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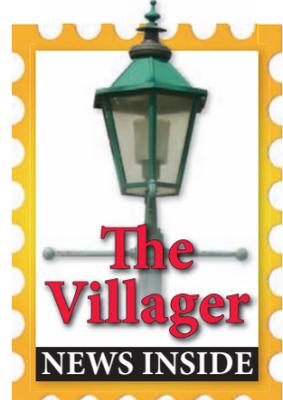
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Briefly

Green for the day

Earth Day is happening internationally this week on Sun., April 22. Get outside and enjoy nature or stop by the Raisin Region Conservation Authority's building in Cornwall for free trees. Celebrate Earth Day with the kids by gardening or making crafts with recycled materials.

Community Breakfast

There is a Community Breakfast at North Stormont Place in Avonmore on April 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., hosted by the Roxborough Agricultural Society. Everyone is welcome. This will also be the Stormont 4-H Breakfast Club Achievement Day.

Auction and bake sale

Christ Church United is hosting a blind bidding auction on all-new work tools on April 20, from 6-8 p.m. and April 21 from 8:30-11 a.m. There will be over 50 all-new tools (some still in the box) with reserve bids being auctioned, along with numerous cash and carry items between \$2-15. On Saturday, in addition to the auction, there will be a bake sale.

North Dundas Students restore vehicle for local Syrian family

CHESTERVILLE – The students at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) have embarked on a significant community project intended to enhance the lives of a Syrian refugee family that has settled in the community.

The family of five relocated to Winchester in mid-February and the three children have been enrolled in two Upper Canada District School Board schools – NDDHS and Winchester Public School.

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Weagant holds 65th Anniversary and Customer Appreciation Day

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Weagant Farm Supplies held their annual Customer Appreciation day on Wed., April 11. The event was attended by hundreds with cars lining the highway at the Winchester location. Owner-manager Stacey Weagant explained: "There are so many families and multi-generations coming through the doors. We're really excited; it's a great day."

The annual event, which falls just before producers can get onto the fields, is a symbol of spring.

The event was lucky to have one of the few sunny days of this spring, giving some hope for warmer temperatures. "Sit up, look at the sunshine, we need more of it so we can get on the land. Everyone is here because they can't be on the land," said Laird Weagant, vice president.

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Roll for the win

There was wind and snow but that didn't bother those gathered for the 2018 Peter van Kessel Memorial Duck Race that ended up being a ticket draw. See story on page 2.

Thompson Goddard photo

Annual Dutch Heritage Day Dinner/Dance held

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CHESTERVILLE – Since 2005 the Rotary Club of Chesterville & District has held an annual Dutch Heritage Day Dinner/Dance, with the 2018 event being held on April 14 at the Chesterville Legion. Member of the organizing committee Ruth Gilroy told *The Record* that just over 140 tickets were sold for the evening which included a catered meal, watching a video created by Vince Zandbelt with pictures of Holland and listening to music provided by Shad's Disco.

Ruth Gilroy was Club president in 2005 when Rotary International celebrated its centennial and asked clubs to organize an event around a significant aspect of its local culture. Gilroy explained how Rotarian Kaireen Cotnam suggested holding an event to celebrate the contribution of the post-war Dutch immigrants to the area.

Rotary Club President Martin Derks planned to

explain during his address how the event is a fundraiser for Ryan's Well Foundation in Kemptonville. "Every year what is left over from this evening, usually around \$700.00 is turned over to Chesterville Rotary," he said, and the Club adds to it, so "up to \$1,000 is donated to Ryan's Well in Kemptonville." Ryan's Well Foundation is an organization that seeks to provide clean water to people living in developing countries.

During the social hour which preceded the meal, catered by Christ Church United, student volunteers Jacob Zandbelt and Keely Zandbelt, dressed in traditional Dutch clothing from the Volendam region in Northern Holland, served appetizers which included the Dutch hors d'oeuvre bitterballen. Bitterballen are a popular snack, similar to a meatball, made with a variety of ground meats and spices and deep fried.

The Rotary Club of Chesterville & District will celebrate its 80th anniversary in 2018.

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Old Man Winter forced a draw in the 2018 Peter van Kessel Memorial Duck Race

Continued from the front
Carolyn Thompson Goddard
 Record Correspondent

CHESTERVILLE – The unspring-like weather made it impossible for the ducks to take to the water for the 2018 Peter van Kessel Memorial Duck Race, so a small group gathered to watch as three tickets were drawn in the gazebo at the Chesterville waterfront at 1 p.m. on Sat., April 14.

Nine hundred tickets were sold for the duck race which was changed to a draw due to the inclement weather. The first place prize of \$500 was won by Tammy Shaver when Jacquie Sutherland drew her ticket, while Bayter Merkley and Archie Robinson were the second



Call it a draw

With John Stewart, Jacquie Sutherland and Rotary president Martin Derks looking on, Lauren Meharg hands Beate Stewart one of the winning tickets in the 2018 Peter van Kessel Memorial Duck Race.

Thompson Goddard photo

and third place winners their tickets from the drum, a \$100 prize and third place when Lauren Meharg drew with second place providing \$50.

Annual Dutch Heritage Day Dinner/Dance held

Continued from the front

Congratulations to the Organizing Committee – Dutch Heritage Day Dinner/Dance

Many hours of planning resulted in another successful Dutch Heritage Day Dinner/Dance held at the Chesterville Legion on April 14. The annual event is a fundraiser for Ryan's Well Foundation in Kemptville, with President Martin Derks commenting during his address how up to \$1,000 is generally donated to that organization. Members of the organizing committee are shown at right. Front, from left: Vince Zandbelt, Lise Buma, Rotary President Martin Derks. Back, from left: Jacob Zandbelt, Ruth Gilroy, Pauline VanKessel, Dini Van Delst-Peters, Kaireen Cotnam, Andia De Jong, Corrie McRae, Aida Scheepers, Keely Zandbelt.



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Enjoying a taste of Holland – bitterballen appetizer

Vince Zandbelt is pictured with St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary student Keely Zandbelt who served bitterballen, a Dutch appetizer, during the social hour prior to dinner at the Dutch Appreciation Night at the Chesterville Legion on April 14. Thompson Goddard photo

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Trailer: 5 x 9 dump trailer operated from tractor hydraulics; tandem axle utility trailer

Misc. Items: Honda powered 25 ton trailer-type wood splitter; vertical or horizontal cattle chute; (2) heated water bowls; (13) steel gates; calf warming box; 24' extension ladder; Mastercraft jaws-type ladder; used metal roofing; quantity dried split elm firewood; Stihl MS 170 chainsaw; Husquvama 455 Rancher chainsaw; Canox sparkler welder; Lincoln 180 mig welder; set of torches and cart; shop compressor; tire changer; pressure washer; chop saw; large quantity of hand and electric tools, wrenches and sockets, air tools, tool boxes and chests, nuts, bolts, and chains

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Weagant

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Laird was happy to have a day to spruce up the shop and welcome everyone. "It's truly a customer appreciation day. We can shut everything down and our employees get a day of relaxation. They take great pride in it as well, putting a lot of work into organizing everything," he said. "And when we have close to 600 customers arrive, it's pretty nice."

The 65th Anniversary celebration featured good food and a lot of inventory on display. Most importantly it was a celebration of an accomplishment that has lasted through three generations of ownership. "Getting to 65 years is an accomplishment based on the people you have working around you. We have gone



Serves up

Owner-managers Stacey Weagant and Julie Black served up bratwurst to the hundreds of customers at Weagant Farm Supplies in Winchester for their 65th Anniversary and Customer Appreciation Day.

Sawyer Helmer photo

to the third generation that is supported by a staff of managing the facility and quite simply it's been people that have just been great," said Laird.



On display

Vice president Laird Weagant and owner-manager Stacey Weagant showed visitors a vast selection of machines on display during the Anniversary and Customer Appreciation Day in Winchester on Wednesday.

Sawyer Helmer photo

Free trees in celebration of Earth Day

STORMONT – The Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA) is once again inviting the public to join them in celebrating Earth Day. White Spruce seedlings, limited to ten per family, will be given to two hundred local residents who would like to beautify their home as well as contribute to the environment. Due to the high demand in previous years, they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

"We have 2,000 seedlings available and look forward to meeting with the public and answering any tree related questions they may have," commented Normand Génier, RRCA Forestry Specialist. "With the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer insect in Cornwall, this year's Earth Day Tree Giveaway provides an excellent opportunity to pick up some replacements."

In urban areas, trees contribute to the environment and aesthetic well-being of the community as well as create or enhance wildlife habitat, provide windbreaks and cooling shade. Educational materials on nest boxes for birds and other wildlife information will also be provided.

Anyone is encouraged to drop by and chat with the helpful staff and volunteers who are looking forward to assisting others enjoy Earth Day on Sat., April 21 starting at 10 a.m. at the workshop site of the Gray's Creek Conservation Area & Marina Complex located at 18045 County Road 2 in Cornwall.

While the trees are free, donations are accepted. Larger potted trees will also be available but at a cost. Evergreens sell for \$10 and deciduous sell for \$15. There will be a raffle featuring prizes donated from various local businesses. The funds from donations, potted trees and the raffle ensure the continuation of this and other similar forestry programs.

The Raisin Region Conservation Authority has been working effectively with community partners for over fifty years to protect and enhance the local environment. It carries out this role through programs and services related to water and land management, conservation, recreation and plan input/review and community education. For more information, visit www.rcca.on.ca.



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The agenda will consist of:

- a call for volunteers
- ratification of the 2018 executive
- update on the club's status
- discussion about this year's season

The meeting will be at the Chesterville Legion on **Wednesday April 18 at 7:00pm** Light refreshments will be served.

For more information visit: www.ndusc.ca

Unable to attend, but still have questions? email us at: vicepresident@ndusc.ca

Ontario Renovates 2018

New application round opens Monday, April 16th

Assistance available to low & modest income homeowners in Cornwall and SDG

A new application round will open on Monday, April 16th for Ontario Renovates, a popular home improvement program that assists low and modest income families and seniors in Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

Application forms for the program will be available as of Monday, April 16th. Please note there is a dedicated amount of funding so interested homeowners are encouraged to apply early.

Ontario Renovates has two components:

- A **Necessary Home Repair** component where eligible homeowners can receive a maximum forgivable loan of \$18,000, which is earned over a ten year period. Projects which may qualify under this component include upgrades to heating systems, doors, windows, roofs & electrical systems.
- An **Accessibility Modification** component where eligible homeowners can receive a maximum grant of \$5,000. Projects which may qualify under this component include ramps and handrails.

Participating homeowners must be within the income limits per household (\$42,000 to \$62,000 depending on household size) and the house assessment value must be below \$191,735.

For more information on this program, its requirements and an application form, please visit the City of Cornwall website, www.Cornwall.ca. Copies of the application form can also be obtained from the Social Housing Division at the City of Cornwall at 340 Pitt Street or by calling (613) 930-2787 ext. 2344.



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Editorial

When the lights go out

They say you never miss what you have, until you don't. This is especially true of power.

As the unprecedented ice storm was poised to slam eastern Ontario on Sunday, I made a few half-hearted preparations. I was not worried. After all, since when are weather warnings accurate, and, most importantly, we never lose power.

So on Monday, as the ice pellets sliced the air and the wind howled, I snuggled up with my son, settling in for a day of Netflix as we celebrated his school-free day. The only fly in the ointment was that the power kept dimming, resetting our modem. It was okay, because it always came back on.

Until it didn't.

My first thought was to check the internet to see who else had lost power. I had thought to charge all electronic devices, but forgot that the actual modem runs on electricity. I then resorted to something that I had not done in a while, I called Hydro One.

Now, with twelve-plus hours of projected power outage for my area, I realized that my preparations had not been even close to good enough.

Everything runs on electricity. Even our water comes from a well, and you need a pump to get it out of the well. A pump that is run on, you guessed it, electricity.

Suddenly, everything was a challenge. Need to wash your hands? No luck. Want to eat something? Don't open the fridge.

My son is the one who saved the day. Treating what I perceived as a calamity to be an adventure in pioneering, we cooked eggs on the wood stove. We found ways to illuminate the house. We even read aloud together, taking turns.

In the end, we made memories that I will cherish forever. Let's just hope, though, that April ice storms stay that way, a memory.

Lisa Ellis

CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Hot dog heaven

What about that April weather, eh? Yea, I know... it makes you want to remain indoors until May when, hopefully, spring will be upon us.

I spent the weekend in Prescott where, as of Saturday afternoon, the weather turned even more vicious than it had been, with blowing snow, and ice, and cold. Lynn and I entered the Brockville Arts Centre under relatively normal skies Saturday at about 2 p.m., only to emerge at 4:30 into a freaking blizzard. Come on!

Except for a foray on foot out for a pub dinner Saturday night, fighting against the wind all the way, we holed up in the house until Monday when I salted the steps, shovelled the snow bank from the end of the driveway, and scraped the ice off the car.

With the weather removed as a gauge for the arrival of spring, I've turned to other indicators. Overlooking the St. Lawrence Seaway, one of them is the return of freighter traffic following the official reopening of the shipping channel at the end of March. If the ships are flowing again, it must be spring, right? This year, that

appears not to be the case.

When the big boats return after a three-month mid-winter hiatus, there's sudden motion and colour slipping past the front window – mostly red with rust accents – and things liven up again. At night, if I happen to wake up which I do consistently as if I'm in tune with the rhythm of the river, bright lights on shadowy forms drift through the darkness as commercial navigation pauses for nothing... except for that mid-winter break.

