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**Briefly**

**Martha's Closet MORRISBURG** – Martha's Closet is a free giveaway of clothing items for men, women, and children, held on the last Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the basement of St. James' Anglican Church in Morrisburg. The church will be open on Sat., May 27. Please use the west entrance to the church.

All are welcome. The event is free. The location of the church is 20 High Street, Morrisburg. The phone number is 613-213-2121.

**Spring Concert with Jo Anne Laurin**

**WINCHESTER** – Jo Anne Laurin is performing her Spring Concert, 'Forever' with love songs from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. The performance is taking place at Winchester's Old Town Hall at 478 Main St. on Sun., May 28. Showtime is at 1:30 p.m., doors will open at 1:00 p.m. There will be a reception after the show. Tickets are \$12 per person and can be obtained at the door or by calling 613-543-0695 or email: [jpclaurin@gmail.com](mailto:jpclaurin@gmail.com)

**Trivia Night at St. Clare's**

**WINCHESTER** – St. Clare's Anglican Church is hosting Trivia Night on Fri., Jun 2, from 7 to 11 p.m.

The church is located at Falcon Lane in Winchester. Registration starts at 7:00 p.m. and the play begins at 7:30 p.m. \$10 per person with tables available for up to eight people.

Snack foods can be purchased.



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**One hundred women come through for the community**

The 100 Women Who Care enjoyed a fantastic evening at the Joel Steel Community Centre on May 11. In this photo are the organizing committee members and the groups that were given a portion of the \$20,000 raised by the event. Front row, left to right are committee members: MP Eric Duncan, Diane Crummy, Martine Thurler- Guy, Susan Marriner, Elaine DeRooy. Back row, left to right: Two members of the BGC Dundas Clubhouse and presenter Kaitlin Herfkens-Ugucioni (BGC Dundas Clubhouse presenter), Renee Moores (presenter for Naomi's Family Resource Centre) Annette Turner Angus (from Naomi's board of directors), Jane Schoones and Dan Gasser (Community Food Share).

Morin Photo

**SDG/Cornwall Health Coalition holds rally**

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

**CORNWALL** – Vehicles honked their horns in support of the SDG/Cornwall Health Coalition during a public rally in front of SDSG MP Nolan's Second Street office in Cornwall on May 12. Louise Lanctot and Elaine MacDonald, co-chairs of the organization, provided information on Bill 60 and the need to protect our public hospitals and healthcare system.

Bill 60, passed in the Ontario legislature on Mon., May 8, will come into effect once Royal Assent is given and will allow surgery and diagnostic services covered by OHIP to be done in licensed health facilities and is designed to help reduce waiting times for diagnosis and procedures.

Tanis Brown, a registered nurse and SDSG NDP riding association president, mentioned legislation such as this

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**One-hundred Women Who Care host 2023 event**

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**WINCHESTER** – The 100 Women Who Care have done it again.

The annual charity driven event took place at the Joel Steele Community Centre on May 11. This was the third such event held in North Dundas.

The event attracted 200 women, and with their \$100 donation had \$20,000 to play with when it came to helping charity organizations in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

There were five organizations asking for funding.

The Boys & Girls Club (BGC), Dundas Clubhouse asked for \$7,000 to help keep our doors open, purchase some much needed supplies, and keep its specialty programs running for the youth of Dundas.

Dundas County Hospice was looking for \$4,400 for a grieving garden, the

Winchester and District Memorial Hospital asked for \$10,000 for sterilizers, Community Food Share asked for \$4,500 for a security system, and Naomi Recourse Centre asked for \$10,000 for a new roof.

The women voted for their favourite charitable organization after presentations had been made, they showcased what the group was asking for.

In the end, only three organizations could be given what they asked for. Naomi's received \$10,000, the Boys and Girls Club was granted \$7,000, and Community Food Share received \$3,000 for its security system.

Diane Crummy, the chair of the 100 Women Who Care, along with co-chair MP Eric Duncan said, "The overall feeling was that they wished they could have had enough to give everyone what they had asked for."

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# Ormond severances attract residents' attention

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

ORMOND – A hot topic these days is the inevitable growth of urban areas into established farmland.

Often the growth of a village, into a village with subdivisions is a welcome event, but at other times it can be something rural residents are not keen on.

Having an opportunity to voice your opinion for or against a potential real estate development is crucial.

A recent meeting in

Cornwall, called a consent review, was hosted by the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, (SD&G) on Fri., May 12.

A landowner with farmland alongside the Ormond Village boundaries in North Dundas wanted permission to sever two lots from their property. The future use of the lots once severed is not known, however more often than not a severance of this type results in the potential building of a housing

development on the severed land.

The meeting was attended in person, by phone and by Zoom by those interested in the severance.

If granted, the severance would free up around 85 acres of land for development. The majority of the land is already within the Ormond village boundaries, so it can be developed without the communities input other than a municipal site control approval and a multitude of

mandated provincial, and municipal environmental regulations and assessments if and when a developer wanted to build homes on the land.

SD&G will be deciding whether to allow or not allow the severance in a week or so.

Several Ormond residents were at the meeting and voiced their concerns about how any kind of new housing development might affect the quality and quantity of their water supply. The

existing homes in the village have wells and septic systems. Residents brought examples of previous poor water quality that, based on their experience, could get worse if more wells were added to the area.

North Dundas director of planning, building and

bylaw services Calvin Pol assured residents at the meeting that any future development would require the developer to do extensive environmental testing on issues such as anything that could affect their water supply before building a subdivision.



This is a map of the area with proposed lots to be severed (two pink boxes) to the south of the village boundaries.

Courtesy Photo

## 100 Women Who Care

**Continued from the front**

Crummy said some people at the event were swayed by the presentations, and in the end, sometimes voted for a charity that they had not originally considered.

The overwhelming impression for those at the event was the energy in the room.

“You do not know until you are in that room, the feeling in that room,” said Crummy.

“It was amazing.”

Covid put a stop to the event in 2020.

“In 2018 and in 2019 we were ready to roll. In 2020, we had 200 women lined up. We did not know what to expect this time, because things have changed.”

Despite the delay from Covid, there was no hesitation by the women in the community to register, and to put their \$100 into the community pot.

Crummy said, “When you put your \$100 down for the event, you know you are part of a large crowd of people who feel the same way that you do. You have raised \$20,000, and you have a say in where the money goes.”

She explained that presenters for the various charities did an amazing job of showcasing what they were all about, and why they were hoping the event could help them out.

The 100 Women Who Care organizing committee is made up of: Diane Crummy (chair), Martine Thurler-Guy, MP Eric Duncan, Susan Marriner, and Elaine De Rooy.



### Happy Mother's Day

Close to 100 people enjoyed a full course breakfast during the Mother's Day Breakfast held at St. Clare's Anglican Church located on the outskirts of Winchester. The Mother's Day Breakfast is a long-standing tradition which originated at St. Peter's Anglican Church in South Mountain, one of four churches who joined together to create St. Clare's Anglican Church almost 10 years ago.

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## SDG/Cornwall Health Coalition

**Continued from the front**

may allow people with more money to have access to better health care, while other speakers commented there is a need to protect the public health system in Ontario and commented on the lack of family doctors available for people. “It's not about the money, but we know it is about the money,” commented MacDonald, who continued how the type of care people will receive will be determined by the amount of money they can pay.

