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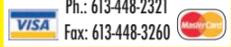
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Trivia night
CHESTERVILLE – Exercise your brain at the Chesterville Lions Club's spring trivia night. The doors open at 6 p.m. on March 7 at the Chesterville Legion; games start at 7 p.m. It's \$10 per player.

Check out local suppliers

CRYSLER – The Stormont Federation of Agriculture hosts the Crysler Farm Show on March 5 and 6. Drop by the Crysler Community Centre to see more than 35 local exhibitors, farm machinery and equipment, and seed displays. On Thursday evening, the Stormont 4-H Chocolatiers are serving a free chocolate buffet. The Stormont seed and forage awards ceremony will be held on March 6 at 3 p.m.

Dinner & concert

SOUTH DUNDAS – A dinner and benefit concert are offered in Matilda Hall, Dixons Corners, on Fri., March 6 at 6 p.m. Organized by the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club, proceeds from the event will benefit the Seaway District High School band. Various band members will play during the concert. Tickets are \$15 at the door.



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Local teams battled for top spot at the Farmer's Bonspiel
Graham Pemberton, on the left, is the 92-year-old skip for the Pemberton team. Here he watches as team member Joe Spruit sweeps a rock into the house at the first inaugural Farmer's Bonspiel held at the Winchester Curling Club. Morin photo

Inaugural Farmer's Bonspiel in Winchester well received

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The inaugural Farmer's Bonspiel was a success for the Winchester Curling Club as well as for all the curlers from the region who participated.

There was room for only 12 teams at the Feb. 29, event but many more said they would be back next year for a shot at the top honours.

The winners of the first bonspiel of its kind in the area were team Toonders from Morrisburg, followed in second place by the Baker team of Winchester. The Game High winners were the Pemberton Team from Winchester.

The bonspiel was the idea of two Winchester Curling members, Peter Guy and Phil Gasser. The bonspiel came to life with help of all of the club's volunteers and food from Lyle Sque who catered the event.

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Oh what a night!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

SOUTH DUNDAS – Close to 150 people gathered for an evening of food, fun and fashion at Matilda Hall for the 2020 Ladies Night Out in support of the House of Lazarus, held on Feb. 29.

House of Lazarus executive director Cathy Ashby explained this is a major fundraiser for the outreach programs such as Operation Backpack, Handyman Hero and the Birthday Club Program. In addition, since May 2017, the House of Lazarus has operated "Dinner on the House" on Thursdays at Knox Presbyterian Church in Mountain providing the opportunity for people to gather and enjoy a meal as well as fellowship.

As the evening began, people browsed the vendors at the event (close to 25 vendors were there), visited with friends and made bids at the silent auction. The event's signature potato martini was served up to the delight of guests, followed by delicious dessert. Each person who attended the Ladies Night Out also received a gift bag to take away.

During the event, two fashion shows were held, one from Juli's Fashion in Morrisburg and the other by Jac's Boutique in Kemptville. Nancy Morgan from the Workshop Dance Studio in Kemptville got the ladies up and dancing. There was also a presentation from The Ottawa Bra Clinic, which provided entertainment and enjoyment for those that attended the evening out.

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Inaugural Farmer's Bonspiel

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There were teams from Almonte, Morrisburg, Renfrew and Ottawa East as well as ones from Winchester and beyond.

"I was pretty sure that there had never been a farmer's bonspiel in the past," said Guy.

"Phil and I talked about having one," he said. "Anyone who has anything to do with agriculture was free to register," he said. "I knew there were lots of farmers who enjoyed curling."

Guy still farms in the area. He and Gasser went ahead with their idea and

their club agreed.

Guy said they had lots of help. "The business community here has always been very supportive of the club."

The first Farmer's Bonspiel was a success. "We already have a list of teams that want to play next year," said Guy.

He said there were 12 teams registered for the event, ten from out of town.

One special feature of the bonspiel and of the club is the play of long-time curling club member Graham Pemberton. He is the skip on his team and is still going strong at 92 years of age.

"I keep active," said Pemberton who did not start curling until after he retired.

He said he enjoys the competition and also the socializing and conversation



Trophy winners at the inaugural Farmer's Bonspiel hosted by the Winchester Curling Club on Sat., Feb. 29 were from Morrisburg: In front Allan Black. Back row, left to right are: John Toonders, and his cousin John Toonders, and Peter Byvelds.

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This Winchester team came in second place. Pictured here are: Jeremy Rose (left), Kyle Wheeler, Zac Baker, and Dirk Cornillise.

Courtesy photo

he has with other players.

He was raised in Dunbar but his family moved to Cass Bridge when he was young. He has been a farmer all of his life and

still helps out when he can.

He enjoyed the bonspiel. "I will be back next year," he said, adding with a smile, "but I'm not making any promises."

Golden anniversary reunion planned for Mountain schools

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MOUNTAIN – Former students and teachers from the Mountain District High School and North Mountain Consolidated School are being asked to mark Sat., July 18 on their calendar, for a reunion of these schools. The Ag Hall in South Mountain will be the focal point for the reunion, which will consist of a get-together on Saturday afternoon, followed by dinner and entertainment before concluding with a Sunday brunch on July 19.

A reunion committee composed of former students from these two educational institutions held a meeting on Feb. 12 to begin planning for the upcoming event. Committee secretary Bob Weagant of South Mountain, provided *The Chesterville*

Record with a press release which included preliminary event planning. A Facebook page is being prepared to make the plans known to anyone who may be interested. Chair Richard Gilmer requests "former students make their friends and relatives aware of the reunion."

Gilmer commented: "It has been 50 years since the school closed and many people are anxious to acquaint with old friends." He also noted that a reunion celebrating the silver anniversary of the schools in 1995 had more than 500 attendees. Gilmer said the alumni "are spread throughout the region and the country, so it will be a challenge to make them aware of the plans."

More information can be obtained via the reunion's Facebook page or by emailing the committee directly at mhdsreunion50@gmail.com.



The Game High winners from the bonspiel were the Winchester Pemberton team. Pictured here are: Abe Douma (left), Graham Pemberton, Peter Guy and Joe Spruit.

Morin photo

Chesterville & District Historical Society ready for the future

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville & District Historical Society held its 2020 annual general meeting on Tues., Feb. 18 at the Heritage Centre on Victoria Street. Business items included a discussion of events throughout the past year including the very successful 35th anniversary dinner and the continuing work of the CDHS accessions committee. There was also a report on the recent Spin-In presented by organizer Nancy McMillan as well as discussing plans to hold a "Nestlé Tea" on

March 24 between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Heritage Centre. The tea is being organized to assist in the identification of individuals in Nestlé photos, with the

opportunity to pass on stories of this important part of the town's history.

Elections were held and the 2020 executive was chosen.



The 2020 executive for the Chesterville & District Historical Society will be, from the left: secretary Kim McInnis, president Caroline Johnson, past-president Ashley Harper. Back row, from the left: treasurer Verne McMillan and vice-president Gerry Johnson.

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Shrove Tuesday in Stormont-Dundas

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

SDG – There was no need to mark the end of Shrovetide and the beginning of Lent by travelling to New Orleans and participating in the Mardi Gras celebrations, when throughout Stormont and Dundas counties, countless homes and communities enjoyed a pancake dinner on Pancake Tuesday.

The tradition of enjoying a pancake dinner or holding celebratory feasts on Shrove Tuesday dates back to a time when Christians had to use up the richer, tastier foods before the season of Lent, a period of fasting and reflection began on Ash Wednesday.

Pancake Tuesday for 2020 was held on Tues., Feb. 25 and *The Chesterville Record* had the pleasure of visiting pancake dinners at Christ Church Seaway in Long Sault, St. Clare's Anglican near Winchester and the Chesterville Legion; where the Rotary Club of Chesterville provided the pancakes and good cheer.

Both St. Clare's Anglican in North Dundas and Christ Church Seaway, an Anglican congregation in the Parish of the St. Lawrence, reported great turnouts of people for a dinner of pancakes, baked beans, a meat entrée and of course a delicious dessert



New village sign for Chesterville

Rotarian John Stewart, president of the Rotary Club of Chesterville, is shown with Anita Schoch at the reception desk at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner where a model of the new village sign for Chesterville was displayed.

Thompson Goddard photo

along with the opportunity to visit with friends and neighbours.

The Rotary Club of Chesterville reported a fantastic turnout of people at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. In addition to enjoying a pancake meal, guests were able to participate in a silent auction featuring several models of local maple sugar huts, created by Lori Dubois, and a maple leaf waffle iron. If diners enjoyed the maple syrup on their pancakes, provided by Grampie's Sugar Shack, there was an opportunity to purchase some sweet maple syrup or maybe some local

honey from local producers onsite, or perhaps enjoy a bit of maple sugar cotton candy from On The Bend Sugar Shack. There were crafts available for youngsters of all ages, while many enjoyed the opportunity to visit with friends and family.

