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**Briefly**

**Mask mandate to end**  
SD&G – The United Counties of SD&G will be dropping its mask mandate this month.

Beginning March 21, those entering the administration building will no longer have to complete active screening measures. Passive screening (posters) will be displayed at the administration building and all worksites reminding staff and visitors to self-screen and stay home if exhibiting illness. Masks will continue to be mandated while using public transit, visiting long-term care and retirement homes, as well as healthcare, congregate living, and shelter facilities.

By April 27, all remaining masking protocols in Ontario will be lifted.

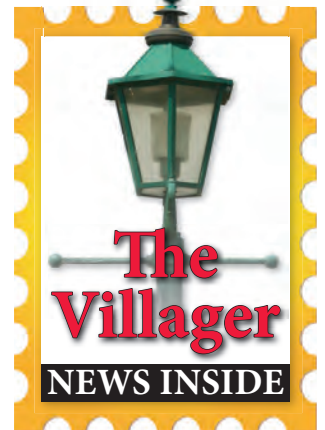
**Dinner and show**

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN** – The Mountain Township District Lions Club is hosting their spring Dinner & Show Sit Down Dinner with buffet service at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall on Sat., April 9. Fresh grilled steak and/or chicken breast hot off the BBQ with the trimmings. Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30 p.m.; music by SHADOWZ 9:00 p.m.; \$50 per person.

**Get ready for the Easter parade**

**MORRISBURG** – South Dundas 1st annual Easter Parade and Festival. The parade starts at the Morrisburg Legion on April 16 at 10:30 a.m. There will be an Easter Bonnet Contest for all ages, a bicycle decorating contest, fashion show, face painting and a BBQ and live music. Free popcorn.

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**Supplying the maple syrup producers**

Rob Berkvens is seen outside his Monkland store, holding a bottle of maple syrup. He explained how when an evaporator is purchased from him, he requests that a sample of the first boil is sent to him.

Thompson Goddard Photo

**North Dundas residential tax pegged at 5.3 per cent**

Joseph Morin  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – It's no surprise to many North Dundas residents that their taxes will be increased this year.

The North Dundas council after many weeks of debate and discussion passed their 2022 budget on March 8.

The township began their budget process with budget meetings with all their department heads in November, December, and January.

Everyone had an opportunity to make a pitch for what they felt were necessary projects.

Between increasing capital costs, new projects, necessary roadwork, and the cost increases across the board for all Ontario municipalities, the 2022 residential tax rate for North Dundas residents went up by 5.3 per cent from last year.

Homeowners with a home valued at \$300,000 will have a tax increase of \$5.32/month and a \$400,000 home will see an increase of \$7.09/month.

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**South Dundas council closes in on potential transfer station decision**

Sandy Casselman  
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The Municipality of South Dundas council has tentatively chosen a direction for the proposed Matilda Transfer Station.

Most of the township's politicians were updated on landfill expansion and transfer station plans during its March 3 Committee of the Whole meeting. Councillor Lloyd Wells was absent. The meeting agenda included a memo, along with diagrams and a brochure for a Transtor Unit, from WSP Canada Inc.'s Cristina Olarte and Jennifer Brown-Hawn outlining their preliminary assessment of the Matilda Transfer Station. The two attended the March 3 meeting to discuss their assessment and answer questions.

“As a follow up to our last council meeting where we approved WSP to start the process of looking at preliminary assessment for our transfer station, WSP is here to go through the documentations that were presented to council, which has two options and I'll have Jennifer and Cristina go through them,” chief administrative officer Shannon Geraghty said. “And then from there, depending on which way council wants to go, WSP will go back, prepare a feasibility study as well as some other studies that need to be done.”

The report stated that in 2021, South Dundas had a population of roughly 11,519, and waste generation of roughly 4,310 tonnes per year. The transfer station being proposed is projected to last for a 30-year period. The report also includes a table outlining the projected population and

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# ND residential tax

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While North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser was not thrilled with the tax increase, he was pragmatic about it.

All the councillors felt this year's budget was a case of a "pay me now or pay me later" type situation. They did not want to ignore their current municipal financial reality and pass on the burden to future taxpayers and councils.

Last year, North Dundas was able to have a 1.1 per cent decrease in their taxes.

"When I look at the numbers from last year, the levy from last year, it does not soften the blow and it will be perceived to be a blow," said Fraser.

"It's a big increase but you have to be mindful that everything has increased which has driven the cost to repairing a roof, for example, to a number that is unheard of."

A good example of that is the project to repair the roof on the Sam Ault Arena in Winchester as well as other maintenance costs at the Chesterville arena.

"But that is where we stand," said Fraser.

"This year is a big jump, but you have to be mindful that there were savings last year that we were unable to find this year. We took advantage of that last year," he said.

Fraser feels the increase this year in the budget reflects the kind of costs that residents can appreciate.

"The express desire of council, and community members to have improved

roads, and the poor conditions of the roads had gotten to the point we could not delay it any longer.

We did take some smaller roads out, but arterial roads like Development Road, and Belmeade Road, those roads are vital to our community members to go to work and to travel. The community expects to be able to get from point A to point B," said Fraser.

"We did find ways to save, but it is still 5.3 per cent."

Fraser said the timing of this year's budget was bad with the pandemic and rising costs in all sectors.

"It is unfortunate that this budget comes at a time when there are increasing fuel, food, and fertilizer prices. I do not want to make light of this 5.3 per cent increase, but it may be

the best deal going."

A breakdown of the budget showed that looking after the roads in the municipality was the most expensive item.

After the initial budget meetings in January, the estimated 2022 budget came in at \$9,576,258; this represented an increase over the previous year of \$2,864,838.

By Feb. 15, continued meetings and discussion between council and department heads, had reduced the January amount to \$7,208,495.

The new budget demands were the result of putting off some projects and prioritizing others.

Treasurer John Gareau, said, "Council was able to bring Development Road back into the budget after it had been initially cut. This was accomplished by financing it with long-term

debt of approximately \$680,000. In addition, the repairs to the Joel Steele Community Centre roof were also financed with long-term debt, bringing total long-term borrowings to \$1.6 million for this year's budget. We have to do a balancing act where we want to give the ratepayers the best bang for their buck. We have been looking at 2.5 to 3.5 per cent increases for years."

The idea behind the long-term borrowing is that it will not affect the current year's tax levy, enabling council to keep the increase at 5.3 per cent.

This budget has some major infrastructure upgrades. A press release from the municipality stated:

- \$3.145 million for roadways, bridges, and culverts. Replacing the

Cayer Road bridge and reconstructing sections of Clark Road and Development Road are planned projects.

- \$1 million for roof repairs on the Joel Steele Community Centre.

- \$84,000 for upgrades to various municipal parks (including ball diamonds and tennis courts) and \$445,000 for the first stage of the development of a new park and outdoor rink in Hallville.

Looking at the budget from a distance, the numbers for last year show that the Public Works and recreation departments together accounted for 67 per cent of the 2021 budget. This year the number is expected to be similar.

