Again, I haven't done these in a very long time, but I have to say that both require a lot less energy than hiking. And there's the added benefit of being on the water, gliding past amazing scenery you might not have access to

otherwise, and having the opportunity to simply stop, close your eyes, and breathe in the serenity that's naturally available to those who seek it. I love canoeing and kayaking. If you haven't tried them already, I recommend adding those to your bucket list.

SNC also has opportunities for birding and for fishing. I don't know about you, but I find birds fascinating. There are just so many different species with so many unique looks, not to mention the variety of sounds they make. Of course, I can't tell the difference between the call of a woodpecker versus the call of a cardinal, for instance, but I do enjoy listening to the music they make when they're all singing together. It can be fun, finding birds you haven't seen before, identifying them, and then tracking what you've seen. If you're artistic – or even semi-artistic, or at the very least, interested – you could take along a nature journal.

A nature journal is preferably a book with blank pages for drawing and making

notes. In addition to describing the object or animal in question, it's also a good place to track when and where you spotted it. It's great for tracking flora and fauna. (I personally have a thing for fungi... super cool varieties abound, even here in Eastern Ontario.)

Since I mentioned fishing, and there are several SNC sites where fishing is permitted, I felt I should probably address that too. I don't fish. I did when I was younger. My childhood friend Michael liked to fish. He taught me how to "gut and clean" them too. With that said, I imagine you can guess why I'm no longer an avid fisherperson. I don't like to see any living creature suffer. For me, it's in the eyes. Even if you do the "catch and release" kind of fishing, you can still see the fear in their little eyes, and I just can't manage that emotionally. Yes, seriously, I do cry, and that leads to overthinking, which leads to dark contemplations on the meaning of everything. It's a whole thing.

In any case, if you haven't already, I encourage you to get out and explore the vastness of what SNC has to offer.

Sandy Casselman

Cut from the same cloth but a different colour

There are so many places to look these days for different opinions about environmental issues, political mysteries and life in general, that if you are not careful, you might think that there is no such thing as typical or normal.

But then try going to six different Meet Me On Main Street events in North Dundas and then tell anyone that there is no normal out there.

Beginning with Marionville as a new addition to the Main Street event and preceded by the first event of the summer in Morewood, event visitors were treated to a happy blend of English, and French conversation running up and down the street.

After two years of not being able to come together as a community thanks to the pandemic, it was reassuring to see people looking and sounding not

all that much different from before all the mandates paid us a visit.

The music was familiar, the food smelled just as good as it always did and the talk was comforting as the sound of voices running like a white noise recording ran in the background.

It was as if time had stood still in Marionville and had only recently started up again.

People were still people and the laughter was as loud as ever.

The next Meet Me On Main Street was held in South Mountain where different people, but the same atmosphere was created by South Mountain residents, as had been in Marionville. There was virtually no difference to the background noise sounds and smells of the busiest night since Canada Day in South Mountain took place. The visitors were interchangeable.

If you went out to any of the Meet Me On Main Street events you would have been struck by how regardless where you were, it felt like you were somewhere you were supposed to be.

Surrounded by different landscapes, but part of one long and universal conversation is in its own way very comforting.

The lesson here was that we are not all that different after all. The names of the villages change, and the location of the party moves around similar to when Chesterville, Winchester and then finally Hallville, hosted the event, but the idea stays the same.

At each Meet Me On Main Street event, all of the guitars played by all the bands are most likely tuned the same way.

The vendors set up the same way as their neighbour and the wineries and distilleries usually set side by side each sharing their own brand of wine and beer.

When you pull back from the babble of voices and images, you are exposed to on social media and zero in on where you

live it does not take long to realize that we are all sharing the same small space in SD&G and that language aside we all feel the same empathy for our neighbour.

Liberal or Conservative, Green or NDP the pavement beneath our collective feet as we tap along to the bands playing at these events is all the same.

This is a reminder that regardless of how you think, we are all standing at different positions bellowing our different

points of view; we are all really just standing in the same field.

Knowing that should temper everyone's urge to go after those with a different opinion or lifestyle and most of all political point of view.

We all rise and fall at the same time. We are all the same, but different at the same time breathing the same air and laughing at the same joke and enjoying the freedom to be uniquely ourselves. That is quite a trick to pull off and we do that each and every day.

The problem is that as we go about our business in

our own carefully constructed worlds we sometimes forget that there is someone else going through the same motions as you are trying to make sense out of what is at times a bizarre and chaotic world.

So the next time you have an opportunity to take part in a local community event big or small take some time to participate and to see for yourself that your neighbour is from the same family as you but they may like different hat, and they may eat that cheeseburger the same way as you do.

Joseph Morin

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Theresa Bergeron is running for North Dundas council

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Theresa Bergeron became a North Dundas councillor in January of 2022, replacing the seat held by Trevor Hoy. She was selected to fill the vacant seat on council, following the resignation of Tyler Hoy. She was the candidate with the most votes, after those elected, during the 2018 Municipal Elections.

Now she has announced that she is running for a seat at the North Dundas council table for 2022.

Election day is Oct. 24. She said she has enjoyed taking on the role of councillor.

One of the reasons why she wants to stay on as a councillor is due to the challenge North Dundas faces when it comes to growth. The municipality is anticipating a great deal of it over the next few years. Growth means the municipality has to have the infrastructure to support it.



Theresa Bergeron Courtesy Photo

“One of the main issues in this community is growth. What limits growth is water,” she said.

Bergeron pointed out that even though the municipality is working on new wells to service Winchester and Chesterville, that may not be enough to service the growing populations.

“That’s like putting extra straws in the same glass.”

She is concerned that the water in any new wells will not be enough, so other options will have to be found.

One idea is to pump water up from the St. Lawrence River to Winchester and Chesterville, which is a good but expensive idea.

