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## Briefly

### Chesterville Legion Chicken barbecue

**CHESTERTVILLE** - The Chesterville Legion will be holding a Chicken barbecue on Fri., April 27 at 5 p.m. Dinner is \$13 and includes 1/2 chicken with all the fixings and dessert. The barbecue is a Kayaking for Cancer 2018 fundraiser in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

### Russell Ladies Night

**RUSSELL** - Tickets are still available for Russell Ladies Night. The evening titled Hollywood Fab Fifteen Gala will be held at the Russell Arena on May 4. Proceeds this year go towards Parkinson Canada.

### Spaghetti supper

**LONG SAULT** - Lost Villages Lions Club is hosting a Spaghetti Supper from 4 to 6 p.m. on May 2 at the South Stormont Community Hall. Cost is a freewill offering. Fun Bingo 'Cuban Style' will be held at 6 p.m.

### 4-H breakfast

**AVONMORE** - The Stormont 4-H Breakfast Club Achievement Day has been postponed until Sat., April 28. The breakfast is hosted by the Roxborough Ag Society from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at North Stormont Place.

## Train "Now" Ontario opens in Chesterville

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

**CHESTERTVILLE** - Lisa Lalonde-Boucher wears many hats. She is a medical first responder, veterinary technician, a North Dundas firefighter and now St. John Ambulance's first partner provider. Fri., April 20 marked Lalonde-Boucher's grand opening of Train "Now" Ontario, at 29 King St. in Chesterville.

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## Springtime in Paris for South Stormont volunteers

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

**LONG SAULT** - A heartfelt thank you was extended to the community volunteers in South Stormont during the 2017 Volunteer Appreciation Gala held on April 20 at the municipal hall in South Stormont. During the Gala, the winner of the 2017 Fran Laflamme Volunteer of the Year Award was announced as Raymond Beauregard of St. Andrew's West. When asked for his reaction to the honour during the Raisin River Canoe Race Breakfast where he was volunteering, Beauregard answered, "I am humbled by the award," noting the support received from his wife of 46 years Marlene, who was quick to mention how proud she was of Ray.

This sense of pride was echoed by son Daniel who explained his father introduced him to community volunteerism, something he has passed on to his son Jacob. The commitment to community service was evident as Ray, Daniel and Jacob were all volunteering at the pre-race breakfast held in the historic church hall of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church.

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## 2018 Raisin River Canoe Race ready to roll

With the sun shining and the river flowing, South Stormont Deputy Mayor Tammy Hart and Stephanie White from Cornwall were ready to begin the 2018 Raisin River Canoe Race. The Raisin River in St. Andrew's West had many canoes along its shore as the 2018 Raisin River Canoe Race was set to begin mid-morning of April 22, after being delayed a week due to bad weather. A steady stream of canoe race enthusiasts made their way to the historical hall of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church in St. Andrew's West. Gerry Potvin, one of the breakfast volunteers, commented how the cooking crew had arrived at 5:45 a.m. to begin cooking, with Ray Beauregard mentioning they were expecting 300 diners for the full course breakfast.

Thompson Goddard photo

## WDMH CUPE union workers rally for rights

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

**WINCHESTER** - On Wed., April 18, roughly 60 Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) members from Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) gathered outside of the hospital to hold a rally. The rally aimed to promote awareness of the current struggle for 75,000 hospital workers across Ontario who have been waiting since September for a new contract.

Those 75,000 members come from three unions: CUPE, SEIU Healthcare and Unifor. The collaboration was described by president of CUPE local 3000 in Winchester, Bonnie Prieur, as historic.

The three unions met in Toronto with the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) on Saturday and Sunday to make another push during negotiations. "Our side wants the contract negotiated before the provincial

election in case there's a change of government and all of the rules change. They are really pushing to try and negotiate this. Hospital workers don't tend to make our issues too public but they feel they don't have any choice at this point," explained Prieur. The campaign has included a sticker day on April 11 and a province-wide rally at every hospital on Wed., April 18.

While waiting for the new contract, workers follow the previous rules, but this can be problematic for workers deserving of raises or benefits. According to Prieur, some of the changes OHA is suggesting include a reduction of the percentage paid to part-time people in lieu of benefits from 14 per cent to nine, a reduction of amounts paid for full-time workers' benefits from 75 per cent to 50 per cent, as well as language that changes the nature of seniority rights in layoffs and job postings.

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# Serving the community he loves

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

WINCHESTER – Gary Annable will be seeking a mandate from the people of North Dundas to serve as a municipal councillor in the upcoming election to be held on Mon., Oct. 22.

When asked about his reasons for seeking election, Annable explained how this decision came about because of a life-long interest in municipal politics, the realization of the important role this level of government plays in the day-to-day lives of individuals and his connections to an area his family has called home for several generations.

He recently retired after running Annable's Jewellery in Winchester for 38 years and feels he now has the time to commit to the role of municipal councillor and is looking forward to the new challenges that accompany this

position.

His business experience will assist him to understand and appreciate the financial aspects associated with the municipality that have increased since amalgamation. He listed the North Dundas roads program and municipal building use fee structure changes as two examples of progress in the municipality. He continued that a healthy business section contributes to community growth, citing the important role played by local businesses in community and fundraising efforts. His experience in retail has given him an awareness "of the importance" and needs of the communities in North Dundas.

Annable has served his community over the years in organizations such as the Dundas County Heart and Stroke, Easter Seals and the Chamber of Commerce. He is presently on the Board

of Directors of Dundas Manor and the Beachcroft Seniors' Apartments and is a member of the Winchester Downtown Revitalization Committee.

The interview was concluded with the reiteration of his deep connections to the community and his desire to serve the residents of North Dundas.

The municipal election nomination period runs from May 1 until 2 p.m. on July 27.

## Municipal Councillor candidate Gary Annable

North Dundas resident Gary Annable is pictured with his dog, Kobi, during an interview recently with *The Chesterville Record*.

Thompson Goddard photo



## Chesterville Scotiabank matches funds for Chrysler Citizen Committee

The Chrysler Citizen Committee held their annual fundraising supper on March 16. The dinner raised a little over \$4,000 and members were present at the Chesterville



Scotiabank on Mon., April 23 to receive a matching funds cheque for \$1,351. The funds will go towards the maintenance of the Chrysler trails, with one section to be outfitted with stone dust to make the trails more accessible to kids, wheelchairs and seniors with walkers. The committee is hoping to have the work done by the end of the summer and will also be raising funds with the Chrysler Fun Run on Sat., May 5. There is a competitive and family run. Visit [www.chryslercc.com](http://www.chryslercc.com) for more. Pictured from left, Karen Burleigh, senior financial advisor, April Green, customer experience lead and Chrysler Citizen Committee members Rachel Labelle, Andre Lavictoire, Elaine Lavictoire and Jean Stockli.

Sawyer Helmer photo

## WDMH CUPE

Continued from the front

At WDMH alone, CUPE represents 150 workers of both clerical and technical service. "It covers everyone from RPNs, dietary workers, housekeepers, clerical and x-ray techs to physiotherapists," said Prieur, who added that what the bargaining units are finding is a lack of

respect at the table. "It's difficult to go to the bargaining table when they show no respect for the contributions that these people make. If the dietary workers are not there, people aren't fed. If the housekeepers aren't there, the rooms aren't clean."

While the workers are not permitted to strike, as hospitals are an essential service, the rally provided a way to make their issues

known. "We are the front line workers and we are the ones who are looking after people's families in the hospital and we are just looking for support from the public and to make OHA aware that we are not lying down for this fight," said Prieur.

During the weekend meetings, a settlement was reached and ratification votes are set to be concluded before May 31.



## Raising a voice

Bonnie Prieur, president of CUPE local 3000 in Winchester, hired Fat Les's to keep rally members fed and warm on April 18 during a province-wide hospital rally to raise awareness of the struggles of 75,000 hospital workers without a negotiated contract since September.

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Tuesday, May 15 – Soup, Salisbury Steak, Cake.  
*Please call 613-774-6109 to reserve your meal each week.*  
Friday, May 11 & 25 – Health & Wellness Clinics at Nationview Apartments 12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 11 & 25 – Shopping Trip. Call the office to reserve your seat.  
Tuesday, May 8 – Shopping trip to Winchester leaving Chesterville at 10:45 a.m. If you wish to be picked up, please call office to make arrangements. \$5.00 per person.  
Every Thursday - Euchre at 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 30 – Footcare at Nelson LaPrade Centre.

**Nor-Dun Centre in Winchester**  
Stitch & Learn on Thursday May 3 & 17 at 1:00 p.m. Bring your own craft and enjoy some friendly conversation. **Gentle/Yin Yoga** every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. (drop-in). For more information call Janet at 613-360-7933.  
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## South Stormont Volunteers

### Continued from the front

Beauregard has been a dedicated life-long volunteer. He currently is active in 10 different organizations including 35 years as a member of the Cornwall Township Lions Club and a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1972. Since 2016, Beauregard has served as chair of the Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Committee and is a member of several other volunteer organizations.

