





## Briefly

## Passport clinic for SDSG

MORRISBURG SDSG MP Eric Duncan announced passport clinics are planned for South Dundas and South Glengarry on Sat., April 22. The passport clinic at the Morrisburg Legion will be held between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., with the South Glengarry passport clinic to be held between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Char Lan District High School in Williamstown.

### Mother's Day Kids Mug Painting Workshop

WINCHESTER Register for the Mother's Day Kids Mug Painting Workshop on Thurs., May 4 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Joel Steele Community Hall at 577 Main St, Winchester.

We welcome children of all ages to come paint a special Mother's Day mug. All materials and supplies are provided on the day of the workshop with the \$20 registration cost (no HST). Once participants are finished painting their 12oz mugs, Creation Workshop will be taking all the mugs to be placed in their kiln fire, which sets the paint.

Mugs will be returned to the Township of North Dundas office for participants to pick-up on May 11. Participants must register online at: https://app.univerusrec.co m/northdundaspub/course s/index.asp

#### Community yard sale WILLIAMSBURG -

The annual Williamsburg Community Garage sale is coming around once more on May 6 beginning at 8





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### Having fun fundraising for Tagwi

Is there a better way to spend a Friday evening than visiting with friends, enjoying refreshments, while supporting your local high school? For those attending the "Come and Tackle Tagwi Trivia" event held on April 14 in the Finch Community Hall, the answer was a resounding NO! A huge thank you to the organizers of the event, seen from the left, front row: Jill Robinson, Claudia Goodman, Stephanie Kinnear, Maria Barzso-Paul, Karen Alt, Tara-Lynn Chenier, Karen Nadeau. Back row: Brandon Coleman, Ann Evans, Carey Kronwald and Tammy Casselman. See page 7 for the full story. Thompson Goddard Photo

## **Long-term care home** opens in Cornwall

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

CORNWALL - The red carpet was out as residents from the Parisien Manor in Cornwall arrived at their new home, Southbridge Cornwall on Wed., April 12, and the facility officially opened. Southbridge Cornwall is located at 800 Nick Kaneb Drive in the Seaway City, next door to Bridgewood Public School, and on eight acres of land, which provides residents and staff with the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

The long-term care facility has five modules with each one accommodating 32 people in a mixture of single and double rooms. Rooms are spacious, with each module having its own separate dining area, multipurpose area and wall murals brightening up the spaces. Meals are prepared onsite and individually tailored to reflect the needs and

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## North Dundas finalizes 2023 budget with 5.42 per cent tax increase

Joseph Morin Record Staff

WINCHESTER - North Dundas has passed its 2023 budget at its April 12 regular council meeting.

Residents can expect an increase equal to 5.41 per cent in their municipal property

A home worth \$214,000 that had a tax of \$207.53 per month in 2022 will have an increase of \$11.23 a month for a total of \$218.76, (a month) in 2023, or a \$134.80 increase on the annual total tax bill.

The 2023 revenues for North Dundas were \$10,031,273. Costs for the municipality came to \$18,268,982. The difference is \$8,237,709. In 2022, that

number was \$7,209,707. This represents an increase of \$1,028,002 over the 2022 levy.

Mayor Tony Fraser said, "In trying times we have stepped up as a group and put forward a budget that serves the community

Fraser added the budget despite its constraints was a positive one that would serve the future of North Dundas in a positive way.

Other councillors shared the mayor's comments.

Councillor Uhrig believed the budget was, "A challenging budget process given the outside constraints in which we're all operating under."

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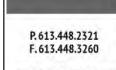
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### Long-term care home **Continued from the front**

wishes of residents. Executive director Andrew Lauzon explained there is round the clock medical care, a physio room as well as family rooms and a family party room allowing residents the opportunity to visit with friends and

A question-and-answer period with Minister of Long-Term Care, Paul Calandra was held following Lauzon's guided tour. Calandra explained the new long-term care centres are built with infection control measures in place and designed to be less isolative if quarantines are required. The older long-term care facilities, many dating from the 1960s, can be rebuilt adding to their capacity, while the larger lots surrounding the new buildings provide the opportunity for future growth.

After explaining long-term care centres in Ontario receive subsidization from the provincial government, the minister noted there is the need for care companies and municipal governments to work collaboratively with the provincial government. The next phase of the government's plan will be to build a strong home care system in the province, with Calandra mentioning long-term care centres can have a greater role in working with providing home care services.

The government of Ontario is assisting in the expansion,

to come from taxation.

The March draft budget

included the statement: "In

addition to provincial and

insurance pressures, inflation

has had an outsized expected

impact on the 2023 budget.

To start the budget near to a

considerable number of

projects have been reduced or

removed by administration

before tabling this draft

budget to the council. Several

of these projects are projects

that senior administration feel

are important to the

community and expected

budget would have to be one

they passed knowing that they

would have very little room for

new projects, and instead tried

to protect the level of service

funding for work on three

roads: Beach Street \$70,000,

John Street \$48,000, and

vandalism to municipal

equipment, a fenced security

compound will be built on

Due to an increase in

Harper Street \$53,764.

Added to the budget was

residents were used to having.

Councillors agreed the

levels of service."

number, a

palatable



**Continued from the front** 

He noted the municipal staff had done a good job of cutting items from their "wish lists" and the budget was one based on reality.

Councillor Annable echoed the mayor's sentiments. He said he had gone through the budget dozens of times and was happy with it.

He said, "I can't see anything in it that's excessive." Annabel felt the items in the budget were the kinds of items the township needed to keep moving forward.

Deputy Mayor Theresa Bergeron agreed the budget was one made up of compromises.

"I went over the whole budget, and I think it's a very good budget. We have some issues where it is beyond our control," she said.

She noted that 51 per cent of the budget was devoted to maintaining the more than 400 kilometers of roads in the township.

Councillor Lennox applauded staff for being able to come up with the budget so quickly and efficiently.

Because municipal staff had already identified several new municipal costs that were coming from outside the council's ability to control, thanks in part to provincial regulations, and an increase in municipal insurance premiums, which all Ontario municipalities are facing due to increasing incidents of bad weather. There was also provincial legislation mandating training requirements for firefighters at a cost of \$157.520.

