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Briefly

Women's Day

CORNWALL – The Cornwall and District Labour Council is hosting an International Women's Day dinner on Sat., March 5, 5 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297, 415 Second St. W, in Cornwall. The speaker will be Bea Bruske the president of the Canadian Labour Congress. The event is open to everyone and tickets are \$30 per person.

Tickets are limited and subject to health mandates. ID and proof of full vaccination is required. Contact Louise Lancot at 613.932.1943 or louiselancot18@gmail.com for further information or to reserve seats for you or your group.

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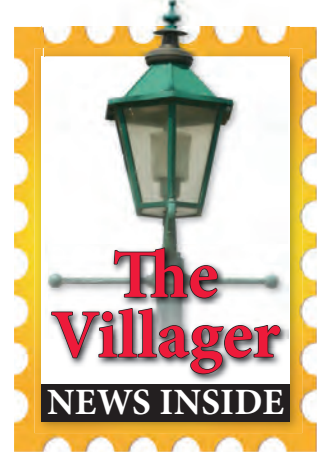
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Enjoying the best, winter has to offer

A weekend in Brinston has to include a skate on the community's great outdoor rink at the Matilda Memorial Park. The refreshing winter weather made for a fun morning for Williamsburg's Inderbitzin family on Sun., Feb. 27. Roman on the left, Lucas, and Vienna are seen here enjoying the rink while polishing their on-ice skills.

Morin Photo

North Stormont second draft budget coming March 8

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

BERWICK – "It's a big day with lots of numbers," township of North Stormont Mayor Jim Wert said. "Every time I go through this process, the complexity of our accounting division and the thoroughness that we're able to track numbers is outstanding."

Wert made this statement at the close of an all-day budget session on Feb. 16. The session began with opening statements from members of council followed by an outline of how the day would progress from director of finance and treasurer Carly Wheeler.

By the end of the first day of budget deliberations,

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South Dundas passes Interim Control Bylaw for cannabis facilities

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The Municipality of South Dundas recently passed an Interim Control Bylaw for Cannabis Facilities that for the most part effectively bars new facilities or expansions from happening for now.

"I think this is actually the responsible thing to do," Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner said. "I like putting a pause on it. I know that comments within our community are about whether or not we're saying no to business, and I think what folks need to understand is it's not saying no to business. What it is, is we need the business model to catch up to the point where the technology is there. There're companies that have done this correctly and it

does not create conflict between users of land. So, I think that putting a pause on it and having a look and adjusting our bylaws is the responsible, respectful thing to do."

The decision was made during the Feb. 28 council meeting where United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG) municipal planning consultant Peter Young recommended politicians pass the Interim Control Bylaw and direct staff to undertake a review of land use planning policies, with respect to cannabis production facilities. He noted in his report that public consultation was not required for an interim control bylaw. Council voted unanimously in favour of Young's recommendations. Coun. Lloyd Wells was absent from the meeting.

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NS second draft budget

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council was presented with three options for the tax rate. The first option would be to reduce the tax rate to between zero and two per cent, which would require roughly between \$33,000 to \$97,000 to be cut from the budget as presented. The second option would be an increase to the tax rate of 3.03 per cent, which would leave the budget as presented. The third option would see an increase to the tax rate of somewhere between 3.03 and four per cent, which would allow staff to add some projects back into the budget.

"It was difficult to bring it down to three per cent," Wheeler said.

Members of council gave their opinions on what they'd like to see happen. Then they discussed the pros and cons of a zero per cent increase, an increase that would allow things to remain at the status quo, and an increase that would allow for money to be put into needed infrastructure upgrades, as well as into reserves.

"It's a mistake to do a zero per cent increase because the average annual CPI for 2021 was 3.4 per cent," deputy clerk Mary McCuaig said. "This municipality still has to buy gas, still has to buy products, still has to pay for all its materials. The cost of those materials is going to incorporate that 3.4 per cent StatsCan cost of living increase. So, the municipality is paying that cost-of-living increase, but it's not raising those funds. So, having a zero per cent increase in taxes means that we're actually falling behind. So, it's a big mistake to lower taxes. At least maintain what you've got, at least."

The second draft of the budget is to be presented to North Stormont politicians at the Mar. 8 council meeting. Chief administrative officer Craig Calder said staff has incorporated council's notes from the Feb. 16 meeting.

"The revised budget, which staff feels addresses all council requests put forward at the Feb. 16 meeting, are included in the current revised draft," Calder said.

The number of drafts needed to complete the budget depends on council's reaction to

the second draft. If more revisions are needed, staff will plan accordingly, Calder said. The Feb. 16 agenda package can be

found on the municipal website and the meeting is available for viewing on North Stormont's Facebook page.



North Dundas supports a Bully Free SDG

The initiative aims to address bullying and support anti-bullying campaigns. Mayor Fraser, Coun. Annable and staff pictured here on Feb. 23 showing off their pink shirts in support of a #BullyFree SDG and the local Boys & Girls Club.

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Delta Power Equipment acquires Reis Equipment Center

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – More changes in the agricultural equipment business landscape arrived in February 2022.

On Feb. 1, Delta Power Equipment announced its acquisition of the Reis Equipment Center in Winchester.

With the purchase of Reis Equipment Center, along with dealerships in Renfrew and Dunvegan, Delta Power Equipment is expanding its network of Case IH dealerships serving the Ottawa area and Eastern Ontario.

According to a press release, Delta customers can expect the same great service but just under a different name.