To view the full agenda package, go to: [www.northdundas.com/eSc ribe](http://www.northdundas.com/eSc ribe).

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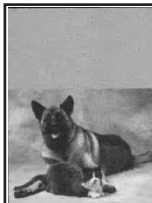
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# SD council transfer station decision

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waste generation for that 30-year period, using a growth rate of 0.5 per cent.

“The table considers 10 per cent and 30 per cent waste diversion rates and estimates the number of bins required considering hauling off-site twice a week,” it said. “Also, the use of Transtor units, which allow for the compaction of waste disposed, saving space and reducing the amount of hauling trips.”

The report detailed the number of bins needed for waste disposal and for recycling, as well as an estimation of the number of Transtor units needed. It was noted that a permanent power supply is required to operate the Transtor units. Two transfer station layout options were presented to council for consideration: bins at ground level, and a high-level retaining wall.

A table comparing the cost of each option was included in the report, showing that Option 2, the retaining wall, as the more expensive option at roughly \$955,362. Option 1, bins at ground level, was estimated to be roughly \$439,012. The key difference between the two was the added cost of the following items for the retaining wall option: fill placement, retaining wall, two sets of stairs, and a guard rail. In addition, if Transtor units are used, the team said the cost is roughly \$100,000 plus the electricity required to use them.

“The transfer station options as



WSP Canada Inc. representatives attended the Municipality of South Dundas March 3 Committee of the Whole meeting, where they outlined their preliminary assessment for the proposed Matilda Transfer Station. The report, which can be found in the meeting’s agenda package, included diagrams and a brochure.

Courtesy Photo

presented in this report will allow the municipality to continue to offer waste disposal services to their residents. If the transfer station is constructed and operation begins in the short-term, this may extend the remaining lifespan at the Matilda landfill,” the report stated. “As part of the hauling costs and disposal tipping fees, it is recommended that the municipality approach several service providers since pricing tends to vary depending on the hauling distance, service provider capacity, and final disposal facility remaining capacity.”

Mayor Steven Byvelts commented on the cost of getting power installed. Brown-Hawn said if council decided not to pursue the compactors (Transtor) units right now, they could still be added later.

Byvelts also inquired about the potential that the land under discussion might have garbage already buried there. Olarte said this wouldn’t prohibit the project, but the garbage would need to be excavated. The mayor said he’s worried about the cost of having to remove all that waste because the amount of waste that’s been buried is unknown.

Councillor Archie Mellan, Coun. Don Lewis, and Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner each agreed on Option 1 for now, noting that Option 2 could work in the future. The decision to go with Option 1 came down to cost differences, and the potential for significant additional costs with Option 2 should there be a large area of buried waste that needs to be removed.

“I agree with Option 1,” Gardner said. “I think the compactor is something that could be explored at a later time. Option 2, you know, it looks nice and neat and maybe for accessibility it’s a little easier but the price jump in my mind is just not worth it, so I would go with simple form of Option 1.”

Looking into the future, the mayor said he would have chosen Option 2. However, he also acknowledged the financial unknowns with this option. He agreed that they could start with Option 1 now and it would still be possible for a future council to move into Option 2, which he confirmed with Brown-Hawn. He also noted that council hadn’t seen either option in person yet, which is something they’ve said they’d like to do before making a final decision.

“Okay, let’s go check out some of them and then we know where we’re going. I think that’s the best. Thanks Jennifer and Cristina. For now, sorry we couldn’t give you the answer today, but we need to do investigating,” he said. “And Coun. [Lloyd] Wells is not here and I’m sure he’d like to put his input on this one too.”

WSP’s report is available in the March 3 Committee of the Whole agenda package. The meeting itself can be viewed on the municipality’s YouTube page.

## Tampon Tuesday

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The United Way/Centraide SDG announced in a March 7 press release, that the Tampon Tuesday initiative is returning for a second year and is running between March 7 and 22.

There were 300 plus menstrual products donated during the first Tampon Tuesday campaign last year. These products were donated to Agape, Baldwin House, the Sexual Assault Support Service Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry Akwesasne, Akwesasne Healing Centre and Naomi’s House in Winchester.

This year, the UWC SDG is hoping to build on the success of last year’s campaign. “We’re getting so many calls every day from people who are struggling to keep up with the cost of living. So many are having to choose between paying their bills or buying food. Menstrual hygiene products



This Tampon Tuesday donation box is located at the UWC SDG office in Cornwall, with another located at Morrisburg Chiropractic. Courtesy Photo

are a necessary monthly expense many simply cannot afford right now,” commented Juliette Labossiere, the executive director of the UWC SDG.

The organization is hosting “a stuff the bus with menstrual hygiene productions courtesy of Cornwall Transit.” From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tues., March 22, a bus will be

parked at the Shoppers Drug Mart on Brookdale Avenue in Cornwall to accept donations of menstrual hygiene products.

This campaign is part of an initiative across Canada to secure “donations of menstrual hygiene products for shelters, food banks, and other organizations around International Women’s Day to ensure that people have access to these products in times of need.”

Donations of menstrual hygiene products can be dropped off at the United Way Centraide SDG Office at 55 Water Street West, Suite 240 or at Morrisburg Chiropractic, explained Stephanie Lapointe, UWC SDG campaign and communication director. “If a business would like to be a collection site and receive a box”, they can contact Lapointe by email at stephanie@unitedwaysdsg.com. Other donations can be made through Amazon Wish List or online at <https://unitedwaysdsg.com/event/2022-tampon-tuesday-product-drive>.



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## The power of Co-op

Co-op can be a great addition to any educational program. The local high schools have embraced this opportunity for many students.

Not sure of what you want to do in the future, or think you know what you want to do but have never experienced that job exposure?

How do you know what you really want to do if you have never been exposed to it. What better way to get a feel for what the job really involves than to actually get your hands on the pulse of that specific industry.

Kudos to those businesses who take on these co-op students and offer them the fullest opportunity. You are embracing our next generation of employees or entrepreneurs.

Those that embrace this program and offer the full hands-on experience to help a young person may not see how it affects that person, in the future. We have all heard of those that have taken a student to sweep floors and clean up. Yes, that is an important part of the every-day in business but the actual hands-on and learning and development will set the stage for the success of these young people.

It is important to learn that every job will have features you love and others not so much.

Recently I was at a location that had taken on a young lady who wanted to learn how to weld. A terrific business took her in and the first day taught her the safety features and put her right to work on her own project. This young lady had a whole new outlook on life and her future.

This could have gone the other way for sure. If this student had been placed in a company who does not treat a female as an equal to the men in the shop, she would not be offered the opportunity she has gotten.

The student also needs to take this opportunity and prove the value they have hidden inside. It is not just an opportunity to not be sitting in the classroom.

It takes two to tango, that is true. With the right student and business match, the sky is the limit and both parties can benefit from this.

For those who are not academically inclined, a co-op placement is a great opportunity to show that your work ethics and your hands-on ability adds to the classroom experience.

The days where a co-op program was for those students who just didn't want to sit in the classroom are past and with the right connection in the business world, you may be jump-starting your future.

