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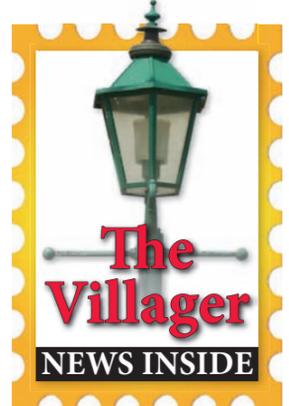
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Briefly

Maple Weekend

ONTARIO – April 7 and 8 is Ontario Maple Weekend, organized by the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association. Bring the friends and family out for some sweet treats at a local sugar shack and enjoy a wonderful Canadian tradition.

Anniversary Banquet

CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville and District Rotary Club is currently selling tickets for its 80th anniversary banquet. 80 tickets are available to be sold. Contact any Rotary members or Scotiabank for your tickets.

Diabetes Education

WINCHESTER – Winchester District Memorial Hospital is hosting an information session about the Glycemic Index. The session will feature Rachelle Charlebois, RD on April 11, at 7 p.m. No registration required.

Open House

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain will be celebrating 25 years with an open house on April 7, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The celebration is open to everyone and will include a light lunch.

Roarin' around the countryside

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CHESTERVILLE – There is nothing like a drive throughout parts of Eastern Ontario on a warm spring day to confirm winter is on the wane. Combine this with trivia questions, a BBQ chicken dinner and a silent auction and it all adds up to a fun way to raise money for a good cause. The 2018 Chesterville and District Lions Club Car Rally, **Continued on page 5**

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change not listening to communities?

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

NORTH STORMONT – Margaret Benke is the Chairperson for the Concerned Citizens of North Stormont, a “grassroots organization,” as she puts it, fighting to stop the development of wind turbine projects in North Stormont. Since 2015 the group has been working to be heard by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and thus far they have had little success.

When the announcement of the local wind projects came about in the summer of 2015, the group started by writing letters and petitioning to ensure that it was known there were reservations in the community. Unfortunately the narrative surrounding the issue since 2015 has been one of frustration that municipalities have no real say in the development of these wind farms. **Continued on page 5**



Spring luncheon

The auxiliary members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Chesterville join their minister, the Reverend Bruce Kemp, at the church's monthly community luncheon on Wed., March 28. Shown from left to right are, front row: Rev. Bruce Kemp, Kathy Hall, Alice Ouder Kirk, Verna Dillabough, Helen Baker, Ann Cross, Maggie Curran, Marlene Black, and Ann Langabeer, and back row: Kelly Hess, Darlene Jackson, Gaenor Howe, and Glenna McIntosh. **See story on page 2.** Vetter photo

Dr. Michele Dutnall raises awareness on the importance of donating blood

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – On Thurs., March 29, Canadian Blood Services held a blood drive in Winchester at the Joel Steele Community Centre. Dr. Michele Dutnall, DVM was the honorary guest and all blood donations were to be made in honour of her.

Dutnall is a veterinarian who lives in North Dundas. “We’ve been here since 1984. I raised my family here. I can’t go anywhere without running into someone that I know, which is good. There’s no strangers,” said Dutnall.

One year ago from the blood drive, almost to the day, Dutnall was diagnosed with stage four lymphoma. Within weeks she was undergoing chemotherapy and

treatment. From May until October, Dutnall had eight rounds of chemo every three weeks and at least two transfusions every round. She estimates she received over 20 transfusions during that time.

Those transfusions prevented her from getting infections and helped her feel well. “When I do the chemo I have no ability to fight infections at all. The transfusions made a big difference in me not getting the flu, or colds and pneumonia, and having enough energy to have a life,” she said.

Due to her experience, Dutnall decided she wanted to help others and raise awareness in the community about how important donating blood can be. She explains, “During my treatment I had a lot of blood

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St. Andrew's Church luncheon an ever-popular event

Continued from the front
Candice Vetter
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Once a month, the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 30 Mill St. in Chesterville welcomes dozens of community members to its luncheon.

The tradition has continued from before the memory of current church Auxiliary members, of whom between eight and 12 work at each meal. The meals are served on the last Wednesday of every month, and offer a variety of plates. The March luncheon included ham, scalloped potatoes, cabbage salad, roll, dessert and coffee or tea.

Anne Langabeer, a coordinator, has been involved with the church

for much of her life. "I've been the organist here for 54 years," she said with a laugh. "The year I got married I told them I would take it until they would take it from me."

She has another strong connection to the church. Her great-great-grandfather Hummel donated the land the church stands on.

Besides the dinners, the thrift store in the church basement is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays for a few hours in the middle of the day. Every year the auxiliary members also raise funds by making and selling home made pies in the fall. "Last year we made 1,755 pies," Langabeer said. "I don't want to pick up a rolling pin again until September!"

Discover the World of Sweet Maple Syrup

EASTERN ONTARIO – Join South Nation Conservation (SNC) on April 7 and 8 to discover the world of sweet Ontario maple syrup during Maple Weekend, organized by the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association.

Ontario maple syrup farms are known for producing some of the highest quality syrup in the world. During Maple Weekend, local producers will be offering a range of activities including fresh syrup sampling, pancake breakfasts, sugarbush trails, sugar-making demonstrations, taffy on snow, horse-drawn sleigh rides and more.

"SNC will be handing out hot chocolate to visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at four of the Eastern Ontario farms participating in the event," said Kelsey Smith, SNC's Communications and Outreach Assistant.

On April 7, SNC will be on-site at Rollin Sugar Shack in Navan and La Cabane des Gars in Fournier. On April



File photo

8, SNC will be at Barkleyvale Farms in Chesterville and Proulx Maple and Berry Farm in Cumberland.

"Join us to learn more about the traditions of maple syrup production and for an experience that is truly

Canadian," said Smith.

Visit www.mapleweekend.ca for a detailed description of each sugarhouse, including their location and the specific activities that they will be offering over Maple Weekend.



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Dr. Michele Dutnall

Continued from the front transfusions and my treatment would not have been successful without it. So I felt that it was a way for me to bring awareness to the community to something that people can never know when they are going to need it. I decided to use my name and my story to encourage people in the community to make that little extra effort to donate blood."

With the help of her good friend Chris Windover, the pair sent out electronic flyers to 900 families, 735 paper versions to non-electronic households and also spent a day driving around the community putting flyers in public places. Mary Ann St. Michael, Canadian Blood Services territory manager, was thrilled with the reach that Dutnall has. She explained that without Dutnall's personal community connections, the blood drive would have only been able to promote to a portion of those people. "It's really neat in these small communities how many people will come to help out. It's very special," said St. Michael.

There are about six blood drives at the community centre throughout the year. St. Michael said she was hoping for about 120 units of blood this round. The process takes roughly an hour with the needle actually taking blood for only six to 10 minutes of that. Once the blood is collected it goes to the lab for testing to ensure it is safe. St. Michael explained it is then separated into three components: red blood cells, plasma and platelets. The platelets only have a lifespan of five to



Saving a life one unit at a time

Chris Windover, Dr. Michele Dutnall, DVM and Mary Ann St. Michael, territory manager Canadian Blood Services, were on site during the Winchester blood drive at the Joel Steele Community Centre on Thurs., March 29.

Sawyer Helmer photo

seven days and would therefore likely be used Easter Weekend.

The community really showed up for the drive, both to give blood and to show their support for Dutnall. St. Michael told *The Record* in a follow-up email that the drive saw 128 donors come to the clinic and 25 were first time donors. At the end of the day 98 units of blood were collected.

Despite her diagnosis, Dutnall said she is doing well and feeling fine. She continues to enjoy her life, going for walks, riding her horse and travelling. While she no longer works at the veterinary clinic, she said she will always be a vet. "It's who I am," she said.

Dutnall continues to make an impact in the community and felt the

blood drive to be special for a couple reasons. "I think people can see that their donation might be helping someone they know and it helps the organization reach a bigger audience. It's another voice asking for people to donate," Windover explained. "People often ask what they can do, and Michele suggested this. Blood did so much for her during her chemo."

Whether at a nearby blood drive or the next rounds in Winchester Dutnall's message is, "Donate blood when you can. Don't be squeamish or chicken because you're afraid of needles. Someday you might need those needles. Someday you or someone that you love is going to need that blood."

Chesterville Public School celebrates Easter

Candice Vetter
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Students, staff and school council celebrated Easter on Thursday, March 29, with a festive tea party.

From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. smiling students opened doors, greeted visitors, kept registration and served

tea, sandwiches and little cakes to family members who attended. The school hallways and the gymnasium, where the tea was held, were brightly decorated with students' artwork, which pictured colourful Easter eggs, chicks and other spring designs.

Food was donated by

parents and students and staff, students and school council members were kept very busy clearing tables for the next waves of customers.

In addition to the tea, students ran a bake sale, bingo games, and a raffle to raise funds for the Grade 6 end-of-year school trip.



Tea time in Chesterville

Ely Dodd, Mason McLeod, Bradley Van Koppen, Emily Van Koppen holding baby Spencer O'Brien, Sierra McFaul and Marty McLeod celebrated Easter at Chesterville Public School's annual Easter tea on March 29 in the school gym.

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The North Dundas United Soccer Club will hold a **Special General Meeting** to replace the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

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- a call for volunteers
- ratification of the 2018 executive
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Editorial

Why Ontario needs a new party

I've got the Beastie Boys' best song running through my head, *You Gotta Fight for your Right to Party*. But I keep thinking, we gotta fight for the right to a decent party, a decent political party that is.

