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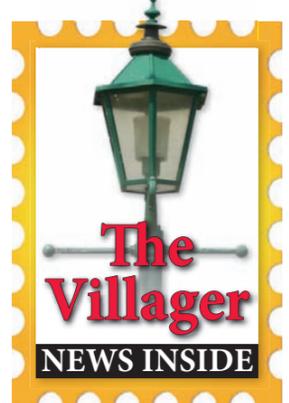
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Briefly

Holiday hours

CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville Record office will be closed for the Victoria Day Holiday on May 21, 2018. Deadline for advertising is Thurs., May 17, 2018 at 12 p.m. for the May 23rd edition.

Candidate meeting

WINCHESTER – The SDSG candidates for the upcoming provincial election will be gathered for a public meeting and question period at the Joel Steele Community Centre on Thurs., May 17 at 7:30 p.m. The candidates scheduled to attend the meeting include: Jim McDonnell (PC), Heather Megill (Liberal), Marc Benoit (NDP), Elaine Kennedy (Green) and Sabile Trimm (Libertarian).

Market opens

CHESTERVILLE – Chesterville Farmer's Market officially opens on Sat., May 19 for the season. The market will run until Oct. 6 every Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Green Gang plant sale

CHESTERVILLE – The Green Gang will be hosting their annual plant sale on Fri., May 19 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Main St. Gazebo. Plant donations are welcomed.



Celebrating 80 years of dreams coming true

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CHESTERVILLE – Rotarians and community members gathered at the Chesterville Legion on May 12 to celebrate 80 years of service to the community by the Rotary Club of Chesterville and District. During the evening a slideshow highlighting Club activities and several books, provided by Rotarian Betty Vanden Bosch, containing the history of this service, were available to view.

After a delicious roast beef dinner District Governor Sue Bellor presented president Martin Derks with a certificate commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Club and Gord Moat, Frank Heerkens

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Art On The Waterfront gears up for another year

CHESTERVILLE – Artists from all around the province will be gathering to display their work in a two-day festival in downtown Chesterville on June 2 and 3.

Art on the Waterfront has something for everyone; from unique pieces of work crafted by regional artists, to live music, to a Kids Zone entertainment centre. There's even a farmer's market and a bouncy castle.

"We really wanted to create an event that would appeal to almost anyone," said event coordinator Cheryl Beasley. "Chesterville is such a great town, and it's the perfect place to highlight local talent."

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A smile that lights the way

The alumni players gathered around the guest of honour Nicky Caldwell during the annual Baskets For fundraiser at Russell High School. Caldwell was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer in January but he remains a beacon of hope in Russell village. See full story on page 11. Sawyer Helmer photo

Together North Dundas can do a lot

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

WINCHESTER – Community spirit filled the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester during the inaugural 100 Women Who Care North Dundas event held on Thurs., May 9. Dundas County Hospice, Habitat for Humanity and the Winchester District Memorial Hospital received \$10,000, \$8,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

Diane Crummy of Hallville, chair of 100 Women Who Care North Dundas, during an interview with the Record said the organization had been launched in Feb 2018, with 200 women signed up in 36 hours which meant there was \$20,000 up for grabs.

Crummy explained the premise of the group is quite simple. A group of 100 women commit to bringing \$100 each to a meeting once a year for one hour, with funding of \$10,000 available. During the hour charitable organizations have three minutes to explain the project they are seeking financial support for,

following which a vote is held and the organization receiving funding is announced.

Seven organizations applied for funding from the 100 Women Who Care North Dundas, with only three being successful, Crummy commented on how all the groups, which included the Chesterville and District Agricultural Society, Community Food Share, St. Mary's Catholic School Council and Glengarry Inter-Agency Group (GIAG) Dundas Youth Centre, benefited from the exposure at the event with everyone in the room learning more about the work done by these organizations in the community.

While the votes were being counted, Crummy thanked committee members North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan, Cheryl Guy and Martine Guy for all their work and the eleven community sponsors for their support. She recognized the support of the 100 Women Who Care South Dundas and announced the formation of 100 Men Who Care North Dundas later this year.

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St. Mary Catholic School enjoys special Métis guest

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – During Catholic Education week, the students at St. Mary Catholic School spent Wed., May 9, learning about Indigenous culture. To top off the day, Ginny Gonneau, a Métis dancer associated with the Ottawa based organization MASC (Multicultural Arts for Schools and Communities), was welcomed to the school to perform traditional Métis Jigging.

Métis Jigging, the MASC website explains is, “A unique dance developed by the Métis people that combines the intricate footwork of Native dancing with the instruments and form of European music.”

Gonneau, who is a citizen of the Métis Nation from her mother’s side, spoke to the students about the history and symbols found in the culture. Gonneau explained the Métis people trace their descendants back to the First Nations people who married European settlers. Their culture combines traditions of both the European and First Nations side.

Of particular interest were the woven sashes Gonneau brought to display. The sash comes from the French settlers and was used for various practical applications along with its decorative quality. Gonneau told her audience that the sash is traditionally given as



A world of cultures

From left, St. Mary Catholic School principal Karen Carriere welcomed Métis dancer Ginny Gonneau and TD Bank Chesterville branch representative Cheryl Sutherland to the school for Indigenous Day during Catholic Education Week.

Sawyer Helmer photo

a gift by someone special or is passed down through a family.

Gonneau also said in her performances she speaks to her audience about her own appearance. Despite being half Métis, Gonneau pointed out that she does not have the features traditionally associated with Aboriginal people. Her message to the

students was that people cannot be judged by their appearance.

Gonneau performed three dances, the Red River Jig - the unofficial Métis Anthem, Heel-Toe Polka - a traditional wedding dance, and the Orange Blossom Special. Students were invited to dance for a portion of the performance and the

excitement was palpable.

After the dances were done, Gonneau answered questions and joined principal Karen Carriere in thanking TD Bank, represented by Cheryl Sutherland of the Chesterville branch, for sponsoring the performance.



Orange Blossom Special

Ginny Gonneau, citizen of the Métis Nation of Ontario, joined students at St. Mary Catholic School for Indigenous Education Day on Wed., May 9. Gonneau danced three traditional dances and spoke to students about the Métis culture. Her last dance was called the Orange Blossom Special.

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100 Women Who Care North Dundas

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As the evening concluded, representatives of the three successful organizations profusely thanked the 100 Women Who Care in North Dundas, with Habitat for Humanity Seaway Valley resource and volunteer coordinator Breckyn Fowler commenting that the \$8,000 received will be used for roofs and floors in the 2018 Dundas build in Williamsburg. Fowler said a lot of hard work goes into the builds and it is gratifying to see the difference they make for a family.



Seek funding

Arnold Scheerder, Linda Johnson and Paul Renaud of Dundas County Hospice were joined by Judy Munro and Carolyn Munro at their organization's display. The organization asked for \$10,000 to be used for increasing storage area at the Williamsburg office. DCH was successful in their bid for funding. Thompson Goddard photo

Crummy perhaps summed it all best when she quoted from an unknown source how, "Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much."



Grateful to the community

From the left, WDMH representatives Kristen Casselman and Cindy Peters; Paul Renaud Dundas County Hospice; Diane Crummy 100 WWCND; Arnold Scheerder Dundas County Hospice; and Breckyn Fowler Habitat for Humanity Seaway Valley. Thompson Goddard photo

Art On The Waterfront

Continued from the front

The festival events lineup launches with a big breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Gathering House at 2 Water Street; with opening ceremonies starting at 10 a.m.

"During the day you can stroll along Water Street and browse the booths that display some amazing and talented artisanal work," said Beasley. "The festival keeps growing and we're really proud to welcome new partners this year."

Toronto Dominion Bank, Ottawa Special Events, BGM RV Repair, WUBS Transit and the Township of North Dundas are among the more than two dozen sponsors who have signed up for this year's event.

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Hey Buster, Sons of Gord, Krystal Jyl, and Ray Harris.

"Don't forget to stay for the movie at dusk on Saturday, sponsored by the Township of North Dundas," said Beasley. "It's the perfect way to end the day with family and friends."

So whether you visit the festival to find your own

unique piece of hand-crafted art, let your kids loose to enjoy the super-fun Kids Zone, eat some great food, or listen to some spectacular live music; you're bound to find something that will bring you back year after year.

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Letter

The waiting road

The Editor,

Maybe Dan Belleau, director of Public Works of North Dundas Township, should worry more about Kelly Road as it becomes a mud hole when it rains. Kelly Road has not had any crushed stone for five years. It will be six years if it doesn't get any this year. Mayor Eric Duncan said it would get fixed-up three years ago but it didn't happen. Two years ago the township said the crushed stone would not be put on because the west half of the township was getting it. The east received no stone that year. It was not put on a year ago because the township had run out of crushed stone. This year, 2018? Maybe or maybe not.

Steven Kelly, North Dundas

NDDHS Report

By Rosie Backes

Student Council Communications

Around the school



CHESTERVILLE – Fri., May 11, the track and field team competed at the Capital Classic in Ottawa. Team members achieved some of their personal bests.

The boys soccer team competed on Mon., May 14, at Glengarry, and again yesterday, May 15, at CharLan and today, May 16 at North Dundas.

Both tomorrow, May 17, and Fri., May 19, the baseball team will compete at the SD&G championship.

Don't forget that this Friday is the North Dundas talent show in the gym beginning at 12:45 p.m.



Fill-A-Bag soars past last year's record

Volunteer teams helped the Community Food Share collect bags from across the surrounding area on Sat., May 12. The donations weighed in at an outstanding total of 18,825 pounds, far exceeding last year's 13,000 pounds. Ian McKelvie, Community Food Share administrator said the organization also received \$590 in cash donations plus a \$1,000 Team Action Grant from the Winchester branch of RBC. Donations from Morewood, Finch and Chesterville were brought to the Chesterville Arena before being transported for weighing. One of the Chesterville teams worked hard throughout the day collecting from houses in the community. Front row, Alexander vanDelst, Middle row from left, Liam Campbell and Gwyneth vanDelst. Back row from left, Mackenzie Campbell, Samson McDonald, William Miller and Luke vanDelst. Courtesy photo

CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

The money vote

With the 2018 Ontario election campaign officially launched towards a June 7 vote, it's time to assess potential outcomes in four local rural ridings.

Two of the ridings are no-brainers in my mind, especially if the Progressive Conservatives arrive at Election Day under a good head of steam. We're talking Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry where well-liked PC incumbent Jim McDonnell should breeze back in. Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands-Rideau Lakes should welcome PC incumbent Steve Clark back with open arms, partly to acknowledge his close friendship with the riding's MP Gord Brown who died suddenly May 2.

The winner is harder to call in the reconfigured riding of Carleton which contains Metcalfe and Greely but I'm going to give it to hard-working PC candidate Goldie Ghamari, particularly if the PCs are on a roll and leader Doug Ford sticks to the script. Not only has she got the ideal polling booth name, but Goldie has already papered the riding with lawn signs, showing the right kind of determination.