Municipal insurance premiums have increased (in addition to the 169K increase from 2021) which adds \$225,644 to come from taxation.

The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund has decreased by 15 per cent. Recovering that reduction will, have to come from taxation to the tune of \$83,142 from taxation.

There has been a mandated policy to offer OMERS (Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System) to part-time staff. That amount, \$37,226 will come from taxation.



From the wide hallways to the sizeable amount of floor space in resident rooms to colourful murals, there was a lot of attention to detail in Southridge Cornwall. From the left: Andrew Lauzon, executive director, clinical services director Chelsea Pecore and Jessica Lislen director of care are pictured near a gigantic, magnetic scrabble board which will likely become a favourite spot to spend some time. Thompson Goddard Photo

renewal, or new build of several long-term care centres in Eastern Ontario. This includes the new build for 45-yearold Dundas Manor in Winchester with construction

Ministry of Transportation property at a cost of \$135,901. The property will be leased from MTO for one dollar a year for the next 20 years on land near the intersection of County Road 43 and Highway 31.

The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, SD&G portion of this year's taxes will be 3.72 per cent. The counties budget is \$71 million. SD&G homeowners can expect to have to pay an increase of \$48.47 for a home valued at \$220,459.

SD&G has on its plate several infrastructure items that cannot be put off. They are 46.7 km of road resurfacing at a cost of \$10.8 million, 21.2 km of pavement preservation, (micro-surfacing, crack sealing) for another \$1 million. Bridge rehabilitation activities (including \$780,000 for Ferguson Bridge) to the tune of \$5.4 million, and Williamstown storm sewer lining at a cost of \$350,000.

There are no increases in taxes from the Upper Canada District School Board.

Total SDG Counties taxation in 2023 is \$55.1 million, which is an increase of \$2.8 million from 2022.

The draft tax levy of \$8,240,945 is an increase of

\$1,031,238 over the previous year as depicted in the chart below. The increase is significant but due to assessment growth the residential tax rate would increase by 9.78% with new assessment contributing 4.52%.

Preliminary First Draft Revenues 2023 Expenditures 2023 Budget Levy 2023 Budget Levy 2022 Current Increase over Previous Year Per Summary \$10.027.573 \$18,268,518 \$8,240,945 \$7,209,707 + \$1,031,238.

Should the Council wish to reduce the taxation levy this can be accomplished by a reduction in costs or an increase in revenues (or a combination of both) from the current budget document. expected to begin before the end of 2023.

'Obviously this is a beautiful addition to the community," commented Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Nolan Quinn, when asked about the newly opened Southbridge Cornwall facility. He added how it feels like home and the close proximity to the next generation is wonderful.



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## Nature has its own plans and it is not sharing

Just like the long pieces of steel that run through modern buildings or bridges, that have to be able to contract and expand with dramatic changes in the weather, we humans may have to learn to do the same.

Evolution as I understand it is supposed to take longer than just a few minutes to happen, however anyone who was paying attention to the weather over the last few weeks can plainly see that nature has no problem operating from one extreme to the other without any warning.

And somehow, we tender human beings have to adapt.

One weekend it's below freezing, and branches are breaking off because of a lost bout with freezing rain, and power lines are breaking with the weight of either a tree limb or a few millimeters of ice.



Spring is in the air for ND students! The past two weeks have been huge for both sports and music programs, and as the fresh, sunny atmosphere begins to warm up, the ND students continue with their activities all around.

Secondary track and field practices have begun, as well as Junior boys' soccer tryouts. Girls' soccer practices have also commenced, and the ND badminton teams have taken to the courts. A highly anticipated sporting event taking place this Fri., April 21 is the Student vs. Staff Volleyball game, put on by the Leadership Class. Students have had the opportunity to sign up to play throughout the week, and high school students not playing will be able to come to the gym for the final two periods of the day to watch this sporting event unfold.

As for the ND music program, the past week has been tremendous for showing the skills and musical talent that has been accumulated all year. Having travelled to the Kinsmen Music Festival in Cornwall on April 11, the Senior and Junior Concert bands had the chance to perform two numbers each in front of an adjudicator and an audience. The Junior band scored silver, and the Senior band left with a gold, and an Award of Merit, as well as an invitation to the Concert of the Stars, which took place Sun., April 16. The senior band was the opening number for the 69th Annual Concert and were able to watch all the other performers who were invited back to the reputable event. On April 12, the ND Choir also travelled to the festival, performing two pieces. The choir was awarded a silver prize, as well as a pizza party. This Thursday and Friday, the ND Concert Bands will be bringing back "Sundae Funday," where both intermediate and high school students will be able to purchase ice cream sundaes at their respective lunch hours. The fundraising will go toward their upcoming band trips. Stay tuned, as ND students continue to go above and beyond in all of their extra curriculars!

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The next day or so it seems the weather is too warm for your winter coat, you thought you would still have a few weeks to wear, and the loud noise of winter tires running on hot pavement is an unnoticed roaring that is as distracting as it is annoying.

The spiders in my house that have been safely cocooned for the winter, have come out to play believing it was spring only to be horrified by what the hot and cold, then hot weather has done to their traditional plans.

I saw two robins in the tree by our house and they looked excited to be out, as compared to how they huddled together in bewilderment during the ice storm.

But today as the temperature tumbles down to zero, and even something further south, they have hidden themselves away.

It can be very confusing to us, the folks at the top of the food chain, without fur, and to everything else below, from rabbits to lions.

I would expect that climate change happens in an orderly fashion giving everyone involved an opportunity to catch up and change with it.

Everything about humanity from eyebrows to our teeth was given thousands of years to evolve and adapt.

