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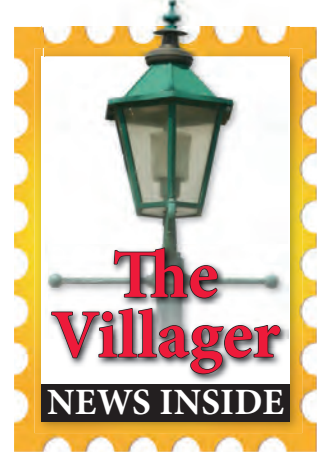
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**Snowarama comes through for Easter Seals**  
The Nation Valley Snowmobile Association and the Mountain Trailblazers Club rallied for a great cause on Sat., March 5 with a pancake breakfast and rally. Left, front row: Heather Cooke-Erwin, Grayson Cloutier and Logan Patterson. Back row: Bronson Cloutier, Bill Cloutier, Linda Cloutier, Debbie Byvelds and Cindy MacIntosh. See page 6 for the full story. Thompson Goddard Photo

**Taylor Road Bridge work moves forward**

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

**MORRISBURG** – “The last time we addressed this particular project there were a few things in the air, and the guidance of council really was very helpful in terms of bringing the design to where I’m presenting it now,” Harold Kleywegt of Keystone Bridge Management Corp. said during the Municipality of South Dundas Feb. 28 council meeting.

Kleywegt explained the reasoning behind the various measurements and design choices for the Taylor Road Bridge project, including provincial requirements and council’s desire to keep costs at a minimum. He said he expected residents living near the bridge would view some of the choices “favourably.”

“Last we spoke, we weren’t clear on the foundation

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**Dundas Federation of Agriculture AGM highlights agricultural concerns**

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**MOREWOOD** – Raising agricultural awareness, celebrating the farm, farmland preservation and mental health were just a few of the issues raised at the annual general meeting, (AGM) of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, (DFA) held on Fri., March 4.

The meeting was held at the Glen Haven Farms, owned and operated by the MacGregor family in Morewood.

The meeting featured a presentation by Brian Rijke of Rijke Produce Farm in Morrisburg. Brian and Jenny Rijke operate the farm, which was the winner of the South Dundas New Business Award in 2021.

Rijke was followed by the meeting’s guest speaker Peggy Brekveld, Ontario Federation of Agriculture president.

OFA director for Zone 11, Jackie Pemberton also gave a presentation to wrap up the meeting and South Dundas Mayor Stephen Byvelds and North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser gave brief comments at the end of the meeting, expressing their concerns along with optimistic thoughts about the future.

The AGM was the first in-person meeting of the group in a while, and it enjoyed a healthy turnout of members.

The organization also selected a new board of directors, president, vice president, secretary, and DFA-PAC representative.

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# Ross Video and its CEO of Ukrainian Heritage to donate \$100,000 to Ukraine humanitarian relief efforts

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**IROQUOIS** – Ross Video in Iroquois has taken a stand against the Ukraine invasion.

A press release from Ross Video stated: “Ross Video strongly condemns Russian president Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine and is supporting

humanitarian relief efforts.” Last week, before international sanctions had been imposed on Russia from around the world by different countries and organizations, Ross Video decided to stop supporting all products made in Russia. They have also halted all shipments to Russia.

The press release stated,

“... the world has been horrified by Russia’s illegal and deadly incursions into sovereign Ukrainian territory. As a concrete act of support, Ross [Video] is making a \$100,000 donation in support of humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine.”

Ross Video CEO David Ross said, “As a company,

we rarely comment on geopolitical affairs, however, we are compelled to support the Ukrainian people and their remarkable efforts to defend their homeland.”

Ross added, “Like hundreds of thousands of other Canadians, I am proud of my Ukrainian heritage. I simply cannot sit idly by

while President Putin’s forces attack cities, civilians, and democracy itself.”

The CEO added, “I encourage other Canadian business leaders and anyone who has the means to condemn this invasion [to do so], and to provide meaningful financial support to Ukraine. Together, we can make a difference and send a

strong message to President Putin and those still supporting him.”

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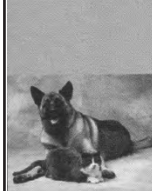
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## Taylor Road Bridge

**Continued from the front** investigation results and I've since found out that we can build a bridge on spring footings, so we do not have to absorb the cost of putting in a pile foundation," he said. "That will save about \$100,000 in the value of the project."

In addition to updating South Dundas politicians on the design status of the bridge project, Kleywegt also addressed two concerns brought forward by municipal staff. The first was heritage considerations due to the age of the bridge, and the second was a breakdown of the potential benefits to pre-purchasing.

In his report, Kleywegt noted that a Cultural Heritage Assessment, which

he said cost roughly \$10,000, is a provincial requirement for older structures. He said Wendy Shearer was hired to conduct the assessment, which has now been completed. Kleywegt also outlined considerations for pre-purchasing straight from the supplier. The report can be found in the agenda package for the Feb. 28 meeting.

The report also states that the current design approach is both a "sympathetic and appropriate replacement design type." It was suggested that a simple tribute be added to preserve a few key features of the bridge.

"These are some suggestions by Wendy in terms of what might be retained from the existing bridge and possibly incorporated into some sort

of a small heritage plaque that acknowledges the bridge," Kleywegt said, referring to bridge photos featured in the report. "It was also recommended that the engineering characteristics of the bridge are retained for posterity. That work has already been done."

The benefits of pre-purchasing were listed, including price certainty, no contractor mark-up, and a more assured delivery date if ordered early. Other considerations included the municipality's responsibility for ensuring timely delivery of the bridge and the potential need for temporary storage of the bridge components until work on the bridge begins.

"With pre-purchasing the bridge, there are a couple of things that are on the plus column. We have price

certainty. The supplier's going to give more favourable client status to municipalities such as South Dundas than they would with, perhaps, a contractor that they may not have the same credit rating, for example," Kleywegt said. "Council would save the cost of contractor markup by buying ahead of time."

The report suggested a potential \$20,000 savings with pre-purchasing the bridge. Kleywegt said savings could equate to roughly one to two per cent of the project value overall. He said the design is based on an ACROW panel. ACROW is an American company. The only competitor is England's Maybe Bridge, which has been purchased by ACROW.

In response to a question from Coun. Archie Mellan,

Kleywegt said there's no advantage to removing the bridge right now due to spring's fast approach, which alters working conditions. He suggested waiting until the contractor is ready to install the new bridge. The bridge can, however, be pre-ordered now, he said. As for installing the new bridge, this can't be done until July 1 at the earliest. He suggested doing the work sometime between August and October.

"Harold, excellent update," Mayor Steven Byvelts said. "I think we all needed to hear that from you. It's, as I said, our biggest project of the year."

The Feb. 28 meeting ended with staff being directed to contact both ACROW and Maybe Bridge for prices. They were also directed to return to council once the bids are received.

In a follow up to the Feb. 28 update, South Dundas staff and politicians revisited the Taylor Road Bridge project during the March 3 Committee of the Whole meeting. Director of Transportation Jeff Hyndman told council that a contractor was available to remove the existing bridge in roughly two weeks at a cost of roughly \$7,000. He assured council the contractor is aware of the heritage requirements and has agreed to salvage the identified components. Staff was directed to contact surrounding neighbours who may be impacted by the work.

