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Briefly

Bridging the Centuries on sale
 CHESTERVILLE – Looking for an extra special Easter Gift? Copies of “Bridging the Centuries”, the updated history of Chesterville, will be available at the Chesterville Branch of the Scotiabank starting March 16.

Spring Dinner and Show
 SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Township & District Lions are pleased to return to their regular programming with its Spring Dinner and Show, Sat., April 9. Come out for a great steak dinner and some great Rock ‘n Roll with SHADOWZ. Tickets are \$50 each from MTDLC members or you can message them on their Facebook page.

Ride for Dad
 WINCHESTER – The annual Ride for Dad event which raises funds to support prostate cancer research and raise public awareness of the disease will be held Sat., June 4. Closing celebrations will be held at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

Art on the Waterfront returns
 CHESTERVILLE – Art on the Waterfront will be taking place this year on June 4-5 in Chesterville.

Meet Me on Main Street is back for the summer
 NORTH DUNDAS – The 2022 Meet Me on Main Street event series hosted by the township of North Dundas scheduled for June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27 and Aug. 3. This event series will be taking place in a different North Dundas hamlet each week between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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Remembering Ukraine in Ingleside

A group of South Stormont residents quietly gathered at the Ingleside War Memorial on March 15 to watch as a wreath, created with fabric in the colours of the Ukrainian flag, was laid at the base of the memorial. Piper Ken Stephens piped the Ukrainian national anthem, O Canada and Amazing Grace during the ceremony. Noel Windle, representing Royal Canadian Legion Branch 569, laid the wreath.
 Thompson Goddard Photo

Masks are done except in certain situations

Joseph Morin
 Record Staff

ONTARIO—Beginning on March 21, masks are no longer mandated in Ontario; they will no longer be required in public places, including schools.

A press release from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU), stated: “We are in a place where masking and other restrictions can be removed in most circumstances due to a significant decrease in the number of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and outbreaks as well as high levels of vaccination among people older than 12 years old and increasing vaccine uptake in students aged 5 to 11 years old,” says Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, medical officer of health at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU). “For this, I am grateful to the community.”

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Homeowners and farmers with railway crossings on the hook for safety upgrades

Joseph Morin
 Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Hundreds of farmers and homeowners in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry who have railway crossings on their property are facing new maintenance costs for their particular crossing.

In early 2020, Canadian Pacific Railway began contacting landowners with private crossings without agreements in place to sort out who was responsible for the crossing and, “confirm certain design parameters which are crucial in determining the amount of work required to meet the Nov. 27, 2021 deadline at those crossing(s).”

There are about 14,000 public and 9,000 private grade crossings along more than 40,000 kilometres of federally regulated railway tracks in Canada.

The upgrades to the crossings are being driven by recent Transportation Safety Board studies that show an average of 178 incidents between 2009 and 2015. The regulations generated by Transport Canada state: “Between 2009 and 2015, there were an average of 178 incidents, resulting in 24 fatalities and 25 serious injuries per year (Source: TSB Canada). This raised concerns that the risk of trains colliding with vehicles was too high. Mandated reviews of the *Railway Safety Act* emphasized the challenges of managing safety at grade crossings. As a result, Transport Canada has raised the standards and issued revised regulations for railway grade crossings.”

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Masks

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Because we are not all out of the woods yet as far as the pandemic is concerned, there are still some mask mandates that are ongoing. People will still be required to wear masks in the following circumstances and settings: When taking public transit, healthcare settings, long-term care homes, and congregate care settings.

The health unit stressed that the province was still in the grips of a pandemic and that masks remain effective at curbing the number of COVID-19 infections in the community.

Dr. Roumeliotis recommends the continued use of masks in situations where the risk of transmission is higher, such as crowded indoor and poorly ventilated places, or when in close contact with unvaccinated or ill people. The decision to wear a mask should be based on an individual's risk tolerance based on any underlying health conditions or their age, as well as their comfort levels.

"For the time being, I will personally continue wearing a mask when I find myself in crowded indoor spaces or poorly ventilated places," said Dr. Roumeliotis.