She mentioned an issue of this importance should have been an election issue in the last provincial election, but it was not. This has resulted in the Ontario Health Coalition organizing a citizens' referendum which is planned for



SDG/Cornwall Health Coalition co-chair Elaine MacDonald is seen during a rally held in front of SDSG MPP Nolan Quinn's Second Street office in Cornwall on May 12.

Thompson Goddard Photo

May 26 and 27 at polling stations across the province, including SDG with online voting already beginning.

After reading the question on the ballot, which is “Do you want our public hospital services to be

privatized to for-profit hospitals and clinics?”, MacDonald commented “Let this be the biggest NO of your life!”

More information on the Ontario Health Coalition can be found at [www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca](http://www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca).



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# Morrisburg Firefighters' Association chili cookoff explodes with flavour

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – You didn't even have to enter the building to know that something special was waiting inside, and that it was hot (and spicy too!)

The Morrisburg Firefighters' Association hosted their first annual chili cookoff on Sat., May 13 at the firehall in Morrisburg, but according to Lieutenant Bill Chafe, the event organizer, they would like to see it become an annual event. This time they had fourteen contestants, but they would like to see even more in the future.

"We fully expected this to be an annual event when we had the trophy created,"



Members of the Morrisburg Firefighters Association were on hand Saturday at the association's first annual chili cook-off and silent auction. From left: firefighter Brennan Parks, firefighter Kirsty Holburn and firefighter Al Garlough.

Tinkess Photo

said Chafe. "It's nice to give people a chance to interact with us in better circumstances than they usually would and to just have a look around." In addition to the competitive aspect of the

event, there was also a silent auction with some great prizes, such as an autographed Mitch Marnier Toronto Maple Leafs jersey, tickets to Senators' games and a ton of tickets to local attractions and gift certificates from local merchants.

One of the best things about the event was the price: a free-will donation (pay what you can) for a chance to experience some of the best chili in the area, something Christa St. Pierre, public fire & life safety educator for the South Dundas Fire and Emergency Services was particularly pleased with. "Things are so expensive right now, it's great to have

an event that anyone can take part in," said St. Pierre.

When all the votes were counted the overall winner was Matt Laurin, with second going to Garry O'Neill while third spot was captured by Shelley Broad.

Organizer Bill Chafe reported that a total of just over \$5,500 was raised, and

the proceeds will be used to purchase equipment that will create efficiencies in the work done following fire calls. "An example is a hose washing machine that will cost approximately \$1000 and will reduce the time we spend scrubbing hoses after a fire by about 80 per cent," said Chafe.



## Celtic Music Festival in Ingleside

An appreciative audience was treated to an afternoon of Celtic entertainment at St. Matthews Church in Ingleside on Sunday afternoon. The MacLeod Youth Fiddlers provided the bulk of the entertainment, but in addition, there were several other fiddlers as well as step dancers and vocalists. The entertainment combined with a fine selection of desserts and coffee provided an excellent afternoon's enjoyment. Tinkess Photo

# Winchester Curling Club receives Trillium Grant

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Members of the Winchester Curling Club gathered for their spring AGM on Thurs., May 11, but prior to getting down to business they took a moment to receive some very good news.

The news came in the announcement of a successful Trillium Grant application which would see the club receive a grant in the amount of \$17,500 that will go towards supporting the promotion and marketing of the club in an effort to recruit new members and boost the club's presence in North Dundas.

On hand to announce the grant were Doug Thompson, a volunteer with the Trillium Foundation and Sam McDonnell, representing MPP Nolan Quinn.

"It's great to be here to help with this exciting event," said Thompson, in making the announcement. "I'm a

member of the Ontario Trillium Foundation's (OTF) grant review team in the Champlain region. I'm honoured to join you all today to celebrate your accomplishments, as a valuable organization in the community, as well as congratulate you on the resilient communities funding received from the OTF."

This year's OTF is celebrating forty years of grant making in Ontario. Since 1982, OTF has been working to build healthy and vibrant communities, across the province, with an initial budget of 15 million.

According to Winchester Curling Club president Casandra Spruit, the funds will be used in several different ways, such as a digital sign for the club, lawn signs to promote the club and curling in general, radio ads, a website redesign and street curling, an activity designed to draw new interest in curling.

"COVID was really tough on

everyone," said Spruit. "But recreation took a really hard hit with participation numbers. First, we were closed and then there was still a fear of gathering and people just found other ways to occupy their time. So even though we were open with no restrictions, this year, our membership numbers were down about 30 per cent compared to pre COVID."

"As a small-town curling club, this obviously hurts us financially, but it makes our curling community feel really small. But thankfully, we do have some amazing volunteers who bring some really great ideas to the table."

The plan is to have all the new initiatives up and running by September, which is when the club makes their big push for registration. The hope is that former members will return, and that they'll bring their friends to experience a game that can be enjoyed by just about anyone.



Members of the Winchester Curling Club gathered for their spring AGM on Thurs., May 11, but also learned that the club would be receiving a Trillium Grant of \$17,500 that will be used to support the promotion and marketing of the club to recruit new members and boost the club's presence in North Dundas. Flanked by club members were (from left) Doug Thompson, Trillium Foundation grant review team member, and Casandra Spruit, Winchester Curling Club president.

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# EDITORIAL & Opinion

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## Thank you for your service

I've been to quite a few police funerals in my life, and in my opinion even one is too many. Later this week, probably as some of you are reading this, there will be another.

Full disclosure here: I was a police officer for nearly 20 years, first in Ottawa, and later in Cornwall. For the most part I found the work fulfilling and I did, at least occasionally manage to make a small difference in some small way. You take your victories where you find them.

On Tues., May 11, I, like many other people in Eastern Ontario awoke to learn that three officers from the Russell County OPP detachment had been shot, one of them fatally. Hearing that brought back many memories for me. I was on duty in Ottawa when Nepean Police Constable David

Utman was shot to death in the Bayshore Shopping Centre food court. I was also working the morning that Nepean officers Ralph Erfle and Robin Easy were shot in the parking garage, also at Bayshore, after interrupting an armed robbery. When I heard about the Bourget shooting, the feeling I experienced was the same, a chill ran down my back and I thought, "Not again."

I thought of the three officers, the pain of being shot and the fear/apprehension they must have felt when they realized they were in the middle of something with no clear way out. I also thought of their family and friends, and what they must have experienced when they received that call or middle of the night visit to tell them that something terrible had happened.

There is no good way to deliver that message, and certainly no good way to receive

it, because almost immediately you know you now have to share it with others. Eric Mueller, the 42-year-old sergeant who was killed, was a husband and a father of two young children. As difficult as it was for his wife to hear she was now a widow, she then had to tell her children that their dad was gone forever.

As I've come to expect when a police officer is killed, everyone who can manage to get in front of a camera, a microphone or a keyboard will wax poetic about the tragedy, and ask how this can happen; why does this happen? The thing is, in a week, maybe two, it will be forgotten by most, replaced by outrage over how the police hide behind "the thin blue line," and how the police should be defunded.