Rotarian John Stewart, president of the RCC, said funds were being raised for a community project the club is undertaking with other local organizations to replace village signs at the three entrances to Chesterville. At the reception desk there was a model of the village signs for viewing.



Enjoying Shrove Tuesday

An estimated crowd of more than 250 people attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at the Chesterville Legion on Feb. 25. There was plenty of time to visit with family and friends while enjoying dinner or perhaps participating in the silent auction or purchasing some local maple syrup.

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Food, fun and fellowship

There was no shortage of food, fun and fellowship when St. Clare's Anglican Church in North Dundas held its traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb. 25. A crowd of close to 125 people attended the event. Here, Aaron Dellah waits for his dinner.

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Serving up supper

Photo left, Rev. Patrick Stephens of Christ Church Seaway in Long Sault serves Andre Bakker a healthy serving of freshly cooked pancakes during the church's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.

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Generous community made Christmas 2019 special

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

NORTH DUNDAS – North Dundas residents once again rose to the challenge of ensuring those in need were able to enjoy a Merry Christmas this past year, thanks to the efforts of the North Dundas Christmas Fund committee and the support of area organizations and residents.

"The community came through and those in need were helped," said Bob Weagant, NDCFC chair. NDCFC also expressed thanks to all those who assisted in the 2019 campaign.

Composed of members drawn from Winchester, Chesterville and Mountain Lions Clubs, Winchester and Chesterville Legions, House of Lazarus, the Community Food Share "and other great volunteers," the group seeks to provide snowsuits for

children under 14 and food hampers at Christmas to families in North Dundas and West Stormont. The final tally, according to Weagant: 178 snow suits were distributed, 195 food hampers were presented to families representing 507 people, and 150 pairs of pyjamas were given out. In addition to this, "dozens of gifts were made available to make Christmas special" for many people in the area.

Looking forward to the 2020 campaign, Weagant noted that last year "Christmas gifts were up, but food drives did not generate the normal quantities needed," resulting in the need to purchase groceries to fill the demand. He commented that there "will be more emphasis on donation requests and food drives a bit earlier in the fall to help overcome the problems."



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NDDHS Report

By Carley Milne-Servage
Student Council Communications

Spaghetti dinner this Friday



Our senior class is putting on their spaghetti dinner prom fundraiser this Fri., March 6, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., so you don't have to worry about making supper! We're having dinner from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., and a cake auction from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a silent auction taking place the entire time. Tickets are \$10 for those over 10 years old, and \$5 for those 10 and under. Come join us for a great dinner and a chance to take home some great silent auction items.

Attention all Grade 12 students who would like graduation photo retakes. They will be taking place on Mon., March 9. To book your photos, visit www.photovisions.ca/northdundas. There is a \$25 sitting fee that will be collected when you take your picture. This will be your last chance to have your Grade 12 graduation photo taken and Grade 8 graduating students will also have their photos taken on this day.

Finally, any Grade 12 students wishing to graduate this year must stop by Room 106 to try on a graduation gown and record your size on the list so that we can order them as soon as possible. The cost of the gown is \$25 dollars and you may keep the gown.

Women gather to share stories of life in agriculture

WINCHESTER – Women living and working within an agricultural setting had a chance to tell their stories and share their experiences at a special event held at Winchelsea Events on Feb. 12.

About 80 people attended the event.

"The purpose of the event was to bring like-minded women together from many facets of the agricultural industry to share their thoughts and experiences on their role in the field," said Lynsey Eikelboom, branch manager and mutual fund representative at Scotiabank. The event was sponsored by The Scotiabank Women Initiative.

The program is designed to help women take their business to the next level through access to capital, support from senior business leaders and education tailored to their needs.

The master of ceremonies for the event was Jackie Pemberton, joined by a panel of three women who told their stories: Pamela Westervelt of Westergreen Farm, Erin Leduc of Wanna Make It Farms and Meaghan MacPherson of Scotiabank.

Eikelboom said, "The idea for the event came from a similar event that I hosted when I held the role of small business advisor back in Oct. 2014 at the Scotiabank in Chesterville. The 2014 event was held at the very same venue and hosted 40 attendees. It was a panel format with three speakers, again emceed by Jackie Pemberton."

The idea was to give a voice to women in agriculture who supported their families but did not attend many of the local agricultural meetings.

Farming had traditionally been dominated by men, and although women were present in the business they didn't participate publicly. "With this event we wanted to give them an opportunity to come together and share their stories," said Eikelboom.

The panelists summed up what they have learned as a woman working and living in an agricultural culture and landscape.

They shared two principal messages: do what you love and make sure you belong to a supportive and caring community. They also advised participants to make sure there was someone they could turn to and share their stories with.

Another piece of advice was to turn to the various professionals in your life such as an accountant, or banker.

CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Maple generation

There was no sap in the Fortune Farms Sugar Bush lines Sat., Feb. 29, a brilliant but too-crisp day... but you could almost feel the magic elixir of the Indigenous people just waiting to run when the temperature hits the right mark.

The occasion was the ceremonial first tapping of the 2020 season sponsored by the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association, held this year at the maple operation launched by Ray Fortune almost 50 years ago near Almonte. The first tapping rotates around Ontario depending on where the maple producers plan to hold their annual meeting which, this year, is set for Brockville on July 16 to 18.

For those who missed it, you can see the celebration this Sat., March 7 when the Eastern Ontario chapter of the provincial syrup producers group holds a tapping ceremony at Sand Road Maple Farm, Moose Creek, starting at 11:30 a.m. The program features remarks from dignitaries, the actual tapping, and refreshments. Coming up April 4 and 5 at sugar shacks across the region is Maple Weekend; everyone's welcome.

As described by Ontario

president Brian Bainborough, who travelled from Manitoulin Island for the Fortune Farms event, the ceremonial tapping reflects the importance of the industry in the area, particularly in Lanark County, with 1,400 producers and a combined output of 1.4 million taps, the self-appointed "Maple Syrup Capital of Eastern Ontario." More than 500 full-time and 100 part-time jobs are attributed to the industry in the Lanark area, part of an economic impact of \$11-million.

The majority of maple syrup enjoyed across the world originates in Canada, 70 per cent of it in Quebec. Ontario makes 4.5 per cent of national syrup stocks, and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia combine for 5.5 per cent. The U.S. boasts 30 per cent of world production. Total economic contribution of the Canadian industry is \$765-million; the largest single producer isn't in Quebec but is located in New Brunswick with 180,000 taps.

The news was all good at Fortune Farms where Jamie Fortune is expecting at least an average season producing about 8,000 litres of syrup, following two banner 15,000-litre seasons. In an observation about the weather, Jamie pointed out that while no sap was running this Feb. 29, syrup

was made on the 29th in the previous two leap years.

There was a special twist to the Fortune Farms tapping: It took place in a tidy stand of young maples planted in an abandoned hay field by the family 30 years ago. These young trees had finally reached the level of maturity to permit one tap per tree. Sap is mostly drawn from natural maple bushes; man-made orchards are a rarity because of the difficulties involved, everything from securing hardy seedlings to protecting them from deer and other pests.

After joking that she didn't ask to be born into a syrup producing family, Laura Fortune, 27, part of generation six of the Fortune maple dynasty, elaborated on those difficulties, saying her various duties as a young girl maintaining the growing four-acre plantation with her two sisters "was clearly child exploitation." Perhaps the most taxing job for Laura and her sisters was mounting and removing the tree guards; other work involved weed control, placing mulch mats, spot spraying, pruning and fertilizing.

"We were beyond relieved when the trees were large enough that they didn't need those hand-cutting plastic guards anymore." Today, Laura is



"unbelievably grateful for the farm, this family and everything I've learned over the past 27 years. There's nothing that can describe the warm heart, pride and honour I feel. We have grown up as a maple generation and we feel a deep commitment to the forests."

A past-president of the forward-looking Eastern Ontario Model Forest group and the first operator in the region to have his maple bush certified under international sustainability guidelines, patriarch Ray Fortune recalled how he tapped maples as a boy, left the farm for an engineering career, and returned to making syrup on a hobby basis before purchasing the current site in 1972 and going commercial.

The Fortune family love affair with maple now extends six generations and 170 years. Left alone, Ray observed, the old hay field which is now a maple plantation would have required 100 years to grow into a working sugar bush. "Sometimes, nature needs a little help. It's so satisfying to see this stand of trees mature in under one lifetime."

Chronicling Chesterville's history

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – A group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers

met on Feb. 29 at the Chesterville Heritage Centre to begin planning a comprehensive updating of the history of Chesterville.

Thanks to the work of O.D. Casselman, the Chesterville Women's Institute and other local historians, the group has a firm base on which to build a book detailing our town's history since 1987. They are seeking

assistance from the local community for this project.

Individuals interested in contributing to the project should contact the CDHS at chestervillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com or a member of the society.