Once the Seaway reopens, the excitement builds as I wait almost breathlessly to spot my first ship of the season. When it comes churning past Prescott, I give a satisfied shout-out, causing Lynn to heave a sigh and roll her eyes if she happens to be around.

To the east, arriving or departing vessels are framed by the International Bridge linking the Canadian shore to New York State; some of them make a pit stop at Port of Johnstown about 2 km from my house. Close to downtown – about five blocks west of my place – is the Canadian Coast Guard Prescott Base, home port to light icebreaker The Griffon which adds to the nautical activity.

I like the way the annual Seaway opening is

conducted with appropriate fanfare. This year, the 60th navigation season, the new, state-of-the-art Algoma Niagara did the honours as first ship locked through the Welland Canal. Captain Chesley Thorne was suitably decked out for the occasion in traditional top hat.

Thorne's ship is representative of a multi-billion dollar fleet renewal program undertaken by owners underlining the industry's confidence in continued success of the waterway. Their mantra is shipping remains the most efficient way of moving cargo with the lowest carbon footprint; some 160 million tons of cargo pass through the system every year.

So far I haven't spotted the 740-foot Algoma Niagara – it would be hard to miss – but I'm keeping my eyes peeled. No rust accents on that beauty! Built in China, she's got a sister ship, the Algoma Sault, also expected to come on line in 2018; the dry and liquid self-unloading bulk carriers represent the latest in performance and fuel efficiency intended to minimize environmental impact.

Simultaneously to the rebuilding of the fleet, St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation sunk more than \$1-billion



into asset maintenance, renewing many parts of the infrastructure dating back to 1959 in the Montreal-Lake Ontario section, and to 1932 in the Welland Canal where \$100-million was invested alone.

It's Monday morning and while waiting to see my first ship, I gaze out the front window over an icy King Street to a breakwater draped in snow, to the wind-whipped St. Lawrence. It seems like a dream now, but late last week when the permanent cold front was softened by a rare appearance of the sun, I stopped at Kevin "Herk" Hutt's food cart in downtown Prescott for an oversized Herk Dog with all the fixin's.

I'd heard weather reports that it was going to turn nasty again but right then and there, I couldn't believe them. That obvious springtime activity of munching on a hot dog outside under the sun seems like something that happened long ago and far away, maybe in another life.

Please, Lord, when will it all end? When will I be in hot dog heaven again?

NDDHS Report

By Rosie Backes

Student Council Communications

Spring events begin



CHESTERVILLE – On Wed., April 11, the school received a presentation from the organization Live Different. The presentation focused on the struggles of being different and being a teenager in general.

In light of the recent tragedy that took place not long ago in Humboldt, North Dundas staff and students stood together to support the Broncos by wearing a jersey on Thurs., April 12.

With the surprising weather for April, the students got one more day off for a long weekend, and what was the eleventh snow day of the year. Here's hoping it was the last.

The senior fashion show tickets went on sale yesterday, April 17, for \$2 each. It will be taking place Wed., April 25 for all students who would like to watch.

Prom tickets also went on sale yesterday. Prom will be taking place Fri., May 25 at the Greyhawk Golf Course. Tickets are \$65 each and will only be on sale until May 9.

This Friday, April 20 will be camo and h-ick day for the students and staff of North Dundas. Make sure to dress the part to earn points for your grade!

The Road Home

Memories of home

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

Chesterville is my hometown. When I think back, way back to the 1960's and 70's, memories of playing in backyards throughout the village, riding my bicycle up and down the streets or walking to school and back again (four times a day about a mile each way, no matter what the weather) come to mind and a smile comes across my face.

In fact, looking back I have no recollection of living anywhere else than the house on King Street during my childhood and adolescence. I remember Mom telling me about the day I was born and how Daddy had gone in to Nestle's to work, then she had to phone the plant to have him take her to the hospital and was worried about how long it took him to make it home. This was always a bit of a mystery to me because in my mind the family was living on King Street when I was born, and it would have taken Dad just a few minutes to get home. It was then Mom reminded me how we were not living in Chesterville then but rather on the farm located north of Morewood in

Gordonville, a little bit further than the short walk I had imagined.

While I had often visited the farm before it was sold to one of my Dad's cousins, it had slipped my mind that my first home had not been Chesterville but rather Morewood, not far from where my great-grandparents had settled in the late 1800's. I remember a couple of times how a friend of my oldest brother by the name of Bill Smirle had reminded me that while I had grown up in Chesterville, my first home had been Morewood and as such was an important part of my heritage.

I have often driven through Morewood and admired the impressive cenotaph which is located at the centre of this small town. The statue of Captain Glasgow is situated atop four granite slabs located inside a well-maintained fence and grounds, with the names of the local people who made the supreme sacrifice during World War I and World War II as well as the Korean War, inscribed on plaques. When one considers this cenotaph was completed by a community of a few hundred people in 1921 it becomes even more apparent how deeply the loss of their sons had affected the town. Each time you pass

the cenotaph you are reminded how indeed "Their name liveth forever more".

The centennial of the dedication of this memorial is rapidly approaching and a small group of people discussed how this milestone could be commemorated. I had thought about maybe having a nice picture taken or a small picture painted, chatted with a few people about such a project and eventually it was decided to have a painting of the cenotaph produced and donated to the Morewood Memorial Committee. The Chesterville & District Historical Society came on board and Gordon Coulthart, a former resident of Morewood and professional artist, was commissioned to create the painting with the cost raised by interested individuals and organizations.

The painting is completed and on Mon., April 30 a reception will be held at the Morewood Community Centre beginning at 7 p.m. During the evening, the painting will be unveiled by the artist and presented to the Morewood Memorial Committee, with local dignitaries and donors in attendance. The Morewood Memorial Committee has extended an open invitation to members of the local community to the event.



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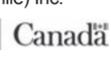
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Byers Funeral Home celebrates 25 years

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Byers Funeral Home Inc. held an open house on Sat., April 7 to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Vicky Byers, funeral director, began her current path in Toronto where she received her license to work as a funeral director. She then worked in Ajax/Pickering for five years before returning home to build the Byers Funeral Home with her mother and father. Now, 25 years later, they are a big part of the South Mountain and Dundas community.

“We are very proud to serve our community and so glad that people trust us. We have been so overwhelmed with people trusting us to take care of their families and that people thought enough of us to do that. People really turn to us in their time of need and we’ve been there for them. We provide a service that not everyone can help with, but we are here for people when they need us at any time,” said Vicky.



Nurturing trust

Vicky Byers, funeral director, Gloria Byers, owner, and Ken Guy, funeral director assistant, welcomed visitors to Byers Funeral Home during their 25th anniversary celebration and open house on Sat., April 7.
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During the open house a number of community members made their way through to show their support and gratitude. They also enjoyed light snacks and refreshments while mingling with friends.



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~ DEATH NOTICE ~



CURRAN, Bernard Anthony

Bernard Anthony Curran passed away at his Chesterville home on April 10, 2018, age 82.

Following his years in the Royal Canadian Air Force, his career led him into carpet installation and on returning to Chesterville, established Curran Carpet Centre and became well known in the community.

In retirement he volunteered with several organizations including the Royal Canadian Legion, the Green Action Gang, the Chesterville Kayak Club and the Canadian Cancer Society. Bernie loved to play golf and to fly his Biplane, "The Spirit of Grantley".

He was predeceased by his parents Gerald Curran and Hilda McMillan and his wife Madeline MacMillan. Bernie is survived by his daughters Gail Curran, Ottawa; Susan Bongers (Paul), Franktown; Cheryl Rudiak (Rod), Windsor and Lynne Hume (James), Courtise. Grandchildren William, Madeline, Anthony, Bryanna, Cole, Raija, Griffin and great-granddaughter Beatrice. Brothers Michael (Bonnie) and Garry of Hamilton, sisters Dolly Goodwin, Hamilton and Karen Poirier, Alexandria. He was much loved and will be sadly missed by his long time best friend and caregiver Shirley Coons. He chose his friends Thea Chouinard, Andrew Cotnam, Charles Curran, Wayne LaPrade, Bonnie MacIntosh and Richard McMillan for pallbearers.

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On the same day, and shortly after the closing time, the tenders will be opened, and the total tendered amount will be read publicly.

The tender documents may be studied at EVB Engineering's office (208 Pitt Street, Cornwall, Ontario) commencing on Monday April 16th, 2018. Contract documents may be purchased from EVB Engineering for a non-refundable fee of \$100 plus HST. Alternatively, the documents may be obtained digitally by contacting the engineer noted below.

A mandatory job showing will be held **Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:00 AM** at the intersection of Sunset Dr. and Moulinette Island Causeway St.

Each tender must be accompanied by a tender deposit in the form of a certified cheque, bank draft or bid bond for minimum of 10% of the total tendered amount, made payable to the Township of South Stormont.

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Questions will be received until end of day April 26th, 2018 and shall be sent in writing to the Engineer. The Township reserves the right to distribute any and all questions (anonymously) and answers pertaining to this tender by addenda. The final addendum, if applicable, will be issued on April 27th, 2018.

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Volunteering is easier than it has ever been before

According to the organization Volunteer Canada's studies, six out of 10 Canadians have volunteered at some point in their lives. Typically, Canadians volunteer either early or late in life. Canadians between 15 and 18 have the highest rate of volunteerism while those between 65 and 74 volunteer the most total hours. Sixty-one per cent of Canadians who do not volunteer claim they are unable to make long-term commitments. Luckily, between social media and national efforts by groups like Volunteer Canada, it's easier than ever to connect with organizations and people who need your help in a way that fits your schedule. How can I get involved? This year, Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week runs from April 15 to 21. It's an annual effort to get the word out about how and where Canadians can volunteer to help their communities.

Many Canadians think they cannot volunteer their time because, between family and work, they're not able to make additional commitments. One way that even these Canadians who don't have a

lot of time can get involved, however, is micro-volunteering. This kind of volunteering is based on the idea of crowd-sourcing.

Big projects are broken down into small pieces that a large number of people can contribute to in small ways. These contributions are often done through computers or smartphones and may take only a couple of hours or even a few minutes of your time. Contact Volunteer Canada to find out more about how you can get involved this April.

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Playing cards pays off for Canadian Cancer Society

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

FINCH – For over a decade Alex MacLeod has organized an euchre tournament in memory of his friend Bob Sanderson, a euchre enthusiast, who passed away from cancer. Despite the wintry mix of ice-rain and snow forecast for Saturday, 68 people attended the 11th annual Bob Sanderson Memorial Euchre Tournament held at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 357 in Finch on April 14.

As euchre players enjoyed fellowship and card playing, MacLeod explained the event is a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society, raising an average of \$2,000 per year for cancer research and has always been held at the Finch Legion.

Included in the afternoon event was a light lunch and silent auction, with MacLeod expressing his “thanks for the ongoing support from everyone.” He gave a



Euchre Tournament raises funds for cancer research

The forecast of snow and ice rain didn't deter the 68 people who participated in the 2018 Bob Sanderson Memorial Euchre held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 357 in Finch.

Thompson Goddard photo

special thanks to the Finch Legion, which provided the venue free of charge, before thanking both the generosity of local businesses and individuals who provided items for the silent auction and the people who braved the wintry weather to attend the tournament.

This year the tournament raised approximately \$2,500 for cancer research.



Bob Sanderson Memorial

During a lull in the card playing, Janice Sanderson, Alex MacLeod and Legion President Susan Rainey take a moment near the silent auction during the Bob Sanderson Memorial Euchre Tournament held on April 14 at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 357 in Finch.

Thompson Goddard photo

Playhouse announces 2018 charity fundraising event

MORRISBURG – Upper Canada Playhouse once again is making tickets available for a performance of one of its summer shows to local non-profit charitable service organizations to assist them with their community work. This year's event will be on Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. A performance of the comedy *Plaza Suite*. Fifteen organizations will each receive eighteen tickets that they can sell and retain all the proceeds for their community work. “This is not a

fundraising event for the Playhouse. It is a fundraising event for the organizations. They are given the tickets to sell and they keep the revenue from their sales. It's as simple as that,” says Artistic Director Donnie Bowes. All these groups are asked to do is apply for the tickets with the organization's name, contact name, contact phone number and/or email address, a statement explaining their status as a non-profit charitable organization, the nature of their work and

what the funds will be used for.

Qualified groups will receive tickets on a first come, first served basis. Successful applicants are also asked to contact the Playhouse if they are not able to sell all of their tickets so these tickets can be given to other groups who can use them.

Contact Upper Canada Playhouse with the above information by fax at 613-543-4388 or drop off an application at the Box Office.

National VOLUNTEER Week

April 15 to 21, 2018



THREE WAYS volunteering pays off

When we think about volunteering, various activities come to mind: serving hot meals to those in need, cleaning up polluted riverbanks or refurbishing books at the local elementary school, for example. But did you know that donating your time to causes like those could also have a significant impact on advancing your career? Read on to find out how.

1. Relevant experience When you're fresh out of school and most jobs require at least a years' experience, volunteer work can come to your rescue. If you've ever donated your time to special projects, humanitarian causes or cultural events during your studies, these experiences — which you'll have, of course, mentioned in your CV — just might get you that interview (and maybe even the job!).