You will not get an argument from me that there are some people who should never have been allowed to put on the blue.

However, instead of this predictable flip-flop, why not just accept that most police officers are good people doing a very, and increasingly difficult job and then improve the selection process and training? Don't judge the majority by the actions of few. The majority, usually unnoticed, are out there doing their best to work, usually within many restraints, to keep us safe. Believe me, it isn't as easy as it looks on tv.

You don't become a police officer to be put on a pedestal, you don't even expect to hear "Thank you," very often. The one thing you do expect, and count on, is to be able to go home to those that you love most at the end of your shift.

For Eric Mueller, in the early hours of May 11, that apparently was too much to ask.

Terry Tinkess

## TAGWI Report

By Brooke Donnelly  
Student Reporter



### A week with the Warriors

As the weeks at Tagwi Secondary School went by quickly, this last week was no exception. On Tuesday, many of our secondary Warriors took off to Ottawa for the SD&G Track and Field meet. Then, on Thursday, our senior soccer teams played in Glengarry. Finally, on Friday, Tagwi hosted junior soccer.

Early Tuesday morning, 24 students took off to the SD&G Track and Field meet at the University of Ottawa. Of the 24 students who attended, 19 students qualified for EOSSAA in the coming weeks. Many students came out placing high in the final standings, but five of our Warriors further distinguished themselves by winning their event. In the novice girls' category, Abby MacLeod won the 200m, Averi Whitton won the 1500m and the 3000m, and Madyn Iwachniuk won discus. For the junior girls, Danika Canham finished first in the 200m, and Ella Fontaine won javelin and discus.

Our senior boys' and girls' soccer teams played in their second outdoor meet of the season on Thursday. They played in Glengarry, and both teams played La Citadelle and L'Heritage. The girls first played La Citadelle, and after a close game, they ended up falling 1-0. Later they played L'Heritage, where after another tight game, they lost 2-0. The boys started their day with a 2-2 tie against La Citadelle. Then, after a battle by all, they lost 5-1 to L'Heritage.

Finally, to close off the week, Tagwi hosted junior girls' and boys' soccer. The girls played their only game of the day against St. Joseph's, where they tied 2-2. The boys later played St. Joseph's, where the game had the same result. Finally, the boys played St. Lawrence, where they won 12-0.

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).

## Gratitude is more than just a lofty idea

Talk about going against the flow.

The recent 100 Women Who Care event brought out 200 women to support their community's charities.

Despite the increasing mood of despair, we all hear about in the mainstream media about price gauging, environmental setbacks, and insurance woes visited upon municipalities by the insurance industry, plus the increasing number of people in rural Ontario who have to rely on food banks, the apparent despair does not run all that deep.

These ladies did not hesitate to put their money down to help their community.

And in doing so, pushed back on any depressing notion that all was lost, the world as we know it is ending and what's the point of being nice to each other.

Giving in any way shape or form does indeed have an effect on our wellbeing.

I am sure those ladies who gave money, and their time to help out a charitable organization feel a sense of joy or peace knowing they were able to help someone else.

It's a good feeling to strive for, and a good feeling to nourish when you choose to give to other human beings.

That same grey fog of "life, sure is strange these days" was further lifted by people young and old who took part in this year's Poutmaster Fishing Competition in Russell on the weekend.

The crowd gathered around the Russell Dam and Reservoir and had great weather to enjoy. Over the

weekend, all along the Castor River hundreds of fishermen spent some time trying their hand at landing the biggest ever mudpout. All of the fish were released after being weighed.

On Sunday, the grounds around the Russell dam were jammed with families combining Mother's Day with a final day of fishing.

There were no conversations about the ills of the world, just the sound of music and an afternoon of laughter thanks to children having the time of their lives.

As you may have noted by now, if you have been reading these opinion pieces over the past few weeks, the idea of gratitude features prominently; gratitude in the form of volunteering to help someone in the community or helping an organization help others. Even spending some time if you are a boy scout cleaning a section of highway or picking up litter in a park; the feeling generated is a healthy one.

The link between what you feel, and how your body translates to how you feel, has been established by science. A healthy mind leads to a healthy body, and taking some time to do something outside of yourself results in good feelings all around.

In a way, the feelings derived from helping out in your community is related to what you feel when you express gratitude.

Just saying the word gratitude invokes a good feeling.

Try it sometime.

Joseph Morin

## Letter

### It's all about the money

"It's not about the money" is a familiar opening in a conversation about healthcare. It usually signals baffle-gab is coming because a sensible, responsible, grownup discussion about healthcare is about money. All else is window dressing and misdirection. Social programs are maintained by money, taxpayers' money. And a program's efficacy is determined by the budgets allocated to it.

In terms of money spent, Ontario is failing the public healthcare system. The Financial Accountability Office of Ontario reports that the government doubled its funding for private clinics in the final quarter of the last fiscal year (January to March) compared to the previous three quarters of the year. It has continued to increase funding for private clinics ever since, overspending the private clinics budget line while it has underspent on public health care by \$1.25 billion this year so far.

Bill 60 is not about tackling the backlog in surgeries and diagnostics. The public system is being abandoned and people are suffering. Our public hospital operating rooms could handle patient needs on a non-profit basis as they always have done. The lack of capacity preventing them is caused by government underfunding. Bill 60 is really about the creation of a costly alternative that gives the for-profits the opportunity to cash in on ill health, aging, and frailty.

Privatization was not a ballot question in 2022 and waiting till the election of 2026 is not feasible. Participate in the citizens referendum throughout SDG and Cornwall on May 26-27. Vote to tell the government if you want our public hospital services to be privatized to for-profit hospitals and clinics.

Elaine MacDonald, co-chair of the SDG/Cornwall Health Coalition



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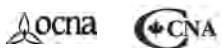
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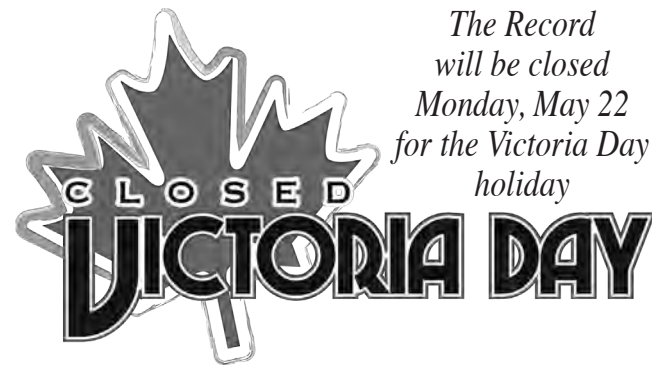
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# Funny farm animals featured

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Author and illustrator Patsy Primeau of Munro Mills near Apple Hill has produced a fun-filled book

for children of all ages called *The Misadventures Out on Tex's Farm!*

Primeau explained, she began her career as an artist about three years ago when invited to a painting party by a neighbour. She enjoyed painting “quirky critters” based on the family’s recollection of things which happened on the farm growing up. The idea for

the book was conceived after friends suggested she had talent.

She mentioned how several of the characters are based on family members, with their stories told in delightful rhymes that are enjoyable to read,

with the accompanying pictures, a treat for the eyes. Primeau is currently working on her second book *The Misadventures Out on Tex's Farm! Part Deux*, which she hopes will be published by the end of 2023.