I'm a swing voter by nature, making my final decision in the voting booth, but not without plenty of consideration beforehand. On a couple of occasions I've chosen either to write in a name or choose the "no one" option, essentially spoiling my ballot, which could be considered a protest vote, but it's also a wasted vote. I can't not do my civic duty, but I really don't like wasting anything, including my time and my vote, but that might be what I have to do this year. Not that I don't like my local candidates for MPP. I do.

Unfortunately voting for them means voting for their party leader as premier, and I cannot vote for Kathleen Wynne, not after her party, particularly her ministries of finance, education and environment, enacted one destructive policy after another against Eastern Ontario. Andrea Horwath is doing her usual party trick of disappearing just when she should be taking advantage of opposing leaders on self-destruct. Why aren't we hearing more from her? Then there's Mike Schreiner of the Greens – a great guy but since the Greens in B.C. highjacked Alberta's exports I'm leery of that party too.

Meanwhile we've all been watching the Conservative Party of Ontario, once again, blowing itself up just before it was about to be handed an election. Long seen as the viable option to the Liberal Party of Ontario, which has introduced some of the most-hated policies in the province in a generation, it's hard not to be astonished by the asinine comments made by Conservative leaders and would-be leaders.

There's nothing like watching a political party air all their dirty laundry so publicly and with such vitriol, and against their own party members too, to make a citizen say, "Hey, yeah, I'm voting for them."

For whatever reason they are inept at choosing leaders (as could also be said about pretty much all the political parties in this country) and then those leaders either ignore their own advisers and handlers, or said advisers and handlers are incompetent. Remember John Tory saying he would support faith-based schools? How about Tim Hudak saying he'd cut 100,000 jobs? I don't need to mention Patrick Brown and his four-hour long attempt at reclaiming his leadership. Or the way his party's long knives dug into his back as he was kicked out the door.

Then there were Vic Fedeli's frequent press releases talking about how he was cleaning up the party? Really? You want me to vote for a party that you're also telling me was cheating? Fedeli said some party members "would have preferred we swept...problems under the rug." Then he goes on to say that as a life-long businessperson he looked at the situation "through a business lens." How using a "business lens" to expose dirty dealings within a party a mere three months before an election was unclear.

Then there was the way their last best hope to form a moderate government, Christine Elliot, was shoved aside by a very American-seeming weighted voting system. Not to mention that every leadership hopeful was from Toronto or area.

Then there's Doug Ford, and when he weighed in on a topic he has no business mentioning, women's reproduction, that was the last straw. We need a new party – not a united left or right, but a party with some sensible understanding of the people in this province.

Or else the rest of Ontario should separate from the GTA – maybe then Ontario can get ahead. Finally.

Candice Vetter

CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Pre-Easter smudge

A week or so before the traditional Christian Easter celebrations which involve an egg-laying bunny at least as much as Jesus, I had the pleasure of experiencing a different kind of spiritual celebration.

My Easter Weekend included karaoke on Good Friday night, a kids' Easter party at the Prescott Legion where Lynn donned the Big Bunny suit, an Anglican church service on Easter Sunday followed by cake which some wisecracks suggested was the main reason I was there, and Easter dinner at brother Mark and sister-in-law Joan's place in North Russell. What? You don't have an Easter karaoke tradition?

The celebration with a difference was a First Nations-coordinated group smudging at Long Sault, part of a landowner stewardship Lunch & Learn event with a focus on Indigenous methods organized by the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences backed by a few partners.

Some 60 people who gathered for the event got more than they bargained for... an impromptu "smudging" as part of an extensive briefing on Haudenosaunee cultural customs and traditions. Even organizers were

surprised, said the River Institute's Karen Cooper. While she was delighted, Karen was a little concerned the smudge ritual might set off smoke detectors... which it failed to do.

Held at South Stormont Township Hall, the Lunch & Learn began with welcoming prayers delivered in the ancestral language by Rasentonkwa Tarbell of the Native North American Travelling College based in the Mohawk Territory of Akwesasne south of Cornwall.

As Ras – if I can call him that – thanked Mother Nature in all of her manifestations and the Creator for bringing the group together for productive purposes, an English translation of his words flashed behind him.

The next speaker was Larry McDermott, currently executive director of Plenty Canada, who's about to be recognized by the University of Guelph with an honorary degree in Laws. Based in Lanark, Plenty Canada facilitates access to, and shares resources with, Indigenous peoples and other groups around the world in support of environmental protection and sustainable development goals.

Non-profit Plenty Canada is working to build rural societies that are vibrant, respectful of women, youth and elders, and which understand their role in working with urban

societies to develop a sustainable future for all concerned. The organization relies on traditional aboriginal knowledge and Western science to guide its environmental work.

A member of Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation at Sharbot Lake and a commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, Larry directed surprised audience members to leave their seats and form a circle around the meeting hall.

Then Chris Craig, Senior Forestry Technician with South Nation Conservation and a member of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation, Golden Lake, went from person to person using an eagle feather to fan smudging ingredients smouldering in an abalone shell.

Four sacred herbs in the bowl were sage, cedar, sweetgrass and tobacco, each one with a special significance: Sage to remove negative thoughts, cedar to refresh and cleanse, sweetgrass to bring good spirits, and tobacco to help lift prayers to the Creator.

Those being smudged obviously enjoyed the experience, many of them smiling with satisfaction. Chris waved the smoke over each recipient, from top to bottom; some even turned around so he could smudge their backs. I know Chris and when he got to me he whispered, "I better do you twice."

Also on the program was



Curtis Lazore, an Akwesasne Environmental Assessment Officer, who said his people are extending the hand of friendship to White communities as they have been since the first European settlers arrived. They're happy to share the space and to help ensure that no one goes hungry, that everyone eats from the same bowl.

The story of peace has been recorded by the Mohawks with pictographs and important symbols such as the Wampum Treaty Belt, Curtis said, showing replicas of two such belts. Wampum is a traditional bead that comes in white or purple depending on what variety of shell is used.

The most important concepts introduced to Europeans arriving in what is now Canada were embodied in the Kaswentha, or wampum belt, and it became the basis for all treaties and agreements that followed.

I don't know if it was more psychological than spiritual but I certainly felt refreshed after being smudged that day... much more than after I devoured Easter cake, pie, chocolate eggs and parts of a chocolate bunny.

The Road Home

Spring dilemmas

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

I was out in my front garden this afternoon and amongst the dead leaves and other debris not cleared away last fall there were a few green shoots bravely poking through the dark, cool earth, another indication winter is on the wane and spring has sprung.

Just a week ago I was a bit concerned the Easter Bunny might have to call on his cousin, Snowshoe Rabbit to lend a helping hand delivering those seasonal treats we all enjoy but the warm sunshine melted the snow and my worries.

As a youngster I always looked forward to shopping for a new outfit to

wear on Easter Sunday which meant a couple of trips to either David's or the Beamish to make the purchases. If I was lucky there might be enough money to buy a new purse to go along with the clothes and a new Easter basket for all those goodies which the Easter Bunny would deliver to our house.

There were not too many choices for Easter baskets in those days, mostly they were woven coloured cane with a handle and filled with synthetic grass on which the Easter Bunny, or E.B. as I call him now, would place the chocolate eggs, jelly beans and chocolate bunny. Mom was pretty good at making sure that we didn't eat any of the treats before church but I am confident that tucked inside my spring coat pocket would be a jelly bean or two.

Flash forward to 2018 and a trip through a store today on the search for a basket, for some, involves a lot of decision making. I went to a store in Cornwall, figuring it would only take me a couple of minutes to choose a basket for my granddaughter and what really occurred was over half an hour of trying to decide – should it be a Peppa Pig or a PJ Mask or a Disney basket or maybe a more traditional one. Back and forth I went, looking, lifting, examining the baskets until out of the corner of my eye I spied a display of chocolate bunnies beckoning me. Thoughts of making a decision on baskets disappeared only to be replaced by a need to begin my newest research project – which gets eaten first, the tail or the ears of the chocolate Easter bunny?

March and April bring Tax Scams

SDG – Scammers are very busy this time of year with tax-related scams intended to frighten victims and trick you into sending them money. Fraudsters will claim they are calling from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and that either you owe them taxes, or that a refund is due.

Their preferred payment form for taxes owed is in iTunes cards, so that is your first clue that something is not right. The CRA would never call you, they always correspond by

mail, and secondly they do not accept payments in the form of iTunes cards. They will also claim you may be arrested immediately if you don't pay today. The police in Canada would never arrest you for not paying taxes.

Should the scammers be telling you a refund is owed, they are trying to get your banking information, claiming they will make a deposit. In fact, they will empty your bank account if you share this information with them. Protect yourself and your money.

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change not listening to communities?

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Benke and others even went as far as Toronto to have a petition introduced to the legislature and were granted an opportunity to meet with the Minister of Environment to talk about their rights and options going forward. Benke said they were simply told they would have their chance for a say during the Environmental Review Tribunal, an answer she and her peers were not satisfied with.

Since then the local projects have continued to develop. At the beginning of 2017 the organization had to wait for the

proponent (wind-farm developer) to announce its plans. They also attended the mandatory open houses to ask questions about the project. When the proponent finally published its documents for Ministry review and public comment, the concerned citizens were faced with 3,980 pages to examine. Benke explained the group had dedicated members who all helped to review the pages.

The proponent's last open house concluded in June of 2017 and since then the final draft of the documents has been submitted. What the concerned citizens found were a number of revisions from the original. The group continued to make comments and make their concerns known until the final comment period closed on Jan. 8. Benke was told the approval process would take roughly six months.