2. Step ahead Eyeing a promotion at your job? Your volunteering experience could work in your favour. If the decision-makers at your place of work know that, during your spare time, you're a volunteer hockey coach, for instance, they may be more inclined to offer you an executive position.

3. Professional contacts Volunteering is a great way to expand your network of contacts. For instance, when you're a volunteer member of an organization in charge of planning a charitable event, you get to meet regularly with people from all walks of life. Who knows — these informal meetings might one day grow a profitable partnership.



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ND Students restore vehicle for Syrian family

Continued from the front

Working with the Dundas Coalition for Refugee Support to coordinate the project, the students in the senior transportation technology class at NDDHS are now repairing a donated vehicle to give to the Syrian family.

This is a joint effort between the school, the coalition and some businesses in the community.

"The community involvement is important. It's hard to do it without them. If they cover the costs



Enhancing lives

NDDHS students in the senior transportation technology class have been working on repairing a donated vehicle to give to a Syrian refugee family that relocated to North Dundas this winter.

Courtesy photos

and we do the labour, it works out really well," explained Andrew Whitton, the teacher spearheading the

project. "The students are learning how to apply their skills that they have learned."



"I think it's a great thing we are doing this because they came here with really nothing and it's good to

give something back to them when they are coming into our community and don't really know anyone. It

opens up new doors for them, and for us too," said Grade 12 student Nathan Boucher.

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One community from coast to coast

CANADA – On April 12, across the country, Canadians showed their support for the families suffering from the loss of now 16 hockey players and team members from the Humboldt Broncos' bus crash. Throughout the county communities of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, and Prescott and Russell, schools, businesses and community members wore their hockey jerseys.



Show of support

Students from North Dundas District High School wore their jerseys to school on April 12. Courtesy photo

The jersey day for the Broncos initiative sparked after a group of hockey parents in B.C. wanted to show the families affected that Canada is one community and is here to support them. The movement spread so far across the globe, people from countries around the world posted pictures of themselves in their jerseys to social media.



Banding together

Photo left. Russell High School shows their support for the Humboldt victims, survivors and the families of all those affected by wearing their jerseys on April 12. Courtesy photo

For others who did not own a jersey or could not wear one, a green ribbon has been adopted to symbolize a connection to the team.



Small but strong

The young students of St. Mary Catholic School in Chesterville wore their jerseys for Humboldt. The elementary children are a reminder that Canada's strength as one community lasts throughout the generations. Courtesy photo

Another tribute for the victims began April 8 when Brian Munz from TSN shared a photo on Twitter of a friend he went to high school with in Humboldt who had left hockey sticks on his porch in case "the boys might need it ... wherever they are." Munz invited everyone to do the same and soon #putyourstickout and #stickoutforhumboldt roared across social media. On April 9, porches across North America proudly displayed their sticks in honour of the victims, and many continue to do so.



From class rooms to the coasts

Mrs. Robinson's Grade 1-2 class of Chesterville Public School wore their jerseys on April 12 as part of the Canada-wide jersey day for the Humboldt Broncos. Courtesy photo

Support for the team has not just been symbolic. So far the GoFundMe account has raised over \$12-million in only 10 days.

The account page explains: "We'll accept donations through this GoFundMe until Wed., April 18 at 11:59 p.m. MST. While no online donations will be accepted after that, the GoFundMe will remain live so we can continue to update everyone on our progress in allocating funds."

"The funds donated through the GoFundMe campaign will be transferred to a newly created non-profit corporation known as Humboldt Broncos Memorial Fund Inc. to be allocated for their intended purpose."

"An advisory committee is being established to make a recommendation for the allocation of these funds, which will be held in trust until that allocation occurs. Once we have formalized the composition of this committee, we will provide you with an update."

"Once donations to the GoFundMe are off, people who still want to help can contact the Broncos here: <https://humboldtstrong.info/contact/>."



Adorned with yellow roses

Two hockey sticks were attached to the Chesterville Rotary gazebo along the waterfront last week to show the community's support for the families who lost loved ones in the Humboldt bus crash. The sticks, erected by The Rotary Club of Chesterville and District, were adorned with yellow roses. Sawyer Helmer photos

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Delegarde seeks re-election

SOUTH DUNDAS – On April 16, South Dundas Mayor Evonne Delegarde announced her intention to seek re-election as mayor in the upcoming municipal election. In her press release, Delegarde said she intends to file her papers in late May after returning from family time in Calgary spent with her sons and husband.



Mayor Evonne Delegarde

Delegarde has served the municipality for nine years and has been mayor for the past four years. “I believe we have made progress and addressed some tough issues that have allowed us to move forward to become a better municipality and offer better customer service to ratepayers,” she said in her release.

Delegarde added that she hopes to build on the progress made so far: “I wish to continue to represent the community that I love and am passionate about. I enjoy attending community events and meeting residents, receiving feedback and working to resolve issues and concerns

File photo in the best interests of the municipality. The next four years will be a great opportunity to build on some key steps taken during this term of Council. Recently South Dundas won the Provincial Economic Development Award for the student technology partnership with Ross Video and the Upper Canada School Board; and I feel there is more that can happen.”

CCH Celebrating Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month

CORNWALL – Cornwall Hospital has been a designated Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) hospital since June, 2013. In an effort to increase organ and tissue donation through TGLN’s Routine Notification Program, Cornwall Hospital staff report impending patient deaths to TGLN. If a person is eligible to donate, a specially-trained coordinator will work closely with hospital staff and physicians to discuss donation with the family. Since 2014, there have been 42 organ and tissue donors at Cornwall Hospital.

Cornwall Hospital is celebrating April as Be A Donor Month with a flag being displayed for the entire month at its main entrance. “One organ donor can save as many as eight lives, and we know that today in Cornwall there are seven people waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant,” explains Mike Kroon, Clinical Support Supervisor and

clinical lead for the tissue and organ donation program at CCH. “We appreciate that these are extreme personal decisions; at the same time we have witnessed the tremendous rewards.” The registration rate in the Cornwall region has increased by 135 per cent since 2011, and is currently 35 per cent, higher than the provincial average of 32 per cent.

In October, 2017 CCH was the recipient of the Trillium Gift of Life Network Conversion Rate Award for exceeding the target set by TGLN. In 2016-17, 100 per cent of potential donors referred by CCH went on to give the gift of life.

To register your consent to organ and tissue donation, visit <https://www.beadonor.ca/campaign/www-cornwallhospital-ca>.

CDHS to present painting of WWI cenotaph to Morewood Memorial Committee

MOREWOOD – For Canadians, the First World War, or as it is sometimes referred to, the Great War for Civilization, began on Aug. 4 when Great Britain declared war on Germany following the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914. It concluded on Nov. 11, 1918 when an Armistice was signed in Paris between the Allies and the Central Powers which included Germany and Austria. Over 60,000 Canadians were killed during this global conflict and after the war was over many communities across Canada erected memorials to those who had served and died during this war.

In 1919 a Memorial Committee

composed of Albert Glasgow, Hector Carruthers, Allan Smirle, William Bouck and Albert Countryman signed a contract with Laurin Monuments in Ottawa to construct a monument to those in the Morewood area who died while serving their country. The Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville, other groups and individuals donated money for its construction. The Glasgow family of Morewood commissioned a statue of Captain Ernest Glasgow, which sits atop the four granite slabs. The statue was dedicated in early July, 1921. After the Second World War and the Korean War concluded, plaques commemorating those who served from the area in those conflicts were added to the memorial.

Almost 100 years later, the Chesterville & District Historical Society commissioned professional artist and former Morewood resident Gordon Coulthart of Ottawa to create a painting of the cenotaph as the centennial of its dedication in July, 1921 approaches. As was the case in the creation of the cenotaph, the money for the painting was raised by public subscription. This painting will be donated to the Morewood Memorial Committee by the CDHS during a presentation evening for donors, community members and local politicians. Members of the Morewood Memorial Committee, the Chesterville & District Historical Society and Mr. Coulthart will be available to answer questions during this event scheduled for April 30 at 7 p.m. in the RA Centre.

For more information please contact either Bill Smirle at wilson.smirle@sympatico.ca or Carol Goddard at carol.goddard@sympatico.ca

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Vikings win fifth consecutive championship #D45

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CASSELMAN— The Casselman Vikings played Games 4 and 5 of the CCHL2's Barkley Cup this past week as they travelled to Carleton Place on Wednesday night to take on the Canadians and at home on Thursday night. The Vikings used the motto #D45 (hashtag drive for five) all year and it came to fruition after Game 5. The Vikings saluted the Humboldt Broncos by replacing the Vikings with Broncos on the display of the game clock.

Vikings 5 Canadians 3: The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Carleton Place Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., April 12, for Game 5 of the best of seven CCHL2's Barkley Cup. The Vikings led the series three games to one after defeating the Canadians 3-2 in Game 1, 4-2 in Game 2 and 3-1 in Game 4. Their only loss came at home when they dropped a 4-3 decision.

With a win the Vikings would capture their third consecutive Barkley Cup and fifth consecutive championship going back to the EOJHL. The Canadians needed a win to force a Game 6 back in Carleton Place.

The Vikings opened the scoring when Brendan Doherty pounded home a rebound from Sebastien Plante and Yanick Dicaire at 6:30 of the first period to take a 1-0 lead. The Vikings outshot the Canadians 9-6 in the first period and took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Vikings made it 2-0 when Jason Cossette sniped one off the crossbar and down at 13:04 of the second period from Ryan Sabourin. After a slew of minor penalties, the Vikings' Ethan Wensink buried a three-foot pass from Sean David and Ethan Cahill at 15:40. The Vikings took a convincing 3-0 lead into the second intermission.

The Vikings seemed like they were planning their celebration early in the third period and forgot to play the game. The Canadians cut the Vikings' lead to two when Aiden Parnell scored from Carter Holmes just 1:24 into the period and to within one when Ryland

Mosley scored an unassisted power-play goal at 3:22.

With the clock ticking down ominously, the Canadians tied the game with 5:13 remaining as Cameron Patton scored on the power play from Reece Bolton and Eastan Eckert. The Vikings looked to be in shock and called a time out to calm down.

The Canadians took a late penalty and the Vikings capitalized as Carter Malette took a puck off the face just under the nose deflecting it into the net. Dicaire was the shooter on the play picking up the lone helper taking a 4-3 lead with 4:13 remaining.

The Canadians pulled their goalie with just under two minutes remaining in favour of an extra attacker but it was the Vikings' Sean David who fought through while being pulled down from behind from a Canadian defenseman sliding one to the back of the net with 50 seconds remaining.

After a Vikings' icing call, the Canadians pulled their goalie again but the Vikings were able to hold off the attack. Sticks, gloves and helmets went flying through the air as the Vikings celebrated their fifth consecutive title and third Barkley Cup. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 20 saves on 23 shots and suffering the loss for the Canadians was Jacob Lavergne making 26 saves on 30 shots.

The Vikings' power forward and alternate Captain, Ethan Wensink, was named as the 2018 CCHL2's Playoff MVP.

Vikings 3 Canadians 1: The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Carleton Place Arena on Wed., April 11 to take on the Canadians for Game 4 of the best of seven CCHL2's Barkley Cup. The Vikings went into the game with a 2-1 series lead after they dropped Game 3 back in Casselman 4-3 in overtime but looked to take a 3-1 series lead back to the friendly confines of the J. R. Brisson Complex the following night.

The Canadians had a chance to tie the series at two games apiece and extend the series to at least



Five times the charm

The Casselman Vikings won their fifth consecutive junior championship on Thurs., April 12, after defeating the Carleton Place Canadians in Game 5 of the CCHL2's Barkley Cup. The Vikings won their third Barkley Cup since the league became the CCHL Tier 2 and two prior to that in the EOJHL. The champions are: (not in order) Sebastien Plante, Brendan Doherty, Sean David, Ethan Wensink, Ryan Sabourin, Brady Cloutier, Carter Malette, Danyk Drouion, Yanick Dicaire, Gabriel Rousselle, Kyle Millett, Joel Hunt, Olivier Brunet, Jason Cossette, Jonah Peters, Isaac Lavallee, Joseph Heath, Jonathan Yaremko, Ethan Cahill, Andrew Black, Samuel Labre and Shane Spencer. Coaches, Mike Ruest, Geoff Seguin and A. J. Plante. Trainer, Marc Andre Quann, Equipment Manager, Vincent Bouchard, General Manager, Raymond Lavergne, Scout, Steve Poirier, Jocelyn "Toe" Quesnel, President, Sylvain Dignard, Investors, Gilles Laplante, Serge Richer, Alain Lamache, Louis Brisson, Jean Claude Cayer, Jacques Lavergne and Denis Drouin.

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CCHL2 playoff MVP

The CCHL2 named the Vikings' power forward, Ethan Wensink, as the 2018 playoff MVP. He was later presented the award by CCHL2 Commissioner, Kevin Abrams and the Director of Hockey Operations, Bruce Baskins. Wensink scored seven and picked up eight assists for 15 points in 16 games.

Courtesy Lauwers photo

a Game 6. The teams battled to a scoreless first period with both goalies stealing the show. The Canadians outshot the Vikings 14-10 but the clock read zeros heading into the first intermission.

The Vikings opened the scoring when Carter Malette trucked one to the back of the net from Gabriel Rousselle just 23 seconds into the second period. The Canadians seemed to carry most of the play in the second period but the Vikings took a 1-0 lead into the second intermission despite being outshot 13-9.