From the left: CDHS past-president Ashley Harper shares a moment with society director, Gail Parker; toasting the new endeavour with a Nestlé coffee cup! Thompson Goddard photo

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Celebrating local heritage

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CORNWALL – The Cornwall Square Shopping Mall in the Seaway City was a hub of activity as the 2020 Heritage Fair was held on Sat., Feb. 22. Throughout the day those interested in local history were able to visit historical organizations and gather information on our local history.

Organized by Heritage - Patrimoine Cornwall, this event has been held annually for more than 20 years, according to HPC chair Debbie Ledoux. She said the turnout was steady throughout the day, with members from 13 SDG historical organizations, including the South Dundas Historical Society, Lost Villages Historical Society, the Friends of the Crysler Farm Battlefield, St. Lawrence Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada (UELAC) and the Nor'Westers and Loyalist Museum (Williamstown), able to collaborate and share the information on our collective heritage.



Photo above, Stu Manson, a member of the St. Lawrence Branch, UELAC, provides information on Loyalist ancestors during the 2020 Heritage Fair held in Cornwall on Feb. 22. Thompson Goddard photo



Photo right, Lester McInnis and Dave Connors, members of the Friends of the Crysler Farm Battlefield, share a chuckle during a brief break from their Heritage Fair duties. The organization is planning re-enactment of the Battle of Crysler's Farm for July 18 and 19 at Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg. Thompson Goddard photo

Fish fry fundraiser

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG – Lodge No. 349 of the Independent Order of Oddfellows (I.O.O.F) held its annual fish fry fundraising luncheon on Sun., March 1 in Williamsburg. More than 100 people attended the event, with volunteers serving up a delicious meal of deep-fried local catfish, grilled or scalloped potatoes, baked beans and coleslaw, as well as dessert. The Williamsburg Oddfellows Lodge has been a beehive of activity over the past few weeks, with the annual Surf and Turf Dinner held on Feb. 22 raising \$4,500 for Dundas Hospice.

Several fundraising events are also coming up, including a pancake breakfast on Sat., March 7 from 7 to 10 a.m. followed by an afternoon dance at the Lodge on Sun., March 8.



From the left: Beth Barden of Stittsville receives her dinner from Larry Shell while her husband Roger looks on. Thompson Goddard photo

Obituary

ELLIOTT, Carson



Suddenly at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, February 29, 2020, Carson Elliott of Ingleside, age 70. Beloved husband of the late Cathy Elliott (nee Walker). Loving father of Douglas (Robin) of Penhold, Alberta, Karen Brennan (Michael) of Ingleside, Sarah Elliott (Steven Mayer) of Ingleside and James of Ingleside. Dear brother of Gordon Elliott (Allison) of Chesterville, Linda Winters (Lyn) of Finch, Barry "Boris" Elliott of Chesterville, Brenda Waddell (Brian) of Chesterville, Gary Elliott (Cathy) of Hallville and Connie Servage (Lyle) of Williamsburg. Carson will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Dylan, Tristan, Jackson and Addisyn. Predeceased by his parents Ren and Alice Elliott (nee Munro). Also survived by nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Thursday, March 5th from 7-9 p.m. A memorial service will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville on Friday, March 6th at 1 p.m. with a luncheon to follow. Spring interment of cremated remains will be at St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery, Long Sault. Donations to Cornwall Hospice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.

Obituary

CARBINO, Ronnie



Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, Ronnie Carbino of Finch, age 70. Loving husband of Cathy Carbino (nee Feeley). Loving father of Michelle Doll (Mark) of North Gower and Mike (Kristen) of Ingleside. Loving Poppa of Eliana, Everett, Barrett and Blakely. Dear brother of Janice McLaren (late Earl) of Brockville, Barbara McMahon (late Lyle) of Finch, Marlene Tannahill (Sonny) of Ottawa,

Keith (Myrna) of Rocky Mountain House, Beverley (Beatrice) of Finch, Marilyn Carbino of Finch, Sharon Cartier of Edmonton, Garnet (Carol) of Ingleside, Winston (Gloria) of Newington, Debbie Aube (Leonard) of Edmonton and Ricky (Mary) of Dowling. Predeceased by his sister Doris Hanna (late Daryl) and his brother Gary. Also survived by his sister-in-law Marilyn Carbino and many nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Chesterville, on Tuesday, March 3rd from 3-7 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 4th from 10 a.m. until time of the memorial service at 11 a.m. which will be officiated by Rev. Lois Gaudet. Spring interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville. Donations to Winchester Hospital or the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.

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Continued from the front

Kim Merkley, client services manager for the House of Lazarus, thanked everyone for coming out and supporting House of Lazarus once again this year. Ashby thanked the community for its support as well as the Chesterville and South Mountain Scotiabank branches for their continued support of the event.

Dundas County once again demonstrated its support for those local organizations which provide a helping hand to those in need.



One potato, two potato ...

One of the most anticipated delicacies at the Ladies Night Out fundraiser for House of Lazarus in Mountain is the potato martini with its choice of toppings.

Thompson Goddard photo



Dancing the night away

One of the highlights of the Ladies Night Out was the chance to do a dance from years gone by! Nancy Morgan from Workshop Dance Studio in Kemptville got the ladies up and dancing following Juli's Fashion Show.

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Intergalactic adventure at Finch Library

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
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FINCH – Four teams of stellar detectives participated in the *Star Wars*-themed escape room held at the Finch Branch of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry library during the evening of Feb. 28. This event was one of several events held throughout the SDG Library system to celebrate Freedom to Read Week in Canada.

Freedom to Read Week 2020 was held from Feb. 23 to 29. This is an annual event that “encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed them under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms,” according to the event website. The website also provides links to a list of “challenged” books in this country, which includes *Bridge to Terabithia*, *On The Banks of Plum Creek* and books from the popular *Goosebumps* series by R.L. Stine.

The escape room was designed by library service

assistant Amy Mayer for people 12 years and older. Teams were given a series of clues and puzzles to solve which would take them throughout the library in search of the elusive wayfinder and unlock the plasma cutters. Mayer said the quest took approximately 30 minutes to complete.

From the left: Following their intergalactic adventure, Laleah Gareau and Kyle Labelle are joined by game designer Amy Mayer near one of the *Star Wars* displays in the Finch Library.
Thompson Goddard photo



Representing community organizations at the Baden Powell dinner were: Front row, from the left: Leo Kayla Gillard, Morrisburg Legion Secretary Elsie Guidon, Linda Robinson, Lion Lori Prevost, Leo Abby Mason. Back row, from the left: Noble Grand David Hess, David Lapier and Lion Randy Prevost. Thompson Goddard photo

Scouts' potluck thanks local supporters

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG – The 1st Williamsburg Canadian Tradition Scouting organization held its annual potluck dinner celebrating the birthday of scouting founder Lord Baden Powell on Feb. 20 at the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church.

During the event, the organizations that supported 1st Williamsburg throughout the year were thanked for their assistance.

The dinner is an opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship, to thank local organizations which have supported the group and to recognize the achievements of members and leaders, according to leader Harold Jansen.

The scouting group has almost sixty members who range in age from 5 to 18 years of age.

Following dinner, cheque presentations were made. In some cases, the cheques presented to the group recognized assistance given to the organizations by

members of 1st Williamsburg, such as landscaping or cookie sales.

Cheques to 1st Williamsburg were presented by: David Lapierre of the Williamsburg Community Association and the North Williamsburg Recreation Committee, Elsie Guidon and Melinda Wert representing the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 48 in Morrisburg, Riverside Recreation Association representative Linda Robinson, Lodge 349 I.O.O.F in Williamsburg Noble Grand David Hess and Karen Hess, Morrisburg and District Lions Club president Lion Randy Prevost and Lion Lori Prevost and MDLC Leos Kayla Gillard and Abby Mason.

Jansen said upcoming events for 1st Williamsburg include the popular Clown Carnival at the Williamsburg I.O.O.F Hall during the evening on March 16. This event is a fundraiser for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Therapeutic Clown program.

Pin Tales

Stormont Ladies: Ladies High Single, Rejeanne Sanders 219; Ladies' High Triple, Hilda Gillard 581. Team Standings: Susan 208.5, Elaine 198.5, Pat 189, Angela 154.

Monday Men's: Men's High Single, Archie Robinson 340; Men's High Triple, Mike Byvelds 873; Men's High Average, Marc Robinson 249. Team Standings: East-Ont 136, Alley Cats 110.5, Raiders 108.5, A-Team 94, Alley Rats 82, Country Boys 69.

Defenders: Men's High Single, Ossie Linton 240; Men's High Triple, Brian Casselman 665; Ladies' High Single, Gwen Clarke 237; Ladies' High Triple, Gwen Clarke 625. Team Standings: Brian 226.5, Glendon 218.5, The Funny Bones 200.5, Gwen 197, CCBD 192.5.