The cost to bring St. Lawrence water into the area has been estimated at around \$50 million, and the current base is relatively inadequate to carry that kind of debt.

If more water does not become part of the municipality’s plan, then future growth will be curtailed.

Bergeron wants to be part of the decision a new North Dundas council will have to make when it comes to growth, and how to afford it.

Bergeron feels that even though there are many other “everyday” issues that come to the council table that she would like to be able to work on, the issue of community growth is a big one.

Nominations open for Early Years Professional Award

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The City of Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG) are currently accepting nominations for the 2022 Early Years Professional Award.

The announcement was made on the City of Cornwall’s Facebook page on Aug. 4. The post includes a link to the nomination form. Nominations opened on July 29 and are set to close on Aug. 31.

The award is meant to “honour an outstanding and innovative Early Years Professional for their leadership, exemplary early childhood education practices, and their commitment to help build the foundation children need to make the best possible start in life, in particular, focusing on the inclusion of all children.”



Obituary WANDA LAPRADE

Peacefully at the Élizabéth Bruyère Hospital in Ottawa on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, Wanda LaPrade of Chesterville, age 72. Loving mother of Clinton Young (Bonnie) of Oshawa. Dear mother-in-law of Silvia Young. Dear sister of Wayne “Woody” LaPrade (Mary) of Chesterville. Beth Droppo (Bert) of Chesterville and Kathy Lobb (Fred) of Kingston. Wanda will be fondly remembered by her grandsons William, Joshua, Hunter and Areyu. She was predeceased by her parents Nelson and Kathleen LaPrade and her son Ricky Young. She is also survived by nieces and nephews. A graveside interment service will be held at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville, on Friday, August 19th at 12:30 p.m. followed by a celebration of Wanda’s life at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville from 1-3 p.m. Donations to Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift “please notify the family”. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.



– OBITUARY – Maria Elisabeth “Mary” Wouters (nee Van Hooydonk)

Peacefully in hospital with her family by her side on Thursday, August 11, 2022, age 96. Loving wife of the late Ben Wouters for over 63 years. Loving mother of Annette Larmour (Brian) Kemptville, Joanne Baker (Wally) Morrisburg, Liz Wouters Comox, BC, Marianne Wouters (Doug Hunter) Ottawa, Marg Wouters (John Parker) Toronto, Laura Wouters (Bryan Dunham) Stirling, Tony (Trish) Winchester, Bernadette Carson (Jim) Victoria BC. Oma will be lovingly remembered by grandchildren Will (Stephanie), Margaret, Dan, Laura (Bruce), Joe (Jenny), Ben, Emily (Andy), Alec (Teagan), Andrew (Tina), Anna (Joey), Nick (Emily), Erica, Andrea (Dylan), Jenna (Scott), Olivia (MacKenzie), Julia (Jordan), James, David, Jack and great grandchildren Amelia, Jaxon, Luke, Caleb, Leo, Toni and Nora. Predeceased by infant daughter Teresa, sisters Bets and Greet and brothers Cees, Jan, Pieter, Drik and Jos all of Holland. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. A private family funeral will be held with a celebration of life at a later date. Donations to Winchester Hospital at www.wdmhfoundation.ca/onlinegiving, or Dundas Manor <https://www.dundasmanor.ca/makeadonation> would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, include the following note with your gift “please notify the family”. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com. The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the staff and caregivers of The Garden Villa for the exceptional care given to our Mom over these past several years. Also a special thanks to the doctors and nurses at Winchester Hospital for their excellent care.




– Obituary – MARY SLOWEY

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at Hospice Cornwall. Born in Ballinasloe, Ireland, she was the first daughter and second child of Matthew and Kitty Keaveney (nee Broderick). Mary is survived by her husband of over 50 years, Dr. Gabriel Slowey, and her five children, Gabrielle, Daragh (Kimberly), Clodagh, Emily (Geoff), and Brian (Chantelle) and her six grandchildren, Brogan, Aidan, Connor, Adelaide, Grace and Emma.

Mary grew up in Castlereagh, Co. Roscommon (Ballindrimley Road) with her seven siblings, Malachy, Jarlath, Eileen, Renee, Matthew, John and Lucia.


She and Gabriel married on December 29, 1969 and emigrated to Canada the following month, in January 1970. Together they ran the Chesterville Medical Clinic which served the community for 34 years. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Presentation Roman Catholic Church in Chesterville on Saturday, August 13th at 11 a.m. Donations to Winchester Hospital <https://www.wdmhfoundation.ca/onlinegiving>, Hospice Cornwall or the Nor-Dun Support Centre in Winchester <https://carefor.ca/donate> would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift “please notify the family”. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.




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Hallville's Meet Me On Main Street

Continued from the front

North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser read a note from Eastella Rose, the former Reeve of Mountain Township and Deputy Mayor of North Dundas.

"I have so many good memories of Jo-Anne. I first met Jo-Anne when she came with her mother to my beauty salon. She was always very energetic and ambitious, which proved to be great assets in her career success. She was the mirror image of her mother. She is well known in the Mountain and Hallville area for her singing and volunteer work," wrote Rose.

"I was on the Mountain Township council when she applied for and was successful in winning a position. Joanne was a star employee going above and beyond to serve the residents of Mountain Township and her colleagues. I will remember her stepping up when the clerk treasurer was seriously ill. Jo-Anne took over the clerk treasurer position and excelled. She moved on to North Dundas Township during the ice storm. Jo-Anne demonstrated what strong leadership skills she had to help us manage through this very difficult time. Jo-Anne was one of the first people in the area to perform civil marriages. She would decorate the council chambers and make every ceremony special. I know Jo-Anne continued to flourish in her career until her retirement."

Fraser also said, "I had the pleasure to sit across from Jo-Anne for eleven years. Four times a week at a minimum Jo-Anne and I communicated or sat together and discussed ways to make things happen for people."

