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Briefly

Youth Broomball Tournament

FINCH – This annual tournament takes place on Jan. 13 to 15 at the Finch Community Arena, 4 John St., Finch. Nineteen youth teams with players ranging in ages from 4 to 15 playing in U9, U12 and U16 levels will compete. A Hustler of the Game award is handed out after every game. The tournament hours are Friday from 6-9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m., last game to start at 6:15 p.m. And the finals will take place on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There will be teams from Finch, Russell, Vankleek Hill, and Carleton Place.

Fun at the Osgoode Township Museum

VERNON – The museum in Vernon has several new programs to offer families this winter. Their latest one is called Second Saturdays. This Jan. 14 is the first program in the series and called Winter Fun. Join the museum staff from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for their first program!

Christmas Tree drop off

NORTH DUNDAS – Until early February, residents can bring their Christmas trees to one of the four depots set-up around North Dundas for disposal. We ask that all decorations are removed prior to dropping off a tree. There will be barrels on site marked with Tree Depot signs.

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Thanks to the 4-H volunteers

Stormont County 4-H is a very active group and throughout the recent Awards' Dinner thanks was provided to the volunteers and leaders who support the 4-H membership in several ways. From the left, front row: Jennifer Waldroff, Alyssa Waldroff, Neil Robinson, Molly McDonald and Chris Stewart. Middle row: Betty Morrow, Kenda TePlate, Jill Robinson, Denise Beaudette-Manley, Harrietta Bretzler and Bobby-Jo Uhr. Back row: Amanda Pilon, Fred Stewart, Yvonne Seeley, Barbara-Ann Glaude, Jessica Lang, Jen Marion, Aimee Norman, Suzanna Bretzler, Doug Robinson and Joe Krol.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Glengarry Highland Games nominated as 2022 Event of the Year

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

MAXVILLE—Making the pilgrimage to Maxville, Ontario to witness The Glengarry Highland Games is, for many people, a staple of their summer's entertainment. The lonely cry of the pipes, the deep rumble of the drums, all taking place under the warm, August sun make this an event that reaches out and grabs you through multiple senses. This, and the work of the people who make this happen year after year are a primary reason why The Games were nominated as the 2022 Event of the year.

The Pipes!Drums Magazine has awarded its 22nd annual New Year's Honours to several different categories, recognizing the greatest collective performances, results

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Future of agriculture in Stormont County looks bright

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

AVONMORE – Stormont County 4-H Club members, parents and volunteers gathered for the 2022 Awards' Night on Sat., Jan. 7 at North Stormont Place in Avonmore.

Following a social time, potluck dinner and reciting of the 4-H pledge, emcee for the evening presentations was Alyssa Waldroff, assisted by Jill Robinson. Waldroff welcomed everyone to the event and introduced the executives of the organization, followed by president Neil Robinson noted there were over 200 people in attendance. He expressed his thanks to the leaders and volunteers of Stormont

County 4-H. Jennifer Waldroff, a member of the 4-H Ontario Board brought greetings from the province and expressed congratulations to the members, before thanking the parents, leaders, and volunteers. Cloverbuds is designed for children between the ages of six and eight, as a way to introduce them to the 4-H program. This year there were 20 Cloverbuds participating in Stormont County 4-H, with each new participant receiving a plaque and recognition for their return to Cloverbuds.

Several members of the 4-H Club were recognized for completing their projects. Bobby Robinson received his 36 Project Provincial Seal and Haleigh-Jo tePlate received a provincial seal for completing 66 and 62 projects.

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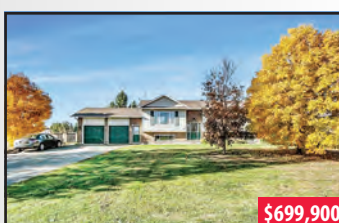
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Glengarry Highland Games

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and contributions made in the world over the past year. The Honours are decided by a panel of 20 pipers and drummers from around the world who are in tune with what's going on with piping, drumming, politics, products, and events. The panel makes the selection of each year's Honours.

For 2022, there were eight categories:

- Pipe Band of the Year (all things considered, in addition to competition)
- Piper of the Year (encompassing all aspects of their work)
- Solo Competition Piper of the Year (considering strictly competition success)
- Drummer of the Year (encompassing all aspects of their work)
- Association Leader of the Year
- Product of the Year
- Recording of the Year
- Event of the Year

The Glengarry Highland Games, the only Canadian nominee in a field of six, were nominated in the Event of the Year category. As would be expected, Games president Eric Metcalfe was thrilled in learn of the nomination. "It's always nice to be recognized for what we do, especially at this level, says Metcalfe. "Through the hard work of our directors and volunteers, each year we strive to present the



Every year, thousands flock to Maxville to witness the pageantry of the Glengarry Highland Games. The 2023 games will be held in Maxville the weekend of Aug. 4-5. Courtesy Photo

best Celtic festival possible."

The ultimate winner of this year's Honour was the World Pipe Band Championships, which were held in Glasgow, Scotland. This event brings together the finest pipers and drummers in the world. While they didn't win, The Glengarry Highland Games did receive some very positive comments from the panel of judges, who commented "...in terms of a paying audience, there's no

bigger event in the world. Like almost every other contest, competing numbers were down, but there was no decline in optimism and energy for the future. Haste ye back, indeed."

"Congratulations to all winners and nominees and those who contributed so much to piping and drumming over the last 12 months," added *The Pipes/Drums Magazine*.

The 2023 Glengarry Highland Games will be held in Maxville, Ontario on Aug. 4 and 5.

OPP investigate arson in South Stormont

SOUTH STORMONT – The Stormont Dundas and Glengarry (SD&G) Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is looking for information from the public for an ongoing fire investigation. On Jan. 6, shortly after 8:30 p.m., officers responded to a structure fire on Dixon Road in South Stormont

Township. The South Stormont fire department attended the scene and extinguished the fully engulfed abandoned residence. Further investigation revealed that the fire had been set intentionally. There were no injuries reported.

Anyone with information regarding this fire, including suspicious vehicles

or people seen in the area, should contact the SD&G OPP at 1-888-310-1122. If someone wishes to remain anonymous, call Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit a TIP online at seawayvalleycrimestoppers.ca, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Stormont County 4-H

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Several members were recognized for their showmanship abilities in various livestock shows throughout the year in various classes, with members presented with their prize money from Stormont County Fair throughout the event. Presentation of Stormont County awards included the Stormont 4-H Bursary Award, awarded to a member who will graduate from secondary school and will attend a post secondary institution. This year Alecsa Villeneuve was awarded the bursary award by president Neil Robinson.

Several volunteer leaders received recognition for their contribution to Stormont County 4-H, with



During the 2022 Stormont County 4-H Awards' Night, Ontario 4-H ambassador Dougie Robinson organized a food drive for Community Food Share. He is shown here with donations provided during the event. Thompson Goddard Photo

Larry Barkley receiving a 25 Year Volunteer Seal and Barbara-Ann Glaude, receiving special recognition for her 30 years of volunteering with the organization.

During the evening, Dougie Robinson, one of four 2022 4-H Ontario ambassadors, held a successful food drive for

Community Food Share. He explained this was one of his community engagement projects and thanked the people for their support.