Tuesday Mixed: Men's High Single, John Brisson 194; Men's High Triple, Ron Robinson 498. Team Standings: Hope 189, Love 182, Charity 146.5, Faith 142.5. Wednesday Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Lorna Armstrong 179; Ladies' High Triple, Lorna Armstrong 500. Team Standing: Lorna 292, Dorothy 270, Dianna 267, Mary 255, Pat 234.

Finch Mixed: Men's High Single, Danny StPierre 258; Men's High Triple, Danny StPierre 657; Men's High Average, Danny StPierre 208; Ladies' High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 268; Ladies' High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 715; Ladies' High Average, Isabelle Bissonnette 223. Team Standings: 3 and 1 114, Team #4 81, Team #1 74.5, Kingpins 68.5, NADD 67, Oma's Team 55.

Matilda: Ladies's High Single, Kathy Crump 156; Ladies' High Triple, Kathy Crump 383; Men's High Single, Gary Milne 197; Men's High Triple, Joel Verdurmen 486. Team Standings: Anarchy 92, Granny and the Grunts 84, The Happy Gang 73, The Ballers 73, Two C's and a K 71, Oh Danny Boy and the Pipes 69.

Thursday Seniors: Men's High Single, John McGarrety 230; Men's High Triple, John McGarrety 560; Ladies' High Single, Gayle Baillargeon 165; Ladies' High Triple, Lucy Hendricks 445.

Les Dynamiques: Men's High Single,

Yvon Lafleur 310; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 701; Ladies' High Single, Lucette Tessier 364; Ladies' High Triple, Rejeanne Lafebvre 645.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men's High Single, Daryl Britton (spare) 264; Men's High Triple, Darryl Britton (spare) 610; Ladies' High Single, Carolyn Munro 221; Ladies' High Triple, Carolyn Munro 566. Team Standings: Garry's Angels 138.5, George's Gang 128, Fuzzy Leprechaun's 124.5, Corner Pins 103.5, Wow Team 98, Strugglers 96.5.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men's High Single, Bryan Holmes 272; Men's High Triple Byron Loos 605; Men's High Average, Matt Hartle 214; Ladies' High Single, Shannon Welsh 219; Ladies' High Triple, Shannon Welsh 518; Ladies' High Average, Pat Middleton 169. Team Standings: Mental Mishaps 254.5, The Morrisburg Sandbaggers 250, King Henry's Court 248.5, The Pin Pluckers 241.5, The Chickipoos 240, Harley 237.5.

Youth Bowling Canada

YBC Peewees: Girl's High Single, Danika Bissonnette 122; Girl's High Double, Danika Bissonnette 199; Boy's High Single, Ephram Heuff 122; Boy's High Double, Ephram Heuff 226. Team Standings: Bruins 147, Kings 139.5, Leafs 102, Sharks 91.5.

YBC Bantams: Girl's High Single, Kamryn Hartle 160; Girl's High Double, Kamryn Hartle 290; Boy's High Single, Clark Sanders 160; Boy's High Double, Clark Sanders 283. Team Standings: Coyotes 216.5, Avalanche 199, Flames 194.5, Rangers 191.5, Jets 184, Red Wings 179.5, Blackhawks 162.

YBC Juniors: Girl's High Single, Lindsay Burnett 219; Girl's High Triple, Caroline Sanders 604; Boy's High Single, Sylvain Gagne 273; Boy's High Triple, Sylvain Gagne 636. Team Standings: Sabers 148, Senators 146.5, Ducks 137.5.

YBC Seniors: Girl's High Single, Rachel Puenter 214; Girl's High Triple, Rachel Puenter 533. Team Standings: Canucks 115, Panthers 101.



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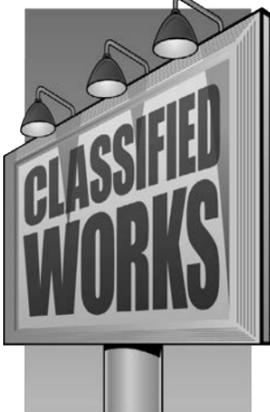
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A new approach to women and leadership

International Women's Day is an annual celebration of women's achievements and a reminder of where progress still needs to be made. In 2019, women across the globe held a greater number of senior management positions than ever. Unfortunately, of all such positions available, only 29 per cent were filled by women.

The corporate climb

The underrepresentation of women in leadership roles has long been attributed to the metaphorical glass ceiling, a systemic barrier preventing women from rising beyond a certain level of seniority. A recent large-scale study of American corporations, however, placed the primary barrier to women's professional advancement lower on the corporate ladder.

Research has identified a phenomenon called the "broken rung", which is a discrepancy in the advancement rates of men and women to first-level management roles. Since more women remain in entry-level positions, there are fewer to compete for promotions at subsequent levels of management.

Redefining leadership

One way to encourage more women to strive for management roles and to promote the selection of women for these positions is to broaden the characterization of a good leader.

Traditionally, strong leadership has been equated with assertiveness, ambition and self-reliance — attributes typically associated with masculinity and often discouraged in women.

By contrast, inclusive leadership is a collaborative form of management that embraces diversity, empowerment and inclusivity. These leaders are humble, open-minded and committed to strengthening marginalized voices. Research shows that inclusive leaders directly enhance the quality of a team's performance and decision-making.

Gender diversity

Studies demonstrate that gender diversity in corporate settings increases productivity and innovation, leads to better products and decision-making and improves employee satisfaction and retention.

Though it's important that women continue to occupy more and more leadership roles, it's clear that gender parity at all levels of the workforce should be the goal.

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Rockets back in the driver's seat

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CLARENCE CREEK—The North Dundas Rockets played three playoff games this past weekend as they welcomed the Clarence Castors on Friday and Saturday nights for games three and four and travelled to Clarence Creek on Sunday for game five.

Rockets 4 Castors 3 (2OT)

The North Dundas Rockets travelled to Clarence Creek Arena on Sun., March 1, to take on the Clarence Castors in game five of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinals. The teams went into the game with the series knotted at two games apiece; the winner would take a stranglehold on the series.

The Rockets opened the scoring when Nicholas Carroll ripped one home from Cameron Brown and Joel Hunt at 7:08 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The

Castors tied the game at 10:39 on the power play and took their first lead of the game at 17:03.

The Rockets tied the game again with just 1:53 remaining in the opening frame as Brett Lannin blasted one home from the point, from Drew Holmes and Justin Lefebvre on the power play. The Castors retook the lead with just 15 seconds showing on the clock and took a 3-2 lead into the first intermission.

The teams put up zeros in the second period with the Castors carrying the lead into the second intermission. The Rockets got to even when Lefebvre slapped one home from Hunt and Carroll at 14:20 of their third period.

Neither team was able to score before time expired in the third period so the game headed to a ten-minute sudden-death overtime period. The teams battled to a

scoreless first overtime so the game headed to a 20-minute double overtime.

The Rockets took the game when Carroll sniped his biggest goal as a Rocket at 5:35 of double overtime unassisted taking the game 4-3. With the win, the Rockets take a 3-2 series lead heading back to Chesterville.

Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Anthony Kerwin.

Castors 4 Rockets 1

The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Clarence Castors to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Feb. 29, for game four of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinals. The Castors took game one only to see the Rockets tie the series at one in game two and the Rockets took game three at home the previous night.

The Castors opened the scoring at 11:22 on a Rockets' defensive gaffe, taking a 1-0 lead. The Castors took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Castors made it 2-0 just 1:16 into the second period to which the Rockets had no answer. The Castors took a 2-0 lead into the second intermission.

The Castors made it 3-0 at 4:36 of the third period. The Rockets finally got on the score sheet at 14:35 when Joel Hunt ripped one home from Justin Lefebvre to get to within two.

The Rockets pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker with about two minutes remaining in regulation and controlled the play for more than one minute, pinning the Castors in their own end, but with the



The North Dundas Rockets travelled to Clarence Creek Arena on Sun., March 1, to take on the Clarence Castors in game five of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinals. The Rockets' forward, Nicholas Carroll (15) tips the puck past the Castors' goalie, Andrew Lariviere tying the game at two. Carroll also scored the game-winning goal in double overtime giving the Rockets a 3-2 series lead.

Moore photo



The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Clarence Castors to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Feb. 29, for game four of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinals. The Rockets' forward Jarrett Williams was awarded a penalty shot after being hooked on a breakaway. The Castors' goalie, Corey Camirand was on top of his game making a big save as Williams tried to go five-hole. The Castors took the game 4-1 tying the series at two games each.

Moore photo

just nine seconds showing on the clock, the Castors shot the puck the distance finding the abandoned cage.

The Castors took the game 4-1, tying the series at two games each. The Rockets outshot the Castors 46-40. Suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Anthony Kerwin, making 37 saves.

Rockets 4 Castors 2

The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Clarence Castors to the Chesterville Arena on Fri., Feb. 28, for game three of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinals. The Rockets and the Castors headed into game three with the series tied at one game apiece. The Castors took game one but the Rockets won decisively in game two.