In the meantime, along with four other like-minded organizations, the Concerned Citizens have made an application for a Judicial Review. The case was heard in court in late January and was helped by Toronto lawyer Eric Gillespie. "In our area, originally there would have been only four of the sites that would have been allowed to be used if the new guidelines were used. After their revisions [to the submitted review documents] a maximum of 10 turbines would be allowed to be put up if they were to follow the existing Canadian standard," said Benke. At minimum, Benke said she hopes for an outcome wherein only 10 of the 33 proposed turbines will be approved. In a perfect world, she hopes for none.

Despite the continuous effort for the last three years, the Concerned Citizens'

comments have now only made an impact because of legal action. Benke said she suspects it will take some time for an outcome to reveal itself due to the election, yet the Concerned Citizens continue to make their voices heard.

To learn more about their concerns and find out ways to help, the Concerned Citizens of North Stormont is hosting an information brunch to help fundraise for future efforts, pass along information about the project and promote two petitions to be signed and presented to the legislation, the first for those whose homes are known to be affected by the noise and the second for the community as a whole.

The brunch will be held at the Finch Arena on April 8 at 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch will be \$10 for adults and \$5 dollars for children 8 years and under.

South Dundas Art Hanging Program celebrating five-year anniversary

SOUTH DUNDAS – This year marks the five-year anniversary of the South Dundas Art Hanging Program. Since its inception, the South Dundas Municipal Centre has showcased the work of 23 artists from Dundas County. Pieces have ranged from acrylic, oil, and water colour paintings, sketches, mixed media, and photography. "The Art Hanging Program has provided exposure to many of our very talented local artists, and the walls of the South Dundas Municipal Centre have been beautified for all to enjoy," said

Katherine Wells, Communications & Tourism Coordinator.

The artists participating in the 2018 display period are: Dorothy Adlington, Tom Schoch, Karen Fisher and Amanda Alexander.

Dorothy A. Adlington's inspiration is the human figure: "I am always trying new ways to express the figure using different media and approaches, from Realism into Abstraction." Her work has been featured in multiple galleries.

Born in Switzerland and raised on a dairy farm in North Dundas, photography became one of Tom

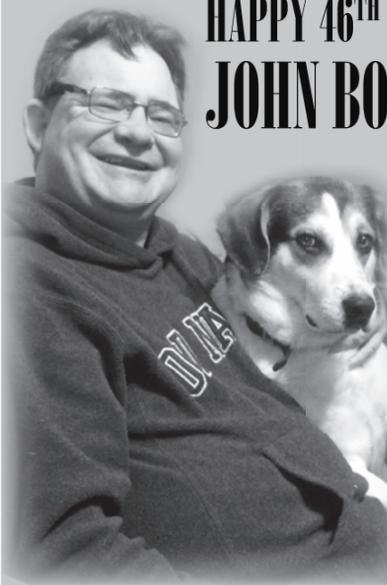
Schoch's biggest passions. He loves how he can capture a moment and allow a person to see exactly how they felt in that moment. Though Tom has had a career as a TV host as well as being an on-air radio personality, he stays true to his passion and does freelance photography for a variety of occasions.

After retiring from a demanding nursing career, Karen Fisher moved back to her family home in Iroquois to be with her mother. She was looking for an outlet for her design and creative sensibilities

and to engage her mind and her talent. Acrylic painting was the perfect fit, and she has never looked back.

For the past four years, the St. Lawrence river has inspired Amanda Alexander from her home in South Dundas. She enjoys capturing South Dundas' scenic landscapes in her images.

These artists' works can be found on the walls of the 2nd and 3rd floors of the South Dundas Municipal Centre. Those interested in participating in the 2019 season can contact Katherine Wells at kwells@southdundas.com.



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Roarin' around the countryside

Continued from the front

with 75 cars entered, was held on Sat., March 31 starting and ending at the Chesterville Legion, with checkpoints in Spencerville, Iroquois and Morrisburg. While the Chesterville Legion was quiet during the afternoon, Lion Debra Kelly noted that once the participants began returning to the Legion things would heat up, but until then the sizzling BBQ chicken kept Mark McMillan, Larry Barlow and Dante Pringle busy outside.



Flippin' the Chicken

From the left: Mark McMillan and Larry Barlow carefully flip the chickens cooking on the large outside barbecue at the Chesterville Legion in anticipation of hungry diners during the 2018 Chesterville and District Lions Club Car Rally held on March 31. Thompson Goddard photo



From the left: Carl Robinson, Cindy Billings, Anne McLean, Mark McMillan, Larry Barlow and Dante Pringle take a moment beside the barbecue where countless chickens were being grilled in anticipation of returning car rally participants. Thompson Goddard photo

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South Stormont Mayor Jim Bancroft retirement announced

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

LONG SAULT – At the March 27 South Stormont municipal council meeting, mayor Jim Bancroft announced he would not be seeking re-election in the upcoming municipal elections slated for Oct. 22, 2018, citing a wish to “spend a little more time with Amy and family.”

He has “enjoyed the last three years” spent serving the people of South Stormont and working with municipal staff members. In an email to *The Chesterville Record*, he commented on the dedication of council members and how they were “respectful even when we had a difference of opinion.”

Deputy mayor Tammy

Hart echoed Bancroft’s comments, describing how “Mayor Bancroft worked well with council and vice versa” recently in an email to *The Chesterville Record*. She noted the “vast amount of knowledge and experience” Bancroft brought to the council table, “his professionalism and hard work” for constituents and how “he was instrumental in helping to move our township forward” before wishing him “happiness and a healthy retirement in 2019.”

Councillor Donna Primeau pointed out in an email recently how Mayor Bancroft’s “wealth of experience in politics was a great asset to have around the table”, continuing how he “was frank with his

opinion and stood his ground when appropriate.” She mentioned the work which was accomplished by this council for the residents of South Stormont before wishing the Mayor and his wife “health, happiness and lots of laughs.”

A 20-year veteran of municipal politics, Bancroft has served four terms as mayor/reeve as well as one term as SDG warden. He mentioned his “term as warden was more a personal satisfaction with the support of all members of County Council” and as a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus he was able “to be part of a strong voice for Eastern Ontario as we lobby both the provincial and federal governments for such

services as increased connectivity for rural Ontario.”

As Bancroft completes his present term of office, he listed the new fire hall in St. Andrew’s West, a new fire pumper in Long Sault, continuation of the municipal roads and bridge program and the completion of the Ingleside Community Park as achievements “without any significant impact on our tax rate” in a municipality with the second lowest tax rate in SDG. Hart commented on Bancroft’s role in “helping to move our township forward” and the Mayor expressed his confidence in the “sound, capable and dedicated staff to support and serve any new growth.”



Decision not to seek re-election announced

South Stormont Mayor Jim Bancroft announced during the March 28 municipal council meeting he will not seek re-election in the upcoming municipal elections in Ontario.

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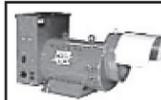


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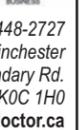
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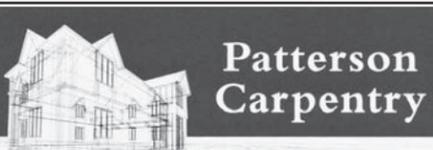
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Hitting the Funny Bone

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CHESTERVILLE – There was no shortage of laughs at the Chesterville Legion for the just under 100 people who turned out for the Laugh Night with Station No. 4 event on March 29. The evening, which included a dance and performances by three comedians, was organized by the Chesterville Fire Department Auxiliary to raise funds for a new pumper truck at Station 4.

Connie Lannin, a volunteer with the Chesterville Fire Department Auxiliary, was pleased with the turnout for the fundraiser and thanked the Chesterville Scotia Bank for their support. Scotia Bank employees Chrissie Barlow and Maggie Lang, who were busy taking tickets at the door, expressed their delight at being part of the

fundraising event. The comedic talents of Master of Ceremonies Dave Hudson, Michael Friedman and Jim McNally had those in attendance laughing continuously during their routines. Hudson with 20-plus years' experience as a comedian mentioned he enjoys making people laugh, with Ottawa Chiropractor Michael Friedman commenting, "Laughter is the best medicine"! Headliner Jim McNally who currently lives in Ottawa has been entertaining people for over 30 years and told *The Chesterville Record* how it is "always a great time to come to these small communities" to raise funds for a good cause.

Lannin mentioned there is a Paint Nite planned for April 17 at the Chesterville Legion, another fundraiser for the Chesterville Fire Department Auxiliary.



Clowning Around

From the left: Comedians Jim McNally, Dave Hudson and Mike Friedman share a moment of fun after their performance at the Laugh Night with Station No. 4 event held at the Chesterville Legion on March 29. Thompson Goddard photo



Egg-citing time at Long Sault Easter Egg Hunt

Nicole Holden holds grandson Riley Seguin as he receives a bag of Easter candy from Lion Lynn White following the Easter egg hunt at the Arnold Bethune Memorial Park in Long Sault. An estimated 200 children participated in the 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt in support of the Ingleside Splash Pad and hosted by the Ingleside Long Sault Lost Villages Lions Club. Thompson Goddard photo



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Long Sault-Lost Villages Lions Club held their 2nd annual Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt at the South Stormont Community Hall and the Arnold Bethune Memorial Park respectively on Sat., March 31. Lion Gerald Potvin explained a portion of the money raised would be in support of the Ingleside Splash Pad. The Easter Bunny is joined by Tyrus Smith-Cameron and Nana Joe-Anne Dumond during the Easter Breakfast at the South Stormont Community Centre in Long Sault on March 31. The event was run by members of the Ingleside-Long Sault-Lost Villages Lions Club. Thompson Goddard photo



Laughter – the best medicine

Comedian Jim McNally wowed the crowd with his performance during the Laugh Night with Station No. 4 at the Chesterville Legion on March 29. Thompson Goddard photo

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- Obituary -

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Joan Marie Blanchard, age 76, passed away on February 11, 2018 at North York General Hospital. Daughter of the late Lew and Vera Smith of Willowdale, Ontario. Beloved wife of the late Robert Blanchard. Loving mother of David (Sherri) and Coreen (Darrell); her four grandchildren Lisa, Jeremy, Caitlin and Abbey; and one great-granddaughter Emma. She is survived by her brother Lew Smith.