The tough riding to sort out is Glengarry-Prescott-Russell where the showdown is between the PC's Amanda Simard and

Liberal Pierre Leroux, both of whom temporarily abandoned their seats on Russell Township Council (Leroux as mayor) to take a shot at the political biggies.

Although I spend part of my time in Russell Village and part in the town of Prescott which is within Leeds-Grenville, I still cast my vote in GPR so that's the riding getting more of my attention. Besides, it's the most interesting one election-wise.

A lawyer with experience working on Parliament Hill, Amanda has been in the race since last December when PC leader Patrick Brown (remember him?) jockeyed her into the nomination ahead of the more popular Derek Duval. There are traditional PC party voters who still resent that intervention.

In her propaganda, Amanda says she'll work tirelessly so families can pay less and get ahead... which should be one of the main goals of any candidate. Based on her time on the Hill and on municipal council, she says she knows how to navigate government and get results.

That's Amanda. Pierre is a rising political star, a protégé of the late, loved J.P. St. Pierre, who has made his long-term intentions clearly known by jumping into the ring to replace Liberal incumbent Grant Crack, also a former

mayor (North Glengarry) who suddenly bowed out after seeking and winning the nomination in January.

What's up with that? Politicians in this position always cite family considerations and that might be true. Other unstated reasons are often that the candidate has tested the winds and doesn't think he/she can win again, or the party in question doesn't think so and asks he/she to withdraw, often with the promise of a plum should that party form a new government.

While Amanda has remained low profile since her controversial nomination, Pierre has been making news – not necessarily the good kind – for having campaign signs mysteriously ripped off and for seeming to slag his former home of Vanier in a video which he promptly took down. Pierre likes to jokingly refer to his tough-guy background in Vanier but that obviously didn't fly in the bigger arena.

I've got to say I like Pierre, I think he's working his way into an efficient politician, but Pierre... Pierre: You represent Kathleen Wynne, the most reviled political leader in Canada, the person who combined with her predecessor Dalton McGuinty to drive Ontario into have-not status.

Kathleen Wynne has demonstrated over and over



that she has no regard for the bottom line, therefore no regard for the financial burden placed on taxpayers. I'd like to vote for you, Pierre, but I can't vote for your boss. And, sorry, but I firmly believe the Wynne government is going down for the count this time, even in its GPR stronghold. You harnessed your horse to the wrong electoral wagon.

So I'm voting for Amanda who I don't think will be as effective as you would be; but I'm hoping that Ford and the PCs can rein in the unbridled spending of the past decade and put Ontario back on the right track with fewer expensive luxuries handed out to a largely spoiled electorate.

If Ford can get to the bottom of this one issue, I'll be a happy voter: Will the Ontario deficit wind up at \$6.7-billion this year as the Liberals have proclaimed, or will it balloon to \$12-billion due to increased spending and weaker revenues as the Financial Accountability Office has projected?

Like so many other things, it's all about the money, Pierre!

The Road Home

A work to be admired

When I think back to the sizzling sixties in Chesterville, I often think of Mom playing solitaire at the kitchen table while Daddy was out solving some problem at the Nestlé plant or attending a school board meeting. She became quite proficient at "beating the devil" as she called it when she won, which she attributed to the large number of meetings Dad attended.

When Dad came home one evening and announced that he was joining the local Rotary Club at the suggestion of the plant manager Jim Moonie, Mom didn't seem that excited and I vaguely remember that deck of cards coming out soon after dinner with Dad retreating to watch something on television.

If you were to ask me what I remember about the Rotary Club in that era, I would have to admit the memories are somewhat few. To me Rotary was Daddy going out for dinner at McCloskey's Hotel and then coming home to tell us about what had happened during the meeting. I do recall his excitement one meeting night because Syl Apps, a professional hockey player from before my time, was to be the guest speaker and another time I believe Henry Larsen's visit spurred a lengthy discussion on the Northwest Passage.

During Dad's time as a member of Rotary there was an international auction of some sort to commemorate something or other, with the clubs throughout the world providing items for the auction. I remember being so excited when Dad brought home from one of the meetings a Norwegian wooden doll he had purchased for me. This tiny doll became a cherished possession of mine, sitting in my room causing me to think of children in Norway playing with such a toy. The last time I saw it was in my classroom at Chesterville Public School where it was part of a project on Norway before it disappeared.

I attended the dinner this past weekend commemorating the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club in Chesterville, in remembrance of Dad's participation in this organization both as a member and former president of the Club. Listening as Rotarian Stan Vanden Bosch provided an update on the various activities the club has been involved in over the years, I wondered if people in the community realize the work done by service clubs on their behalf. I think Mary Cook had the right idea when she suggested during her speech at the dinner, how the Rotarians of today have made the dreams of the charter members come true. So thank you Rotarians for quietly making the dreams of others a reality.

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Celebrating 80 years of service

Continued from the front

and Ron Leclair were named as Paul Harris Fellows in recognition of their contributions to the community.

An overview of the contributions of this club to the local, national and international communities was presented by Rotarian Stan Vanden Bosch. He was followed by the guest speaker Mary Cook speaking on dreams and their fulfillment.

Listening to Cook speak on the dreams of the charter members in 1938 and how they must have been fulfilled by the work done by the Club over the past eight decades, one could



sense a feeling of pride in those present and a recognition of the validity of her words.

Three honoured for contributions

Gord Moat, Frank Heerkens and Ron Leclair were honoured by the Rotary Club of Chesterville and District during their 80th Anniversary Dinner by being presented with the Paul Harris Fellow, given in recognition of outstanding contribution to the community. From the left, Heerkens, Susan Bohlig, Martin Derks, Shelagh Derks, Debbie LeClair, Ron LeClair, Moat and Barbara Moat.

Thompson Goddard photo



Commemorating community service

Rotary District Governor Sue Bellor is shown presenting Martin Derks, president of the Rotary Club of Chesterville and District, with a certificate commemorating the Club's 80th anniversary. The Club was founded in 1938 with 22 charter members including Harold G. Bigelow, Jack A. Morris, Leon Marcellus, J. Howard Fulton and O.L. King, with 15 Rotarians currently serving their community. Thompson Goddard photo

~ OBITUARY ~



CINNAMON, Norma (nee Guy)

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Dundas Manor in her 92nd year. Mother of Nelda (Dalton) Gow of Morrisburg, Donna Byers of Crysler, James of Morrisburg, Linda (Tom) Sirvage of Kemptville, and Glenn (Susie) of Chesterville. Survived by 19 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband Donald, son Lyle, grandson Mark, great-grandson Kaden, and her siblings Arthur, Orvil, Karl, Gordon, Ella Davidson, Dwight, Howard, Olive Summers, and Ray. Family and friends are invited to visit at the Winchester Chapel of Hulse, Playfair and McGarry, 472 Main St., Winchester, on Thursday, May 17 from 12 p.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 2 p.m. Interment to follow at Ormond Cemetery. Donations made in Norma's memory to the Dundas Manor, Ormond Cemetery or the charity of your choice are appreciated.



RUTLEY, Janet

The family of the late Janet Rutley would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and beautiful flowers sent to the house. Thank you for the donations which were given in memory of Janet.

Special thanks to Reverend Lois Gaudet for her visits at the Garden Villa and the Dundas Manor, she enjoyed her chats with you very much.

We would like to thank her friends and family who visited her during her stay at the Garden Villa. Celebration of Janet's Life will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at 1:30 p.m. at the Finch Community Cemetery.

The Rutley Family

Obituary



LAUZON, Pauline Aline (nee Trottier)

Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the age of 89 years, of Chesterville, and formerly of Alexandria. Loving wife of the late Adolphe F. Lauzon. Dear beloved mother of Jacques A. Lauzon of Merrickville, Pierre A. Lauzon (Paulette Piette) of Alexandria, and Nicole P. Lauzon of Chesterville. Cherished grandmother of 6 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Dear sister of André (Alice) Trottier. Predeceased by her parents Arcade W. and Yvonne (nee Trottier) Trottier, by her sisters Gabrielle (the late Ernest) Quenneville and Fernande (the late Ubald) Ranger and her daughter-in-law Colombe Lauzon (nee Lefebvre). Pauline will be greatly missed by her cousins, nephews and nieces, as well as many friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church, Chesterville, on Friday, May 11, 2018 at 11 am followed by cremation. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations made to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. As a memorial to Pauline, a tree will be planted in a Memory Woods. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of the **Munro & Morris Funeral Homes Ltd., 114 Main Street South, Alexandria (613) 525-2772.** Condolences may be made online at www.munromorris.com

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A funtastic Fifth Avonmore Ladies Night Out

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

AVONMORE – It was another sold out event for the Avonmore Ladies Night Out fundraiser held at North Stormont Centre in Avonmore on May 11. A Night in Paris was the theme for the evening, local women joined together for an evening of fellowship, fun and food while raising funds for a worthy cause.

This year was the fifth annual Avonmore Ladies Night Out, with Nancy Wert of North Stormont commenting almost \$36,000 has been raised since it was organized in 2014 as a fundraiser for Stephanie Grady and her fight against NUT Midline Carcinoma which



\$2,000 donated to Baldwin House

Organizer Carrie Couturier, Maison Baldwin House representative Danielle MacNeil and Kerry Adams from Adams Financial Group are pictured following a cheque presentation during the 2018 Avonmore Ladies Night Out event on May 11 at North Stormont Place.

Thompson Goddard photo

eventually claimed her life. Since then, Beyond 21, Open Hands and Camp Erin have benefited from the fundraiser with this year's recipient being Maison Baldwin House in Cornwall.