As the evening concluded, Waldroff thanked Jill Robinson for assisting in the organization of the event. She then thanked the many sponsors, leaders, volunteer,

members, and parents for their support, with a special thank you to the Avonmore Community and Athletic Association for the use of North Stormont Place, the Stormont Dairy Producers for their donation of chocolate milk, and the Stormont Federation of Agriculture.



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COMMUNITY – I find that to be an interesting word. It is a word that is used in many different contexts and often has multiple different meanings. Communities usually have something in common – even if it is only geographical, as in where one lives. When the commonality of those in a community is only based on incidental aspects of their lives – such as where they live, or what occupation they have; their internal connections are weaker than those communities that are based on strong beliefs.

I have found there are actually two main types of community, and to get the definitions we need to go to the German language –Gemeinschaft (usually translated as “community”) and Gesellschaft (“society” or “association”). No group is exclusively one or the other, there is always elements of each found in every community. Gemeinschaft stress personal social interactions, and the roles, values, and beliefs based on such interactions. Gesellschaft stress indirect interactions, impersonal roles, formal values, and beliefs based on such interactions.

So, where am I going with this? I am curious as to where we would place the church as a community. Are we primarily a group of people with shared values and beliefs or a community based on where we live, or perhaps both? How do we organize ourselves and designate our priorities?

If we function primarily based on geography, then we tend to look mainly to the concerns of those who are local to us – in the same neighborhood that is. If we function primarily based on our shared faith and beliefs, then geography will not be the primarily focus of our actions.

I am new here to North Dundas – even relatively new to the Ottawa Valley area, my husband is from Manitoba, and I am from Southern Ontario; as I start my ministry here in North Dundas, I have found a warm and welcoming community here. As I reflect on what motivates us to welcome newcomers into their community, I of course look to the scriptures. My thoughts wander over to Romans 12, where St. Paul calls followers of the way to “practice hospitality” and to “live in harmony with each other.”

As we journey together as a geographical community of North Dundas, I pray that we will also journey together as a community that values and loves our neighbours, not because they live down the street from us; but because they, in and of themselves are members of our larger human community. Reach out to the quiet person you see but haven’t yet spoken to; say hello to the grocery store clerk and ask about their day. Be the person that brings light and happiness to other’s lives, if even only for a moment.

Peace and blessings to all of you.

*Reverend Stephanie
St. Clare’s Anglican Parish*

Memories of the Ice Storm of ‘98

The weather has been quite the topic of conversation with an old-fashioned blizzard around Christmas and ice rain on the 25th anniversary of the beginning of that infamous Ice Storm of ‘98! Looking at the iced precipitation gathering on my front windows while nestled in my comfy living room chair, my mind slipped back to early January 1998.

The Ice Storm of ‘98 affected thousands and thousands of people across many parts of Ontario and into Quebec. It was something that I don’t think anyone who experienced it will ever truly forget. While it was devastating, people working together managed to weather the storm, solve the problems associated with it and emerge with a renewed sense of community.

I remember looking at the weather channel on television and noticed how ice rain was forecasted for the next several days and interestingly I didn’t seem concerned at all. For some reason, it just seemed that we were going to get a bit of ice rain, but with the mild weather, the ice would melt quickly or perhaps the weatherman would be wrong! Needless to say, I

was wrong on both counts. As the days went on with the thickness of ice on roads, roofs, and trees, increasing daily, my thoughts quickly turned from thinking it would be over quickly to realizing its severity.

Reports of downed power lines, loss of electricity, barns collapsing in the country, cattle being electrocuted, and a state of emergency being declared locally, all began to have its effect on my sense of well-being. I worried about friends and family out in the country and wondered how the farmers were coping with the lack of electricity, feeling grateful when reports of generators being sent out to the rural areas was announced.

The true extent of the ice storm became apparent to me with the announcement the Canadian Red Cross and members of the Canadian Armed Forces were being mobilized to assist in our area. The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders and the Governor General’s Foot Guards were just two of the many units that worked to ensure the safety of people, animals, and buildings during these exceptional times.

The discovery of an old but undamaged powerline

from a nearby power generating station to Cornwall, allowed for many areas of the city to have some power on a rotating basis. News of some businesses such as grocery or hardware stores in the city re-opening to assist people with procuring necessities such as food, generators or other supplies appeared in local media. On some occasions credit was extended as the electrical cash registers or bank machines were not working.

Along our street were many varieties of mature trees and in our front yard was a beautiful birch tree. During the ice storm, the weight of the ice caused the branches to bow down to the ground and a couple of times a day I would grab a stick to go outside to strike the branches to remove the ice. It was one of the few birch trees on my street which still had its treetop after the ice storm and provided some entertainment for my three youngsters who would laugh out loud as I made my way out to the tree. School didn’t return at the end of Winter Vacation that year and it would be at least a week before the children returned to classes. This didn’t seem to bother my children at all, for with electricity they were able to play their video

games or watch television. When they got bored, they would put on their skates and visit their friends next door. Sometimes we would have potluck dinners with our neighbours and their friends from the country who had come to stay at their home during the ice storm.

Steve, my oldest brother who lived in Morrisburg, brought my mom down for a visit as we had a gas fireplace and electricity. When one of the children mentioned this being the storm of the century, she recalled how when my second oldest brother Erik was a baby there was an ice storm just as bad. A few days later, the *Cornwall Standard-Freeholder* ran pictures of that ice storm which were eerily similar to what we were experiencing.

For several years afterwards, as January approached, many people worried about another ice storm happening. I became a bit worried when the forecast showed ice rain on the day the ice storm began 25 years ago. The ice rain lasted for about a day, with warmer temperatures helping to speed up the melting process, but the ice on trees and other surfaces reminded me of those January days so long ago.

*Carolyn Thompson
Goddard*

The colour will return

I’ll never be accused of being someone who loves winter, but for the most part I enjoy having four distinctive seasons, and I love the different colours that can be associated with them. Maybe that’s why I’m a little irritated this year with having a January that seems to be just so many shades of grey, at a time in the year when something bright, shiny, and colourful would help improve everyone’s mood.

Spring, summer and fall each have their own special palette and colour can be found just about everywhere. Even November, which finds itself towards the end of the glorious Canadian fall colours, does present us with a vibrant sea of poppies which help us to remember lives lived, lives lost, and sacrifices made.

Having a white, snowy, Christmas this year was enjoyable (at least if you didn’t need to travel) and once the snow was pushed back a bit it made a nice backdrop to the many sparkly Christmas decorations that seem to increase in number each year. The mild weather that followed made much of the snow disappear, revealing underneath an extremely green and healthy carpet of grass that maybe should have been trimmed one more time before declaring the grass cutting

season of 2022 officially over.

That is the point, however, where a lot of the colour in the world seemed to drain away. We didn’t even go to a lighter shade of pale; we went straight to grey; light grey, dark grey, medium grey, graphite grey, every possible shade of grey you can imagine. Add to that a dull, overcast sky and colder temperatures, and you can understand people starting to comment that the winter might never end, even though it has hardly even started.

Coming off the most emotionally taxing holiday of the year and diving into a deep, broad pool of neutrality, it is easy to understand why so many, when asked how they are doing, would sum it up in one syllable: Meh.

And when you consider what awaits us in the coming weeks, well, it doesn’t really do much to turn that frown upside down. You could think about the groundhog and whether the furry prognosticator will say we have six more weeks of winter or if we can expect an early spring.