The Canadians tied the game at 9:05 of the third period as ex-Viking, Brad Richardson, slammed one home from Brendan Hill. The Vikings regained the lead when Jason Cossette

banged home a rebound with 4:07 remaining from Ryan Sabourin and Olivier Brunet.

With just under two minutes remaining, the Canadians pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker but the Vikings didn't allow for them to get set up and with just 1:28 left on the clock Sabourin fired one into the abandoned cage at the far end making it 3-1 from Rousselle.

The Vikings held onto take the game 3-1, taking a 3-1 series lead back to Casselman. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 33 saves on 34 shots and suffering the loss in the Canadians' goal was Jacob Lavergne making 26 saves on 28 shots.



The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Carleton Place Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., April 12, for Game 5 of the best of seven CCHL2's Barkley Cup. With the game knotted at three, the Vikings' forward, Carter Malette (centre), scored the game-winning goal in the weirdest fashion. The Vikings' other forward, Yanick Dicaire directed a shot toward the net hitting Malette just under the nose and the puck, instead of going high and wide went into the net with just 4:13 remaining in regulation. Malette made it out for his last shift of the game with some unflattering tape job and joined the post-game celebration.

Courtesy Lauwers photo



2018 Barkley Cup champions

The Casselman Vikings won their third straight Barkley Cup to go with two EOJHL championships for their fifth consecutive junior title on Thurs., April 12. Accepting the Barkley Cup presented by CCHL2 Commissioner, Kevin Abrams, and Director of Hockey Operations, Bruce Baskins, was the Vikings' Captain, Sebastien Plante.

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Race for the Cure 150, the biggest event of 2018 at Cornwall Motor Speedway

Martin Bélanger

Special to the Record

CORNWALL — The Cornwall Motor Speedway will present one of the biggest events of the season on Thurs., July 12, with the Race for the Cure 150, a 150-lap Modified feature along with the Sportsman and Eastern Ontario Vintage Club. With great support from the two sponsors, this event will be even more spectacular.

With the success of O'Canada 150 last season with over 40 modifieds and 30 sportsmans in the pits, it was clear that the event would be back this

summer. With the support of Michael Maresca of St. Lawrence Radiology and Steve Morris of TAS Racing, the Race for the Cure 150 will come to life in July as an addition to the already successful Race for the Cure Foundation and Sportsman Series active for the last two years.

A lot of money will be on the line for this race as the winner will get \$12,000, the largest amount offered throughout Ontario and Quebec in 2018. With support from Maresca and Morris, drivers that will qualify for the feature will be able to collect a



minimum of \$500. At the demand of the sponsor, this amount could be reduced if officials judge that a driver is doing a "start and park" maneuver, but more clarifications will be given as the even approaches.

This will also be the initial race in the north portion of the DIRTcar 358-Modified Series.

Part of the money given includes the quickest in time trials to receive \$200, and hard charger and hard

luck awards at \$200 each will also be offered. Halfway leader will receive \$200 and in a contest involving the fans, the best appearing Modified on that evening \$200 will see go to the winner. A total of \$1,000 added to the total purse will mean that roughly \$40,000 in total purse and bonuses will be given for the Modifieds.

Along with the Race for the Cure 150, the Sportsman will also share the spotlight with a 50-lap event. Last season more than 30 competitors had gathered in the pits to race. The Eastern Ontario

Vintage Club will be part of the action as well. A rain date of Thurs., Aug. 23 has been established.

The second edition of the event combined with the Race for the Cure Foundation will make this race bigger and better.

For more information on the upcoming season at Cornwall, please visit the website at www.cornwallspeedway.com, Facebook at www.facebook.com/cornwallspeedway or on twitter at [@cmsspeedway](https://twitter.com/cmsspeedway). Social media will be used for results and contests over the summer.

Ravens' Intermediate Girls open season with a pair of wins

Jeff Moore

Record Staff

HAMMOND—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Intermediate Girls' basketball team travelled to St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School on Wed., April 11, for a three-team round robin in PRSSAA. The Ravens' first game was against the home team, Falcons, in the morning and their second game was played against the Russell High School T-Wolves in the afternoon.

Ravens 36 Falcons 9: In their first game of the three-team round robin, the Ravens were the visitors to the home team Falcons. This was the season opener for both teams. The Ravens got off to a good start scoring 16 first-half points and defensively holding the Falcons to just three. The Ravens took the 13-point lead into the dressing room at the half.

The Ravens totally dominated on both sides of the court offensively and defensively, the second half scoring 20 more points and holding the Falcons to just six points taking their first game of the year with a convincing 36-9 victory.

Scoring for the Ravens were: Kate Landriault with 10 points, Emma Gabriel and Riely Daniell each scored six, Zoë Bols, Emma Gaudette, and Rachel Drevniok each with four and Makenzie Campbell with a deuce.

Ravens 54 T-Wolves 13: In their second game of the day/season, the Ravens were the home team as they welcomed their crosstown rivals, the Russell High School T-Wolves. The Ravens looked to make it 2-0 on the day after they beat the Falcons convincingly in the first game 36-9.

The Ravens picked up where they left off scoring 20 first-quarter points and holding the T-Wolves to just two. The Ravens added another 14 points in the second quarter allowing the T-Wolves only two taking a 34-4 lead into the break at halftime.

The T-Wolves played their best quarter of the game but the Ravens still doubled them 14-7 making it a 48-11 game heading into the final quarter. The Ravens added another six points and the T-Wolves were only allowed a deuce in the fourth quarter.

The Ravens took the game by a score of 54-13 picking up their second win of the season.

Scoring for the Ravens were: Emma Gabriel with 16 points, Emma Gaudette with 10, Rachel Drevniok and Kate Landriault with six each, Makenzie Campbell and Zoe Bols each with four and Emily Way, Carleigh Barwick, Riely Daniell and Annie Morgan all scored deuces.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were: Megan Nolan with five points, Abby Boszormeny with four and Kassandra Stevenson and Mackenzie Belisle each scored deuces.

Ravens Intermediate Boys remain undefeated

Jeff Moore

Record Staff

ROCKLAND—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens Intermediate Boys' Basketball team travelled to the Rockland District High School on Wed., April 11, to take on the Wildcats in PRSSAA. The Ravens went into the game with a 1-0 record after winning their season opener against the Russell High School T-Wolves 43-22.



Ravens 50 Wildcats 15: The Ravens travelled to Rockland to take on the Wildcats in their second game of the 2018 PRSSA season. The Ravens put it

to the Wildcats early scoring 30 first-half points and allowing just six points.

It was all Ravens again in the second half as they dropped another 20 points and held the Wildcats' offence to just nine points.

The Ravens took the game 50-15 for their second win of the season. Scoring for the Ravens were: Aurel Tebeu with 13 points, Max Messervey with 12, James Verspeek and Callum Birch with seven each, Tanner Smith with four, Logan Kinsella with three and Kaden Mikkelson and Jason Anderson each with a pair.

Pin Tales

Stormont Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Elaine Duke 234; Ladies' High Triple, Hilda Gillard 610. Team Standings: Kathy 330, Susan 291.5, Hilda 289, Pat 280, Elaine 258.5.

Monday Men's: Men's High Single, Oswald Linton 317; Men's High Triple, Oswald Linton 778. Team Standings: Raiders 40, Country Boys 34, Alley Cats 33, A-Team 30, East-Ont 30, Alley Rats 22.

Busy Matrons: Ladies' High Single, Mary Derue 212; Ladies' High Triple, Mary Derue 548. Team Standings: Hope 32, Charity 31.5, Love 31.5, Faith 25.

Defenders: Men's High Single, Glendon Moore 244; Men's High Triple, Andy Chrysler 596; Ladies' High Single, Diane Lacasse 224; Ladies' High Triple, Diane Lacasse 545. Team

Standings: Becky 45, Divas+D 36, Brian 35, Glendon 34, Gwen 30.

Matilda: Ladies' High Single, Anita Schmid 246; Ladies' High Triple, Anita Schmid 634; Men's High Single, Danny Scheuner 281; Men's High Triple, Danny Scheuner 789. Team Standings: Danny +507, Walter +197, Jake +155, Brent +99, Kevin -147, Gary -229.

Thursday Seniors: Men's High Single, Ross Bennet 210; Men's High Triple, John Megarrety 539; Ladies' High Single, Diny Meulenbroek 191; Ladies' High Triple, Diny Meulenbroek 468.

Les Dynamiques: Men's High Single, Laurier Leduc 219; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 535; Ladies' High Single, Christiane Bouchard 196; Ladies' High Triple, Christiane Bouchard

471.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men's High Single, Garry Hutt 322; Men's High Triple, Danny Holmes 758; Ladies' High Single, Judy Simser 201; Ladies' High Triple, Judy Simser 505. Team Standings: Nut Jobs 9484, Carolyn's Pussycats 9393, Spaceballs 9264, Fast&Furious 9202, Smurfs 8692.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men's High Single, Bryan Holmes 330; Men's High Triple, Matt Hartle 811; Men's High Average, Matt Hartle 231; Ladies' High Single, Pat Middleton 203; Ladies' High Triple, Pat Middleton 587; Ladies High Average, Pat Middleton 159. Team Standings: Dave's Team 255.5, Last Pin Standing 245.5, The Baileys 245, The Randoms 210, The Bandits 194.

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Leroux nomination party filled with cheers and applause

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ST. ISIDORE – After the recent announcement that Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux would be seeking election as the MPP Liberal candidate for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, Leroux’s official nomination took place in St. Isidore last Friday.

Leroux took to the podium for his first official address as the nominated candidate. Along the way he thanked current MPP Grant Crack who is stepping down from the position after six and a half years. Leroux said: “I would like to thank MPP Grant Crack for all that he has done. He has been a man of his word, a true gentleman and someone I have come to call friend. I wish him well in his future endeavours and

thank him for his unrelenting service for the people of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.”

Leroux’s experiences as mayor gives him a platform at the local level. He told those present he hopes to build on those experiences to make possible actions that were not so during his mayoral career. He explained: “Being at the municipal level means that I have to play by the rules put in place by the province. However, being at the provincial level I would have the opportunity to influence changes to these rules, to impact our community in a positive fashion.”

While Leroux’s platform is sure to reveal itself over the coming weeks, his speech focused on growing opportunities and caring for

the residents’ futures. “We have the opportunity to invest in areas such as economic development by way of infrastructure projects or social development, through increased care for our seniors and most vulnerable residents or increased education opportunities for our youth,” he said. “All these types of investments will benefit the proud residents of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. That is why the relationship with local mayors and the ability to understand local issues is so vital to the prosperity of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.”

Since his announcement, Leroux said he has been approached by a number of residents both in favour of and opposed to his party’s election. Yet Leroux’s



A new provincial voice

Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux addressed a crowd during his official nomination in St. Isidore on Fri., April 13.

Courtesy photo

message remains the same despite political affiliations - “Together we can do better.”

Leroux concluded his address and said he did not believe in political promises as a method to be elected. He did promise however: “Whether you are a francophone or an

anglophone, a man or a woman, a millennial or a senior, urban or rural; even if you identify s red, blue, green or orange or none of the above, it doesn’t matter; I will be there to fight for you, to represent you and your family at Queen’s Park. To provide a strong

reasonable voice for everyone here in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell because I truly care about this community and its people.”

Election day is drawing near and voters are encouraged to ensure they are registered to vote and have a say in this election.



The gift of a smile

Joanie Fleurant, RRDH, of RDH Dental Hygiene Care in Embrun and her team participated in the Gift from the Heart event on Sat., April 14. Fleurant has participated in the event for five years, giving free dental care to families in need. This year over a dozen families were cared for at the clinic and roughly \$2,000 worth of dental work was provided. Pictured from left, Stephanie Raymond, Chantal Brisson and Fleurant. Courtesy photo

Spring improvements underway at SNC’s J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area

RUSSELL – J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area, on Forced Road in Russell, is the perfect spot to reconnect with nature.

Filled with mature maples and elms, this 16-acre urban green space provides excellent habitat for wildlife and is open year-round for activities from hiking and snowshoeing to geocaching. The park also links Russell’s New York Central Fitness Trail, a converted railway perfect for cycling and rollerblading.

“This spring, we will be completing a number of upgrades at J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area starting in late April,” said Pat Piitz, South Nation Conservation’s (SNC) Property Team Lead.

Park improvements will include the refurbishment of the iconic wooden trailhead sign, trail upgrades, and the installation of a new footbridge this summer. Visitors can continue to enjoy

the Conservation Area during planned park improvements. The aged wooden entrance signs will be removed and will be reinstalled once restored.

J. Henry Tweed is part of SNC’s network of 14 day-use Conservation Areas, available free of charge to residents, providing countless recreational opportunities to

discover wildlife and their habitat in Eastern Ontario.

“Within the upcoming weeks, staff will also be re-installing docks along SNC’s waterfront properties,” added Piitz.

Visit www.nation.on.ca/recreation/about-recreation to plan your next adventure at your local Conservation Area.



Seasonal upgrades

Starting late April, SNC will be executing upgrades to the J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area in Russell. One of the projects includes the refurbishment of the wooden trailhead sign. Courtesy photo

New Medical Director for the Prescott and Russell Residence

HAWKESBURY – The United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) has announced the nomination of Dr. Thomas Maxwell as the Medical Director at the Prescott and Russell Residence, effective April 1, 2018.