But now it seems the weather has become so volatile, that one day it is extreme in its behaviour, and in the

Thank you

This morning I woke up

to the sound of birds

happily chirping and

singing as they perched in a

tree in my front yard or dug

carrots, celery, lettuce,

cauliflower, and dairy

products such as milk,

garden area.

for breakfast bugs in my As I plopped some butter into the frying pan and cracked open an egg, my mind turned to those who had produced the butter and eggs and grew the wheat which made the bread I would enjoy. Looking in my refrigerator, there are

yogurt and cheese which was not made by me. Living in an urban community, my interactions with food are mainly those in a grocery store or outdoor market. Walking around and looking at items to purchase I probably take for granted, there will be bread, a selection of different meats, dairy products, and other food items on the shelves easily

accessible to me, none of which were made by me. I have spent countless hours driving in the rural countryside in trips to Chesterville, Winchester, Finch, Avonmore, Russell, and Ottawa as well as many some

points in between these population centres. I have driven behind farm machinery making its way from farm to field, seen farmers working in the growing season ploughing, seeding, spraying, and harvesting. Thoughts of thankfulness have entered my mind as I watched the scenes of farm work and farm animals emerge. If it were not for the farmers dedicated work in all kinds of weather, ensuring a good supply of food for people, we would be quite restricted in our selection of food.

It is my feeling that we are just able to see a bit of the work that is done by those in agriculture. I often see a herd of cows enjoying the warmth of sun in a field. What I don't see is the work done by the farmers to ensure they are healthy, well fed, and milked as well as the associated jobs which have to be done to ensure the smooth running of the farm operation.

In the next while, there are sure to be times when people are behind a slowmoving piece of farm machinery making its way from one point to another. Instead of signalling our displeasure at being slowed down in our journey, it would be better to have patience

next, we have the kind of weather only found beaming over a grassy field of dancing fairies in heaven.

Something is up for sure, and I wonder if humanity has the ability to keep up.

We can cheat with long underwear for those chilly out of season days and then take advantage of sunny weather the next by wearing shorts.

That's all well and good, but other than having the ability to protect ourselves to some extent from drastic weather changes, we also have to hope our evolutionary heritage comes with some kind of game plan to deal with fluctuating weather systems.

Wherever the weather is headed, it does not care very much if we have time to hold on and travel with it.

On the bright side, those of us who are living in this part of Ontario may over time become residents of the sweet spot for great weather.

No tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes and long lasting ice storms for us. If it turns out that Eastern Ontario, thanks to climate change is destined to become the best place in North America to live, I am all for it.

However, in the meantime, whatever changes we have to deal with, one can only hope they announce themselves in plenty of time for us to make plans.

I am taking a small risk in tucking my snow blower away for the summer, or am I?

Joseph Morin

work of our farmers we are able to eat. As Murray McLaughlin said in The Carolyn Thompson Goddard

remember that it is from the Farmer's Song: "Thanks for the meal!"



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## **Erosion repairs at Morrisburg beach**

**Terry Tinkess** Record Staff

MORRISBURG - The costs of the storm that roared through the area over 2022 Christmas holidays continue to add up. The latest to be calculated are the effects of excessive erosion and loss of sand at the Morrisburg beach.

At the regular meeting of South Dundas Council on April 11, David Jansen, director of parks, recreation,

communities and God's world.

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is our daily bread."

of God and be good stewards.

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Easter is the Christian Church's 50-day season to

Yesterday, while enjoying the sun and heat, we

celebrate resurrection, new life, joy, and hope amidst

everything else that is going on in our lives, our

happened upon a few fallen branches. We were

fascinated to see that the branches had orange bark and

were peeling like snake-skin exposing even more

We decided this would be a perfect spot to read our

Wendell Berry wrote: "I don't think it is enough

appreciated how much an outdoor book the Bible is. It

is a "hypaethral book," such as Thoreau talked about - a

book open to the sky. It is best read and understood

outdoors, and the farther outdoors the better. Or that has

been my experience of it. Passages that within walls

seem improbable or incredible outdoors seem merely

natural. This is because outdoors we are confronted everywhere with wonders; we see that the miraculous is

not extraordinary but the common mode of existence. It

and walking poles and head out to read the Easter story,

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still

dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the

sacred pauses that open us to God's wild and generous

Spirit. The Spirit of Christ that calls us to "consider the

lilies" and tells the story: "A farmer went out to sow his

seed." Jesus refers to the natural world often in his

parables inviting us to find life with him in the Kindom

living mindfully, we slowly begin to see the holiness of

so many things that remain hidden when we choose to

rush through the hours, striking tasks from the list of

rising and the trees that are budding and live in awe of

God's wondrous world transforming before our eyes.

Read Psalms, gospel stories, epic sacred stories while

So, let's stand attentively before the bulbs that are

things we must accomplish before day's end."

As Sister Macrina Wiederkehr wrote, "If we practice

Easter is the perfect time to practice intentional

stone had been removed from the entrance." [John 20]

Perhaps, we need to keep a Bible with our sunglasses

and facilities recommended that council approve approximately \$20,000 for the replacement of sand at the Morrisburg Beach within the 2023 recreation budget.

"Unfortunately, with the thaw this spring, we did find that we lost a large amount of sand at the Morrisburg Beach," said Jansen. "The Morrisburg Beach is critical to the operation of the waterfront,



## The Municipality of

aquatics programs, and a sustained minor damages, lot of things in South Dundas. We are pretty sure it happened during the storm in December... nobody, between all the staff who have been here a long time, have ever seen anything quite of this

magnitude."

The action request states that staff conservatively estimate the replacement requirement to be 375 cubic yards of sand. The area requiring upgrades is approximately 30 feet by 225 feet. Staff will work to minimize the amount of sand required to reinstate the beach.

The Iroquois Beach also

but staff will aim to complete these repairs within the existing budget allocations.

One council member commented that weather related damage seems to be increasing. "Looking forward to the future, I think we're going to see this more and more. It has gotten quite windy..." said Coun. Danielle Ward.

While long-term solutions would be preferable, staff have reviewed several options, but they found that these would be quite costly and/or limit water access for beach

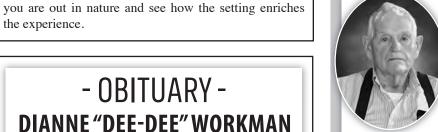


## - OBITUARY -**Brian Powell**

Passed away peacefully at home on Monday, March 27, 2023, Brian Powell of Crysler, age 77. Loving husband of Andrea Powell (nee Peters). Loving father of Ian

and Diane Powell of Crysler. Dear brother of Barbara Fox (Malcolm) of Wales, Jennifer Cossey (Terry) of Wales. Dear brother-in-law of Margaret Peters of Wales, Christopher Peters of England, and Alan Whittick of Wales. He was predeceased by his sister-in-law Joy Whittick. Brian is also survived by many nieces and nephews and their families in the UK and Australia.