With such a neutral landscape awaiting, if I was a groundhog, I don’t think I would even get out of my den. And before we even get to Groundhog Day, we get to celebrate Robbie Burns Day on Jan. 25 with a delicious meal of haggis (sheep’s stomach) amongst other Scottish delicacies.

There are of course things that can

brighten one’s mood if you take the time to look for them, but as Shakespeare wrote, “There’s the rub.” You can do nothing and allow your mood to become as grey as everything around you, or you can make small, deliberate efforts to find something to brighten your life. Try to discover one beautiful thing each day. Find a reason to call someone you haven’t talked to in a while. Smile at someone, say “excuse me”, sing in the shower, let your dog sit on the couch with you, pet the cat, pay at the drive thru for the car behind you, do something that doesn’t reek of negativity, something that might plant a seed of positivity for someone who just might be having a worse day than you. Ask someone how they are doing and really mean it, and then listen while they tell you. They probably aren’t expecting you to provide solutions, just give them a chance to be heard.

Obviously, this time of year is more difficult for some than it is for others and seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is real. However, if those of us that can help ourselves, take steps to do just that, we’ll be better able to help others who could use a bit of a lift.

The worst is past, our days are slowly getting longer, and the sun will return. We got this!

Terry Tinkess



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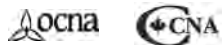
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Softly and silently the freezing rain fell,
Slowly covering everything with a thick hard shell.
Freezing to sidewalks, roadways, transmission wires
The roofs, the trees and even the church spires.
It got thicker and thicker and everyone knew
It was only a matter of time till something blew.

Most people gathered around the radio or TV
Watching and listening to how bad it might be
Suddenly the lights flickered, the power went out.
Then in the darkness we all stumbled about,
Looking for candles, a lamp, or flashlight
Something to help us get through the night.

The rain kept falling and soon we could hear
Trees crying, groaning, and to the ground bending near
The furnace wasn't working, the temperature was dropping
While outside the trees kept snapping and popping.
Then we saw hydro guys heading out into the night
And we knew it wouldn't be long until we had light.

The light came in the morning and the portable radio said
That all over Eastern Ontario the power was dead.
That these beautiful, soft, freezing rain showers
Had broken wires, snapped poles, and downed
transmission towers.
They say it is a disaster, now what do we do?
We may not have electricity for a day, maybe two.

The questions seemed many, but we are lucky you know
Some people have no heat and nowhere to go.
How will we cook? What about light?
We have our gas stove, should the kids stay here tonight?
Service station pumps can't pump, the grocery store's dark
And if it keeps raining, who's building the ark?

What about our neighbours? How will they keep warm?
Is there something we can do to keep them from harm?
We'll have to bail the sump hole to keep the water out
Is the telephone working? Are any neighbours about?
Let's take a minute and decide first things first
How do we make coffee to quench this morning thirst?

We visit our neighbours, we help where we can.
We fire up the barbecue and boil water in a pan
We check with our friends to see how they are coping
The rain will soon stop, - at least we are hoping
They say it could be days before we have power again
While so many need help, we have no time to complain

We opened shelters and food depots to help one another
We donated wood, shared generators with stranger and brother
The army came in and helped everywhere they could
By organizing services or transporting wood.
And the hydro workers, many hours they gave
With little rest, or sleep, and no time to shave.

Sometimes it seems we cry, and so often we complain
And yell for our government to help ease our pain,
But this time strangers, family and friends all got together
To help one another to overcome the weather.
So many people came forth and displayed brotherly love
That maybe this ice storm was a blessing from above!

Bob Porteous, May 19, 1998

- Obituary -



Virginia Abbott

Passed away suddenly at the Ottawa General Hospital on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, Virginia Abbott of Finch, age 54. Much loved daughter of Colin and Caroline Abbott (nee Good). She will be fondly remembered by

her friends in the area as well as her family and friends in England.

Friends may call at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville on Saturday, January 14, 2023, from noon until time of the memorial service at 2 p.m. Donations to the North Dundas Food Bank 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.

South Dundas Council defers reconsideration of alcohol sales at Morrisburg Arena

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

MORRISBURG — Members of South Dundas Council have deferred a decision on whether to reconsider a request by the Morrisburg Lions Junior "C" hockey club to sell alcohol at the Morrisburg arena until their next regular council meeting.

In the fall of 2022, the hockey club was turned down when they requested an exemption from policy 9.1, which is the municipality's alcohol policy. The exemption would have allowed the club to apply for a liquor licence for the sale of alcohol during their games.

The issue was brought to council as a discussion item by Deputy Mayor Marc St. Pierre who said a couple members of council had been approached by members of the organization asking that the decision be reconsidered. St. Pierre stressed that he was just bringing the question to council. "All I'm basically asking is do we want to reconsider," said St. Pierre, "Do we want to reconsider supporting a liquor licence for the Junior "C" games?"

"If there's no desire, there's no desire," continued St. Pierre, "but since it has come to us unofficially, I feel it is a responsibility when businesses and residents come to us with items, we should be talking about it and addressing it and coming up with a resolution."

Mayor Broad indicated that he was supportive of the request. "I travel all the arenas in Eastern Ontario and alcohol sales are at most of the events. Our neighbours to the north, they all conduct

sales within their arenas for junior hockey games. I think we should have a discussion and if we have questions, director of rec (David) Jansen is here if we have questions of him.

"What the exemption would entail is that we would pass a motion that we would grant the junior hockey team an exemption to 9.1," said Mayor Broad, "because it says in there that we are not allowed to sell alcohol in the arena and we would have staff, the club, myself and anybody involved, make sure we execute against the alcohol policy at the time."

Councillor Tom Smyth was the strongest dissenting voice. "I'd like to start off by saying that I generally support anything minor hockey or recreation-related in general," said Smyth, "but I'm not sure about this one. The first thought that popped into my head was my eight-year-old and my eleven-year-old sitting in the stands at a junior game and seeing two guys fighting in the stands over there and having to explain to them what is going on. Alcohol stopped being sold in the arena back in, I believe it was the early 2000s and I think it was for a reason.

"We can argue that things have changed in 20 years, and we have evolved as a people, but my thoughts are that our arena is considered a safe family environment and I don't think we should do this. That's my thoughts."

In response Mayor Broad agreed that any municipal property should be considered a safe place for family events. He didn't, however, agree that there was a correlation between the sale of alcohol and fighting in the stands.

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- OBITUARY - GEORGE COUNTRYMAN



George William Countryman of Chesterville, founder of Countryman Electric Limited, age 85, passed away peacefully at the Dundas Manor Nursing Home in Winchester on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Loving husband of Margaret Countryman (nee Jacobs) for 64 1/2 years. Loving father of April Wheeler (Greig) of Chesterville. Loving grandfather of Brooklynn Wheeler. Dear brother of Marjorie Cassell

(Harry) of Winchester and Catharine Martin of Cornwall. He was predeceased by his parents Milton and Beatrice Countryman and his son Jeffery Countryman. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends were called to the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home, Chesterville, on Wednesday, January 11 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. A Masonic service will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville on Thursday, January 12 at 11 a.m., followed by a Celebration of George's life. A reception will follow. Donations to the Dundas Manor Nursing Home, S.D. & G. Shrine Club or the Alzheimer's Society 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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SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

Upper Canada Chevrolet

MORRISBURG – There has been a change in ownership recently at the Chevrolet dealership in Morrisburg, and when you walk inside you immediately get a sense of a new, electric feeling that comes with it.