The theme for the evening was 'Springtime in Paris,' with many guests attired in Parisian-themed clothing and even a replica of the famous Eiffel Tower added to the ambience of the evening.

South Stormont deputy mayor Tammy Hart commented that the decorations were "absolutely beautiful," a sentiment echoed by councillors Dave Smith and Richard Waldroff, with Waldroff mentioning the decorating itself probably took between 50 and 100 hours and that Gloria Waldroff was instrumental in creating the magnificent Eiffel Tower centrepiece.

Noella Whorrall, the 2017 Volunteer of the Year, commented on how "to see someone honoured on stage gives volunteers the incentive to continue the good work they are doing" in the community.

## Habitat for Humanity Cornwall & The Counties set to break ground in Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG – Habitat for Humanity Cornwall & The Counties will be breaking ground on their latest local home build on April 30 at 2 p.m. The address for the new home build is 4307 Locke Lane, Williamsburg.

Members of South and North Dundas Councils will join the Pinard family to turn soil to commemorate the official start of construction. Representatives from Habitat for Humanity Cornwall & The Counties will also be on hand to celebrate the beginning of the new project.

This is the second home build in Williamsburg, and the third in Dundas County. Habitat Cornwall completed the White family home in 2011, and the Morgan family home in 2010. The Pinard family home marks the thirteenth home build in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry and the City of Cornwall.

"We are excited to have our partner family work alongside our volunteers, donors, sponsors and other community members to build this home. It is inspiring to see a community come together to help a local family in need," says Leigh Taggart, executive director for Habitat for Humanity Cornwall & The Counties.

The Pinard family has been active in the community over the past year to help raise awareness for the new project, as well as complete a portion of their 500 hours of 'sweat equity' which is in place of a traditional financial down payment. Habitat homes are not given away. Homes are sold to partner families at fair market value with an interest-free mortgage. Affordable home ownership helps to break the cycle of poverty.

A series of themed 'Build Days' will be taking place over the course of the summer to encourage

community members to participate in the home build and learn more about the impact of Habitat for Humanity Cornwall & The Counties.

For more information, please visit [www.habitatcornwall.org](http://www.habitatcornwall.org).



### Raymond Beauregard named South Stormont Volunteer of the Year

Marlene and Ray Beauregard are pictured with the recreated Eiffel Tower at the South Stormont Volunteer Appreciation Gala held on April 20 at the municipal hall in Long Sault. During the evening, Ray Beauregard was named 2017 winner of the Fran Laflamme Volunteer of the Year Award.

Thompson Goddard photo



### Eiffel Tower adds a touch of Paris to Volunteer Appreciation Gala

Councillor Richard Waldroff is pictured with wife Gloria in front of the Eiffel Tower during the Volunteer Appreciation Gala for South Stormont. Gloria Waldroff spent many hours creating the magnificent Eiffel Tower, one of the many special touches which contributed to the evening honouring community volunteers.

Thompson Goddard photo



## Notice Requesting Review of Draft Terms of Reference Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Expansion of the Boyne Road Landfill, Township of North Dundas



An Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for expansion of the Boyne Road Landfill site is being undertaken by the Township of North Dundas (the Township) and requires approval under the provincial Environmental Assessment Act. The first phase in the EA process is preparation of a Terms of Reference (ToR).

The Township is seeking community input on the draft ToR Report of the proposed expansion of the Boyne Road Landfill. The draft ToR Report will be available for public review from April 27th, 2018 to May 25th, 2018 at the following locations:

**Winchester Public Library**  
547 St. Lawrence ST N  
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Winchester, ON  
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The draft ToR will also be available for review on the project website at <http://northdundas.com/town-hall/landfill-recycling/environmental-assessments/landfillea/>

Following the above public review period, the draft ToR Report will be updated to address comments received and will be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change as part of the formal review process.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the draft ToR Report and provide comments by May 25th, 2018. Comments may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax to the individuals listed below who can also respond if you have any questions or comments regarding the draft ToR Report.

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If you require any accommodations for a disability to review the draft ToR Report, contact Doug Froats at (613) 774-2105 ext. 228 to make the appropriate arrangements.

Veuillez noter qu'il vous est possible de nous communiquer vos commentaires ou vos questions sur le projet en français en les adressant à Yannick Marcerou au 613-592-9600 ext. 3318 ou par courriel à [yannick\\_marcerou@golder.com](mailto:yannick_marcerou@golder.com).

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## Editorial

### Tragedy in Toronto

I was going to write about Earth Day. I had a fun, yet serious, piece carefully crafted. Then, the worst happened.

In a country still reeling from the Humboldt Broncos' bus crash, the senseless loss of lives in Toronto hits especially hard. The story made top headlines on CNN and around the world.

No one is quite sure what motivated the driver of the van to plow intentionally through pedestrians at a busy intersection in downtown Toronto on a sunny Monday afternoon. There are suggestions of mental illness, and, in an eerily reminiscent way, of a man who had a grudge against women.

What I know is this: it doesn't matter why he did what he did; the end result is the same. Life changed in a heartbeat for many and will never be the same. People who died had woken up that morning, kissed their spouse, or walked their dog. They may have been running late and left without saying goodbye. They shuttled kids to school or drove to work. They did every kind of mundane, everyday task, never expecting not to return. Instead, by early afternoon, they lay under orange tarps.

The injured suddenly have to deal with grim realities no one could have prepared them for and burdens they will carry for life. They will likely have permanent injuries from being hit with hundreds of pounds of steel at high speeds, like head injuries or damage to limbs, or worse. The pain will be off the charts, both physically and emotionally. Witnesses will have nightmares and suffer crippling psychological effects for years to come after watching helplessly as horrors beyond imagination unfolded in front of them. They described the scene as a war zone.

Lastly, there are the forgotten victims. The people left behind who suffer in silence. The spouses who have to put the cap back on the toothpaste their partner left off when they rushed out the door. The parent trying to explain to a child that a mother or grandmother went for a walk and will never come back. They will deal with the very real details of the ripple effect that occurs after a tragedy, and they often do it for years to come - burial details or health-care decisions, victim impact statements, mandates in wills, banking instructions, making a life or a living on their own, and on and on. They pick up the pieces of a shattered world, all the while trying not to break themselves.

We need to honour the fallen, the injured and these forgotten not just now, but in years to come. When the sensationalism of the story dies down, I hope that every now and again, people throw a thought their way, and when doing so, perform a random act of kindness as a small part of trying to counter this random act of violence.

We will remember the victims of the tragedy in Toronto. All of them.

Lisa Ellis

## NDDHS Report

By Rosie Backes  
Student Council Communications  
Busy week at NDDHS



NORTH DUNDAS – The students participated in a camo and hick day this past Fri., April 20. School spirit was at its highest as almost everyone participated.

Fashion show tickets were on sale until yesterday, April 24, for the event taking place today. The fashion show is taking place during Block D in the gym for anyone who would like to attend.

Prom tickets are still on sale and will be until May 9. Senior students must have their community hours completed if they wish to attend prom. Tickets are \$65 each, unless the student fundraised money.

Midterm report cards go home today, April 25, for all secondary students.

Tomorrow, April 26, our track and field team will be attending an invitational track and field meet in Ottawa.

Don't forget that there is a PA day on Friday, so enjoy the long weekend students.

## CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

### Ella's Lounge rocks

The first thing you have to underscore about an original rock opera, an original theatrical production of any kind, is that it happened at all, especially at the amateur level.

The creative and material resources such a feat requires are mind-boggling; the relentless pursuit, the refusal to quit when the creative process bogs down and perhaps the money dries up... It's all to be admired.

As I said, especially at the amateur level; at the professional level, people are paid decent bucks to come up with new shows, new theatrical experiences. All that's motivating volunteer amateurs is love of the medium, the desire to make a mark on stage, even a high school stage, to see their creative juices flow before a live audience.

And the audience will often respond. Understanding what's involved in staging an original show, Russell Association for the Performing Arts supporters last week jammed into the Russell High School auditorium over four scheduled performances and a last-minute Saturday matinee, perhaps making *Ella's Lounge* the company's all-time biggest hit.

I've attended most productions over RAPA's almost 30-year history. I've even had a few tiny non-speaking parts over the years. I never bought a ticket in advance, always expecting to show up on whatever night and easily get one.

I've got to tell you that I was stunned to be one of three last-minute patrons

standing in the Russell High lobby with \$20 bills in our hands Wednesday night, usually the slowest of the run, being told it was sold out and we might not get in. What? This is RAPA, not the National Arts Centre.

RAPA being RAPA and preferring to not disappoint friends and neighbours, Ella producer Sandra McNeil and others scrounged around until they finally found us single seats. As we soon learned, the other nights were sold out in advance too which was why the matinee was added.

*Ella's Lounge* was written by RAPA regular Dave Rama and by Kevin Kennedy who directed the show. Kevin is the widely admired drama and guidance teacher at Russell High, a guy with grease paint in his veins, who got his theatrical start in Cornwall. He's an actor and director who called Dave the "musical genius" behind the production.