Joan was a loving and caring person who enjoyed gardening and had a deep affection for animals.

The Family will be holding a Celebration of Life at the Russell Curling Club on Saturday April 14th from 1-4pm.

Excellent Eggfest 2018 at North Stormont Place

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

AVONMORE – North Stormont Place was hopping with excitement on March 31 when around 200 people joined the Easter Bunny for an Easter egg hunt, community breakfast, fellowship and sport registration and to vote for the best locally produced maple syrup. Roxborough Agricultural Society sponsored the community breakfast while the Avonmore Community and Athletic Association provided the Easter festivities and sports registration.

Avonmore area resident and North Stormont councillor Jim Wert, in welcoming people to the fun-filled event, mentioned the Rubber Boot Challenge, a people's choice award for the best local, non-commercial maple syrup. Avonmore area resident Nancy Wert confirmed four local producers vied for the award, which was won by Angele Lascelle and Simon Ledoux of Ledoux Sirop,



Making Fun for Everyone!

Carrie Couturier, volunteer with the ACAA, explains the rules to children and parents during the Easter Egg Hunt, part of Eggfest 2018 held at North Stormont Place on March 31.

Thompson Goddard photo

Monkland with Neil Robinson, Avonmore coming in second place and the Grady family and the (Warren) McIntosh family, Maxville tied for third.

As the clock ticked closer to 10 a.m. and the start of the highly anticipated Easter egg hunt, the sound of children's

excited voices moved from the breakfast area towards the rear door which opened to the grassy area filled with coloured eggs. After a quick visit at the registration desk where children and parents were given the colour for each age group, off they went for some fun in the bright spring sun.

It wasn't long before the Easter Bunny made his appearance to the delight of children young and old and the opportunity for a photo with this herald of spring was provided to all. As visiting continued and the winner of the Rubber Boot Challenge announced, the tired but happy group of volunteers from the Roxborough Agricultural Society and the Avonmore Community and Athletic Association could once again rest assured their dedication to the community was appreciated. After a long winter this was surely a most welcome introduction to spring!



Wishing You A Happy Easter

The Easter Bunny was on hand at North Stormont Place on March 31 for photo ops with children of all ages after the very successful Easter Egg Hunt held to the back of the community centre in Avonmore. After the long winter people were more than ready for spring – the season of renewal.

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Rubber Boot Challenge

Nancy Wert of Avonmore holds the prestigious Rubber Boot Award which is presented to the winner of the Rubber Boot Challenge, a people's choice award for the best local syrup produced. The 2018 winner was Ledoux Sirop from Monkland.

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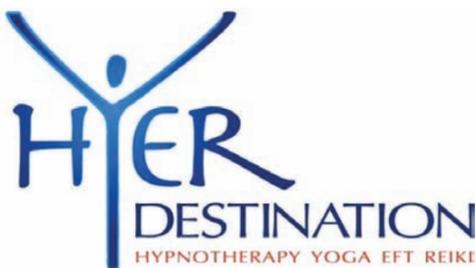
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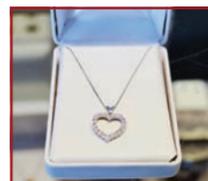
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Canada's new \$10 note: reflecting on rights and social justice

HALIFAX – Wanda Robson, the sister of social justice defender Viola Desmond, who appears on Canada's new \$10 bank note, was visibly emotional as the note's design was revealed on March 8, 2018, International Women's Day. "I'll never forget this day—I can't, it's written in history," said Robson.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau, Bank of Canada Governor Stephen S. Poloz, and Dr. John Young, President and CEO of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, unveiled the note in a ceremony at the Halifax Public Library.

Once the note enters

circulation in late 2018, it will mark the first time that an iconic Canadian woman is portrayed on a regularly circulating Bank of Canada note.

Desmond was selected by Minister Morneau after an open call to Canadians to nominate iconic Canadian women who could appear on the redesigned \$10 bank note. A successful Black Nova Scotian businesswoman, Desmond defiantly refused to leave a Whites-only area of a movie theatre in 1946 and was subsequently jailed, convicted and fined. Her court case is one of the first known legal challenges against racial

segregation brought forth by a Black woman in Canada.

"Viola's is just one of millions of stories from women who have helped shape, build and influence our country," said Minister Morneau. "But it's an important story, because it shows that standing up for what we believe, whether it's on the step of Parliament Hill or in a movie theatre in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, can make our country and the world a better place for future generations."

The new \$10 note is also the first vertically-oriented note issued by the Bank, which allows for a more prominent image of

Viola Desmond and differentiates it from the current polymer notes. The back of the note features images and symbols that depict Canada's ongoing pursuit of rights and freedoms, including the Canadian Museum for Human Rights—the first museum in the world dedicated solely to human rights; an eagle feather—representing the ongoing journey toward recognizing rights and freedoms for Indigenous peoples in Canada; and an excerpt from the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"Respect, reflection, dialogue—these are the values that Canadians

aspire to, and this new note will help teach Canadians, indeed anyone who sees one of these bank note, about the ongoing story of human rights in Canada," said Dr. Young.

Visit bankofcanada.ca to learn more about the design and security features of Canada's currency and

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The Bank of Canada Museum is on Facebook. Follow, like and share the latest information about Canada's new \$10 bank note and much more: @BoCMuseum

NDDHS Report

By Rosie Backes
Student Council Communications

Another busy week ahead



We hope everyone had a great Easter weekend.

The Midget Girls' Volleyball team had a great tournament on Thurs., March 29, at Tagwi Secondary School.

Today, April 4, the Junior and Senior Concert Bands perform at the Kinsmen Music Festival in Cornwall

There is also a Midget and Junior Badminton tournament happening today.

Both tomorrow, April 5, and Fri., April 6, there will be the Curling-Pinty's in Carleton Place.

Tomorrow, April 5, there will be a MADD presentation for all students in the gym from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

On Fri., April 6, the Grades 7 and 8 boys have their regional basketball tournament at North Grenville.

Stay tuned for a confirmed date of the Senior Fashion Show.

Leclerc drops out of campaign

CORNWALL – Mario Leclerc, who intended to seek the Liberal candidacy for the federal riding of Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, has withdrawn from the race. In a brief email interview Leclerc said, "Before I threw my name in the hat I told me and my family that it needed to be sweat and tears free." He said, "I fully know that I do have a lot to offer and can

lead the Liberal team to victory."

But he added, "However, the lukewarm welcome I got from members of the executive at the Francophone laugh show in Cornwall last week told me that it was not going to be so." He said the president of the executive and two other members did not seem receptive to him, so he has dropped out.



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Rockets, Vikings head to a game seven

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—The North Dundas Rockets played three playoff games this past weekend with a chance to win the NCJHL championship. The Rockets welcomed the Papineau Vikings to the Chesterville Arena for Game 4 of the best of seven NCJHL championship on Friday night, travelled to Gatineau on Saturday night for Game 5 and back to Chesterville for Game 6 on Sunday afternoon.

Vikings 4 Rockets 1: The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Papineau Vikings to the Chesterville Arena on Sun., April 1, for Game 6 of the best of seven NCJHL championship. The Rockets went into the game with a 3-2 series lead and a chance to finish off the regular season champs with a victory.

The Vikings needed a win to stave off elimination and force a game seven back in Québec. Like the last game, it was a felling out process in the opening 20 minutes as neither team was able to find the back of the net and headed into the first intermission tied with donuts.

The Rockets outshot the Vikings by a slim 11-9 count. The Vikings opened the scoring at 7:20 of the second period as Jacob Osborne scored from Maxime Tremblay and Anthony Laprade to take a 1-0 lead.

The Rockets outshot the Vikings again in the second period 15-13 but trailed 1-0 heading into the second intermission. The Vikings made it 2-0 when Justin Labrosse scored from Simon Hupe and Hugo Lusignan at 6:26 but the Rockets answered when Brad Stitt snapped one to the back of the net from Shawn Simms and Justin Lefebvre just 16 seconds later to the elation of approximately 550 screaming fans.

The Vikings restored their two-goal lead when Tremblay scored from Gagnon and Plourde Grenon at 10:03 making it a 3-1 game. With time winding down in regulation the Rockets pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker with just over two minutes remaining but with just 55 seconds showing on the clock, the Vikings' Tremblay slid one into the abandoned cage taking a 4-1 lead and dashing any hope for

the Rockets to make a comeback.

The Vikings hung on for a 4-1 victory forcing a game seven. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Yanick Gosselin making 37 saves on 38 shots and suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Jason Buma making 27 saves on 30 shots.

Rockets 4 Vikings 2: The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Complex Branchaud-Brière in Gatineau to face the Papineau Vikings for Game 5 of the best of seven NCJHL championship. The Rockets were coming off a heart-breaking loss in overtime the previous night but needed to stay focused with the series tied at two games apiece.