Council agendas can be found on the municipal website (southdundas.com). Council meetings, including Committee of the Whole meetings, can be viewed on the township's YouTube page.

## DFA AGM highlights

**Continued from the front**

Ryan Devries is the president of the DFA, Marty Derks is the vice president, Erin Chambers the secretary and Stephen Mellon the DFA-PAC representative.

North Dundas directors are Tom MacGregor, Jan Roosendaal and David Kerr. South Dundas directors are Warren Schneckenburger, Dave Pemberton, Andy Corput and Tom Smyth. There is still room at the table for another director.

Devries kicked off the meeting by saying how nice it was to be able to meet in person after all this time of virtual meetings during the pandemic.

Guest speaker Peggy Brekveld spoke about the challenges the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) was facing and some of the strategies the federation was working on to deal with various challenges.

She said this meeting was the first for her this year.

She talked about challenges such as mental health, farmland preservation, and labour issues, increasing input costs, rural broadband, and trespassing.

"Most farmers think in terms of generations, not years and I think our mission statement reflects that. "She reminded everyone that the staff of the OFA was ready to help them whenever they encountered their own challenges.

She said most of Ontario's farms were land based and once that was taken away it rarely, if ever, comes back.

"Farms matter to everyone," she said.

"It is all about there being communications between farmers, and people on the ground, and politicians, and decision makers."

She explained, "Most of you have been involved with OFA for a while. We are a membership of 38,000 across the province. "In



The latest group of members leading the Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA) were elected to their board on Fri., March 4 at the DFA annual general meeting held in Morewood. Left to right are Jackie Kelly-Pemberton, Zone 11 OFA director, Dave Pemberton, DFA director, David Kerr, DFA director, Stephen Mellon, DFA-PAC representative, Marty Derks, DFA vice president, Ryan Devries, DFA president, Andy Corput, DFA director, Jan Roosendaal, DFA director, Tom MacGregor, DFA director, and Erin Chambers DFA secretary. Absent is Warren Schneckenburger, DFA director.

Morin Photo

the last couple of years, we have had a very strong focus on mental health. Even before Covid the numbers were extremely shocking. So many of our farmers sometimes struggle. It is a tough job," she said.

Progress has been made with establishment of a farmer's mental health hotline that can be called.

She admitted that there were many things that were out of a farmer's control, and they had to find ways to deal with that.

She expressed her concern about the increase of input costs for farmers.

She agreed that all costs have gone up including the cost of fuel that farmers need for their tractors.

"We have concerns."

She said there are enormous pressures on farms. "We need to be both environmentally, socially and economically viable."

She said rural broadband was an important issue as modern farms needed the internet to stay connected to the marketplace and their customers.

"We still see some challenges with trespassers."

"What we have done differently in the last two years is really engage in raising the profile of agriculture, and not just amongst our farmers; they know these things already."

One of the topics discussed at the meeting was the realization that there was only so much land to develop, and decisions to develop good farmland into housing to help urban areas grow, ran the risk if not well thought out.

Brekveld stressed that ensuring that did not happen depended on the

farming community being actively involved in that kind of decision-making.

She said the recent Affordable Housing Task Force had highlighted several issues such as: house prices that have increased by 180 per cent, at the end of 2021 the average house price was \$923,000; Ontario has to build 1.5 million homes in the next decade, and amend its *Planning Act*, provincial policy statement and growth plans.

The province has concluded that there are several ways to intensify, like building inwards and building up, and building outside existing municipal boundaries must be part of the solution.

Brekveld stressed that the farming community had to be part of the conversation the province was having, over how to satisfy housing demands while protecting farmland.

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Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Peggy Brekveld was presented with a gift by DFA President Ryan Devries at the annual general meeting.

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# EDITORIAL & Opinion

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## Editorial

### Vote for virtual post-COVID

I'm an introvert. I have a strong aversion to large crowds and events because they cause me an extreme amount of anxiety. It's the kind of anxiety that's literally exhausting, so much so that I need to take time to recharge afterward, usually a day at least.

Why am I telling you this? Well, I attended a virtual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Teeny Tiny Summit event this week where the keynote speakers were looking at life in rural Ontario post-COVID. I won't get into that here but it's worth watching, which you can do by registering through this website (teenytinysummits.omafrabdb-events.ca). The thing is that the summit got me thinking about how my life will change when things re-open completely and without any regulations.

Will I have to go back to working in an office? Will I have to start attending council meetings in person? Will I miss amazing and interesting events because they're only

available in person but are geographically too far to travel? Will interviewees expect me to meet with them face-to-face rather than via email or phone?

Many of you probably look at these questions and think, "What's she talking about? I can't wait to get back out there and mix it up with my fellow humans." Well, as much as I love meeting new people and having great conversations and discussions, I've grown used to hunkering down in my little apartment where I'm safe from the outside world and where I control, for the most part, when, where, and how I interact with others.

When I look at the above list of questions, my heart starts to race, my breathing becomes shallow, my head starts to hurt, and I can feel panic creeping up. For those of you who've never had a panic attack, they can sometimes feel like having a heart attack. Luckily for me, I haven't had one in several months but since the last attack I've been on high alert for the signs, so that I can try to avoid having any more.

Back to the questions. I know that with

my job, for now at least, there's no plan to return to an office. I've checked with some of the townships where I cover council meetings and they seem intent on offering both options where those who wish to attend in person will be able to do so when things reopen and those who don't, they can watch online.

The "amazing" events I was talking about are a mixed bag. I've heard many organizers gush over the large increase in attendance since going virtual, but the big draw with many of these events is the in-person networking opportunities and many people want to get back to that. So far, most events I've seen are either continuing virtually for now or they're offering a mix of both, but I'm not sure what the future holds, as these are all decided individually by the organizers of each event.

As for meeting people face-to-face, I imagine I won't be able to avoid that all the time. And, if you're reading this and we've had a meeting via email and phone call, please know my aversion to in-person work

has nothing whatsoever to do with you, or anyone else for that matter. It's about the anxiety and the panic I feel right up until the moment I'm sitting down next to the person I'm interviewing. At that point, I usually relax, everything is fine, and I really enjoy the conversation. To be fair, I can't think of a single time in all the years I've been a reporter that I met with someone I didn't like.

Now, in case there are any municipal people or event organizers reading this, there are more reasons than just my anxiety to consider continuing to offer virtual options. Being able to attend virtually ensures more people have access to the event. There's also the issue of conflicting schedules. By offering virtual options, people can watch an event after the fact at their own leisure. If I had a vote on how things go post-COVID, I'd vote for continuing to offer virtual options alongside in-person options. Fast and reliable rural internet access would be awesome too!

Sandy Casselman

### Reaching for the stars

We are groomed from a very young age to plan for the future.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?", is often heard and sets the stage for our goals and aspirations as we become adults.

For some, those goals may follow you through from that young age to adulthood but for many, those plans will change, possibly several times over your lifetime.

You get out of things what you put in, and the antidotes go on and on. One thing holds true over the generations; you can be anything you want to be.

That has never been truer than now.

With the expansion of technology, where you live does not necessarily impact what you are capable of doing. Your financial position does not exclude you from attending school and you do not have to give up your current employment to start a new venture.

Trades are in dire need of employees. That misconception that mechanics, road workers, and farmers are just lower class people, is a stigma that needs to be pushed aside.

Education, whether it is through the traditional schooling, life experience or an apprenticeship, it is all part of the journey.