Meanwhile, RAPA mainstay Dave is a rocker at heart who plays saxophone including as Clarence, a member of garage band the Rock Knockers which provided the soundtrack to the musical... with backup from a tight pit band led by Keith Thoms.

While Dave has been called the genius behind the Ella score, he got a lot of help from lead actor – and consummate rocker – Scott Tomlinson who earned writing credits on many of the original songs enlivening the piece, a story about a community coming together to honour one of its own, beloved performer Ella, the late wife of Scott's character Roger, grizzled leader of the Rock Knockers.

Dramatic tension in the first act is between Dave and son Nick played by Matias Garcia as they come to terms

with their wife and mother's passing. Everything is moving fairly straightforwardly towards dedication of Ella's Lounge when a stranger arrives in town...

That provides a cliff-hanger heading into the 20-minute intermission when the theatregoers get the opportunity to enjoy a quick offering from Embrun microbrewery Tuque de Broue, a RAPA sponsor. Suitably fortified, they return for the second act denouement.

I don't profess to be a theatre critic and I'm not about to analyze plot structure, character development, production values, and song and dance numbers six ways from Sunday. I already said the most important part about this show is that it got done at all.

I'm more interested in the burst of creativity and energy demonstrated, the catchy tunes and music, the competent acting which, when blended together, made for a lively evening of entertainment and took



RAPA to a new level as an amateur company capable of developing and producing an original musical.

Wednesday was the very first time that *Ella's Lounge* was performed in front of an audience. Understandably, there was a little roughness around the edges, a slight unpolished feel. I'm not sure the dual stage setup, with one being Roger's garage, because of the distraction factor worked as well as a standard main stage with shifting sets. The novel approach was obviously taken to limit scene changes and to allow for the elaborate garage set.

Overall, *Ella's Lounge* was a resounding success and should encourage other local thespians to come forward with their own original concepts.

## Caregiver classifieds scam

NORTH/SOUTH DUNDAS – In recent editions of *The Winchester Press* and *The Morrisburg Leader*, a classified advertisement from a woman purporting to seek a caregiver for her elderly mother-in-law, who is suffering from dementia, had been featured.

It is a scam. Do not respond.

The ad was booked and paid for by credit card via email. The payment cleared, and nothing about the submission appeared out of the ordinary.

The culprit's goal appears to be to obtain personal information, particularly banking records, which may lead to financial loss.

The SD&G OPP received two complaints regarding this and thankfully no money was lost.

Protect yourself from this and other fraud and scams. Don't give out personal financial details or information over the phone. Don't believe callers who say they are from your bank or credit card company - if you have a concern go to your bank personally. Educate yourself about banking practices. Banks would never advise you to transfer funds to another outside account to protect your funds.

Anyone having information on the above or any crime is asked to call SD&G OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## Letter To The Editor

### Thank you from the Rotary Club of Chesterville

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Chesterville, we would like to thank South Nation Conservation Authority for sponsoring the Peter van Kessel Memorial Duck Race and to the people of Chesterville and area for buying tickets and making the event such a success. Despite the weather there was a huge showing of support and the race was a success. The funds will be used to further the beautification of Chesterville. We hope to hear from all of you again next year.

John Stewart  
Chesterville Rotary Club



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# North Dundas councillor Al Armstrong sets sights on deputy mayor

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – North Dundas councillor Al Armstrong is making his intention to run for deputy mayor known. Armstrong has been a North Dundas community member for 26 years and has sat on council for the last 18 of those.

His decision to move up to the next tier is all about the right timing. His passion for council and the community has only grown and now as his kids are older, he and his family are ready

for the change. Helping him reach the decision was his long-time boss Ed Duncan who Armstrong says is one of the inspirations behind his passion for community involvement.

“Watching and knowing how hard Ed [Duncan] was working on the different things in South Mountain, he’d be going straight from work to help out. Then both of my kids played ball and you’d see the same people volunteering for stuff and making things happen for the kids. That’s where this

all stems from. I always felt capable and confident in my decision-making skills. It compelled me to get involved and led me to be in a council meeting one night,” said Armstrong.

After the meeting, he asked how to get involved with council. It was during a nomination period, and Armstrong decided to add his name to the ballot. “If you’re going to be part of the community, you need to be part of the decision-making and help make a small community like this

one the way you want it to be,” he said.

Aside from council, Armstrong and his family have been active in the community. He was involved with minor baseball and hockey and even spent almost nine years as a member of the Winchester Hawks organization.

In council, Armstrong said he was proud to have been part of most of the major community decisions since 2001. “I’m vocal at the table. I think people know where I stand on most

of the issues. I’m an engaged member of the council. I come prepared and I’ve had a strong hand in every budget since 2001. I’ve been an involved member in just about every major decision in North Dundas,” he explained.

Armstrong said his experience at the table has given him the foundation to be deputy mayor. “I know the way things work and

I’ve been there for every council except the first amalgamated one. I have a lot of leadership to offer and I think it’s time to step up and utilize more of that leadership,” he said.

While Armstrong has been vocal about his intention to run for deputy mayor, he is keeping his platform under wraps until the nominations begin in May.

## Earth Day tree giveaway

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Contributor

CORNWALL – The nineteenth annual Earth Day Tree Giveaway was held on April 21 in part of Gray’s Creek Conservation Area near Cornwall and sponsored by the Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA).

Normand Génier of RRCA expressed his thanks to the sponsors of the event for their support and donations that help pay for the free trees.

As in years past, people were lined up well before 10 a.m. when the event began in anticipation of receiving one of the 2,000 free white spruce seedlings available or perhaps to purchase a larger

deciduous or evergreen tree available on site. The RRCA Facebook page reported post-event that the 2,000 free seedlings were distributed in three hours.

One of the organizations which was present at the event was the Ontario Woodlot Association, which endeavours to promote responsible forest management. There was also a display that demonstrated the environmental capability of trees.

Génier remarked how 2019 will be the twentieth Earth Day Tree Giveaway and is investigating the possibility of some special programming to mark this occasion.



### Free white spruce seedlings distributed

Matthew Levesque and Normand Génier were busy handing out free white spruce seedlings during the nineteenth annual Earth Day Tree Giveaway on April 21. This event, sponsored by Raisin Region Conservation Authority, was held in a section of Gray’s Creek Conservation Area near Cornwall.

Thompson Goddard photo

## Pizza delivery driver acquitted in fatal 2015 crash

NORTH DUNDAS – Yousef Romaizan, 44, of Ottawa was found not guilty on two charges of dangerous driving causing death. He was represented by defence lawyer, Joseph Adelman.

In his reasons for judgment issued April 13, Superior Court Justice, Ronald Laliberte wrote: “In the final analysis, the Court is of the view that the evidence establishes a momentary decision by the accused to do something dangerous which resulted in very tragic consequences. Such momentary lapse in judgement does not attract criminal liability.”

He added that it was “a very sad or tragic case” and that there was no doubt that family and friends of Marc Sabourin and Shea Laughlin have been and continue to be devastated by these tragic events,” but that he had to “remain focus[ed] on applying the law to the facts as presented.”

On August 15, 2015 at around 8 p.m., Shea Laughlin, 24, and Marc Sabourin,

32, were struck and killed instantly on Belmeade Road in North Dundas. Romaizan was driving his 2007 Honda Odyssey minivan westbound to make a pizza delivery when he decided to turn around at the base of a hill after not being able to find the address. Laughlin was operating her red 2014 Yamaha FZ-09 motorcycle and heading eastbound with her passenger, Sabourin, an RCMP analyst. She collided with Romaizan. His van ended up in a ditch resting against a utility pole while the heavily-damaged motorcycle lay on its left side on the road with debris around.

Belmeade Road is a paved two-lane highway with a speed limit of 80 km/hr. The blind hill at the scene of the accident gradually inclines, and at the time of the crash there were neither warning signs near the hill nor centre or fog lines on the road.

A copy of the decision can be found here: <https://www.canlii.org/en/on/onsc/doc/2018/2018onsc32/2018onsc32.html>.

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# Train "Now" Ontario

Continued from the front

Despite St. John Ambulance having never branched out in this way, Lalonde-Boucher made a case for the service as a way to reach more rural communities. "It's a lot better for people who don't have the time to go to Cornwall," she explained.

Once working out of a home office, Lalonde-Boucher was finding the business to be growing enough to move into her new location in Chesterville. She offers traditional St. John Ambulance courses, pet programs and equine programs. The location has first aid kits available for sale, and Lalonde-Boucher manages 35 Eastern Ontario event medics out of the building as the Eastern Ontario representative for Tack-Two Emergency Medical Services and Fire Suppression Inc.

Her courses can be administered on and off the property and do not have to follow the traditional ten person minimum. Lalonde-Boucher said she had already completed a few courses before the grand opening with anywhere from two to ten class members.

One course of particular interest is the Introduction to Animal Care, a six-week educational course to offer potential animal care students a taste of what they will experience in school. "Now that Kemptville College is gone there is nothing really offered in the area," Lalonde-Boucher explained. This course provides theoretical and practical knowledge to people aged sixteen and up.