Take these opportunities to the highest level and set the strength of your future. Wikipedia describes a cooperative as "an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs." Well, there is no better way to explain the advantage of these co-op programs in the local schools.

If you are a local business who sees the value in the next generation and the value of exposing them to your business, reach out to the local high schools and take on a student. It may be the best thing you can do for your future and theirs!

*Linda Vogel*

## Looking at normal, riding into town

These are very busy times; pandemic, war, elections, and Freedom Convoy's, with a dash of winter weather thrown in, makes for at the very least interesting times.

If not for Covid, the busiest spots in town these past two years would have been coffee shops where you could gossip and talk about everything that is going on. There seems to be no end to what comes our way day after day, demanding our attention and more often not getting it.

The process of being awake can be exhausting for many.

So, it was a relief to stop by the Matilda Township Hall last week to find out what the Dundas County Soil and Crop Improvement

Association was up to.

Finally, after two years this was an in-person event even if wearing a mask was still the norm.

Standing in the doorway to the hall, it was easy to think that you had been transported back in time before the pandemic and before the price of gas was higher than your best stalk of corn, and when normal was, well normal.

You have to remember that I am looking at all of this from a great distance, putting my own urban notion of the rural reality on top of what rural people experience and hoping it fits.

There were groups of people, all farmers, staggered around the hall chatting, examining, debating, discussing, and celebrating their industry, and their way of life.

There were vendors spaced around the hall connecting the different agriculture components with each other from insurance to banks to agri services of all kinds.

## What brings you joy?

We're heading for spring at a steady pace. There are more sunny days than snowy days, these days, and the weather is getting warmer. Last weekend, in keeping with Daylight Savings Time, our clocks sprung forward an hour. This week, kids are home from school and, hopefully, enjoying their annual March Break. So, everything is coming up roses, right? Maybe, maybe not.

With so many truly terrible things happening in the world right now, it can sometimes be difficult to concentrate on what's good, but I think if we're to stay sane and if we're to continue to have faith and hope in a better tomorrow, then we really do need to concentrate on the small things that add beauty and joy to our days. So, what are they? What are the things that bring beauty and joy?

Well, for starters, it's not necessarily a one-size-fits-all sort of answer, but I think it's close. While some of us – snowmobilers, skiers, hockey players, and skaters, for example – may miss winter when it ends, I think we're all still looking forward to the brighter, warmer, and longer days that come with summer. Some of us will spend our time at the beach. Others may prefer to be hiking, cycling, or

participating in other outdoor sporting or community events. Summer is when we can take off our coats, hats, and boots and just be in the moment.

I know what you're probably thinking, "It's not summer yet." You're right, but spring is often super short. We may move into spring next week and find ourselves experiencing summer weather a mere week or two after that. We may not, of course, but we may. And it's not that I don't like spring because I do, absolutely. In fact, spring used to be my favourite season because it was a time of rebirth. (In case you're wondering, my current favourite season is autumn, even though it's a harbinger of winter.) But spring, it's wonderful because the grass begins to grow, flowers start to pop up, and leaves begin to fill out our trees. And let's not forget puddle jumping; spring is an excellent time for puddle jumping.

When I think about little things that bring me joy, I think about (or hear it playing in my mind) a 1970s country song called "Pure Love", written by Eddie Rabbitt and performed by Ronnie Milsap. In it, Milsap sings about some of the simple things we love, things that bring happiness into our lives, like fresh honey, sunshine, singing bluebirds, warm kisses, and breakfast in bed. It's a catchy tune and one I loved when I was young. I still love it; listening to it brightens my mood.

Let's build on that, let's list more of the simple things that can bring us joy.

In one corner of the room, nicely piled up on a stage was why everyone was there that day.

Seeds, ears of corn, hay and all types of silage were on display.

The focus was inward away from the outside world and instead turned into the world of the farming industry.

This is one of the hidden aspects of farming that grocery store shoppers never see. This is where you get to see what all the fuss was about when you decided what to plant and how to plant it last winter when there was a foot of snow on your fields.

This is the end result and reflects on a farmer's ability to make the right choices at the right time.

The deeper you go into what the soil and crop conditions mean to a farmer the further you get from the often crazy and loud world we all have to live in.

I will not pretend to understand why one particular seed or ear of corn

is superior to another one that to someone raised in the city looks exactly the same but there are real differences that add up to an award-winning product.

There are as many statistics to look at here as there are line changes in a hockey game.

From growing season's average rainfall, to heat units and a crops' response to different soil conditions and fertilizers, to debates about which farming equipment does the job better, there is a great deal to talk about at these get togethers.

It's not something you can do with a Zoom meeting or an email.

A great deal of science comes face to face with the farmer and his family and this is how all that information, advice, and data turn all that energy and work into a loaf of bread or your favourite cereal.

It is indeed a timeless arrangement between a farmer and his vision and the end result.

*Joseph Morin*

Well, for me, smiles are huge. If I'm out and about and people are smiling or nodding to me, I feel connected and happy. (When I'm not hiding indoors due to anxiety, of course.) Going for walks will soon be a lot easier, as we won't have to gear up for it and we won't have to navigate icy streets or overflowing snowbanks. Robins are everywhere, and while I'm not super keen on their death-defying nosedives in front of my car, they do make me smile because they remind me of spring, and nests with little blue eggs waiting to hatch.

With the province's relaxing of pandemic regulations, more venues are opening, and more group activities are returning. For example, the House of Lazarus (HOL) is set to host its popular Ladies' Night Out at Matilda Hall in Dixons Corners on April 30. Also, HOL's Linking Hands initiative's Green Food Box program will soon be starting up again after a roughly two-year hiatus due to COVID-19.

Prom season is coming. Graduations are coming. Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, and Victoria Day. It looks like there will plenty of opportunities for people to enjoy events and holidays in pre-pandemic fashion sooner than later. While I'm not a fan of large gatherings, even I feel hope knowing that things are soon going to resemble, in some ways, what we called "normal" before the first lockdown in March 2020. So, what brings you joy?

*Sandy Casselman*



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# North Stormont passes 2022 budget at 1.5 per cent residential tax rate increase

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

**BERWICK** – The township of North Stormont’s 2022 budget has been approved and adopted by council at a 1.51 per cent residential tax rate increase.

“I think the budget process has evolved an awful lot since I started here,” Mayor Jim Wert said. “And I think it’s reflective of the job that our staff are doing. I think it’s reflective of the economic strategic plan that we put together that sort of identifies our priorities.”

The second and final draft of the municipality’s budget was reviewed and passed by North Stormont politicians during the March 8 council meeting despite opposition from Coun. Roxane Villeneuve. Director of finance and treasurer Carly Wheeler provided council with a detailed update of the changes that were made between the first and second drafts.

“So, this brings us to a tax levy of \$3,256,006.76, which is \$142,005.86 in additional revenue from last year, and this equates to a tax rate increase of 1.51 per cent,” Wheeler said. “So, council may choose to approve the current budget as final or request additional changes in which a third draft will be prepared for further review. So, we’re looking at the impact on the tax bill to a residential payer, the average is approximately 61 cents per month.”