A Celebration of Brian's life was held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville on Saturday, April 8 from 1-4 p.m. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Research 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.





Passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, April 9, 2023, Dianne "Dee-Dee" Workman (nee Matsell) of Crysler, age 69. Loving wife of Doug Vasey. Loving mother of Laura Coleman (Marc) of Crysler and Sean Workman (Kim) of Finch. Dee-Dee will be fondly remembered by her grandsons Dryden and Noah. She was predeceased by

her parents Gordon and Jean Matsell (nee Lefebvre). She is also survived by nieces and nephews. A private family graveside service was held at Finch Community Cemetery on Friday, April 14 at 2 p.m. Donations to Victoria's Quilts 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 ROGER DALE SALMON** January 4th, 1936 - April 2nd, 2023

Passed away peacefully at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute on Sunday, April 2, 2023, Roger Salmon of Chesterville, age

87. Loving husband of June Salmon (nee Bartholomew) for over 67 years. Loving father of Jay Salmon (Margaret) of Chesterville and Michael Salmon (Sue) of Ottawa. Roger will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jason, Jennifer, Owen, Olivia, Mia, Sebastien, and great grandchildren Dylan and Sarah. Brother of Kay Hanson (Foster) of Oshawa and Wayne Salmon (Bessie) of Gallingertown. Father-in-law of Earl McIntyre of Ingleside. Roger was predeceased by his daughter Donna McIntyre, his parents Jay and Bessie, his siblings Willis, Ellen Schatch, Percy and his special aunt and uncle Clara and Percy Merkley. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews. Friends paid their respects at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Wednesday, April 12 from 11 a.m. until time of the funeral service at 1 p.m. A reception followed at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville. Interment will be at Grantley Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to the Ottawa Heart Institute 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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## SD&G ready to go ahead with South Nation bridge rehabilitation

Joseph Morin Record Staff

WINCHESTER - The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) is getting ready to kick start work on the South Nation River Bridge outside of Chesterville.

Manager of infrastructure, Mike Jans and director of transportation services de Haan for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, asked the council for their agreement on the counties' proposed plans and safety measures at its April 14 council meeting.

The rehabilitation of the 51-year-old bridge, located on SDG 43 on the Chesterville bypass, will take five months to complete and will cause significant inconvenience to residents.

Councillors agreed to the plan for the detour around Chesterville, which was the one the public seemed to like most.

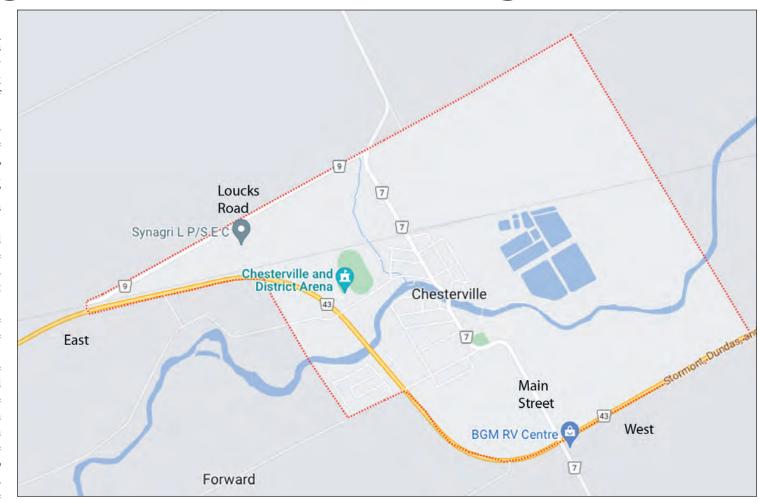
The bridge work is planned to take place over the 2023 construction season and because engineers have determined the bridge does not have the width or strength to use a staged construction strategy, which is having one lane open at a time as the work progresses, a decision was made to completely close off the bridge and make a detour around Chesterville, bypassing the bridge. A staged construction plan would take two construction seasons to complete.

Mayor Tony Fraser said, "This is akin to just tearing off the Band-Aid. It's going to be five months of suffering, as opposed to two seasons, of five months of suffering."

He suggested motorists and truck drivers in the region will find ways to get around the bridge closure.

The report presented to council stated: "Working with a full road closure will save taxpayers approximately \$400,000 while adding very little to commute times and distances."

A closure plan has been created by United County staff that includes traffic management and measures to minimize the impact as well as any safety concerns during the shutdown. SD&G staff estimated



This is the detour route most liked by the public. The red line denotes the detour. If you are travelling east on County Road 43, turn left onto County Road 9 (Loucks Road) follow 9 to County Road 7 turn right. Follow 7 through Chesterville to Main Street and continue on Main Street until you intersect with County Road 43 and turn left. Going west on County Road 43 turn right on Main Street, follow to 7, turn left on County Road 9 (Loucks Road) follow to County Road 43 and turn right. The final decision about the detour route will be made at the next SD&G council meeting on Mon., April 24. The meetings are streamed on YouTube. Courtesy Photo

that around 2,800 cars cross the bridge on any given day.

A public information meeting was held in Chesterville on March 20 to seek input from residents and explain the project.

There were some concerns residents brought up at the meeting about safety concerns in their respective communities if more traffic was going to be going through them. The fire services were concerned its response time would be affected. Most residents indicated they would like to get

the work over and done with, in a fivemonth closure. Most residents approved of the complete closure of the bridge if it saved money and shortened the period of inconvenience.

SD&G staff have come up with additional safety measures. They would institute a community safety zone during the closure. Reduce speeds to 40 km/h on County Road 7. Increase fines along the detour route and install Radar speed signs on SDG 7 during closure, increased

coordination, and collaboration with OPP, and share speed sign data with the OPP. There would be daily inspections of detour signage.

Other traffic controls would be implemented as needed such as an SDG 9 speed limit review and no parking on SDG 7/Main St., changes to detour route(s) if warranted, no passing on SDG 9 between SDG 43 and SDG 7, and implementation of traffic camera to see if motorists are following the rules.