With a win the Rockets would have a chance to win it all in Chesterville in front of the hometown faithful. The two teams played with a cautious start to Game 5 but neither team were able to bury the biscuit in the first period.

The Rockets opened the scoring at 9:56 of the second period when Bryden Van Kessel broke the goose egg from Cage Hallett taking a 1-0 lead. The Rockets made it 2-0 at 11:55 when Chris Marchand scored an unassisted goal but the Vikings rebounded with a goal by Jeremy Trudeau at 17:20 from Danny Plourde Grenon to make it 2-1.

Then, with 1:14 remaining the Vikings knotted the affair as Joel Gagnon scored from Mathieu Lapointe taking a two-all draw into the second intermission. The Rockets restored their lead when Tom Fingler smashed one home from Van Kessel and Marchand at 4:23 of the third period to make it 3-2.

Van Kessel netted his second of the game at 7:02 from Justin Lefebvre giving the Rockets a two-goal lead. The Rockets' defence did the rest of the work holding the Vikings off the score sheet and took the game 4-2. With the win, the Rockets were in the driver's seat with a 3-2 series lead heading back to Chesterville for Game 6 with a chance to win their first NCJHL championship.

Picking up the win in the Rockets goal was Reilly Tondreau and suffering the loss was Yanick Gosselin.

Vikings 5 Rockets 4 (OT): The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Papineau Vikings to the Chesterville Arena on Fri., March 30, for Game 4 of the best of seven NCJHL

championship. The Rockets took the first two games with a score of 3-2 and 5-4 in overtime but the Vikings battled back in Game 3 with a 6-2 victory. With a win the Rockets would be one win away from their first ever championship.

The Vikings who won were no strangers when it came to winning the championship. After bowing out in the first round last season, the Vikings were poised to win three consecutive titles. With a win they would tie the series at two games apiece heading back home.

The teams, knowing the importance of this game played a cautious first period but neither team was able to score, the Rockets outshot the Vikings 6-5 heading into the first intermission.

The Vikings opened the scoring at 6:55 of the second period as Jeremy Trudeau scored from Justin Labrosse and Jacob Osborne to take a 1-0 lead. The Rockets didn't let the ink dry on the score sheet before they tied the game just 16 seconds later as Tom Fingler slapped one to the back of the net from Chris Marchand. The Vikings made it a 2-1 game at 10:07 as Maxime Tremblay scored from Nicolas Loyer and Mathieu Lapointe and took that lead into the second intermission.

The Vikings took a two-goal lead just 1:09 into the third period as Hugo Lusignan scored an unassisted goal but the Rockets rallied to get to within one as Justin Lefebvre fired one home from Brad Stitt at 4:31 while shorthanded to make it 3-2. The Vikings made it 4-2 as Tremblay scored an unassisted goal at 6:45.

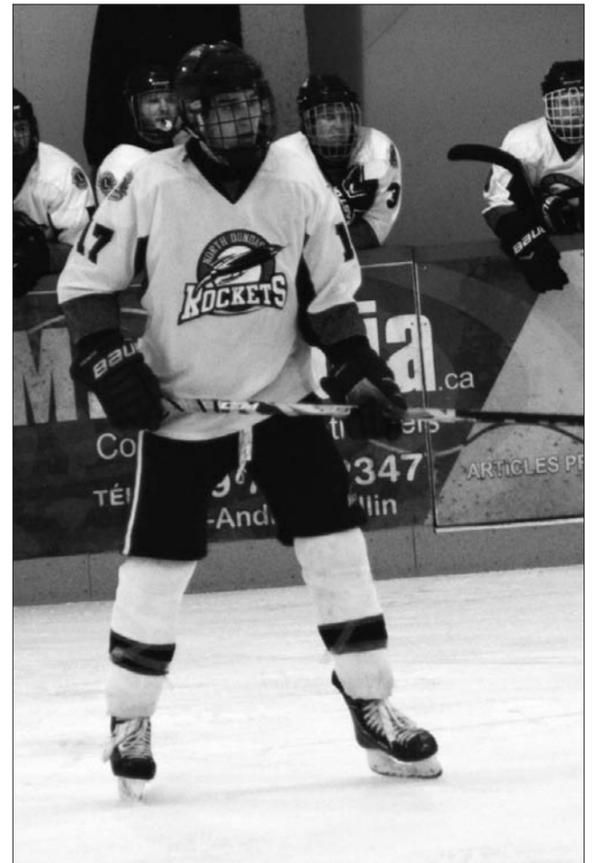
The Rockets cut the margin to one again as Connor Roth blasted one home from Bryden Van Kessel and Fingler on the power play at 10:35. With clock winding down in favour of the Vikings, the resilient Rockets responded with just 2:48 showing on the clock in regulation as Roth scored his second of the game from Fingler to tie the game at four. Neither team was able to find the back of the net before time expired so the game headed to a 10-minute overtime period. The Vikings outshot the Rockets 31-30 in regulation.

The overtime period was a seesaw affair with both teams getting good scoring chances but with 3:37 remaining the Rockets were



The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Complex Branchaud Briere on Sat., March 31, to take on the Papineau Vikings in game five of the best of seven NCJHL championship series. The Rockets' Chris Marchand (8) led the charge with two goals as the Rockets powered past the Vikings 4-2 taking a 3-2 series lead heading back home.

Courtesy Lauwers photo



The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Papineau Vikings to the Chesterville Arena on Fri., March 30, for Game 4 of the best of seven NCJHL championship. The Rockets forward, Connor Roth scored two goals in the game as the Rockets tied the Vikings in regulation. Unfortunately for the Rockets, the Vikings took them in overtime tying the series at two games each.

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assessed a hooking penalty and the Vikings fire power took over as Joel Gagnon scored with just 2:22 remaining in the first overtime from Danny Plourde Grenon taking the game 5-4 in dramatic fashion tying the series at two games each as they headed back to the Québec side.

Picking up the win in the

Vikings' goal was Yanick Gosselin making 31 saves on 35 shots and suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Jason Buma making 33 saves on 38 shots.

Up next: The Rockets travel to the Jean Paul Sabourin Arena in Gatineau (70 Rue Jean-Proulx) to take on the Vikings tonight Wed., March 4, at 7:30 p.m.



The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Papineau Vikings to the Chesterville Arena on Sun., April 1, for Game 6 of the best of seven NCJHL championship. The Rockets lead the series 3-2 heading into the game with a chance to win their first ever championship but it didn't go quite as planned as the Vikings took the game 4-1. Scoring the lone goal for the Rockets was forward, Brad Stitt (16) from Shawn Simms and Justin Lefebvre. The Rockets outshot the Vikings 38-31 but Stitt was the only one to find the back of the net.

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Vikings head back to the Barkley Cup for third straight year

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CASSELMAN—The Casselman Vikings fought off being eliminated on Wednesday night as they travelled to Perth to take on the Blue Wings for Game 6 of the CCHL2 semifinal and welcomed the Blue Wings for Game 7 on Thursday night.

Vikings 3 Blue Wings 2: The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Perth Blue Wings to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., March 29, for game seven of the best of seven CCHL2 semifinal. The Vikings survived two elimination games with a score of 6-2 and the latest coming the previous night taking the game 2-1 in overtime in Perth tying the series at three.

With a win by either team, that team would be heading into the CCHL2 championship against the winner of the Ottawa Canadians vs. the Carleton Place Canadians. The Vikings opened the scoring at 12:06 of the first period as Ethan Wensink did all the work dealing the puck for a Blue Wing defender in the left hand corner and skated right out in front of the net untouched tucking it home taking a 1-0 lead.

The Blue Wings tied the game when Matt Knight Bedour scored from Colin Baggio and Joey Laird on the power play at 17:17. The teams took a one-all draw into the first intermission. The Vikings made it 2-1 as Sean David ripped one home from Carter Malette and Wensink at 11:55 of the second period.

The Vikings outshot the Blue Wings 14-8 in the second period but led by just a single goal heading into the second intermission. The Vikings came out in the third period trying to defend a 2-1 lead but it only lasted for 6:19 as Anthony Douchant scored from Alex Caparelli and Baggio tied the game for the Blue Wings.

With 9:47 showing on the clock Brendan Doherty was sprung on a partial breakaway down the right side and he made no mistake blasting one to the back of the net from Yanick Dicaire and Ryan Sabourin giving the Vikings a 3-2 lead. The Blue Wings called a timeout after the Vikings' David was assessed a slashing penalty to try to calm the troops down for the upcoming power play in a push to tie the game.

The Vikings killed off the power play and gained some momentum back. The Blue Wings tried to force the issue with the Vikings but to no avail. The Blue Wings got a little too aggressive as their defender Tyler Somer sent Doherty flying head first into the boards and was assessed a checking from behind penalty and a game misconduct with just 1:04 remaining in regulation.

The Blue Wings pulled their goalie to make it a five-on-five situation but could not

really get set up in the offensive zone as the Vikings hung on for the 3-2 victory. Glove, helmets and sticks went flying through the air as the Vikings took the series in Game 7 and now head to the CCHL2's Barkley Cup.

Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 28 saves on 30 shots and suffering the loss in the Blue Wings' goal was Jonathan Peacock making 38 saves on 41 shots.

Vikings 2 Blue Wings 1 (OT): The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Perth and District Arena on Wed., March 28, to take on the Blue Wings in Game 6 of the best of seven CCHL2 semifinal. The Vikings looked to avoid elimination for the second straight game as they trailed the series three games to two. The Vikings took Game 5 6-2 at home and looked to force a Game 7 with a win. The Blue Wings would move on to the CCHL2's Barkley Cup with a victory.