Your attitude and drive is what will get you to where you want to be. Work ethic, is not a thing of the past, but a reflection of you.

Whether you are male or female, the opportunities await you.

It is never too late to reach for the stars and become all that you want!

Linda Vogel

### You only know what you know

There must be an election coming up in Ontario.

For the past few weeks there has been an avalanche of declarations, statements, gifts, grants, and generally generous provincial government goodies coming our way.

One could choose to be a bit cynical, but in the end a close look at some of these expertly timed policy changes might turn out to be a really good thing.

In the boxing ring of life, we have Brutus the Bruiser in one corner and Edward the Educator in another. Brutus weighs in at 300 pounds of muscle and madness while Edward, at 90 pounds is not likely to leave the ring alive.

The match ringing of the bell signals the beginning of round one in the battle between education and its cousin science and Brutus the heavy hand of the "just do it" gang.

It seems in the lead-up to this historical match, education is doomed to end

up on the mat and on the losing side, but then at the perfect moment just before the battle begins, Edward gets some unexpected but much appreciated help. The provincial government as part of its menu of neat things to give to the people of Ontario prior to an election had decided that young people will be given an extra dose of education in their schools. The plan is to put more focus on the trades and science, thus beefing up Edward in the global battle against ignorance, unemployment, and Brutus.

Ontario's elementary science and technology curriculum was last updated in 2007 and the Grade 9 course was last updated in 2008.

It's past the time according to the province that students be exposed to a technically advanced global economy and the kinds of jobs that go along with it. The arrival of smartphones, everyday use of 3D printing and genomic vaccines have emerged, and the global economy has changed.

The updated curriculum responds to these changes with the goal of positioning Ontario as a leading jurisdiction in science,

technology, engineering, and math, (STEM), helping to prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow.

The new curriculum will be implemented in September 2022, in time for the 2022-23 school year.

For the first time in Ontario's history, states a provincial press release, "the revised curriculum includes required learning on real world connections between science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. New expectations include:

- Coding: mandatory learning on coding from Grades 1 to 9, consistent with the math curriculum, to further enshrine Ontario as a STEM leader. For example, in Grade 3, students can learn how to program a small robot.

- Connecting STEM Learning: for the first time, Ontario has dedicated learning expectations from Grades 1 to 9 which explicitly connects science, technology, engineering and mathematics to real-world issues.

- Emerging technology: students will learn about the rise and application of advanced research, robotics, and the development of artificial

intelligence (AI) systems. Students can learn about the impact and application of AI in their daily lives, including facial recognition, autonomous vehicles, drones, and search engines.

- Skilled trades: mandatory learning from Grades 4 to 9 on the relationship between how advancements in science and emerging technologies are enhancing the skilled trades and providing exciting career opportunities.

- Food literacy: learning related to food literacy in every grade that empowers students to make decisions that affect physical and mental health, consider local food production, and the scientific processes involved in agriculture.

This is great news and the perfect way to enrich any scientific or technically undernourished population.

As government ideas go, this one is right near the top with so many other great ideas and will do much to help Ontario remain competitive in a fiercely competitive global arena.

It looks like Brutus is in for a surprise as Edward bulks up with knowledge and purpose.

Joseph Morin



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# Caring for the caregivers

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

## CORNWALL

International Women's Day is observed in many countries in March to commemorate the achievements of women in many fields. On Sat., March 5, the Cornwall and District Labour Council hosted an International Women's Day Dinner held at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 in Cornwall. The dinner was a fundraiser for the Akwesasne Family Wellness Centre and the United Way/Centraide of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, with guest speaker president of the Canadian Labour Congress Bea Burske.

Burske explained that the CLC represents over 3 million unionized workers, but advocates on behalf of all workers. As president she is responsible for 85



From the left: CLC president Bea Burske, Joseph Lauzon, director of Community and Social Services Akwesasne Family Wellness Centre, United Way/Centraide executive director Juliette Labossiere, Elaine MacDonald, CDLC secretary and Louis Lanctot president of the CDLC. Thompson Goddard Photo

staff members, ensures the views of the 50 unions which belong to the CLC are represented and advocates with government on behalf of workers.


Burske commented that women disproportionately work in service-oriented jobs such as early childhood educators in daycare settings, long-term care, and hospital occupations other than medical staff. She commented how the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in more women

leaving the labour force to act as caregivers in their home. She mentioned that the pandemic recovery plan must recognize the role of women during the health emergency. She noted care workers need to have good wages, to be acknowledged and to be able to work in a caring environment free from issues such as bullying, homophobia and racism.

A campaign to educate the public would serve to

assist people in understanding the issues and assist in ensuring the people working in care occupations will be available when needed. This will provide people with the information necessary to advocate for those working in the provision of care to others. The message must be carried to politicians and staff at all levels of government. She noted how health care, while a provincial responsibility, receives funding from the federal government. Burske mentioned there is still plenty of work to be done and challenges to be overcome in ensuring there is good labour laws across the county.


"We want to ensure that women can equally participate in the work force, have the same opportunities for advancement, be treated with respect and dignity, receive a good wage and retire with dignity," commented Burske.




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## - OBITUARY - Frank Beckstead

Passed suddenly on March 2, 2022 at the age of 84 in Smiths Falls. Predeceased by his beloved wife Marlene Beckstead (nee Armstrong); his parents Maurice and Hazel (nee McMillan) Beckstead; and his brother Mack. Frank leaves behind his cherished daughters Deanna, Shelley (Chris), and Tracey; as well as his 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by his sister Marlene Droppo (late Foster), his brother Mervyn (Mary Jo), and his sister-in-law Mary Chisholm. He will be fondly remembered by all family, friends, and the graduating class of '57 (Kemptonville Agricultural College). A Celebration of Life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 in Chesterville on April 30, 2022 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.



## - Obituary -

### TERRY DUCOLON

Peacefully at home on Sunday, March 6, 2022, Terry Ducolon of Chesterville, age 63. Loving husband of Carolyn Ducolon (nee Carr) for 43 years. Loving father of Chantelle Ducolon of Finch and Kristin Casselman (Lee) of Winchester. Dear brother of Barry Ducolon (Joanne) of Halifax, Wayne Ducolon of North Carolina, Grant Ducolon (Karen) of Newington and Gerry Ducolon (Sheri) of Czar, Alta. Terry will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Logan, Travis, Brianna, Brady, Carter and Spencer. He was predeceased by his parents Tom and Audery Ducolon (nee Durant). He is also survived by nieces and nephews. Terry's Happy Hour Celebration will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville on Sunday, March 13th from 3-5 p.m. Donations to the Dundas County Hospice or the Diabetes Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).



## - Obituary -

### DUGDALE, BETTY DOROTHEA (Buckingham)

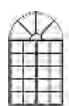
(September 6, 1925 - March 2, 2022)

Mom left us peacefully and will be missed every day by her daughter Bonnie (Les Frost) and daughters-in-law Denise (late Steve) and Judy (late Peter).


Betty was predeceased by her husband Kenneth, and sons Rodney, Stephen and Peter; her sisters Gladys (Russ Hay), Velma (Stan Fisher), Mable (George Dempsey), and Nellie (Ed Chapdelaine); and her brothers Cliff (Alice), Lloyd (Marge), and Hilton (Edith).