Dr. Maxwell will be responsible for advising the Residence on questions relating to the medical care provided to the residents, to consult with the Director of Care and the healthcare professionals that provide care at the Residence and to mobilize the medical team in planning a strategic approach to integrated and personalized care based on the needs of the residents.

“On behalf of all our residents and our entire team, we welcome Dr. Maxwell and wish him the greatest success within his new role at our long-term care facility,” explained Louise Lalonde, Administrator at the Prescott and Russell Residence, and Gary J. Barton, Chair of the Prescott and Russell Residence Committee.

Dr. Maxwell will favour interdisciplinary activities and will have an advisory role with the medical care and nursing care teams, as well as with all the partners providing care at the Residence. As Medical Director, he will also participate in and advise the Ethics Committee as well as several other internal committees.

“I intend to act as a leader, scholar, communicator, expert and, most of all, an advocate for the residents. If we can treat people with dignity, respect and comfort, and can provide them with the care that they require, then we can support our residents as well as the loved ones who support them, right here in their home,” stated Dr. Maxwell.

A graduate of the University of Ottawa Medical School in 1982, Dr.



Dr. Maxwell
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Maxwell subsequently completed an internship at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary. He served two years as a flight surgeon and acting base surgeon at the Canadian Forces Base in Saint-Hubert, Que. After one year of general surgery residency, he established a family practice from 1986 to April 2018 in Hawkesbury.

He later assumed the position of Chief of the Emergency Department and Obstetrics at the Hawkesbury General Hospital (HGH) and served as the lead physician for the Hawkesbury Family Health Organization, as well as President of the Lower Outaouais Family Health Team. Finally, he began as a treating physician at the Prescott and Russell Residence in July 2017.

Congratulations to the winners of the EOHU's Three Ways to Make Healthy Easy contest!

CASSELMAN – 200 participants who entered the contest by liking the EOHU's Three Ways to Make Healthy Easy and Trois façons de manger sainement simple videos on Facebook. The video is the first in the #EOHUEats series, which provides viewers with simple recipes and practical tips to make healthy eating easier. Keep an eye on the EOHU's English and French Facebook pages (respectively www.facebook.com/EOHUh and www.facebook.com/BSEOSA) to check out all the videos in the series.

Karen and France each earned themselves a prize consisting of a \$100 gift card from a grocery store of their choice.

The EOHU held the Three Ways to Make Healthy Easy and Trois façons de manger sainement simple contests during the month of March to celebrate Nutrition Month® and to encourage everyone to learn about simple changes they can make to eat better.



From left, Karen Flaro, Three Ways to Make Healthy Easy contest winner, and Jessica Lefebvre, Public Health Dietitian at the EOHU. Courtesy Photos



From left, France Belisle, Trois façons de manger sainement simple contest winner, and Isabelle Lalonde, Public Health Dietitian at the EOHU.

Catch the Ace keeps on rolling

RUSSELL – On Sun., April 8, Pauline Smith was the weekly winner of the Catch the Ace lottery draw, winning \$1,139. The Kin Club of Russell has been holding their Catch The Ace draw (lottery licence M789330) at Étienne Brûlé Brewery in Embrun over the last 29 weeks. The jackpot has grown to over \$21,500 and the Kin Club has raised \$33,500 for local charities thanks to the draw. Money raised by the Kin Club under their current licence will be used to finance the Russell Reality Tour drug prevention/awareness program, youth sports equipment for the Russell Township Sports Dome and a donation to Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

However, the Kin Club advises they will be soon reaching their limit under the current municipal licence. "We are allowed to

sell a total of 20,000 tickets," said current chair Bill McInnis who brought the idea to Russell. "To date we have sold 13,369 tickets, so we've decided that if sales continue as they are, we will hold some 3,000 tickets for the final week sometime in early May and continue to draw tickets until we've given the jackpot away."

The Kin Club has applied for a provincial licence, which does not have any limits and will start it up once the current licence has concluded, when the Ace of Spades is revealed.

Draws are held 3:30 p.m. each Sunday at Étienne Brûlé Brewery. Tickets are available at the following retail locations: Étienne Brûlé Brewery, Russell Foodland, Pronto Convenience in Russell and Pierre et Fils in Embrun. Tickets can also be purchased from Kin Club of Russell members.

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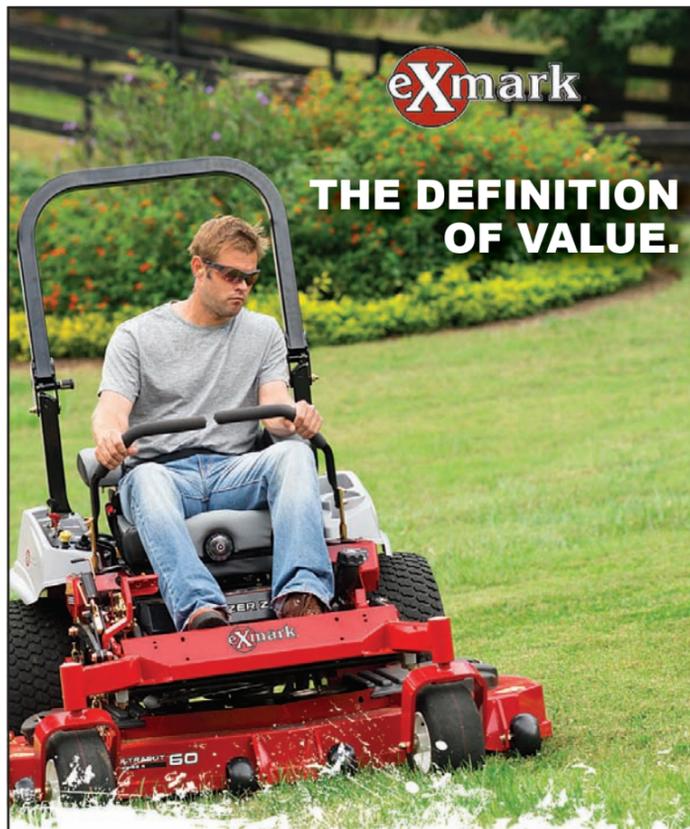
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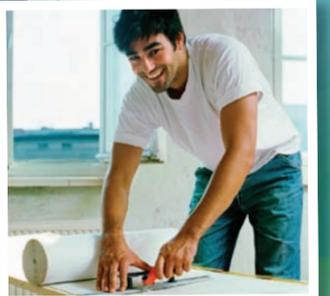


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Working with the neighbours

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CHESTERVILLE – Silverlawn Contracting and Excavation began about six years ago but Silverlawn has been around since 1862. The family farm began on the Boyne Settlement when the house across the road was actually the school house.

Silverlawn provides services like site cleanup, trenching, excavation, landscaping and post hole drilling. Despite being asked regularly, Keith Durant is not in the lawn maintenance business but does work to build decks, do initial landscaping with shrubs, stone work and other yard beautification services.

His experience is self-taught, he explained, and he has 56 years of that experience under his belt. “I started slow with some of the equipment already used from the farm days, changed some of the equipment from tractors to backhoes. Started by helping neighbours and then word of mouth spread but I still stay local.”

That local mentality is a constant in Durant’s work even extending to the products that he uses. “I like to be local. There are a lot of local lumber yards around here for building materials. I will stay local as much as possible,” he said.

While some clients already have the details worked out, Durant is more

than willing to recommend good materials and work with other professionals such as landscapers who can give his customers the best possible final result. Durant will even work with homeowners who want to be part of the building process but aren’t comfortable doing it all on their own.

For new decks and fences, which are popular projects in the spring, he explained pressure-treated wood is very popular. On the higher cost side of things, pre-fabricated is good for clients who want low maintenance despite the early upfront costs. In Durant’s own home, stone is a major feature and a good option for a product with longevity.

Durant’s work means he can keep busy throughout the spring, summer and fall doing projects that could last anywhere from a few hours to over a month. Durant works with and without machinery to get the jobs done. “You can be on the equipment and running that too long and need to get off and work with your hands sometimes. I kind of like doing both. Sometimes you can go from laying the sod yourself to putting the in-fill for the driveway and getting off of your machinery and doing the raking of the gravel or aggregate. Since you’re the one there, you take your



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time, you do it and you get it done right,” he said.

Doing the job right comes first for Durant and he hopes to be able to continue for years to come. Once the job is done, Durant is still around to help if need be. “I’m local. If there is a problem that arises just call and I’ll be back. I’m the one doing the work so I’m the one that answers for the way that it is done. The quality of the workmanship will be there. I’ve lived here all my life and my family has lived here so people get to know you and your reputation and you don’t want to jeopardize that. To me, that’s important.”

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Building begins for spring with Byers Carpentry Inc.

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CRYSLER - Brothers, Kevin and Ken Byers grew up around the construction industry. Their father worked construction for 40 years and began the company Byers Carpentry Inc. Roughly 30 years ago Kevin and Ken joined the family business as partners and later took over together.

They tackle projects ranging from custom homes and farm buildings to specialty projects like cabinets and fireplaces.

For the larger projects the company might be asked to build right from scratch to the finished project. Kevin recalled a barn construction from last year that measured 60 ft. by 225 ft. "It's rewarding work to see it all come together," he said. Depending on the size of the building, construction can take anywhere from two to four months or more and they try to work year-round when the weather cooperates. "We have two houses lined up right now. Once the snow is gone people get the itch to start building. Things like sheds and decks are popular this season too," said Kevin. He recommends pressure-treated woods for traditional projects or composite decking for low maintenance despite higher upfront costs.

The company does the smaller indoor projects as well. A look through their



Rustic styles

Byers Carpentry Inc. does smaller specialty projects in addition to larger construction. Popular requests include rustic barn doors, beams or cabinetry for a country chic look.

Courtesy Facebook photo

Facebook page reveals rustic harvest tables, barn beams, barn board wall accents and cabinetry, something Kevin says Ken has an affinity for. They will often have customers show pictures of styles they like and work from there.

The projects mostly remain within a 100 km radius but Kevin said they will do the odd job further away in order to do a bit of

travelling. One such project was constructed in Calabogie.

Kevin explained, their experience and backgrounds make them a good choice for their customers. "Ken and I are also always on the job site. It's nice for customers to see the owner on the job site, so that helps a lot. Plus our workers, you can't get any better. They take real pride in their work," he said.



From the ground up

Kevin and Ken Byers, owners of Byers Carpentry Inc., keep busy year-round with projects of all sizes. Starting this spring they have two complete home builds on the books already. Courtesy Facebook photo

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Spring into the season with a touch of nature

**Karen Spinney,
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Little changes are a good way of sprucing up a home for spring without spending money on large home improvements. Reorganizing rooms can bring some new life and energy into a home. Move a chair, take that coffee table and put it under a window. Load it up with a display of spring twigs and flowers.

A quick fix to brighten the home with the coming summer sunshine is to clean windows and window

sills. Afterwards, line the window sill with some small potted plants. Paint the pots in bright colours like yellow, turquoise or pink.

To bring new colours into a room without having to paint, re-cover a pillow with spring fabrics or make a fabric banner using no-sew hemming tape and hang it over a bannister. If walls do need a touch-up, try an accent wall. Find a small wall and paint it using a bright colour.

Add some fresh scents to the house with citrus or

seaside-scented candles. Or just go outside and collect some cedar or pine boughs to place in a small glass vase.

Bring new life to the outside of a home by making the property creature-friendly. This time of year can be a tough time for smaller birds and animals as they wait for the bounty of spring. In early spring, water can be hard to find and food comes and goes as the ground refreezes overnight in colder spring temperatures.

Put out dried berries or raisins and pieces of apple

on the ground for the robins and rabbits. Make sure to keep a bird bath filled or just use a heavy shallow dish on the veranda. Refill bird feeders regularly and think about birdhouses. Some birds will go into the houses, like purple martins if they arrive soon enough. If not though starlings are happy to have a dry place to rest.

For the birds that are not fans of birdhouses, help them make their nests by placing hair from a brush in the trees. This would also work with longer hair from

pets. Small pieces of yarn, string and broken up twine can all be used and will be woven into the birds' nests.

Despite bats getting a bad reputation, they can be a great natural way to handle mosquitoes. Hang bat boxes high in the trees so they can swoop out at dusk.

If you want to bring nature inside, sparingly cut twigs off the trees with a clean angled cut. Put them in water and the swollen buds will break out inside into a delicate springy display. Place the twigs in

glasses, champagne flutes or vases. Mix and match for a more dynamic look. Willow is always a good favourite but be sure not to cut too many or the plant could get shocked and not have a good growth season. Let them go past their soft pussywillow stage and be delighted by the outcome.

Welcome back the nice weather with things that make a home feel good. It doesn't have to be expensive or dramatic changes. Try some of these simple ideas to welcome spring to the home.

Four important tips for selling your home

Spring is a popular time for listing homes. Use these tips from the Real Estate Council of Ontario to get started.

1. Research potential agents. You'll want to find a registered real estate salesperson who is right for you. Shop around before you make a decision. You could ask friends, family or coworkers for recommendations. Once you've made a shortlist of salespeople, talk to at least three of them. Sit down with them and ask about their real estate experience, references, services they provide, and how much they charge.

2. Look them up on the RECO website. Before you sign an agreement, read it and understand it thoroughly, and be sure to check out RECO's online search tool. It will tell you if your salesperson is registered and if they have any disciplinary action against them.