The teams battled to a scoreless first period as both teams seemed too afraid to make a mistake but the Vikings outshot the Blue Wings 10-8.

The Vikings opened the scoring as Ryan Sabourin tapped after a beautiful toe drag by Sean David past the Blue Wings' defenseman just 1:24 into the second period. Gabriel Rousselle picked up the second assist on the goal as the Vikings took the 1-0 lead.

The Blue Wings stuck to their game plan of playing the one, two-two defensive style or better known as the "trap" and forced the Vikings to cough up the puck in the centre ice area. The Blue Wings outshot the Vikings 10-8 in the second period but trailed one the scoreboard 1-0 heading into the second intermission.

In the third period, the Vikings also settled back into the "trap" mode but with under four minutes remaining the Vikings were called for a tripping penalty which sent the Blue Wings to the power play. The Blue Wings took advantage as Matt Knight Bedour snuck in from the point and powered one to the back of the net from Joey Laird and Colin Baggio with just 2:52 remaining in regulation.

The goal seemed to breathe new life into the Perth's offence as they pressed to score the series winning goal as the Vikings seemed a little stunned. The Vikings did however, hold the Blue Wings off the score sheet as time wound down in regulation.

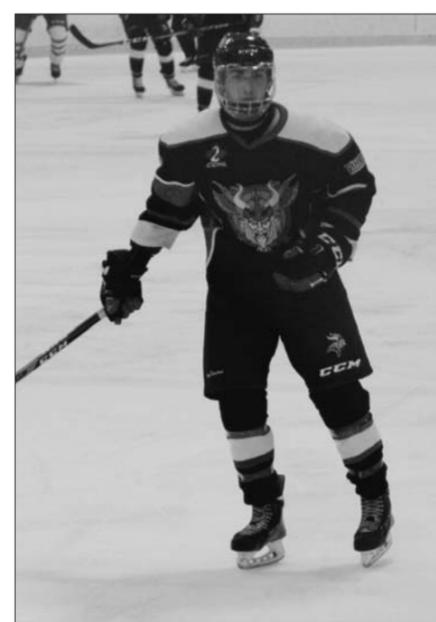
The Blue Wings outshot the Vikings 13-10 as the game headed to a 10-minute first overtime period. In the extra frame, the Vikings pressed for the game winner as there were two scrambles where the Blue Wings' goalie was swimming for the puck but it was the second one as the Vikings' Danyk Drouin who found the puck to the right side of the net



Vikings look to make it five straight titles

The Casselman Vikings are headed back to the CCHL2's Barkley Cup for their third straight appearance and a chance to become a five-time dynasty. The Vikings didn't do it the easy way allowing the Perth Blue Wings two two-game series leads at 2-0 and 3-1 but battled back to take the series 4-3 in game seven. The Vikings will face the Carleton Place Canadians in the final.

Sawyer Helmer photo



The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Perth Blue Wings to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., March 29, for Game 7 of the best of seven CCHL2 semifinal. The Vikings staved off elimination twice after being down 3-1 in the series to the Blue Wings and had a chance to put the Blue Wings away and move on to the CCHL2 championship. The Vikings' Alternate Captain and power forward, Ethan Wensink led the Vikings with a goal and an assist as the Vikings took the game 3-2 and the series four games to two.

Courtesy Lauwers photo

and backhanded it behind the Blue Wings' goalie to become the overtime hero just 1:42 in.

Isaac Lavallee drew the only assist on the play as the Vikings took the game forcing a Game 7 back in Casselman. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 30 saves on 31 shots and suffering the loss in the Blue Wings' goal was Jonathan

The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Perth and District Arena to take on the Blue Wings on Wed., March 28, for Game 6 of the best of seven CCHL2 semifinal. The Vikings trailed in the series three games to two and needed a win to stay alive. The teams battled to a one-all draw after regulation so the game headed to overtime. In the overtime, the Vikings' forward, Danyk Drouin became an instant hero as he banged home a rebound to give the Vikings a 2-1 victory tying the series at three.

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Peacock making 28 saves on 30 shots.

Up next: The Vikings welcome the Carleton Place Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., March 5, for game one of the best of seven CCHL2's Barkley Cup final at 8 p.m. Game 2 will be at the Carleton Place Arena on Sat., April 7, at 7:15 p.m. and Game 3 will be back in Casselman on Sun., March 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Pin Tales

Stormont Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Pat Middleton 205; Ladies' High Triple, Pat Middleton 593. Team Standings: Kathy 313, Hilda 275, Pat 273, Susan 272.5, Elaine 245.5.

Monday Men's: Men's High Single, Matt Bird 343; Men's High Triple, Matt Bird 823. Team Standings: Alley Cats 14, A-Team 12, Raiders 11, Country Boys 8, East-Ont 8.

Busy Matrons: Ladies' High Single, Sharon Shaver 201; Ladies' High Triple, Sandra Bloom 554. Team Standings: Love 16.5, Hope 16, Faith 15, Charity 12.5.

Defenders: Men's High Single, Andy Chrysler 260; Men's High Triple, Glendon Moore 627; Ladies' High Single, Sue Trudel 246; Ladies' High Triple, Gwen Clarke 568. Team Standings: Divas+D 21, Becky 19, Gwen 19, Glendon 17, Brian 14.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Dorothy Thomas 171; Ladies' High Triple, Sandra Jennings 484. Team Standings: Dianna 295, Eurda 290.5, Mary 268, Lorna 226.5.

Finch Mixed: Men's High Single, Kevin Osborne 245;

Men's High Triple, Kevin Osborne 733; Men's High Average, Noel Lalonde 217; Ladies' High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 269; Ladies' High Triple, Grace Tilley 698; Ladies High Average, Isabelle Bissonnette 213. Team Standings: 3G 3059, TEAM HP 2998, T.V. On 3! 2977, Team #4 2940, THEM 2890, C-M-A-T-T 2871.

Matilda Mixed: Ladies' High Single, Donna Leach 242; Ladies' High Triple, Inge Von Kaenel 620; Men's High Single, Joel Verdurman 195; Men's High Triple, Joel Verdurman 444. Team Standings: Danny +272, Jake +131, Brent +95, Walter +37, Gary -39, Kevin -144.

Thursday Seniors: Men's High Single, Bas Vanwinden 169; Men's High Triple, Bas Vanwinden 461; Ladies' High Single, Joke Vanwinden 183; Ladies' High Triple, Joke Vanwinden 497.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men's High Single, Garry Hutt 327; Men's High Triple, Garry Hutt 787; Ladies' High Single, Valerie Vanderveen 181; Ladies' High Triple, Erin Drapeau 465. Team Standings: Carolyn's Pussycats 4796, Spaceballs 4645, Nut Jobs 4620, Fast & Furious 4536, Smurfs 4285.

Youth Bowl Canada

YBC Peewees: Girl's High Single, Cheyenne Lanoue 138; Girl's High Double, Isabelle Gaudette 252; Boy's High Single, Jakob Fowler 127; Boy's High Double, Jakob Fowler 207. Team Standings: Bruins 4051, Sharks 4028, Kings 3949, Leafs 3892, Thrashers 3826.

YBC Bantams: Girl's High Single, Ava Bradley 153; Girl's High Double, Lindsay Burnett 267; Boy's High Single, Alex Robinson 172; Boy's High Double, Alex Robinson 284. Team Standings: Coyotes 3214, Avalanche 3137, Flames 3100, Blackhawks 3092, Rangers 3083.

YBC Juniors: Girl's High Single, Abby Welsh 213; Girl's High Triple, Abby Welsh 534; Boy's High Single, Aaron Vanderzweep 158; Boy's High Triple, Aaron Vanderzweep 435. Team Standings: Senators 6950, Islanders 6741, Sabers 6411, Wild 6215, Lightning 6131.

YBC Seniors: Girl's High Single, Alayna Gaudette 266; Girl's High Triple, Alayna Gaudette 568; Boy's High Single, Matthew Ridge 189; Boy's High Triple, Matthew Ridge 538. Team Standings: Panthers 5335, Canucks 5184.



Delivering a Plan for Care and Opportunity in Eastern Ontario

ONTARIO – On March 28, the government released the 2018 Budget, which includes significant new investments in health care, child care, home care and mental health and new measures to create more job opportunities for people in Eastern Ontario. The Budget also focuses on initiatives that make life more affordable and provide more financial security during a time of rapid economic change.

If passed, Ontario would:

- Expand OHIP+ with free prescription drugs for everyone 65 and over.
- Improve mental health care and addictions services.
- Introduce free preschool child care for children aged two-and-a-half until eligible for kindergarten.
- Invest \$16 billion in capital grants over 10 years for new and improved schools.
- Make college and university tuition free for low and middle income families who earn up to \$90,000.
- Improve hospitals by investing an additional \$822-million investment in 2018–2019 — the largest single government investment in hospitals in almost a decade.
- The province is also investing approximately

\$19 billion over 10 years to build and renovate hospitals to provide more and faster health care for people.

- Create 30,000 new long-term care beds over the next 10 years — adding 5,000 new beds by 2022 — to help people who can no longer live independently and provide peace of mind for people who care for them.
- Introduce a new Ontario Drug and Dental Program, reimbursing 80 per cent, up to a maximum of \$400 per single person, \$600 per couple and \$700 for a family of four with two children, of eligible prescription drug and dental expenses each year, for those without workplace health benefits or not covered by OHIP+ or other government programs.
- Make prescriptions completely free for everyone 65 and over through OHIP+, ensuring that no senior citizen ever needs to go without necessary drugs.