Fraser alluded to the many times Jo-Anne's sense of humour made the municipal office a great place to work.

"With jealousy, I look to her family, and friends that now have the opportunity to spend hours with such a considerate, pleasant, community and family orientated person."

Fraser said, "Jo-Anne's intimate knowledge of her area and of who we are was such a benefit to all of us and served us all well. Her caring and concern for all of us in North Dundas was demonstrated daily to those who had the opportunity to work with her."

North Dundas Deputy Mayor Al Armstrong said, "She became what everybody I believe would want to aspire to, at any sort of vocation you are getting into. She is the benchmark in how she comported herself for a small community. She genuinely and truly cared about everybody that was out there and everybody who showed up at the counter."

Fraser said she had the ability to see challenging situations as only a problem that had to be solved. He explained she would remind us that our job was to find out how to fix the problem.



Tyler Beach and his grandmother Brenda Brogan danced to the music of the Ken Workman Band at the Meet Me On Main Street event in Hallville on Aug. 10.

Morin Photo

"She truly, truly cared," said Armstrong.

He added that as clerk she had a tremendous amount of empathy for residents who came to the municipality with their problems.

"Jo-Anne felt compelled and honour-bound to fix them," he said.

Councillor Gary Annable said, "When I started as councillor I got the impression that Jo-Anne was a very good den mother. There were times I could go to her and ask her any question about any subject and never walked away without an answer."

Councillor Theresa Bergeron was on hand to say a few words.

She said, "As a member of this community my interactions with her over the years; she was always cheerful; she always knew what you were asking for, had answers and was super-efficient. I always called her the encyclopedia of North Dundas."

North Dundas CAO, Angela Rutley explained that Jo-Anne joined the North Dundas Township right when the ice-storm hit the province. "Jo-Anne started with the township of Mountain, and with amalgamation, joined the township of North Dundas, days after joining North Dundas she was thrust into the

"all other duties as required," portion of her job; that included finding candles for the office because there was no power, opening a shelter in the municipal building for people without heat, reminding people to take their medication and ensuring that nobody was moving around the building, in their sleeping attire or lack thereof. As usual, Joanne handled everything with a sense of humor and attention to detail."

Rutley attributed the success of the municipality to its work family.

"Jo-Anne has had the honour of being, in my opinion the mother figure of that family. Coworkers would go to Jo-Anne for a sounding board, a piece of advice or because she could lighten the day with her sense of humour and unique laugh. She was fond of telling our newer recruits at the township that she had pantyhose older than them."

When asked to speak about her reaction to all of the happy memories and positive comments from her coworkers and friends, she said, "I would just like to say thank you very, very, much to my work family who I love and to all of the wonderful politicians and folks I worked with over the years. I loved my job and I continue to love the community I live in."

Referring to amalgamation



The Hallville Meet Me On Main Street event on Aug. 10 featured a special moment to remember as retiring Municipal Clerk Jo-Anne McClasin was honoured. Pictured here left to right: North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser, Jo-Anne McCaslin and her husband Allen.

Morin Photo

and the ice storm happening at the same time she said, "That was the best team building exercise we could have asked for. We came from four different municipalities, two villages and two rural townships. But we did not have to worry about that. All we had to worry about was making sure that we got through that ice storm and working together."

She explained that she was looking forward to her retirement and having different things to do.

Then Rutley also read a letter from former CAO Howard Smith who worked with Jo-Anne in the early days of her career.

Smith wrote: "I have worked with a number of persons over the years in many settings and situations. Some worked out very well while there were a few I would rather not remember. And then there was working with you. I remember our starting out together at the time of the municipal amalgamation back in 1998."

He wrote about the province's plan to reduce the number of municipalities in the province from 800 to 440 by joining them all together where appropriate. North Dundas would become one of six municipalities found in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

"I would become CEO and you would become the new municipal clerk of the new North Dundas. Little did we know just how we had our work cut out for us. Not only did we inherit a brand-new municipality, but it was during one of the worst ice storms ever experienced in the region, and we had not even had our first meeting of the new township council. Talk about trial by fire for both counsel and staff. But as luck would have it, we all pulled our fair share and managed to survive quite well. Many memories were born from that time and one of the most humorous ones was you looking after the well-being of some of the David clan of Chesterville while they stayed at the Winchester Town Hall during the days of the ice storm. During the years that followed you, Jo-Anne, you proved yourself and your worth to the organization countless times over. You are indeed an excellent employee that I could truly count on to excel, you were an excellent employee, Jo-Anne and one that was not afraid of a challenge, nor a truckload of work. You were always there when needed and never afraid to offer a helping hand in any way you could. I was always confident in you and proud of the work you did, as an employee of North Dundas. You truly were one of a kind and there were not many like you when it came down to what was in the best interests of the municipality."

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Winchester Service Centre owner retires

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – A landmark Winchester business is closing its doors.

The Winchester Service Centre at the south end of the village of Winchester closed its doors on Sat., Aug. 6.

The family business managed and operated by Ron Blanchard also sold gas and tires, featured a convenience store and also had a car detailing section.

The property and business are for sale and the owner is hoping the business can carry on with a new set of owners.

Blanchard and his late wife Gaetane started the Winchester Service Centre in 1998. Gaetane passed away in 2008. Years later, Bonnie Holliday met Ron and the two continued on the business.

Blanchard explained, “In 1998 I had the chance to work for myself. A car mechanic, Lawrence Young came to me and said this place was for sale. [I thought,] if I can work so hard for other people, why can’t I work for myself.”

Back then there were five gas stations in and around Winchester.

Blanchard remembers that Winchester was a lot smaller than

today. Everyone knew everyone and business was done on a lot smaller scale than today.

Over the following 24 years, the Winchester Service Centre grew and changed. A convenience store was added and in 2001 a chip wagon was included in their operation.