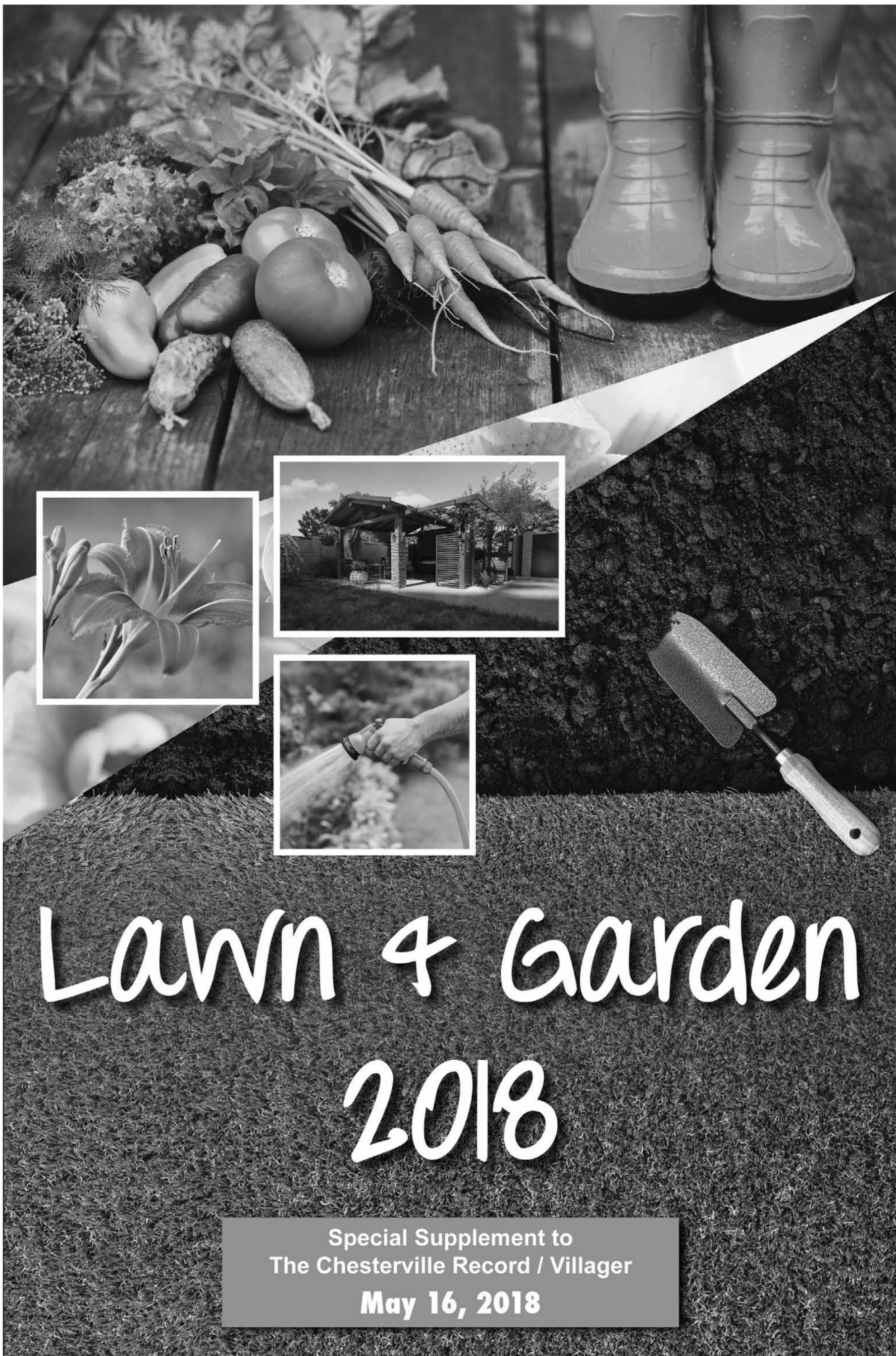
After a cheque for \$2,000 was presented to Danielle MacNeil of Maison Baldwin House by Kerry Adams of Adams Financial Group and while enjoying delicious delectable treats, those present were able to enjoy a fashion show with clothing from Serendipity Boutique in Cornwall which provides revenue for Maison Baldwin House. In addition to the classy, yet affordable fashions from the boutique there were chuckles heard as models wearing comic costumes strolled down the runway.

Items for the silent and live auction were donated by community members, with auctioneer Chad Simmons once again demonstrating his ability to have some fun while raising money. Items for the silent auction were bid on throughout the evening and as the event came to a close Simmons once again auctioned off a number of items donated by community members.

Organizer Carrie Couturier reported to *The Chesterville Record* almost \$10,000 was raised during the 2018 Avonmore Ladies Night Out which will be presented to Maison Baldwin House shortly. This will bring the total of money raised during these events to over \$40,000 since beginning in 2014.

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Embellish your yard with a pond

Adding a pond to your property is an excellent way to embellish your outdoor space and give it personality. To incorporate a pond that harmonizes with the rest of your landscaping, keep these tips in mind.

Location

Determine the ideal spot for your pond. First of all, you'll need to consider sunlight, because your water feature might house various living species (plants, fish, frogs, etc.) with different needs. Make sure that your pond will receive enough sunlight for flora and fauna to thrive. Furthermore, avoid placing your pond next to a tree, because its roots may eventually damage it.

Size

After finding the perfect spot for your water feature, you'll need to determine its

size and shape. To choose the appropriate size, consider how big your yard is. If it's relatively small, a giant pond would only make it feel more cramped. The opposite is also true: a tiny pond might go unnoticed in a sprawling yard.

Remember that your pond should complement your yard and that everything is a matter of balance. Preformed models (made of fibreglass, resin or polyester, for example) in various sizes and shapes are available on the market; you're sure to find one that perfectly matches your yard.

Finishing touch

Once you've set up your pond, you'll be able to highlight it with plants, a sculpture, solar-powered lanterns, a rustic bench, or any other accessories you'd like.



Potential threats to pets in your yard

Pets love to roam free, and homeowners with outdoor space often let their pets get some exercise and play time in their backyards. While it's important for pets like dogs and even some cats to get some time outdoors, pet owners should recognize the potential threats to pet health looming in their lawns and gardens.

Mulch

According to the Pet Poison Helpline (PPH), mulch made from cocoa beans can pose a threat to pets. This type of mulch is made of discarded hulls or shells of the cocoa bean. These byproducts of chocolate production contain varying concentrations of the toxins theobromine and caffeine. When ingested in high concentrations, these toxins can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, seizures, and, in some instances, death. The amount of these toxins present in a given batch of this type of mulch may not be readily known, so homeowners should avoid applying it.

Slug and snail baits

The PPH notes that the active ingredient in slug and snail baits is metaldehyde, which is highly poisonous to cats and dogs. Symptoms of distress, including restlessness, vomiting, seizures, and high body temperature, can appear as soon as one hour after these baits are ingested. The baits are typically available in pellet, granular, powder, and liquid form, but each should be avoided by pet owners who allow their pets to play in their yards.

Compost

Compost is a great and natural way to enrich soil. But compost piles should be cordoned off so curious pets cannot access them. As the organic matter within compost piles decompose, mold can begin to grow. If ingested by pets, moldy materials inside compost piles can make pets sick in as little as 30 minutes. Pets who have ingested moldy compost may appear agitated, pant, drool or vomit and some may even suffer from tremors or

seizures.

Flowers/plants

Of course, some flowers and plants can pose a threat to pets as well. Before planting new plants and/or flowers in their gardens, homeowners should inquire at their local gardening centre or speak with their veterinarians to confirm if the plants or flowers are safe to ingest. If not, do not plant them or plant them in raised garden beds that cannot be accessed by curious pets.

Fertilizers

Certain types of fertilizer also may be harmful to pets. According to the PPH, fertilizers that contain blood meal, bone meal, feather meal and iron can be dangerous to dogs. When ingested in large doses, such products can form a concretion in the stomach, which can obstruct the gastrointestinal tract and cause severe pancreatitis. Fertilizers that are high in iron also can contribute to iron poisoning if ingested by pets.

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How to read a nursery plant tag

Shopping for new plants for a home can be an exciting undertaking. Nurseries and garden centers are often home to dozens of types of plant species that come in various colours, leaf variations and sizes. Such variety can make choosing plants more fun while also making the process of buying plants a bit complicated, especially for a novice. Thankfully, plant tags can help consumers make informed decisions.

Understanding how to read plant tags is key to making good choices. Such labels contain a lot of information, but once a person knows how to decode that data, they are well on the way to choosing the right plants.

Common name

The common name of the plant tends to be the most noticeable word or words on the tag. This is the name the plant is referred to outside of scientific circles. Most plants have one or more common names in addition to their botanical name.

Scientific (botanical) name

Scientific names are also known as the Latin names of the plant. Such names will be written in italics on the tag and are usually one or two words. The scientific name includes the genus



(group) and the species of the plant.

Cultivar

A plant tag may further describe the type of plant by including the cultivar. A cultivar is the variation of the species. It may describe a size or colour variation. The cultivar is listed in single quotations by the scientific name.

Sun requirements

The tag should list how

much sun exposure the plant requires to thrive. It may be anywhere from full sun to full shade.

Height and spread

The label frequently includes the maximum growing height and width the plant should reach when mature. This gives gardeners an understanding of just how much room the plant will take up in the garden and how to space plants in a landscape.

Water needs

How much water the plant requires may be featured on the tag as well. This helps gardeners know if they need the soil to be damp or relatively dry.

Hardiness or zone

Tags that list zones will describe the coldest zone in which the plant can exist. Otherwise, it will give a range. Many annuals will not list a hardiness zone because they are not

expected to last beyond one season.

Perennial or annual

The tag should designate the plant as an annual or perennial. Annuals are not expected to last through the winter and will need to be replanted the following year. Perennials can overwinter and will regenerate year after year.

Tags also may list information such as special care needs, drought

tolerance, uses for the plant, and when the plant blooms. Some plant labels will inform gardeners if the plants were produced organically or without GMO practices. Trademark information also may be included.

Plant tags provide important information for selecting and growing plants. When noted, tags help gardeners make the right selections and keep plants as healthy as possible.

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How to banish mosquitoes from your yard

Time spent in the backyard on spring and summer afternoons and evenings contributes heavily to the popularity of these times of year. Many homeowners go to great lengths to make their outdoor living spaces as luxurious as possible, only to be bothered by uninvited and bothersome guests: mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes are not just pesky nuisances, but they're also harmful. According to the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA), more than one-million people across the globe die from

mosquito-borne diseases every year. Such diseases include malaria, dengue, yellow fever, West Nile virus and the Zika virus.

The AMCA notes that many of the diseases transmitted by mosquitoes can be linked to travel to endemic areas. But mosquitoes in North America can still be harmful, and bites may result in severe skin irritation through an allergic reaction to mosquito saliva.

Homeowners can employ several measures to prevent mosquitoes from invading their backyards

this spring and summer.

Remove standing water

Stagnant water is an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, so homeowners must be diligent in their efforts to remove standing water around their properties. Mosquitoes can breed in bird baths, pets' water bowls and empty plant pots that collect rain water. Routinely tipping these items and refilling them with fresh water can prevent mosquito infestations, protecting both humans and pets alike.

Inspect property for hidden pockets of water

While bird baths, pet bowls and kiddie pools are easy to find, homeowners may be unknowingly hosting mosquito breeding grounds elsewhere on their properties. For example, tarps used to cover pools, automobiles or grills that are not tightly secured can fold up, creating pockets where rain water can collect and give mosquitoes somewhere to breed. Mosquitoes also may use gutters to breed, so homeowners should routinely inspect and clean their gutters during spring and summer.

Keep a well-manicured lawn

Well-manicured lawns are less likely to be breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Because water plays such a crucial role in the mosquito breeding process, it's necessary that all potential water sources in a yard be removed. Fallen leaves that are not removed and pockets of soil beneath trees and plants can collect rain water or water from lawn sprinklers, which can be just enough for mosquitoes to breed.