Upper Canada Chevrolet (UCC) is the latest acquisition for Ayman “Gaby” Gabriel, who has been in the automotive industry for nearly four decades. After starting out in the used car segment, Gabriel started buying new vehicle dealerships about 21 years ago. Currently he, along with his wife Renee Therrien have three dealerships in Cornwall: Cornwall Nissan, their first in 2002, Uptown Kia added in 2017 and finally a Mitsubishi franchise in 2019. The Morrisburg Chevrolet franchise was added in October 2022.

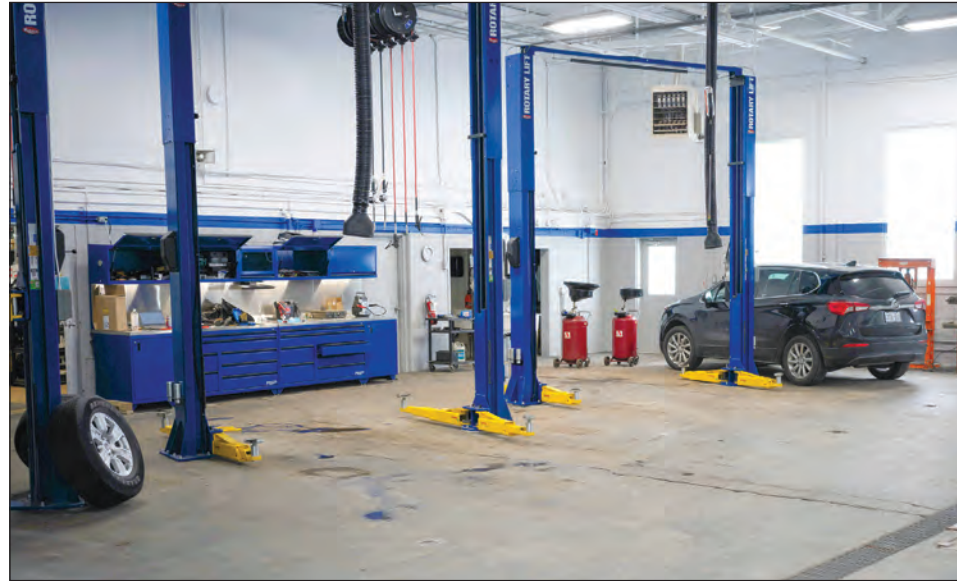
Stephen Eastman, the general manager at UCC has been involved in the automotive industry for 38 years, most of it as a friend and business associate of Gabriel’s. He says that to be successful in the industry today, you must be able to offer multiple products. “Twenty years ago, you could have a stand-alone store,” says Eastman, “but in today’s world to be profitable you need multiple stores.”

According to Eastman, one benefit of this business structure is that you can develop and promote people. In a single dealership there is only so far you can go, but with multiple dealerships comes increased opportunities, which is exactly what has happened with Upper Canada Chevrolet.

“My sales manager, my business manager both come from the Kia store,” says Eastman. “We train them in-house, get them in green and then promote in-house.”

Employees quickly learn how much emphasis Gabriel places on a personal approach to customer service in all his dealerships. Today’s new car buyer is very different than those of a previous generation and today, it isn’t just a business transaction, it’s a total experience they are expecting.

“When they walk in, they’ve already been on the internet and they have a good idea what they want,” says Eastman. “It’s very important that you greet them well, and “wow” them, to make them want to do business with you.



As things ramp up at Upper Canada Chevrolet, the extensive service area will provide more than enough room for multiple automotive technicians to keep your vehicle in peak condition. Tinkess Photo

“The internet is so impersonal; you can’t really show your personality and what your service is about, that’s why when they walk in, you’ve got to make the effort to do that. The building must look good; you must have product, the salesmen must know the product and you’ve got to have a good service department. That is the key: sales will sell the first car, but service will sell the second and the third. That part hasn’t changed in the business.”

It’s been challenging the past couple years for many dealers, with the restricted inventories due to supply chain issues, but Eastman says it’s getting better. “Will it ever go back to the days when you have 300 cars on the lot? No, those days are gone. They are predicting that we will have 30-60 days inventory as the norm from now on.”

The change is already evident at Upper Canada Chevrolet. It wasn’t unusual over the past couple years to see less than a handful of vehicles on the lot. There are more vehicles now, and some special vehicles will be making an appearance in the not-too-distant future.

“We are an EV (electric vehicle) dealer now, we’ve signed all the documentation and have received the special tools for them,” says Eastman. “We don’t anticipate receiving any

vehicles till early spring because we are sort of late on board. Right now, an EV takes 18 months to get, but we are going to be an EV dealer. We’re going to have a charging station installed up front shortly as part of the mandate. It’s the future: hybrids, EVs, it’s going to be popular.”

As you walk through the dealership, the feeling you get is a sense of clean, fresh, and new. Most areas are freshly painted,

but the building really hasn’t changed (other than the addition of several hundred thousands of dollars in new diagnostic equipment) but it feels like walking into a new retail space. The service department, for example, which had been used largely for storage is now set up for customers to drive in, drop off their vehicle for service and head down the hall to the waiting area. No need to get wet or cold walking in from the parking lot.

There’s room to grow as well; the facility is quite large, with offices for sales’ staff and the service area easily able to provide workspace for additional automotive technicians. There are plans to hire additional staff, but probably not till later in the spring, as demand dictates.

The best part about it is that the community has noticed the changes, and they seem pleased.

“It’s unbelievable the way the town has embraced us,” says Eastman. “The way they have supported us and come back to the store. I’ve never seen that before. It’s a great community and they really want the store to succeed, and they’ve made it quite clear. They’ve come back to the service department, and the technicians are happy because they can get 40 hours instead of 25-30, and we’ve hired a couple new staff for the parts and service. It’s been good so far.”

It’s great when you can combine the sense of the familiar with a feeling of new, fresh, and exciting. That is happening at Upper Canada Chevrolet, and, it seems, the best is yet to come.

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.

Alcohol sales at Morrisburg Arena

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“I don’t think we can relate to the junior team selling a beer or not, whether that is directly related or not,” said Mayor Broad. “I travel; my son plays junior hockey and I’ve been involved in junior hockey prior to my son playing. I’m also involved with minor hockey. I don’t think those events are related to alcohol sale in the arena specifically, but your thoughts are noted for sure.”

Councillor Cole Veinotte said he was willing to discuss the matter, stating that he felt drinking and tailgating in the parking lot or in the dressing rooms posed a larger problem for the municipality. If the rules

that were there to protect everyone were followed and enforced, he was willing to consider an exemption.

“I would be in favour of the motion as long as we can protect the municipality’s interest and make sure everything is done by the book because, as I said, the rules are there for a reason,” said Veinotte, “and they are strict, in the Ontario liquor laws. If we can make sure the municipality follows these laws and the Morrisburg Lions’ hockey team is going to be held responsible in keeping up with those laws and abiding by them, I think I’d be supportive of it, but only if that’s the case.”

Councillor Danielle Ward, who attended the meeting via Zoom, supported discussing the matter, but said she wasn’t prepared to do so until she

was able to obtain additional information regarding any added risk or cost to the municipality. “I would like the information to come back to us,” said Ward, “I don’t think I’m ready to make a decision right here tonight because I unfortunately don’t have the history.”