Council members spent roughly a half-hour asking several questions about a variety of items in the draft budget. Arena fees, and a six-month salary for the potential hiring of an economic development officer led to substantial discussion.

“I’d certainly like to see a third draft of the budget,” Villeneuve said. “As a member of this council and as for clarification with different things that are being reported tonight, I don’t think it’s clear, in my opinion, that we move forward with passing a second draft budget tonight when we’ve only received it as of Thursday. And there’s new data that has been presented tonight, so I don’t think it’s clear enough for myself, as a member of this council, to make a decision tonight on a second draft.”

Villeneuve initially raised the topic of passing the second draft of the budget during the meeting’s discussion of year end transfers to and from the reserves, and reserve funds. She was reminded that the budget would be discussed later in the agenda. As for the motion to authorize staff to make the required transfers, Villeneuve asked for a recorded vote. She was the only one to vote against the transfers.

“I think it was myself that said we would include the

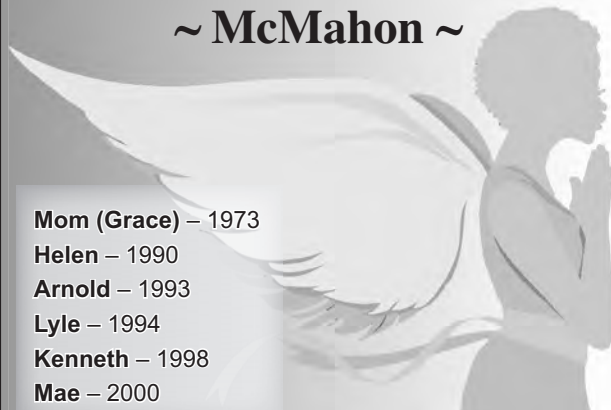
budget deliberations in regards to this meeting tonight because I felt that there’s a host of factors that play in here and I was very satisfied with the first draft that came through, but if council feels that they would like to have a third meeting, it’s certainly up to council to do so,” Wert said in response to Villeneuve. “I think the budget is reflective of the aspirations that council provided to staff. I think it’s strong financially, and I will comment that it’s a challenge whenever you’ve got as many capital projects coming forward as we have, to be able to do what Carly’s done here because you have to provide for a host of eventualities that we don’t have any timeframe on.”

Villeneuve requested a recorded vote on passing and adopting the second draft of the 2022 budget. The vote was carried, and the budget was approved in a three-two decision. Coun. Steve Densham and Randy Douglas voted in favour of passing the budget, as did the mayor.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Craig Calder said that, as soon as possible, the finance team is set to release a statement updating the public on the passing of the final budget. he also noted that Wheeler is now on leave until early 2023. Until then, Amanda Alexander is taking over Wheeler’s duties as acting director of finance.

## In Memoriam

### ~ McMahon ~




**Mom (Grace) – 1973**  
**Helen – 1990**  
**Arnold – 1993**  
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*Miss you all – Love Doris and Family*

## – Obituary –


### JOEY MERKLEY



Suddenly at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, March 13, 2022, Joey Merkley of Chesterville, age 44. Beloved son of Gordon Merkley of Chesterville and the late Holly Merkley (nee Tyo). Dear nephew of Bonnie Marks (Steve) of Cornwall, Clifford Tyo (Theresa) of Alexandria, Joanne Pouliot of Cornwall, Heather Zulinski (Mark) of Perth, Robert Merkley (Marg) of Chesterville, Doug Merkley (Sue) of Winchester, Nancy Carruthers (Carman) of Chesterville, Billy Merkley of Osgoode, Philip Merkley of Chesterville and Bryan Fisher of Osgoode. He was predeceased by his aunts Brenda Tyo-Dow, Debbie Tyo-Despatie and Karen Fisher and his uncle Steven Tyo. Joey is also survived by several cousins. A private family celebration of Joey’s life will be held. Donations to Winchester Hospital 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 –

### ANDERSON, George Christian 1935 - 2022





Peacefully on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2022, retired OPP Sergeant George Christian Anderson passed away in his 87<sup>th</sup> year. George is survived by his beloved wife Sharon (nee Morris) of 62 years, son Michael (Erin), daughters Marilyn and Patricia (Mike) McCollum, and grandson Conor. Loving sister of Alice McMillan. Reunited with his parents Alfonse and Jenny, brothers Eric and Ernie and sister Marianne. The family is forever grateful to the staff at the Ottawa Civic Hospital (Neurology), Bruyère Rehab Hospital and then George’s final resting place at Greystone for the phenomenal care George received. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of George. A graveyard service will be held at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville at a later date. May George forever rest in peace in God’s Country.

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## – In Memoriam –

### EARLE MERKLEY


He passed away March 18, 2021...

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 He closed your weary eyelids and whispered “Peace by Thine”.  
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 For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.


**Forever in our hearts, Yvonne, Kevin, Catherine, Karen, Kevin, Kurt, Kyle & Jenna xo**

## – OBITUARY –

### PAULINE BEEHLER




Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, March 10, 2022, Pauline Beehler (nee Faubert) of Chesterville, formerly of Chrysler, age 89. Loving wife of Ronald Beehler. Loving mother of Elaine Ryan (Rick) of St. Catharines and Bobby Beehler (Suzanne) of Crysler. Dear sister of Don Faubert (Edna) of Ottawa and Gerald Faubert (Louise) of Winchester. Pauline will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Brent, Leslie-Ann, Stephen, Patrick and her great-grandchildren Noah, Ryan, Megan, Preston and Evan. She was predeceased by her son Brian Beehler, her parents William and Ida Faubert (nee Largrois), her sisters Theresa Faubert and Irene Gibeault and her brothers Albert, Ernest and Leonard Faubert. A memorial mass will be held at a later date. Donations to Winchester Hospital or CHEO 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).




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# Dundas Seed, Forage and Agricultural Show

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**DIXONS CORNERS** – The annual Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association's, (DSCIA) Seed and Forage Show took place on Fri., March 11 at the Matilda Township Community Hall.

This was the first in person show since 2021 when pandemic regulations made bringing exhibitors together almost impossible.

The show featured 35 exhibitors, five cakes in the cake decorating contest and a healthy 150 plus attendance.

There were 20 awards handed out at the end of the show and one winner for the best-decorated cake, which went to Stephanie Tibben.

Brian Vandenberg the president of the DSCIA said in his 2021 president's report that despite all that was going on with the pandemic, little would stop the organization from staying connected.

He said, "Our year started with Zoom meetings to organize our 2021 AGM. We organized a makeshift seed show at Tibben Farms Inc. with winners entering the Ottawa seed show."

In December, the association held their 2021 AGM, this time in person at the Chesterville Legion.

Stephanie Tibben was the winner of the best-



## Premier Exhibitor

John and Ryan Devries had 140 points and the award was presented by Kelly Fawcett Mathers, TD Canada Trust.

Morin Photo



## Reserve Premier Exhibitor

Presented by Ben Leach, Agri-Partners Crop Centre to Thomas Puenter with 113 points.