Use fans

Consumer Reports tested the efficacy of

oscillating pedestal fans to keep mosquitoes from invading decks and patios and found that such fans cut mosquito landings by 45 to 65 per cent for those sitting closest to the fans. When hosting backyard barbecues, homeowners can set up several such fans on their decks and patios to keep mosquitoes at bay.

Mosquitoes are unwelcome guests come spring and summer. But homeowners can take steps to increase the likelihood that their properties stay mosquito-free.

Simple ways to avoid injury while gardening

During the winter, many people anxiously await the arrival of warm weather so they can get back outdoors. Gardening is one outdoor activity that attracts many a devotee.

Although gardening can be a worthwhile and enjoyable hobby for people of all ages, like other activities, gardening carries certain safety risks, even though few people may give much thought to the risk of getting hurt when gardening. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that gardeners suffer thousands of injuries every year. Many of these injuries involve lawn and garden equipment or accessories used while tending to plants. From lawn mowers to pruners to manual garden tools, gardeners may handle various pieces of equipment that can make them susceptible to injury if they're not careful.

To reduce their risk of injury, gardeners can follow these important

safety precautions.

- Plant gardens in raised garden beds and containers to reduce the need to stoop down to tend to plants. Raised beds are easier on gardeners' backs and knees.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and durable pants to protect arms and legs from branches, thorns and insects.
- Remove tripping hazards, such as roots, lumber, rocks, and loose gravel, from the yard at the start of gardening season.
- Wear gloves to prevent blisters from forming and to protect hands from any chemical products used in the garden. Gloves also can keep hands clean, ensuring bacteria and fungi do not find their way into open cuts or scrapes.
- Vary activities and take periodic breaks so prolonged repetitive motions do not contribute to soreness or injury.
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Creating privacy in the garden and on the patio

Are you tired of letting your neighbours spy on your yard to their heart's content? Beyond fences and hedges — which are practical for backyards, but not so much for urban patios — there are countless ways to shield your outdoor space from prying eyes. Here are a few to get you inspired.

Natural screens

Take advantage of the natural properties of plants such as hedges and climbers

— the latter of which grow incredibly quickly and require little maintenance — to create a vertical garden. Clematis, honeysuckle and climbing roses, for example, will embellish your patio with their colourful flowers, while the dense foliage of vines, lichens and hops will create a magnificent screen of greenery. Walls, fences, lattices, arbours — there are tons of different structures your plants can climb on.

Furthermore, sometimes

it only takes one strategically positioned large plant (palm tree, hibiscus, etc.) to create a privacy screen. Something to consider!

Smart arrangements

Various arrangements can allow you to enjoy your backyard in perfect privacy. Consider awnings: a simple sheet of fabric over your meal area or outdoor living space is enough to block the view of neighbours whose windows have a bird's eye

view onto your yard.

Similarly, you could frame your outdoor seating with a wooden structure to create a sort of outdoor alcove. A nice folding screen, some decorative curtains suited for outdoor use or a booth with a very high backrest are all great ways to block outside views.

With a little imagination, you can easily create private, secluded areas on your property.

Did you know?

One oft-shared piece of pruning advice is that covering a newly pruned area with tar, paint or varnish can inhibit the fungal organisms that will get into the new cut, leading to a diseased tree, shrub or plant. This myth has been circulating for some time, according to the experts at *Fine Gardening*. Unfortunately, there is no surefire way to prevent microscopic organisms from infiltrating a new cut. The application of a wound dressing may even contribute to faster decay of heartwood. That's because the tar or paint will keep moisture in the new cut, which helps fungus and other micro-organisms grow. Instead of dressing wounds, read up on proper ways to prune and let plants employ their own natural defenses to heal and prevent decay.



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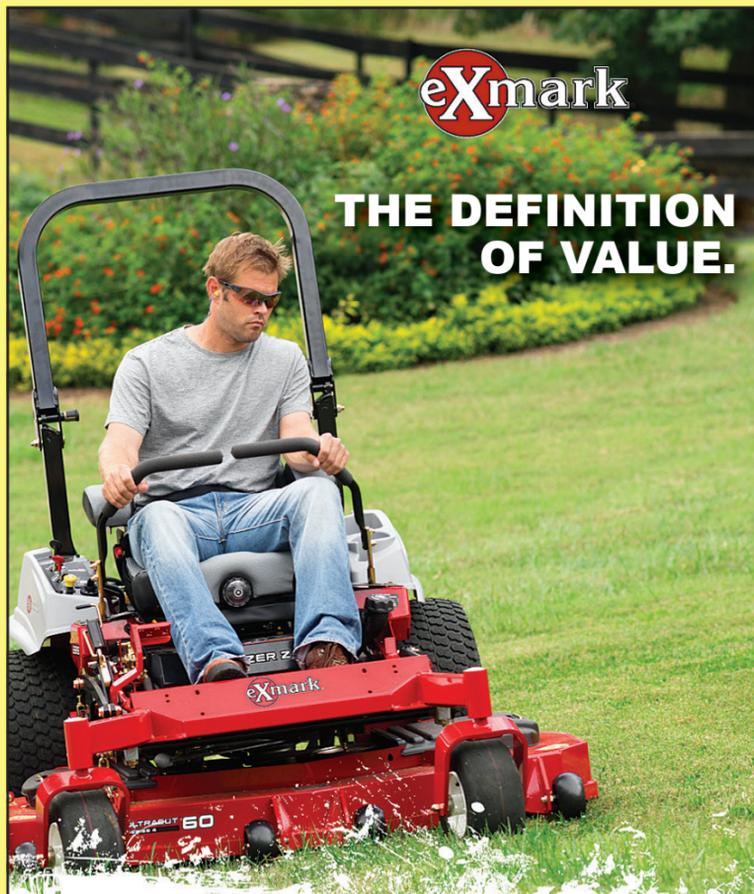
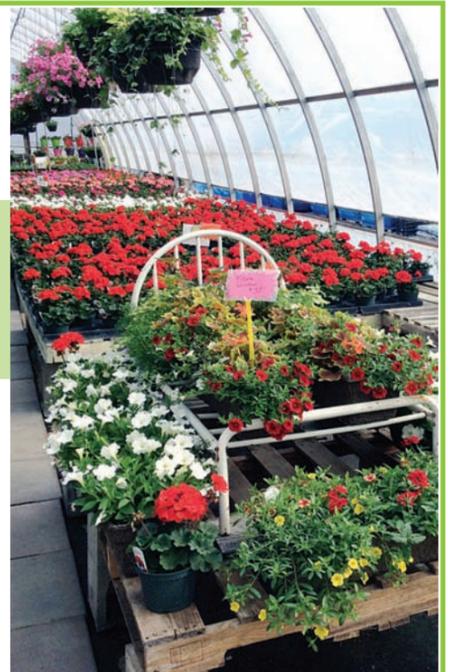
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Riley's Valu-mart garden centre stocked for gardening

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – Greenhouses and garden centres have been a little slow starting this year due to the late spring cold temperatures. Willow Dewe of Riley's Valu-mart garden centre said distributors have been struggling to have the plants delivered on time making things about two weeks slower than typical years.

By this week Dewe said she expects to see a fully stocked garden centre, just in time for the May long-weekend and optimal planting time. The centre will be open until about mid-July for later planters.

Dewe said most people have their go-to flowers and plants each season. Especially popular are the geraniums. In Morrisburg and the area, Dewe said the colours red and white are a big hit each year.

The centre offers both annuals and perennials. Dewe said the team is happy to offer advice and work with their clients on finding the best options for

their gardens. Perennials, she said offer customers a lot lower maintenance while annuals require the hands-on work. Dewe herself prefers perennials and said she and the team are really honest with their customers about the plants.

Along with the flowers, the centre offers shrubs, bushes, vegetables and herbs. There is a large selection of vegetables with the most popular like tomatoes and some less popular like kale. "Any vegetable you can think of,

we pretty much have it," said Dewe.

For customers looking to have flowers without the prep work, planters and pots are available in a number of different sizes and varieties. Currently the centre is offering two 11 inch hanging baskets for \$28 or two 13 inch baskets for \$45.

Rain or shine, aside from the odd thunderstorm, Dewe or the team at Riley's Valu-mart can be found in the garden centre ready to help. The garden centre's hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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New year and a new look

Annual flowers offer the avid gardener excitement each year with new options, colours and varieties to choose from. Popular choices that add a splash of colour are geraniums or begonias. Sawyer Helmer photos



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A.B. Greenhouse gets ready for planting season

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CHESTERVILLE – A.B. Greenhouse has been a standard among local gardening enthusiasts for years now with customers travelling from across the surrounding area to choose their favourite flower varieties. The greenhouse that opened operations roughly 19 years ago is run by Andrew Brunner and his wife Elizabeth.

The greenhouse supplies annual flowers only and nurtures the thousands of seedlings to ready them for their customers' gardens. Brunner said each year's stock is ordered the previous August. This means Brunner and his helpers do a lot of planning for the coming years. With so many years experience he has realized trends and preferences of his customers and knows which varieties and colours to order to suit those needs.



Every year Brunner said he notices a popular flower that sticks out as that year's trend. The newest of which Brunner said is fancy Petunias. This sturdy flower lasts throughout the summer until the first frost and comes in every colour other than orange, making them a great way to brighten up the garden.

Until the May long-weekend arrives however, Brunner is adamant that gardeners should wait to plant. At A.B. Greenhouse, customers can tag their hanging baskets and choices. The chosen products will be kept safe at the greenhouse until after the long-weekend. This ensures the flowers will not be planted too early and die from cool evening temperatures. Brunner said temperatures of roughly six to seven degrees or lower can cause damage.

Once the weather warms enough for planting, Brunner and his team are happy to offer advice and suggestions to their customers. For non-

A splash of colour
Andrew Brunner of A.B. Greenhouse has thousands of flowers in many different colours and varieties to offer. Sawyer Helmer photo

gardeners looking for some colour, the hanging pots or standing planters come in many variations, the pots even ranging in size from 10 to 16 inches. No matter what, the most important part according to Brunner is taking good care of the plants. He can offer as much advice as possible but it is up to the customer to follow it and tend regularly to the garden. "It has to be one of your hobbies," he said. "Otherwise it doesn't work."

A.B. Greenhouse is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the end of June. They can be found at 13625 County Rd. 9, Chesterville.

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Did you know?

Leaf spot is a term used to describe various diseases that affect the foliage of ornamentals and shade trees. According to the Missouri Botanical Garden, the majority of instances of leaf spot are caused by fungi, though some are the result of bacteria. While leaf spot can contribute to some defoliation in a plant, the Missouri Botanical Garden notes that established plants can tolerate near-complete defoliation if it occurs late in the season or less frequently than every year. However, small trees or those that are newly planted are more vulnerable to damage resulting from defoliation than established trees. Damage from leaf spot tends to occur in the spring, when wet weather and wind splashes blows spores from fungi onto newly emerging leaves. The spores then germinate in the wet leaves, ultimately infecting them.