The Rockets opened the scoring when Jarrett Williams roofed one on a

partial breakaway at 4:54 of the first period unassisted, taking a 1-0 lead. The Rockets carried the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Castors tied the game at 8:52 of the second period but the Rockets retook the lead at 10:48 as Matt Pietrkiewicz scored on a breakaway from Williams. The Rockets took a slim 2-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Rockets took a two-goal lead when Brett Lannin snapped one to the back of the net on the power play from Justin Lefebvre and Williams at 4:56 of the third period. With time winding down, the Castors pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker and it paid off as they scored with 47 seconds remaining in regulation.

The Castors put their goalie back into the net for the face-off at centre ice but

pulled him again just seconds later as they brought the puck up the ice. The Castors had a good scoring chance but it was the Rockets' Nicholas Carroll who was sprung on a breakaway on an empty net by Cameron Brown and made no mistake burying it with just 25 seconds remaining.

The Rockets hung on for a 4-2 victory, taking a 2-1 series lead. The Rockets outshot the Castors 43-30. Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Anthony Kerwin, making 28 saves.

Up next

The North Dundas Rockets welcome the Clarence Castors to the Chesterville Arena tonight, Wed., March 4, for game six of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinals at 7:45 p.m. and if necessary, they will travel to the Clarence Creek Arena on Thurs., March 5 for game seven at 9:20 p.m.

Hawks win final game of regular season, move on to face Vikings in playoffs

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The Winchester Hawks played a pair of weekend games as they welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels on Friday night for their final regular season game and travelled to Casselman on Sunday night for game one of the best-of-three wildcard playoffs.

Hawks 6 Rebels 2

The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Feb. 28, in the CCHL2. The Hawks went into the game in fifth place in the Martin Division with this game being their last of the regular season. The Hawks' future was already decided as they would face the fourth place Casselman Vikings in a wildcard best three-out-of-three playoff series to see who will face the first place Ottawa West Golden Knights.

The Hawks opened the scoring when Marco Haw pounded home his 16th goal of the season from Kyle Kuehni at 5:55. The Hawks took a two-goal lead when Nathan Lassemba ripped home his third of the season from Kuehni and

Steven Meadus at 11:48. The Hawks took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Hawks made it 3-0 when Fleming scored his 23rd of the season unassisted just 1:10 into the second period. Kuehni gave the Hawks a 4-0 lead at 17:45 from Logan Schmidt and Haw, and with just 12 seconds remaining in the middle frame, Graeme Buffone ripped home, his first of the season from Nolan Guertin and Noah Fraser on the power play.

The Hawks took a 5-0 lead into the second intermission. The Rebels scored a pair of goals at 10:21 and 14:51 of the third period to cut the deficit to three. The Hawks closed out the scoring at 15:11 when Haw scored his second of the game and 17th of the season from Kuehni and Danny Johnson.

The Hawks took the game 6-2 completing their regular season with 24 wins, 14 losses, five overtime losses and one shootout loss - good enough for 54 points over 44 games. The Hawks outshot the Rebels 58-47.

Picking up the win in the Hawks' goal



The Winchester Hawks travelled to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Sun., March 1, to take on the Casselman Vikings in game one of the best-of-three CCHL2 playoff series. The Hawks' forward, Kyle Fleming tries to wrap the puck around the net on the Vikings' goaltender, Nicholas Campbell. The Hawks offence sputtered in this game as the Vikings took game one 4-1.

Moore photo

was Lucas Devries making 45 saves.

Up next

The Winchester Hawks welcome the Casselman Vikings to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Wed.,

March 4, for game two of the CCHL2 wildcard playoff series at 7:45 p.m. and if necessary, travel to the J. R. Brisson Complex in Casselman on Thurs., March 5, for game three at 7:30 p.m.



Vikings jump to a 1-0 series lead over Hawks

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CASSELMAN—The Casselman Vikings opened up their playoff season as they welcomed the Winchester Hawks on Sunday night for game one of the best-of-three CCHL2 wildcard playoff.

Vikings 4 Hawks 1

The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Winchester Hawks to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Sun., March 1, for game one of the best-of-three CCHL2 wildcard playoff. The Vikings finished the season in fourth place in the Martin Division. In the CCHL2, the fourth and fifth place teams face off to see who has the right to move on to take on the division's top team, in this case, the Ottawa West Golden Knights, in the first

round. The Hawks finished the season in fifth place, four points behind the Vikings.

The Vikings opened the scoring when Frédéric Gagnier scored his first goal of the post-season from Mathieu Talbot and Adam Paquette just 1:21 into the first period. The Vikings took a two-goal lead when Alexandre Charlebois scored his first of the playoffs from Talbot at 6:27. The Vikings took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Vikings made it 3-0 when Shawn Patterson scored his first of the post-season from Talbot and Samuel Labre on the power play.

The Hawks got one back when Marco Haw lit the lamp for his first of the

playoffs from Kyle Kuehni and Ryan Nielson on the power play at 7:51. The Vikings restored a three-goal lead when François Drouin sniped one for his first of the post-season from Brendan Watson and Patterson just 38 seconds later. The Vikings took a 4-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Vikings outshot the Hawks 13-7 in the final stanza but neither team was able to score as the Vikings took the game 4-1. With the win, the Vikings can finish the Hawks off in their next matchup. They hold a 1-0 series lead.

The Vikings outshot the Hawks 30-29. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nicholas Campbell, making 28 saves, and suffering the loss in the



The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Winchester Hawks to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Sun., March 1, for game one of the best-of-three CCHL2 wildcard playoff. The Vikings' forward, Samuel Lacroix centres the puck to teammate, Jason Cossette (18) as the Hawks' goalie, Lucas Devries tries to corral the loose puck. The Hawks' defenders, Graeme Buffone and Bradley Wells help out their tender. The Vikings got to Devries scoring four goals taking the game 4-1 and a 1-0 series lead.

Moore photo

Hawks' goal was Lucas Devries, making seven saves on 11 shots. He was replaced by Cole Defazio who made 19 saves on 19 shots.

Up next

The Casselman Vikings travel to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester tonight Wed., March 4, for game two of

the best-of three CCHL2 wildcard playoff at 7:45 p.m. and if necessary welcome the Hawks to the J. R. Brisson Complex for game three at 7:30 p.m.

Panthers settle for third place by a single point

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

EMBRUN—The Embrun Panthers played just a single game this past weekend to close out their regular season as they welcomed the Richmond Royals on Friday night.

Panthers 8 Royals 1

The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Richmond Royals to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Feb. 28, for their final game of the regular season in the CCHL2. The Panthers had a chance to leap frog the Ottawa Jr. Canadians into second place with a victory and a chance for home ice in round one of the CCHL2 playoffs.

The Panthers opened the scoring just 15 seconds into the first period as Tristan Taillefer fired home his 31st goal of the season from Marshall Drevniok and Riley Carisse taking a 1-0 lead. The Panthers made it 2-0 when Nathan Brown scored his fifth

of the season from Jarrett Ladouceur and Juno Gregoire at 1:33 and 3-0 at 10:12 as Oskar Mollet scored his second of the campaign from Cayden Martin and Carter Peck.

The Panthers took a four-goal lead when Gregoire snapped home his 12th of the season from Brown and Ladouceur at 15:12. The Panthers took a 4-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Royals got on the board at 13:48 of the second period but the Panthers restored a four-goal lead at 16:24 Taillefer scored his second of the game and 32nd of the season from Carisse.

The Panthers took a 5-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Panthers added three more goals in the third period as Martin scored his ninth of the season from Tyler Cummins at 11:37. Cameron MacMillan scored his fourth of the

season from Martin and Peck on the power play at 15:44. At 17:12, Taillefer completed his hat trick, scoring his 33rd of the season from Gregoire and Brown at 17:12.

The Panthers took the game 8-1 and moved into sole possession of second place but unfortunately the Canadians won their final game against the Athen Aeros to capture the number two seed. The Panthers outshot the Royals 50-22.

Picking up the win in the Panthers' goal was Marco Latassa making 21 saves.



Goaltender of the Year

The Embrun Panthers' goalie, William Nguyen was named the CCHL2's Goaltender of the Year. Nguyen is the youngest goalie to claim the title in the league's history. The 17-year-old led the league with a 2.06 goals against average and a .943 save percentage. Nguyen had three shutouts and 17 wins in 28 games.

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Peewee B Rep Demons sweep second round

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

LONG SAULT—The North Dundas Peewee Rep Demons played a pair of playoff games this past weekend as they welcomed their second round opponents, the South Stormont Selects on Saturday for game one of the first-to-four-points playoff and travelled to Long Sault for game two.