Train "Now" Ontario is so far offering two first aid courses in May. More information can be found online at [trainnowontario.com](http://trainnowontario.com) or on the St. John Ambulance website.



**Rural offerings**  
Medical first responder and first St. John Ambulance partner provider in Ontario Lisa Lalonde-Boucher welcomed people to the grand opening of her Chesterville location on Fri., April 20.  
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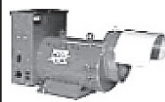
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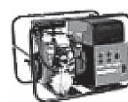
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# Spring clean-up events: South Nation Cache-In-Trash-Out

CLARENCE CREEK – With the last little bit of snow gone, a winter's worth of garbage accumulation is now revealed, just in time for the ninth Annual Cache-In-Trash-Out (SNCITO) event hosted by South Nation Conservation (SNC) and the Geocachers of Eastern Ontario.

This year's rain or shine event will be held on Saturday, April 28 beginning at 9 a.m. Participants are asked to meet at the Clarence Creek Arena to register and are reminded to dress according to the weather with good working clothes, footwear and gloves. Garbage bags and other supplies will be provided.

Kelsey Smith, SNC's Communications and Outreach Assistant, says: "This event brings together volunteers and geocachers from all parts of Eastern Ontario and builds a strong sense of community and appreciation for the environment."

The clean-up will focus on pre-selected sites at nearby parks, trails, and other public spaces. Participants will be divided into groups to tackle the various locations, all while searching for nearby hidden geocaches. Everyone involved will regroup at the Clarence Creek Arena by 12:30 p.m. for a free lunch, group photos and prizes.

For those not yet in the loop, the basic idea of geocaching is to locate containers hidden outdoors, examine the contents and share discoveries online.

Over the years, SNCITO has been held at Conservation Areas and communities throughout SNC's jurisdiction

extending from the Ottawa River near Plantagenet, to the St. Lawrence River east of Prescott. Everyone is encouraged to attend; the event is not limited to geocachers.

A surprising amount of trash and "odd relics from the woods" are discovered every year. Perhaps among the most memorable items recovered were the Volkswagen Beetle, a discarded porcelain toilet and a clothing mannequin.

On Sat., April 28, SNC will also be on-site at Diamond Jubilee Park in Findlay Creek, in the City of Ottawa, for the annual Findlay Creek Community Association's Community Clean-up Day. Staff will be handing out FREE sweet gale, black elderberry and serviceberry shrubs from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to community members.

For more information about the SNCITO event contact: Kelsey Smith, 1-877-984-2948 ext. 313, ksmith@nation.on.ca. For more information about Findlay Creek Community Shrub Giveaway contact: Katherine Watson, 1-877-984-2948 ext. 291, kwatson@nation.on.ca.

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## - Obituary -



**DUNBAR, Clare Oren 1925-2018**

Clare was born on April 15, 1925 in Newington, Ontario and just had his 93rd birthday 2 days before he went to be with the Lord. Clare was the youngest of six siblings of the late Oren J. Dunbar and the late Edith Brownell. Clare was employed at the Canada Starch Company in Cardinal as a Mechanical draftsman for over 38 years. He married the former Mildred "Millie" Moak on September 29, 1943 in Newington, Ontario. They had one son Brent. When time permitted Clare loved to golf and curl. He was a lifetime member of the Iroquois/Matilda Lions just receiving his 45 year service pin on his birthday.

Clare leaves to mourn his beloved wife of 75 years Millie (nee Moak), his loving son Brent and his wife Donna of Alberta, his sister Nellie McEwen of Chesterville. Clare is predeceased by his brothers Harold, Albert, Floyd and by his sister Hazel Holmes. Clare will be sadly missed by his grandchildren; Bryan (Sarah), Jennifer (Murray), Kerri (Justin), Wesley (Alicia) and his great-grandchildren; Riker, Cohan, Josh and Madison. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois, on Thursday from 3-7:30 p.m. A Lions Club service was held at the Funeral Home on Thursday afternoon at 2:45 p.m. Funeral service was held at the Funeral Home on Friday, April 20, at 11 a.m. Special poems were read by his granddaughters Jennifer and Kerri, the eulogy was given by his longtime friend and co-worker Frank DeJong and a special niece Eileen Prosser sang and she was accompanied by a special nephew Wayne Dunbar on the keyboard. Donations to the Wesleyan Church in Newington or the Dundas County Hospice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.

Spring interment will be at the Hillcrest Cemetery, Newington, Ontario. Our deepest thanks go out to the residents and staff at the Hartford Home and to the staff at the Marsden McLaughlin in Iroquois who were ever so helpful. Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and help in so many ways.

### - In Memoriam -



**McSHEFFREY, Matthew John**  
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# Spring Home and Tradeshow a highlight of the sunny weekend

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce welcomed nearly 100 vendors to the Morrisburg Arena on Fri., April 20 and Sat., April 21 for the Spring Home and Tradeshow. The annual event featured free admission, a lot of samples from vendors, a pancake breakfast and barbecue lunch.

Geraldine Fitzsimmons,

Chamber general manager said such an event takes a lot of time to do well. “It’s easy because this community understands that it’s all about the business community. With the Chamber doing the event, it raises our profile as well,” she said.

Every year, promoting the event and raising the bar comes with new challenges, but many of the vendors are Chamber members and contribute to

the success of the event. Planning starts in January or February with this year’s event happening just in time for visitors not to be on their fields or in their yards yet.

The free admission means the Chamber can never say exactly how many people attend the event, yet vendors were happy with the turnout and the people they had been able to speak with.

First-time vendor Steve

Gingras, owner of LandEx Earthworks, got involved after making connections with long-time vendors. “It’s great. I really like it,” he said. Gingras is in his second year of business and does excavating, grading and landscaping projects.

While Fitzsimmons said she knows the event can be a big financial and time commitment for the businesses, the benefits of making those connections

can pay off. The vendors this year came from South and North Dundas, and even Cornwall and Prescott areas. “Maybe you don’t sell anything today, but it gets the word out,” she said. Especially, Fitzsimmons said, as changes like the minimum wage increase make it

harder on small community businesses to compete in larger markets.

The event wrapped up on Saturday night and Fitzsimmons thanked the effort from the vendors, Chamber members and Lion’s Club, which donated the food for the barbecue.



## Cooking up business

Nearly 100 vendors gathered at the Morrisburg Arena on Fri., April 20 and Sat., April 21, for the annual South Dundas Spring Home and Tradeshow. Among the vendors was the Cook’s Corner. Courtesy photo



## Returning member

All types of businesses from South Dundas and surrounding areas showed their goods to visitors of the Spring Home and Tradeshow over the weekend. Long-time vendor and Chamber of Commerce member Gareth Cochrane was one of the many local businesses on hand to speak to visitors. Courtesy photo

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# Liberal candidate for SDSG

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

CORNWALL – Heather Megill of Cornwall was selected as the Liberal candidate for the riding of Stormont, Dundas-South Glengarry during the nomination meeting of the SDSG Provincial Liberal Association held on Mon., April 23 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 in Cornwall.

In a prepared speech, Megill commented how the minimum wage increases, green energy programs, increased staffing in long term care facilities and the introduction of OHIPplus as initiatives put forth by the governing Ontario Liberal party demonstrate their focus on the welfare of all Ontarians.

Former Liberal MPP Jim Brownell, during his speech nominating Megill, described her as a dedicated community volunteer, elementary teacher and former member of the Canadian Forces Primary Reserve and mentioned her commitment to social justice issues.

Megill will be taking an unpaid leave of absence from her employment as an ETFO Upper Canada Local vice president for the Eastern Region during the campaign.



## Heather Megill addresses meeting

Heather Megill was chosen as the Liberal candidate for SDSG during the nomination meeting held on Tues., April 23 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 in Cornwall. Megill is pictured here during her acceptance speech.

Thompson Goddard photo

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### Bridal bouquet

The Village Green Flower Shop in Ingleside partnered with Wedding Bells to display an all-floral wedding outfit at the Bayshore Shopping Centre in Ottawa for the Fleurs de Villes cross-Canada event.

Courtesy photo



### An ode to the Butterfly Boy

Kelly Coleman of Sweet Clover Flowers and Gifts (formerly Kelly's Floral Design) partnered with DEBRA Canada to design and display a floral butterfly mannequin for the 2nd annual Fleurs de Ville show in Ottawa from April 18 to 22.

Courtesy photo



### Protector of nature

Look Good Feel Better sponsored the mannequin designed by Winchester's the Planted Arrow Flowers and Gifts. The Amazonian inspired design was featured for five days at the Bayshore Shopping Centre for Fleurs de Villes.

Courtesy photo

## Fleurs de Villes blooms in Ottawa showcasing local talent

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer  
Record Staff

OTTAWA – This year marks the second year of what organizers and florists hope will be an annual event. Fleurs de Villes debuted in B.C. in 2017 and later expanded to a cross-Canada show after its success.

The website explains that the event is about “connecting with each city” and the chance to “work with top local florists, designers, growers and nurseries, to showcase that city’s world-class talent and create stunning displays of art.”