The government is investing in digital infrastructure to ensure the people of Ontario can fully participate in the 21st century economy with an investment of an additional \$500 million over three years to expand broadband connectivity in rural

communities. This includes an investment of up to \$71 million towards improving cellular coverage in Eastern Ontario through a partnership with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN).

The province will also invest an additional \$100 million in the Eastern Ontario Development Fund and the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund over the next 10 years, which will aim to create and retain approximately 19,000 jobs across the province.

Highlights for Eastern Ontario:

- The Government has invested up to \$24 million in Canada Royal Milk ULC — Feihe International, creating and retaining 277 jobs in the dairy product manufacturing sector in Kingston.
- The government has invested up to \$1,177,500 creating and retaining 621 jobs with Prysmian Group in Johnstown.
- Holy Name of Mary Catholic Elementary School in Cornwall will receive an additional 144 pupil places and the addition of a child care centre.
- The addition of 92 student spaces and a child care room at École élémentaire Nouvel Horizon in Hawkesbury.
- A joint 600-pupil

secondary school with three child care rooms in Kingston.

- Phase Two Redevelopment Project Construction and renovations to the operating rooms, laboratories, emergency department, perinatal services (neonatal intensive care unit and labour and delivery suite) and inpatient unit at the existing Stuart Street site of the Kingston General Hospital.
- The redevelopment of the Brockville General Hospital, including new construction and renovations to consolidate services and beds related to acute mental health, Complex Continuing Care, inpatient rehab and other programs.
- 36 new beds at the Grove Nursing Home in Annprior, bringing the total to 96.
- Multiple projects along stretches of the 192-kilometre Highway 417, an important link in the Trans-Canada Highway system across Eastern Ontario.
- Rehabilitating the Bay of Quinte Skyway, Highway 49, as a key entry point to Prince Edward County.
- Investing in a new bridge over the Catarqui River in Kingston to provide an alternative route for commuters, and future

opportunities for pedestrians and cyclists with a multi-use trail.

The province has beaten its fiscal targets every year since the recession, and is forecasting a budget surplus in 2017–2018. Beginning in 2018–2019, Ontario is choosing to make more investments in the care and services that the people of this province rely on. As a result, the province will run modest deficits of less than one per cent of GDP. The Budget outlines a path back to balance by 2024–2025, building on the province's long track record of responsible fiscal management.

“Ontario’s economy is getting stronger, businesses are creating record numbers of jobs, and unemployment is at the lowest rate in almost two decades. Our budget is balanced. We have a \$600 million surplus. Now, we are using our strengthened fiscal position to make life more affordable for families and create new opportunity for businesses across the province. The 2018 Budget will include new investments in health care, child care and seniors care to help even more families get ahead,” said Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance.

“Today’s budget is great news for Eastern Ontario. Our government is

committed to investing in new ways to help families across the region. This budget is about creating opportunities and providing supports people need to succeed. From our historic investment in mental health to allowing seniors to stay in their homes longer, our government continues to deliver real results to ensure everyone has equal opportunities for success,” said Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Minister Responsible for Small Business.

The government is choosing to make new investments of \$20.3 billion over the next three years to support vital public services that people in Ontario rely on, focusing on priority areas such as health care, education, child care, seniors, social services, growing the economy and creating good jobs.

Since the recession, Ontario’s economy has gained over 800,000 net new jobs. The unemployment rate has steadily declined to a 17-year low in February 2018, and has remained below the national average for 34 consecutive months.

Since 2014 Ontario’s economy has grown more than Canada’s and all other G7 countries.

Local School Boards Reach Deal to Exchange Properties in Cornwall

CORNWALL – As of Thurs., March 29, The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO) and the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) have successfully concluded discussions, resulting in a Memorandum of Understanding to exchange facilities in Cornwall.

The CDSBEO and UCDSB have shared a common site located at 1500 Cumberland Street, which is the current site of St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School, and the Cornwall Campus of the TR Leger School for Adult, Alternative, and Continuing Education (formerly General Vanier Secondary School). Since the 1990’s, the facility has been the location of St. Joseph’s Catholic Secondary School (CDSBEO) and the primary program site for TR Leger School (UCDSB).

Through their respective Pupil Accommodation Review processes, both boards identified surplus school property that formed the focus for the recent board-to-board discussions. For the UCDSB, the former General Vanier site was declared as a property surplus, while the CDSBEO has several surplus facilities including the current Immaculate Conception, St. Columban’s and Sacred Heart Catholic Schools.

In January, the Ministry of Education announced that it would fund the CDSBEO’s acquisition of the former General Vanier Secondary School from the UCDSB to accommodate a new consolidated JK-6 Catholic school for Sacred Heart/St. Columban’s, as well as a grade 7/8 program for St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School. The new 7/8 program would accommodate all grade 7 and 8

students from Bishop Macdonell, St. Anne, and the consolidated Sacred Heart/St. Columban’s Catholic Schools.

In June 2017, the Upper Canada District School Board received word that the Ministry of Education would fund the building of a new public high school (grades 7-12) for Cornwall, consolidating the current Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School with St. Lawrence Secondary School. The Ministry announced it would commit \$39 million for this project.

Through much discussion and a strong partnership, the Memorandum of Understanding supports the exchange of school properties. The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will purchase the site of the former General Vanier Secondary School, and the Upper Canada District School Board will purchase Immaculate Conception Catholic School.

“This exchange is a great example of school boards working together to ensure that the best programming is available for all students while remaining fiscally responsible,” noted CDSBEO Chair and Trustee for the City of Cornwall and Glengarry County, Todd Lalonde.

UCDSB Chair Jeff McMillan added that “the integration of educational services in these facilities will help to address the immediate needs for program space that suits our current requirements. This is both a practical and a timely solution for our respective needs to serve students in the best way possible.”

“While our two Boards have had a thirty-year history of cooperation on the St. Joseph’s/General Vanier site, this latest transaction is absolutely the best use of



Officials of the UCDSB and CDSBEO signing a Memorandum of Understanding in late March to make the official exchange of facilities. From left; UCDSB Director of Education Stephen Sliwa, UCDSB Chair Jeff McMillan, CDSBEO Chair Todd Lalonde, and CDSBEO Director of Education John Cameron. Courtesy photo

available resources and will provide our Catholic school community with an excellent facility,” explained CDSBEO Vice-Chair and Trustee for the City of Cornwall and Glengarry County, Ron Eamer.

David McDonald, UCDSB 2nd Vice Chair and Trustee for the Cornwall area, commented that “this exchange builds on our commitment to collaborate with our community partners like the CDSBEO, to

ensure students throughout the district are best served by the educational facilities they need. We are pleased that many students in the Cornwall area will be able to benefit from these facilities.”

Both boards are extremely pleased with the outcome of the agreement, as all students in the Cornwall community will be well served for many years to come. The exchange of properties will be in effect for September 2018.



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Melissa Brisson chosen as 4-H Ambassador

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EMBRUN – Local woman Melissa Brisson has been chosen as this area's 4-H Ambassador for 2018. In an email interview with *The Villager* Brisson said she applied for the position in December. In January, she received a call saying that she had been chosen for an interview. After the interview, she was selected to be one of the six 2018 4-H Ontario Ambassadors.

Brisson has always been heavily involved in 4-H and in her community in other roles. She was raised on a dairy farm near Embrun. She started 4-H when she was 10 years old and she has completed over 30 clubs over the years. In addition she has participated in many

provincial and national 4-H events such as the Youth Adventure Camp, Provincial Leadership Camp, Future Leaders In Action, Career Mania, Provincial Go For The Gold, TD Dairy Classic, National Members Forum and Citizenship Congress. "I'm very involved in my community both at home and at the university," she said. She was also the OAC 2021 class representative for the year 2017-2018. Now she is finishing her first year in a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at the University of Guelph.

"The number of projects I've completed in the past year did have a role in me getting the position," said Brisson. "They were looking for 4-H members

involved in the 4-H program (participation in camps, conferences, clubs) who were also involved in their communities."

The 4-H Ontario Ambassador program is open to 4-H members between the ages of 18 and 21. As an ambassador, Brisson represents the program as a whole at events held by (or for) sponsors, helps host events for youth members, and speaks about her experience as an involved 4-H member.

The position requires a lot of travelling throughout the year since any 4-H association in Ontario can request to have an ambassador at their event. So far, she knows she will attend events in Ottawa, Kemptville, Petersburg, Cobourg and Bolton.



Ontario Ambassadors

The six new Ontario 4-H Ambassadors at their investment in February, including local woman Melissa Brisson. Shown, not in order, are Devin Catt (Elgin), Andrea Dohner (Elgin), Nicole French (Peel), Evan Jenkins (Elgin), Kyle Nussey (Oxford) and Brisson.

Courtesy photos

When asked how she'll find the time, she answered, "School ends in April and the next school year starts in

September, therefore I have a lot of time open for travelling and to attend events. I also have a flexible

summer job and a very understanding employer." She is keenly looking forward to her new role.

Ladies Night MCs use laughter to combat Parkinson's Disease

Candice Vetter
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – The Russell Agricultural Society has confirmed the masters of ceremonies for the 15th annual Ladies Night, as former Russell residents Michael Miller and Chelsea Miller. On Fri., May 4, 500 ladies and dozens of volunteers will converge on the arena in Russell to celebrate the "Hollywood Fab Fifteen Gala" to raise funds for Parkinson's Canada.

Michael Miller was an active member of the Russell Lions Club and was a keen curler in Russell until the family moved to Manotick. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease three years ago. Chelsea is well-known as a radio personality for Live 88.5.

"Russell does lots of good things for charities," said Chelsea in a telephone interview with *The Villager*. "So it's nice to go back and help out."