Morin Photo

decorated cake competition. There were five cakes in the competition and everyone at the event voted for their favourite looking cake. A total of 150 votes were cast.

Tibben said she had never submitted a cake in a decorating competition.

"My brother in law encouraged me to do it and it had to be crop scenes for the seed show," she said.

"I researched drawings of wheat and clover thinking of how the icing works and what I could do with it."

The next step was taking the drawings she found and figuring out how to reproduce them with icing.

Tibben said not only does the cake have to look great, it also has to taste great.

She was happy to win the best cake decoration award. "I do my best to make things look as realistic and life-like as possible like with my flowers. I knew there would be competition out there, and the other cakes were nicely done."

Her determination to make wonderfully decorated cakes came after she made a birthday cake for her daughter. She liked what she did, but decided she wanted to do better and then began researching more about cake decorating techniques.

The result was her winning entry at the Seed Show.

## Dundas seed, forage and agricultural show, March 11, 2022, awards' list

Premier Exhibitor award was John and Ryan Devries with 140 points. The award was sponsored by TD Canada Trust.

Reserved Premier Exhibitor was Puenter Farms with 113 points, sponsored by Agri- Partners Crop Centre Ltd.

Premier First Time Exhibitor was won by Oak Valley Farms and was sponsored by the Henderson family in memory of Francis Doreen Henderson.

Premier Forage Exhibitor was won by Dave Pemberton, sponsored by Scotia Bank. Reserve Forage Exhibitor was John and Ryan Devries sponsored by Summit Seeds. Champion Forage Exhibit was won by John, Martin, and Pam WesterVelt. It was sponsored by RBC Royal Bank.

Reserve Champion Forage Exhibit was won by John and Ryan Devries and was sponsored by Pickseed.

Champion Haylage Exhibit won by John, Martin, and Pam WesterVelt, sponsored by Harvex Agromart Inc.

Champion Haylage Quality Exhibit, won by Oak Valley Farms, sponsored by Ottawa Valley Harvestore.

Champion Dry Hay Exhibit won by John and Ryan Devries, sponsored by SynAgri.

Premier Seed Exhibitor won by the Winchester Research Station, sponsored by BroadGrain Commodities.

Champion Shelled Corn won by John and Ryan Devries, sponsored by Fife Agronomics Inc.

Champion Ear Corn won by Dave Chambers, sponsored by Pride Seeds.

Champion Corn Silage, won by John and Ryan Devries, sponsored by Leeder AgriServices.

Champion Cereal Exhibit, won by the Winchester Research Station, sponsored by The Cooperators Insurance Company.

Champions Soybean Exhibit won by John and Ryan Devries, sponsored by Summit Seeds.

Champion White Bean Exhibit won by the Winchester Research Station, sponsored by Leeder AgriServices.

First Place Wheat in Field Crop Classes won by the Winchester Research Station, sponsored by Agri-Partners Crop Centre Ltd.

Champion Special Shelled Corn Bin Class won by Tibben farms, sponsored by MacEwen AgriCentre Inc.

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# Raising money, having fun

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

FINCH – The Finch and District Lions Club held a fundraising euchre tournament at the Royal Canadian Legion Heather Branch 357 in Finch on Sat., March 12.

FDLC president Lion Noel Lalonde explained there was some concern the blustery, snowy weather in the morning might affect the fundraiser, but was pleased that over 50 people participated. Lion Terry Ouder Kirk commented how “people were just happy to get out of the house” and be able to meet with friends

and neighbours.

Lion Lalonde explained \$500 would be provided to the Lions Club International Foundation for use in the Ukraine, with \$1,000 presented to the RCL Heather Branch 357. The donation to the Finch Legion is a thank you to the organization which provides the upstairs room for the FDLC to use as their Lions Den. Rheal Bourgois won first place in the tournament, followed by Deanne VanLoon in second place and Carl McDermott winning third place. During the dinner, donated by Lion’s members and their



Lion Terry Ouder Kirk presents Rheal Bourgois with his prize for placing first in the euchre tournament held at the RCL Heather Branch 357 in Finch.

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partners, several door prizes were awarded and as the afternoon drew to a close, the Legion accepted the donation from the FDLC. A sincere thank you was extended to those who attended the event,



Kathy Rainey accepts a cheque on behalf of the RCL Heather Branch 357 from FDLC president Noel Lalonde.

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prepared, and served dinner donated door prizes to the as well as to those who tournament.

## Cooking up a storm!

CHESTERVILLE – Over the past few months, Cassidy Scheepers, a teacher at St. Mary Catholic School in Chesterville, has been busy organizing a fundraising cookbook. This project provides an opportunity for student participation and was initiated to replace the usual school fundraisers which have been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scheepers explained how the cookbook provided each student the opportunity “to submit their favourite family recipes.” Soup, salads, appetizers, desserts, and main courses were among the recipes provided for the cookbook. Each class had the opportunity to design the different section dividers, with students from the Grade 4/5 class designing the book cover.

All the recipes have been collected and over the 2022 March Break, the cookbook will be prepared for printing. Scheepers continued there have been one hundred books pre-ordered, with the plan to have extra copies printed and available for sale locally. She mentioned they will be selling for \$15 and should be available for sale around Easter.



Courtesy Photo

## Writing 150 competition returns

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

AVONMORE – A Bunch of People Arts and Events have several exciting events planned for 2022. There is the 4th Annual Writing in 150 competition scheduled for March 26, the Sketch Comedy Night on May 27-28 and in August another running of the highly successful ABOP’s Car Rally/Scavenger Hunt.

Participants in the Writing in 150 will choose to write from the fiction, non-fiction, poetry, spoken word or song category.

The first and second place winners in fiction, non-fiction and poetry will be included in a book published by the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood Publishing. The winners of the spoken word and song categories will have the opportunity to have their work recorded by Railroad Recording Company, with a track that can be uploaded to Spotify.

The registration deadline is March 24, 2022, at 12:01 (EST) at a cost of \$25 for at home participation and \$30 to participate onsite in Winchester. Participants can register for the competition by emailing abunchofpeopleartsandevents@gmail.com including your name, telephone number and preferred genre.



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# North Stormont approves outdoor rest area in Crysler

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

BERWICK – Crysler Library is set to see an outdoor rest area installed at the community centre this spring.

“I think this will look wonderful outside of our community centre,” Deputy Mayor François Landry said.

Lynn Lafleche and Kim LeBrun, members of the Friends of Crysler Library, presented the committee’s project proposal to township of North Stormont politicians during the municipality’s March 8 council meeting. The township’s politicians were unanimously on board, voting in favour of the proposal.

“Back in the fall, we decided that the way things had been going with COVID-19, it was difficult to use the library as it is, because of the closings and the limited spaces that are allowed, and we thought it would be wonderful to be able to sit outside since most of us have been using outdoor facilities as much as possible,” Lafleche, who is chair of the committee, said. “So, we shifted our project ideas towards having a table and a couple of benches so that not only the library staff and users could use it,

because the library is only open 20 hours a week, but anybody coming towards the community centre, heading to the park or the dome, or just out for a bike ride and needing to have a little rest period.”