## **Easter Bunny visits Brinston**

Joseph Morin Record Staff

**BRINSTON** The Easter Bunny made a special effort to stop by the Matilda Memorial Park on

April 9. The stormy weather caused organizers to cancel its original date for its Easter Egg Hunt and visit from the Easter Bunny on April 1

holding the egg hunt on a statutory holiday, so that more families could come hunt was to find as many

out and that way they would still have room to attend other Easter events.

Around 80 children and families took part in the afternoon of fun. The event was put on by

the Matilda Memorial Recreation Committee. The weather was cold

but clear and running around the park looking for Organizers felt that treasured Easter eggs kept children and parents warm.

The idea behind the egg

eggs as possible and put them in their baskets. Later they could trade the eggs they had collected for a loot bag and a picture with the Easter Bunny.

There were three "Golden Eggs" hidden at the memorial park as well. The children lucky enough to find these special eggs, won a special Easter basket loaded with treats.

The event had hot chocolate and was a free event for all.



The Easter Bunny had an opportunity to meet with residents at the Easter Egg Hunt at the park. In this photo left to right: The Easter Bunny, and Tom and Summer Courtesy Photo

## Change is coming to Blue Box program

**Terry Tinkess** 

Record Staff

MORRISBURG - To withdraw or not to withdraw from the Blue Box program, that was the question facing South Dundas Council at their regular council meeting on Tues., April 11.

South Dundas CAO Shannon Geraghty spoke to an action request in which staff recommended withdrawing from the management of the Blue Box program supposed to be legislated." beyond Dec. 31, 2024.

The new provincially proposed Blue Box Regulation shifts the responsibility of providing recycling services from municipalities to producer companies. During the transition period from Jan. 1, 2025, to Jan. 1, 2026, the municipality may choose to opt back into the program.

"The current contract that is being looked at to be executed is certainly not in favour of municipalities. There's a lot of questions still unanswered and a lot of risks..." said Geraghty.

If the municipality were to opt out, it would result in about \$537,000 in cost savings for the municipality associated with the collection and processing of recyclable materials. The municipality would also see a decrease in revenues of about \$113,000 from grants and from the sale of recyclabled materials.

Both staff and council expressed concerns over how this change will affect residents and how they may be impacted and how recycling may consequently be diverted to landfills.

"We as a municipality is not legislating this. It's coming down from the provincial government..." said Deputy Mayor Marc St. Pierre. "Without knowing the full (outcome) of this...the consumer is going to pay for this regardless... it's going to be downloaded. If you carefully read the lawyers' recommendations, it clearly outlines that (the province is) imposing recommendations outside of what is

Efforts will need to be made to prevent gains made by recycling from decreasing. Councillor Ward discussed bolstering diversion tactics moving forward, as well as rolling out a comprehensive communications' plan to residents and businesses about the related changes once more information on the Blue Box Regulation becomes available.

Following discussion, an amended motion was read into the record by Mayor Broad, stating that "The Council of the Municipality of South Dundas approve report CA02023-02 to withdraw from the management of the Blue Box program, that delegated authority be forwarded to the CAO or designates to enter into agreements needed to continue transfer of the service and furthermore that council confirm the intent to allocate post-transition Blue Box funding to fund landfill closure, transfer station and yard waste pickup. Moved by Coun. Ward, seconded by Deputy Mayor St. Pierre. The motion was carried unanimously.



## South Dundas Council visits four local agricultural operations

Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Staff

MORRISBURG - On April 1, South Dundas Mayor Jason Broad, Deputy Mayor Marc St. Pierre and councillors Tom Smyth, Cole Veinotte and Danielle Ward, visited C Double J Farms, Thurler Farms, Toyes Hill Farms and Upper Canada Creamery and New Care Farms.

"The farm tour was organized to give those on council unfamiliar with the agriculture sector a better understanding of the insand-out of the industry, as I am the only farmer on council," said tour organizer councillor Tom Smyth in an email to the paper. He mentioned the spring tour visited four dairy farms, councillors able to see robot, double 12 parlour, rotary parlour and tie stall milking systems and see the role technology plays in dairy operations. He continued there are plans to hold a fall tour which will focus on "cash crop farms, fruit and vegetable growers and other agriculture related businesses.

Josh Biemond of Upper Canada Creamery and New Care Farms was pleased with the visit from council,



From the left, front row: Deputy-Mayor Marc St. Pierre, Carolyn Jansen, Mayor Jason Broad, Coun. Danielle Ward, Case Jansen. Back row: Coun. Cole Veinotte, Coun. Tom Smyth, and Joe Jansen. Courtesy Photo

noting Coun. Tom Smyth contacted him regarding the SD Farm Tour. "I love what they are trying to do," said Biemond, continuing that they came to listen and learn about the agricultural community.

"The care and passion

that these families have about their farms is evident. We greatly appreciated their willingness to share their stories with us," commented Mayor Broad following the tour. He continued how the tour provided an opportunity to learn about the operation of

these farms and their integration into community as well as seeing firsthand the technologies now available to farming operations.

Toyes Hill Farms operated by Ryan Devries, who is currently the president of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, was visited by SD Council during the tour. "I think it's great that SD council is trying to familiarize themselves with the Ag Industry and see how big of a role it plays in South Dundas," explained Ryan Devries. He continued the

tour was well received and hopes it will lead "to many more meaningful conversations about issues facing the agriculture community and what our industry has to offer to the municipality.

The Jansen family operate C Double J Farms and were very happy to have a visit from SD Municipal council "We really members. appreciate them taking the time to tour our farm so that they can have a better understanding of what we do on a daily basis and how we manage the many aspects of our complicated business," commented Joe and Carolyn Jansen in a message to The Record

the municipality reaching out to see the different operations was a blessing. The Jansens continued how they feel current council members are trying to gain more understanding of the different elements in the South Dundas community, including the agricultural community before mentioning "We hope to see them stop by again. They are welcome back anytime."