## REFLECTIONS ON COMFORT & PEACE



### What a friend!

Pastor Mollie McKibbon  
Winchester Baptist Church

Have you ever had the experience of returning home bursting with good news and no one was home with whom you could share it? Or after an awful day you are looking for someone to commiserate with you and none of your friends are answering their phones? It is in these kinds of moments when you really need a bff (best friend forever) that you can contact in a moment’s notice, someone who is eager to hear all about your highs and lows. You need to know that someone truly cares about what happens to you and will always stand by in every circumstance.

Psalms 62:6-8 states “Truly He (God) is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress; I will not be shaken. My salvation and honour depend upon God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.”

Pouring our hearts out in good or distressing times is just what we need to do, but earthly friends are not always available and truth to tell, they aren’t always good listeners. They are living their own dramas and as much as they might care about us they aren’t always available. However, Jesus said, “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20) And best of all, we don’t need to wait until our mobile phones have recharged to contact the Lord. We don’t have to worry that we will be interrupted while Jesus answers call waiting. Jesus is a near as our next breath, and we can readily confide in Him with prayer.

Do not be concerned that you are unimportant in the eyes of God. Jesus said to his followers, “Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your father’s will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows.” (Matthew 10: 29-31) Jesus proved that by dying for all of us so that we would be sinless in the eyes of God and fit for eternal life in heaven.

A friend who would give up their life for us would certainly be eager to hear our poured-out hearts. Truly Jesus cares about your life, all your needs and all your joys. Call upon Him whenever you want a bff and don’t be a stranger.

## - OBITUARY - Brian McMahon



Passed away suddenly at home on Monday, May 8, 2023, Brian McMahon of Crysler, age 71. Loving husband of Joanne McMahon (nee McLean). Loving father of Todd McMahon (Tracy) of Aylmer and Troy McMahon (Shannon) of Berwick. Dear brother of Erin McMahon of Finch, Carl McMahon (Marilyn) of Kitchener, Marlene McNeely (Ken) of Perth, Margaret Courville (Roger) of Crysler, and Duane McMahon

(Nancy) of Ormond. Dear brother-in-law of Beverly Barkley (Robert) of White Lake and Linda Helmer (Don) of Winchester. Brian will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Lisa, Erin, Megan, Thomas and his great-granddaughter Avery. He was predeceased by his parents Allan and Aline McMahon (nee Beaudoin). He is also survived by nieces and nephews. A celebration of Brian's life will be held at the Crysler Community Centre on Sunday, June 4 from 2-5 p.m. A Memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. with a luncheon to follow. Donations to the Diabetes Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation 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](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).

## In Memoriam

**GORDON KENNETH CINNAMON**  
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Forever loved & sure missed by,  
**Sister – Barbara**

**Nephews – Michael and Debbie and families,  
Jamie and Amy and families**

## Card of Thanks



We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our family and friends for their support following the death of our beloved Mom and Granny, **Maxine Rutley**. We greatly appreciate your comforting words, thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and food brought to our home. Thanks for all the donations to C.N.I.B. and to the Finch Legion, Br. 357 in memory of Mom.

Special thanks to Dr. Racine for making home visits in the last week, Bayshore nurses, Para-med girls Samantha and Rachel, Private Care girls, Linda, Lina, Eileen and Taylor.

We would like to thank David Lapier of Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home for his guidance and professionalism. To Rev. Lois Gaudet for the beautiful service.

To the Finch Legion, Susan and all comrades for the beautiful lunch. Maxine always enjoyed going there and will be missed.

*The Rutley Family*

## - In Memoriam -

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Your resting place we visit,  
and put flowers there with care.

No one knows the heartache,  
when we turn to leave you there.  
They say time heals all sorrow,  
and helps to forget.

But time so far has only proved,  
how much we still miss you, yet.

Forever loved & sure missed by,  
**Sister – Barbara**

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## Make your property a natural haven

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

As the population of Ontario grows, so does the demand for land development. However, as we build more homes and businesses, we often take away from the natural habitats of our local wildlife. Luckily, there are several steps you can take to make your property more nature friendly. Here are some tips to get started:

### Plant native species

One of the simplest ways to attract local wildlife to your property is by planting native species. These plants are adapted to the local climate and soil conditions, which means they require less maintenance and provide a natural habitat for birds, butterflies, and other pollinators. Consider planting a variety of native flowers, shrubs, and trees to create a diverse ecosystem.



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### Build a birdhouse or bird feeder

Birds play a crucial role in the ecosystem as pollinators and pest controllers. By building a birdhouse or bird feeder, you can provide a safe place for birds to nest and feed. Choose a location that is away from predators and close to a source of water. Make sure to clean the feeder or house regularly to prevent the

spread of disease. Cotnam Ace Hardware in Chesterville is a great place to shop for your lawn and garden needs and they also carry a fine selection of bird seed and feeders.

### Install a rain garden

A rain garden is a shallow depression

in your yard that is designed to collect rainwater and allow it to slowly infiltrate into the soil. By planting native plants in the rain garden, you can create a natural filter that removes pollutants from the water and provides a habitat for local wildlife. Not only does a rain garden benefit the environment,

but it can also help prevent flooding and erosion.

### Use natural pest control methods

Chemical pesticides not only harm pests, but they can also harm beneficial insects, birds, and mammals. Instead of using chemical pesticides, consider using natural pest control methods like companion planting, insecticidal soap, or handpicking pests. By using these methods, you can protect your plants and provide a safe environment for wildlife.

### Reduce your lawn

Lawns require a lot of maintenance, including mowing, fertilizing, and watering. By reducing the size of your lawn, you can save time, money, and resources while providing more space for native plants and wildlife. Consider replacing your lawn with a vegetable garden, wildflower meadow, or native plant garden.

By following these tips, you can create a more nature-friendly property that benefits both the environment and local wildlife. Not only will you be helping the ecosystem, but you'll also be creating a beautiful and low-maintenance landscape for your home or business. Start small and gradually incorporate these practices into your daily routine to make a big impact over time.

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## April showers, bring May flowers!

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

**CHESTERVILLE** – There is nothing quite like envisioning a beautiful flower garden while sitting safely inside your warm house on a snowy winter day. One always has an idea spring is not far away when the racks of flower and vegetable seeds start being displayed in stores or mail order seed catalogues begin arriving in the mail.

With the warmer weather heralding the arrival of spring, thoughts often turn to planning first the spring garden clean up, then the planting of flower seeds and plants and the enjoyment of seeing the flowers blooming in a multitude of colours. As the days get even warmer and the soil begins to dry as the rainy season concludes, garden planning begins to happen in earnest. First on the list is taking a good look at the condition of perennial flower stalks, then dig through your tool bin to make sure the tools survived the winter and that there are left over leaf bags

to put the organic material that wintered in your garden. There are people who busily rake the dead leaves and foliage in the autumn, but leaving the dead material in your garden over winter provides a hibernation habitat for beneficial insects and pollinator species, as well as contributing to the garden ecosystem itself. While the early sunny days may get people wanting to get outside and do some spring cleanup, to protect these species and the ecosystem itself, it is suggested to wait until the temperature is consistently above 10 Celsius to begin the cleanup. A flower bed or garden does not just magically appear, it is the result of many years of plant planning, soil selection, accompanied by a lot of digging into the ground. Chesterville resident Carol Johnson who recently graduated from Algonquin College as a horticultural technician explained one of the first decisions to be made is

whether it is to be a flower garden, a vegetable garden or perhaps a combination of both. Once your garden type has been determined, then the location has to be determined with many factors to be taken into consideration. These include the locations itself, the amount of sun and rainfall available, the size and of course the plants to be planted.