She is survived by her sister Gail (Jim Shelp). Betty was a dear sister-in-law and life-time friend to Ken's family, a special Grandma to Norman Frost, Douglas Frost (Mirella), Wendy (Derek Bolf), Kevin Dugdale (Lyndsey) and Holly (Eric Matte), and a loving Great Grandma to Cameron and Ayla Bolf, Ryan and Lauren Frost, Theryn Matte, and Ily and Lincoln Dugdale.

A Celebration of Betty's Life was held at the Daley Family Funeral Home, 6971 Bank St. on Wednesday, March 9 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Further services will be announced in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the St. Mary's Anglican Church in Russell or charity of your choice.



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## In Memoriam

### GEORGE WALLACE MYERS MERKLEY

**November 6, 1941 - March 13, 1987**

Wallace Merkley was born in Nineteen Forty-One. A handsome, fun-loving, and hardworking son. His goal was to purchase and build his own farm. Accompanied by a loving wife wouldn't do him any harm. So, in his spare time he went searching for his choice. And soon selected a "Porteous girl" named Barbara Joyce. After they tied the knot back in Nineteen Sixty-Six. Farming, family and Holstein cattle became their kicks. First son Allan William arrived with a love for the land. Then farmer Robert Wallace also joined this happy band. Finally, Jeffery Ralph came and filled the final vacant stall. And he too was enchanted with the holstein cattle's bawl. Then in March 69 when the weather was turning warm. Wally and Barbara finally purchased their very own farm. With their hard work and dedication, "Moreview Farm" grew. Allan, Rob, Jeff and JOHN DEERE all played their part too. Unfortunately, just a few years later, illness came into play. And in March 87, the head of our family, Wally, passed away. We can feel him watching over us every day and every night. We hope the things we've accomplished are pleasing in his sight. Someday we may understand the reason he had to die. But today, it is hard to believe Thirty Five years have gone by!

**We love you Dad, and we remember!**

Thank you to our Uncle Bob Porteous for this poem in the memory of our Dad.







# Great day for snowmobiling

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG – There were 134 snowmobilers that registered for the Snowmobile Rally at Cedar Glen Golf Course on the outskirts of Williamsburg. Following a breakfast, the poker run rally began at 10 a.m. with checkpoints at Brinston General Store, Sandy Row Golf Course, Ben’s Pioneer and Chesterville Legion before returning to Cedar Glen for dinner and award presentations.

Melissa Laplante, manager at Cedar Glen,



The weather cooperated for the first annual Cedar Glen Snowmobile Rally on Sat., March 5. There were 134 registered participants in the fundraising event.

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explained that 13 participants who tied in first, second and third place shared \$2,275 in prize money. Half the proceeds from the 50/50 draw was donated to Easter Seals through the Snowarama event.

The New Union Cemetery received a donation of \$1,000 from the event “in memory of a dear friend and community member Brian Whitteker, who passed away this week,” commented Laplante.

Laplante expressed her

thanks to the local businesses that donated door prizes for participants, noting there was a prize for everyone. Commenting on the success of their first rally, Laplante feels it “was the start to a new annual event.”

# Snowarama 2022

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS – Nation Valley Snowmobile Association and the Mountain Trailblazers Club held their 2022 Snowarama on Sat., March 5 with approximately 20 participants. The annual event is dedicated to the memory of Jean MacDougal and Debbie McHaffie-Strader and began close to 50 years ago.

A pancake breakfast at the George Jowett Memorial Hall in Riverside Heights South Dundas started the event. Heather Cooke-Erwin, who has organized this event for 30 years, explained that Raistrick Farm Services, the Morrisburg Leo Club and the Riverside Recreation Committee sponsored the breakfast, with proceeds from the meal provided to Easter Seals.

Cooke-Erwin said that the snowmobilers followed a route which ended at the Mountain Trailblazer Club House and had “an outdoor wiener



The finish to this year’s Snowarama was at the Mountain Trail Blazers clubhouse in Mountain. In this photo Jordan Havekes and his daughter Hannah enjoyed a warm fire and a hot dog for lunch. Morin Photo

roast” to close the event. She expects that close to five thousand dollars has been raised for Easter Seals from the online auction, breakfast, wiener roast, donations and snowarama.

One of the guests at the kick-off breakfast was Linda Cloutier and her family from Kingston. Cloutier is the community engagement officer for Easter Seals. She explained Easter Seals is celebrating a centennial

service to the community. The organization seeks to provide support to children living with disabilities and their families through a variety of programs. More information can be found on their website located at [www.easterseals.ca](http://www.easterseals.ca).

# House of Lazarus offers free income tax return services

Sandy Casselman  
Record Staff

MOUNTAIN – The House of Lazarus (HOL) is once again offering free CRA Tax Program services.

“The income tax program is happening this year,” HOL executive director Cathy Ashby said. “People can drop off their paperwork in an envelope with their name and phone number on the outside of it at any House of Lazarus location. Our volunteer will call them to gather any other details.”

The program is open to those with basic uncomplicated income tax returns. It’s not necessary to be a food bank client to access this program. To check eligibility, phone 613-989-3830.

Canadians need to complete and submit a tax return each year, even if there’s no income to report if they are to be eligible for government benefits. Potential benefits include the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), Canada Child Benefit (CCB), and more depending on eligibility and location.

HOL has three locations beginning with its home base at 2245 Simms Street in Mountain. The HOL Food Bank is located at 10619 Main Street in South Mountain, and a satellite food cupboard and thrift store in Ingleside can be found at the Ingleside-Newington United Church located at 15 Maple Street North.

For more information, including hours of operation for each location, visit HOL’s website. HOL also has a Facebook page, which is where the latest sales and news are posted regularly.

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### Habitat for Humanity 2022 South Dundas Partner Family

CORNWALL – Habitat for Humanity Cornwall & The Counties is thrilled to announce the Rumohr-Boisvert Family as the 2022 South Dundas Partner Family. Zachary and Taylor with their children Zoe, Marissa, Octavia and Lincoln were on hand at the Cornwall ReStore on March 3 to receive the good news that they had been selected at the next Partner Family after an intense application and interview process.

The Rumohr-Boisvert Family is coming from transitional housing and is facing overcrowding and privacy issues in their current home. Any time that we are able to contribute to safe, affordable housing in our region, we continue to be a part of the solution to a pressing problem.

The land, in Winchester Springs, on which this safe, affordable home will be built has been graciously donated by the Municipality of South Dundas. In fact, this is the third South Dundas project in Habitat Cornwall's history.

Not only is this the organization's 17th Home Build, but the third project in the midst of the global coronavirus pandemic. Upon completion of this home, 17 local families with 47 children will have safe, affordable homes.

Hank Blasiak, Habitat Cornwall board of directors' chair, noted, "(t)his young, vibrant

family has strong roots in South Dundas and they are not being handed a home. They will dedicate 500 hours of volunteer time in place of a down payment and will pay a geared to income mortgage with no interest as well. We are thrilled to be working in South Dundas again with the support of the community."

Habitat Cornwall will break ground on the Winchester Springs project this spring. The St. Lawrence College Construction Technology Program will begin the build process and then hand off the balance of the project to local contractors and volunteers.

For any businesses, community groups or individuals wanting to learn more about the Habitat for Humanity Home Build Program and how they can support sustainable and affordable housing, we encourage them to visit our website ([www.habitatcornwall.org](http://www.habitatcornwall.org)) our social media (@habitatcornwall) or our ReStore at 1400 Vincent Massey Drive, Cornwall.