By 2000, Blanchard and his family had renovated the service station and built living quarters on one side of the business and gave the other side to a convenience store operation. A separate building housed the service area, tire sales and car detailing operations.

The chip wagon, service station and centre, gas pumps and detailing section form a cluster of buildings on a lot at the south end of Winchester right where County Road 31 exits into Winchester.

“I ran the gas bar and service centre, my wife ran the chip wagon, and my son ran the garage,” said Blanchard.

Blanchard said when business was slow, the chip wagon helped them out.

“The chip wagon helped us out a great deal,” he said.

The couple had a change in fortune in 2016, when just before Blanchard’s birthday he won a million-dollar

lottery from Heart and Stroke. The good fortune allowed them to buy a hobby farm in Elma, Ontario in 2017. The hobby farm is something they both are looking forward to being able to spend more of their time on once their Winchester business is closed.

Despite the lottery win, the couple still enjoyed coming to Winchester to work each day.

“It was not unusual to work 12-hour days,” said Blanchard. But now the couple feel it is time to move on.

He says he will miss his many customers who became his friends.

“Some of them have been coming here for the past 20 years,” he said.

He feels he has been very lucky.

Retirement on the hobby farm means doing more gardening and spending time together said Blanchard.

Bonnie and Ron are still hoping they will find someone to buy the business, or at the very least the property it is on.



Ron and Bonnie had a great team helping them make the Winchester Service Centre a success over the years. Left to right are Emma McRostie, Kayla Nagerl, Ron Blanchard, Bonnie Holliday and Kenzie Baron. Absent from the photo is Alia McNoughton. Morin Photo

Second Bike Night

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The second Bike Night of 2022 took place on Thurs., Aug. 11.

Great weather, food and music greeted a huge turnout for the evening.

It was a record-breaking night for organizers with at least 1,700 bikes gliding into Winchester’s downtown area.

Visitors to Bike Night were serenaded by the Bordertowne Boys / Canada’s Bob Seger Tribute Show, volunteers handed out free ice cream sandwiches by Dundas’ dairy farmers. The Ottawa Ontario Provincial Police arrived and showcased their motorcycles, while Loiselle Sports for their BRP & Honda lineup educated the people who stopped by their display.

The Dundas Community Food share raised \$2,410 with their 50/50 draw. Members of the Winchester Downtown Revitalization

Committee said the support from the business community and from the municipality made Bike Night possible.



Winchester Bike Night supports House of Lazarus

The House of Lazarus thanked Vince Zanbelt and the Winchester Bike Night organizers for the wonderful opportunity to be a part of your event as volunteers and for supporting House of Lazarus by presenting us the opportunity to run a 50/50 draw for the event. We stand in constant awe of our community which is full of beautiful, generous spirits. Thank you for your unwavering support. Congratulation to the 50/50 winner, Tara Agler, who won \$865.50. Our \$865.50 could not have come at a better time. We will use this money towards our growing drop-ins. Left to right are Tara Agler and House of Lazarus Executive Director Cathy Ashby.

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Trish Eglinton and Jane Schoones the Community Food Share team leader looked after the raffle table at Bike Night. Morin Photo



Chantal Leonard from Orleans brought her artfully painted bike to Bike Night. Morin Photo

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Entry Tags may be picked up during office hours on Monday, August 22nd or on Thursday evening, August 25th between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Entries may be dropped off Thursday, August 25th between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. and Friday, August 26th between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. No entries accepted past 9:30 a.m.

Paper entry form deadline is 6 p.m. on Monday, August 22nd.

Agricultural exhibits may be brought in Friday, August 26th between 8 a.m. and noon.

Online entries through AssistExpo, www.assistexpo.ca/cdas close Wednesday, August 24th at midnight.

Fair gates open Friday, August 26th at 4 p.m.!



St. Andrews West Community Fest returns

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

ST. ANDREWS WEST – After an absence of two years due to COVID-19 regulations, the St. Andrews West Community Fest returned to this South Stormont community on Sat., Aug. 13. Organized by the Knights of Columbus, St. Andrews Council 10416, the event was held in the St. Andrews West Sports' Field with entertainment for people of all ages.

For the youngsters there were bouncy castles provided by the township of South Stormont Summer Activities program, with the opportunity to take a miniature train ride out to their location. In the early afternoon, a water slide was set up at the top of the hill. Local organizations, businesses and food vendors were set up in the rink area with hourly entertainment provided throughout the day-long event. Inside the historic St. Andrews West church hall, there were additional vendors providing a shopping experience for all who visited.



A steady stream of people attended the St. Andrews Community Fest held in the St. Andrews West Sports Field on Sat., Aug. 13. There was plenty to enjoy at the event which featured live entertainment, local vendors and lots of child-friendly activities.

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A piece of paradise

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

SOUTH STORMONT – On Aug. 7, Bill and Karen Carriere hosted the annual Transition Cornwall + Country Homestead Visit at their home in South Stormont. The event provides visitors the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful grounds of the couple's homestead, while learning about the many different aspects of local gardening.



From the left: Bill and Karen Carriere are shown in front of their sunflower plot during the Country Homestead visit held at their South Stormont home on Aug. 7.

Thompson Goddard Photo

to the grounds during the growing season.

Bill explained the couple moved to this location in 1979 and in the years since have developed the backyard into a peaceful nature oasis. He continued there is a wide variety of nut and fruit trees, kiwi, and grape vines, as well as several berry varieties throughout the backyard. Extensive flower beds throughout add colour

grateful for plants and what they provide to the people who care for them.