A press release about the sale stated: “Like Delta Power Equipment, Reis Equipment Center has a legacy of providing outstanding service to customers,” says Cameron Currie, Delta Power Equipment’s general sales manager. “We look forward to building on

our commitment of delivering the best support to farm and construction customers together.”

With the acquisition of Reis Equipment Center, Delta Power Equipment now operates eight Case IH dealerships across Ontario, in addition to six New Holland dealerships.

At the time of acquisition, Reis Equipment Center comprised of three locations in Eastern Ontario. The dealerships are located in Winchester, Dunvegan and Renfrew. Reis Equipment Center has served Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec for approximately 40 years with product lines such as Case IH and JCB.

Delta Power Equipment is a Case IH and New Holland dealership operating across Ontario. In addition to agricultural equipment, Delta Power Equipment’s 14 stores also include teams focused on construction and powersport equipment.

SDSG PC Association prepares for nomination vote

CORNWALL – Ontario residents who want to have their say in how their province is run can get involved in the provincial political process by supporting their candidate in the next provincial election.

There are two candidates seeking the Progressive Conservative nomination in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry.

They are Andrew Guindon and Nolan Quinn.

If you would like to reach them, you can contact them through their websites at www.AndrewGuindon.ca and www.NolanQuinn.ca respectively.

To be eligible to vote during the nomination process in order to be able

to vote for them within the Stormont, Dundas, South Glengarry Conservative Association, you first have to take out a membership.

The nomination vote will take place on Sat., March 26 with in-person voting locations. Memberships must be purchased online at www.OntarioPC.ca/join

before the membership cut-off. The online membership cut-off has been extended one week to Sat., March 12 at 11:59 p.m. Paper memberships are due to Ontario HQ Headquarters in Etobicoke on Fri., March 11 at 4:59 p.m.

Members who are eligible to vote will receive the specific voting details and ID requirements closer to the March 26 vote.

Cannabis facilities

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“In the report, which was deferred from council’s last meeting, I mentioned that we had quite a few public comments on two recent cannabis facilities and, definitely, there are some great points raised by the public in terms of there’s a lot of discussion on what is the sensitive land use,” Young said. “Also, Deputy Mayor Gardner and others raising issues for new facilities – does the municipality have an odour control bylaw or the equipment if there are odour complaints – so we’re recommending through this report and a bylaw later in the meeting, that council put a temporary freeze on cannabis production facility applications in order to research and have time to prepare documents on both those topics.”

South Dundas did pass a bylaw for cannabis cultivation and processing facilities in 2021. Young’s report noted that while one application met all

requirements and was approved under the bylaw, two more were received that did not meet the requirements and both were denied at the previous council meeting.

“In particular, we’re looking at adding a few policies in the Official Plan to greater discourage any significant variations to the setbacks that are approved by council, to prepare a bylaw for looking at odour control,” Young said, referring to the work being done at SDG County level. “There’s not a cost to South Dundas. We’re looking at this with several of the other municipalities in SDG and we received a grant from the province of about \$112,000 to update zoning bylaws, so we would just add this to the work plan. The only thing would be the odour control bylaw, there might be a small cost just to put that together and work with your bylaw officer.”

In addition to prohibiting any new cannabis production facilities from setting up shop in South Dundas, the Interim Control Bylaw also prohibits


expansion of existing facilities. It was also noted that there are exemptions to the bylaw. Young said council could give exemptions to applications that meet the current setbacks.

“The technology is so new, and this business model is so new,” Gardner said. “There will be companies and entrepreneurs that get it right and those will be the folks that we’ll want to welcome in because they’ll have the technology in place to not create this conflict, whether it’s smell or noise or water usage or whatever the case may be.”

Pre-existing facilities, those that were approved before the establishment of the bylaw, are deemed “legal non-conforming,” Young said. He said this means they’re fine as they are but if they were to expand, they would then need to meet current bylaw conditions. He said illegal setups can be prosecuted under the current bylaw.

Young noted that an interim control bylaw cannot be appealed for a period of one year. He said

it can be extended for an additional year but would then be subject to an appeal process at that time.



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

On Tuesday, March 22, 2022 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Dundas will hold a public meeting, pursuant to section 12 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, as amended, to present and obtain public input on Addendum #1 to the 2021 Development Charges Background Study.

All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Meeting of Council and any person who attends the meeting may make representations relating to the proposed Addendum. The meeting is to be held:

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6 p.m.
In the Council Chambers
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In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, the addendum to the background study is available online at the Township’s website (www.northdundas.com). Copies of the addendum are also available from the municipal Clerk at the Township Office (613) 774-2105.

Interested persons may express their comments at the public meeting or in writing, addressed to the municipal Clerk, at the address below prior to March 22, 2022.

Dated in Winchester, this 25th of February, 2022.

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Editorial

Another happy mystery of the universe

For those people who were in Chesterville this past Saturday around the intersection of Water Street and Main Street, I have a story to tell you.

Many may have noticed an older looking fellow wandering back and forth between The Gathering House side of Water Street and Louis' Restaurant.

This gentleman walked back, and forth from one curb to the other bent over peering at the slushy road sometimes bending over to examine a bit of debris on the road.

That man was not some old guy lost between the two sides of the street condemned to forever walking back and forth as his mind disintegrated with old age, that man was me, and I was looking for my hearing aid.

Now, those who have a hearing aid or two know how expensive they are and how they can be a constant source of frustration.