"As we transition into

this new stage of the pandemic, I want to remind everyone to be kind and respectful of each other," states Dr. Roumeliotis. "We truly are all in this together, and the transition to living alongside COVID-19 will be much smoother if everyone respects each other's choices."

The lifting of public health and workplace safety measures will also apply to schools. Students as well as education and school transportation staff will no longer be required to wear masks as of when they return to school on March 21.

However, students and school staff will still be required to wear masks if

they are exposed to Covid-19 at home or in the community, or when taking public transportation to and from school (excluding school buses), and when returning from international travel.

"I want to reassure the public that the EOHU will continue working with school partners in the weeks and months ahead to ensure everyone's safety throughout the school year."

The press release went on to state: "While no longer mandatory in schools, students, parents, and staff may continue to wear masks based on their own personal risk assessment/situation, and

they should not be bullied or intimidated in any way for choosing to do so."

The health unit feels there are still steps that can be taken to help slow down the existing pandemic. They recommend people get vaccinated and boosted if they are eligible, watch out for symptoms, and stay home when sick. They suggest using Rapid

Antigen Tests when necessary and wash hands regularly, cough and sneeze into your arm and wear a mask when required or based on your own situation and risk.

For more information about the provincial government's lifting of the remaining public health and workplace safety measures, visit EOHU.ca.

March Break fun

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic struck in 2020, the Friends of the Sanctuary were able to hold in-person events at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary. There were opportunities to cross country ski, walk along the trails, participate in a family scavenger hunt as well as enjoy presentations from the Cornwall Birders Club and spending time painting or crafting.

On Thurs., March 17, Tagwi Secondary School teacher Craig Stevenson was at the UCMBIS near Morrisburg to assist FOS volunteers in a demonstration of sap boiling and syrup making. Stevenson, who is part of the Specialist High Skills Major farm program at Tagwi, explained the sap boiling in the small evaporator came from a tree lot behind the school owned by Stanlee's Farm near Avonmore.

As the sap boiled, Stevenson explained there are about 15-Grade 11 and 12 students enrolled in the SHISM farm program and currently participating in the maple syrup project at Tagwi. Prior to March Break, two hundred grade seven and eight students from the school were given a demonstration on the production of maple syrup by the SHISM students.

Thanks to the support of Stanley's Farm, owned by the Wert family, students can tap the trees in the farm's wood lot using a mixture of bucket and line to transport the sap to the sugar shack. The sugar shack was constructed by the SHISM construction team a few years ago and provides a location for the sap to be boiled. Students bottle the syrup, which is then provided to the cooking program at Tagwi, students and the Wert family.



While FOS volunteer Anna Ha twirls some maple syrup in snow, Kathleen Charlebois keeps a close eye on the tasty treat.

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Tagwi SHISM teacher Craig Stevenson is shown beside the eight-gallon evaporator used during a maple syrup demonstration at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary on March 17.

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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION NO. PM-22-027
GRASS CUTTING & TRIMMING

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario invites interested contractors to submit a quotation for the grass cutting and trimming services for the 2022 school year, with the provision for an option to extend the contract for an additional one-year contract. The Board has 37 locations in the counties of Dundas, Glengarry, Grenville, Lanark, Leeds, Prescott, Russell and Stormont.

The Board requires the contractors to have a policy of General Liability Insurance issued by an insurance company incorporated or licensed to conduct insurance business in the province of Ontario during the entire contract period. The Board must be listed as an "additional insured" on the General Liability Insurance of the contractor with limits of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) (or \$2,000,000.00 with at least \$3,000,000.00 in umbrella clauses) and inclusive per occurrence for bodily injury, death, and damage to property, including loss of use thereof. The liability insurance policies shall contain an endorsement to provide named insured with prior notice of change and cancellations. If applicable, the contractor shall submit to the Board at the time of entering into the contract, a Certificate of Clearance from the Workplace Safety Insurance Board.

The Board shall only accept bid submissions from contractors operating commercial mowers and tractors (over 20HP) equipped with roll over protective structures (ROPS), seat belts, required safety shields and guards.