Karen and Bill have always had an interest in plants and gardening. They mentioned how they have grown into the garden created at their home. Bill said how "over the years [he has] grown to appreciate nature." He explained that in return for caring for the plants, there is an abundance of rewards provided. Karen mentioned that she is

Remembering over 40,000 Canadians

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – Five years ago, a memorial to the Canadians who served in either the Union or Confederate forces during the American Civil War (1861-1865) was dedicated in Ault Park near Long Sault. The memorial to this little-known part of Canadian history was an initiative of the Grays and Blues of Montreal, with support provided by the Lost Villages Historical Society and the Municipality of South Stormont.

Many Canadians were unaware of the service of their countrymen in this foreign war, with those who volunteered doing so for a variety of reasons. "There are many goals [of the Grays and Blues of Montreal], but the main one would be to recognize that more than 40,000 Canadians served in the army and navy of either the North or South" commented Stewart Irvine, president of The Grays and Blues of Montreal.

On August 27 and 28, the Grays and Blues of Montreal will be holding a re-enactment weekend at the Lost Villages Museum in Ault Park near Long Sault. The event will feature a free Celtic Concert on Aug. 27 beginning at 1 p.m. and on Sunday at 10 a.m. a 5th anniversary service will be held. These special events are part of the commemorative weekend, with cannon demonstrations, Civil War era drill, skirmishes, and battle re-enactments throughout the weekend. The complete schedule is available on the organizations Facebook page.

The Celtic Concert on Saturday will feature some of the best local talent including the MacCulloch Dancers, The Glengarry Fiddlers and the MacLeod Fiddlers as well as Kenzie and Shelby McRae and Nolan Stoqua. The event is free with the opportunity to provide a goodwill donation which will be used by the Lost Villages Museum "to help maintain and improve the site, ie. add walkways, lights, etc.," commented Stewart. More information on the upcoming weekend can be found on the social media pages of the Lost Villages Museum or The Grays and Blues of Montreal.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2022

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Influential Swedish, Belgian clan
- 6. Swiss river
- 9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 13. Like coagulated milk
- 14. Lima is its capital
- 15. Lying down
- 16. Jai __ sport
- 17. Egyptian statesman
- 18. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
- 19. Renovated
- 21. Chadic language
- 22. 18-year period
- 23. Beverage container
- 24. Natural logarithm
- 25. The "mecca" of basketball
- 28. A way to darken
- 29. Mackerels
- 31. Actor Pitt
- 33. Places to buy seafood
- 36. True firs
- 38. Neither

- 39. Fencing sword
- 41. Italian pastas
- 44. Island nation close to the U.S.
- 45. Begets
- 46. Resembles a pouch
- 48. __ student, learns healing
- 49. Sodium
- 51. Indicates position
- 52. The world has one
- 54. Partner to pains
- 56. Photographer
- 60. Chew the fat
- 61. Culture of the British Iron Age
- 62. Weaverbird
- 63. Advice or counsel
- 64. Asian nation
- 65. Brought on board
- 66. German river
- 67. Airborne (abbr.)
- 68. Leaf-footed bug genus

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mark left behind
- 2. Cry weakly
- 3. Ancient region in modern Syria
- 4. Farewell
- 5. Blue grass state
- 6. Genus of mosquitoes
- 7. S. Israeli city
- 8. You can get stuck in one
- 9. One who mistrusts others unjustifiably
- 10. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
- 11. Tigers legend Fielder
- 12. Make more attractive
- 14. Horses
- 17. Slight projection in typefaces
- 20. Male parent
- 21. Jack and Jill are two
- 23. After B
- 25. Licensed for Wall Street
- 26. Missile with about 600-mile range
- 27. Goddesses
- 29. A day kids love

- 30. Oily secretion
- 32. One-tenth of a meter
- 34. A father's male child
- 35. One point east of southeast
- 37. Silk garments
- 40. Cool!
- 42. The color of anger
- 43. Trade profession
- 47. It can get you around
- 49. Mother-of-pearl
- 50. Hurt
- 52. Legendary slugger Hank
- 53. Polio vaccine developer
- 55. Incline from vertical
- 56. Sea creature
- 57. Actress Kate
- 58. Affirmative votes
- 59. Nothing
- 61. Pie __ mode
- 65. Expresses surprise

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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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.



Finch resident David MacDonald running for seat on North Stormont council

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

FINCH – Long-time area resident and former council member David MacDonald is looking to gain a seat on the township of North Stormont’s next term of council with the upcoming Oct. 24 municipal election.

“With our current council, I see several issues that need to be addressed. Number one is transparency. The other one is accountability. And there’s what I believe to be issues with our financial management,” MacDonald said. “So, my thought is, instead of sitting home and complaining about it, I would put my name in for council to work at trying to solve the problems.”

MacDonald said he’s served two terms on council in the early 2000s, giving him valuable experience. He also said that he’s lived in the municipality for roughly 40

years, and he’s dedicated to his community. “There’s a lot of discord on council right now, and a lot of our tax dollars are being spent on legal fees for the fact that some people can’t get along,” MacDonald said. “To be successful, there has to be a team effort, and having worked on council before, I know what it takes to make things work.”

MacDonald says he has lots of experience managing budgets and managing people through his work with the federal government. Since he retired a few years ago, MacDonald said he’s worked in the community driving a dump truck, delivering fertilizer and because of this he said he knows the effort that people put in to make a living, so he wants to ensure tax dollars are spent wisely.

“I just want our township to be successful,” MacDonald said. “I want our

tax dollars to be spent wisely, and a team effort to make things work.”

MacDonald said he’s been attending council meetings, both in-person or virtually, to stay abreast of what’s happening. He said it’s the observations he’s made during these meetings that have led him to seek a seat at the council table, noting specifically his desire to see increased transparency, as well as less friction between council members.

“I know I can make it work no matter who’s elected,” he said.



David MacDonald

Courtesy Photo

Giving back to the community

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

FINCH – Connie Nielsen, owner of Cornerstone Convenience Store in Finch, presented a cheque for \$750 to Community Food Share team leader Jane Schoones on Aug. 9.