The duo’s report included a list of items needed, as well as a detailed plan, and projected costs. The listed items include an outdoor accessible picnic table, three flower boxes to frame-in the area, two benches, and one table umbrella for shade. The rest area is to be on the Southeast side of the building at 16 Third Street. The duo said the committee had secured a guaranteed quote estimate of roughly \$5,917.34 from Barco Products, which would be valid until March 23. It was also noted that the Friends of Crysler Library had raised the necessary funds to cover the project’s cost.

“Last fall, we put together a draft proposal and sent it out to [SDG Library’s director of library services] Karen Franklin,” Lafleche said, listing the key people from the committee, the township, and SDG Library who were involved with the project almost from its inception. “Kim was able to do some research as to what

Canadian products were available, what was out there, and so was able to obtain a quote from a Canadian company. From Ontario, actually. We also realized we needed to speak to every party involved, and so you’re our second stop. We started with the Crysler Community Centre.”

Lafleche said the community centre’s representatives liked the idea. A question was raised about the cost of the chosen items and Lafleche said she explained that they were chosen for their durability and zero-need for maintenance.

“We’re here today to obtain permission to go ahead and purchase these things, if it’s something that’s feasible, and set it up on the east side of the library. So, not the main entrance but the secondary entrance but far enough that it wouldn’t impede with anybody having to use the secondary exit to get out of the library,” she said. “The parcel of land that we’re requesting to use would be about 10 by 18 feet.”

She assured council she wasn’t looking for money, as the committee has raised enough to cover the cost of the project as presented. With council’s approval, Lafleche said the committee’s next step

would be to visit Franklin to assure her all parties were on board and that the addition wouldn’t impact the library’s lease.

“Our next step, if this is something that you would approve, would be to speak with the library board,” she said. “So that they understand that it’s a partnership, it doesn’t impede on their existing rental or anything. It’s something that would be community based even though it’s being funded and forwarded by the Friends of the Library.”

Friends of the Library committees, consisting of volunteers from the community, generally take on projects that support or enhance what’s currently being offered by the SDG Library board. It’s the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG) council that appoints members to the board for a four-year term where they serve without remuneration. The Crysler facility shares space with the Crysler Community Centre, which is situated on land owned by North Stormont.

“Thank you,” Mayor Jim Wert said. “Not only for your investment in the library but your investment in the community. It’s these little things that collectively add up to give us the strength that we all recognize is one of our main attributes. So, thanks very much.”

# South Stormont looks into solar energy for Long Sault Arena

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – The township of South Stormont is considering replacing an outdated roof at the Long Sault arena with rooftop solar panels.

John Barros from Next Energy Development Group Inc. attended the municipality’s March 9 council meeting where he presented the findings of a pre-feasibility assessment for a potential rooftop solar generating facility at the Long Sault Arena. The 12-page summary report can be found in the agenda package at southstormont.ca.

“The report is quite extensive,” Barros said. “So, I thought I’d just go over the executive summary today to give you some time in council to digest some of the findings covered.”

The report includes a backgrounder on technical and regulatory requirements for installing a rooftop solar generating facility. It also covers the associated costs and risks of undertaking this type of project. The report includes the potential savings that can be found for development of the project, as well as reviews of potential grant options that may aid the township in offsetting some of the associated costs.

“Our assessment was focused on modeling the arena’s energy load profile from the long-term hourly interval and billing data obtained from Hydro One, and information gathered from consultation with numerous stakeholders to custom design a rooftop solar array that could be installed within the available buildable area to meet the arena’s energy needs at the lowest possible,” the report stated. “To optimise the system, we correlated the production

output of the proposed solar array with the arena’s hourly consumption of energy and explored various battery and grid storage options to come up with the lowest possible Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) and maximize bill savings for the municipality.”

Barros said his team looked at three models. He then outlined the important points and provided council with insight into the differences.

“After careful analysis of all the variants, we recommend that the municipality moves forward with the proposed 430-kWh project, with a 500-kWh battery storage system,” the report stated. “Further, given the structure of the GICB [Green and Inclusive Community Buildings] program that requires project specific expertise to manage the application process and support the project throughout the various stages of development, we recommend that council consider continuing to engage an outside consultant to manage and coordinate the development of the project through to its completion.”

The GICB is a federal infrastructure program that provides funding to successful applicants to erect new community buildings or make improvements to already-existing buildings. In addition, the buildings are to be more energy efficient, lower carbon, more resilient, and higher performing. Canada has invested \$1.5 billion in the five-year program to support green and accessible retrofits, repairs, or upgrades to existing buildings and construction of new ones. In addition to municipal and regional governments, the GICB

program is open to not-for-profit organizations, provincial or territorial governments, and Indigenous recipients.

Roughly 30 minutes into Barros’ presentation, Mayor Brian McGillis interrupted. He said council needed to proceed with the agenda and wanted to ensure his fellow politicians had time to ask questions.

“I know that we’re going to ask for a report from the administration,” Mayor Brian McGillis said. “We’ve got the gist of it. I know that we asked you to do a technical study for information and you’ve sure done that because you’ve come up with a lot of figures here. And I let you speak a little bit longer than normal for presentations because we didn’t get the report until now.”

Council members then had an opportunity to ask Barros questions. It was noted that the township’s engineers hadn’t seen the report yet either, as it had been sent to the chief administrative officer (CAO)’s email account on Monday, but she was away until Wednesday and hadn’t had the opportunity to forward it to relevant staff.

“Our intent is to have an opportunity to actually have a fulsome review of the report because, as I indicated, I was off and as a result it wasn’t circulated to anybody,” CAO Debi LucasSwitzer said. “So, I would like to have finance, as well as parks and rec and Public Works take a look at it as well as get a preliminary review from the engineers.”

Staff was directed to do

their review and to then come back to council with their recommendations.

There was no indication as to when this would take place.

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### North Dundas staff awards

The township of North Dundas presented its annual Staff Recognition Awards during its March 8 regular council meeting. Pictured at left, Jamie Cheney, patrol supervisor/drainage superintendent, received the 2021 Award for Innovation, Sustainability and Leadership. Pictured at right, Nicolas Hubble, municipal law enforcement officer, received the 2021 Award for Customer Service Excellence.

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22. Boxing's "GOAT"
23. Bullfighting maneuvers
24. London soccer team
27. Score perfectly
30. No (Scottish)
31. SoCal hoops team (abbr)
32. Woman (French)
35. Unwanted attic "decor"
37. Peter Griffin's daughter
38. Broad, shallow crater
39. Large instruments
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CLUES DOWN
1. Type of sauce
2. Pattern of notes
3. Plant with long seedpods
4. Map out
5. Numbers cruncher
6. Make a mental connection
7. Italian tenor
8. N. America's highest mountain peak
9. Witness
10. Arabic given name
11. Music awards
12. "The Immoralist" author
13. Area units
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55. Sound unit
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47. Erase
49. Chadic language
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51. Paid TV
52. Millisecond
53. Other
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## Berube Poultry celebrates 50 years

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – What started as a college assignment, 50 years later is a growing concern and a successful rural family business.