“I understand the hockey club is going to be paying for the insurance, but I want to make sure about any ramifications on our insurance rider; we probably have to pay something. If it could come back with information from staff, that would be appreciated.”

The matter is to be brought back to council at their next meeting on Jan. 30 with additional information gathered from staff and through meetings with the hockey club.

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North Dundas had a busy year in 2022

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The annual 2022 North Dundas report to taxpayers gives residents a look at the accomplishments of the municipality over the past year, and ongoing projects expected to start in 2023.

The report gives the North Dundas taxpayer a look at where all their taxes were spent in 2022.

The municipality has stated its ongoing commitment to provide the best recreational facilities that it can. As a result, several recreational initiatives were undertaken in 2022 that help residents get out and have some fun. Several upgrades were made at different locations in the township.

“Ten Spins” were installed in the Morewood Community Park, 100 Club Park and Rick Cauvier Memorial Park; as well as additional swings installed in Thompson Park and Harmony Park.

The Hallville Community Park began to take shape with Phase 1 and Phase 2 approved by council.

With pandemic receding in the rear view mirror, it was time for the North Dundas community to pick up from where it left off before the arrival of Covid-19.

Events such as Bike Night and Meet Me on Main Street returned to community approval, including a new location in Marionville. In Chesterville, Art on the Waterfront returned, as did Dairy Fest, Canada Day and the Parade of Lights.

The report stated, “The Recreation & Culture Department launched the new “kayak days” in Chesterville this summer, with five free sessions offering participants a chance to enjoy a paddle up the South Nation River to soak up all that North Dundas has to offer.”

It has been estimated that 3,000 had a chance to take part in these summer fun

community events.

The North Dundas Fire Service (NDFS) received hands-on training in April with the Mobile Live Fire Training Unit brought to the Chesterville Arena. Firefighters experienced live flames, extreme heat, high humidity, severely restricted visibility and thick smoke during their real-world training.

The North Dundas Fire Services’ Fire Prevention Committee held a home fire extinguisher sale, offering the units at a reduced price to encourage everyone to be prepared in the event of a fire.

North Dundas created the Platinum Jubilee Pollinator Garden in Mountain at the other end of the Hill 70 memorial.

The garden, home to pollinators, opened in June, was created in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It features twelve native plant species that will provide food, shelter and pollen to a variety of pollinators, including butterflies and bees.

The fire service had a busy year with a gradual increase in the need for their services. The 2021 fire stats featured 139 total calls. The number of calls was the same in 2022, compared to 129 fires in 2019. In 2022 January to November, there were 43 public hazard calls, 31 rescue calls, 15 fire calls, 12 other, 7 medical calls, 31 outdoor fire calls. The history of the township was showcased in 2022 with the municipalities online feature called a “Look Back at the Past.” Articles were published regularly on the township’s website giving residents a glimpse into their regions’ history and the people who made it what it is today.

Residents could read about the RMS Empress of Ireland, the King Street Fire, and Aaron Sweet.

Read the names of all of those who paid the ultimate price at the cenotaphs and

memorials throughout North Dundas. Residents can begin their journey into history by going to the municipality’s website.

Business growth, big and small is a sign of a healthy community. Several new businesses to the community, including A&W Winchester, Fat Les’ Pub & Poutinerie, Smokie Ridge Brewery, Sheek Shawarma & Grill, Realty Executives Real Estate Ltd., and Abe’s Cuts Barber Shop have chosen North Dundas to plant their business.

The 2022 North Dundas budget featured a long list of necessary projects and the tax money to finance them.

The municipality’s report stated, “The declared value of construction continues to be a strong indicator of growth in our region, reaching \$36 million by November 2022, compared to \$66 million in all of 2021, \$32 million in 2020 and \$25 million in 2019. There has been a steady increase in new dwelling units in North Dundas, with 105 units by November 2022, compared to 122 units in all of 2021, 81 units in 2020 and 45 units in 2019. The development is fueled by such developments as Wellings of Winchester, Cloverdale Links & Estates in Winchester and Wylie Creek Estates in Hallville.

As a result of all that new growth, North Dundas faces a challenge in ensuring there is enough drinking water and sewer services in the community. Several key projects have kicked off in 2022.

The Winchester Watermain Looping project is all about designing a new watermain looping service for the west side of Winchester, to ensure continuous supply. Winchester Main St. Pumping Station and Forcemain is another one. It is about upgrading the wastewater outlet for future developments forecasted on the west side of Winchester.

Chesterville Treatment and Reservoir Upgrades project will see system

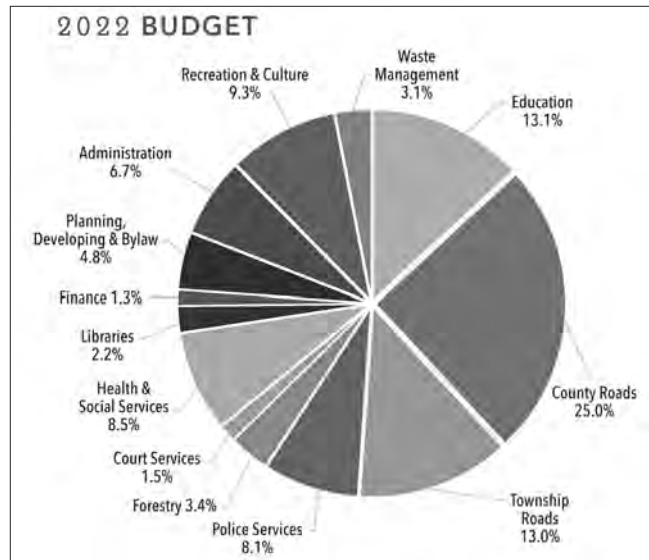
improvements to provide treatment for water quality issues and additional water storage to meet future needs.

The Winchester Lagoon System Upgrades are another project designing a specialized treatment onsite and operational upgrades to accommodate growth.

The Water Supply Environmental Assessment has been completed, and potential solutions have been presented to the community and council. The plan is to secure water and waste water capabilities for the next 20 years.

North Dundas Road projects:

- 1.6 km paving Belmeade Rd. \$105,918
- 400m paving Church Rd. \$113,325
- 250m paving Kerr’s Ridge Rd. \$33,650
- 1.3 km paving Marionville Rd. \$162,226
- Cayer Rd. Bridge Replacement \$928,000
- 4.0 km paving Development Rd. \$680,000
- 2.7 km paving Clark Rd. \$522,000



2022 Budget Courtesy Photo

2022 Projects Completed	Cost
Inkerman Bridge Replacement Design SDG 3	\$60,000
South Nation River Bridge Rehabilitation Design	\$50,000
Road Needs Study	\$65,000
Hallville Culvert Replacement on SDG 1	\$300,000
Culvert Lining on SDG 3	\$81,000
Paving 3.8km of SDG 3	\$915,000
Paving 4.1km of SDG 7	\$847,000
Paving 2km of SDG 8	\$417,000
East Castor River Bridge Rehabilitation SDG 31	\$977,000
Paving 4.2km of SDG 31	\$107,000
Paving 3.8km of SDG 43	\$788,000

SD&G County Road projects completed in North Dundas. Courtesy Photo



Replica Flintlock Kentucky rifle won by Kemptville man

Jim Stewart from the Kemptville area was the lucky winner of a replica Flintlock Kentucky rifle created by John Carruthers in a Friends of the Crysler Farm Battlefield raffle. The draw was held on Dec. 21 at the Upper Canada Village, with Stewart presented with the rifle on Dec. 29. From the left: John Carruthers who made the rifle, is seen with Jim Stewart holding the winning ticket in one hand and the replica Flintlock Kentucky rifle in the other.