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Three golden rules for garden walkways

Walkways can serve several purposes in the garden: they let you move around freely throughout the different parts of the yard; they confer visual structure to the overall landscape; and they constitute an essential aesthetic component. Follow these three rules to make your walkways both beautiful and functional.

1. Adequate width

Your main walkway (the one leading to your front door) should be at least 1.5 metres wide to allow people to cross paths without difficulty. For

secondary walkways, a width between 80 centimetres and 1.2 metres is sufficient for foot traffic and wheelbarrows.

2. Harmonious materials

Brick, gravel, natural stone — there are all kinds of materials in all shapes and sizes you could use for your walkway. To make the right choice, consider not only your budget but also the style of your home and your garden. Concrete, for instance, is perfect for an urban garden, while natural stone is ideal for a more rural landscape.

3. A solid base

For stable, durable walkways, dig up the ground, put down a geotextile tarp to prevent weed growth, and then add a layer of sand before laying down your covering of choice. Your walkways should ideally sit slightly below grass level to make it easier to mow the lawn. They should also be built on a slight incline to prevent water accumulation. Furthermore, make sure that the surface you choose isn't too smooth to prevent falls.



Four easy-to-grow outdoor plants

Are you a gardening novice looking for some easy-to-grow plant varieties to get started with? Here are a few foolproof options for you to try this summer.

1. Marigolds

Deep golden yellow marigolds grow easily and require little maintenance: all you'll need to do is remove wilted flowers as they appear and water when the weather gets really hot. Their pungent smell acts as a natural repellent against aphids, among other pests.

2. Tuberous begonias

Tuberous begonias grow to be about 30 centimetres tall and wide. These bulb plants grow in full sun or partial shade, in fresh, well-drained soil. They come in all sorts of shapes and colours, from yellow to pink to bright red and even white.

3. Cosmos

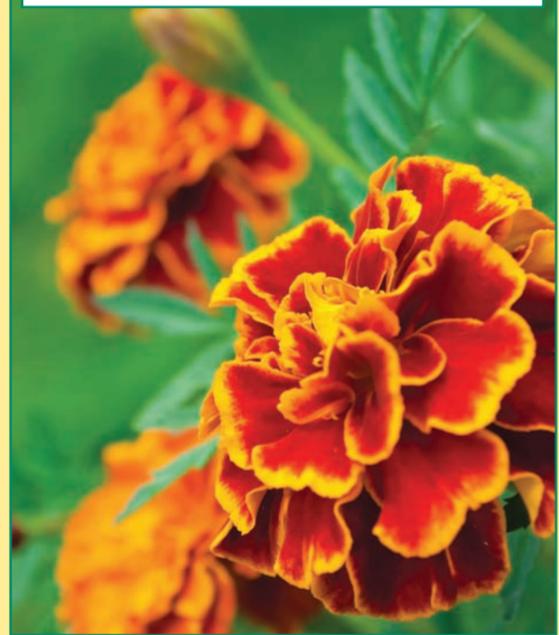
These large flowers are perfect for flowerbeds. They bloom throughout the summer and attract butterflies. Plant them in full sun and don't over water, as they prefer a drier soil. Using compost is not recommended for cosmos, which would become too big and require a tutor.

4. Geraniums

Colourful and easy to care for, geraniums only require a little bit of effort. You'll need to regularly remove wilted flowers and yellow leaves to stimulate healthy growth. Water them with fertilizer-enriched water once the surface of the soil is dry.

Ready to get your hands dirty? For sure-fire success in the garden, ask the experts at your local plant nursery or garden centre for advice.

In addition to being easy to grow, marigolds act as a repellent against certain insects like aphids.



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Build your own backyard bar this summer

Do you basically live on your patio during the summer? Then why not set up a bar area to have everything you need to prepare refreshing cocktails — and tasty snacks — close at hand? Tempted? Here are some things to consider.

First off, determine how you'll be using your bar. For instance, would you like to be able to enjoy it on rainy days or late in the season? You'll also need to think about how you'll shield the area from the sun, wind and rain (you could use an awning, for example). Furthermore, to choose the

right location for your bar, consider the logistical aspect of water and electrical hook-ups.

Are you looking to build a temporary setup (adding a counter during the summer, for example) or a permanent bar area that can weather the winter? In either case, choose materials that are resistant to weather damage and UV light. Wood (teak or cedar), braided resin, composite, stainless steel, stone and brick, are all good choices. Just make sure the materials you choose match the look of your home.

Finally, don't neglect the safety aspect. As you'll likely be using your bar during the evening, you'll need adequate lighting both for the area itself and the path leading up to it. For the rest, it's all a matter of taste: exotic or modern; chic or rustic; what does your dream backyard bar look like?

With a bar area in your yard, you'll have everything you need to whip up fun evenings in good company.



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The basics of mulching

Mulch is available in various forms. Like other land and garden products, mulch can go a long way toward helping plants thrive.

Mulch comprises just about any material that is spread over the surface of soil. Its purpose is primarily to help soil retain moisture. In addition, mulch can staunch weed growth, keep soil cool, improve the aesthetics of garden beds, and even improve soil nutrient composition. When the right mulch is chosen, it can reduce the amount of time homeowners spend watering and weeding their gardens and insulate plants from dramatic changes in weather.

Gardeners may not realize that mulch also can prevent garden soil from becoming overly compacted, according to HGTV. This can mean beneficial earthworms can move easily through the soil, creating channels for water and depositing their nutrient-rich waste products.

Gardeners can choose



organic or inorganic mulch. Organic mulches are derived from natural materials that will decompose over time, lending organic matter as well as various nutrients to the soil. Organic mulches also may contain beneficial micro-organisms that can fight against plant diseases.

Inorganic mulches may be made of stones, landscape fabrics and plastic. Both types will need to be amended or replaced as they degrade. Those who want the most environmentally-friendly mulching materials can choose all-natural mulches instead of synthetic alternatives.

To work effectively, mulch should be applied in a two- to three-inch layer of material, state the experts at Old World Garden Farms. This is the ideal amount to retain soil moisture and suppress weed growth without choking plants. Also, mulch that is too thick may make it impossible for water to penetrate, or it may prevent the soil from airing out, causing continuously wet conditions that lead to root and stem rot.

The University of Connecticut Home & Garden Education Center says mulch should not be

placed directly against plant crowns or tree bases, as this can promote the development of disease. It may also serve as a habitat for bark- and stem-eating rodents. The center also suggests watering newly installed bark or wood mulches to prevent fungi from colonizing in dry mulch and causing problems like a water-repellent surface on the mulch.

Home landscapers considering mulch types may find that compost, manure and grass clippings (from nonpesticide-treated lawns) can be inexpensive and versatile in garden

beds. The home advice site *The Spruce* notes that newspaper may also be effective.

Many newspapers have switched over to organic dyes, especially for their black and white sections. Newspapers are an inexpensive way to suppress weeds and act like organic mulch in beds. They can be covered with other organic mulch, like shredded bark, for more visual appeal.

Mulch can be a versatile asset when doing gardening projects around home landscapes. And the benefits are more than just aesthetic.

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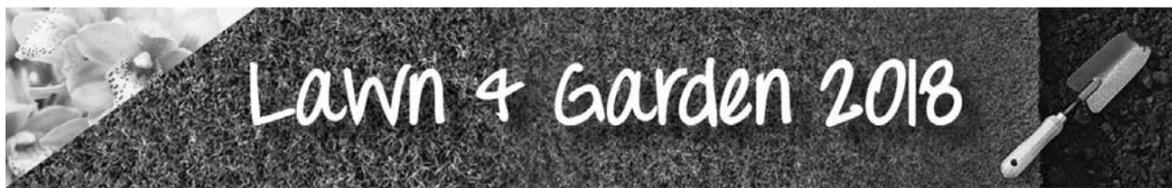



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Four unique ways to use tree stumps

Gone are the days of old tree stumps rotting away in the middle of the garden. Here are four unique ways to incorporate stumps in your landscaping.

1. As a pedestal

Thanks to their flat surface, tree stumps make perfect pedestals. Use your stump as a base for a bird feeder, a bonsai tree, a statue, a floral arrangement or even a fountain. As a finishing touch, surround the stump with flowers or decorative stones.

2. As lighting

Hollow stumps are great for hiding outdoor lighting in plain sight. Drill holes in the wood's surface or cut slats in the sides to let the light shine through. Use your stumps to subtly illuminate a tree, a shrub or a pathway.

3. As art

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4. As a planter

Fill up hollow tree stumps with soil



Hollow tree stumps can be used as planters for other plants.

why not turn your tree stumps into works of art? Sand then paint them to create unique decorative elements for your garden. You could even engrave or sculpt the wood if you'd like.

and sow some seeds inside. Choose plant varieties that spread quickly to add character to your garden in no time at all.

To find all the plants, materials and tools you'll need to make your project a success, visit a gardening centre or plant nursery near you.

Add life to your garden with birdhouses

Are you a fan of gardening and birdwatching? Then why not combine your two hobbies by incorporating birdhouses into your landscaping? Here are a few tips for creating a garden filled with colourful blooms and the chirps of winged creatures all summer long.

Species to charm

First off, determine which types of bird you'd like to attract. To avoid disappointment, find out which birds typically frequent your area.

Next, go get some quality birdhouses from your local gardening centre or hardware store. Ask a salesperson to help you choose the best models for the types of birds you're looking to attract. You'll need to consider the size of the entrance and the available nesting space inside of the birdhouse.

What to look for

Choose birdhouses with the following features:

- Mould-resistant materials (cedar wood is an excellent choice)
- A design that allows optimal ventilation and drainage
- A roof that juts out a few centimetres over the entrance
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Beautify your pathways with groundcover plants

Stone and pavement pathways look great in the garden — until weeds invade the space between the tiles, that is. To prevent undesirable species from taking over your landscape, use your favourite groundcover plants.

These low-growing varieties thrive in tight spaces, making them perfect for filling the gaps between pathway tiles. Over time, they'll spread out to create a magnificent green carpeting

that winds between the stones, preventing weeds from taking root. What's more, groundcover plants confer a wild, natural look to footpaths.

What to plant

Use groundcover plants to green up the gaps in your pavement. Creeping and lemongrass thyme varieties are excellent choices — their violet and pink flowers will add a touch of colour to your

garden. Heath pearlwort with its tiny white flowers is also a good choice, as is Corsican mint.