Habitat for Humanity Cornwall & The Counties is a community-based, nonprofit working to build strength, stability, and self-reliance. Since 1998, Habitat for Humanity Cornwall & The Counties provided safe, affordable homes to 15 families with 38 children. Partner Families dedicate 500 hours of volunteer work and pay a geared-to-income mortgage.

### Elections Ontario encourages voter registration this month

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

TORONTO – March is voter registration month in Ontario and residents are encouraged to check their registration status before the upcoming provincial election.

"As we prepare for the 2022 general election, I encourage all eligible Ontarians to confirm, update, or add their information to the voters' list," Ontario's chief electoral officer Greg Essensa said. "Early registration makes the voting experience easier by allowing us to share important election information with voters before they head to the polls."

Ontario's provincial election is set for June 2, just three months from now, and eligible residents

aged 18 and up will have an opportunity to vote for the party and candidate they prefer. Vying for the top spot are incumbent Premier Doug Ford (PC), Andrea Horwath (NDP), and Steven Del Duca (Liberal), Mike Schreiner (Green), Jim Karahalios (New Blue), and Derek Sloan (Ontario Party).

Every March, Elections Ontario advises voters to check that their information for the provincial voters list is accurate by using the eRegistration portal ([eregistration.elections.on.ca/en/home](http://eregistration.elections.on.ca/en/home)). It's important for voters to check their registration status to ensure their information including mailing address, is up to date, as Elections Ontario mails out voter information cards to all

registrants with their personalized information. The voter information card tells a voter when, where, and how to vote.

There's also an Ontario Register of Future Voters for those eligible Ontario residents aged 16 or 17. Once they turn 18, they're automatically added to the voters list.

For those wondering about accessible services, the Elections Ontario website ([elections.on.ca](http://elections.on.ca)) provides this information. The website also has information about working in the upcoming election, candidate nominations, electoral districts, political financing, party information and more.

The MPP candidates for Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry have not yet been formalized.

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# Latest Teeny Tiny Summit focuses on rural life post-pandemic

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

TORONTO – “Welcome to our final in a series of three virtual Teeny Tiny Summits for the 2021-2022 season,” Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)’s Karen Fischer said. “Our theme today is ‘Renewed, Refreshed, and the New Rural’ and I’m really looking forward to hearing our speakers and chatting with you about the new rural and our hopes for moving forward.”

Fischer co-hosted the March 2 virtual event along with her OMAFRA co-worker Carolyn Puterbough. The event’s keynote speakers were Robin Jones and Kathryn Wood, who were there to speak about the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)’s research report, “Opportunities for Rural Ontario in a Post-COVID world.” The Mayor of Westport, Jones is chair of ROMA, as well as a member of the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)’s Rural Caucus, and Wood is president and chief executive officer of Pivotal Momentum Inc.

“ROMA represents and is a strong advocate for the 420 rural municipalities in Ontario,” Fischer said. “It has been an integral partner in the delivery of Teeny Tiny Summits for a number of years and we are very grateful for its commitment to teeny tiny communities.”

Jones and Wood took turns walking

viewers through their slide presentation outlining the realities of rural life, pandemic-induced changes, and next steps for improving rural life and rural business. Some of the changes mentioned included the housing squeeze, impacts on small business, challenges in the labour market, pressures on vital services, and local leaders stepping up to meet various challenges.

“Today we’re going to talk about the origins of [ROMA’s] action plan, what’s inside the plan for action, we’re going to take a deeper dive on several priorities, and we really hope that you relate with them,” Jones said. “There are three key takeaways at the end of it. Hopefully, they also resonate with you, and we’re going to talk about what happens next.”

The report’s list of actionable priorities for rural Ontario included expanded and improved digital connectivity as essential infrastructure, creative approach to ensuring full spectrum of housing options, better ways to fund infrastructure maintenance, improved access to services with a special focus on long-term care and health care, rethinking growth, and development planning for rural Ontario, and addressing current and future labour force challenges. Jones said the top two concerns they heard involved digital connectivity and housing.

The presentation also included a discussion of the many contributions

rural Ontario makes to the whole of the province. The idea of collaboration, not just between different sectors but also between urban and rural, was listed as essential in terms of moving forward successfully post-pandemic.

“So, what are our takeaways today? One takeaway is rural Ontario, we are awesome. We have so much going for us that we just don’t take the time to reflect on. So, we’ve got the physical assets, we’ve got human capital, and that also means we’ve got such incredibly hard-working people and, in my community, and in many of yours, your backbone are your volunteers. We are strong if we collaborate,” Jones said.

Another takeaway listed was the change that’s been occurring since the onset of the pandemic with urban families moving into rural areas in search of a different lifestyle. Jones said rural living is “in high demand right now.” The third takeaway is that Ontario has huge opportunities post-pandemic to be better than ever.

In a final slide, Jones and Wood invited viewers to send their feedback to ROMA. They want to know if their take on the impact of the pandemic is accurate, if their assessment of the future opportunities for rural Ontario is reasonable, and if viewers agree or disagree with the priorities articulated in ROMA’s action plan. The 84-page “Opportunities for Rural Ontario in a

Post-COVID World” action plan can be found on the organization’s website (roma.on.ca).

“I want to point out that each of the speakers that follow our keynotes, they all tie back to one of the recommendations within the 23 recommendations within the ROMA plan,” Puterbough said. “We were very deliberate in looking for speakers that shared some examples of those ideas being realized on the ground, as well.”

Next up, Algoma University’s Lauren Moran and Dr. Laura Wyper presented their slide presentation, “Investigating emerging economic impacts on Algoma’s agri-food sector in the post-pandemic era.” Then, Andrew Redden presented “Enterprise Facilitation in Hastings County.” Rounding out the final Teeny Tiny Summit presentation lineup was Rebecca Hickey, who provided viewers with a slide presentation on the Ryde Community Co-op.

The session ended with Fischer reminding viewers that all three Teeny Tiny Summit sessions are available for viewing online (teenytinysummits.omafrabdb-events.ca). The first session in this three-session series was held Oct. 13, 2021, and featured Tareq Hadhad, owner of Peace by Chocolate. The second session, held on Dec. 1, 2021, featured keynote speaker Peter Kenyon.

## RRCA’s Raisin River Canoe Race returns April 10

CORNWALL – The race is on! The Raisin River Conservation Authority (RRCA) is pleased to announce that its 49th annual Raisin River Canoe Race is set to take place this year on Sun., April 10. The immensely popular springtime event was cancelled for the last two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

One of the longest canoe races in Eastern Ontario, the Raisin River Canoe Race attracts hundreds of participants, who paddle through a 30-kilometre racecourse from St. Andrews West in South Stormont to Williamstown in South Glengarry while being cheered on by enthusiastic shoreline supporters.

“Ever since the first Raisin River Canoe Race in 1973, the event has been like a rite of spring for both

residents and visitors to the area,” says RRCA Canoe Race coordinator, Lissa Deslandes. “Thanks to the support from many local organizations and sponsors, as well as the Race Safety Committee, the RRCA has been able to continuously coordinate a successful race throughout the decades.”

The Canoe Race is always held during the spring melt, when water levels on the Raisin River are high and flows are favourable. Contestants get a front-row seat to the natural beauty of the Raisin River and surrounding landscape, as the river’s racecourse meanders through agricultural lands, villages, rapids, and forests.