Set up at the Bayshore Shopping Centre in Ottawa, the event featured 15 mannequins outfitted in floral fashions. The florists were paired with

sponsors and created their works of art with their sponsors’ theme in mind. “Fleurs de Villes not only showcases artful flower displays, we create engagement – with audiences viewing our events, and with the partners who support us, from leading sponsor brands to local and national media, as well as community-based groups,” the site explains.

Local florists involved in this year’s Ottawa-based show include: Sweet Clover Flowers and Gifts, Finch (formerly Kelly’s Floral Design); the Planted Arrow Flowers and Gifts, Winchester and the Village Green Flower Shop, Ingleside.

Kelly Coleman of Sweet Clover Flowers and

Gifts said that the event is a way to bring awareness to the sponsors and requires no cost to the florists. While the florists do not get to choose their partners, Coleman said she expressed her desire to honour the passing of Jonathan Pitre, well known as the Butterfly Boy. Fleurs de Villes reached out to DEBRA Canada, the organization Pitre partnered with to raise awareness about his disease, epidermolysis bullosa. DEBRA Canada joined as Sweet Clover’s sponsor, and their mannequin featured huge floral butterfly wings.

The Planted Arrow partnered with Look Good Feel Better. Their creation showcased an Amazonian-style warrior

woman. The Village Green partnered with Wedding Bells to create a floral bride.

Fleurs de Villes “believe[s] in the power of partnerships and the amplification of messaging that comes when audiences have an experience of the senses,” explains the website.

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Please contact Ben Macpherson, Director of Recreation & Facilities, at [bmacpherson@southdundas.com](mailto:bmacpherson@southdundas.com) for further information.

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Further details, specifications and required forms available at the Municipal Office, 34 Ottawa Street, Morrisburg ON.

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# 60th Anniversary of Inundation Day on the horizon

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

CHESTERVILLE – On July 1, 1958, while most Canadians were celebrating the ninety-first anniversary of Canadian Confederation, residents of what is now South Stormont and South

Dundas waited for the flood waters of the recently completed St. Lawrence Seaway and Hydro Electric Project to flow over thousands of acres at the front. Nine villages were lost completely, farmland was flooded, Iroquois was

relocated, the boundary of Morrisburg moved and a way of life changed forever.

What was expected to be an immediate rush of water covering the former communities of Milles Roche, Wales, Dickinson

Landing, Aultsville, Farran's Point, Maple Grove, Sheek's Island, Woodlands and Santa Cruz turned out to be a relative trickle initially. The repercussions for these South Stormont communities, as well as Iroquois and Morrisburg, continue to this day.

South Dundas resident Lyle Van Allen was the guest speaker at the April meeting of the Chesterville & District Historical Society held at the Heritage Centre in Chesterville on April 17 of this year. He presented an interesting and informative commentary, accompanied by slides, of the lead up to Inundation Day in the South Dundas communities of Iroquois and Morrisburg. Members were able to see the streetscapes of these towns, hear the names of businesses long forgotten and learn about the human toll of this project. He told the stories of the people who fought to keep their businesses, described the loss of heritage and concluded that progress was the eventual victor.

It was decided by the Ingleside Firefighter's Association to mark the sixtieth anniversary of Inundation Day with a special celebratory event instead of the annual Firefighter Challenge. The Ingleside Firefighter's Association – Celebration 60 Event is planned for July 21 and was described in a recent presentation to South Stormont Council during the March 14 council meeting as a community event with activities which "will include: a barbecue, beer garden, free children's activities such as inflatables, entertainers, pony rides and face painting, community events

like a dunk tank and tug of war and the main event – three live bands from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m."

South Stormont council recently approved a grant of \$3,000 to the organizing committee of the Ingleside Firefighter's Association – Celebration 60 Event as well as approving a request for in-kind services valued at \$1,500.

In 2018, communities along the front will celebrate the resiliency of the people who founded New Town 1 (Ingleside), New Town 2 (Long Sault) or watched as the entire town of Iroquois was moved north and the business section of Morrisburg relocated.



## Lyle Van Allen recounts Seaway story

During the April 17 Chesterville & District Historical Society meeting, South Dundas resident Lyle Van Allen, shown here with Society president Jillian Metcalfe, presented slides, photos and commentary emphasizing the effects of the Seaway Project on the South Dundas communities of Iroquois, Morrisburg and surrounding areas.

Thompson Goddard photo

## ~ THANK YOU ~

I want to thank my children for organizing my **80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** at the Chesterville Legion. I want to thank all the people who attended the party regardless of the weather and those who gave me cards and gifts. I would like to thank Virginia for preparing the lunch, to Katie for attending to the bar and Isabell for overseeing the party. Again, I want to thank everyone for making my party a success.

Betty Hall



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## Winchester skater beats the odds

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER — Winchester Skating Club's most accomplished skater, Joelle Menard, laced them up for the last time at the end of March this year. The 17-year-old battled against all odds to become one of the club's most decorated skaters ever in the club's history. Menard has fought off some tough challenges in her childhood. At age 14, she had surgery on her spine for scoliosis, and it was thought that was the end of her skating career. However, the always determined strong-willed skater battled back and was on the ice again six months later.

Menard's mother, Barbi, said she loved the sport so much and strived to be better every day on and off the ice. That comment was echoed by her coach, Leanne van der Zweep, who said: "It has been an absolute joy to teach Joelle for the past ten plus years. She is a model student, always striving for perfection through dedication and hard work but still maintaining a

humble attitude and kind heart. Her many successes demonstrate an unprecedented level of commitment and talent, and she is the most decorated skater in the 40-year history of the Winchester Skating Club. Joelle's legacy to the WSC is the leadership and example that she has set for the next generation of aspiring athletes. Although she will be greatly missed, the lessons that she has learned in skating have helped to prepare her for the life lessons that she is only just beginning. I am so very proud to have been on this amazing skating journey with Joelle and her family."

Menard's mother said of her coach, "Leanne is a truly inspiring coach who helped make Joelle the skater she is today. She believed Joelle could be all she wanted to be. She is more than a coach, but a friend who wanted what was best for her. 'Good times come and go, but the memories last forever!'"

Menard's awards list is very lengthy: CanSkater of the Year, the Mackler Dance



### Coach and model student

Winchester Skating Club Coach, Leanne van der Zweep says it was a delight to coach such a dedicated skater as Joelle Menard for so many years.

Courtesy photos

trophy, the Senior Sportsmanship, the Most Dedicated Intermediate, the Most Dedicated Senior, the Most Improved Intermediate, the Most Improved Senior and finally Program Assistant of the Year; and that is only in her club. She has also been competing across eastern Ontario and has been on the podium at three EOSIC competitions. Two of those have placed her in the top 14 skaters in the province at the Ontario Championships. She was the recipient of the Skate Canada CanSkater of the Year, Skate Canada Eastern

Ontario Coaches Inspiration Award and the Skate Canada STARSkater of the Year. She was tested 46 times, earning her Gold Dance, Gold Skills, Gold FreeSkate and Gold Interpretive. She was also Program Assistant for the Club with the CanSkate groups since the age of 11, and coached the CanSkate group in her last year after obtaining her CanSkate level coaching certificate.

Her proud parents, Barbi and Dominique, encouraged her to reach as far she could dream and that is exactly what she did. Menard's mother



Joelle Menard

added: "As parents we always want what makes our kids happy. Every time Joelle went on the ice you knew that's where she wanted to be. You could tell by her constant smile. Even through the many heartaches, falls, bruises she stood up with grace and always tried again. Nothing would keep her down, and she worked tremendously hard on

the ice. We are super proud of Joelle, not just for her accomplishments and awards but her work ethic, her determination and just overall her love and passion for the sport."

Menard will be continuing her studies in Sociology next year and hopes to continue coaching and skating in the future.

## Ravens dominate T-Wolves, Falcons

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

RUSSELL—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens girl's basketball team welcomed the Russell High School T-Wolves and the St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons for a three team regular season round robin on Wed., April 18, in PRSSAA. The Ravens opened the season with two wins, one over the Falcons 36-9 and the second against the T-Wolves 54-13 as they looked to remain undefeated to start the season.

**Ravens 33 T-Wolves 7:** The Ravens opened the day against their cross-town nemesis, the T-Wolves, in a morning matchup. The T-Wolves were looking to exact a little revenge on the Ravens after losing their last meeting. The Ravens had other ideas scoring 10 first-quarter points and holding the T-Wolves offence to just two.

It didn't get any better for the T-Wolves in the second quarter as the Ravens' defence slammed them for a shutout scoring 9-0 taking a 19-2 lead into the intermission at halftime. The T-Wolves had their best quarter in the third but the Ravens still outscored them 10-4 taking a comfortable lead into the final quarter.

Neither team was strong offensively in the fourth quarter, but again it was the Ravens coming out on top with a three point advantage 4-1. The Ravens won the game 33-7 to remain undefeated and took command of first place.