Bids will only be accepted from contractors who register by contacting Dan Tackaberry, Facilities Planning Coordinator at 613-714-6410, fax: 613-283-5783, or by email at dan.tackaberry@cdsbeo.on.ca. A list of all facilities will be sent to all registered contractors for review. Registered contractors must advise the Facilities Planning Coordinator of the site or sites of interest. Contractors will then be notified when the quotation packages are ready for pick-up.

If required, the Plant Operations Supervisors will organize site meetings to be held the week of April 4-8, 2022. Requests must be submitted no later than Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Questions and clarifications will be accepted until Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Bid submissions to be emailed and must be marked "RFQ #PM-22-027 – Grass Cutting & Trimming" will be received by:

Dan Tackaberry, Facilities Planning Coordinator
Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario
email at dan.tackaberry@cdsbeo.on.ca

Quotations will be received no later than **2:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 28, 2022.**

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations received and to determine in its own best judgment, the best qualified contractors to undertake these services.

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Great day in Williamsburg

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG – Lodge 349 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Williamsburg held their pancake breakfast in the morning and an evening dance March 19 in their hall, decorated with a nod to the Emerald Isle and St. Patrick.

Organizers commented how the delicious breakfast fed 116 people including pancakes, eggs, sausage, toast, bacon, and a selection of beverages. The evening featured Soundtastic Productions, people were able to dance and visit with friends.

Upcoming events include a Euchre Tournament on April 9 in support of Help Our Homeless, and on April 23 a breakfast in the morning and dance in the evening. The community favourite Surf and Turf dinner is planned for May 7, with limited tickets available.



Mark Synder, Lorne Synder and Gord Snyder enjoyed the breakfast and the opportunity to have a visit during the pancake breakfast. Thompson Goddard Photo

Railway crossings

Continued from the front

Affected landowners have been receiving letters in the mail from the Canadian Pacific Railway focusing on their own railway crossing and what needs to be done, as well as what it will cost to do it in order to meet the TSB's new regulations.

A spokesperson for CP Rail said, CP Rail is reaching out to all private crossing owners to inform them about new regulations and standards that Transport Canada has come up with.

Whenever a railway runs through private property, a farm for example, and the farmer has to cross the railway tracks to get to the other side of his or her farm, that crossing becomes their responsibility.

Private homeowners are responsible for the crossings, so any upgrades that are coming, they will be responsible for that.

The letters have not been well received by farmers and landowners who have had railway crossings on their property for years and normally have CP Railway look after them. Often a farmer is the only person who will need to use a crossing to go from one field to another.

Estella Rose, the former deputy mayor of North Dundas lives in Mountain and received one of the many letters outlining her obligations to look after her railway crossing.

Rose said, "They want \$1,000 to \$2,500 for liability insurance, but we already have farm insurance." The letter suggested that her crossing would need new signage to the tune of \$700 and she would need an assessment every year of the crossing at a cost of \$275.

"They should be paying us. It is an inconvenience for us.

We would only go across to plant the seed and maybe once to spray it and then combine it," she said.

"They have always maintained it. That was the idea when they got the right of way. They used to put up fences to keep cattle in. If you called and told them your gate was not up to par, they would drop off a new gate. They always had a machine to cut the brush to be able to see down the track. Are they going to cut that too?"

In an Ontario Federation of Agriculture, (OFA), member webinar on Farm Safety and Rail Crossings on June 17, 2021, the OFA presenter gave out information about what constitutes a private and farm rail crossing.

The issue discussed was that farm railway crossings were perhaps being designated private when they were actually a farm crossing. The difference being that CP Railway would be responsible for any upkeep on a farm railway crossing but not on a private crossing.

Landowners have to find some kind of record

designating who looks after the crossing on farmland and unfortunately some were placed on farms before adequate records were kept.

In their presentation there was also mention of some grant funding that was available for landowners.

A common misconception is that all railway crossings are owned and operated by the railway when in reality this is not always true. Sometimes a crossing will be the responsibility of a private homeowner, farmer, municipality, or railway company.

The goals of the regulations are to:

- Improve crossing safety;
- Provide consistent safety standards for new and existing public and private grade crossings;

- Clarify and define the roles and responsibilities of

all parties involved with improving the safety of public and private grade crossings;

Promote collaboration between railways and road authorities;

Implement results-based regulations for a consistent level of safety for all types of crossings.