Of importance is the preparation of the soil, with Johnson mentioning “it is important to add compost to the soil. It improves the soil structure and provides nourishment for your plants.” After removing the sod, she suggests adding approximately three inches of compost to the area and mix with soil, noting in an established garden an inch of compost should be added annually.

Once the location has been chosen and the soil prepared, the next series of decisions concern the plants themselves. Decisions at this stage include choosing between perennial or annual

plants; planting from seeds or transplanting seedlings; choosing either native or non-native plants and we haven’t even touched on what colour of plants for your garden! Johnson

suggests when choosing seedlings from a retail outlet, to “check for things such as leaf colour and stem/stalk strength” and ask for assistance from staff.

Once the planting is

completed, the next step is to ensure the plants receive adequate water and of course weeding is an ongoing process, and as Johnson says, “Get your hands dirty and have fun!”

## Why fence off your land?

Whether you live in the suburbs, city or country, you have several reasons to consider putting a fence around your property. Here are a few.

- **To create privacy.** If you live near a busy street or want to block your neighbour’s view of your backyard, a fence with solid panels will help keep prying eyes at bay.

- **To enhance safety.** A suitable fence that’s impossible to climb limits access to your pool, keeping adventurous neighbourhood children out of harm’s way.

- **To enclose an animal play area.** A fence built high enough to match your



pets’ jumping ability will give your little critters space to stretch their legs, without the risk of escaping.

- **To provide a wind break.** Minimize the impacts of heavy winds by building a well-anchored

fence with closely spaced posts and sufficient gaps to allow some air movement.

- **To minimize nuisances.** A high, thick fence can reduce noise pollution, making your outdoor space more peaceful.

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## Grass cuttings are the new black ice

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**CHESTERVILLE** – Now that spring has arrived, residents are able to work outside on their lawns and in their gardens after a long dreary winter.

The joys of cutting your lawn and being wrapped in the smell of freshly cut grass are summer traditions to look forward to. However, there is an unexpected and often overlooked aspect of all that grass cutting.

If your lawn borders on a busy highway or residential street where your lawn cuttings end up, it can be a matter of life and death.

Grass cuttings along roadways have been referred to as black ice for motorists.

Dumping grass cuttings on the road after mowing the lawn is more than just being a messy

neighbour, it is a hazard to cyclists and motorcycles.

Grass and grass clippings are 85 per cent water.

Even if there are no motorcycles driving over grass cuttings, they leave debris on the road and eventually contribute to poor drainage from the road of surface water. When they get dumped or sprayed out from under a lawn mower and onto a road, it can present a serious problem.

Motorcyclists have said that driving over clumps of grass or grass spread out over a paved road, wet or dry, is similar to trying to navigate over slick ice.

When driving over wet grass a motorcycle's tires can lose traction. Within seconds a driver can lose control of his or her motorcycle. What happens next is similar to hydroplaning or skidding.

The motorcycle may then turn on its side, drive into a ditch, strike a tree, or hit another vehicle. A motorcyclist can potentially have a fatal outcome when a motorcycle skids down a road as a result of a loss of traction due to grass cuttings.

Good and effective traction is especially important around curves.

If a rider is caught off guard by a stretch of road covered with grass cuttings, the results can be disastrous. A motorcyclist may have to switch lanes, slow down, or cross into oncoming traffic lanes to avoid grass clippings on the road. The injured motorcyclist may be able to hold a homeowner liable for damages if they have negligently discarded grass clippings that contributed to an accident.

## 7 chores kids can do in the garden

Gardening is an ideal opportunity to learn, observe nature and develop a sense of responsibility. Include your children in your gardening activities by having them take care of these seven tasks.

**1. Planting seeds.** From designing the plot to planting the seeds, these steps can be the beginning of a great adventure.

**2. Digging holes.** This task is an opportunity for your kids to learn how to use gardening tools. They can also just use their hands.

**3. Composting.** Although it's recommended to keep dead leaves on the ground to make the most of their benefits, adding them to a compost pile is also an excellent initiative for your kids.

**4. Harvesting.** Harvesting helps your children understand where their food comes from and teaches them to recognize when a fruit or vegetable is ripe enough to be picked.

**5. Weeding.** Using gardening gloves or a tool to pull weeds can be a fun activity. You can add to their enthusiasm by rewarding them for each weed they remove.

**6. Watering.** It only takes a quick lesson to teach a child how to correctly



water various plants.

**7. Spreading mulch.** Your youngest will have a great time spreading mulch with their hands. It's also an excellent opportunity for your older children to learn to use a rake.

There are loads of ways for your children to help you in the garden. Just be sure to assign them age-appropriate responsibilities.



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## Getting the grill ready to go

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

As the weather warms up and the sun shines longer, many Canadians are eager to break out their barbecues and start grilling. Before you start cooking up a storm, it's important to prepare your barbecue for the summer season. Here are some tips to help you get your barbecue ready for the summer:



### Clean your grill grates

One of the most important steps in preparing your barbecue for the summer is cleaning the grill grates. According to Food Network Canada's chef Ted Reader, cleaning your grill grates is essential for getting the best flavour out of your food. Use a grill brush to remove any leftover debris from last season. For tougher grime, you can use a ball of aluminum foil or a scouring pad. Once your grates are clean, oil them lightly to prevent sticking.

### Check your propane tank

If you have a gas grill, it's important to check your

propane tank for leaks or damage. The Canadian Propane Association recommends checking for leaks by applying a solution of soapy water to the tank and watching for bubbles. If you detect a leak, turn off the tank and have it serviced before using your grill. Levac Propane is a great source and has prefilled tanks available at many locations to make sure you don't run short.

### Inspect your grill for damage

Before using your barbecue, inspect it for any signs of damage or wear and tear. Look for rust, cracks, or loose fittings that could be a safety hazard.

According to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association of Canada, it's a good idea to have your grill inspected by a professional every few years to ensure it's in good working order.

It's also a good idea to make sure that no one has taken up residence in your grill over the winter months. Spiders, insects and even mice can make a very nice winter home in your grill, so it's a good idea to make sure they have moved on.

### Stock up on supplies

Make sure you have all the supplies you need for the summer grilling season.

This includes charcoal or propane, lighter fluid, grilling tools, and cleaning supplies. It's also a good idea to have a variety of spices and sauces on hand to add flavour to your food.

### Try out new recipes

Once your grill is ready to go, it's time to

experiment with new recipes. Canadian Living suggests trying out grilled vegetables, such as zucchini or bell peppers, for a healthy twist on your summer cooking. You can also try grilling fruit, such as pineapple or peaches, for a sweet and savory combination.