3. Decide on a selling approach. Many sellers are happy when their salesperson lists the home on the MLS, places a sign on the front lawn and shows it to interested buyers. Other sellers want more bells and whistles such as open houses, home staging, digital marketing or even advertising in high-end magazines. It's important that you and your salesperson are on the same page when it comes to marketing and selling your home. Keep in mind that the fees may vary, depending on services provided. Be sure to confirm if extra services like home staging are included in your agreement or if there will be additional charges.

4. Keep your home safe during open houses. An open house is an invitation for visitors to enter your home. Protect yourself by removing valuables and personal information, ensuring that guests are asked to show ID and making sure they're accompanied at all times. If you don't think holding an open house is right for you, tell your salesperson.



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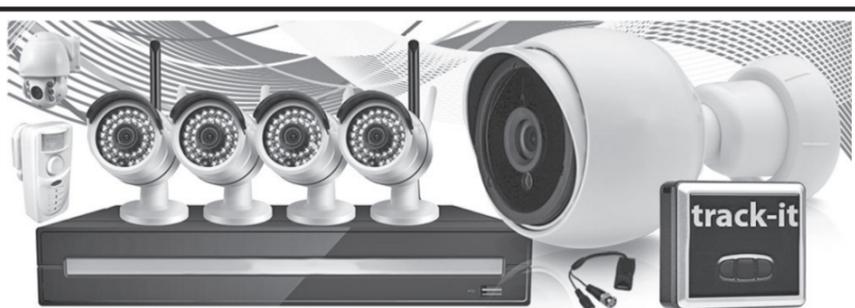
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Lannin Home Building Centre projects for inside and out

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WINCHESTER – Terri-Lee Tilley, an expert at Lannin Home Building Centre, spoke with *The Record* about Beauti-Tone paint and Backyard Projects just in time for the nice weather.

The nice thing about Beauti-Tone is that it is made in Ontario. There are two series, Designer, the higher end product, and Signature, the cost-effective option that maintains quality.

The Designer series is mould and mildew resistant and covers up to 500 sq. ft. It also has a quick turn around and cures, or reaches maximum hardness, in seven days. Designer comes in four sheens including, matte, satin, swede and trim and door.

The Signature series does up to 400 sq. ft. and has a 30-day cure. There is a kitchen and bath version of the Signature series that is mould and mildew resistant for those susceptible areas. Tilley explained it is all high quality paint and comes as paint and primer in one.

Both series are easy to clean once cured and do the job in the standard two coats. While the Signature series is more cost-effective, when doing larger products it can take one gallon plus a quart of Signature to cover the same area as the Designer series. In these cases it is a good idea for customers to evaluate the final costs of both, in case the Designer is less expensive in the long run.

One of the most important aspects of paint projects is doing the prep work. If prep is not done properly the paint and primer will fail. Wash walls and let them dry completely before painting. If drywall has just been put up, make sure the surface is clean. Always use drywall primer. It will seal the drywall and then once sealed, the drywall won't absorb the paint.

Tilley said she has noticed the resurgence of greys as a popular colour. The nice neutral tone is diverse and can range from red-greys to green-greys, offering painters many options. If customers want to match a colour, the experts at the store can

work from a sample as small as a dime. They also have files on hand from other colour companies to match from previous paint jobs.

Colour choice for the customers though, comes down to factors like preference, a room's lighting, furniture and accessories. Paint colours can be a good way of making room accents stand out, Tilley explained. Lannin's experts are well-versed in their fields and can offer customers advice or answers to any questions they may have about their projects.

Lannin Home Building Centre also has Backyard Projects that range from two or three car garages to gazebos and benches. The online resource helps customers begin planning and collecting ideas from the available projects.

Projects have base models to start that include just the shell. Then options can be added on for an extra price. If customers want to add every option, there is a completed price available as well. The projects include all of the materials necessary aside from the cement pad or base pad.

Once a project has been selected the store will collect a deposit then send away to get the plans from the head office. Once the plans arrive, customers can go to their municipal offices to get permits. The plans will also provide the necessary area or specs for the base pads.

Tilley explained, the Backyard Projects are made easy enough to be done by the homeowner without professional help. The store provides the trusses first, which take a few weeks to arrive. Doors, windows and garage doors are ordered at the same time. Then everything else is shipped to the customer.

Some of the small Backyard Projects include sheds, gazebos, decks and benches. There are plenty of options to choose from. Tilley added the projects are not pre-fabricated kits and do require some elbow grease and knowledge of work tools. To browse available projects visit homehardware.ca and follow the Home Projects portal.



Every colour in the rainbow

Lannin Home Building Centre offers Canadian-made Beauti-Tone paint in both Designer and Signature series. The paint and primer in one can be made to any colour for the perfect spring home project.

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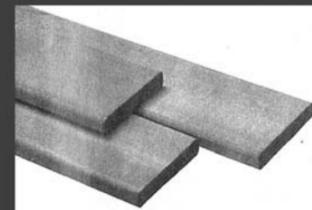
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Finding a good contractor

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A good contractor is the difference between disaster and success. From large projects to specialized smaller ones, professionals are there to ensure that the finished product is correctly done and pleasing to the eye.

There are a few tips to keep in mind when searching for the right contractor.

Prepare first. Laying the groundwork for the project erases any guesswork later on. Set a budget and decide exactly what needs to be done. A contractor has no choice but to amend, or even add to the contract if there is a change of mind part-way through. Also, check bylaws to see if permits are needed. It is the responsibility of the customer.

Stay local. Local contractors are within the community. It is easier to view previous projects and ask for recommendations. They are also easier to access should they need to return for warranty or for follow-up.

Check credentials. It is an easily overlooked, but essential step, to make sure contractors are insured. See if they are registered with trade associations. Good contractors will happily offer this information freely.

Get a few estimates. It is helpful to have two or three contractors assess the project. Estimates should be in writing and include a

clear description of the project, an itemized list of products and services needed and, of course, prices. It is not always necessary to go with the lowest quote. Go with the contractor that feels right. Don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions.

Sign a contract. This is the final and most important step. The government of Ontario's webpage 'Your rights when starting home renovations or repairs' states, "Under Ontario law, any home renovation contract worth more than \$50 must be in writing. Be prepared to pay for any extra material or any work that is not in the contract. If something isn't written in your contract, you may not get it."

"Make sure your contract includes: the contractor's name, address and contact information, a thorough description of the project with details of the work to be done and the materials to be used, a clear description of any warranties, the total cost and terms of payment, a work schedule, including start and completion dates, a payment schedule, including the deposit amount, who is responsible for clean up after the job is finished and all sub-trades that will be contracted out and who will pay for those sub-trades."

Decide if it was the right thing. The webpage notes, "If you sign a home renovation or repair

contract worth \$50 or more in your home, you have the right to a 10 calendar-day cooling-off period. You may cancel this contract for any reason and without having to pay any cancellation fees within these 10 days.

"However, if you hire a contractor and the work was started during the cooling-off period, you can cancel the contract but you will be responsible for reasonable compensation for work and materials that the contractor has provided."

Once the contract has been finalized, the work begins. If all of the above has been followed, the relationship between contractor and customer will be a professional partnership that will leave all parties satisfied.

For more information, see: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/your-rights-when-starting-home-renovations-or-repairs>. As well, celebrity contractor Mike Holmes has a wealth of information on his sites: <http://makeitright.ca/resources/category/how-to-hire-a-contractor/articles>.

Did you know?

According to a survey of its users, the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor found that the average kitchen remodeling project took six weeks to complete. While some homeowners might be turned off by the prospect of having little or no access to their kitchens for more than a month, HomeAdvisor warns that the length of time it takes to complete a kitchen remodeling project depends on a host of factors, including the scope of the project. Some homeowners reported to HomeAdvisor that their projects lasted for several months, though those projects required extensive work, including moving walls and rearranging plumbing. Others who only replaced the flooring and countertops in their kitchens were back in business in just three weeks. Homeowners should always receive a projected completion date when soliciting estimates from contractors. But it's also important that homeowners plan for unforeseen problems that may arise during the project, thereby extending the length of time necessary to complete it.

Reduce your energy bill with smart home technology

Everyone looks for ways to save money on their energy bills. Fortunately, with the rise of smart home technology and eco-friendly products, going green has never been easier. Here are a few helpful tips to get started.

Up your lighting game. You've already made the switch from incandescent light bulbs to LEDs and you're reaping the rewards on your energy bill. Take your lighting to the next level by investing in Wi-Fi-enabled light bulbs. Have you ever left the house for work or vacation and wondered if you left the lights on? Check in remotely and control individual lights with just a simple touch on your smartphone or tablet.

Switch to smart controls. Did you know you can install smart switches, dimmers and outlets so you can control your lights, appliances and electronics from anywhere in the world? Enable features like "geofencing" — a type of technology used to create a virtual geographic boundary around your property

— to automatically turn lights on and off when you leave or approach home, or to notify you when you've left the lights on.

Upgrade your thermostat. Imagine a thermostat that was intelligent enough to know your local weather, day-to-day schedule and preferred comfort level. Programmable smart thermostats such as the ecobee3 lite can save you up to 23 per cent* in heating and cooling costs. This clever yet sleek device pairs with room sensors by self-adjusting the temperature to help manage hot or cold spots in your home and tracks occupancy, making your house even more energy efficient when you are away.

Invest in appliances. With advancements in smart appliances — like laundry dryers that measure moisture levels to automatically adjust drying times — investing in intelligent models pays off in the long run. When researching your next purchase, look for an Energy Star certified appliance to find the most efficient model for your home.

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Spring cleaning can alleviate allergies

Allergies affect people of all ages. The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology reports that allergic rhinitis affects between 10 and 30 per cent of the world's population. In addition, the prevalence of allergic diseases has risen in industrialized nations for more than 50 years.

Seasonal allergies tend to be the strongest in spring and autumn. Allergies can be exacerbated by many factors, including in homes where improvements are being made. Regular housecleaning can remove many common allergy triggers and help alleviate symptoms. Knowing which common home

improvement mistakes can aggravate allergies can help homeowners avoid them.

Suit up

Before any cleaning begins, allergy sufferers should don face masks and rubber gloves to prevent themselves from breathing in allergens or having them touch their hands, where they can be transferred to the face or elsewhere. Those cleaning should also wear clothes that can be easily removed and laundered after a day's work.

Clean windows singularly

Prolonged exposure to outdoor allergens, such as pollen, mold or ragweed, can aggravate allergies. Therefore, if windows are

being cleaned, do one at a time and then promptly close the window. Having the air conditioning running can help filter the air as well.

Use exhaust fans

The AAAAI recommends using an exhaust fan in the kitchen and bathrooms to reduce the levels of moisture in these rooms and filter out potential allergens and odors. Moisture can eventually lead to the growth of mold and mildew, which isn't healthy for anyone, including allergy sufferers, to breathe in.

Invest in a HEPA filter

Vacuums with HEPA filters can trap allergens that

are so small that they pass through regular vacuum filters. That means instead of containing them, these small particles are only being shot back into the air where they are easily breathed in. WebMD suggests vacuuming once or twice a week to keep carpets and floors as clean as possible. Plus, don't forget to vacuum upholstered furniture and drapes as well.

Launder with hot water

When it comes time to wash linens, do so in hot water, which can kill dust mites residing in sheets and

blankets. Employ mattress covers to further protect against dust mite allergies.

Shampoo smart

Shampooing a carpet may cause moisture to become trapped in the carpet fibers, leading to increased dust mites or mold growth. Spot-clean stains instead. Otherwise, hire a professional cleaner who will clean and dry the carpet as quickly as possible.

Damp dusting is better

When cleaning up dust or home renovation debris, use a damp cloth or a vinegar solution to wipe

down surfaces. This helps trap small particles instead of sending them into the air.

Treat mold issues

Mold can trigger allergic reactions, so it is best to keep it out of a home. Solutions that contain at least 10 per cent bleach can be effective at killing mold, but it's best to prevent mold from growing entirely. That means keeping tabs of any moisture issues and addressing them immediately.

Allergies can be problematic, but routine home cleaning in the right way can help alleviate symptoms.



Leave carpet and upholstery shampooing to the professionals, as excess moisture can contribute to mold and dust mites, which aggravate allergy symptoms.

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Where to start when looking for window coverings

The perfect window treatment should do more than just cover a window. It can make a big difference in your home, managing its daily illumination, privacy and energy management needs and adding value and style to any room.

Whether it's for your kitchen, bedroom or living room, here are the features to keep in mind during your search.

Light control. Harsh light at the window? The right window covering can transform sunlight into a wonderful soft glow and help protect your furnishings from damaging UV rays. On the other hand, if you're looking for more light, opt for a treatment designed to help channel light deeper into your room, filling dark corners and reducing the need for electrical lighting.

Energy efficiency. You can keep your rooms warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer and save on home bills with energy-efficient products. Look for products engineered with innovative cellular air pockets that can block up to 50 per cent of the heat transfer at the window.

Smart home shade automation. Imagine your shades moving automatically to the exact position you prefer for the specific lighting effect you love or adjusting themselves for the optimal energy efficiency



throughout the day. For this revolutionary hands-free experience, check out the PowerView motorization system from Hunter Douglas that automatically moves your shades according to schedules you set.

Beautiful, unique designs. The right window fashion can become an interior's focal point, setting style throughout your home. Choose textures, finishes and colour combinations

that complement your space in durable materials for long-term reliability.

Safety. Kids and pets are innately curious about the world around them, so even basic household items like window coverings can turn into potential hazards. Look for enhanced safety features that reduce the risk of accidents, like cordless and motorized operating systems, retractable lift cords, cord tensioners and wand controls.