“Connie’s initiative, and her customers wonderful support to raise money for the food bank is greatly appreciated,” commented CFS team leader Jane Schoones. Nielsen explained the money had been raised with the sale of DVDs, books, and hot wheels’ vehicles for \$2 each, with customer items donated for sale by the store.

This initiative began in mid 2021, when Nielsen brought a few books from



From the left: Liza Bronzan, CCS owner Connie Nielsen and CFS team leader Jane Schoones are shown at Cornerstone Convenience Store on Aug. 9.

Thompson Goddard Photo

her personal collection to the store to sell them. The plan was to provide the money raised to CFS. By the end of 2021, a donation of \$500 was made to CFS, with Nielsen explaining customers thought this was such a good idea they began donating their own books, DVDs to raise funds, with a customer

bringing in a selection of hot wheels’ vehicles to sell. She views this as a way of giving back to the community which has supported her and her business. “Connie’s got a big heart and gives a lot to the community,” commented Liza Bronzan, who has worked at CCS for approximately five years.

Roxane Villeneuve runs for mayor of North Stormont

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MOOSE CREEK – “As an elected municipal councillor for the past four years, I have seen firsthand the many improvements that are desperately needed in our township,” Roxane Villeneuve said.

A current councillor with the township of North Stormont, Villeneuve is looking to become the municipality’s next mayor following the Oct. 24 election. She recently submitted her nomination papers.

“As I outlined in my bilingual social media video launch on Aug. 3, we need honesty and integrity, transparency, and accountability – this starts with a mayor who leads by example,” Villeneuve said. “In the 2018 municipal election, I ran on these values as a councillor, and I was elected by the good people in North Stormont. I have a proven track record of doing what I say I will do, and if I am fortunate to be elected as mayor, I will continue to fulfill my mandate with a ‘promises made and promises kept’ model.”

Villeneuve provided a list of changes she’d like to see happen in North Stormont. These include public budget consultations, clear oversight of taxpayer dollars, quarterly public town hall meetings, public question period, and beautification of the township’s villages and hamlets. To learn more about her specific plans and ideas, visit Villeneuve’s Facebook page, which is listed under Coun. Roxane Villeneuve Conseillère North Stormont Nord.

“As a former senior provincial advisor to the leader of the official opposition at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, along with my experience working at the Senate of Canada, and as a former manager of a hospital foundation, I believe I have the experience and understanding it takes to run an effective organization. There are many reasons why I believe that residents should trust in me and



Roxane Villeneuve

Courtesy Photo

elect me as their mayor,” Villeneuve said. “I will work with council to lower debentures and increase our reserves. We need to run our municipality like it is our own personal bank account – as mayor, I am committed to spend our taxpayers’ dollars with full public accountability and transparency with a low or zero tax increase.”

If she’s elected, Villeneuve has additional goals she’d like to see realized. In addition to lowering debentures and increasing reserves, these also include building recreational infrastructure, and supporting natural gas expansion.

“I love my community. I love to volunteer my time and contribute to many fundraising activities that are part of our community,” Villeneuve said. “As mayor, I will continue to host my ‘Free Public Skate Family Day’ held annually on Family Day in February at the Finch Arena.”



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Deputy Clerk
Supervisors: Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk

POSITION SUMMARY

The Deputy Clerk is primarily responsible for supporting the statutory responsibilities of the Clerk; and for ensuring the implementation of, and compliance with, all policies, procedures and directives of Council. The Deputy Clerk is also the recording secretary for Council and Committee meetings, and participates in the development of policy, internal and external communications, and social media.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Assists in the drafting of By-laws and resolutions, through the conduct of research and analysis, and consultations with the CAO / Clerk, other departments, and legal experts, as required.
2. Performs follow-up activities resulting from Council meetings: transcribes and distributes minutes; ensures that resolutions and ordinances are in proper format and notarized; prepares associated documents and correspondence; and tracks required Committee actions.
3. Reviews policies and procedures stemming from the legislation affecting the operation of the Corporation of the Township of North Stormont.
4. Provides support to the CAO / Clerk in the various statutory responsibility areas under the *Municipal Act*, the *Line Fences Act*, the *Drainage Act*, the *Tile Drainage Act*, the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, the *Planning Act*, and other provincial statutes.
5. Provides information and interpretation of By-laws, resolutions and policies to the general public; and provides Notary Public services for Township legal requirements, residents, staff, and the general public.
6. Assists with the annual review and preparation of the *Accessibility Plan*, under the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.
7. Provides support in the preparation and administration of municipal contracts, tenders and requests for proposal; and monitors contracts and agreements to ensure they are signed and recorded in a timely manner, and that insurance requirements are met.
8. Assists the Building and Planning Department.
9. Assists in the conduct of Municipal Elections; and administers the Oath of Office for township Council.
10. Supervises official records file maintenance: ensures that documents are recorded and properly retained; and oversees the archiving and destruction of documents no longer required.
11. Establishes and maintains working relationships with staff, colleagues and members of Council; serves as an effective liaison with community organizations, and provincial and local governments; and interacts appropriately with auditors, consultants, business groups, the media and the public.
12. Supervises assigned staff members; provides direction, guidance, advice and training; assigns responsibilities and tasks; and conducts performance reviews for direct reports.
13. Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Diploma or Degree in Public Administration and five years’ experience in office administration, preferably in a public agency; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Recognized Municipal Clerk Certification, or equivalent thereof.
- Knowledge of municipal legislation, and relevant provincial and federal statutes (e.g., the *Municipal Act*, the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Municipal Elections Act*, the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the *Planning Act*, the *Emergency Management Act*, amongst others).
- Demonstrated knowledge and skills regarding personal computers and corporate records management systems.
- High degree of professionalism coupled with advanced communications skills in such areas as presentations, consultations, collaboration, negotiation, conflict resolution, and customer service.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The work is performed in an office environment. There is a constant requirement to respond to numerous requests for subject matter information from the CAO/Clerk, and to enquires from external clients, often involving high-priority issues, short deadlines, concurrent demands and changing priorities, which may result in personal stress and frustration.