By following these tips, you can ensure your barbecue is in top shape for the summer season. Whether you're a seasoned grill master or a beginner, preparing your barbecue properly can make all the difference in the quality of your food and the safety of your cookout.

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# 2023 Spring Lawn & Garden Guide

## Starting a garden for beginners

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – At one time or another most homeowners, renters and apartment dwellers have the urge to have their own garden.

Creating a garden for the first time can be daunting but with a bit of research, a good shovel and an area in your yard or balcony, that can be your garden space, anything is possible.

A first step is finding out where your garden should be, is based on what part of your selected area has a great deal of sun. Plant instructions that call for “full sun” means the garden receives more than six hours of sunlight each day. Watch out for frost pockets, which can be dips or the lowest part of your yard and pay attention to how much wind you have racing by your garden. You might need some kind a wind protection.

One way to prepare the garden is to lay down about three layers of cardboard free from tape and staples. There is no need to dig up your garden spot. Next add soil, compost, and get planting annuals and perennials. You can use wood chips to create a path between the rows of your plants.

If you are working with a raised garden bed, fill with 30 to 40 centimetres of soil and compost.



The history of lawns points to 17th century England where only rich landowners had lawns. Work once done by sheep, increasingly shifted to human labour, especially closer to the house. Before lawnmowers existed, only a few 17th century homeowners could afford to hire people to scythe and weed their grass.

There are several reasons why a garden of any kind is good for you and the environment. There are health benefits from simply digging in the dirt. A garden helps to encourage you to want clean, local food.

The flowers in the garden help pollinators survive and, in many ways, apart from the vegetable or flowers in your garden contribute to your life-work balance.

In Canada there are about 6.2 million lawns. Converting just one-quarter of each would equal around 14,400 hectares of pollinator habitat.

It is a good idea to begin a garden-

planting journal. That way you are creating a useful instruction book for next year based on the success of your first year as a gardener.

Record where you planted each plant and how the plant did. That'll make it easier to plant crops next season. You can take

pictures and draw a map of beds and containers. Check regional planting guides to avoid failed crops.

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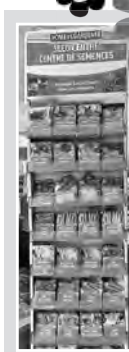
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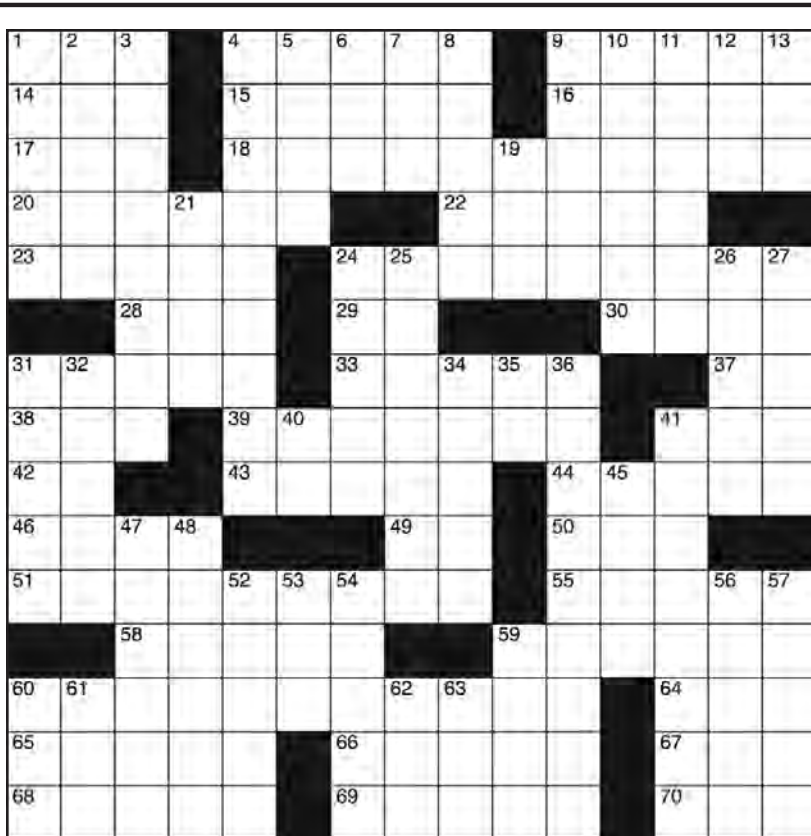
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Midway between south and southeast
4. Fathers
9. Wine grape
14. Al Bundy's wife
15. Organic compound
16. Venezuelan state
17. Interest term
18. Experts
20. Central cores of stems
22. Smooth and glossy
23. One-time S. Korean city
24. One from Damascus
28. Short message at the end of an email
29. It cools your home
30. Oh, God!
31. Intestinal pouches
33. Men
37. Popular English soccer team (abbr.)
38. Former CIA
39. Arrange in steps

CLUES DOWN

- 1. An involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction
2. Philly's rail service
3. Leaves a place
4. No longer be a part in
5. Guitar players use them
6. Cease to exist
7. General's assistant (abbr.)
8. Shaking of the earth
9. Strong winds
10. For each one
11. A bag
12. The creation of beautiful or significant things
13. Affirmative
19. Pie \_\_ mode
21. Noncerical
24. Inspirational football player Hamlin
25. Learning environment
26. Khoikhoi peoples
27. Bring out or develop
31. Shows up

- 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
42. The Great Lake State
43. Dog \_\_ to mark a page
44. Stop moving
46. Ancient Dead Sea region
49. Of I
50. Clerical vestment
51. Songs sung to a lover
55. Charges
58. Popular design program manufacturer
59. Where to park a boat
60. One who values reason
64. Slang for cigarette
65. Sailboats
66. Actress Zellweger
67. Screen material
68. Country music legend Haggard
69. Puts together in time
70. When you hope to arrive



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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.

## Back to Black Asphalt Crack Repair

INGLESIDE – Whether it’s a gravel based or asphalt laneway, Back to Black Asphalt Sealing and Crack Repair based in South Stormont can help to extend the life of this important residential or commercial asset.

Katola Watson, who owns and operates the business, explained that sealing asphalt puts a protective layer on top of the asphalt which protects the base layer from premature cracking and damage. He continued the company both re-do previous laneways or new asphalt driveway installation, with most of the residential work being in the field of laneway repair.

He mentioned the entire repair process takes between one to two hours depending on the size of the driveway. After removing grass, dirt and oil spots from the driveway, edges are straightened and cleaned. Care is taken not to encounter lawn or garden materials as well as stonework. Once the preparation work is completed, cracks and holes are filled with hot, commercial grade rubber after which the sealer is sprayed on the surface.

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# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Back to Black Asphalt Sealing and Crack Repair owner Katola Watson is seen near one of his company’s vehicles. Thompson Goddard Photo

matte black base which Watson commented resembled new asphalt when it dries and generally lasts for two to four years. He continued the shiny oil-based

sealers have a lifespan of one to two years and can increase both the curb appeal of property as well as add value.

Watson mentioned an advantage of

using a local company for laneway repair, is as the owner, he is available for consultation before, during and after the work is completed. He travels to all parts of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, with most of the work completed between May and November.