Bold, versatile violet

Plum, lilac, lavender, mauve, amethyst — violet comes in a virtually infinite spectrum of hues and shades. Soft and spiritual, it's the colour of mystery and dreams. It's also associated with both royalty and melancholy. A blend of blue and red that's sometimes warm, sometimes cool, violet leaves lots of room for creativity when it comes to including it in your decor.

How to use it

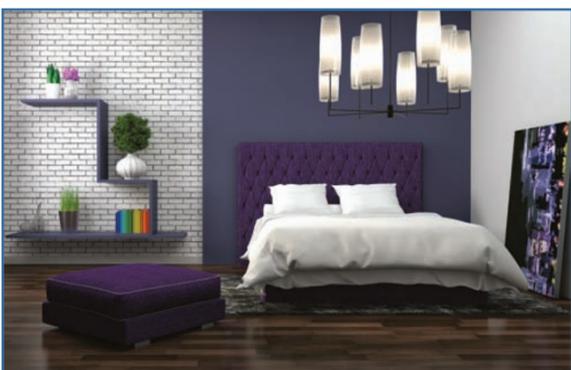
Pale, soothing shades of violet are ideal for painting large wall surfaces, while darker hues work best in small doses. Rich, deep purple, for instance, is fantastic for accent walls, bedding, or decorative accents like throw pillows.

Where to use it

Violet inspires creativity and tenderness, making it an excellent choice for a home office or bedroom. Go with a light shade to create a relaxing ambiance; choose a darker one for a decidedly romantic touch.

How to match it

Purple and grey for a refined lounge; plum and lilac for a young girl's bedroom; purple and blue-grey for a romantic, feminine space; deep violet and reddish purple for a cozy living room; purple and gold for a baroque effect; seafoam green and plum for a soothing office — the possibilities are endless.



Four clever ways to use under-the-stairs space

Think the space beneath your staircase is lost? Think again! There are 1,001 smart ways to turn it into a useful part of your home, regardless of the configuration of the space. Here are a few ideas to get you inspired.

1. Storage space

Take advantage of the space beneath the stairs to create storage — you can never have too much storage! Between kitchen cabinets, alcoves, modular storage units, baskets, bookshelves and beyond, there's no shortage of options when it comes to neatly tucking away items of all kinds out of sight. You could even turn each individual stair into its own practical drawer.

2. Exhibition space

Have enough storage? Then why not put in a glass display cabinet or some shelves to display souvenirs from your travels, family photos, artwork, or whatever else you'd like to showcase

3. Cozy space

A well-defined space like the one under your stairs is ideal for a home office, a reading nook, a minibar or a cloakroom (with a cubby for each family member, for example), among many other potential uses.

4. Secret space

Hiding a powder room under the stairs is without a doubt an ingenious use of space. A secret playroom is another option that's sure to stir up your little ones' imaginations.



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Complete these home improvements over the weekend

Home improvement projects ramp up when the weather warms up, as homeowners channel the rejuvenating feelings of spring and tackle their home to-do lists. Large-scale renovations can greatly affect a home, but smaller projects can yield impressive results and be completed over the course of a single weekend.

If time is of the essence, these weekend or one-day projects may satisfy homeowners' desires to fix up their homes.

- **Create an accent wall.**

Painting a focal wall in a home can create a serious impact. The bonus is it will not take as long or require as many materials as painting an entire room. Accent walls frequently feature a bold colour, so decide on placement and tackle this project in less than a day.

- **Install stair runners.**

Dress up hardwood stairs with decorative carpet runners. Runners come in elongated pieces of carpeting or individual pieces that can be placed on each step. If carpeting doesn't fit with the home's design, painting individual stair treads also can create visual appeal.

- **Dress up the entryway.** An entryway is a guest's first impression of a home. Many entryways

can use a minor overhaul, both inside and outside. Paint the front door a different colour so it pops from the curb. Install a new mailbox or decorative house numbers. A new welcome mat can change the look as well. Inside, consider laying a new floor. Resilient vinyl tiles come in many different patterns and can mimic the look of wood, travertine or marble. Installing a floor can take a day or two.

- **Install a new faucet.**

Instantly improve a kitchen or a bathroom with new fixtures. New faucets can provide aesthetic appeal and low-flow faucets can help conserve water.

- **Create a gallery on the staircase.**

Gather and arrange framed photos, artwork or wall accents so that they ascend the wall of a staircase. This creates a designer touch and can dress up an often barren area of wall space.

- **Install a fresh light fixture.**

Improve drab spaces with a little illumination. Better Homes & Gardens suggests replacing an existing fixture with something new and vibrant. If hanging a new fixture is not within one's skill set, free-standing table or floor lamps also can cast a new glow on a space.

- **Add molding.** Molding can add instant aesthetic appeal to a room. Molding is

appropriate near the floor, at the top of walls where they meet the ceiling, or even mid-wall as a chair rail. Some homeowners like to create framed molding on walls in formal living spaces.

- **Update kitchen or bathroom hardware.**

Replacing hardware is a fast and easy project, but one that can have immediate impact. Swap out tired or outdated hardware for newer brushed metals and more impactful shapes and designs.

Home renovations do not need to take weeks or months. Many projects can be completed over the course of a weekend.



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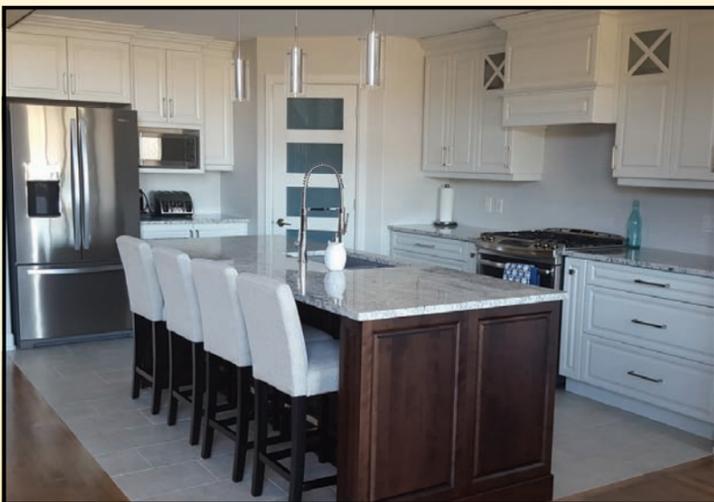
Just got a brand new water heater? To maximize its lifespan, follow these maintenance tips.

If your tap water is particularly hard, ferrous or calcareous, it's important that you fully empty your hot water tank once every year. To find out how to proceed, refer to the owner's manual. However, if your water heater is combustion-powered, call a professional to do the work. Regular drainage will prevent sediment buildup at the bottom of the tank, which can damage the appliance. Buildup in a sealed combustion heater is especially hard on your energy bill, as this particular type of appliance heats water from the bottom. It doesn't take much accumulated residue to hinder heat transfer and reduce the water heater's efficiency.

Finally, periodically check on the state of your water heater's sacrificial anode (the component that protects the exterior from corrosion) and make sure that the safety gasket is still perfectly watertight to avoid unpleasant surprises.

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CHESTERVILLE — Brian Armstrong, along with his wife and business partner Inka Armstrong, started H&B Contracting Asphalt Services in 2000 but had been in business since 1997. Armstrong used to be a heavy equipment mechanic and has been around machinery his whole life. His father who did some asphalt maintenance work convinced Armstrong to take a chance on his own company and they haven't looked back since. "I definitely have no regrets," he said.

The company has dump trucks, several pickups, pavers, rollers and some skid steers. Paving starts up in the middle of May and can continue well into December. During the winter months they keep busy with snow removal in Ottawa. "I'm looking forward to getting started," said Armstrong.

With the melting snow and harsh winter, Armstrong suspects a lot of potholes and maintenance will need to be done. For driveways, Armstrong said it is a good idea to keep on top of maintenance to ensure no larger issues will arise. "If you do start getting some cracks, it's important to have them filled in. If not the water can go in and it erodes out the base and you'll get depressions and potholes eventually. Sealing it as well will offer protection from the sun's UV rays and stop any stains like oil from penetrating into the asphalt," he explained. The year after a driveway is paved, Armstrong recommends getting it sealed and then every two to three years afterwards.

For customers thinking about paving their driveways for the first time, Armstrong and his crew have seen first hand how the work upgrades the curb appeal of a home, especially

if the homeowners are thinking of selling. "There are a lot of customers who see the benefits since they have children who can play sports and games on the driveway without worrying about gravel, mud and dust," Inka added.

When Armstrong and his crew start a job, they work with their customers to choose which asphalt will be used and to make a plan for water runoff. "When you pave, the water has to go somewhere. If you don't do it right and water ends up going back towards the foundation, it can damage the foundation, and erode away the asphalt," he said.

The company uses as many local products as they can and roughly 75 per cent of their work is in the surrounding areas like Kemptville, Iroquois, Morrisburg, Embrun and

Russell. While they do residential work, H&B also does work with the North Dundas municipality and has had the South Dundas municipal maintenance contract for the last six years.

The company has grown a little bit every year, which is a good pace for the couple. The pair, who both grew up in North Dundas, have great pride in their work and explained they offer a good job for a fair price. "We definitely warrant our work," said Inka. Armstrong added, "Depending on the job [we offer] at least a one-year warranty and even a couple of years down the road if there is a problem after that we will fix it up. We like to keep our customers happy. It's a small area and we just want to do a good job."

What to consider when choosing a railing

Both decorative and functional, handrails should be chosen with care. Here are a few considerations to help you make a smart purchase.

Of course, to achieve visual harmony, you should choose a model that matches the style of your staircase and the surrounding area. But before thinking about aesthetics, it's important to consider the role of the railing as a safety barrier — especially if you have young children or share your home with anyone with limited mobility.

For example, as far as the handrail is concerned, it's a good idea to go with a rounded shape to make it easier to grip. For the banister, avoid horizontal bars: children can easily climb them. Also, make sure that little ones aren't able to fit their heads or shoulders between the bars. There are various norms and regulations that govern things like



minimum railing height — call in an expert to make sure everything is up to code.

Finally, when it comes to choosing a material for your railing — metal, wood, plexiglass — style is of course important, but also make sure to keep maintenance in mind.



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How to be a painting pro

Changing a room's décor can be as simple as giving the walls a new coat of paint. At least it can be, if you know all the tricks that will result in a professional looking finish.

First of all, it is crucial to prepare the room thoroughly. This step, which often takes more time than applying the paint, is essential in order to achieve an impeccable final result.

Start by removing any large pieces of furniture and any objects that could be damaged by paint splashes. Plates around light switches and electrical outlets should also be removed, as well as any light shades. Next, protect the floorcovering with old sheets or a tarp. Ensure that any furniture that cannot be taken out of the room is well protected. Run a strip of masking tape or paint tape

along all edges where there is a risk of getting paint, such as mouldings, windows, and door frames.

All surfaces have to be prepared before starting to paint. Fill any holes and modify any imperfections with wall putty and sand the walls smooth. Clean the surfaces to be painted and leave them to dry so that the primer and paint will adhere properly.

Before getting started

on the actual painting, it's a good idea to get some advice from a home painting specialist. They will be able to tell you if you need to apply a coat of primer first and then calculate how much paint you will need for your project. This advice can save you time and money.

Now the time has come to put some colour into your room. Start by carefully applying paint along all edges with a brush: that means corners, window and door ledges, and at the top of walls along the ceiling. All you'll have to do after that is to coat the rest of the walls with a roller in an up and down, down and up motion. Leave this first coat to dry and then apply a second coat, or even a third one if necessary.



It's essential to thoroughly prepare the room before painting, even though you may be tempted to skip a few steps.

Tree planting subsidies available from SNC

FINCH – Looking ahead to next year. In the spring South Nation Conservation (SNC) helps landowners beautify their yards with tree planting programs and subsidies. Applications are taken during the fall and winter and residents of the jurisdiction can order conifer and deciduous trees and shrubs from SNC at a reduced rate through the Tree Planting Program.

"Trees provide many unique benefits; they add aesthetic appeal, provide shade and can even increase property value," said Cheyene Brunet, SNC's Forestry Technician. "Plus, planting trees is a great way to enhance local forest cover and help reduce erosion."

A minimum of 100 seedlings in multiples of 50 species can be ordered, while quantities last. White Birch, Norway Spruce, Highbush Cranberry and Bur Oak are among the many species still

available for order.

"Based on our orders to date, over 100,000 trees will be added to SNC's jurisdiction in 2018," added Brunet.

All seedlings are sourced from SNC's seed zone and are native stock to Ontario. Saplings are locally sourced from Ferguson Forest Centre, in Kemptville, Ontario.

"We also have tree planting subsidies available for projects with more than 1,500 trees for a windbreak or 2,000 trees for block planting on 2.5 acres of land or more."

Contact Cheyene Brunet, 1-877-984-2948 ext. 295, cbrunet@nation.on.ca to learn more about these subsidies or visit www.nation.on.ca/land/forestry-services/tree-planting-services to find additional details about SNC's forestry programs and to access the 2018 Tree Order Form.

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Eight commandments to follow for a functional kitchen



Remodelling a kitchen — now, there's an ambitious project that has to be carefully planned down to the smallest of details. After all, you're not going to do this again anytime soon! So, before you set to work on this exciting project, here are eight tips for creating a functional kitchen that will meet all your needs for years to come.