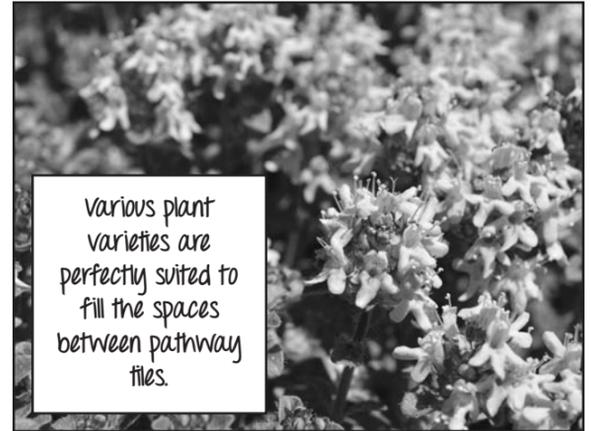
Choose your plants according to their sunlight needs. If your pathway is in the shade, you could go with a variety of Dichondra repens, a perennial that tolerates foot traffic well. It will quickly create a carpet of tiny green foliage between your tiles. All you'll have to do is let nature follow its course.

If you'd like to find out more about groundcover plants, visit your local gardening centre or plant nursery to speak with an expert.

Did you know?

The vibrant colours of spring make this season often associated with rebirth an ideal time for amateur and professional photographers to ply their trades. Various colours, including pink, blue, yellow, purple, and, of course, green are on display each spring, providing wonderful backdrops for nature photographers. Wedding photographers also may enjoy shooting happy couples in spring, when the colours of nature can provide a perfect and colourful complement to people during their engagement or wedding photoshoots. In fact, spring flowers have inspired artists from various mediums. Among the more notable painters to paint springtime flowers and landscapes were Georgia O'Keefe, Impressionist pioneer Claude Monet and Vincent van Gogh.

Various plant varieties are perfectly suited to fill the spaces between pathway tiles.



The art of incorporating sculptures in the garden

Sculptors have been creating works destined to embellish gardens for centuries. Sculptures, when properly integrated in well thought-out landscaping, have the power to make your yard look majestic. When it comes to incorporating sculptures in your landscaping, there are certain basic rules to follow.

First off, avoid overcrowding the space. Sculptures will inevitably draw attention, meaning that they'll become the focal point of your garden. Unless you have a particularly vast yard, stick to a single piece. If you really want to have several, position them so only one is visible at a time.

Ideal plants

Choose flowers and other plants that contrast in colour with your sculpture. If the sculpture is white, try planting deep blue hostas at its feet; if it's dark, choose white, yellow or light pink flowers for maximum impact.

Avoid plants that are overly bulky or invasive — anything that could steal the spotlight from your sculpture. You



wouldn't want to get stuck having to trim a shrub every month to reveal your artwork. A rock garden at the base of the sculpture is another visually interesting option.

Before installing a sculpture in your yard, visit a garden centre near you to find everything you'll need to highlight your piece.

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Blue remains undefeated, Yellow moves into second

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—The Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League entered week three on Thurs., May 9, with Blue leading with four points followed by Yellow and Red with two each and Green with zero. The first game featured Yellow hosting Green and in the night cap, Blue played host to Red.

Yellow 3 Green 0: In the first game of the evening, Yellow welcomed Green. Both teams came up short in week two and Yellow looked to tie Blue at the top of the standings while Green was looking for their first win of 2018 and also their first goal after being shutout twice in their opening two games.

The two teams battled to a scoreless first period. Yellow opened the scoring when Jessica Winters pounded one home from Michelle Lang and Jackie Morris at 6:59 of the second period. Yellow hung on to the 1-0 lead heading into the third period.

Yellow made it 2-0 when Winters scored her second of the game from Morris and Shannon McRae at 6:07 of the third period. Laura Melenhorst scored at 8:20 from Lindsay Waddell and McRae to give Yellow a 3-0 lead.

Green tried to score to end their scoreless drought but it was Yellow taking the game 3-0 as Green's scoring woes continue. Yellow temporarily moved into a first-place tie with Blue with the win.

Picking up the win in Yellow's goal was Pattie Mitton and suffering the loss was Cashelle Baldwin.

Blue 4 Red 2: In the second game of the night, Blue played the host to Red. Both teams won their game in week two but Blue was two points ahead of Red in the standings. Red opened the scoring when Kim Elliott fired one home from Lesley-Ann Tupper and Sam Naish at 5:40 of the first period to take a 1-0 lead.

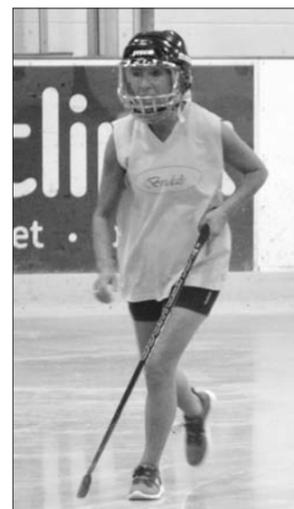
Blue tied the game when Kara Bartholomew slapped one to the back of the net from Lindsay Cummins and Sam Benoit. Neither team was able to score before the first period drew to a close, taking a one-all draw into the second period.

It was all Blue in the second period as Jaclyn Crump snapped one home from Leigh Ann Dearing and Benoit at 4:07 to make it 2-1. Blue made it 3-1 when Cummins lit the lamp at 8:10 from Bartholomew and Dearing and 4-1 as Cummins scored her second consecutive goal with just 28 seconds remaining in the middle frame from Bartholomew and Kelly Francis. Blue took the 4-0 lead into the third period.

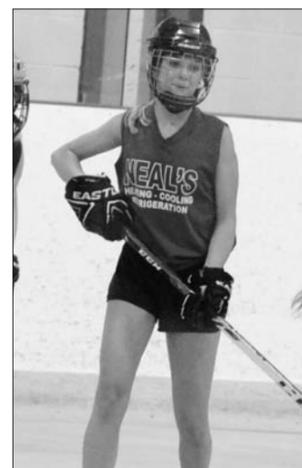
Red got to within two at the 8-minute mark of the third as Tupper sniped one from Elliott and Lindsay Feeley. Red could not complete the comeback as Blue went onto take the game 4-2.

With the win, Blue moves into sole possession of first place. Picking up the win in Blue's goal was Roxanne Crump and suffering the loss in Red's goal was Julia Shaver.

Up next: In the first game of the Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League on Thurs., May 17, Blue vs. Green at 7 p.m. and Red vs. Yellow at 8 p.m.



In the first game of the Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League on Thurs., May 10, yellow played host to Green. Yellow's veteran, Jackie Morris picked up two helpers and their captain, Jessica Winters scored two goals as Yellow took the game 3-0 moving into sole possession of second place.
Sawyer Helmer photo



In the second game of the night in the Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League, Blue took on Red. Blue's forward, Lindsay Cummins had a decent evening scoring two goals including the game winner and an assist as Blue won the game 4-2.
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Tagwi Warriors send a multitude of athletes to EOSSAA

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

OTTAWA—The Tagwi Secondary School Warriors travelled to the SDGAA Track and Field Championship at Terry Fox Athletic Facility in Ottawa on May 8. The top four participants move on to the EOSSAA Championship. Athletes heading to the championship are:

Midget Girls - 1st - Morgan McRae in the 100m Dash with a time of 13.88 and 1st 200m Dash with a time of 29.25.

Senior Girls - 4th - Cassie MacDonell in the 200m Dash with a time of 31.26, 2nd in the Long Jump with a jump of 4.43m and 2nd in the Triple Jump with a jump of 9.25m; 1st - Annie Bender in the High Jump with a jump of 1.45m; 2nd - Brooklyn Woodside in the high Jump with a jump of 1.40m; and 4th - Violet Martin Rodriguez in the Shot Put with a throw of 7.67m and 3rd in the Discus Throw with a throw of 22.58m.

Midget Boys - 1st - Justin McNaim in the 100m Dash with a time of 12.55,

3rd in the 200m Dash with a time of 26.17, and 1st in the 400m Run with a time of 57.58; 2nd - Jeremy Hartle in the 100m Dash with a time of 12.58, 1st in the 200m Dash with a time of 25.99 and 2nd in the Long Jump with a jump of 5.07m; 2nd - William Jaquemet in the 400m Run with a time of 1:03.78; 3rd - Cuyler Molinaro in the 400m Run with a time of 1:05.39, and 1st in the High Jump with a jump of 1.60m; 4th - Wyatt Prior in the 400m Run with a time of 1:06.46 and 1st in the 800m Run with a time of 2:33.59; 3rd - Justin Pfothenauer in the 800m Run with a time of 3:01.34; 4th - Jordan Evans in the 1500m Run with a time of 5:54.88; 1st - Reese Lavigne in the 3000m Run with a time of 13:59.50; 4th - Ethan Konink in the Long Jump with a jump of 4.77m and 2nd in the Discus Throw with a throw of 26.13m; 1st - Kaleb Martin in the Long Jump with a jump of 5.17m and 1st in the Triple Jump with a jump of 10.17m and the Midget Boys 4x100 relay team with a time of 52.06.

Junior Boys - 3rd - Ethan Canham in the 3000m Run with a time of 12:50.93; 4th - Connor McIntosh in the 3000m Run with a time of 13:50.84; 2nd - Jack Devries in the Long Jump with a jump of 5.47m and 1st in the Triple Jump with a jump of 11.78m; 2nd - Thomas Handy in the Triple Jump with a jump of 10.77m; 1st - Owen Kane in the Shot Put with a throw of 11.27m and 2nd in the Discus Throw with a throw of 36.73m; 1st - Rylan Iwachniuk in the Discus Throw with a throw of 37.94m; and 3rd - Schyuler Schellenberg in the Discus Throw with a throw of 36.32m.

Senior Boys - 2nd - Noah Benoit in the 1500m Run with a time of 5:02.56; 1st - Nicolas Devries in the 110m Hurdles with a time of 18.80; 2nd - Alex Small in the 110m Hurdles with a time of 19.75 and 1st in the Discus Throw with a throw of 43.92m; 1st - Morgan Kane in the Shot Put with a throw of 12.27m and the Senior Boys 4x400m Relay team with a time of 4:16.76.

Ravens win final two to finish season unbeaten

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

RUSSELL—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens Girl's basketball team travelled across town to the Russell High School for a three game regular season round robin on Wed., May 9 as they took on the home-town T-Wolves and then the St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons.

Ravens 36 Falcons 22: After defeating the T-Wolves in their opening match of the day, the first place Ravens kept their unbeaten season intact with just their game to finish out the season as they took on the second place Falcons.

The first quarter was a bit of a yawner as both teams

played a defensive style game with the Ravens outscoring the Falcons 8-3. The Falcons took control of the game scoring 14 points in the second quarter holding the Ravens to just one bucket. The Falcons took a 17-10 lead into the break at the half.

The Ravens rebounded after the break offensively with 11 points and defensively holding the Falcons to just three points taking a slim 21-20 lead into the final quarter.

It was almost a carbon copy of the third quarter as the Ravens controlled both sides of the ball scoring 15 points and shutting down the Falcons offence to just two points. The Ravens took the game 36-22 completing the regular season undefeated

heading into the playoffs.

Scoring for the Ravens were: Makenzie Campbell with 11 points, Emma Gabriel with seven, Emma Gaudet with six, Emily Way and Riley Daniel each with four and Hannah Martin and

Rachel Drevniok each scored deuces.