Demons 2 Selects 1

The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons travelled to the Long Sault Arena on Sun., March 1, to take on the South Stormont Selects in game two of the first-to-four-points UCMHL playoffs. The Demons took the first game of the series 5-3 and looked to close it out with a win.

The Selects opened the scoring at the seven-minute

mark of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Demons tied the game at 8:32 as Dylan McCarthy sniped one from Patrick Guy and the teams took a one-all draw into the second period.

It was a close-checking second period and neither team was able to score so the game headed to the third period deadlocked at one. The Demons broke the tie when McCarthy scored his second of the game from Nathan Epps and Markus Bols at 12:57 of the third period.

The Demons were able to thwart the Selects, taking the game 2-1. With the win, the Demons sweep the Selects four points to none, moving on to the UCMHL finals.

Demons 5 Selects 3

The North Dundas

Peewee B Rep Demons welcomed the South Stormont Selects to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Feb. 29, in round two of the UCMHL playoffs. The Demons swept the Alexandria Glens in the first round two games to none and looked to do the same with the Selects.

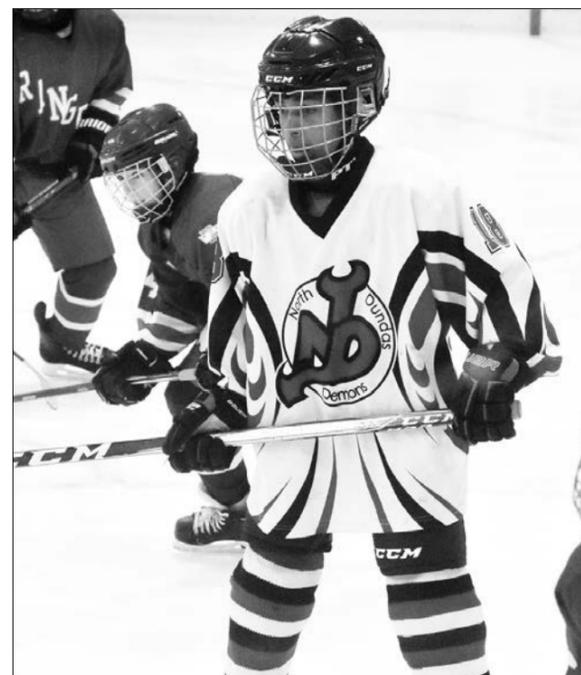
The Selects opened the scoring just 1:12 into the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Demons tied the game as Tylor Dunham slapped one home from Gavin Eikelboom and Ryan Wilson at 4:10. The Selects retook the lead at 11:08 but the Demons answered with just 23 seconds remaining in the opening frame as Josh Lafrance slid one home from Jake Weber and Dylan McCarthy.

The Selects snuck another late goal with just

four seconds remaining and took a 3-2 lead into the second period. The Demons tied the game again at 9:02 of the second period as Jay-Zeus Mbarushimana blasted one home from Carter Williams and McCarthy.

The Demons took their first lead of the game when Dunham scored his second of the game from Eikelboom and Wilson at 11:34. The Demons took a 4-3 lead into the third period. The Demons took a two-goal lead when Mbarushimana scored his second of the game from Williams and goaltender, Liam Sergeant at 12:30 of the third period.

The Demons hung on for a 5-3 victory taking a 1-0 series lead. The Demons outshot the Selects 30-21. Picking up the win in the Demons' goal was Sergeant making 28 saves.



The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons welcomed the South Stormont Selects to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Feb. 29, in round two of the UCMHL playoffs. The Demons' forward, Jay-Zeus Mbarushimana (18) scored a pair of goals in the series opener helping the Demons to a 5-3 victory.

Moore photo



Rangers sweep Jets, now face Hull-Volant in round two

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

METCALFE—The South Grenville Rangers played a pair of road playoff games this past weekend as they travelled to Metcalfe on Friday night and Sunday afternoon for games three and four of the NCJHL quarterfinals against the Jets.

Rangers 5 Jets 2

The South Grenville Rangers travelled to the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe on Sun., March 1, to take on the Jets in game four of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinals. The Rangers won games one through three taking a 3-0 series lead and looked to complete the sweep.

The Rangers opened the scoring when Dylan Sharpley jammed home a rebound from Braydon Forestell and Jacob Servage at 10:59 on the power play, taking a 1-0 lead. The Rangers took a two-goal lead as Aiden Bailey snapped one home from Owen Webster and Brody Ranger at 17:46 on the power play.

The Rangers took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission. The Jets cut the deficit in half when Chris Martin scored from Sam Wilson and MacKenzie Brewer at 4:55 on the power play.

The Rangers took a slim 2-1 lead into the second intermission. The Jets knotted the affair at two when Alexandre Cloutier blasted one home from Wilson on the power play at

3:35 of the third period. The Rangers retook the lead when Jordan Poulan sniped one from Hayden Sayeau and Mark McKay at 7:19.

The Rangers retook a two goal lead with just 2:52 remaining in regulation as Forestell scored from Dylan Sharpley and Jacob Servage. The Jets pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker with less than two minutes remaining but it was the Rangers' McKay who found the wide open net with just 1:33 remaining.

The Rangers took the game 5-2 and swept the series four games to none. Picking up the win in the Rangers goal was Xavier Dusablon, who was replaced by Sam Limoges-Ring after receiving a game misconduct.

Rangers 8 Jets 1

The South Grenville Rangers travelled to the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe to take on the Jets on Fri., Feb. 28, for game three of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinals. The Rangers went into the game with a 2-0 series lead after winning their first two games at home.

The Rangers opened the scoring at 3:37 of the first period as Cooper Kingston scored from Jared Fenlong, taking a 1-0 lead. The Rangers took a two-goal lead when Cameron Dillon snapped one home from Jordan Dodge and Fenlong with just 1:15 remaining in the opening frame. The Rangers took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission.



The South Grenville Rangers travelled to the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe on Sun., March 1, to take on the Jets in game four of the best-of-seven NCJHL quarterfinals. The Rangers forward Jordan Poulin (15) looks for a rebound off a shot from the point as the Jets' goalie, Jett Miller turns the shot away. Moore photo

The Jets cut the deficit in half when MacKenzie Brewer sniped one unassisted at 3:43 of the second period. The Rangers answered right back as Kyle Dillabough scored from Jordan Poulan and Hayden Sayeau at 4:20.

The Rangers retook a two-goal lead when Dillon scored his second of the game from Nate Medaglia and Brody Ranger at 5:10. The Rangers took a three-goal lead when Dodge scored an unassisted goal at 12:15, taking a 5-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Rangers added three more goals in the third period as Brayden Forestell ripped one home from Jacob Servage and Dylan Sharpley at 2:28, Sharpley scored at 3:04 from Servage and Forestell, and Servage scored from Poulin on the power play.

The Rangers took the game 8-1, taking a 3-0 series lead. The Rangers outshot the Jets 50-24. Picking up the win in the Rangers' goal was Sam Limoges-Ring, making 23 saves and suffering the loss in the Jets' goal was Josh Legault with 42 saves.

Eastern teams bring home five gold medals

BARRIE – Eleven Eastern broomball teams travelled to Barrie for the 2020 Federation of Broomball Associations of Ontario provincial championships on Feb. 7 to 9. These eleven teams represented young athletes ranging in ages from eight to 19 years old. Fifty-one teams competed in this year's provincial championship - just shy of 750 athletes - and our eastern teams did not disappoint. They brought home five golds and two silvers out of seven divisions.

Congratulations to all these young athletes. And a special thank you to all the coaches, trainers, team managers and committee members for the time and effort spent getting them ready for this provincial tournament.

Broomball is a fun and exciting sport that teaches young players about good sportsmanship, boosts self-esteem, provides regular high-cardio workouts, all while being a very affordable sport.



U16 Girls' Division Stealth – Gold Medal

Back from left, Yves Bray (coach), Kathryn Larocque, Savanna Rochon, Jordyn Burnett, Kristen Currie, Hailey Smygwaty, Dylhyla Twenish, Christina Durant (manager). Centre, Sharon Reid (coach), Shyne Cote-Ratt, Isabelle Ouellette, Pacey Rochon, Melanie Fogarty, Daphne Bray, Ashley Melbourne (coach). Front from left, Susan Nobert, Kaitlyn McGillivray, Aurora Giroux, Annika Vaillancourt, Breanna McIntosh.



U12 Mixed Division Rebels – Gold Medal

Back from left, Sebastien Blanchard (coach), Olivier Leclerc, Annika Michaud, Andrea Patenaude, Alex Corbin, Jeremy Blanchard, Mike Argue (manager), absent from photo, Mathieu Leclerc (trainer.) Centre, Peter Alec Munroe, Paige Michaud, Sara-Michelle Leblanc, Janika Paquette and Makenna Clement. Front from left, Gail Henry (assistant coach), Damien Lavigne, Yvrick Taillefer-Richer, Samuel Brisson, Dawson Henry, Jonah Drouin-Guerts and Lucas Beauline.