There is also a risk of eyestrain from exposure to the glare from a computer screen, and of general body stiffness from the requirement to remain in a seated position for extended periods of time.

There is also a requirement to attend all Council meetings, which are normally held outside normal Township business hours.

Normal hours of work are 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

COMPENSATION

Class D \$50,262 to \$68,002 annual salary (based on 2022 Salary Grid), full benefit package and enrollment in the OMERS pension plan.

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Paintings 2 Order – North Dundas artist Carrie Keller

WINCHESTER – Carrie Keller, resident of Winchester since 2012, began her home-based business Paintings 2 Order in 1992. Keller mentioned her business is an online store, providing people the opportunity to view and perhaps purchase Keller's art and literary works.

Her artistic techniques and knowledge are well-known throughout the local community, with a distinctive flavour and attention to detail. Keller explained she developed her art by taking "12 years of private lessons with several well-known artists in Windsor, university courses taken while in the Armed Forces and a course in Aix-en-Provence, France.

When asked where she gets her inspiration for paintings, she mentioned spending time driving or hiking to find natural scenes or man-made structures to photograph and consider later. While Keller creates art in a variety of mediums, she mentioned oil is the medium she enjoys working in the most. She explained how once a painting is completed and sold, it is "the joy people get in owning my work and their reaction to seeing it the first time" she most appreciates. People can commission paintings with Keller, mentioning that a mural is soon to be completed in South Mountain that has been commissioned by Eric Duncan to honour his grandmother.

In 2019, Keller participated in the "Conquer the Canvas" competition in

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Carrie Keller

Courtesy Photo

Cornwall organized by Cornwall's Your Arts Council. Artists were challenged to turn a blank canvas into a work of art within 20 minutes which was then judged by the audience, with Keller receiving the silver paintbrush award. "The art challenge was a lot of fun, loved stretching my boundaries,

would love to do it again" commented Keller.

Well known as an artist, Keller has also written several children's books. "I started creating animal characters for my books after illustrating for Joel Fawcett's books," explained Keller. She began writing books for young children, then older children and

has recently published a book called *Roo and the World of the Crum* which is designed for "young teens and adults that haven't grown up," noting she is currently working on another book in the series.

Keller is known for her philanthropic activities in the community which include online auctions of her paintings, with funds raised provided to Community Food Share and the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital Foundation. "I feel strongly that a person needs to give back, to support your community," commented Keller when asked about this. She continued how when asked, she is happy to help and give back to the community.

Looking to the future, Keller mentioned her focus is on writing and "selling [her] huge stock of paintings that have built up since COVID." She is interested in re-starting the local art league again, mentioning how a first step to achieving this goal is her return to volunteering with Art on the Waterfront. Keller continues to teach art on Thursdays. Space is limited, but Keller is considering finding a larger venue for her art lessons, which will enable more students developing their artistic abilities. She will be attending the Sundance Show held in Maberly near Perth and is hoping another North Dundas Art Show may be possible.

More information on Keller and her works of art can be found on the Paintings to Order social media sites or by contacting the artist directly.

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.

Charles Armstrong runs for councillor position in Russell Township

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – "I am a retired Canadian Armed Forces engineer officer with more than 37 years service, and I have time to serve my township as I did Canada," township of Russell resident Charles Armstrong said. "I have always been interested in municipal politics, as this is the political level that most affects the day-to-day lives of each citizen. I am one of the few citizens who regularly attend council meetings, having attended more than 90 per cent of the meetings since I retired more than 10 years ago."

Armstrong filed nomination papers for councillor in the upcoming municipal election on Oct. 24. Armstrong moved to the area with his family more than 30 years ago. He said he'd like to see his children return to the municipality to raise their children, as well, because of its safe and livable communities.

"I have a vision of a livable community that includes safe walking infrastructure, abundant cycling paths, and outdoor recreation facilities. We must build on the immensely popular New York Central biking and walking trail. My goal is to guide the township down a road that provides these to the citizens. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly proven the value of outdoor recreation," Armstrong said. "As a retired military engineer officer, I have significant experience in the management of municipal infrastructure and major capital projects. This is directly applicable to the situation we find ourselves in with the upcoming \$100-million recreation complex project and numerous other challenging municipal development projects."

Armstrong said he's an environmentalist. He's a past president for the Citizen's Environmental Stewardship Association.



Charles Armstrong

Courtesy Photo

"The township has significant challenges ahead and we need good leadership at the council level. I will balance the rapid residential and commercial development of our township with the need for a livable and sustainably developed community," he said. "Council needs knowledgeable and experienced members to effectively guide us through these exciting times. With my knowledge of township affairs, I know my military experience can be effectively applied to the local challenges. I will put my skills to good use for the benefit of the township and its citizens."

Armstrong said the township of Russell was once ranked the third best place to live in Canada. Since then, he said it's dropped to 246th according to Maclean's 2021 ranking of "Canada's Best Communities."

"We have fallen dramatically to the bottom half of best places to live in Canada and council needs to work hard to bring us back up to where we should be," Armstrong said. "I will work hard to do just that."

Judy Neville British Home Child Museum – Opening Weekend

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

SOUTH DUNDAS – The Judy Neville British Home Child Museum in the Aultsville Train Station will be opening on Sat., Aug. 20 for the first time since the 2019 season. Between the 1860s and the late 1930s, over 120,000 children from orphanages and workhouses in England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales were sent to Canada to work as indentured servants in the homes and on the farms of this country. For several years the Ontario East British Home Child Family and the Parks of St. Lawrence have collaborated on the museum which houses information and artifacts on one of the little-known parts of Canadian history. This year, the JNBHC Museum is pleased to be part of Doors Open Cornwall and SDG counties on Aug. 20 and 21.