The public is encouraged to check the RRCA’s social media channels and website at

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rrca.on.ca for upcoming event details and announcements, such as online pre-registration for participants. Businesses and organizations looking to sponsor this year’s Canoe Race can contact Deslandes at (613) 938-3611 ext. 237 or

Lissa.Deslandes@rrca.on.ca. Covid-19 precautions will be in place for the event, in coordination with

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- Take a few minutes before you begin work to stretch your spine and back muscles.

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• Don't self-medicate or work through pain. See a doctor at the first sign of back problems. Early treatment can prevent a minor issue from becoming a crippling injury.


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THANK YOU - I would like to thank Heather Erwin and her volunteers as well as the Morrisburg Lions Club for their fundraising campaign for the Easter Seals For Kids Snowarama. Through the snowmobile family and the community people it was another successful campaign. Debbie McHaffie-Strader and Jean McDougall would be proud!

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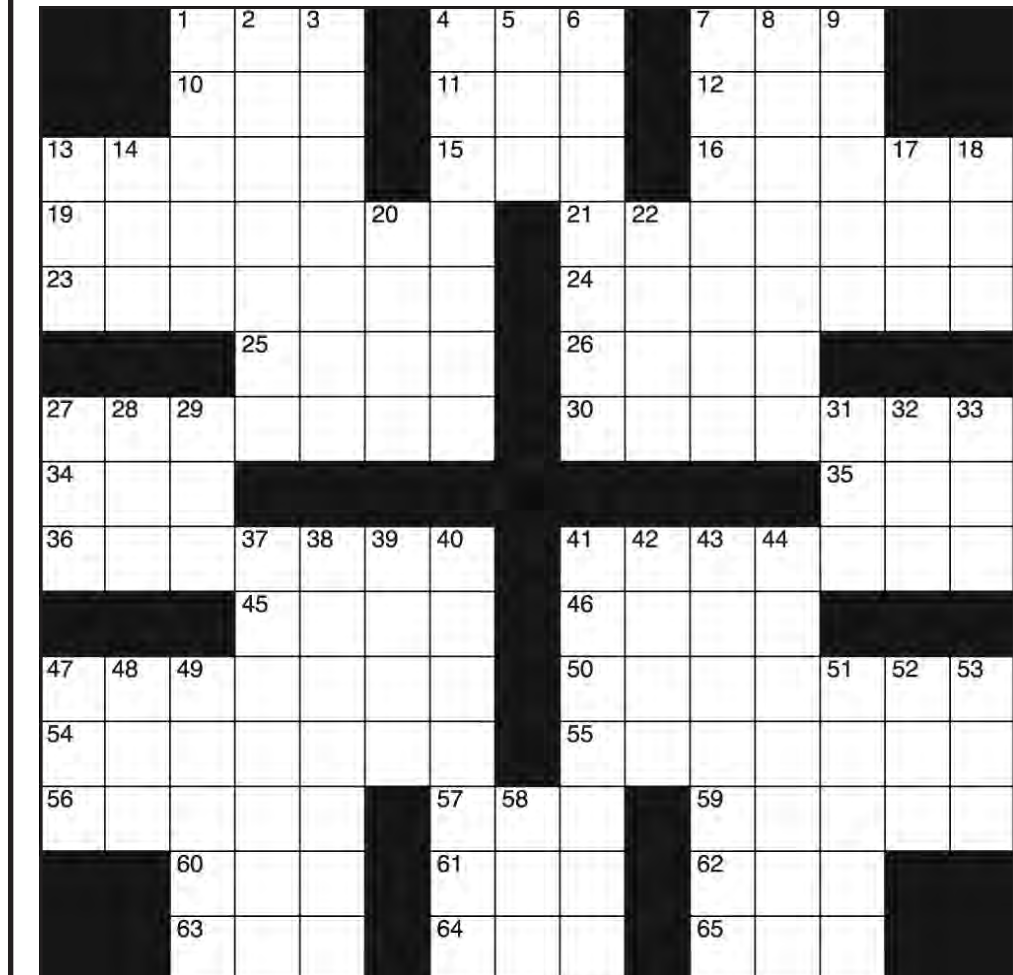
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2022

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Central mail bureau
4. Member of the family
7. Partner to flow
10. \_ Angeles
11. Military mailbox
12. Patriotic women
13. Shallow lake
15. Tear apart
16. Middle Easterner
19. Eat to excess
21. Stained
23. Certain peoples of equatorial Africa
24. 1st day of month
25. Skin disease
26. Skating figure
27. Annelids
30. Gracefully slender
34. Kids need it

- 35. Swiss river
36. Indents
41. A sheer fabric of silk or nylon
45. Belgian River
46. \_ Spumante (Italian wine)
47. Originate from
50. Rugged mountain ranges
54. Made less clean
55. Professions
56. 3s
57. Scarf
59. Yellow light
60. Bird noise
61. Opposite of start
62. Bar bill
63. Northeastern Mass. cape
64. American rocker Snider
65. Midway between northeast and east

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Scandinavian drink
2. Washington river
3. Fast-running flightless bird
4. Nerve conditions
5. Indicates near
6. Immediate relevance
7. Things you can eat
8. Receptacles
9. Retired Brewers great
13. Month
14. Happy New Year!
17. Exclamation to convey truth
18. Passports and licenses are two
20. Ebert's partner Siskel
22. Long skirt
27. Part of company name
28. Drugmaker \_ Lilly
29. Electronic countermeasures
31. Klutz

- 32. Chinese statesman
33. Stir with emotion
37. Flat-bottomed boat
38. Go-between
39. This (Spanish)
40. A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
41. Small waterfall
42. Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
43. Utter repeatedly
44. One of the bravest
47. Sun up in New York
48. Space station
49. Chilean seaport
51. Hasidic spiritual leader
52. They \_
53. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Single unit

PUZZLE SOLUTION



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.



# Cannelloni Bros. Fresh Pasta and Pizza focuses on quality

MOOSE CREEK – “The lasagna is the flagship product. I make the noodles from scratch and the sauce,” Paul Mayer, owner of Cannelloni Bros. Fresh Pasta and Pizza said. “I think my emphasis is on making a quality product.”

It's been 20 years since Mayer, with the help of his brother and silent partner Michael, took the leap into entrepreneurship in Moose Creek. While the company has evolved over the years, the name – Cannelloni Bros. Fresh Pasta and Pizza – remains well known in the Ottawa Valley. The company consists of two businesses, a wholesale endeavour where Mayer makes pasta in bulk for local stores, and a pizzeria, where he offers fresh pasta dishes, as well as pizzas.

“The pizzeria operates from Wednesday through Sunday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.,” Mayer said. “Then on Wednesday and Thursday during the days, I make all the lasagna for the grocery stores and then on Friday morning I deliver.”

The pizzeria operates on a takeout basis at 16976 McLean Road in Moose Creek and a copy of the menu is available on Cannelloni Bros. Fresh Pasta and Pizza's website (cbrospizza.com). The wholesale products, which include fresh homemade lasagna, cannelloni, and manicotti, can be purchased at Crysler General Store, St. Albert Cheese Factory, and Co-op Your Independent Grocer in Embrun.

“When I first started the business, it was just the fresh pasta,” Mayer said.

## SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



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Courtesy Photo

“That was my sole intent was to make fresh pasta, and that was in 2002.”