U14 Boys' Division Stealth – Gold Medal

Back from left, Carson Garrod, Maxime Robineau, Phillip Leclerc, David Corbin, Frank Fortin, Stephane Lafontaine (trainer), missing: Marc Robinson (manager). Centre, Al Reid (coach), Loic Savage, Nathan Gignac, Alex Robinson, Ryder L'Ecuyer, Ethan Bray, Mathieu Leclerc (assistant coach). Front from left, Ryder Giroux, Hugo Lafontaine, Noah Reid, Jack Moore, Alec Beauline. Kneeling, Yannick Dupuis and Alex Simon.



U14 Girls' Division Warriors – Gold Medal

Back from left, Grace Henry, Alexane Paquette, Coralie Dagenais, Audrey Decontie-Carpentier, Mya Chesire, Kirah Decontie-Twenish. Centre, Carolyn MacMillan (trainer), Morgan Wereley, Aneliesa Reid, Darynn Johnson, Emma MacLean, Cathia Blanchard, Marika Leblanc, Hailey Pynenburg, Lindsay Burnett, Caroline Sanders, Bill Pynenburg (coach), absent from photo, Gail Henry (assistant coach) Front, Kaydence Toonen.



U20 Girls' Division Seaway Valley Devils – Gold Medal

Front from left, Dawn MacDuff (trainer), Michelle DeRepentigny (coach), Jessica Richer, Jess Hendley, Marie-Eve Bouchard, Eliane Gignac, Constance Clermont, Sarah Large, Emily Large, Anna Schoeni, Mackenzie Kunz, Maxie DeRepentigny, Chris DeRepentigny (assistant coach), Celine DeRepentigny (manager). Centre from left, Sophie Sloan, Jasmine McNairn, Michaela Kunz, Brooklyn Woodside, Amelie Bouchard, Taylor Henry, Genevieve Ouellete, Claudie Dagenais, Ceilidh MacRae. Front, Keely Zandbelt. Courtesy photos



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Retired 44-year firefighter winding down

Tom Van Dusen
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RUSSELL – Russell Fire Department has bid farewell to its longest serving contemporary member, Ron Hubbard, 68, who was schlepping hose with the best of them right up to Jan. 31.

Hubbard, who the department recognized for “tireless energy and enthusiasm,” spent 44 years on the job and actually drove the 1952 Maple Leaf pumper restored by the Russell Historic Society when it was still an active firefighting apparatus.

The accumulated years may actually make him the longest-serving in the history of the brigade and among the longest-serving volunteer firefighters in the province. He departed at the same time as two other members in very good standing, Rob Bryden with 20 years and Robert Taylor with 10 years of service.

Hubbard tumbled into the position literally by accident. As a 24-year-old, he



At 68, Hubbard was the longest serving contemporary member of the Russell Fire Department.

Courtesy photo, Judi Hubbard

attended an accident close to his home, which at the time, was on Craig Street. There he ran into fireman and neighbour Norm Inglis who was impressed that Hubbard was so quick on the scene. Inglis told his neighbour the fire department was recruiting, so he signed up.

In those days, most able-bodied men were accepted; these days, you have to be qualified and the Russell department goes over and above in making sure it has well-trained, knowledgeable members, Hubbard said. Hubbard prided himself in staying in shape and keeping up with the young bucks, convincing them he had their backs in any serious situation.

Asked why he didn't go all the way to 45 years, Hubbard noted the age cut-off is 70 and now was a logical end point, given there's another round of new technology coming in. While the department credits him with staying abreast of all the modern changes, including operation of the state-of-the-art pumper, the time had come.

As for most satisfying moments over his long career, he said being largely responsible for saving two lives had to rank first: “It goes part way in easing the pain of having other fire victims die in

my arms.”

Hubbard came up in the ranks before high-tech dispatching, when there were seven fire phones in the homes of members, often operated by their wives, and a siren in the village core. In those days – and it still happens to some extent – entire families became involved.

A former Russell Township Volunteer of the Year, he's credited with helping to launch and often drive the popular Santa Express, a fire truck which has carried the Jolly Old Elf and his sleigh through the streets of Russell on Christmas Eve for the past 40 years.

A past deputy chief, Hubbard's dedication to the community was a gift not many could come close to matching, the department stated: “Many people can contribute money or other material goods; Ron gave the most precious gift we can give... time.”

While he has hung up the gear, Hubbard can't guarantee he won't chase the first fire alarm to follow his retirement out of pure habit: “I've been told that if I'm seen standing among spectators and they're short-staffed, I'll be deputized.”

Historical society, mayor at odds over museum repairs

Tom Van Dusen
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – A war of words has erupted between the president of the Russell Historical Society and Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux about the 1856 Church Museum owned by the municipality. There is tension about the decision to put vinyl siding on the historic building, higher-than-expected costs of installing a new accessibility ramp, the length of time the ramp forced closure of the museum, and the perception that few people are interested in what is primarily “a place for archives.”

Society president Harry Baker recently sent an email to Leroux and all council members taking exception to written comments by township staff that the Department of Canadian Heritage refused a grant for new siding because there's no impact on the community and few people visit the museum.

In his email, Baker took exception once again to the use of vinyl on one of the township's most prominent historic buildings. Council opted for vinyl siding because of a cost difference and has left the door open to wood should grants or fundraising cover the gap, the mayor stated in his response.

The ramp was completed under separate funding and costs escalated from an estimated \$15,000 to \$50,000; the prolonged job caused the building to be closed for almost four months. Baker wrote that the impression being put forward is that the society is somehow responsible for “mismanagement” of the ramp project.

Baker noted he has heard similar comments before, including complaints from municipal representatives that the society won't do its part in raising funds for museum repairs. He pointed out that the society is a small group of volunteers active in promoting an awareness of the “rich history” of the area with no capacity to fundraise for a municipal building.

Leroux, in his emailed response, said it's a “complete fallacy” to say township staff or council blamed the society for “any issues resulting from this project.” To suggest such

Credit card fraud attempted at Embrun bank

EMBRUN – Russell County OPP responded on March 2, to two complaints of fraud at local banks located in Embrun and Casselman.

The investigation revealed that a customer attempted to use fraudulent credit cards to withdraw large amounts of money, and identified himself with a fraudulent identification card.

Shawn Leduc, a 40-year-old from Montreal was charged with fraud over \$5000, personation with intent to gain advantage (identity theft), and cause or attempt to use a forged document.

Anyone who has any further information about this incident, is asked to contact the Russell County OPP at 613-443-4499 or

OPP Communication Centre at 1-888-310-1122.

March is fraud prevention month.

The Russell County OPP and its Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre partners are continuing the Fraud Prevention Month campaign to help prevent thousands of Canadians from falling victim to fraud.

During the month of March, the OPP, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Competition Bureau of Canada are joining police services across the country to promote public awareness of fraud.

The OPP's focus is on four mass marketing fraud priorities including: extortion scams, spear phishing scams, romance

scams and service scams.

Citizens can protect themselves by being cautious and careful. You have the right to check out any caller by requesting written information, a call-back number, references and time to think over the offer. Legitimate business people will be happy to provide this information.

Always be careful about providing confidential, personal information, especially banking or credit card details, unless you are certain the company is legitimate. If you have doubts about a caller, your best defence is to simply

hang up. It's not rude – it's smart.

If you're in doubt, seek the advice of a close friend or relative, or even your banker. Rely on people you can trust.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Please refer to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website for information about the numerous types of scams and how to protect yourself and others.

If you want to report a fraud, or if you need more information, contact The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, 1-888-495-8501.

Embrun woman killed in South Stormont collision

SOUTH STORMONT – A two-vehicle collision on Highway 138 claimed the life of an Embrun woman on Feb. 24.

Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers are investigating a two-vehicle collision on Highway 138 between Wheeler Road and Myers Road, South Stormont Township.

Preliminary investigation indicates

that at approximately 3:35 p.m. on Feb. 24, a northbound passenger vehicle collided with a southbound passenger vehicle.

The driver of the northbound passenger vehicle, Adriana Chrétien-Lewis, age 27, of Embrun, was pronounced deceased at the scene. CBC reports that Chretien taught Grade 3 at École élémentaire catholique Marie-

Tanguay in Cornwall.

Chrétien-Lewis is survived by her husband, Shaun Lewis, and her mother Hélène Chrétien.

The driver of the southbound passenger vehicle was taken to hospital in critical condition.

Two passengers in the southbound vehicle were transported to hospital with serious, non-life threatening injuries.

ill will is “very disappointing.” As to comments about the low impact of the museum, Leroux said staff were merely acting as the messenger in relating why the heritage grant was turned down.

Calling the dispute an “obvious lack of understanding,” Leroux invited Baker and other society executive members to meet at township hall or at the museum to clarify matters.