Berube Poultry is celebrating 50 years serving their customers in Eastern Ontario. They are in South Mountain, and it looks like the poultry-clearing house is aiming for another 50 years.

The business was started up by Richard and Anne Berube, but these days is owned and managed by their daughter Angela Wylie.

Berube poultry is only one of two poultry abattoirs operating in the area.

Berube Poultry has grown and evolved over the past 50 years, offering more services.

Originally the abattoir only offered to clean and pluck the chickens and returned them to their owners as a whole chicken. Angela has changed all of that.

“Sometimes customers would have to take their birds from here and go to another butcher and then they would cut them up. Now it is like a one stop shopping experience. I cut them in half or quarters or all in pieces, wings, drumsticks, thighs, and breasts all packaged however they want it packaged.”

When my mom and dad owned it, they only had one type of packaging, but I brought in a vacuum seal machine.

Angela’s father Richard and his wife Anne first started up their business in 1972.

“I went to Kemptville College in the fall of 1970 and then I went in the winter of 1970 and 1971. In 1971, I raised 500 chickens as a school project,” said Richard.

“The project was to raise the 500 chickens and keep record of the whole project.”

It gave me a couple of credits for my diploma. In the first year, my professor said to kill your own chickens, but I did not know how so he got me started. I bought some equipment and the next year I

# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Angela Wylie, owner and operator of Berube Poultry has brought innovation and more services to her business. Here she poses beside her vacuum packaging machine with a packaged turkey. Morin Photo

went back and bought more processing equipment and I started custom work in 1972.”

Richard was raised on a farm. His family started farming in Ramsayville, then his father bought 100 acres in Carlsbad Springs. It was too small, so he bought a farm in Heckston that was 300 acres.

“Our neighbours got to know what we were doing so the news travelled by word of mouth. We never had to advertise,” said Richard.

“People were coming from all over the place, and after we got married, we moved to South Mountain, but we got too big for the village, so we had to move to the farm we have now.”

In 1991, Berube Poultry became a provincially regulated and inspected operation.

Everyone in their family pitched in to make the business work.

Angela said, “My grandma has worked here, my cousins, my children, my brother and sisters we have all worked here.”

Richard and Anne retired on Dec. 23 of last year and Angela officially took over.

“I bought this from mom and dad in 2015 but I have worked here since 1991 since the government inspections started. I changed a few things like the vacuum seal and cut ups which mom and dad never had before. It used to always be just the whole bird.”

“The most that we ever did here was 900 a day. That was a big day,” said Angela.

“Everything is by appointment. Now I am taking reservations for May.”

I have quite a few customers who sell to grocery stores. Some people just bring

what they will be consuming just for themselves. Every chicken has a label that says it has been approved by the government inspector. It is safe for eating.

Nothing stays here overnight, everything leaves fresh,” she said.

“The regulations are reasonable. We do what we have been told to do. I cannot operate without them here. They inspect the birds as they come in and look at every part of the process. They want to see every chicken when it is alive to make sure it’s healthy,” said Angela.

Like many family farms, everyone often has a job outside the farm. Richard had a government job while Anne ran the poultry business. Between the two of them they held down five jobs.

Anne looked after the operation and Richard helped out when he was not working at his day job.

“There have been many changes,” said Anne. “Over time, the process became more automated. The biggest transition when I was running it was the automated plucking machine.”

“We know what we are eating, we know it is safe. We are very proud of the product that we put out,” she said.

The daily routine involves following through on the strict rules for each part of the process.

There can be no shortcuts.

Angela said, “I have always watched when mom and dad were working out here. I would always come out after school to help out a little bit here and there. My daughter helps out and my son works here in the summertime.”

“There is huge demand for it,” said Anne. “When the pandemic hit, people wanted to be much more sustainable. They wanted to raise their own food. There are now a lot more backyard chicken farmers.”

“You know the quality is there. It is all about the quality of the product,” said Anne.

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## Pin Tales

**Stormont Ladies:** Ladies’ High Single, Marin Middleton 255; Ladies’ High Triple, Marin Middleton 687. Team Standings: Hilda 187, Marin 177, Susan 161, Pat 155.

**Monday Men’s:** Men’s High Single, Jason Vanoers 309; Men’s High Triple, Jason Vanoers 736; Men’s High Average, Jason Vanoers 238. Team Standings: East-Ont 98.5, A-Team 96.5, Alley Cats 93, Raiders 78, Alley Rats 53, Country Boys 37.

**Tuesday Afternoon Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Ron Robinson 226; Men’s High Triple, Ron Robinson 622; Ladies’ High Single, Mary Derue 187; Ladies’ High Triple, Deborah Patenaude 446. Team Standings: Love 124, Charity 116, Hope 102.

**Defenders:** Men’s High Single, Ossie Linton 217; Men’s High Triple, Ossie Linton 558; Ladies’ High Single, Gwen Clarke 237; Ladies’ High Triple, Gwen Clarke 626. Team Standings: Ossie 171, Gwen 165.5, Debbie 139.5, Brian 128, Glendon 116.

**Wednesday Ladies:** Ladies’ High Single, Mary Osborne 185; Ladies’ High Triple, Mary Osborne 492. Team Standings: Dianne 248, Mary 247, Linda 229, Pat 219, Lorna 188.

**Finch Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Donovan StDenis 206; Men’s High Triple, Donovan StDenis 477; Ladies’ High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 219; Ladies’ High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 612. Team Standings: L.T.T.D 156, Billy’s Girl’s 139, F.I.S.T 130, B&S 113.

**Thursday Seniors:** Men’s High Single, Bas Vanwinden 197; Men’s High Triple, Ross Bennett 482; Ladies’ High Single, Ria Mcgarrety 177; Ladies’ High Triple, Joke Vanwinden 472.

**Avonmore Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Frank Jerome 245; Men’s High Triple Frank Jerome 647; Ladies’ High

Single, Anita Byvelds 213; Ladies’ High Triple, Anita Byvelds 503. Team Standings: Red 150.5, Blue 145, Orange 138, Black 124, Purple 117.5.

**Friday Seniors:** Men’s High Single, Pierre Briere 223; Men’s High Triple, Pierre Briere 575; Ladies’ High Single, Rejeanne Lefebvre 281; Ladies’ High Triple, Rejeanne Lefebvre 705.

**Williamsburg Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Danny Holmes 293; Men’s High Triple, Danny Holmes 629; Ladies’ High Single, Judy Munro 200; Ladies’ High Triple Valerie Vanderveen 499. Team Standings: John 185, George 183, Garry 182.5, Danny 169.5.

**Winchester Odd Couples:** Men’s High Single, Darryl Britton 258; Men’s High Triple, Darryl Britton 534; Ladies’ High Single, Pat Middleton 191; Ladies’ High Triple, Pat Middleton 464. Team Standings: The Balljoints 153, Team Nike 139, Mental Mishaps 139, Golden Girls 129.