The museum will be open between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Aug. 20, 21, 27, 28 and Sept. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25. It will be staffed by volunteers who will assist in telling the stories of those who arrived in Canada as child emigrants while guests peruse displays.

South Stormont Mustangs set to open canteen at Long Sault Arena

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – Although it's been closed since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Long Sault Arena's canteen will be operational for the coming season beginning in September.

During the township of South Stormont's Aug. 10 council meeting, local politicians approved a request from the municipality's director of parks and recreation, Kevin Amelotte, asking that the canteen be rented to the South Stormont Mustangs at a weekly rental rate of \$85 from Sept. 12, 2022, to May 12, 2023. Council unanimously approved the request.

"The canteen itself has

been closed since March 2020, just prior to COVID, so this is a service that's been offered in the past through a service club," Amelotte said. "The proposal that was made [to] maintain the same weekly rental rate at the facility is good. It's not a service that we're looking to make a lot of money on. It's to try and cover some of the cost that goes into the services provided in that space."

Amelotte said South Stormont had three to four groups access the request for tender. Only one group – the South Stormont Mustangs – made a submission.

"I know from speaking to other municipalities that many are struggling to find canteen operators, so, I

wasn't surprised only to receive the one," he said. "I think the proposal was fair. It's very similar service that was provided in the past, which was always well received by the public. I know they're looking at possibly operating a skate sharpening machine through there as well. We've already had some initial meetings with the health unit and the proponent to review what that looks like and making sure that they can meet the other requirements and legislation."

Amelotte said South Stormont is looking at the ice rental season beginning as early as Sept. 12. He said the Mustangs are "gung-ho" to get started. At this point, the contract is for one season.

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And what a fair it was!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
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RUSSELL – There was plenty to see and do during the 2022 Russell Fair, with agricultural displays, horse, cattle, and sheep shows as well as a midway full of rides, games, and food vendors. For over 160 years, this event, organized by the Russell Agricultural Society, has harvested the excitement, and provided

visitors with an opportunity to have fun while learning about local agriculture.

There were smiles all around as visitors to the event made their way to various buildings, the midway and the various entertainment areas. There was the opportunity to purchase a gift for someone or perhaps yourself from one of the several onsite vendors, visit displays of

items entered in the culinary arts, handcraft and field crop competitions or just enjoy some time resting and having a snack in the curling club building.

Throughout the fair, there were presentations from Super Dogs, Magic Marvin, Meet the Keepers as well as a petting zoo and sheep shearing display. For those interested in agriculture, there was the opportunity to watch the various competitions or visit the agricultural education tent. Entertainment highlights included the sold-out Dean Brody show as well as the ever-popular truck and tractor pulls and demo derby.

The Russell Fair is a tradition in Eastern Ontario.

Mhairi Rowland the president of the Russell Agricultural Society, the organizers of the fair said, “We’re back.”

Rowland said there are 17 people on the board and organizing the fair was a great deal of work, but it was worth it.

She noted that they had 2,500 people for the Dean Brody concert, which was well received.

“This was the first time we had a three-day fair, and it is the first time with our new date,” she said.

The fair used to be held in September not August.

“The midway could not come in September, so we moved the fair to August.”



There was a steady stream of youngsters eager to try to make their way up a rope ladder and win an oversized stuffy. The climb wasn't as easy as it seemed but provided some fun for spectators and participants alike.

Thompson Goddard Photo



Bobbie the sheep was sheared by Bruce Bennett who provides sheep shearing in the Russell area. He has been shearing sheep at the Russell Fair for more than 20 years.

Morin Photo



The Sauve family was taking a break before getting into the ring at the fair. Left to right are: Kyra and Felix Sauve, John Sauve and Valerie Lemieux. They are riding Tulsa, Lexy and Astral.

Morin Photo

Mike Tarnowski runs for a second term on Russell's council

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – “I’ve been a resident of this great township for almost 28 years,” township of Russell councillor Mike Tarnowski said. “It’s been a fantastic place for Tracy, my wife, and I to raise our family. Before being elected to this current council, I’ve always been a very active volunteer on various committees within our community. We’ve always taught our children that civic engagement is important, and I like to lead by example.”

Tarnowski has submitted his nomination papers for re-election. In addition to four years on council, Tarnowski also has a master’s degree from the Guelph School of Management and Economics, more than 20 years of business and leadership role experience, and 15-plus years volunteering.

“Members of council are required to make important decisions that have lasting impacts on our community. This requires a good amount of experience in administration, finance, and leadership, with a love and passion for our community,” he said, adding that he’s also well versed in Russell history. Tarnowski is fully bilingual.

Tarnowski said he’s proud of what the current council has accomplished, so far. He listed a few projects he’d like to see



Mike Tarnowski

Courtesy Photo

completed, including the relocation of the Embrun Library branch.

“We’ve made great strides in improving the township’s financial position with our asset management policy. Our industrial park has also developed very well in the past four years. Still, there is more to do,” he said, adding that decisions need to be made while also acknowledging the need to manage and optimize Russell’s limited resources.

Tarnowski said an effective councillor needs to be able to comfortably debate

important decisions while staying open to compromise and creative solutions that are not always apparent. He also said that being on council is not easy, but it is gratifying to be helping the community.

“I want to continue serving our community. With the current economic forecasts – inflation and possible recession – coupled with our township’s significant projects, we require a strong

council with experienced leadership, decision-making, and financial know-how,” Tarnowski said. “I would consider myself a protector of resident rights. Townships hold a vital role in administering our community, but despite best intentions, sometimes it can cross the line between administration and control. I strongly believe in community-service-focused administration. A vote for me, is a vote for an experienced resident-focused council member.”

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