The exchange of emails was raised at Monday night's council meeting when councillor Cindy Saucier said she couldn't remember approving vinyl siding for the museum. Chastizing Baker – who was present – for the tone of his email, Leroux said council had indeed agreed to vinyl.

RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen
Student Reporter

A quiet week at RHS



Due to the snow day and another day off last week, it has been more quiet than usual at RHS – but we're still planning events!

First, the Grade 8 Info Night was cancelled due to weather conditions as well. It is now rescheduled for tomorrow night, March 5. We're also busy preparing for an Open House on Thurs., March 26. Stay tuned for more details.

By now you must be wondering what national day it is – there are a lot, so I will only name a few. Today is National

Grammar Day and National Pound Cake Day! English teachers will love this day – as long as you know the difference between there, they're and their. They're really hoping that you do! Once you've finished your homework, cake lovers can rejoice with a delicious pound cake. This treat originally came from Europe in the 18th century. Traditionally, to make a pound cake, you take a pound of each ingredient, such as eggs or flour. And...there you have it. With that, have a great week everyone!

Minister of Energy hears rural residents' concerns

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

EDWARDS – Concerns about the state of Ontario's energy markets were front and centre at a roundtable meeting hosted by Carleton MPP Goldie Ghamari at Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm on Fri., Feb. 28.

The event gave local residents and business owners an opportunity to speak to top provincial officials: MPP Greg Rickford, the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Minister Indigenous Affairs, and MPP Bill Walker, the Associate Minister of Energy.

The bad winter weather did not keep 30 interested area residents from attending the meeting.

The concerns and challenges raised by attendees reflected what many Ontario residents are concerned with right across the province.

Rickford kicked off the meeting by talking about the unique rural-urban divide that exists in the Carleton riding.

"Taking the ride out here gave Bill and I a deep appreciation for that," he said. "We have a premier, cabinet and caucus that listen to each other, but to make it clear, we are firmly in your corner when we think about programs you may not be able to access whether you are rural or otherwise," said Rickford.

Rickford suggested that the province was doing pretty well considering where we started just a couple of years ago.

Anticipating some of the concerns voiced by those at the meeting, Walker stressed that challenging issues in the urban-rural divide could be done, but it would take time. "There are laws and legislation. You can only do so much," he said.

He stressed that change does not happen overnight.

The main message was that the two ministers and MPP Ghamari were there to listen and learn from Carleton residents.

The concerns from people at the meeting ranged from the challenges of becoming energy independent to how the area is over-regulated when it comes to electricity costs, and billing issues such as "Global adjustment." There were concerns about how competition in the marketplace is held back by local hydro regulations and how agriculture in the region is negatively affected by electricity rates and policies.

Other questions revolved around the need to have more available natural gas in the area, which, to many small businesses would make a big difference to their bottom

line. Marcel Moncion, owner of Moncion's Your Independent Grocer in Riverside mentioned the ongoing difference between Ottawa Hydro rates and the more expensive Hydro One costs.

Regarding that issue, Rickford suggested there may be relief of some sort on the way, in the future.

"Today, with our leadership group, we were discussing about some consolidation around some local distribution companies (LDC)," said Rickford.

He explained that the discussion had been about cyber security and resilience, and those issues might make some LDC consolidation necessary. He cautioned that there were some political reasons for the different sizes of LDCs, and the government respected that. He suggested that there might be a need to have more sharing take place between LDCs in terms of more efficient equipment and policies.

"I think there is room for some consolidation, at least in some of the elements they should be delivering to their customers," said Rickford.

MPP Ghamari explained to the ministers that amalgamation had caused some rural Ottawa residents to be serviced by Hydro One and others by Ottawa Hydro, with two different sets of rates.

Ottawa Osgoode ward councillor George Darouze was also at the meeting and reinforced the idea that the province, he hoped, would look into this situation.

Phil McNee, the CEO of Demand Renewables, which specializes in solar power and renewable energy sources, was concerned about challenging hydro regulations and the difficulty business owners and homeowners face when attempting to making their carbon footprint smaller and becoming more self-sufficient.

"There are two major issues. One is LDCs. If you

are a homeowner or business owner and you decide you want to produce your own energy because your hydro bills have been going up exponentially year after year, the hydro companies feel they deserve a piece of your pie," said McNee.

"On top of the fees they are charging they make, it very difficult to move forward," he said.

McNee said some farmers have been unsuccessfully trying for years to get solar energy projects done but have failed because of the capacity issue.

Rickford responded, "Solar, in particular, has smaller applications that are pertinent to various kinds of operations in rural settings. Some of the threshold issues you are raising are worth taking a look at."

John Beking of Beking Poultry Farm said his concern was that he was ready to add solar energy to his operation but the electricity company was telling him there was not enough capacity on the grid for him to send back any excess energy he might produce.

"We put a solar panel on our new barn two years ago and it is working well. We have been trying to put up a solar panel on our main barn for five years now. We would like to produce our own energy," said Beking.

The issue of availability of natural gas in the area came up with a question from Jonathan Rochon of Rochon Garden in Edwards. "We have 17 greenhouses," he said. "We use a lot of energy. I feel our area is under-represented. There are two community associations who are talking to Enbridge but I feel like it is pulling teeth getting an answer out of them."

His questioned why couldn't the government give them a grant or something similar that they could use to entice Enbridge to put in gas lines to his location.

Associate Minister



Carleton MPP Goldie Ghamari (right) hosted an evening of discussion with area residents at Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm on Feb. 28. Her special guests were MPP Greg Rickford (standing), the minister for energy, mines, and northern development and MPP Bill Walker (left), associate minister of energy. Morin photo

Walker said, "I assure you that is exactly the kind of question we will be asking them. Why do you say no?"

Rickford said, "Enbridge always has to look at its bottom line and their business case and we are working with them and they have been quite cooperative with us. Enbridge has committed to us that they will come out and do some consultations."

Rickford said he will be meeting with Enbridge in the near future about this kind of situation not just here but in Northern Ontario as well.

The availability of useful internet services was brought up by MPP Ghamari.

She said, "It is frustrating, even for me when I see other rural ridings get those rural grants for broadband. But, again, we are disqualified because even though we are rural, we are technically within the urban City of Ottawa so we do not get those grants, so that is another thing we are trying to change."



Obituary HILDA BOWLEY 1919 - 2020 "Sweetness of a Lamb, Courage of a Lion"

On Monday, February 24, we lost our Mum, Gram and Great-grandma. She was just over a hundred, and for all but the last month or two, always in good health and independent in spirit. All four foot eleven inches of her.

The daughter of a prosperous Liverpool merchant, her childhood was a privileged one, with private schools and long vacations in her mother's ancestral Wales. Foreshadowing the life she was to lead, it was always Hilda who was the first to dive off the sea ledge, rescue an errant football from a gated estate, lead the charge in field hockey, or break up a dog fight, to her last day she had scars to testify to these things.

When war broke out, she served her country in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (the "WAAFs"). It was at a service dance that she met a handsome young Canadian soldier and her life changed forever.

The Ontario farm which became home in 1946 had few amenities-- heated by the kitchen wood stove, water from a hand pump at the kitchen sink, and an outdoor privy, it was a far cry from the genteel Liverpool home with its conservatory, chauffeur, and maid. And there were cows to tend, threshing crews to feed, fruit to pick, but never a vacation.

I've read my Mum's letters home written during those hard times, and they were universally upbeat and joyous, with never a hint of hardship or privation. In part, because Mum wanted to shield her family from the harsh realities of farm life, but mostly because she found deep joy in the daily adventures, the wonder of newborn calves, the bounty of the fruit trees, and the warmth and generosity of neighbours.

To Mum, it wasn't about surviving. To her, every morning's sunrise was a time of beauty, of hope and of promise. Learning to drive a team of horses, or the family's first tractor, was an adventure. When she helped in hay season, she didn't complain about the back-breaking work, but rather savoured the scent of the fresh-cut hay. Every cow and every horse had a name and was her friend. To Mum, it wasn't a question of the glass half-full or half-empty - to her it was always full and overflowing. She just knew where to look for God's bounty.

Her only disappointment was that her dream of a large family was not to be. Miscarriage after miscarriage, she never lost hope, and when she finally delivered her only child, a son, in the middle of a Canadian blizzard, she gave him all the love she had been saving up. I was spoiled, not materially, but spiritually.

Mum's spirit continues in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, for they too possess the same indomitable courage and boundless love of life. She lives on in the hope and promise of their lives.

The family's gratitude to the staff of the Perley and Rideau Veteran's Residence - you all treated her as if she were your own Mum, and she loved you in kind.

We will honour Mum on Wednesday, March 18 at two o'clock in the afternoon at Lupton Hall, Perley and Rideau Veterans' Residence, 1750 Russell Road, Ottawa. Parking passes will be provided and a light buffet will be served afterwards. All are welcome. If you will be attending, however, please just drop me a quick note so we can be sure to have enough sandwiches and coffee! norm@purposeful.ca



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