Back to Black Asphalt Sealing and Crack Repair also does commercial work, such as parking lot rejuvenation, a spring sweeping service as well as pothole repair. On the commercial side of the company he works with Crossroads Pavement Markings, noting that this accounts for a large part of his work.

When asked about start-up in a company providing this service, Watson explained the importance of customer service, mentioning the importance of starting small and staying local. He continued if you are considering starting a business, in this or any field, to make sure you like the work and are committed to the long hours and working conditions. Another consideration prior to beginning is the purchase or rental of heavy-duty vehicles needed for this type of business, that it is seasonal in nature and there will be a need to hire staff.

More information can be found on the company website [backtoblacksealing.ca](http://backtoblacksealing.ca).

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## Honouring Irene Broad, founder

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

OAK VALLEY – Volunteers of the Oak Valley Pioneer Park (VOVPP) held their spring clean up on Sat., May 13.

South Nation staff and volunteers from the Chesterville & District Historical Society joined VOPPP members to help remove brush and dead limbs while enjoying their time outside. Lester McInnis, a member of the organization, noted the damage from the Eastertide ice storm this year, which was relatively minimal considering its severity.

The organization’s annual general meeting was held during a lunch break, with executive members for the coming year elected. Lester McInnis will serve as president and Kim McInnis as secretary. Directors are John Adams, Lorraine Benoit, Jim Baker, Barclay Cormack, Murray Inch, Verne McMillan, and Jo Saunders.

Kim McInnis reported

discussions during the meeting included possible plant material to restore the area, the loss of the SNC gate sign and the counter at the gate to report visits to the park has not worked for a few years. She noted how “SNC’s Brent Harbers reported extensively on the ongoing struggle to acquire funding for the Riverbank Erosion Project,” which would help prevent the riverbank at the park from “slipping into the manmade channel.”

During the day, recognition was given to the late Irene Broad, nee Woolford who is the founder of the Oak Valley Pioneer Park. Last year, Jo Saunders, a member of the group, had a bur oak tree planted in her honour and this year a plaque was attached to a large stone close to the tree. The plaque reads “Planted in thankful recognition of Irene Broad (nee Woolford) 1926-2021, Founder Oak Valley Nut Tree Plantation and Pioneer Park 2022.

Saunders spoke of Woolford’s contribution, using information an article in the book “Our Watershed, Our Heritage,” written by Murray Inch. The article describes how Woolford was looking for a location to plant some black walnut seeds in the area, with SNC eventually providing the present location of the OVPPP. Relationships were established with the Society of Ontario Nut Growers, as well as a group headed by Ralph McKendry to develop this nature preserve. Joining the organization is Kim McInnis, a Bigford descendant.

“None of us, including the trees, would have been there today if it had not been for Irene’s vision and hard work,” commented Saunders. She continued Irene had been a frequent visitor to the plantation and “was delighted with the growth and variety of the nut trees planted. It goes to



### Serving up breakfast

Members of the Newington Firefighters Association took a quick break from cooking and serving breakfast for a photo. From the left, front row: Sam Burrell, Dale Stewart, and Ray Seguin. Back row: Allen Manley, Chris Branchaud, Andrew Stewart, Kyle Lefave, Drew Cameron, Jared Steele, Brian Sanderson, and Nathan Poirier.

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prove that one person can make a difference in this world – and for the good – and Irene did.”



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## South Stormont Fire and Rescue receives new Pumper/Tanker

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
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ST. ANDREWS WEST – A new Pumper/Tanker was welcomed into the fleet at South Stormont Station 4 in St. Andrews West on Fri., May 12. Firefighters were joined by South Stormont director of protection of persons and property/fire chief Morris Lamer, Deputy Mayor Andrew Guidon, administrative staff members and representatives of Battlefield Industries Ltd., were all on hand for the short ceremony that featured a recreation of pushing the fire truck into the station.

The ceremonial “push in”, dates from the time when fire engines were pulled by teams of horses. When returning to the station, the horses were unharnessed, and the fire engine was pushed by the firefighters into the station. District chief of Station 4 (St. Andrews) explained this is performed to bring luck to both the station and the fire truck.

Fire Chief Morris Lamer commented the

new Pumper/Tanker 4 will join a Pumper/Tanker 4, that will serve as a back up truck for the South Stormont Fire and Rescue service, and a Rescue 4 vehicle. He continued a Tanker 4 currently at Station 4 in St. Andrews will eventually be sold and decommissioned.

“The new Pumper Tanker is a 2022 Freightliner model custom built by Battlefield Industries Ltd.,” in a comment from a May 12 press release from South Stormont, which would substitute a PT4 due for replacement. “The new Pumper Tanker is equipped to accommodate a full pump crew of four firefighters as an initial response,” commented Lamer. He continued the new vehicle will serve “the Station 4 response area for many years to come.”

The purchase was contained in the municipal budget at a cost of \$675,049.68, with Station 4 firefighters to receive training to use the new pumper/tanker following which “the unit will be fully operational and ready to serve the community.”



Station 4 firefighters are joined by Deputy Mayor Andrew Guidon in front of the 2023 fire truck which officially joined the fleet at South Stormont Fire Station 4 in St. Andrews West. From the left: Acting Captain Kenny Chisholm, probationary firefighter Jayden Bowden, firefighter Matt Testa, Deputy Mayor Andrew Guidon, district chief Station 4 (St Andrews) Wes Atkinson, Captain Cameron Lacompte, firefighter Karley Kuzevski and firefighter Jason Lepine. Thompson Goddard Photo

## RAPA gets ready for “Lend Me A Tenor” in Russell

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

RUSSELL – There is no shortage of opportunities to enjoy live theatre in Russell.

The Russell Association for the Performing Arts, (RAPA) is getting ready to launch their spring performance of *Lend Me A Tenor*, a comedy written by Ken Ludwig. The play will be held at the Russell High School from May 27 to June 3.

RAPA puts on two plays each year and they have already selected their fall project which will be *Christmas Belles* a James Hope Wooten comedy.

Covid forced the theatre troop to put on an online play last year but *Lend Me A Tenor* marks their return to the live stage.

*Lend Me A Tenor* is a play filled with chaos, and

hilarious attempts by the cast to sort out the problems created by confused identities, a jealous wife and a star struck fan of an anxious leading man in an opera, not to mention the efforts of a replacement tenor trying to save the day for the Cleveland Grand Opera Company. The story is set in 1934 in a hotel suite in Cleveland, Ohio.

President of RAPA and the director for the play is Dave Rama. The show is produced by Michael Moreau.

Rama explained, “It is very funny.”

He added, “It’s a farce. It is very frantic and very high energy.”

The performance will keep its audience engaged. The energy and flow of the play does not slow down from the start to the finish.

Getting experienced actors for the show was not difficult.

“We have a couple of people from our last show

who decided to stick with us. We also have a number of veteran RAPA actors who are making their first appearance since Covid,” said Rama.

The show has eight people making up the cast.

Matching the characters in a production with the cast you are working with makes all the difference in how the audience will experience the show.

Rama said you have to look at what the character in the play is all about and look for a cast member that you can match to that character.

“We have ended up with a very good crew, a very funny group of people,” said Rama.

Putting the play together takes time, preparation, and practice.