Up next: In the first game, on Wed., May 16, the Russell High School T-Wolves will take on the Falcons at 11 a.m. and the winner will meet the Ravens at 1 p.m.



The Ravens' M a k e n z i e Campbell tried to keep the ball away from the T-Wolves' Mackenzie Belisle (25). The Ravens beat the T-Wolves in the first game to remain undefeated before they took on St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School.

Devils track team off to EOSSAA

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

OTTAWA—The North Dundas District High School Devils travelled to the SDGAA Track and Field Championship at Terry Fox Athletic Facility in Ottawa on Tues., May 8. The Devils will be sending a fair share of athletes to the EOSSAA Championships in Kingston on May 24 and 25. To be eligible to make EOSSAA the participant had to finish in the top four. Here are the results for the Devils:

Midget Girls - 3rd - Ashley Wasytko-Fletcher in the 400m Run with a time of 1:12.95; 2nd - Mia Ziegler in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 59.72; 2nd in the 800m Run with a time of 3:01.27 and 1st in the 1500m Run with a time of 6:15.81; 4th - Amber Harper in the Shot Put with a throw of 7.64m.

Junior Girls - 2nd - Fabienne Puenter in the 800m Run with a time of 3:06.75, 3rd in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 1:03.93 and 2nd in the Steeple with a time of 6:56.33; and 4th - Alayna Gaudet in the Shot Put with a throw of 7.91m, 4th

in the Discus with a throw of 15.93m and 2nd in the Javelin Throw with a throw of 25.99m.

Senior Girls - 2nd - Ashley Wheeler in the 1500m Run with a time of 6:56.02, 4th in the Long Jump with a jump of 3.58m and 3rd in the Steeple with a time of 7:16.11.

Midget Boys - 3rd - Tyler Snelson in the 100m Dash with a time of 12.83, 2nd in the 200m Dash with a time of 26.12 and 3rd in the Long Jump with a jump of 4.84m; 4th - Parker Watt in the 100m Dash with a time of 12.89 and the Midget Boys 4x100 Relay team with a time of 51.19.

Junior Boys - 2nd - Curtis Bell in the 100m Dash with a time of 12.25 sec., 1st in the 200m dash with a time of 26.07 and 2nd in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 47.59; 2nd - Justin Schoenfeld in the 800m Run with a time of 2:40.12 and 4th in the 1500m Run with a time of 5:21.16; 1st - Liam Antille in the 100m Hurdles with a time of 17.31 and 1st in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 47.53; 1st - Zach Hamilton in the Long Jump with a jump of 5.89m and the Junior Boys 4x100 Relay team with a time of 50.15.



Bantam Red Sox open softball season with two victories

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The Winchester Bantam Girls Red Sox opened their regular season in the Rural Ottawa Softball Association (ROSA) this past week with two games. In their home opener the Red Sox welcomed Gloucester to the Club 100 Ball Park on Mon., May 7 and travelled to Kenmore on Wed., May 9, to take on Kenmore #1.

The Sox were coming off a great season last year winning the Peeewe Division against Gloucester but this year could be a little tougher as they move up into the higher age group.

Sox 23 Kenmore 9: In their second game of the new season, the Winchester Red Sox travelled to Kenmore. The Red Sox opened their season with a 12-6 victory over

Gloucester in their first season as bantams and looked to keep the momentum flowing. The Red Sox scored two runs in the top of the first inning to which Kenmore had no answer.

The Red Sox scored four more runs in the top of the second inning taking a 6-0 lead but Kenmore battled right back with four runs in the bottom of the second to make it 6-4. The Red Sox's bats remained hot, scoring another four runs in the top of the third inning and this time held Kenmore off the score sheet in the bottom of the inning taking a 10-4 lead into the fourth inning.

It didn't get any better for the Kenmore defence as the Red Sox kept hitting everything they saw, scoring another four runs in the top of the fourth. Kenmore scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

The Red Sox made it 18-6 after scoring

four more runs in the bottom of the fifth. Kenmore had no answers in the bottom of the inning just getting four batters to the plate. In the unlimited inning, the Sox belted home another five more runs and Kenmore only managed three.

The Red Sox took the game 23-9 winning their second game of the season. Scoring the runs for the Red Sox were: Alison Roach with four, Adrianna VanBreugel, Sara Sloane and Amanda Shay each scored three, Margot Guy, Emily Ryan, Alexis Sharpley and Ashley Wasylo-Fletcher all scored two and Reise Mariner and Megan Thompson scored singles.

Sox 12 Gloucester 6: In their 2018 season opener, the Red Sox welcomed Gloucester. Gloucester opened the scoring with a two-run top of the first inning getting seven batters to the plate. The Red Sox answered with the maximum four runs allowed as a mercy per inning taking a 4-2 lead into the second inning. Gloucester tied the game with two runs in

the top of the second inning but the Red Sox retook the lead with a single run in the bottom of the second. The seesaw affair kept swaying as Gloucester scored another two runs in the top of the third inning taking a 6-5 lead.

The Red Sox answered in their half of the inning scoring four more runs in the bottom of the third taking a 9-6 lead. Gloucester had no answer in the top of the fourth inning as they went three up and three down.

The Red Sox added another three runs in the bottom of the fourth to take a 12-6 lead. Gloucester sent four batters to the plate but the Red Sox's defence held them on the bags taking the game 12-6 for their first win of the season.

Scoring the runs for the Red Sox were: Emily Ryan with three, Alison Roach and Reise Mariner each scored two and Ashley Wasylo-Fletcher, Amanda Shay, Megan Thompson, Margot Guy and Sara Sloane all scored singles.

Cedar Glens Mens Night

The results from the season premier of Cedar Glen Men's Night on Thurs., May 10, were: top: first low gross A - Shawn Lapier 36, first low net A - James Morrell 36, closest

to the pin on number 15 - James Morrell, first low gross B - Rick Morrow 45, first low net B - Shaler Hill 38, second low gross B - Barry Casselman 46, longest drive on number 14

Kevin Whitteker, first low gross C - Bill Laroque 51, closest to the pin on number 18 - Dave Bird, first low gross D - Frank Jerome 48. Other winners A/B Skins: Shawn Lapier. C/D Skins: Jim Boyd with a four on 14 and Frank Jerome with a three on 11.

Ravens go entire season undefeated

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

RUSSELL—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens Intermediate Boys Basketball team welcomed the Rockland District High School Wildcats on Wed., May 9, in PRSSAA. The ravens sat alone at the top of the standings and looked to remain undefeated on the season as they headed into their last week of the regular season. Rockland sat in third place and really had no place to go.

Ravens 48 Wildcats 30: The Ravens' offence was good early on in the first quarter scoring 18 points and their defence held the Wildcats to 10. The Ravens' defence was the story in the second quarter only allowing two buckets for four points and their offence put up another 10 points. The Ravens took a 28-14 lead into the dressing room at halftime.

The Ravens scored another 13 points in the third quarter and held the Wildcats to

just seven taking a 41-21 lead into the final quarter. The Wildcats actually won the fourth quarter scoring nine points and allowing the Ravens only seven but it wasn't enough as the Ravens took the game 48-30.

With the victory, the Ravens were undefeated through the 2018 regular season and earned the right to host the PRSSAA Championship.

Scoring for the Ravens were: Callum Birch with 12 points, James Verspeek with nine, Aurel Tebeu with seven, Kaden Mikkelson with five, Max Messervey and Jacob Belair with four, Logan Kinsella with a tray and Tanner Smith and Cole Eikelboom scored deuces.

Up next: With their victory, the Ravens earned a bye to the PRSSAA final on Thurs., May at 1 p.m. The Russell High School T-Wolves will take on the Wildcats in the semifinal at 11 a.m. with the winner moving on to face the Ravens.

Ravens send a small contingent to EOSSAA

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

OTTAWA—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens travelled to the PRSSAA Track and Field Championship at Terry Fox Athletic Facility in Ottawa on Tues., May 8. The top four participants move on to the EOSSAA Championship held in Kingston on May 24 and 25. The athletes travelling to Kingston include:

Midget Girls - 2nd - Kate Lamothe in the 800m Run with a time of 2:52.64; 1st - Keely Zandbelt in the Shot Put with a throw of 9.95m and 1st in the Discus

Throw with a throw of 16.23m; and 2nd - Jayda Sperotto in the Shot Put with a throw of 8.48m and 2nd in the Discus Throw with a throw of 16.00m.

Junior Girls - 3rd - Victoria Gardiner in the 100m Dash with a time of 15.14; 2nd - Amelie Buma in the 3000m Run with a time of 12:44.77 and 4th - the Junior Girls 4x100 Relay team with a time of 58.39.

Midget Boys - 1st - Jaiden Longval in the Shot Put with a throw of 9.87m and 2nd in the Javelin Throw with a throw of 21.39m.

Junior Boys - 2nd - the Junior Boys 4x100 Relay Team with a time of 53.64.

Senior Boys - 3rd - Mitchell Madigan in the 100m Dash with a time of 12.13; 4th - Kieran Mulligan in the 100m Dash with a time of 12.17; 2nd - Cody Preston in the 1500m Run with a time of 5:03.65 and 1st - in the High Jump with a jump of 1.60m; 4th - Peter McCannell in the 1500m Run with a time of 5:18.08 and 1st - the Senior Boys 4x100 Relay team with a time of 48.12.

Intellectually Disabled Boys - 1st - Dakota Aubin in the 100m Dash with a time of 16.75; 1st in the 200m Dash with a time of 36.60 and 1st in the 800m Run with a time of 3:09.65.

Chesterville Youth Bowling League Juniors receive awards for 2018 season

Photo top left, Junior Regular Season Champs pictured from left, Aaron Vanderzweep, Zena Bowman and Rachel Puentner.

Photo middle left, Junior Playoff Champs pictured from left, Emma Tessier, Alex Robinson, Lindsay Burnett and Caroline Sanders.

Photo lower left, Junior Individual Awards pictured from left, Boy's High Single Carter Daines 197; Boy's High Average Aaron Vanderzweep 154; Girl's High Single Abby Welsh 210; Girl's High Triple Emma Gaudette 563 and Girl's High Average Rachel Puentner 168. Absent from photo Boy's High Triple Damian Fowler 505.

Senior photos next week. Sawyer Helmer photos



The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens Intermediate Boys Basketball team welcomed the Rockland District High School Wildcats on Wed., May 9, in PRSSAA. The Ravens' Kallum Birch (51) (shown here versus the T-Wolves) lead way against the Wildcats with a team high 12 points. Birch and the Ravens went on to take the game 48-30 closing the season with a perfect record.