SD Deputy Mayor St. Pierre commented on the educational aspects of the farm tour, noting how "Witnessing the evaluation of the farming industry and understanding the science behind operating a dairy farm, whether larger or small was extremely

following the tour, noting educational." He continued there had been discussions over the past few years regarding the expansion of broadband in the rural areas, noting "Seeing firsthand the use and growth of robotics, high speed internet throughout our rural area is a vital part of operating and agriculture growth."

> SD communications officer Shawn O'Neill mentioned in an email following the tour, how the SD Council wished to thank "Nick Thurler from Thurler Farms, Ryan Devries from Toyes Hill Farms, Josh Biemond from Upper Canada Creamery, and the Jansen family from C Double J Farms for taking time out of their busy days to host a tour."

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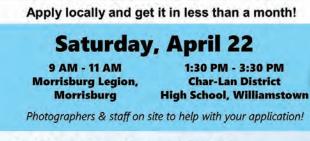
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FINCH - It was a full house at the Finch Community Hall on April 14, with the community gathering for the "Come and Tackle Tagwi Trivia event. Tagwi Secondary School principal Cary Kronwald explained the event, organized by members of the Tagwi School Council, was raising funds for improved programming for students. Jill Robinson, a member of the trivia night organizing committee, explained approximately 140 people attended the event ready to answer the questions posed by Tammy Casselman. She continued there would be 100 questions, with an additional 10 musical School

questions for guests to answer during the event. For those who worked up an appetite there were munchies on each table as well as the opportunity to order items from either The Finch Restaurant or Fat Les' Chip Stand in Finch.

"It's a wonderful experience for the parents and the community to come together for the school," commented Kronwald, Robinson wished to thank those who had donated items to the silent auction, to the Finch Recreation Committee for donating the use of the hall for the event and to the community members for coming to the event and supporting Tagwi Secondary



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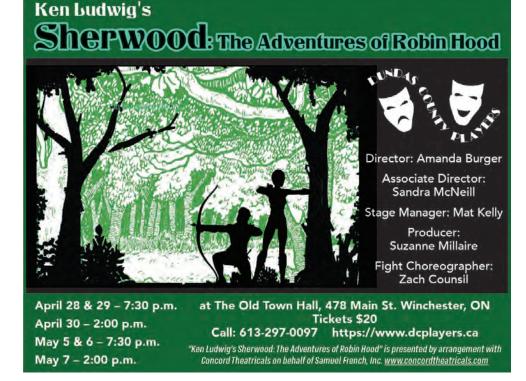
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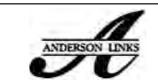
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In addition, Daffodil Month presents an opportunity to advocate for the importance of cancer screening. Here's a timeline of when various types of cancer should first be screened for.

#### Cervical cancer: age 25

Women aged 25 to 65 should get a Pap smear every three years. Starting when they turn 30, they should also get an HPV test every five years. Women over 65 who had normal results over the last 10 years can forgo further testing.

Cervical cancer is highly treatable when caught early, making screening for it

extremely important.

#### Breast cancer: age 50

Previous guidelines recommended that women with average risk begin yearly screening at age 40. However, the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care doesn't recommend it anymore because drawbacks such as overdiagnosis and unnecessary treatment outweigh any possible benefits.

The most current recommendation is to begin undergoing screening every two to three years at age 50.

Breast cancer is by far the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women. While survival rates are improving for all stages, the earlier it's caught, the easier it is to treat.

#### Colorectal cancer: age 50

While people with early stage colorectal cancer have a survival rate of 90 per cent, the prognosis isn't as good for symptomatic cancers, which are usually quite advanced.

For people with average risk, a first colonoscopy at 50 years old is recommended, with follow-up exams depending on the results. Earlier screening is recommended for people with increased risk, such as those who are of African-American descent, those with a family

history or those with inflammatory bowel diseases such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.

#### Prostate cancer: age 50

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian men. Detected early, the survival rate is nearly 100 per

However, research suggests there may be more downsides than upsides to getting tested regularly. For this reason, it's recommended that men who are about to turn 50 have a discussion about prostate cancer screening with their doctor to determine whether they're at high risk and whether screening would be beneficial.

#### Lung cancer: age 55

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Canada. Contrary to popular belief, it's very treatable if caught early. The problem is that 75 per cent of lung cancers diagnosed in Canada are terminal.

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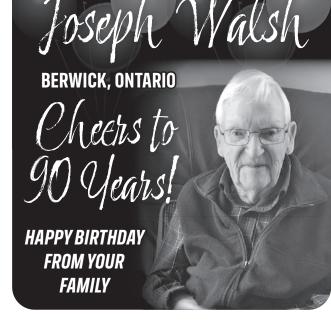


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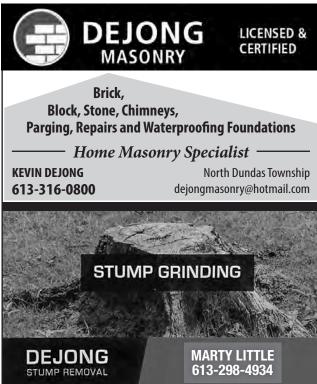
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Yes, the business has been sold and will be continuing as McHaffie Flea Market, open every Sunday from 8 to 4. We wish Marc huge success and hope he enjoys our market and all who visit as much as we have over the last 43 years.

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Wayne and Sheila



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# D. M. Prendergast & Son

There are as many reasons for starting your own business as there are people starting them. One common thread, however, is the desire to have more control over your life, particularly when that life revolves around family and young children. South Stormont native Dylan Prendergast is a perfect example of what happens when a desire for a better worklife balance meets up with an opportunity.

"It was during the layoffs," said Prendergast, "I was always in trucking, and it was always a slow time in the winter. My father has a smaller tractor and there was always a few people and a few times that I'd have to run back and get his for small, simple things to do around my own yard. A couple of people stopped me asking if it was mine and if I could do something small for them. I ended up towing it in the town a couple times to do things for a couple of buddies.

"I was getting tired of the long hours, 12–14-hour days sitting in the truck, and it was just a nice dream that I could get out on my own and have the kind of the freedom to make my own hours."

It was not long after the birth of his son Lennox that Prendergast made the decision to go for it and made the decision to purchase a Kubota LX 3301 tractor and go into business for himself doing landscaping, driveway maintenance and anything else he could do with his tractor and the various attachments.