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Pin Tales

- Monday Men’s:** Men’s High Single, Bas Vanwinden 443; Ladies’ High Single, Frank Jerome 399; Men’s High Triple, Diny Meulenbroke 169; Ladies’ High Triple, Frank Jerome 892; Men’s High Average, Wanda Lorencz 421.
- Avonmore Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Mike Byvelde 255; Men’s High Triple, Frank Jerome 660; Ladies’ High Single, Mike Fusee 223; Ladies’ High Triple, Mink Fusee 551. Team Standings: Frank 229.5, Mike 195, Rob 172.5, Dan 162, Anita 161, Jeannette 151.
- Les Dynamiques:** Men’s High Single, Pierre Briere 154; Men’s High Triple, Pierre Briere 391; Ladies’ High Single, Lucie Briere 166; Ladies’ High Triple, Lucie Briere 414.
- Williamsburg Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Andy Puentner 276, Men’s High Triple, Garry Hutt 661; Ladies’ High Single, Leslie Vanbruijssen 175; Ladies’ High Triple, Leslie Vanbruijssen 501. Team Standings: John 84, Leslie 76, Garry 73, Steve 69, Danny 66, George 52.
- Wednesday Ladies:** Ladies’ High Single, Dianna Moffat 211; Ladies’ High Triple, Mary Osborne 475. Team Standings: Mary 193, Dianna 186, Corinne 183, Janice 180, Lorna 160.
- Finch Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Colin Sanders 266; Men’s High Triple, Derek Bissonnette 651; Ladies’ High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 274; Ladies’ High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 718. Team Standings: Diggers 158, T.D.D.J. 147.5, The Girls 145.5, S.M.T.D.139, B&S 100.
- Thursday Seniors:** Men’s High Single, John Meulenbroke 167; Men’s High Triple,



Food and fun at St. Clare’s Anglican Church

There was a great turnout at the free community spaghetti dinner at St. Clare’s Anglican Church. The event provided people the chance to enjoy a delicious meal of spaghetti, visit with friends new and old as well as enjoy an evening of family friendly board games and crafts. Upcoming plans include a showing of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone* on Fri., Jan. 13, following a free hot dog meal. More information on community events planned for St. Clare’s can be found on their social media pages. From the left: Benjamin Vreman sprinkles some grated parmesan cheese on Tom Savary’s spaghetti dinner while St. Clare’s incumbent Rev. Stephanie McWatt looks on.

Thompson Goddard Photo

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International Snowmobile Safety Week

JANUARY 14 TO 22, 2023

WHAT'S YOUR SAFE SNOWMOBILING SCORE?

Snowmobiling is a fun winter activity that can be enjoyed by folks of all ages. In fact, the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) estimates that more than four million North Americans enjoy snowmobiling every year.

In 2023, International Snowmobile Safety Week takes place from January 14 to 22. Its purpose is to increase safe snowmobiling practices and help people avoid accidents and injuries on the trails.

Do you practice safe snowmobiling? How many of these statements are true for you?

1. I keep to designated trails or areas where I know snowmobiling is permitted
2. I avoid unfamiliar bodies of water
3. I travel only on terrain I know or with someone who does
4. I use extra caution when operating at night
5. I always check the forecast before heading out and respect

6. I wear a helmet and clothing appropriate for the weather conditions
7. I always let someone know where I'm going and when I plan to return
8. I'm educated on winter survival skills
9. I always keep emergency supplies with my machine
10. I keep my machine well maintained
11. I drive at speeds that are reasonable for the terrain and time of day
12. I never operate my snowmobile under the influence of alcohol or drugs

A little effort and mindfulness are all it takes to keep yourself and your loved ones safe as you enjoy the winter trails. Connect with a local snowmobiling club to stay informed of safety advisories in your area, and have your machine regularly inspected by a professional.

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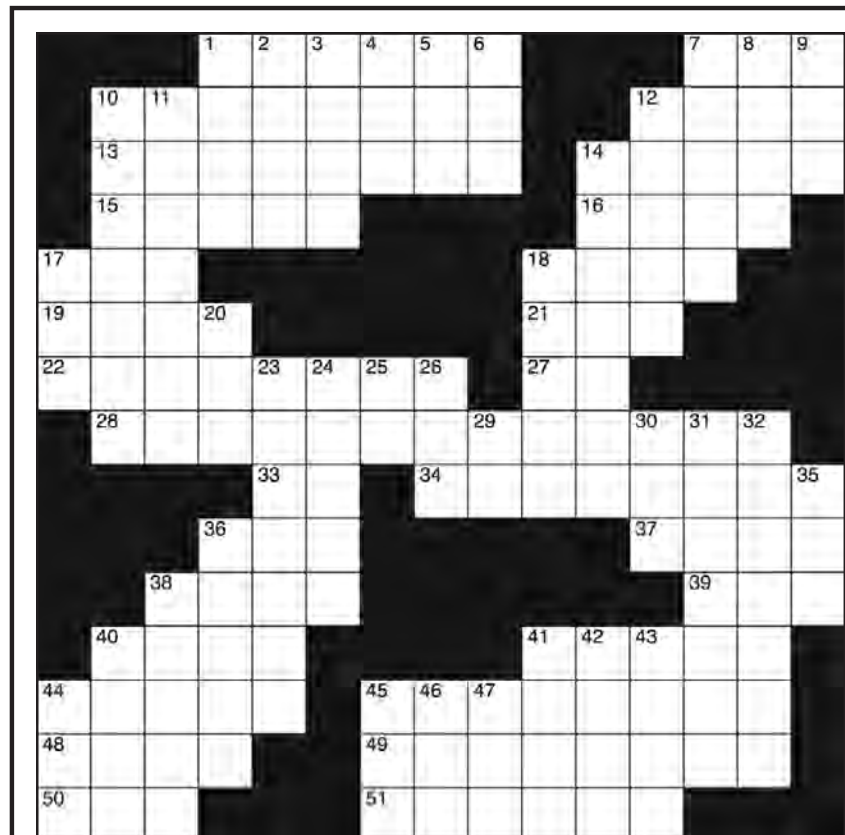
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2023

- CLUES ACROSS: 1. Respiratory disorder, 7. Bulgarian mountain peak, 10. Group of important people, 12. South American nation, 13. Amazes, 14. _Castell, makers of pens, 15. Perlman and Seehorn are two, 16. Early medieval alphabet, 17. Legislator (slang), 18. Tasty crustacean, 19. Course of action, 21. Airborne (abbr.), 22. Permanent church appointment, 27. Larry and Curly's pal, 28. Famed American journalist, 33. 12th letter of Greek alphabet, 34. In a way, vanished, 36. Afflict in mind or body, 37. Egyptian Sun god, 38. Source of the Blue Nile, 39. Egyptian unit of weight, 40. Be the source of pain, 41. Esteemed award _ d'Or, 44. Partner to pains, 45. Deep blue, 48. No longer living, 49. Country in the UK, 50. Not even, 51. Arizona city

- CLUES DOWN: 1. Wager, 2. Classical portico, 3. As a result, 4. Bird, 5. A type of "Squad", 6. Autonomic nervous system, 7. Dish with food on a stick, 8. City northwest of Provo, 9. C. European river, 10. One out of jail, 11. Henry Clay estate, 12. Heathen, 14. Refrained, 17. Parts per billion (abbr.), 18. "The Stranger" author, 20. Not old, 23. Periods of starvation, 24. Language of tribe in India, 25. Savings account, 26. Pitching stat, 29. Megabyte, 30. Ribonucleic acid, 31. A place to put your feet, 32. The fun part of a week, 35. We all have our own, 36. Partner to "oohed", 38. African nation, 40. Breezed through, 41. Sets out, 42. Other, 43. Not fattening, 44. "Much _ about nothing", 45. Central Time, 46. Former EU monetary unit, 47. Charles S. Dutton sitcom

PUZZLE SOLUTION grid showing filled-in crossword puzzle.