I was putting on my mask as I crossed the street to go into Louis' Restaurant when the mask caught on my hearing aids as they sometimes do, and I stopped to fix it. When I got into the restaurant, I automatically checked to make sure both my hearing aids were in place, and that is when I discovered one was missing. I might add, the missing one was my favourite one. It controls the volume of both hearing aids and without it, the remaining device is like a ship without a sail.

Naturally all hearing aids are designed to be invisible and so if you are looking for one on Water Street in the winter, you really have to have a plan.

What the aimless wandering people may have witnessed, was really a carefully thought-out grid search of the roadway. I went up and down, sideways, followed a diagonal track then did it all over again.

Defeated, I realized that the hearing aid could be anywhere. It could be wedged between the treads of a winter tire as a few cars had gone through the intersection while I was searching.

Finally, I realized I was wasting my time. Not one to give up, I decided maybe the little hearing aid was still sitting on the dining room table at home and my memory, being older was playing tricks on me. I raced home from Chesterville and breathlessly and with a great deal of wishful thinking, rushed into the dining room and looked over the dining room table. No hearing aid. Could one of the cats have found it and carried it off as some kind of household treasure? If so, then I would be out of luck. If the cats took it, I would find it sometime down the road wrapped up in a dust bunny somewhere in the house, long after I needed to

hear anything.

One of my less appreciated attributes is that I can be stubborn.

I decided to drive back to Chesterville and look along the corner of Water Street one more time. I knew that while I was looking at home, someone with great snow tires could have run over the missing hearing aid and it was currently on its way to Montreal, stuck between the treads of a snow tire.

Nevertheless, I felt I had to return to the search area.

Once more, people walking and driving along Chesterville's Main Street were treated to the sight of an old guy weaving in and around the part of Water Street between The Gathering House and Louis' Restaurant. Thirty minutes into the renewed search, I was ready to give up. I started to turn around to head back to my car and admit defeat and worry about how I was going to make back the money spent on the hearing aid, when I thought I would try one more thing and that was to go into the restaurant and ask if anyone had turned in a hearing aid; you never know.

As I opened the door to Louis, I looked down and spotted the tip of something sticking out of the snow and slush piled beside the door.

You guessed it.

I swear I could hear the angels singing and the universe sighing as I pulled the missing device out of the snow turned it off and on, put it in position on my ear and astonishingly heard Chesterville all around me.

It was a moment to be forever remembered. All of us have had that feeling of finding something lost, that for all-intents and purposes should have been impossible to find, and this was my moment.

I almost wanted to get one of those historical plaques that you see on heritage buildings that say this or that happened right on this spot. In my case the plaque would say: "It was at this spot in February 2022 that the impossible happened and a lost hearing aid, buried in the snow, surrounded by winter slush the exact same colour as the hearing aid, was against all odds found, and put back on the job.

Surely one of life's little miracles."

Joseph Morin

NDDHS Report

By Savannah Coleman
Student Council Communications



Lots of snow days left a two-day week

We have finally returned to school after a long break caused by Mother Nature and snow days. There were three snow days and a long weekend put into the mix, which made for a 6-day break. It was almost like March Break came early this year!

As planned, on Valentine's Day, Valentine o'grams were handed out, and there were lots of smiling faces as students received their gifts from their secret admirers.

All doors that were decorated for an Olympic sport were judged for 1st place with two honourable mentions: Mrs. Gravel's class won first place, with their sport being bobsledding; Room 131 and Mrs. William's science class received honourable mentions for their outstanding work and effort put into their decorating.

North Dundas' students and staff are pumped to be able to have sports and extracurricular activities back! Volleyball and basketball teams have been practicing hard to prepare for tournaments, and ND and Seaway are combining to make a hockey team! Girls' volleyball has a tournament being hosted at North Dundas on March 7 and the ND/Seaway hockey team have a tournament at the Benson Centre in Cornwall on March 1. There are still no spectators at this time, but we will be cheering them on from class! We wish you the best of luck North Dundas!

Have a wonderful start to March!



Room 131, Mrs. William, Mrs. Gravel class.
Courtesy Photo

Weather Musings

March came in like a lion today. There was plenty of snow falling throughout the day, much more than the weatherman expected. The nice thing about having a blustery March 1, is that if the old saying is correct then we should have some lovely weather to look forward to coming at the end of the month. Have you ever wondered where that old saying, sometimes referred to as a weather proverb originated?

A quick visit to the world wide web, suggests that the origin of the saying may lie in the skies above us. Apparently, the month of March begins with the constellation of Leo the Lion in the sky and ends with Aries the Lamb astrologically speaking. Much easier than searching the skies for either constellation is to see what the weather is on March 1st and then expect the opposite as it ends.

Who can celebrate Canada Day without looking at a corn field? I

know that often while out driving on Canada Day I have passed corn fields and tried to figure out how high the corn is. There are many who feel that if the corn is knee high by the 1st of July, or if you call the USA home the Fourth of July, there will be a successful corn crop in the fall.

Looking up into the sky in the evening, the old saying "red sky at night, sailors delight" coupled with "red sky in the morning, sailors take warning" will often come to mind. This means if the sky is red at night, the weather will be nice and conversely if it is red in morning then stay close to home. A scientific explanation for the saying may have to do with a variety of meteorological factors.

People will often tune into weather networks to see what to expect weather-wise during the day with these reports becoming increasingly important. However, the weather forecaster has his work cut out for him when forecasting

storms, because there are many people who can accurately forecast a change in weather by a "feeling in their bones".

If we look to our animal and insect friends, there are plenty of ways to discover how harsh a winter can be. The woolly caterpillar can indicate the severity of winter by the colour of his stripe, Canadian geese herald the beginning and end of the winter season by their flights and of course don't forget the squirrels racing about hiding acorns in the fall.