Scoring for the Ravens were: Emma Gabriel with 10 points, Kate Landriault with seven, Carleigh Barwick, Mackenzie Campbell and Rachel Drevniok with four each and Emma Gaudet and Riley Daniel



The St. Thomas Aquinas Ravens Girl's basketball team welcomed the Russell High School T-Wolves on Wed., April 18, for their third game of the PRSSAA regular season. The Ravens' forward, Emma Gaudet leads the rush up the court. Gaudet scored 10 points to help the Ravens to a 33-7 victory to become the only undefeated team in the league.

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scored deuces.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were: Jaden Trudeau with four points and Abby Bzorzomeny with three points.

**Ravens 45 Falcons 34:** In their second game of the day, the Ravens welcomed the Falcons who were also looking to get even with the Ravens after their previous game. The Ravens took over where they left off in their previous game scoring 11 points in the first quarter and held the Falcons to seven defensively.

The Falcons dominated the offensive side of the ball in the second quarter dropping 18 points in on the Ravens' defence. The Ravens managed to score 11 points to keep

## T-Wolves recover with two big wins

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

HAMMOND—The Russell High School T-Wolves Intermediate Boys' Basketball team travelled to St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School on Wed., April 11 to take on the Falcons in PRSSAA. In their second game the following week, the T-Wolves welcomed the Rockland District High School Wildcats on Wed., April 18.

**T-Wolves 40 Wildcats 31:** After dropping their first game of the season, the T-Wolves clawed their way past the St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons convincingly by a score of 45-24 in the second game. With a win the T-Wolves would move into sole possession of second place.

The T-Wolves outplayed the Wildcats but only led by four at the end of the first quarter, 7-3. Both teams gave it a little extra in the second quarter but the T-Wolves again outscored the Wildcats 15-10 taking a 22-13 lead into the halftime intermission.

Both teams battled hard in the third quarter, each knocking down 10 points, but the T-Wolves took a 32-23 advantage into the fourth quarter. The two teams battled to an eight point tie in the fourth quarter but it was the T-Wolves picking up the victory by a score of 40-31.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were: T. W.

the game close as the Falcons took a 25-22 lead into the break at halftime.

The Ravens' defence returned the favour on the Falcons in the third quarter holding them to just two points. The Ravens' offence clicked along scoring eight points, taking a slim 30-27 lead into the last quarter.

The Ravens' offence kicked it into high gear for the fourth quarter pouring 15 points into the bucket and holding the Falcons to just seven. The Falcons took the game 45-34

with 14 points, Evan Houle with six, Curtiss Sturgeon, Sam Peters and Owen Johnson each with five, Matt Marsh with three, and Connor Ross with a deuce.

**T-Wolves 45 Falcons 24:** The T-Wolves travelled to St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School to take on the Falcons the previous week as they looked to get even after dropping their opener to the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens. The T-Wolves got off to a bit of a slow start as the Falcons outscored them 12-8 in the first quarter.

Both the T-Wolves' offence and defence had a great second quarter outscoring the Falcons 10-2, taking an 18-14 lead into the dressing room at the half. The two teams battled to a 10-all draw in the third quarter with the T-Wolves taking a slim 28-24 lead into the final quarter.

The T-Wolves saved their best for last scoring 17 points and their defence also did their job holding the Falcons to 10 points. The T-Wolves took the game 45-24 moving into sole possession of second place. Scoring for the T-Wolves were: T. W. with 19 points, Sam Peters with 12, Evan Houle with 10 and Matt Marsh and J. H. each scored deuces.

**Up next:** The T-Wolves travel to Rockland District High School on Wed., April 25, to take on the Wildcats at 12:30 p.m.

and remain the only unbeaten team in PRSSAA.

Scoring for the Ravens were: Emma Gabriel with 11 points, Emma Gaudet with 10, Mackenzie Campbell with eight, Kate Landriault with seven, Rachel Drevniok with a trey and Carleigh Barwick, Emily Way and Riley Daniell with deuces.

**Up next:** The Ravens travel across town on Wed., May 9, to take on the T-Wolves at 9 a.m. and then the Falcons at noon.

# Lots of local talent at CCHL protect draft

**Jeff Moore**  
Record Staff

**CARLETON PLACE** — The CCHL hosted their third annual bantam draft on Mon., April 9, at the Carleton Place Arena. This year the draft focused on players born in 2003 exclusively, and there were quite a few local players selected by the 12 CCHL Junior A clubs.

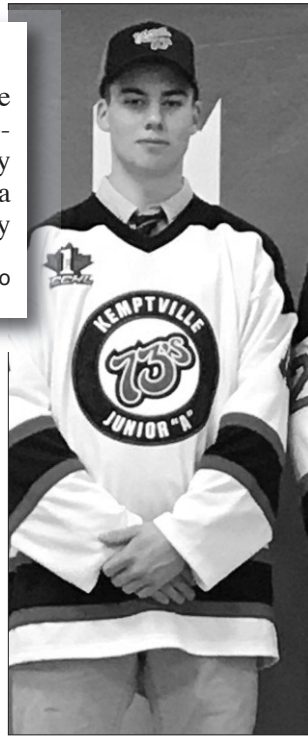
This is the third year for the draft after the CCHL took over Midget Triple A from minor hockey, which is still a bone of contention. Previously there was no draft; the player played in their district and was protected by the local teams in Junior A and B. Now all 12 Junior A teams have a shot at players playing in the Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO) region.

This is the same regime that has taken over the previous EOJHL, which was Junior B, and rebranded it as the CCHL Tier 2 (CCHL2) Junior A.

## Barkley chosen by Kemptville 73s

Inkerman's Adam Barkley was selected by the Kemptville 73s in the seventh round of the CCHL protect draft on Mon., April 9, in Carleton Place. Barkley played the 2017-18 season with the Upper Canada Cyclones AAA and before that played his minor hockey for the North Dundas Demons.

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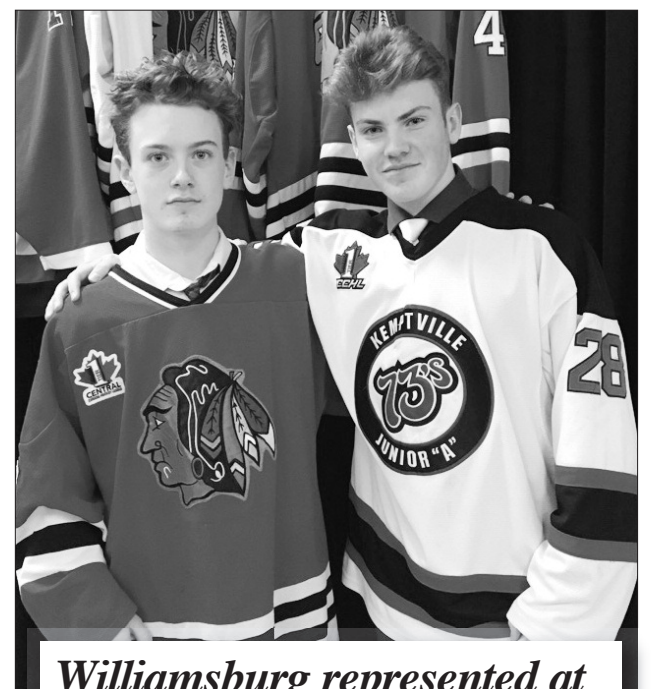


The downside of the draft is that a local player can be drafted by the CCHL team that now controls most of the Midget AAA in the area while some teams also owning CCHL2 teams can hold a player in their organization for a longer term before the player can be relocated without compensation.

The draft, however, excited the 14-year-old draftees as it is part of the hockey process. The locals selected in this year's draft are: Adam Chouinard who was chosen by the Brockville Braves in the second round, Matthew Pietrkiewicz by the

Cornwall Colts in the fifth round, Nolan Gagnon from Metcalfe also selected by the Colts in the sixth round, Todd McBain from Maxville by the Hawkesbury Hawks in the sixth round, Tristan Masse from Embrun by the Cumberland Grads in the sixth round, Adam Barkley from Inkerman by the Kemptville 73s in the seventh round, Brett Johnston from Kemptville by the Smiths Falls Bears in the seventh round, Ryley McCain from Russell by the Colts in the eighth round, Adam Carter from Long Sault by the Colts in the ninth round, Ben Lapier of

Williamsburg by the 73s in the ninth round, Kayne McCadden also from Williamsburg by the Brockville Braves in the tenth round and Jeremy Dicaire from Embrun by the Ottawa Junior Senators in the tenth round.



## Williamsburg represented at CCHL draft

Two 14-year-olds from Williamsburg made names for themselves after being drafted at the 2018 CCHL protect draft held in Carleton Place on Mon., April 9. Kayne McCadden was selected by the Brockville Braves in the tenth round and his neighbour, Ben Lapier, was taken in the ninth round by the Kemptville 73s. Both played for the Rideau St. Lawrence AA Major Bantam Kings in the 2017-18 season. Prior to joining the Kings both played for the South Dundas Lions.

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# Many contenders for Pro-Stock Division at Cornwall Motor Speedway

**Martin Bélanger**  
Special to The Record

**CORNWALL** — The countdown continues as we are getting closer and closer to the start of our 2018 season at Cornwall Motor Speedway. We are now 25 days away from opening night, and it is time to preview the drivers who will chase down the Alexandria Home Hardware Pro-Stock Division title.