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.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2022

May 2022

Queen Jubilee Garden in the works for Mountain Memorial Park

MOUNTAIN – North Dundas has joined a unique group of partners designing and building a pollinator garden at Mountain Memorial Park. The garden will be called the Queen Jubilee Garden and will be educational, informative and a great place to visit. The idea of a pollinator park is being driven by the municipality. Hugh Metcalfe of Natureaide is looking after the actual flowers that will be planted and Chloe Preston will be managing the project.

Byvelts announces retirement from politics

MORRISBURG—“There are six months left in my term as mayor,” Municipality of South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelts said. “I will continue to do what I have done for the past 3.5 years: listen to your concerns and continue to lead South Dundas and your council and staff. We have done a lot of work early this year to catch up but there is still work to be done and I will work hard to get as much done as we practically can.”

Celebrating pandemic graduations

CHESTERVILLE – On Wed., May 4, members of the Rotary Club of Chesterville accompanied by South Nation Conservation vice chair, Steve Densham visited North Dundas District High School on Maple Ridge, and in Chesterville at St. Mary’s Catholic School and Chesterville Public School. Accompanied by a staff member and students at each of the schools, the group visited the location where a honey locust tree had been planted on school grounds.

The trees were planted by the RCC, in collaboration with SNC to celebrate the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 in local schools who were unable to “have a formal graduation due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” commented RCC president Rotarian Christine Cross-Barkley.

Tony Fraser runs for second term as ND mayor

WINCHESTER – Having completed his first four-year term as North Dundas’ mayor as well as having eight years as a North Dundas councillor under his belt, Tony Fraser is getting ready to run for a 2nd term as mayor.

Most municipal incumbents often say that a four-year term is not always enough time to see projects that have been started during their tenure and finished; Fraser is no exception.

Record breaking storm leaves chaos in its path

CHESTERVILLE – The horrific summer storm that swept through Southern Ontario on May 21 surprised residents. The storm spared SD&G for the most part but did knock down trees here and there and destroyed barns and farms as it blasted through the area.

Ten people were killed along the storm’s path including a woman from Cornwall who was camping in Peterborough County in North Kawartha Township. Police identified Joanne Labelle; 64 years old who was struck by a tree. The other fatalities were throughout Southern Ontario.



North Dundas District High School

A honey locust tree was planted at NDDHS to celebrate the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 who were unable to have an in-person graduation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Wed., May 4, 2022, members of the Rotary Club of Chesterville, SNC vice chair, Steve Densham joined NDDHS principal Michael Deighton and a student representative at the tree.

Thompson Goddard Photo

June 2022

Get ready for a new season of Bike Night in Winchester

WINCHESTER – Get ready for another fun season of bike nights in Winchester.

The Winchester Downtown Revitalization Committee, (WDRRC) is at it again. The committee has planned four motorcycle bike nights at Winchester’s Sweet Corner Park and Winchester’s downtown core this summer.

The summer series events will run the second Thursday of the summer months starting June 9 and following up with July 14, Aug. 11 and Sept. 8 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Cornwall native pipes for Queen Elizabeth II

CORNWALL – We are all at one time or another connected by surprising circumstance. Christopher MacDonell, originally from Cornwall is no exception.

“I am in the military, I serve in the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, but I am also a member of the Regiment’s Pipes and Drums which is comprised of all serving members,” he said. On Feb. 6, Queen Elizabeth II became the very first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. The Queen is celebrating 70 years of service to people in the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and the Realms.

To mark the occasion, several events were planned throughout England including Canada. In England there were a number of special events for Queen Elizabeth II.

What a weekend in Chesterville

CHESTERVILLE – It was quite the weekend in Chesterville, as Art on The Waterfront celebrated their 10th anniversary on June 4 and 5, which was initially delayed due to the pandemic.

The opening ceremonies began with Piper Hugh Metcalfe piping Scotland the Brave. Cheryl Beasley expressed thanks to the fantastic volunteers, amazing sponsors that included Optimal Show Experience, Lisa Buma, Hugh Metcalfe and The Gathering House as well as the amazing

support from the township of North Dundas. North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser, accompanied by councillors Gary Annable and Theresa Bergeron, commented on the high level of enthusiasm for the event and the fortitude of the organizing committee.

North Stormont receives updated water and wastewater capacity study

BERWICK – The township of North Stormont’s politicians recently received an update on water and wastewater capacity for Finch, Crysler, and Moose Creek. “Council adopted the Allocation of Water and Wastewater Capacity Bylaw 10-2021 in February 2021,” Moe Hammond, the municipality’s asset management and junior planner, said in his report. “The bylaw states that the municipality shall, at least annually, determine the available units of water and wastewater capacities. From the available capacities, council shall determine the annual development allocation.”

July 2022

NS gets update on SDG’s County Road 22 project

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

Moose Creek family business closes after 55 years

MOOSE CREEK – Everything comes to an end and then everything begins

again. Three generations of the Théoret family over 55 years have created a successful local business in Moose Creek called Chez Thérèse Clothing & Gifts.

The local clothing business has become a favourite place for people from far and wide to shop, from Montreal, Ottawa, and Cornwall, and its closing will create a large hole in the local business landscape.

Vivian and Michel Théoret, the owners of the Moose Creek Mall are ready to retire, and the time is right for them to begin the next chapter in their lives.

Historic commemoration in Morewood

MOREWOOD – One hundred and one years after the Morewood Cenotaph was dedicated on July 6, 1921, community members gathered at the Cenotaph on July 6, to rededicate the memorial to those who had paid the supreme sacrifice while serving their country. Originally the event had been planned for July 6, 2021, but due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, the commemoration was delayed by one year.

Winchester Bike Night returns to downtown

WINCHESTER – Bike Night in Winchester has returned. The first event of the year was held on Thurs., July 14.

Perfect July weather, a great mood and a huge crowd came out to enjoy the evening along with more than 800 motorcycles from around the region. The late afternoon street party featured music at Sweet Corner Park by Eastbound of Bytown and food by several vendors all offering a different kind of meal. The designated charity for the evening was the House of Lazarus. A special feature of Bike Night is something called “Manufactures on Main”. This event featured Wheelsport and owner Jim Kolman from Orleans, along with his many great models of motorcycle. The “Bike of the Month” was a Suzuki RE5 Rotary machine. The motorcycle came from the private collection of Wheelsport founder Fred Kolman.