Decades ago, before the advent of television and radio, the signs of nature in weather forecasting were read by people whose livelihood depended on knowing weather patterns. It may seem today that many people no longer look to nature for weather forecasts relying solely on the weather forecasters. A possible exception to this maybe on Groundhog Day when Warton Willy tells us that spring is just around the corner or not.

Carol Goddard



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FSI Welding breaks ground in Winchester

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The food chain that brings products from the farm to your table has many moving parts.

From the dairy cow to the dairy producer and then on to the grocery store and your refrigerator, it is a carefully designed process to ensure the dairy product is safe for consumption.

Lactalis in Winchester has been around for a century or more, bringing their dairy products to Canadian families.

They process milk, cheese, yogurt, and butter as well as many other dairy products, and do so with confidence that their processes result in safe and healthy products.

Creating all those products involves transporting milk through miles of pipes in their facility. These pipes are the infrastructure that gets a farmer's milk to your refrigerator. The pipes have to be as bacteria free as humanly possible and that is where Fortier Stark Industrial (FSI) Welding becomes one of the moving parts that make processing milk into a healthy product.

Welding pipes together so that bacteria cannot find a place to grow is a specialized skill. FSI Welding is planning to build a new shop in Winchester, so that they can serve their clients better with manufacturing and servicing capabilities that have been the vision of Curtis Fortier and Joseph Stark for years.

The two along with their employees have been working at Lactalis for the past five years.

"We have been at Lactalis in Winchester for five years and have not left. We have had three to five employees pretty much working there every day," said Fortin.

"When we started out, we were doing just about everything," said Fortier.

On Wed., Feb. 23, Fortier and Stark celebrated the beginning of their vision with a ground-breaking ceremony in the field where they will be building their manufacturing plant.

The partners who live in Metcalfe, and Russell started up their company only five years ago. They eventually began specializing in welding related to the dairy industry and food processing.

Their projects were big enough that they would have to set up a mobile shop in the business they were working for.

Fortier said, "Once we got into some of these factories, we would set up a shop. Our projects last up to six months sometimes. They are not little jobs; they are big contracts."

FSI Welding worked commercial construction. They would install railings and stairs.



FSI Welding celebrated their move forward with a groundbreaking moment on Wed., Feb. 23, in the field that will soon be the location for their manufacturing plant in Winchester. Pictured left to right are: North Dundas mayor, Tony Fraser, business centre manager Catherine Leteinturier Guissé of the Business Development Bank of Canada, (BDC), FSI Welding founders, Curtis Fortin and Joseph Stark, Rose D'Amato BDC senior account manager, and Stephan Mann, North Dundas economic development and communications officer. Morin Photo

"We did high pressure welding for mechanical contractors who did boiler rooms," said Fortin.

Processing plants like Lactalis have to ensure that the pipes it uses to transport its raw materials are bacteria free at all times.

The systems used to move material around in the plant is referred to as Clean in Place (CIP) systems.

Fortin explained, "Basically we build systems, CIP systems that washes equipment after it has been used. These systems are like a series of tanks and pumps that divert wash water throughout the plant. We install a lot of piping and pumps and valves and tanks. Almost everything in that end of the world has to be welded together, and it has to be sanitary."

The success of FSI Welding and the scope of what kind of projects they will be involved with is the reason Fortin and Stark want to go ahead with their building in Winchester.

"The projects we are taking on are larger and larger and we are getting into more turnkey projects. Before, we were just installing, and it gradually evolved into supplying tanks, pumps and valves. We had to buy the tanks and items from other companies who compete against us. So, we would buy these tanks from Toronto, for example and the lead times on these things would be months and months.

By doing this we will be able to manufacture all our own tanks and equipment," said Fortin.

Having a manufacturing facility in Winchester also opens the door to having products that can be exported.

"We have felt the pinch of supply chain issues. It really slowed things down for us."

FSI Welding also has been doing

some work in the micro brewing industry.

They work on water treatment equipment and all kinds of stainless-steel fabrication.

Their new building will be 6,000 sq. ft., with room for an administration office as well as more employees.

"It will have a two-story office in the front and an overhead five-ton crane. We will be putting in the basic equipment you would see in your average steel shop plus new technology like an orbital welder."

Fortin and Stark are hoping to begin construction on their manufacturing facility in April.

"This is a long-term plan; this is the backbone of our business providing services to these big facilities. These are contracts we already have that we are buying stuff for that we can now make."

It's crazy what we have taken it to in five years.

It's hard to believe we have come this far.

The job of sanitizing pipes that are used in the food processing is never ending. Fortin explained, "When you make any dairy product, you usually run for 12 hours and then you wash for 12 hours. That timing may fluctuate depending what product they are making. Every time they make something, they have to wash to make sure there is no left-over product in the tanks or the pipes. So, those welds have to be perfect. The tools to build a food factory are very precise."

FSI Welding is a member of a small club in their industry.

"Winchester is very central to our marketplace. We have clients in Kingston, Ottawa. Winchester has always been a kind of home base. It just makes sense to be in Winchester."

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From the Middleton Family



International Women's Day

MARCH 8, 2022



#BreakTheBias

How to celebrate International Women's Day

International Women's Day takes place every year on March 8. On this day, many organizations and companies around the world celebrate the role of women in society. Here are five ways you can mark this special occasion.

1. Reflect on the history of feminism

Take a moment to remember all the people who fought for societal change and helped advance women's rights throughout history.