**George Renaud:** 2017 was George Renaud's year. The veteran driver finally got the track championship with a solid season that included two wins, eight top 5s and nine top 10s. Hopes are high that #55 will come back in 2018 and defend his title.

**CD Beauchamp:** This upcoming season will be a busy one for Beauchamp as he plans to compete in the DIRTcar Series, Soleno Pro-Stock Series and Cornwall. After getting close on a few occasions, Beauchamp aims for the track title in 2018.

**Stephane Lebrun:** Back for another season, the 2016 track champion will be looking at getting back on top. Though he did not visit the winner's circle last season, Lebrun is bound to have another solid year in 2018.

**Marc Lalonde:** The school teacher had his best year in the division in 2017, finishing fourth in the points chase. He will want to be as competitive in the upcoming summer after winning one race and having five top 5s.

**Dave Seguin:** Just like Lalonde, Dave Seguin had his best outing in the Pro-Stock ranks, finishing in the top five in the points. His consistency paid off, and he will look for a repeat in the coming season.

**Rock Aubin:** Finishing in sixth place in the championship was not part of the objectives for the veteran driver, so Aubin will look to get back into the contenders and try to win a track championship at Cornwall. He had the opportunity to get one at RPM Speedway two years ago.

Other drivers such as former division champion Dave Bissonnette, long-time campaigner Kevin Fetterly Jr. and young guns such as Jeffrey Lapalme, Kody Kelly and Eric Jean-Louis will also look into having a solid season. We can also expect to see some of the great drivers from Quebec such as Stephane Lemire, Bruno Cyr, Jocelyn Roy, Steve Chaput, Guy Viens and others making the trek

# Ravens roll Falcons, remain undefeated

**Jeff Moore**  
Record Staff

**RUSSELL** — The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens boys' basketball team welcomed the St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons on Wed., April 18, in PRSSAA.

**Ravens 58 Falcons 18:** The Ravens remained undefeated after two weeks of action and were coming off a 50-15 victory over the Rockland District High School Wildcats the previous week as they looked to take sole possession of first place.

The Ravens came out of the gate on fire scoring 17

first-quarter points and holding the Falcons to just five. It didn't get any better for the Falcons in the second quarter as the Ravens scored another 17 points and almost like a carbon copy of the first quarter, they held the Falcons to just five points. The Ravens took a 34-10 lead into the break at halftime.

The Ravens took their foot off the pedal a little in the third quarter but still outscored the Falcons 14-5 taking a commanding 48-15 lead into the final quarter. The Falcons were only able to score three points in the fourth quarter as the Ravens' defence ratcheted down the Falcons' offence.

The Ravens added

another 10 points in the fourth and took the game by a score of 58-18. With the win, the Ravens take sole possession of first place with three wins and no losses.

Scoring for the Ravens were: Callum Birch with 16 points, Kaden Mikkelson with 13, Logan Kinsella and Aurel Tebeu each scored nine, Jason Anderson with four, James Verspeek with three and Max Messervey and Ryan Wood each scored deuces. Birch and Mikkelson also were in double digits with rebounds as both were able to reclaim 10 balls each.

**Up next:** The Ravens head to St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School on Wed., April 25, to take on the Falcons at 11:30 a.m.

for some special events such as the new Stock Series, both events attracting a stellar Soleno Pro-Stock Series and the DIRTcar Pro- field of cars.

# Chesterville Monday Men's bowling wraps up 2018 season with awards



## Regular season champs

Monday Men's bowling team East-Ont won the regular season. Pictured from left, Danny St. Pierre, Lee Casselman, Archie Robinson, Ron Robinson and Marc Robinson.

Sawyer Helmer photo



## Playoff winners

The Chesterville Bowling League Monday Men's team the Raiders brought home the playoff season win for 2018. Pictured from left, Frank Jerome, David Bird, Oswald Linton, Peter Brown and Mike Kearns.

Sawyer Helmer photo



## Individual trophies

Monday Men's individual trophy winners pictured from left, Danny St. Pierre with the playoff high single, 324; Marc Robinson with the most head pins, 133; Matt Bird with the regular season high average, 251 and playoff high triple, 890; Frank Jerome with the regular season high triple, 934 and Garry Hutt with the regular season high single, 355.

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# North Dundas soccer still kicking

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The North Dundas United Soccer Club held a special general meeting on Wed., April 18. Traditionally the club would hold the annual general meeting in the fall after the season but, as a number of long-time volunteers decided it was time to move on, the club was left to wait until spring to evaluate and call a new executive.

“It was a very successful meeting. We had a wonderful turnout and we had a lot of people who said they were interested in getting involved,” said director of recreational soccer Julian Whittam. The club’s constitution allows for 11 executive positions in total with five crucial positions needing appointment. In previous years, Whittam said five or six people would each fill two roles, one crucial and one other. After the most recent meeting however, all 11 positions were filled by

individual volunteers. “That was great news. It’s a perfect opportunity to get some new energy and new people involved.” said Whittam.

The new executive includes: director at large, Craig LeClair; director at large, Erin Vangilst; director of developmental soccer, Ashli Johnston; director of recreational soccer, Julian Whittam; director of competitive soccer, Mark Jorgensen; director of operations, Matthew Roy; registrar, Brianne Scott; treasurer, Kim Elliott; secretary, Bruce Henbest; vice-president, Garth Elliott and president, John Palmer.

The meeting also held discussions on the future of the club. The biggest change Whittam outlined is a shift from the traditional model of skills development for the full hour in the children’s leagues to 30 minutes of skills and 30 minutes of a house league format game play. “Kids want that

opportunity to play against other teams,” said Whittam.

Another change to the club includes a formal collection of ideas from parents and members over the 2018 season. “We want to make sure that what we are offering meets the needs and wants of the community,” Whittam said. “With that feedback, the new executive over the coming winter will really be able to shape the future direction for the club.”

The club features teams for all ages starting from under three and moving up every two years. There are also four adult teams: one all women’s, one all men’s, one men over 35 and a co-ed pick-up program for the non-competitive players.

There are two fields used by the club in Chesterville and Mountain and registration fees remain low thanks to the great working relationship with the Township of North Dundas. Registration is open for

the 2018 season, despite previous years where registration opened at the beginning of the year. Members can register and

pay online at ndusc.ca and programs aim to begin at the end of May, depending on field conditions and volunteer coaches. “It’s

wonderful to see the strong participation in the club as well as the desire to keep soccer in North Dundas,” concluded Whittam.



## Knights of Columbus St. Andrew’s Council 10416 receives awards

Knights of Columbus St. Andrew’s Council 10416 received the news during the pre-Raisin River Canoe Race breakfast held at St. Andrew’s Roman Catholic Church that the group had received the Star Council Award as well as the award for the best overall council in Ontario. Grand Knight Wayne Read explained that receiving the Star Council award is a great honour, mentioning this was especially special to him as his two-year term is coming to an end as of June 30. From the left, Gerry Potvin, Ray Beauregard and Grand Knight Wayne Read.

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## Governor General presents Medal for Volunteers to François Marion

OTTAWA — In celebration of National Volunteer Week, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, presented the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers to 41 individuals on Tues., April 17 during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

The Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields. As an official

Canadian honour, it also pays tribute to the dedication and exemplary commitment of volunteers.

François Marion of Marionville was one of this year's recipients. For 10 years, Marion has served as board president of the Villa d'Accueil Sainte-Thérèse de Marionville, where he has led building enhancement projects and helped organize social events. Since 2011, he has also led a multi-community citizens' committee that

promotes the interests of residents.

The Medal for Volunteers consists of a silver circular medal that is 36 mm in diameter with a suspension ring. The obverse depicts a contemporary effigy of the Sovereign, circumscribed with the inscription in capital letters of the Canadian Royal Title and the word "CANADA," separated by two maple leaves.

The reverse indicates the ideas of caring and generosity, represented by two interlaced hearts. The sunburst pattern of the rim symbolizes the time that volunteers are giving and their actions. The ribbon uses the viceregal colours of blue and gold. The five gold stripes evoke the fingers of a hand, present in the Caring Canadian Award

emblem, while the deep red colour is associated with royalty.

The design of the medal was created by the Canadian Heraldic Authority, based on a concept by Darcy DeMarsico of the Chancellery of Honours. The medal is manufactured by the Royal Canadian Mint at its Ottawa facility.

The Governor General's Caring Canadian Award was created in 1995 by the Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc to recognize the unsung heroes who volunteer their time, their efforts and a great deal of their lives to helping others, and who ask for nothing in return. The program was replaced by the Medal for Volunteers in 2016.