Hallville residents have first look at planned community park

WINCHESTER – Residents of the growing community of Hallville returned to the North Dundas council chambers on Tues., July 12 to hear about promised plans for their community park. At the previous council meeting, Hallville resident Mary Cook gave a presentation to the council suggesting it was time to follow up on municipal promises to build their park. The council at that time said they would have a clear concept plan for residents to look at for the July 12 meeting.

South Mountain Meet Me On Main Street a summer treat

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – As the summer rolls along so do the rotating Meet Me On Main Street events in North Dundas. Last week on Wed., July 20 it was South Mountain’s turn to take a summer break and enjoy some quality time with family, friends and neighbours on South Mountain’s Main Street. A bandstand, tables and chairs, vendors selling supper, and great weather made the once-a-year occasion fun for South Mountain and Mountain residents. The entertainment was provided by award winning local recording artist Cory M. Coons.

Rev. Allen Tysick to join House of Lazarus 35th anniversary celebration

MOUNTAIN – House of Lazarus (HOL) founder Rev. Allen Tysick is set to speak at the outreach mission’s 35th anniversary celebration this fall. “House of Lazarus is here today because of Rev. Tysick, a man who has spent his life helping those in need,” HOL Linking Hands coordinator Kristina McDermott said. “We are honoured to have his presence as the guest of honour and speaker for this event.”

Stay tuned to next week’s Record for more 2022 Year in Review!



Bike Night in Winchester

Bike Night in Winchester gets bigger and better each year.

Courtesy Photo

St. Isidore's Valérie Grenier takes home a gold medal

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

ST-ISIDORE – St-Isidore, ski racer Valérie Grenier has won the gold medal in the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) Alpine Skiing Women's World Cup Giant Slalom at Kranjska Gora, Slovenia on Sat., Jan. 7.

This was Grenier's 90th World Cup start. She was the fastest skier in her first run and also managed to be the fastest in her second run. The competition features two separate runs that all competitors have to do.

"It feels amazing! I've wanted this day for so long, it's a dream come true," said Grenier. "I'm proud that I was able to keep it together for the second run and to find a way to win after winning the first run."

Grenier feels her skiing is for her, more like a calling.

She can remember her parents taking her skiing and trying out her brother's skiing equipment when she was a toddler.

"I mastered a few little runs and when they said it was time to go home, I started bawling my eyes out. I wanted to keep skiing. I think I really fell in love right away," she said.

She took ski lessons up until she was around seven years old and at that point she began to compete.

The road to the Jan. 2023 gold medal has

been long and not always an easy one.

Grenier entered the ski-racing scene with a bronze medal performance at the 2015 World Junior Championships.

At the age of 21 she was competing at her first Olympic Games at PyeongChang in 2018, starting in the giant slalom, super-G, downhill, and alpine combined.

She embraced the full World Cup circuit, racing in both tech and speed disciplines, capturing three top-30 results in the 2017-18 season, including a 15th place in the Alpine Combined in Lenzerheide, Switzerland, and has gone on to have multiple top-10 finishes since.

She was sidelined for the 2018-19 seasons when she broke her right leg in four places but came back determined to win in 2020-21. She got four top-30 finishes, highlighted by a 13th place finish in Courchevel's, FRA giant slalom. In 2021-22, she catapulted from the top-30 into the top-10 three times, with a personal best finish of 4th in giant slalom in Kranjska Gora, SLO just 0.08 seconds off the podium.

Looking ahead to the future, Grenier is extremely excited for the idea of women's FIS World Cup alpine races at her home hill of Mont-Tremblant in 2023 and beyond.

Grenier believes her successes including her latest one is the result of hard work, confidence, and experience.



St-Isidore's Valérie Grenier celebrates her first World Cup win.

Photo courtesy Alpine Canada GEPA pictures/Mario Buehner

"On Saturday everything came together. I felt amazing and felt really prepared, and calm," she said.

"I felt really good and I knew I could do good here. I had pretty high expectations but nothing specific. After the first run I was first. I was a bit surprised because I did not think I had been that fast. For the second run I was starting in the last spot. Just before the run I felt so good, calm and composed," she said. Knowing that she was leading in the competition and that the second run would determine if she could stay in 1st, Grenier remembers she was calm and focused.

"I started skiing, and I felt I was flowing, and was just doing my thing," she said.

"When I got to the bottom I saw that I was first."

She said when you are coming down the

hill you do not really know if you are making any little mistakes that would affect your run, and you have to stay focused on what you are doing.

She had a feeling it was a good run, but not necessarily good enough to win.

"When I crossed the finish line and saw that I won it was the greatest feeling in the world.

In an Alpine Canada press release Grenier said, "I thought that there would be a lot of pressure, but I felt really calm and confident. I'm so happy to have our team here. It was so fun to see them at the finish and to celebrate with them."

This is Canada's first women's World Cup podium in giant slalom since 2006 and first World Cup GS win since Kathy Kreiner stood on top of the podium for Canada in 1974.

What a community!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

EMBRUN – Just over \$1,000 was raised by the 2nd Russell Rover Crew during a fundraising bottle drive in Embrun on Sat., Jan. 7. Rover Scouts are members of Scouts Canada between the ages of 18 and 26 years of age.

Eight members of the group plan to travel to

Europe this summer to visit the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland as well as tour various European countries. Zoey Hauck, a member of the 2nd Russell Rover Crew and organizer of the fundraiser, explained that, while visiting the KISC, they will be able to meet scouting groups from around the world.

Rover Scouts went door to door in the community collecting empty alcoholic bottles and cans, or people were able to donate direct-

ly to the group at the Embrun Independent Grocer between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Jan. 7.

"I'd like to thank the community for their support, as well as the 2nd Russell Scouting," commented Hauck. She also expressed thanks to the Beer Store in Embrun and the Embrun Independent Grocer for their support.

Another bottle drive in support of the trip to Europe is planned for Feb. 25 and will be held at Barry's Home Hardware in Russell.



Members and volunteers of the 2nd Russell Rover Crew were accepting donations of empty alcoholic bottles or cans at the Embrun Independent Grocer on Jan. 7. Funds raised will be used for a trip to Europe this summer by eight members of the Crew.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Meet our Writers



Joseph Morin

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What does it mean to buy local?

At farmers' markets, u-pick farms and community stores, it's increasingly common for consumers to favour local products, especially when it comes to fruits, vegetables and other foods. But what does buying local really mean? Here's an overview:

THE PRACTICES

For starters, there isn't an official definition of the term "buying local." Rather, the phrase encompasses a number of consumer and business practices such as:

- Shopping at independent businesses in your neighbourhood
- Opting for products grown or made in your region, province or country
- Working with local suppliers and commercial partners when operating a business
- Favouring regional companies when awarding service contracts

THE BENEFITS

The positive effects of buying local are undeniable. First off, it allows you to bolster the regional economy, thereby helping to create and maintain jobs in your area. It also helps you lower carbon emissions, since locally made goods don't need to be transported over long distances. Plus, when you buy local, you tend to support independent businesses that commit to safe and responsible working conditions.

If you want to make more of an effort to buy local, look for stickers and logos that indicate a product was grown or made in your region.

ARE YOU A LOCAVORE?

The term "locavore" refers to someone whose diet consists mostly or entirely of food that's grown or produced locally, usually within about 160 kilometres. This often involves shopping at farmers' markets, learning to preserve seasonal foods and eating at restaurants that use local ingredients.