2. Brainstorm ways to take action

Consider ways to help combat feminist issues like violence against women and gender inequality in the workplace. Ask your friends and family to help you come up with things you can do to make a lasting difference.

3. Highlight the achievements of others

Mark the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Celebrate

the important steps that have been taken to create a more fair and just society.

4. Champion gender equality

There are many ways you can make a difference for women. You can wear a purple ribbon, participate in feminist rallies or take action to fight for gender equality.

5. Challenge decision makers

Call on elected officials and other influential people to join the fight for gender equality and take action to advance women's rights.

In addition, you can look for initiatives in your community that promote the role of women in society and contribute to the feminist struggle.



The theme chosen for International Women's Day on March 8, 2022, is Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow.

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Crysler Community Centre Committee

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CRYSLER – Throughout the year, the small North Stormont community of Chrysler has a multitude of events and activities for residents and guests to the village. It is thanks to the hard work and dedication of the volunteers and members of the Chrysler Community Centre Committee.

“The committee was formed in 1960” explained Pierre Thibault, president of the Chrysler Community Centre in a recent email. He continued Fernand-Guy (Bidou) Boudreau felt there was a need for a location where recreational activities could be held.

Subsequently, the Chrysler Pavilion was built by Boudreau and Robert Briere. The building included a bar, restaurant and hall that was used for a variety of functions such as dances and wedding receptions. Thibault continued how Boudreau’s dream was “that one day all the families in Chrysler would enjoy picnics in the park and have celebrations in the hall” and noted the project included tennis and croquet courts. In 1966, Boudreau’s wife ceded the pavilion to the township after his death in a car accident; the CCC continued to operate the pavilion.

Over the years, members, and volunteers of the CCC have worked with community organizations by volunteering or providing the opportunity for fundraising in the hall, as well as the monthly community dinner schedule. The monthly dinner schedules are set to return in March 2022, as pandemic restrictions are lifted. The weekly Wednesday night bingo is set to return on March 6.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, provincial regulations often severely limited the ability for communities to hold events such as the cancelling of bingo nights, family reunions and weddings. It is because of these cancellations that the Chrysler Community Centre experienced “a huge financial blow,” said Thibault. The committee continued to meet and held several successful events during periods when restrictions were loosened. These included the highly successful car show in fall of 2021, a craft show, community dinners, when possible, as well as winter carnivals and Christmas parades. A New Year’s Eve event had to be cancelled due to the restrictions;



The community park, located adjacent to the Chrysler Community Centre provides a location for a variety of community events, an outdoor gym, children’s playground, and many other amenities.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Thibault commented “there [were] talks in October this event couldn’t happen, this [was] a big disappointment for all but we understood the situation.”

On Dec. 9, 2016, the Chrysler Community Association was registered with a mandate “to oversee the Chrysler Community Centre mission and to make sure that mandates are met and followed.” Additionally, the CCA sought to ensure the CCC, the operating committee of the CCA, remained “in good working order” by completing grant applications and recruiting new volunteers for the committee. The current executive of the CCA are Pierre Thibault, Roger Lafrance, Rachelle Lafrance and Martine Quesnel.

The CCC committee have made renovations and upgrades to the centre and its surrounding park land over the years. These include the centre being enlarged with new kitchen, bathroom, air conditioning, hardwood floors and a generator. Outside, the committee has provided the community with a new outdoor rink, double beach volleyball court, baseball diamond, soccer/football field, a children’s playground, gazebo, boat launch, sporting dome, outdoor gym, and an activity building for seniors.

“Our goal is to re-

activate all our programs” commented Thibault. With that goal in mind, the CCA and CCC committee are already working toward the return of the sports program, ball hockey, volleyball, and the summer camp in 2022. Thibault continued there are also plans for special events to return in March including the community dinners that are held every third Friday of each month. For those that enjoy a game of bingo, the Wednesday night bingo at the community centre starts on March 9 at 7 p.m., with an Easter bingo scheduled for April 9.

Thibault expressed his thanks for the continuous support of the Amalgamated Rec Committee and the township of North Stormont before commenting how: “As president of the CCC and executive member of the CCA, I am very fortunate that our executive committee has stayed strong during this pandemic and I am honoured [to have] such dedicated volunteers, even during this pandemic several events were held. Our volunteers are ready to start and create what Chrysler was before the pandemic, a place where everyone wants to raise their family. It takes a whole community to raise a family, but it takes volunteers to create the community.”

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South Stormont Development Charges Background Study continues

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – Following a recent presentation, the township of South Stormont council voted to continue moving forward with the Development Charges Background Study process.

Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. Managing Partner Sean-Michael Stephen, whose firm was hired in 2020 to undertake a Development Charges Study, attended the Feb. 16 council meeting where he provided council with a brief update on where things stand with the study, as well as next steps. Council voted to accept the report and to continue with the process.

“I wanted to just give a summary of the process again and the draft findings that are being posed at this time, as well to provide council with some further information for their consideration around transition policies with regards to the implementation of a Development Charge Bylaw,” Stephen said. “The development charges are a tool available to municipalities under the authority of the *Development Charges Act* and the intent of development charges are to recover the growth-related capital costs associated with new development from those beneficiaries of the service who require the additional infrastructure.”

Stephen noted that these costs are in addition to the usual costs related to subdivisions. The usual costs include but are not limited to internal roads, watermains, roads, sidewalks, and streetlights.

“The [United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry] is currently going through an update to the Growth Management Strategy which will identify projected growth for the township and then in alignment with that, the township will also be undertaking some future servicing studies in the next one to two years to assess the impacts of new development on

their fire protection, roads, water and wastewater infrastructure requirements,” Stephen said.