### An honourable Scout

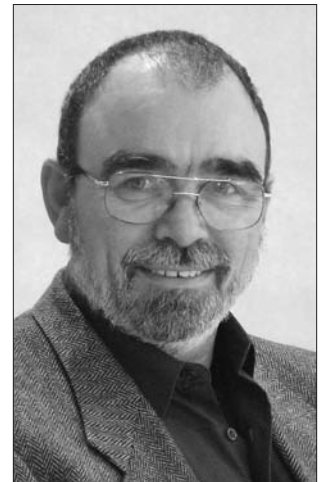
The 2nd Russell Scouting held their e-waste collection day on Sat., April 14. At the same time, Scout Glenn Croucher held a bottle drive to raise funds for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Despite the chilly temperatures, Croucher and his Scout helpers managed to collect enough bottles to raise \$753.35, surpassing the goal amount. From that total, \$96.35 was collected from monetary donations. At the following weekly troop meeting, Croucher presented his results and explained his preparations for the fundraiser. He was able to answer questions and will be moving on to become a Venturer after a banquet held later in the spring. Pictured in photo right, from left during bottle drive, Glenn Croucher, brother Tyler Croucher, mom Joanne Croucher and dad Richard Croucher.

Courtesy photos



## Darcy Neal Donnelly named Libertarian party candidate

RUSSELL — Allen Small, leader of the Ontario Libertarian Party, is pleased to accept Darcy Neal Donnelly as the candidate in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell for the provincial election on June 7, 2018. "I have known Neal since he joined our party in 2011. He is a trucker delivering our message of a 'Smaller' government everywhere he goes."



Darcy Neal Donnelly

Donnelly, 57, a truck driver for Mike's Waste Disposal of Vankleek Hill, is married, has three children - "the girl, the boy, and the other one (girl)" - and has owned a home in Fournier since 2000. He enjoys driving trucks because it gives him a "feeling of being free in an unfree world." He drove into politics as a protest. "I'm doing this for my kids. My dad fought in a war for freedom. I'm trying to save my kids' future in peace."

It was during the economic crisis of 2008 that he became politically irritated by all the corporate bailouts at the taxpayers' expense. Donnelly doesn't believe people's taxes should fund special-interest corporate welfare programs.

During the 2011 federal election, Donnelly discovered the Libertarian Party of Canada through the internet. He agreed with its stated principles and policies, and he contacted the federal Libertarian candidate running in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, Jean-Serge Brisson of Embrun. Donnelly offered to help Brisson's campaign but was asked to run as a candidate to which he automatically said no. The next day, he asked how to become a candidate in

order to help create a greater awareness of the Libertarian Party.

Donnelly was the first Libertarian candidate in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry for the 2011 federal election. He was one of 14 Libertarians in Ontario including Brisson. Donnelly ran again in the 2011 provincial, and there were 51 Libertarian candidates across Ontario. In the 2014 election, he ran as the Libertarian candidate in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, and there were 73 Libertarians. Today, according to the party's website (libertarian.on.ca), the Ontario Libertarian Party has 124 individuals (full slate) assigned as candidates for the June 7 provincial election, including Donnelly.

The Ontario Libertarian Party (Gold) offers to increase individual control over one's own life, including greater personal and economic freedoms compared to the BORG (Blue, Orange, Red, Green) parties' offerings of greater government controls. Libertarians seek to increase non-government delivery of services to help reduce the cost of living and working in Ontario. The party's 2018 platform is available at [libertarian.on.ca/2018/platf](http://libertarian.on.ca/2018/platf) orm.

### RHS Report

By Meghan Baines

Student Reporter



### Rock climbing, report cards and relays

RUSSELL — Russell High School has a lot of big events coming up, and students have participated in some exciting field trips. Ms. Baranovskiy and a few students went to a sweat lodge for indigenous studies, and Mr. Zubyck took 50 students to Altitude Gym in Kanata, where they bouldered (climbed rocks at low heights without harnesses), belayed (provided tension on a rope so that a climber did not fall) and ran obstacle courses! Thankfully the trip

was paid for by the school's outdoor education activities fund, so it was available to students at no cost.

Report cards come out this Wednesday, and I'm sure students are excited, or harbor some similar emotion. Also coming up are two of the school's most notable sports events - Relay for Life and Track and Field. Relay sign up deadlines have passed, and we are now quickly approaching the actual event, which is on May 25. Students should be beginning their fundraising

and remembering to have fun!

Track and Field is on May 1, and students can compete in a variety of events such as multiple races, sprints, hurdles, long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put, discus and javelin. The competition will be tough, but the experience is always fun. Overall, Russell High School has a lot to look forward to, and a lot of exciting things going on. But that's all for this week!

### Kin Club of Russell is growing

RUSSELL — At their last month's meeting in March, the Kin Club of Russell grew by four new members: Elizabeth Kola, Trevor Findlay, Diane Hayes and Dave Picard. Not to be outdone, the Club grew by another eleven new members at their April monthly meeting: José Bluteau, Trista Georges, Marty & Maria Chesser, Diane Perron, Elizabeth Ferguson, Rick & Marg McCabe, James Egan, Kim Picard and Meghan Gagnon.

Standing now at 42 members strong, the Kin Club is preparing for the Russell Township Sports Dome Opening

Ceremonies and Recognition Gala on May 5, an end to their current Catch the Ace lottery on May 6 (if it doesn't go the Sunday before) as they will draw until the jackpot (estimated to be \$30,000) is given away, followed by Poutmasters Fishing Derby May 11 to 13 with a \$500 day at Stella's Spa being given away for Mother's Day to some lucky winner.

The Kin Club of Russell also selected its next new strategic project to work on, which will be ratified and revealed at their next general meeting on May 28. For more information about the Kin Club or its projects, please visit [www.kinclubofrussell.ca](http://www.kinclubofrussell.ca) or its Facebook page at Kin Club of Russell.

# Quilters Barn and Gifts celebrates one year

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – Quilters Barn and Gifts owner Beth Ruiter celebrated the store’s one-year anniversary during the week of April 16 to 22. There were specials all week and on Sat. April 21, the store hosted demonstrations in the classroom each hour, on the hour.

For Ruiter, the year has been a joy and a success. “It’s been very well received and I’ve been really pleased with everything,” she said. “I got to meet a lot of lovely people, people whom I didn’t even realize quilted. I’ve really enjoyed it. We’ve had some amazing classes and teachers who have put on amazing classes as well. I love meeting the people and having them sharing their projects when they come back.”

In order to achieve that success, Ruiter follows a simple philosophy. “I want to always enjoy it. I don’t want it to feel like work and so far it has been an enjoyment.”

She explained that a lot of her success has to do with her customers working with her and sharing their ideas or requests. While they might not all be possible, Ruiter looks into each and every request. “I want people to tell me what they want. My success is based on what they are looking for, not just what I want to do,” she said.

With this in mind, Ruiter hopes the store has a homey atmosphere, one where people can gather to learn, share ideas and enjoy themselves. She explains: “I want [customers] to always feel that if they have a question or concern or a problem with the project, they can pop in and see us. We will always try to help them and if we can’t then we will figure out a way of finding someone who can help.”

Despite the week starting off with no power and the store shutting down on



### Cutting edge

Victoria Van der Linden demonstrated how to use specialty rulers on fabrics to make precise cuts and shapes.

Sawyer Helmer photo



### Fabrics galore

Quilters Barn and Gifts owner, Beth Ruiter, welcomed customers to the one-year anniversary during the week of April 16. The celebration featured specials, demonstrations and a year-in-review slide show of her customers’ projects.

Sawyer Helmer photo



### Scaling down

Angela Monfils was at Quilters Barn and Gifts to demonstrate how to sew quilt blocks before connecting the final product. This method makes the size more manageable for quilters with a small sewing machine.

Sawyer Helmer photo

Monday and Tuesday, the week picked up with a lot of people coming through for the celebration.

As for the future, Ruiter said she will “keep going and keep improving.”

# Beyond the House springs into summer

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – Beyond the House garden and floral design centre held its annual Spring into Summer event on Sat., April 21. The event acts as both a fundraiser for the Russell Ladies Night and a seasonal kick-off for the greenhouse.

Owner Cindy Cluett explained that during the day any customers who gave a donation toward Ladies Night received 10

per cent discounts on tropicals and clay pots, and 50 per cent discounts on the overwintered stock. Also on site was a pulled-pork barbecue and coffee from Poppa Bean.

Cluett has been involved with the Ladies Night for a number of years, donating floral arrangements and centerpieces. After she was approached to become a partner, Cluett decided a seasonal kick-off and fundraiser was a good way

to shake off winter. “It’s fun. It kind of launches the season and makes everybody happy because we are all craving the sun, plants and colour,” she said.

Since the event on Saturday, the greenhouse will remain open until Christmas, with workshops during the closed portion of the year. However, Cluett said the store and indoor house plants keep things busy all year round.

The colours popped around the store and the welcome sunshine on the weekend brought customers in droves to get started on their garden projects. The fundraiser brought in roughly \$1,000 for Ladies Night and will go towards this year’s charity, Parkinson Canada.



### A pop of colour

Beyond the House owner Cindy Cluett was thrilled to have the greenhouse open and thriving during the kick-off event and fundraiser on Sat., April 21. As a partner of Russell Ladies Night, proceeds from a barbecue, coffee and donations went towards the event scheduled for May 4.

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