"It's not just the freedom of not being under somebody else's thumb, that if you want a day off to go to the cottage early or whatever, you can do it. Yeah. That was





Lennox Prendergast (left) checking out the equipment with his dad, Dylan Prendergast. D.M. Prendergast & Son are happy to accept the jobs that are too small for some of the larger companies in the area. For them, it's a perfect fit.

Courtesy Photo

kind of the main thing, more family time really."

This year Prendergast has expanded his business, making use of the equipment he has or using it in different ways. "We're trying to a little bit get into grass and everything," said Prendergast. "I have a couple of mowers that I ended up buying for contract last year. So, I 've got the mowers and everything like that. It's the repeat work

that's nice. Grass is always going to grow.

"I try to fill the niche that other people aren't really interested in," said Prendergast. "It's not that it's a low priority but I just want to do the stuff that the big guys don't want to, the jobs they don't want to bother with because it's only a few hours or something like that."

There's always enough of that type of work to go around if you're willing to go

looking for it and Prendergast is willing to do just that. Once you get the repeat customers you're well set up.

"That's the idea," said Prendergast.
"Because after every winter there's the sweeping on the front yard or the stone dust or whatever the plough kicks up in the ditch or this and that. It happens every year, right? So, if you get that same repeat every year that's obviously what you're looking for. And there are other things like grading gravel driveways to fill the potholes, and the same thing happens in laneways with the travel and the rain. I have the grading box that I can just drop in the laneways. It's not a permanent fix, but it's cheaper for me to go than to buy a load of gravel every time."

Going forward, Prendergast says he is well equipped right now and can do 90 per cent of the work people ask for with the equipment he already has. That's not to say he won't look at opportunities that present themselves.

"Realistically, there's always the dreams and the wish list. Unless there was something to come out that was going to be, if not revolutionary, then something that nobody really had, that I could do, I would for sure look at it."

It's easy to get in touch with Dylan Prendergast. "Facebook is probably the best way and Facebook Messenger (D.M. Prendergast & Son). You can also phone or text me at 613-577-4006 or email me at DMPrendergastson@outlook.com.

If you have yard work, landscaping or a driveway filled with potholes, then D. M. Prendergast & Son might be just the answer you've been looking for.

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# Creating in 150 minutes

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**Record Staff

WINCHESTER – There was hardly a sound as the 20 competitors in the fifth annual Writing in 150 competition began composing their fiction, non-fiction, poetry or spoken word and song works of art in the North Dundas Business Centre on April 15.

Sponsored by A Bunch of People (ABOP), a notfor-profit organization with headquarters in Eastern Ontario, as the competition began competitors were provided a prompt word to serve as inspiration for their entry. They were given 2 1/2 hours or 150 minutes, beginning at 11 a.m., to complete and submit the work which would then be blind judged by judges in each genre. Murray Barkley of Avonmore served as judge in the non-fiction division, Tom Schoch of Chesterville judged the fiction entries, with Jenn Pretty and Rachelle Eves judging the Poetry/Spoken word division and the song writing component of the competition judged by Lyle Odjick.

In the non-fiction, fiction, and poetry/spoken



As the Writing in 150 competition began, there was hardly a sound heard as competitors began creating their submissions.

Thompson Goddard Photo

word divisions, the top three works will be published by Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood Publishing Inc. in an anthology and the song recording for the firstplace winner in the song writing division courtesy of the Railroad Recording Company of Chesterville.

Using the prompt word 'consume', Marion Voytinsky finished in first place, followed by Marnie Fossitt in second place. In the Non-fiction division, using the prompt word 'resist', Patrick Burger took top honours with Jade

Cahoon and Paul Stockton tied for second place. In the Poetry/Spoken word division utilizing the prompt word 'colour', Colleen Thrasher (Spoken Word) was in first place, with Luna Julie (Poetry) in second. Rick Ventrella took top honours in the Song Writing category, with Paddy Gaffney in second place creating a song using the prompt word 'shiver'.

Following the competition, the public were invited to a presentation of the entries by their authors. Burger

explained following the event, ABOP received a message from Betty Clark, who wrote "I attended the reading portion of your event. Wow. What a treat. So much creativity and hope. Thank you so much. I cannot wait until next year," and expressed her gratitude to the organization for their support of writers and promoting the arts.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the House of Lazarus. More information on ABOP is available on their Facebook page.

# TAGWI Report By Brooke Donnelly





to two local farms. Finally, on Friday, our junior and novice Warriors who are playing badminton had their tournament. To give all of Warriors a chance to participate in our 50/50, students attending the GSLS in the coming weeks continued their sales. The winner was drawn on Friday afternoon, and they won a grand total of \$70.

Due to complications caused by the power outage last week, our cafeteria was closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Our Warriors going to the GSLS, sold pizza, drinks, and freezes during this time to not only give students a chance to buy lunch but also to raise money.

After many recent successful lunchtime sports tournaments, another volleyball tournament was held to fundraise money for the GSLS. Eight teams of six were chosen to play. The cost to play was five dollars per player. Four teams played on Tuesday, the other four played the next day, and the winners from each day played each other on Thursday. Thanks to everyone who participated.

This Thursday, our Agriculture SHSM students got the chance to tour two local farms, Jamink Farm and Critesdale Farm. They learned about organic farming, the modernization of farming, and the importance of farms in the local economy.

To close off the week, students playing novice and junior badminton took off to La Citadelle or CCVS, depending on if they were playing singles or doubles. Our Warriors played many great matches during the day, with many of our Warriors coming back victorious.

As always, student council and the school community is hard at work planning for the upcoming weeks. To stay up to date on what's happening, we recommend you check out Tagwi's Instagram page (@tagwiwarriors) and our student council Instagram page (@warriors.student.council).







## Raisin River 50th Anniversary canoe race a huge success

**Terry Tinkess** Record Staff

It was unfortunate that water levels peaked a week before the Raisin River 50th Anniversary canoe race, but that didn't stop a record 458

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paddlers in 290 boats from having a great time. While many can recall previous races experiencing snow flurries and extremely cold water, this year's event took place under sunny skies and temperatures in the mid-20s. And while the lower water levels and damage from the ice storm of April 5 made navigating some parts of the river a bit tricky, the slower flow of 630 cubic feet per second

According to Raisin Conservation Authority (RRCA) race coordinator Lissa Deslandes, things couldn't have gone much better.

permitted the opening of the

Martintown Dam, enticing

many paddlers to shoot

through rather than having

to portage around it.