He then explained the methodology used in the study in simplified terms. This was included in his slide presentation, which can be found in the Feb. 16 agenda package on the municipal website.

The growth forecast from 2022 to 2036 estimates the net population increasing from roughly 13,897 to 16,529, and the net residential units from roughly 5,567 to 6,797. He said this growth is generally consistent with the pace of growth that’s been seen over the last couple of years. The non-residential employment growth forecast begins at roughly 2,326 in mid-2022 to roughly 3,890 in mid-2036.

“In terms of the non-residential employment growth for area forecast, that’s been premised off of commercial and institutional development based on the rate of population growth, as employment growth is largely population related,” he said. “But in the main area of the non-residential forecast, it’s driven by industrial developments that are anticipated over the next 14-year period, largely consisting of the Long Sault Logistics Village of the Industrial Park in Long Sault, along with the Wills Transfer Facility in Ingleside.”

The anticipated capital needs are roughly \$53.2 million. The development charges recoverable costs are roughly \$7.5 million. In addition to pie-chart breakdowns of these estimates, Stephen’s presentation included comparisons between South Stormont and surrounding municipalities. He also reviewed the policies associated with the Development Charges Bylaw.

“Concerns were raised by the Committee of the Whole that the imposition of development charges could increase selling prices of homes or represent a competitive disadvantage to development,” Stephen said. He then proposed several options for

addressing these concerns, including but not limited to potential land price reduction.

Going forward, the next steps include a development industry stakeholder consultation, the release of the Development Charges Background Study and Draft Bylaw, a public meeting at least two weeks after the release, and then the passing of the bylaw at least 60 days after the release of the background study. All dates were listed as to be determined.

“This kind of gives us an opportunity for the public to hear it this evening,” Mayor Bryan McGillis said. “There’s going to be a

public meeting as you mentioned and there’ll be no decisions tonight. This is a process that’s going to play out until council makes the decision how they want to move forward. You give us a lot of options here to work with and we’ll go over it and, at the end of the day, we’ll make a decision how we want to move forward with potential development charges.”

Aside from the mayor, no other council members commented. The agenda package and a link to the meeting itself can be found on the municipality’s website (southstormont.ca).

Willow & Rose creates fundraiser for Ukraine

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Julianna Melnick-MacDonald owner of the Willow & Rose in South Mountain is supporting the people of Ukraine with a fundraiser designed to support the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, set up by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and the Canadian Ukraine Foundation.

The Willow & Rose creates modern pieces of art for your home. Its products are a fusion of modern and rustic style, blended to create the perfect art pieces for your home.

The Willow & Rose is selling sunflower engraved cheese boards, cutting boards, and sunflower mugs.

“We’ve had sunflower engraved cheese boards,

cutting boards and sunflower mugs available for sale, with all proceeds going towards providing assistance to Ukraine. I’ve been so touched by the response that the fundraiser has garnered so far,” said Melnick-MacDonald.

“The entire situation that has unfolded in Ukraine is devastating and despite my anger, heartbreak and despair for all those impacted both directly and indirectly, I felt like I needed to do something to help even in such a small way.”

She said the organization she is supporting is working with government ministries on the ground in Ukraine. “They have a close understanding of what is required at any given moment. I wanted to

ensure that our funds would be well used where they were most needed.”

Just a day and a half into her fundraising campaign, the Willow & Rose has officially hit its “max” as far as cheese boards and cutting boards, and have a very limited number of mugs left, which is bringing the funds raised to just shy of \$1,000.

“I have no doubt that we will hit that number by the end of the day! I have my work cut out for me over the next week getting everything engraved and ready to go, but it’s the very best kind of work knowing that you are contributing to such a worthy effort,” she said.

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All resumés or questions should be forwarded to secretary@southmountainfair.ca.

Deadline is 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2022

CLUES ACROSS

- Neckwear
- Fish parts
- Cooking
- Quality
- Rural delivery
- Popular superhero
- Partner to Pa
- Shivering fits
- Wrath
- Linguistics pioneer
- Large integers
- A way to prepare food
- Group of badgers
- Peyton's little brother
- Rock out
- Danish krone
- Take from with force
- Baroque musical instrument
- Zodiac sign
- Hebrew alphabet letter

CLUES DOWN

- Short, thick stick
- Rhode Island
- Animals of the horse family
- Very important persons
- Folk singer Di Franco
- Boredom
- Long speech
- Footballer Newton
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Linear accelerator
- One quintillion bytes
- Smallest interval in Western music
- Box
- Cheese dish
- Make a mistake
- Done by all people or things
- Circumference
- Chum
- Electrocardiogram
- Sandwich chain Jimmy _

- Independent member of a clone
- Type of garment
- Satisfy
- One point south of due east
- A way to wipe out
- Moved quickly on foot
- Bar bill
- An idiot
- Performed with the voice silent
- Body fluids
- Rhythmic patterns
- "_ my i's"
- Type of wrap
- It shows who you are
- Carousel
- Type of college degree
- Molding
- Closes again
- Verses
- Surface
- Showed old movie
- Important event on Wall St.
- Where wrestlers work
- Free from contamination
- Eastern Canada coastal region
- Slang for gun
- High schoolers' test
- Fathers
- Call it a career
- Productive
- Musical groups
- Yellowish-brown
- Lowest point of a ridge
- Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- Fill up
- Cardinal number that's the sum of 5 and 1
- Frost
- Jewel
- Atomic #45
- Top lawyer

PUZZLE SOLUTION

ACROSS
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DOWN
 2. STICK 3. HORSE 4. IMPORTANT 5. FRANCO 6. BOREDOM 7. SPEECH 8. NEWTON 9. PITY 10. ACCELERATOR 11. BYTES 12. SEMI-TONE 13. BOX 14. CHEESE 15. MISTAKE 16. EVERYONE 17. THINGS 18. CIRCUMFERENCE 19. CHUM 20. ECG 21. SANDWICH 22. JIMMY'S

THE BENEFITS OF CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Even though crossword puzzles have been entertaining and helping people pass the time for more than 100 years, the benefits of crosswords go beyond boredom-busting. Various studies have shown the positive effects crossword puzzles can have on a person's brain and capacity to learn.