“We did the auditions in late January and early February. This one is a little bit complex in movement, and being in the right spot. There is a lot of dialogue back and forth. This is not an easy one to memorize,” said Rama.

For information about the RAPA performance of *Lend Me A Tenor* and information about tickets go to [www.rapa.ca](http://www.rapa.ca)



From left to right: Paul Richmond, Jessa Miklos, Dave Rama, Melissa Fournier, Jennifer Rowberry, Scott Tomlinson, Jennifer Tomlinson and Sam Van Dusen. Courtesy Photo



## Russell Trivia Night gives mural plans a boost

Russell Trivia Night organizers held an exceptional trivia night on May 13 at the Russell Arena. The evening resulted in \$24,500 raised for the mural to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Village of Russell. Any extra funds will go toward further improvements to the main street. Left to right are Connie Johnston presenting the cheque to Dave Dyer, chair of the Russell 125 Committee. Russell Trivia auctioneer, Billy Cashman in the background.

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# OPP officers shot, one killed in Bourget

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

**BOURGET** – On the morning of May 11, shortly after 2:00 a.m., three members of the Russell County detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) attended a residence on Laval St. in the village of Bourget in response to a call of a gunshot being heard. Moments after their arrival, all three officers were shot, one of them fatally.

All three officers were taken by ambulance to the Civic Campus of the Ottawa Hospital where one of them, Sgt. Eric Mueller, 42, died. Mueller is the only one of the three officers who has to this point been identified.

During a news conference later that day, OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique reported that a suspect was arrested at the scene without incident by additional

officers who had responded to a call for backup. A long gun was recovered at the scene, but it has not yet been confirmed if it is the weapon used to shoot the three officers.

The suspect, identified as Alain Bellefeuille, 39, is, according to court documents, a resident of Laval St. in Bourget.

During the news conference, Carrique was quite clear in his interpretation of how the incident had developed. “They arrived at a residence on Laval St. in Bourget,” said Carrique, “and upon arrival three of our officers were ambushed and shot.”

Bellefeuille was subsequently charged with one count of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder. He was remanded in custody with his next court appearance slated for Thurs., May 18.

Of the two other officers who were injured, one was treated and released to recover at home while the third remains in hospital.

Mueller was a 21-year veteran of the force who started his policing career in Ottawa in 2002. In 2006, he was hired as a provincial constable and in 2018, he was promoted to sergeant. He leaves behind his wife and two young children.

A private police funeral is scheduled for Thursday at the Canadian Tire Centre in Kanata. The private service will be attended by Sergeant Eric Mueller’s family, their guests, members of the Ontario Provincial Police, representatives from other police services, Canadian Armed Forces’ members, emergency services’ personnel and officials at the Canadian Tire Centre.

A GoFundMe campaign has been started by the Russell County OPP to raise funds for the family of Eric Mueller, as well as



**Sgt. Eric Mueller**  
Courtesy Photo

the two injured officers and their families. As of Tuesday, just over \$43,000 of the \$50,000 goal had been raised.

# Metcalf Farmers’ Market opens for 2023 season

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**METCALFE** – By the end of the day at the Metcalfe Farmers’ Market, organizers had celebrated the 30th anniversary of the popular rural market and more than 2,000 visitors passed through the market entrance to enjoy the first day of another market season.

Market manager, Reean Slater said the opening was a perfect way to kick off the summer season. The market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Oct. 14.

“The weather was beautiful, and we were busy right up until closing time,” said Slater.

She said the market has a great community feel featuring new and longtime vendors that enjoyed great community support.

“We are going back to four-night markets.”

The night markets are planned for June 14, July 19, Aug. 9 and Sept. 6. The market will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The season opener featured 54 vendors, great weather, and live music courtesy of the band Stepping Out featuring Ken Gollan and Cindy Goldberg.

The market made a change this year and brought their Sunflower Café to the front entrance of the market, in the farmers’ community hall on the Metcalfe fairgrounds. The market gave away 250 packets of sunflower seeds that they can plant. The market is running a contest where patrons with sunflowers are invited to put their sunflower pictures online and tag the market at @metcalfefarmersmarket. Each tag puts that person into a draw to win a percentage of the market bucks.

The draw will take place on Sept. 30. The contest is sponsored by Debbie Lyall and Lyall’s Art and Design.

Special guests for the day were the Mayor of Ottawa Mark Sutcliffe and Osgoode Coun. George Darouze.

Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe said he had been to the market many times in the past as a visitor, but this was the first time as the mayor.

He said, “This is an amazing day for this, and this is what community is all about.”

Councillor Darouze and the mayor also had a chance to have some special anniversary cake courtesy of Bonnie Beach of Sweet and Naughty Delights, Darouze said, “They do an amazing job.”

He said the market is a great place to showcase what small business can do.



The Metcalfe Farmers’ Market celebrated 30 years of sharing agricultural excellence with visitors from across the region. Here is a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the market for the 2023 season that took place on Sat., May 13. Left to right are Cathy Proctor, former manager of the Metcalfe Farmers’ Market and now a vendor, Coun. George Darouze, Debbie Lyall, Susan Potter, president of the market, Phylliss Desnoyers one of the longest running vendors at the market, Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe, Larry Bazinette, and market manager Reean Slater.  
Morin Photo

# From the office of the Mayor

It is with deep sadness that we address the incident that occurred in Bourget during the early morning hours of May 11, 2023. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, friends, and colleagues of the officers involved in this tragic event. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of the fallen officer and offer our support to the injured officers and their loved ones.

“We are grateful for the quick response and professionalism demonstrated by the Russell County OPP Detachment in handling the situation. Our community stands behind our law enforcement officers, and we appreciate their dedication and commitment to keeping us safe.

We would like to express our gratitude to

the neighbouring communities, emergency services, and medical professionals who have assisted in the response to this incident. Your dedication and collaboration are deeply appreciated.

The Township of Russell is committed to providing any necessary support to the affected families and our local OPP detachment. We ask for your understanding and patience as the OPP works through this challenging situation.

May our community find strength and unity as we support those impacted by this tragedy.”

We will be lowering our flags at all municipal buildings until further notice.

*Pierre Leroux, Mayor*

## Dear Residents:

As the Mayor of Russell Township, I am deeply saddened by the news of the closure of Foyer St. Jacques Nursing Home in Embrun, a long-standing and beloved care home. Our thoughts are with the residents, families, and staff members who have been impacted by this decision.

While the closure of Foyer St. Jacques Nursing Home does not fall under the mandate of the Township of Russell, as a community, we recognize that this is a critical national challenge that highlights the challenges facing long-term

care facilities across Canada.

As a nation, we must come together to address the issues and gaps in our long-term care system and ensure that our loved ones are receiving the highest quality of care possible.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the staff members and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to care for the residents of Foyer St. Jacques over the years. We are grateful for their commitment to our community and the important role they have played in providing compassionate care to our

loved ones.

As we move forward, we remain committed to working collaboratively with our regional, provincial, and national partners to identify solutions which will address the challenges facing long-term care facilities in Canada. Our community will continue to support and advocate for the health and wellbeing of our residents, and I invite residents to make their voices heard with provincial and national representatives.

*Yours truly,  
Pierre Leroux, Mayor*

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