1. Aim for a user-friendly room: Make sure that all elements are close at hand.

2. Create well defined zones: Group elements together in five distinct activity zones (cooking, washing, storage, preparation, and daily

provisions) to make your kitchen user-friendly.

3. Provide adequate storage: Plan sufficient storage room for everything so you can leave worktops free for what they're supposed to be used for: working.

4. Build cupboards right to the ceiling: Full-sized cupboards mean a lot more storage space and a lot less dusting.

5. More drawers: Exchange the lower cupboards for drawers, which give much easier access to their contents, including things hidden right at the back. Install oversized drawers for even the garbage, recycling, and compost.

6. Include a spacious work surface:

Be sure to plan a zone specifically for food preparation, ideally a kitchen island, and make certain that it is big enough to spread out all the ingredients of a recipe.

7. Build-in your appliances: Camouflage the microwave oven by building it into a cabinet or under the island.

8. Install well designed lighting: Don't skimp on light. Install lights in the ceiling and under the cupboards, as well as dimmers, which are perfect for changing the atmosphere at a moment's notice.

Understanding all the options

New windows often appear at the top of the renovation list when comfort and energy savings are the main goal. There are a myriad of options available, however, so it is a good idea to do your research before making any decisions. Here, we debunk a few myths to help you find the best window solutions for your home.

Myth: PVC is less efficient than other materials with regard to noise insulation, ventilation and protecting against home break-ins.

Reality: over the last few years, new types of PVC (polyvinyl chloride) have been produced; it is now more rigid and therefore more resistant to wind and break-ins. In addition, PVC now provides good thermal insulation, thanks to its multi-chamber profile technology. What's more, this material can withstand any type of weather and is easy to maintain — sponging it down once a year is all it needs.

Myth: aluminum windows are not as well insulated as other types of windows.

Reality: aluminum can meet or even surpass current insulating standards when a thermal break (a strip of urethane that blocks the transfer of heat through the metal) is inserted between the two profiles. The advantages of this type of window are its rigidity, solar gain, and its ability to withstand any type of weather. Powder



PVC, aluminum, wood — every material has its advantages and distinctive style.

coatings give a variety of choice in colour and finish.

Myth: a wood window requires a great deal of maintenance.

Reality: beautiful, natural wood deserves to be cared for year after year. However, maintenance work can now be delayed for several years thanks to the application of insecticide, fungicide, damp-proofing treatments and factory-applied finishes.

The pricing of windows depends on the material and type of glass, as well as on the type of opening mechanism, the window's thermal efficiency and where it is installed.

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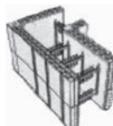


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Renovating to sell

Home owners have a difficult decision to make when the time comes to sell their house: sell at a competitive price without renovating or invest in some improvements in order to sell at a higher price? Without any major renovating, some basic repairs and modifications can consolidate the value of your house.

Start by taking care of your kitchen and bathrooms. A fresh look can be given to your cabinets by changing all the handles and knobs. Light fixtures can also be replaced: choose a ceiling light with three or five lights in order to brighten up a hallway, and use directional lights in the kitchen and lights fitted with dimmers in the living room and the bedrooms. A coat of varnish or even a new wood stain on your floors can raise the value of your property. Do the same with all the woodwork, the window frames, and stair railings. Repair dripping faucets or shabby sinkware and replace out-of-date water heaters.

Don't be afraid to invest at least one per cent of the sale price of your home on small improvements. However small they



The math is simple: be ready to invest 1 per cent of the sale price in improvements to your home. You're guaranteed to come out a winner!

may be, these jobs can turn out to be very profitable, especially in the kitchen and the bathrooms. Indeed, by investing \$2,000, you can probably hope to add between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to the sale price. On the other hand, if you don't invest this money you may have to lower your price by more than \$5,000.

Add value and style to your home

Updating your home can make the space more livable and beautiful. But giving your home a refresh can also boost your property value. Here are some ideas to consider for your next improvement project, big or small.

Layer the lighting. The secret to making a room look like it came straight out of a magazine is layered lighting. Set the tone with ambient lighting at every height. Try experimenting with wall-mounted sconces, pendants, chandeliers or foot lamps for a brighter space and increased functionality.

Customize your window treatments. Made-to-order window coverings are like a well-tailored blazer — they instantly add timeless luxury and professional sophistication. Opt for a classic look with clean lines that's always in style, like Vignette modern roman shades from Hunter Douglas. Unlike other roman shades, they can open from the top, from the bottom, or somewhere in-between for the perfect balance of privacy and light. Choose from an array of luxurious textures and colours to transform your



windows.

Stage like a pro. Even if you're the only one who will be seeing your home this weekend, style the place like a designer would for an open house. Start with your coffee table — combine one large statement piece like a vase or bowl and stack art books or candles for fashionable flair. Other meaningful touches are fresh orchids, plumping the pillows and draping a throw across the couch.

Modernize your kitchen. Few renovation projects offer a better return on your investment than a kitchen upgrade. This key room is the heart of the home and is often the first place guests look. Even small updates can make a big difference. Try swapping out a dated sink or an ancient microwave for a new energy-efficient model, or painting the cabinets and replacing knobs and handles with a stylish metal like brass.

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Ten steps to successful renovations

Perhaps you've finally decided to carry out the renovations that you've been dreaming about for years. But where to start? And how to avoid botching the job? It's all a matter of careful planning. These ten steps are a guide to make your task easier; follow them, and you're sure to be proud of your finished renovation project.

1. Evaluate your needs in a realistic way. If you expect to sell your home in a few years, you won't see things in the same way as if you plan to spend the rest of your life there. If you're there for the long term, try to anticipate the needs of your family down the road; determine if the work you're planning to do now will make sense in a few years' time.

2. Your aesthetic desires are important, but major home maintenance should come first. If your electric wiring is old and the roof is beginning to show its age,

this kind of maintenance work should be carried out before you consider any other types of improvements to the house. The golden rule: maintenance before renovations. Ignore this particular guideline at your peril! You won't enjoy your new sun room if rainwater is dripping through your ceiling elsewhere in the house.

3. Read all available information about the type of renovations you're considering. Useful sources include documents published by government organizations, specialized magazines and websites. Grill friends, neighbours, and material suppliers about their knowledge and experiences with renovation. You'll want to avoid reproducing their horror stories!

4. Draw up several different plans. You might entrust this step to a professional (architect,



architectural technician, or interior designer), having first looked through their portfolios and checked their references. They can draw up definitive plans and, if you wish, prepare estimates

for the materials required.

5. Don't go any further before having your plans approved by your municipality. Renovation regulations vary considerably from one town

to another.

6. In order to prepare a precise budget as possible, shop around for the different types of materials, comparing their prices as well as their durability. Plan for an extra 10 or 20 per cent of your budget to meet unexpected expenses, which have an amazing ability to sneak up and take you by surprise.

7. If you need financing, a consultant at your banking institution will be able to explain the various avenues open to you, taking into account any equity available on the home and your assets. They will be well informed about any financial products intended specifically for home owners to fund renovations.

8. Now comes the critical step: the choice of contractor. Verify that he or she is well-established, has all the required permits, is a member of a professional association, and has worked on similar projects. Ask

them for references, a detailed estimate, and a clear-cut contract with a deadline for completion of the work. Deciding to carry out at least some of the renovation work yourself will translate into substantial savings.

9. Once the work has started, be present at the worksite as much as possible in order to quickly detect any mistakes and rapidly resolve any problems by discussing them with the contractor.

10. When the work is finished, ensure that it has been done as stipulated in the contract — don't sign anything until all is completed to your satisfaction. Finally, wait until the end of the payment time limit stated in the contract to pay the contractor your last installment. This gives you some leverage if any unresolved details arise in the days after the work crew clears out.

Do you have good drainage around your home?

Having an efficient drainage system around a home is essential and can help homeowners avoid huge problems down the road. Damage caused by water can be expensive to repair, so it's worth spending a few dollars now to make sure everything is in order.

Symptoms of drainage system problems might look like sweating around cracks in the concrete foundation slab, a constantly high level of humidity in the basement, the presence of water around the base of the foundations, white powdery residue at the base of the concrete walls, water infiltrations during spring thaw, a sump pit that overflows as soon as it rains, or a sump pump that operates virtually non-stop.

Before starting any type of repair work it is important to determine the cause of the problem. The first thing to check is if your land slopes towards the house or towards your property lines. Then ensure that the gutters are not connected directly to the drains, which may not be able to cope with excessive amounts of water in some circumstances.

If you still have not found the root cause of the problem, it is recommended that you carry out further verifications with the help of a contractor. An expert can help you avoid the unnecessary replacement of a drainage system by inspecting underground pipes with cameras, for example. That kind of technology can lead to a quick diagnosis of any hidden problems.

Be careful not to rely on a contractor who seems to know at a first glance what the problem is. It is all too easy to waste large sums of money with this type of problem, especially if the initial inspection was not done properly.



If you have water infiltration problems, be wary of any contractor who offers an expensive solution after a quickly given diagnosis.

Spring maintenance for your home

Has harsh winter weather damaged your home? Has snow clearing ruined your flowerbeds? Has the wind torn off some of your roof shingles? Spring brings a lot of little fix-ups that need your attention, but for most of them you don't need to be an expert in renovations.

The exterior of a home usually needs some preventive maintenance in the spring, once all risk of freezing has passed. A few simple tasks will be sufficient to improve the appearance and the value of your residence.

Foundations

Check to ensure that no new cracks have appeared and that existing ones have not increased in size. Call in an expert to fill the cracks and solve the problem once and for all.

Windows

If the paint on windows, outside cladding, or the patio has peeled, the wood is probably damp. Any rotten wood should be replaced before repainting.

Driveway

Examine your driveway and other paved surfaces, including those of indoor garages. Identify all the potholes and cracks in the asphalt that will have to be repaired. Stepping stones in walkways that have broken, chipped, lifted or sunk over the winter will also need repairing.

Gutters

Once the blossoms from spring-flowering trees have fallen, clean the gutters even if you did them in the fall. Take advantage of this extra cleaning to make sure the anchors aren't loose and that your gutters are draining efficiently. Use a garden hose to detect any leaks and ensure that water drains freely through the downspouts and away from the house.

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Simple spring ideas add seasonal touches to your home

A new season is here, and that means it's time to give your living spaces an update. Refresh your home with a few strategic elements that can take you from winter to wow.

Surprise with unexpected florals. Flowers during springtime are not exactly a groundbreaking idea, but you can add a twist by incorporating them in creative ways. Think removable wallpaper or a reupholstered statement armchair with pretty, punchy or playful florals. Fresh flowers are never a miss, and you can make them bloom and last longer by placing an ice cube in their water every other day.

Transport outdoor greenery inside. Nothing says spring like new plants, flowers and shrubs. Even if you don't have a backyard, you can give your interiors a touch of the garden with easy-to-maintain plants around your home. Popular varieties this year are coloured plants like the Pink Princess Philodendron, aquatic plants that require less

care, and dwarf fruit trees. **Brighten with a pastel palette.** Today's trending colours are perfect for the season. Add some millennial pink, soft lavender and cheerful yellow with decorative accessories like pillows and art prints for an easy update. For a more substantial makeover, try painting an accent wall one of these shades for a pop of colour and keep everything else neutral for a balanced look.

Update your window's look. Sometimes all it takes to energize a space are new window fashions. Be sure to choose something that lets in plenty of the sun's rays after a long winter, like Pirouette window shadings from Hunter Douglas. Soft horizontal fabric vanes float on a sheer backing, allowing you to achieve infinite combinations of light control, view-through and privacy. The sheer fabric back panel diffuses sunlight, transforming it into a warm glow while filtering out ultraviolet rays.

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Should moulding be the same colour as the walls?



When it comes time to paint a room, the moulding (or trim) presents an interesting conundrum: should it be the same colour as the walls?

The answer: it all depends on the desired effect — and the look of the moulding. Plain doorframes without any particular aesthetic features, for

example, are usually best left to blend in with the surrounding wall. The same goes for a door that's poorly framed — drawing attention to crooked trim is sure to disrupt the visual flow of the room.

If your moulding is quite plain, you might still choose to make it subtly stand out by painting it the same shade as the walls, but in a glossier, light-catching finish.

If your moulding is ornate, don't hesitate to make it pop! Create contrast by using white, grey or black. If you decide to go with white, make sure you choose a shade that matches the rest of the room's colour palette — in other words, don't use a crisp, cool white to trim a wall that's painted in a rich, warm hue.

Finally, remember that if your moulding is of a different colour than your walls, it's a good idea to paint all the moulding in your home the same colour. This is especially true when it comes to creating a harmonious overall look in an open-concept space.

Did you know?

Debris from home improvement projects can often be recycled. According to Waste Management, the largest residential recycler and renewable energy provider in North America, common construction materials such as concrete, porcelain, tile, lumber, metals, masonry, plastic, carpet and insulation can potentially be recycled. When recycled, debris from construction projects may ultimately be used in various ways to benefit the planet. For example, such debris may be used as inerts that become road base, while clear wood may be transformed into mulch or biomass fuel. Crushed concrete can go on to live a second life as gravel or become dry aggregate for new concrete. Homeowners who want to recycle as much of their home improvement project debris as possible can work with Waste Management and/or their contractors to ensure the materials they no longer need continue to be put to good use.

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