- Improve vocabulary
- Strengthens memory
- Improve socialization
- Help relieve stress
- May help prevent brain diseases

Crossword puzzles can fill empty hours with an entertaining and educational activity. However, there are many other benefits to doing crossword puzzles that may surprise even the most ardent puzzle enthusiasts.

Railroad Recording Company

CHESTERVILLE – The Railroad Recording Company, located on a quiet street in Chesterville, officially opened in 2021. It is owned by Dave Tettmar and Laura Greenberg, professional musicians with each having over 20 years’ experience in the field.

Dave was eight years old when he began recording music and since 12 years of age has worked as a professional musician. In 2001, he studied recording production and sound engineering and eventually became a partner in a recording studio in England. Dave has won many awards such as the Blues Matters Writers’ Poll for best drummer and the Kent Musician of the Year and been featured in several magazines such as Classic Rock and the NME. He has toured internationally “playing everything from rock and blues to classical and theatrical productions.”

Laura began her musical career as a teenager playing in rock bands, before studying music at Ottawa’s Carleton University where she received the University Medal in Music. The Maple Blues Award honours Canadian musicians and she has won the Maple Blues Award for bassist of the year on two occasions. She continues to tour internationally and has been on stage with Chad Smith of the Red-Hot Chili Peppers as well as Buddy Guy. “In June 2021, Laura was featured on the cover of Bass Player Magazine, and she proudly endorses Eden Amplification, GHS Strings, and Westone Audio” explained Dave.

After purchasing their home in Chesterville, Laura began creating studio space “to use for rehearsals, and teaching music.” She decided “to

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Dave Tettmar and Laura Greenberg are shown inside their Chesterville studio. Courtesy Photo

transform the space into a professional recording studio.”

“We are open to any type of recording project and have already worked on some unique recordings” explained Dave.

There are many services offered by RRC to musicians including music lessons on “bass, guitar, ukulele, drums and piano” as well as videos, on-location sound and recording and “recording/mixing/mastering/editing, etc., which are typical at recording studios.” Professional sound equipment, such as PA systems and microphones, have been provided to local events such as fundraisers by their business.

“Railroad Recording Company has

already worked on some unique projects,” said Dave. One involved assisting a local musician complete his songs, recording them and guiding the musician to release “a full-length album.”

“We organized an album launch concert, and the album is now available on iTunes and Spotify. “An old radio interview which had been recorded on a decaying cassette tape” was brought to RRC. The audio was converted to a digital format then cleaned up using “some studio tricks” and can now be easily listened to by the owners explained Dave.

When asked about challenges, the couple explained the distance for clients

to travel can be a bit of an obstacle to overcome. As well, the recording studio’s location in the country could make it more difficult for the RRC to be “taken seriously as an industry standard, professional recording studio.” Laura continued to say that the rural location is quieter than in the city and provides an opportunity for musicians to concentrate on their craft, as well as allowing RRC to offer “clients professional quality at affordable rates.”

There is a lot of dedication and persistence needed for people planning, to work in the musical field, commented Laura, noting you can’t “be afraid to put yourself out there and try” for no other person has the perspective and voice you possess. She continued how despite the passion felt by musicians, there is value to the art, and musicians should be compensated.

Since moving to Chesterville, Laura and Dave have realized there is a thriving artistic community in Winchester and Chesterville. This spring, RRC is offering the winner of the song writing category of the “Writing in 150” contest, studio time to professionally record their composition. The contest is being planned by A Bunch of People Arts and Events organization. RRC is planning a concert series in venues around North Dundas with performances by local and touring artists in the future.

More information on the Railroad Recording Company and booking studio time or taking music lessons is available on their website, www.railroadrecordingcompany.com, their Facebook or Instagram accounts or by email at railroadrecordingcompany@gmail.com. Dave can be reached at 613-880-9858 or Laura at 613-898-1115.

If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: editor@etceterapublications.ca or call us at 613-448-2321.

Township takes next step in repurposing Camille-Piché Community Centre

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – Township of Russell politicians have agreed to move forward with the next step in a plan to turn the Camille-Piché Community Centre into a library for Embrun.

The Feb. 22 council meeting saw Library Board interim chief executive officer Isabelle Camiré recommend allocating a contract to LRL Associates Ltd., to complete the structural analysis and report of the centre at a cost of roughly \$10,010, and that funding for the project be taken from the library’s development charges. The municipality’s interim chief administrative officer Richard Godin supported the recommendation and council agreed, voting unanimously in favour.

LRL Associates Ltd. was the lowest of three bids received. The other two bids each came in at roughly \$30,000 more than LRL Associates Ltd. Coun.

Jamie Laurin expressed concern over the difference.