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**YBC Peewees:** Girl’s High Single, Vanessa Bissonnette 106; Girl’s High Double, Vanessa Bissonnette 207; Boy’s High Single, Owen Thompson 100; Boy’s High Double, Samuel Bissonnette 179.

**YBC Bantams:** Girl’s High Single, Robin Sanders 223; Girl’s High Double, Robin Sanders 328; Boy’s High Single, Caleb Vanderveen 122; Boy’s High Double, Caleb Vanderveen 195. Team Standings: Jets 145, Oilers 114.5, Leafs 109.5, Red Wings 103.5, Flames 97.5.

**YBC Juniors:** Girl’s High Single, Annika Michaud 222; Girl’s High Triple, Annika Michaud 591; Boy’s High Single, Owen Vanwylick 210; Boy’s High Triple, Alex Robinson 520. Team Standings: Sabers 197.5, Ducks 190.5, Kings 183, Bruins 173, Senators 155.

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## Russell investigates potential solutions for subdivision construction traffic

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EMBRUN – “I’m more than willing to support anything that helps existing residents in new build areas like that, and that makes it safer for kids to walk the streets and not have to worry about construction traffic,” township of Russell Coun. Jamie Laurin said.

The issue of construction traffic was raised by Mayor Pierre Leroux during the “business presented by council” section of the March 7 council meeting agenda. He said he had

received multiple requests from residents in the Richelieu Heritage area about construction traffic to one of the township’s newer subdivision projects.

“They’ve been seeing a lot of construction traffic lately,” he said, adding that one resident requested that trucks rotate between the streets being used during the construction phase, so that one street isn’t seeing all the traffic all the time.

While the mayor said he wasn’t sure if this was possible or how it might be implemented, he had told the resident he would raise

the issue with council. He said he thought she had a good point, considering construction traffic could last several years.

“Well, I know that over the last year and a half, I’ve been beating that same drum in Russell Trails,” Laurin said. “I’ve been getting emails from a lot of residents there.”

Laurin said that when he inquired about potential solutions, he was told that enforcement would be an issue in terms of regulating which roads that construction vehicles ultimately use. Also, he reminded council that the

township doesn’t own unfinished subdivision roads. He said the only thing that’s been done so far is the erection of signs that say no construction traffic.

“I don’t know how we would do something different in another subdivision. I would encourage it. Absolutely,” Laurin said. “But we have to be consistent across all new developments, if that’s the case, and not be looking to fix one problem in one place and not be willing to fix it in another.”

Leroux said the street he’s talking about is municipally owned, as it’s an older subdivision that is being expanded. He also said there were only two access points to the construction site in question and both are through existing

subdivision areas. Coun. André Brisson said the drivers may not have a choice about which road to use depending on the location.

“I know it’s an inconvenience for the people because they were used to it as a dead end, so they had no traffic,” Brisson said. “But personally, I think just in a few years it will be finished and then it will not be as bad. And it’s worse now because they are doing the most construction for the road, so I think there’s not much the municipality can do there since it’s the only way to go in.”

Laurin suggested staff investigate potential solutions for the construction traffic complaints. He suggested that either executive director of infrastructure

services Jonathan Bourgon return to council with potential solutions at the next council meeting or, if council agrees, that he go ahead and “handle it” when a solution has been identified.

Bourgon said he would investigate the options, but he also offered some insight to what residents were currently experiencing. He said construction materials had recently been received and the street drivers have been using is the closest and easiest access to the construction site.

In the end, council directed Bourgon and director of public safety and enforcement Millie Bourdeau to discuss potential solutions. Staff is expected to report back to Russell’s politicians at the next council meeting on March 21.

## SNC reminds outdoor enthusiasts to be cautious of ice conditions

FINCH – With winter coming to an end, South Nation Conservation (SNC) is reminding hard-water anglers to exercise caution and plan ahead for the removal of their ice fishing huts as the season is now closed. The provincial deadline to remove fishing huts from frozen water bodies in Eastern Ontario was March 15.

SNC staff conduct ice surveys every year in February and March to document ice conditions to assist with flood forecasting and warning prior to the spring freshet. Since 1980, 17 stations have been surveyed and are sampled every year if ice conditions are safe to walk on.

On Feb. 16, ice thickness along the South Nation River ranged from 35 to 46 cm and was as thin as 29 cm along the South Castor River in Kenmore. While this was an increase over 2021 conditions (15 cm in Casselman, average of 19 cm elsewhere along the



Courtesy Photo

South Nation River), ice thickness in 2022 remains low compared to historical averages.

SNC recommends ice should be at least 15 centimetres thick for walking, and upwards of 30 centimetres thick for other activities.

SNC is also respectfully reminding local anglers that it is an offence under the *Public Lands Act* to leave an ice fishing hut after ice break-up; removing debris from the river can be hazardous and can also pollute the river and shoreline. Burning of ice fishing huts is also an offence and can contaminate municipal water supplies.

SNC recommends being prepared for all

situations by letting others know where you are going, when you plan on returning and if your plans change, wearing appropriate clothing, and bringing the proper safety equipment including a fully charged cell phone, ice pick and throw rope.

Be sure to also check conditions with local authorities, or with ice hut operators and other anglers.

More information on fishing opportunities along the South Nation River can be found at: [www.nation.on.ca/recreation/fishing](http://www.nation.on.ca/recreation/fishing).

More information on fishing hut regulations can be found at: [www.ontario.ca/page/ice-fishing](http://www.ontario.ca/page/ice-fishing).

## Russell’s EDO report brings ‘good news’

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EMBRUN – “It’s always nice to have good news stories,” township of Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux said.

Leroux was referring to economic development director Dominique Tremblay’s semi-annual activity report to local politicians during the March 7 council meeting. The report included a list of completed projects, as well as ongoing projects, and how they connect with the municipality’s Strategic Plan.

“Thank you very much Madame Tremblay, and congratulations to you and your team for these reports,” Leroux said. “I know they’re very impactful. If I just look at the development activity report, the 66 pages for the businesses in the Industrial Park, that final page, at this time we have 12 reputable companies on our waiting list with a total current need of over 100 acres. So, I’m quite happy to see that our Industrial Park is booming.”

In addition to news on the 417 Industrial Park, the report also contained updates on

pandemic-related activities, completed studies and surveys, grants, supports to businesses, transportation, and the Shop Local Initiative. In terms of a transportation update, Tremblay’s report noted that on Jan. 12, Roxborough Bus Lines announced its purchase of 417 Bus Line Limited. This led to the postponement of the expected return of the private transportation service from Embrun and Russell to Ottawa, which was expected to commence early in January.

The sale of St-Augustin to Maison Interlude for the construction of a second stage shelter for survivors of domestic violence was also noted in the report. The sale was authorized by council on Jan. 10. Tremblay said the sale’s been concluded and the zoning and Official Plan amendments for the property will be presented to the Planning Advisory Committee on March 28.

To see the complete report, visit the township’s website (Russell.ca). The report is included in the March 7 agenda package. The link to the meeting’s recording can be found there, as well.

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