Mayer's mother is the one who taught him to make pasta from scratch. She also shared her mother's recipe for pasta sauce with him. Mayer's grandmother immigrated to Canada from Italy in 1957, bringing with her the now famous Cannelloni Bros. Fresh Pasta and Pizza pasta sauce recipe.

“I had my mom teach me how to make all the sauces and stuff,” he said, referring to the summer after high school when he

attempted to run a food truck specializing in pasta. While that “was a flop,” it did give Mayer the knowledge and experience he needed when, years later, he found himself in the Cornwall area in need of employment.

A forester by trade, Mayer said forestry jobs at the time were scarce, so he decided to investigate working for himself. He said he noticed a need, especially in the Cornwall area, for freshly made Italian-based foods. He bought an old church in Moose Creek and renovated it, creating a kitchen large enough to make fresh

homemade pasta for his wholesale business.

“This is what I grew up eating,” he said. “I still make ravioli and manicotti. The sauce is the same way I remember it.”

Pizza wasn't added to the menu, or the name, until a neighbour suggested it. There was no pizzeria in Moose Creek at the time and the one South of Maxville would soon be closing. So, Mayer visited the Maxville pizzeria owner who then taught him everything he knew about making pizza.

“I went and saw him, and he taught me how to make the pizza,” Mayer said. “So, then I started doing the pizza and the pasta at the same time.”

Mayer said he spends roughly 50 hours per week running Cannelloni Bros. Fresh Pasta and Pizza. He said his focus is not on expanding, but in being the best at what he's doing now.

“For now, it's kind of just finding a nice balance. I'm not looking to expand. It's a one-and-a-half-man operation. The challenges get a little bigger, you need more staff. There's nothing wrong with being at a happy spot,” he said. “I'm very fortunate and I count my blessings every day, that's for sure. Especially with COVID-19, I was really fortunate because I was just doing take-out and so my business wasn't really affected. If anything, I saw an increase.”

While nothing is set in stone, Mayer said he's been thinking of ways to celebrate this year's milestone anniversary later this year. To learn more about Cannelloni Bros. Fresh Pasta and Pizza, visit their website (cbrospizza.com) and follow them on Facebook. To contact Mayer, phone (613-538-5858) or email (cannellonibros@aim.com).

*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.*

## Pin Tales

**Stormont Ladies:** Ladies' High Single, Elaine Duke 264; Ladies' High Triple, Elaine Duke 538. Team Standings: Hilda 176, Marin 164, Susan 154, Pat 146.

**Monday Men's:** Men's High Single, Jason Vanoers 306; Men's High Triple, Jason Vanoers 740; Men's High Average, Jason Vanoers 237. Team Standings: East\_ont 90.5, A-TEam 89.5, Alley Cats 88, Raiders 75, Alley Rats 53, Country Boys 36.

**Defenders:** Men's High Single, Glendon Moore 254; Men's High Triple, Glendon Moore 622; Ladies' High Single, Gwen Clarke 240; Ladies' High Triple, Gwen Clarke 605. Team Standings: Ossie 158, Gwen 153.5, Debbie 130.5, Brian 121, Glendon 112.

**Wednesday Ladies:** Ladies' High Single, Eurda Lodge 180; Ladies' High Triple, Mary Osborne 467. Team Standings: Mary 237, Dianna 231, Linda 218, Pat 203, Lorna 182.

**Finch Mixed:** Men's High Single, Danny StPierre 273; Men's High Triple, Danny StPierre 695; Ladies' High Single, Andree StPierre 217; Ladies' High Triple, Isabelle

Bissonnette 567. Team Standings: L.T.T.D 153, Billy's Girl's 129, F.I.S.T 122, B&S 104.

**Thursday Seniors:** Men's High Single, Tony Derks 195; Men's High Triple, John Megarrety 431. Ladies' High Single, Sue Shay 195; Ladies' High Triple, Sue Shay 505.

**Avonmore Mixed:** Men's High Single, Frank Jerome 276; Men's High Triple, Frank Jerome 709; Ladies' High Single, Anita Byvelds 187; Ladies' High Triple, Anita Byvelds 478. Team Standings: Red 143.5, Blue 132, Orange 129, Black 118, Purple 107.

**Friday Seniors:** Men's High Single, Pierre Briere 175; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 441; Ladies' High Single, Rejeanne Lefebvre 164; Ladies' High Triple, Rejeanne Lefebvre 468.

**Williamsburg Mixed:** Men's High Single, Danny Holmes 246; Men's High Triple, Danny Holmes 595; Ladies' High Single, Valerie Vanderveen 199; Ladies' High Triple, Valerie Vanderveen 507. Team Standings: Garry 176.5, John 175, George 173, Danny 155.5.

**Winchester Odd Couples:** Men's High Single, Darryl Britton 283; Men's High Triple, Darryl Britton 780; Ladies' High Single, Marin Middleton 261; Ladies' High Triple, Marin Middleton 646. Team Standings: The Balljoints 147, Mental Mishaps 132, Team Nike 131, Golden Girls 119.

## Youth Bowling Canada

**YBC Peewees:** Girl's High Single, Vanessa Bissonnette 114; Girl's High Double, Vanessa Bissonnette 213; Boy's High Single, Kaden Leach 128; Boy's High Double, Kaden Leach 226.

**YBC Bantams:** Girl's High Single, Madeline Vanbruijssen 119; Girl's High Double, Robin Sanders 215. Team Standings: Jets 138, Oilers 110.5, Leafs 100.5, Red Wings 97.5, Flames 93.5.

**YBC Juniors:** Girl's High Single, Annika Michaud 209; Girl's High Triple, Annika Michaud 564; Boy's High Single, Clark Sanders 200; Boy's High Triple, Clark Sanders 500. Team Standings: Ducks 184.5, Sabers 183.5, Kings 175, Bruins 163, Senators 147.

## 2022 Stormont Seed & Forage Show Winners

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

CRYSLER – The 65th Annual Stormont Seed & Forage Show was held on March 3 and 4 at the Crysler Community Centre. The judge for the event was Paul Oosterhof. There were nine exhibitors and 67 entries in the event. Barbara-Ann Glaude, secretary/treasurer for the Stormont Soil and Crop Improvement Association, explained in a post event email the 1st and 2nd place winners in each class would proceed to the Ottawa Valley Seed Show to be held on March 12 for judging.