Chelsea is known for being funny on-air and reports that her father is even funnier. "He's a hilarious human being," she said. "We [she and her brother] got our sense of humour from both our parents. It's going to be fun to be on stage with Dad." She also said since he has developed his condition the timing of his one-liners is a little off. "Actually, he's funnier now."

The family has decided to look at the positives whenever possible. When asked if she notices much difference since her father's diagnosis, she said, "The only impact on the family we've noticed is a need for more patience." Michael has a type of Parkinson's Disease which causes a lack of mobility, so he moves more slowly and stiffly than he used to. Said Chelsea, "Things take a little longer now is all."

Mike is a familiar face to long time Russell residents. He has also been known in the past as the daredevil Awful Knawful. For 12 years in a row he made spectacular crossings of the Castor River in Russell on Canada Day. Some of his daring attempts included walking a tightrope over the river. Unfortunately he ordered a rope that was too short at the dam where his usual attempts were made, and had to move upstream to near Concession St. where the river was narrower.

Another time he drove a snowmobile across the water just upstream from the dam, and surprised the crowd and himself when he made it to the other side. He's used a toboggan with an outboard motor, a motorcycle and other contrivances.

Autism flag raised over Russell Township

Candice Vetter
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The Township of Russell raised the Autism flag over the township office on Thurs., March 29, in front of a big crowd of well-wishers. The Embrun Knights of Columbus presented Autisme Prescott-Russell with a donation of \$1,000.

In attendance were members of the public and also from the support group called Autisme Prescott-Russell. The crowd included many children, some with service dogs, who enjoyed the games, puzzles, snacks and flag-raising ceremony.

Attendees laughed out loud at Justin Belisle's speech. The young man from Embrun who makes dinosaurs out of sculpting clay and had some on hand to display. "I've got a whole cabinet of dinosaurs at home," he said. Someday in the future he may switch to a different clay which can be fired and then can sell his creations but for now he is content. "I can't sell them yet," he said. "I still like them too much." He said each sculpture takes about two hours, and he also sculpts other things, particularly airplanes.

According to their brochure, Autisme Prescott-Russell is "a charitable, non-profit organization that provides support to enable persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder to develop to their full potential."

"After 12 times we [the Russell Lions Club] ran out of stunts that were safe enough for me to do and would still be entertaining," Mike said in a telephone interview. The family moved to Manotick in 2001. His fondness for Russell is one of the reasons he was happy to be asked to participate in Ladies Night. "We miss Russell, but we always wanted a place on the water."

About four years ago he found out he had Parkinson Disease when he was visiting a neurologist for another reason. "The doctor said, 'Now that we've dealt with your other issue, I think you may have Parkinson's.'" He had noticed my walking gait, that my right side was stiff and right arm wasn't swinging easily."

Mike had thought he had arthritis and was aging. He found that his fine motor skills were affected, as well as stiff muscle response, lack of flexibility and balance. Of course it affects the right side the most and he is right-handed. "It's awkward to tie shoelaces or brush my teeth," he said. "Shaving is hard, or buttoning a shirt."

Medication has been a boon to him and is one of the reasons he is keen to support research. "I can't imagine



Happy to be here

Young members of Autisme Prescott-Russell enjoyed the celebration at the Russell Township hall on March 29 after the Autism flag was raised outside.

Vetter photo

Dinosaur creator

Justin Belisle of Embrun poses with some of his saurian models at the Russell Township hall on March 29. Belisle made a speech there for Autism Day.

Vetter photo



how I would function without medications," he said. "There isn't a cure, but research for treatment to reduce symptoms is very important."

But all in all he is not unhappy. "If I had to choose between a handful of afflictions, Parkinson's is not the worst." He stresses that keeping as physically active as possible is crucial to management of the disease. "Studies have been done showing physical activity is very, very important." He bowls, plays darts and has done aquafit, among many other activities. "You need to keep the muscle memory, so the memory isn't of doing nothing."

The third MC is a familiar face to Ladies Night regulars. Sebastien Pilon, who has volunteered at the event almost since it started, will also be on stage with the Millers.

Organizers report that tickets are selling fast so women who wish to attend this year's gala event should buy soon. Tickets are \$50, reserved seating, and must be purchased in advance. Buy online at Russellfair.com/our-events/ladies-night/, russellladiesnight@gmail.com or by calling Judy McFaul at 613-445-4161.

Poetry contest for teens seeks submissions

RUSSELL – Poetry writers between the ages of 12 to 18 who reside or attend school in the Township of Russell may submit an original work for the Teen Poetry Contest of the Township of Russell Public Library.

Local authors and teachers will judge the entries on the basis of originality and style, general presentation, grammar, spelling and literary merit.

Finalists, along with their teachers, friends and family, will be invited to the Teen Poetry Night which will be held on Thurs., April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Russell Branch Library.

Cash prizes will be awarded in

each category for entrants 12 to 14 years of age and 15 to 18 years of age. First prize of \$100, second prize of \$50 and third prize of \$25.

Winners will be announced April 20, 2018.

A limit of one poem per person. Any format of poem is acceptable.

Length: no longer than one single spaced typed page.

Work must be original and unpublished. Plagiarism or copyright infringement will be grounds for immediate disqualification or the return of any prize money awarded.

A completed Entry Form must be attached to your submission. Do not

put your name anywhere on your work.

To receive a prize, the winners or a person that they will designate as their replacement must be present to read from their works at the Teen Poetry Night.

Poems may be published in a print chapbook commemorating the event, as well as on the Library's website and Facebook page.

Submit your work electronically at mylibrary@russellbiblio.com or deliver your submission in person to the Russell or Embrun Branch of the Library. Russell: 1053, Concession, Russell. Embrun: 1215, rue Saint, Augustin, Embrun.



Funny bunny

This snow bunny on Parklands Ave. in Russell provides a cheerful image combining winter and spring.

Photo courtesy Carol Innes

April is cancer awareness month

CORNWALL– With nearly one in two Canadians expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, the Canadian Cancer Society has designated April as Daffodil Month for its fundraising campaign. According to the website, “money raised during Daffodil Month helps people living with cancer and their families. Donations fund life-saving research and information and support services.”

Volunteers will be selling pins in communities throughout Ontario from March 29 to April 30. Those who donate are given a daffodil pin, which is a “symbol of the strength

and courage in the fight against cancer.”

Another way to join the fight this April is to volunteer. The Society stresses that “volunteers are urgently needed” and even “just a few hours” of time “helps save lives and support people who are living with cancer.” Volunteering is “a small gesture that makes an



enormous difference.” The S.D.G & Prescott-Russell Community Office is at 113 Second Street East, Unit 1, Cornwall. Phone 613-932-

1283 or email: sdgprescott@ontario.cancer.ca. See cancer.ca/daffodil for more information on #DaffodilMonth.

Kin Club honours members

RUSSELL – The March 26 regular meeting of the Kin Club of Russell saw 24 guests in attendance. During the evening, the Kin Club of Russell took time to recognize its Honorary Members of the Year for their assistance and work with the Kin Club. In total, 18 citizens were recognized for their outstanding support rendered to the Kin Club of Russell over the past year. They include; Greg Fedor, John Nicholls, Eric Chartrand, Dave Tidbury, Melina Hayward, Jeff Goulding, Kumar Patel, Richard Menard, Lucette Brisson, Marie-Claire Ivanski, Mark Kelly, Celine Guitard, Daniel Nadon, Line and Daniel Blanchard, and Diane and Garry Hayes.

The Kin Club also started its strategic planning session to determine what next major project they would immediately undertake for the community. After nine presentations, the club narrowed its choices to five possible projects which include: Welcome to Russell



Gathering for thanks

The Kin Club of Russell met on March 26 to recognize 18 Honorary Members of the Year.

Courtesy photo

Sign, Castor Bridge/Fountain Project, Quarry Conservation Project, Community Garden and Community Van.

The Kin Club of Russell will make its final decision for its upcoming project at its next meeting on Mon., April 23.

The UCPR meets with businesses to discuss Internet services

L'ORIGINAL – This week, the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) organized several consultative meetings with numerous companies in the region in order to discuss issues related to connectivity and high-speed Internet.

Representatives of the UCPR were accompanied at each of these meetings by regional mayors, as well as employees of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), an organization whose mandate is to implement initiatives aimed at improving Internet service in Eastern Ontario. In total, this municipal group consulted with 15 business owners, representing various sectors of the regional economy, to listen and understand their respective situations.

“As municipal leaders, we know that the Internet has become an indispensable tool for the region's economic development and for the smooth operation of our businesses. Whether they

operate in agri-food, manufacturing, financial, or retail, the use of the Internet – and a quality, stable and fast connection – has become essential,” stated François St-Amour, Warden of the UCPR.

These four meetings targeted the most problematic sectors in Prescott and Russell, and were organized strategically to include the eight municipalities in the UCPR.

These consultations allowed business owners to express themselves with

respect to their experiences using the Internet as well as their concerns with connectivity gaps.

Following these visits, the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) will send all the information received to the Internet service providers operating in the region. With the help of EORN, the UCPR hopes to work closely with these ISPs to improve the connectivity capacity for these companies, which will improve conditions

for economic development in Prescott and Russell.

“Providing and improving broadband access for residents and businesses is one of the keys to unlocking the enormous economic potential of our region. The Eastern Ontario Regional Network created an exceptional partnership that brought together multiple governments and private sector partners, and we will continue to support these efforts in order to provide access to new markets and

opportunities for our residents,” added EORN Board Chair J. Murray Jones.

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