"We couldn't have asked for a better race," said Deslandes. "The Raisin River Canoe Race holds a special place in the hearts of both residents and visitors to the region. It's RRCA's biggest annual event, and it serves as celebration of our area's watersheds.

"We're so grateful for Kingdon the support from local organizations, sponsors, partners, and our safety committee and volunteers who have helped us coordinate this throughout the decades."

Martin Lang, chair of the RRCA board, was ecstatic about the level of participation in this year's race. "We're just blown away by the sheer number of paddlers from near and far who participated in today's historic race," said Lang. "We also had the special privilege of being joined at the starting line by several veteran canoeists from years past, including Bruno Major, who took part in the first Raisin River Canoe Race in 1973."

Mike De Abreu from Arnprior and Ryan Stepka from Cantley, Quebec in the Pro Boat Tandem category recorded the fastest overall time in the race, finishing in 2:21:04, more than five minutes ahead of the second-place boat. De Abreu accompanied by Seb Courville also finished first in 2022 with a time of 2:10:50.

Other top finishers by category, where applicable, were:

Pro Canoe, Male: Seb Courville, Oliver Mcmillan, Conor Abrahams, Tom

Pro Canoe, Mixed: Sarah Lessard, Jeffrey Defeo, Pierre Lavictoire, Thina Pham, Eric Jones, Amy Thornton

17 Foot Open, Male: Harold Walker, Stephen Walker, Tom Stead, Bob Vincent, Jordan Brault, Scott Brault

17 Foot Open, Mixed: Don Stoneman, Julie Edwards, Connor Algie, Jessica Van Winden, Dylan Rollo, Tanya Robertson

Double Kaya, Male: Francois Grondin, Stephane Grondin

Double Kayak, Female: Wendy Bray Van Loon, Morgan Santerre, Olivia Mcdonald, Anna Parks, Laurine Eddy, Ashley Lalonde

Double Kayak, Mixed: Bonnie Thornbury, Brendan Mccardle, Pat Alguire, Amy Alguire, Cheryl Mcgregor, Wendel Carrothers

Recreational Canoe, Male: Anik Levac, Ian Levac, Emanuel Lauzon, Alex Wertwyn, Jean Paul Claude, Yvon Ranger

Recreational Canoe, Female: Anna Katsaras, Sarantia Katsaras, Emilie Derochie, Emma Bacchiochi, Marion Mcdonell, Joanna Tessier

Recreational Canoe, Mixed: Joanna Faloon, Ed Joy, Simon Dessureault, Karine Blanchette, Madelaine Oeggerli, Michael Oeggerli

Long Kayak, Male: Jeff Brainard, Richard Germain, Zachary Zwanenburg,

Long Kayak, Female: Jennifer Guibord, Dena Kaplan, Tammy Tripp,

Single Pro Canoe, Male:

Corey Van Loon

Single Recreational Canoe, Male: Max Finkelstein, Paul Terry, Colin Lathe

Short Kayak, Male: Ian Walter, Denis Lefebvre, Rick Clancy

Short Kayak, Female: Christine Balderson, Lynn Macnab, Chantal Tranchemontagne,

Student Short Kayak, Male: Eric Baron, Rory Mckinnon, Samuel Vanegas,

Stand-up Paddle, Male: Simon Mayer, Jean-Francois Hinse, Rob Samulack

Full interim results, courtesy of RRCA can be found on their website at rrca.on.ca/results.

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Corey Van Loon of St. Andrews got off to a fast start in the 2023 Raisin River Canoe Race and never looked back, finishing first in the Single Pro Canoe category and ninth overall with a time of 2:45:09. Image was captured as he approached the Delaney Road Bridge.



### Russell Trivia night donates to WDMH

The Russell Trivia Night on April 1 was dedicated to raising funds for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, (WDMH). The popular and extremely successful trivia night event generated \$6,350 for the hospital. Each month trivia night organizers select a different charity or cause to donate to. Left to right, presenting the cheque to members of the WDMH are Kristen Casselman WDMH, Marie Clair Ivanski, Lorna Anderson, Justine Plummer WDMH and Norah Martel. Courtesy Photo

## **Water Conditions Statement: Flood Warning** Lower Ottawa River

RUSSELL - This flood warning statement is an update to the Flood Watch issued for areas along the Lower Ottawa River (Amprior to Hawkesbury) on April 14.

Water levels are expected to continue rising within the Ottawa River Basin due to increased snowmelt associated with above normal snowpack and high temperatures over the weekend. Most of the water currently entering the Ottawa River is originating in areas where there are no reservoirs or retention capacity. The Ottawa River Regulating Committee is managing principal reservoirs to reduce river flows to downstream areas.

The Ottawa River Regulating Committee anticipates that water levels along the main stem of the Ottawa River are expected to exceed major flood levels, impacting several streets, lawns and houses in low-lying areas. Flood levels are expected to remain well below historic high flood levels.

Impacted locations include flood-prone areas at Chats Lake, Constance Bay area, Britannia / Lac Deschênes, Cumberland, City of Clarence-Rockland, Township of Alfred Plantagenet, and other vulnerable areas down to Montreal.

Peak river conditions remain dependent on snowmelt and rainfall amounts. A rainfall event is forecasted this weekend that will add water to the river at a time when flows are near flood thresholds. There is uncertainty on the rainfall amounts and the areas that could be affected.

Residents in flood-prone areas are encouraged to closely follow changing conditions and to take necessary measures. Residents are advised to stay away from watercourses where flows are high and where banks might be unstable. Parents are encouraged to explain dangers to children and provide appropriate supervision around all bodies of water.

The Ottawa River Regulating Committee will be reassessing forecast conditions and providing hydrological condition updates on its website daily at www.ottawariver.ca/forecasts.

To view current flood warnings across Ontario, visit: www.ontario.ca/law-and-safety/flood-forecasting-andwarning-program.

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