### Exhibitor Awards

**Premier Exhibitor:** Glaudale Farms Inc., Berwick, Ontario

**Reserve Premier Exhibitor:** Claude Farley, Crysler, Ontario

**Premier First Time Exhibitor:** Claude Farley, Crysler, Ontario

**Reserve Premier First Time Exhibitor:** Jakob Vogel, Monkland, Ontario

**Premier Forage Exhibitor:** Glaudale Farms Inc., Berwick, Ontario

**Reserve Forage Exhibitor:** Claude Farley, Crysler, Ontario

**Premier Seed Exhibitor:** Glaudale Farms Inc., Berwick, Ontario

**Reserve Seed Exhibitor:** Jeff Waldroff,

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### Exhibit Awards

**Championship Forage Exhibit (hay, haylage, silages): Class 27 2nd cut Alfalfa or other Legume 85%:**

Alex Beaudette, St. Andrews West, Ontario

**Reserve Forage Exhibit: Class 27 2nd cut Alfalfa or other legume:**

Alex Beaudette, St. Andrews West, Ontario

**Champion Haylage (haylage, 2 baled haylage): Class 32 Baled Haylage, 1st cut:** Claude Farley, Crysler, Ontario

**Reserve Forage Exhibit Haylage: Class 32 Baled Haylage, 1st Cut:** Claude

Farley, Crysler Ontario

**Champion Shelled Corn:** Glaudale Farms Inc., Berwick, Ontario

**Reserve Shelled Corn:** Paynebranch Farms Ltd, Finch, Ontario

**Champion Grain Corn:** Glaudale Farms Inc., Berwick, Ontario

**Champion Corn Silage – Processed:** Claude Farley, Crysler, Ontario

**Reserve Corn Silage – Processed:** Anthony/Jessica VanderWeilen, Maxville, Ontario

**Champion Soybeans:** Glaudale Farms Inc., Berwick, Ontario

**Reserve Soybeans:** Bill VanLoon, Finch, Ontario

**Champion Cereal, Hard Winter Wheat:** Glaudale Farms Inc., Berwick, Ontario.





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## Embrun Train Station to stay in township

Sandy Casselman  
Record Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell’s politicians have voted unanimously to keep the Embrun Train Station and move forward with potential renovation inquiries.

“I would add a paragraph to the existing recommendation that council confirm the train station will remain within the township of Russell. I think that’s the first thing that this group is looking for, is confirmation that we are keeping this train station,” Mayor Pierre Leroux said, referring to the Train Station Committee. “As we all remember, there was a citizens group from North Stormont that was requesting that they could take ownership.”

The landmark building was discussed during the municipality’s Feb. 22 council meeting, which included a resolution from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC). Coun. Mike Tarnowski, who is the chair of PRAC, recommended that council agree to keep the train station in the

municipality, that the unused 2021 funds set aside for the train station be transferred to 2022, and that council approve Phase 1 of the proposed plan using the transferred funds.

In addition to the resolution, a slide presentation from PRAC’s Jan. 31 meeting was included in the night’s agenda package. Train Station Committee president Israel Michaud, along with committee member Hélène Grandmaître, attended PRAC’s virtual session to provide an update and to present the three recommendations.

“They already have raised over \$10,000 from the community towards this project,” Tarnowski said, referring to Michaud and his team. “It’s a really impressive community group that’s brought this together. They’ve got all kinds of support from the community, from local community businesses.”

Council took each recommendation one at a time beginning with keeping the train station, which was approved unanimously without much

discussion. They then looked at the recommendation for transferring 2021’s train station funds to 2022 but the interim chief administrative officer Richard Godin said this was already being done, noting there was roughly \$14,000 set aside for the building. The third recommendation, which was for council to approve Phase 1 work and to cover half the cost using the transferred funds, included a larger discussion.

It was noted that municipal staff would need to work with the group to ensure accurate estimates for work that meets the provincial standards. Director of Parks and Recreation Céline Guitard agreed, saying her team will work with the Train Station Committee. Further discussion revolved around the work items listed in Phase 1 of the project. Leroux questioned the plan to install outside lighting if the plan is to relocate the train station building to a different location.

“The want of having the lighting outside of it in Phase 1 is because we don’t have the timeline for Phase

2,” Tarnowski said. “So, the community group is going to work hard to get some funding to do Phase 2, which is putting it on a proper cement slab, hence required movement but it would be to put it close enough that any of the electrical that’s set up, all the wiring that would be on the actual building, would still be usable. So, it wouldn’t be a duplication of effort. This may happen in two years, three years down the road. That’s why we want to see the lighting done right away in this phase.”

Leroux then posed questions about Phase 2. He said it would help to know the end goal of the project.

“Perhaps consideration might be for a second amendment to give direction to the administration to work with the group to bring back a report to council on how to move forward with Phase 2,” he said.

Guitard suggested getting an assessment of the required work along with cost estimates. She said she’d hate to see money being spent and volunteers putting in hundreds of hours to then discover the project isn’t feasible. Tarnowski questioned why this point

wasn’t raised during the PRAC meeting, adding that he doesn’t want to see the project getting stalled while they wait for another study. Guitard said an engineering study was already done. She said she’s referring to an updated needs’ assessment, as this hasn’t been done in roughly three years.

The Train Station Committee’s project proposal was broken down into two phases. In phase one, the plan is to keep the station, do repairs, and highlight the exterior. The group provided a cost breakdown for this phase amounting to roughly \$11,555. Phase two focuses on structural repairs and interior use with an estimated price tag of roughly \$57,200. Following phase two repairs, the committee noted several potential uses, such as an Embrun Museum, local farmers’ market, tourist

centre, or possibly a revenue-generating commercial project.

In the end, council approved the first recommendation, which was to keep the train station in the township. The second recommendation to transfer funds from 2021 to 2022 didn’t require action as it’s in the process of being done.

The third recommendation, which was for council to approve Phase 1 and fund half the expense using the transferred funds, was amended. The new resolution, which was unanimously approved, called for Guitard and her team to work with the Train Station Committee to get an updated accurate assessment of what needs to be done, including estimated costs, and that council would agree to pay 50 per cent of the cost of Phase 1 to an upset limit of \$6,000.

## RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen  
Student Reporter



### Hey everyone!

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Personally, I have taken French immersion programs throughout all my years of school, so grades 1-12. As this year will be my last class in the RHS program, I feel that it is my duty to promote the language and culture to everyone! We dub this annual tradition “la Semaine de Francophonie”. We take this time to teach our fellow T-Wolves about the fascinating history, culture, trends, and so much more regarding French as a language and the countries and the groups of people who speak it.

RHS is a community that really gets involved, and this is no exception. In the case of our French studies, we truly take pride in the fact that we are bilingual. I think we are never too old to learn something new, so I encourage everyone to either take pride in your knowledge of French, or to learn more about it!

And with that, à bientôt!

## Half-load restrictions begin Thurs., March 10

Half-load restrictions will be in effect as of Thurs., March 10 for the spring thawing season. This affects load vehicles that are heavier than 5,000 kilograms or five tonnes per axle.

Signs will be installed on all municipal roads where these weight restrictions apply. Road and weather conditions will be routinely reviewed to determine the end date of weight restrictions.

Emergency vehicles are exempt. Temporary restrictions on heavy weight vehicles help avoid damage to township roads during the spring season. In early spring, frozen roads start to thaw, water soaks into the gravel, and the pavement temporarily



loses the strength needed to support heavy-weight load vehicles.

For more information, please contact Infrastructure Services.

## Russell County OPP request assistance in identifying male for indecent act

RUSSELL – On Sun., March 6 shortly after 1:00 p.m., Russell County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers responded to a report of an indecent act incident on the New York Central Recreational Trail near Forced Road in Russell.

An unknown male was walking in the trail and engaged in a conversation with a person. A short time later, the person noticed that the male had his

genitals exposed. The male then left the premise without incident.

Assistance is being sought from the public in identifying the male person of interest with the following descriptions:

- The male is described as:
- Caucasian
- Slim build
- Approximately 172 cms (5’8”) tall
- Between 25 and 35 years of age
- Wearing a black jogging

suit with a logo on the chest and two stripes on each arm

Very well spoken, no accent

Dark well-groomed hair

Dark and short beard

If you or anyone you know are aware of the man’s identity or have any further information about this incident, you are asked to contact the Russell County OPP at 613-443-4499 or OPP Communication Centre at 1-888-310-1122.

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