“Are we sure that each party understood the full capacity of the request,” he said. “Because it seems that two of them are in the same range and one of them is like four times less than everybody else. So, are we sure we’re to get the information that we want to get out of this and that they are going to do the job and not come back with change requests that are going to cost us more than the other bidders are bidding on this project?”

Camiré said she asked about this and was told that LRL Associates Ltd. would be doing all the work in house, which should account for the bulk of the difference. She said they don’t need to hire third parties to complete the required substance report or the geotechnical reports. She also said the request for quotation (RFQ) was very clear, and, in addition, the company had been the

lowest bidders on other municipal projects and their work has always been satisfactory.

Councillor André Brisson wanted to know if the report would be done before things moved forward with the next step in the township’s recreational complex project in June. Camiré said the report has been expedited and barring unforeseen delays, it should be presented to council on May 16. Mayor Pierre Leroux reminded Brisson that there’s still time to make changes to the recreation complex plans if necessary.

“I’m just looking for clarification on what we mean by comprehensive report,” Coun. Mike Tarnowski said. He said he expected the report to advise on the load bearing capacity of the floor but wanted to know if it would include information about potential options and costs if it’s found the load bearing capacity is not

adequate for the library.

Camiré said determining the load bearing capacity of the floor is the main thing, as well as identifying any major renovations that need to be done as a result. She said the report is to include options which should be

accompanied by a list of advantages and disadvantages, as well as reasoning for the options, and potential risks.

The night’s agenda included a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory

Committee (PRAC). It noted that PRAC members support council’s decision to repurpose the Camille-Piché Community Centre, as the new Embrun library branch, as well as moving the community hall to the new recreation complex.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF AN INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW Cannabis Production Facilities

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Dundas passed By-law No. 2022-22 on the 28th day of February 2022, under Section 38 of the *Planning Act*.

The by-law prohibits any new cannabis production facilities or the expansion of any existing cannabis production facilities within the entire municipality, subject to certain exemptions described in the by-law. A copy of the by-law can be found at southdundas.com.

The by-law will be in place for a period of up to one year while staff undertake a review respecting land use planning policies pertaining to cannabis production facilities within the municipality.

Council also has the authority to extend the period during which the by-law will be in effect to a total period not exceeding two years, however, an extension may be appealed under Section 38(4.1) of the *Planning Act*.

DATED at the Municipality of South Dundas this 1st day of March, 2022.

For more information about this matter, contact:

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Nominations are open for new Russell namesake

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Villager Staff

EMBRUN –
Nominations are now open for the township of Russell's new namesake.

Nominations opened on Feb. 23 and will remain open until March 23. Nomination forms are available online at the municipality's website (Russell.ca).

Only current residents of Russell are eligible to submit a nomination. The nominated namesake must

have "Russell" as a first, middle, or last name, and the nomination must include a "detailed, well-researched explanation of all positives and negatives about the 'Russell' you are nominating, why they are worthy of such an important recognition, and documents to help the special committee verify the claims in your submission." In addition, the nominator is expected to attend the Russell Namesake Expo event in May, where they

will be expected to man a booth dedicated to showing residents why the namesake, they've chosen should become the new Russell namesake.

The namesake can recognize more than just one person. The Russell Namesake Rededication Committee noted that recognizing multiple qualified individuals would allow for greater diversity of representatives. Committee members are permitted to submit their own

nominations as well.

The issue of Russell's name arose roughly two years ago when people discovered the municipality was named after Peter Russell, a high-ranking administrator in the pre-Confederation government of Upper Canada who owned slaves. In response, hundreds of people signed a petition calling on the township to change the name.

It was noted by many that the municipality doesn't

represent the beliefs of its founder. It was also noted that legally changing the name would be complicated and costly, as it's not just the township that's been named Russell, but also one of the towns within the municipality and the upper-tier United Counties, as well. Those opposed to the idea of changing the name started their own petition calling for the name to remain the same.

"I'm proud to say that we're not changing the name Russell. My notice of motion for keeping the name and simply changing the

namesake was approved by the majority of council. This allows us to come together as a community now, in finding someone who we feel is more deserving of that honour without costing anything to the taxpayer," Mayor Pierre Leroux said during a July 6, 2020, Special Meeting Wrap-Up video posted to the township's Facebook page.

Residents needing accessibility support are invited to contact the accessibility coordinator at 613-443-3066 extension 2312.



How to handle debt during tax season

The deadline for paying your 2021 taxes is quickly approaching, and about one-third of Canadian tax filers will need to send money to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). With many taxpayers already in debt, it's no surprise that many Canadians have trouble paying their annual taxes. This year may be especially difficult, as anyone who received a Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) will have to pay a portion of it back. Here are some tips to help you handle your tax debt and avoid fines and penalties.

File your taxes even if you can't pay

Failing to file your taxes on time can result in financial or criminal penalties, which will only make your situation worse. The CRA charges a penalty of five per cent of your 2020 balance owing, plus one per cent for each month your return is late.

There's no leniency on your filing deadline this year, so while you may not have to pay until April 30, 2023, you still need to file by April 30, 2022.

Apply for a payment plan or to waive penalties and interest

If you're having trouble paying your taxes, the CRA offers the following options:

- **Payment plan.** In some cases, you can pay the balance owed on your taxes in installments. To be eligible for this, you need to prove to the CRA that you're doing everything you can to get the money together.
- **Waive penalties and interest.** You can apply to the CRA to have your penalties and interest reduced or waived. You'll need to prove your inability to pay and demonstrate how settling your tax bill will create undue financial hardship for you and your family.

Get help from a tax professional

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