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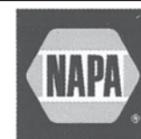
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Baskets For Nicky brings hope to Russell

Continued from the front
Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – Russell High School hosted the fourth annual Baskets For Nicky event on Thurs., May 10. This year the event was titled Baskets For Nicky. Nicky Caldwell, a Grade 4 student at Mother Teresa Catholic School was just diagnosed in January with inoperable brain cancer, explained RHS teacher Kim MacKinnon. She said Nicky has been doing chemo and will start radiation this spring.

In previous years, the event has raised funds for Jonathan Pitre, Kawabunga community services group and the Sports Dome.

The first game of the evening was an alumni showdown between Russell



Toss-up

Alumni of the Russell High School T-Wolves and St. Thomas Aquinas Ravens went head to head during the Baskets For Nicky fundraiser on Thurs., May 10. The tip-off was just the beginning of an intense game between the two schools.

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High School T-Wolves and hometown rivals the St. Thomas Aquinas Ravens. Volunteers collected entry fees, sold food at the canteen and grey Team Nicky bracelets. Both

teams' players looked like they hadn't missed a day on the court and played hard, battling it out at each quarter.

It was the Ravens that pulled ahead by a few



Big blocks

The Ravens held the T-Wolves at bay, taking the Baskets For Nicky alumni game by only a few points.

Sawyer Helmer photo

points early in the game and were able to maintain the lead, winning the game 41 to 36. This was followed by a game between the senior boys teams of the same schools.

This time the T-Wolves pulled ahead winning 50 to 42.

Nicky held the seat of honour at the games at the centre court line on a couch with room for all his

friends. The evening raised \$1,299 with fundraising continuing for the rest of the week until a cheque presentation on Thurs., May 25 at the opening of the RHS Relay for Life.

MP Francis Drouin announces \$100,000 funding for local business

VARs – The federal government announced on May 11, that it is providing \$100,000 in funding to help create jobs in Prescott-Russell, as well as to increase production to meet a greater market demand.

Francis Drouin, MP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development in VarS.

Jack Larabie Distribution Inc. has decided to move to the Russell Industrial Park and the funds will enable the construction of a new building with a surface area of 4,500 sq. ft. This project will also create new jobs in Prescott-Russell, but also allow the company to better meet the growing market demand.

The distribution and logistics company will be more efficient by having all needs

directly on site.

“Today’s announcement proves that innovation is essential to sustainable economic growth. This investment will raise the visibility of the Glengarry-Prescott-Russell region and stimulate the local economy,” said Drouin.

“It’s always a pleasure to welcome a new business in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,” Drouin added.

“This contribution to local businesses is a great example of the economic growth potential in Prescott-Russell,” said Éric Drouin, president of the Prescott-Russell Community Development Corporation. “The investment through the Eastern Ontario Development Program will have a direct impact on our job creation and the prospects of Jack Larabie Distribution Inc.,” he said.

New records set at RHS at PRSSAA track meet

Gordon Zubyck

Special to the Record

OTTAWA—The Russell High School T-Wolves Track & Field team competed at the PRSSAA Track and Field championship on Tues., May 8, at the Terry Fox Athletic Facility in Ottawa. All of the athletes did a great job of representing RHS. Vanessa MacDonald was the top RHS female and had a great day while competing in her last PRSSAA Track & Field championship. MacDonald took 1st place in the Senior Girls 800m with a time of 2:37.70 and 1500m with a time of 5:16.99 setting a new school record in both events.

Daniel Kreft had the top RHS male performance in his first ever PRSSAA Track & Field championship. Kreft placed 1st in the Midget Boys 100m Hurdles with a time of

16.91 and 300m Hurdles with a time of 46.78 seconds. He also placed second in the Triple Jump with a jump of 10.57m.

Sam Potvin set a new school record in the Junior Boys Javelin throw, placing first in that event with a throw of 43.00m and placed third in the Junior Boys Shot Put with a throw of 11.77m.

Bruce Porteous also had a good day as he ran his way to a 2nd place finish in the Junior Boys 1500m with a time of 5:04.64 and placed fourth in the 800m run with a time of 2:34.28 seconds.

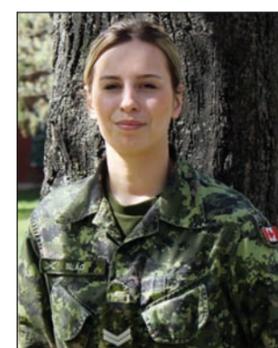
The T-Wolves’ Daniel Wiltshire finished in second place in the Senior Boys 800m Run with a time of 2:35.68 seconds.

These T-Wolves athletes have all qualified for the EOSSAA Championship which will take place in Kingston on May 24 and 25.

Limoges resident parades with Ceremonial Guard

LIMOGES – With their scarlets and their bearskins headdress the Ceremonial Guard, the band of the Ceremonial Guard and the pipes and drums of the Ceremonial Guard are the most recognizable military unit in Canada. For over 50 years the Changing of the Guard has been a top Ottawa summer attraction having thrilled thousands of visitors on Parliament Hill. They also proudly provide sentries at Rideau Hall the official residence of her Excellency Gov. Gen. Julie Payette.

This year an area resident has the opportunity to spend her summer as part of this tradition. Cpl. Jennifer Black lives in Limoges and is an army reservist who is taking advantage of the Canadian Army’s commitment to provide guaranteed full-time summer employment to successful applicants to the primary reserves. The Ceremonial Guard is one of the many opportunities that



Cpl. Jennifer Black

reservists like Black can be employed in over a four month period during the summer. Having just graduated from university Black is always up for a challenge: “I am always looking for new and challenging experiences,” says Black. “I am proud that the Ceremonial Guard represents the Canadian Armed Forces to the public and I am able to support this organization.”

Her summer will begin supporting the soldiers who will participate in three

weeks of intensive drill training during which they will master the precision movements, attain a high standard of dress and deportment, undergo extensive physical fitness training and be fitted and tailored in the scarlet uniform. During the summer Black will also participate in Ceremonial Guard appearances on Canada Day, around eastern Ontario, as well as the culmination event known as Fortissimo. Fortissimo is a musical spectacular event that takes place on the lawns of Parliament Hill and features massed military bands, pipes and drums, guest performers and the soldiers of the Ceremonial Guard. It will take place July 19 to 21.

So when the scarlet tunics march through the nation’s capital, the band playing, banners flying, and the crowds applauding, remember there is a local connection.



New investments

Pictured from left, Éric Drouin, president of the PRCDC, Édith Jean-Louis, program officer PRCDC, Francis Drouin, MP, Sheila Larabie, Jack Larabie, Justin Larabie, Tammy Larabie, Pierre Leroux, mayor of Russell Township, François St-Amour, mayor of the Nation Municipality and Warden of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell and John Candie, executive director PRCDC.

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Saint-Joseph students learn what it takes to own a small business

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – Students at École Élémentaire Catholique Saint-Joseph in Russell got to experience what it is like to be small business owners on Thurs., May 10. The CSDCEO initiative Les Petits Entrepreneurs has been an annual project for the last three years. This year at Saint-Joseph was their second year to be involved.

Students from Grade 3 to Grade 6 worked with their parents to buy, make and create products for the student's business. They also had to create a business name, logo, store front design and record all of their costs.

On May 10, the students gathered together for a market style event for the community to stop in and shop around. Grade 5 teacher Renée Caouette, of the project's organizing committee, said the students worked for weeks on their projects. "They had to be creative, really think about a product that would sell and there needed to be a demand," said Caouette.

Projects ranged from food, soaps, plants to games, all of which meant students had to be organized, creative and outgoing. "It is a great experience for them to learn people skills like how to approach a client. If you are just sitting there not talking, it doesn't work. You have to stand beside your table and engage with customers," said Caouette.

Following the evening event, students returned to their classrooms in the days after to evaluate if they made a profit, broke even or lost money. Once they have paid their parents back for the initial cost, simulating business loans and costs, the students could keep whatever profit they made. Many of them, Caouette said, donate



Emeraude Spa

Emma and Hannah were engaging with customers in front of their small business Emeraude Spa. The pair were selling body scrubs made with brown sugar, olive oil and essential oils.

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their profits to a special cause or to CHEO.

The school was packed with patrons ready to buy products and encourage the young minds. Teachers from each grade were happy to participate and help out. As for les petits entrepreneurs, Caouette said she hopes they can realize the many options available in the future. "If nothing else, it's just to show them that being your own boss is an option. It's not for everybody to go to college or university and when you are your own boss, there are a lot of perks and flexibility with what works for you. It's great for them to know that in life, this is possible," she said.

Caouette told *the Record* in a follow up email, "We take great pride in this event since it touches so many spheres of learning. The students loved the experience and a lot of them made quite a bit of profit selling their products or having people play their game."



What it takes

Grade 6 students Robyn and Sophie made soaps to sell at their small business during Les Petits Entrepreneurs event on May 10.

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A fortunate wheel

Kim Nelson spun the wheel at Grade 5 Abby's booth at École Élémentaire Catholique Saint-Joseph. Abby's wheel game had prizes along with a donation option. If the wheel stopped on one of the donation tags, she would donate money to CHEO. Her dad stood by to help out.

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OPP warn of gift card scam

EMBRUN – The Russell County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to warn residents of a gift card scam that has recently surfaced in the area. Police say that a scam has been uncovered where someone placed false barcodes on gift cards. The barcodes are stuck onto the back of gift cards so that when one is activated, the money is deposited into a scammer's account instead of the buyer's gift card.

The scammers are taking advantage of the fact that many gift cards that are displayed on sales racks are just blank cards. A dollar value is added by the merchant to the card upon activation at the time of

purchase. The scammers have been applying an altered barcode sticker over the genuine barcode. When an unsuspecting customer buys the altered card, the funds are diverted to a card or an account held by the scammers.

Provincial Constable Jason Chenier suggested the following: "Before you buy a gift card, give the barcode a scratch to make sure it's the real thing. If your gift card balance is not what you expect it to be, contact the card issuer immediately. Quick action will greatly improve your chances of retrieving your money. Also, since scammers generally perpetrate the same fraud on

multiple victims, by reporting incidents to both the police and the merchant, you will be helping others who may fall prey to the scam."

The false barcode isn't easily noticeable, and buyers should check their purchases carefully to see if the card was tampered with. In an effort to reduce victimization, consumers need to be aware of these scams and retailers should be on the lookout for suspicious activity in their stores in relation to gift card sales.

If you think you've been the victim of a gift card scam, report it to your local police service.

Leroux disappointed after campaign signs stolen

RUSSELL – On May 13, Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux and 2018 Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP candidate, reported that 75 per cent of his campaign signs had been stolen overnight. The most noticeable losses we larger signs along Route 300, the four corners and Notre-Dame St.

Leroux wrote on his Facebook that he would be filing a police report. He wrote, "The worst part is that these signs and installations were from volunteers and donations from peoples' pockets. I'm really disappointed this happened in our township."

Leroux held a

campaign meeting to determine his next steps on May 14 and wrote, "Our team has clear direction not to play any dirty politics regardless of their passions and beliefs."

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