Transport Canada's website stated: "New crossings must meet the regulations and standards immediately. If upgrading or changing an existing crossing, it must meet the regulations and standards immediately. Information on any changes must be shared between parties. Other existing private and public crossings must be inspected and upgraded, or closed, if required to meet the new regulations and standards by Nov. 27, 2021. Landowners

with private crossings are also impacted by this regulation and should review Transport Canada's website for more information."

There is some funding available to help with the cost if a private railway crossing is on your property and has to be upgraded but it is not guaranteed.

Another option is to find another way to get over the tracks on a property and then close the existing crossing.

You can apply for funding through the Rail Safety Improvement Program. The deadline for applications to the program is August 1.

For more information, search the web for the Rail Safety Improvement Program or go to <https://tc.canada.ca/en/programs/funding-programs/rail-safety-improvement-program> for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUILDING PERMIT FEES

TAKE NOTICE that the Department of Planning, Building and Enforcement will hold a public meeting on **April 19th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at 636 St. Lawrence St, Winchester, in order to consider proposed changes to the building permit fees imposed under Section 7 of the *Building Code Act*.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT – The Township of North Dundas has conducted a review of the building permit fees under Section 7(b) of the *Building Code Act*. The purpose is to ensure that the permit fees better reflect the services provided. The effect is to increase select existing fees and to introduce new fees for permits and services that have traditionally not had fees. Information will be provided at the meeting on the amount of the proposed fees and the rationale for changing and imposing the fees.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed fees. Any written comments are to be submitted prior to **April 14th, 2022** and addressed to the following person:

Nancy Johnston
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
636 St. Lawrence Street, P.O. Box 489
Winchester, ON, K0C 2K0
njohnston@northdundas.com

Such written submissions will be circulated to Council in advance of the public meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION will be provided at the meeting on the estimated costs of enforcing and administering the *Building Code Act*, the amount of the proposed fees and the rationale for changing and imposing the fees. More information regarding the current fee schedule and the proposed changes to the Building Permit Fee schedule can be found on our website - www.northdundas.com.

You can attend the meeting in person in Council Chambers at the Township office at 636 St. Lawrence St, Winchester without preregistration. You can also watch the meeting live on the Township's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEHN4ufiBAU-2WZCe2LcyOQ>. To participate in the meeting virtually, you must preregister online: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_fnSRM2tcTX6rz99hcqYTIA.

The Township of North Dundas' Chief Building Official will be available at the meeting to discuss the proposed fee changes and answer questions and receive comments.

For further information, please contact Jacob Forget, Chief Building Official at 613-774-2105 x243 or by emailing jforget@northdundas.com.

Dated at the Township of North Dundas this 16th day of March, 2022.

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Environmental Assessment of the Township of North Dundas Waste Management Plan Open House #3 – Proposed Environmental Assessment

The Township of North Dundas (Township) is undergoing an environmental assessment (EA) for the Township's Waste Management Plan under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The EA Study will evaluate long-term solid waste management options for a 25-year planning period.

The Township wants community feedback on the proposed EA and is hosting a third open house (both in-person and virtually) as follows:

April 7, 2022
Council Chambers in the Township Office
636 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For participants who would like to participate in the open house virtually, here is the link to register for the Zoom Webinar (https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_yKnD2Lq7Qa2N1uk2blGHug).

The presentation will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by a question period.

At this open house, the public will learn about the results and conclusions from the EA, including the confirmed identification of the preferred 'Alternative Method' of landfill expansion, the results of the existing conditions studies, the predicted effects on the environment, and the commitments the Township is making to mitigate any potential adverse effects.

The material for this open house will be published on the Township website on April 7, 2022 for review by the public and a feedback form will also be available to provide comments to the EA Study team. Both files will be accessible at <https://www.northdundas.com/municipal-services/environmental-assessments> and hardcopies will be available at the Township Office. A hardcopy, or an electronic copy of these documents on a USB drive, can be made available upon request following the open house.

If you would like to be added to our project mailing list or have project-related questions, please contact:

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If you require any accommodations for a disability to review the material of open house #3, contact Doug Froats at 613-774-2105 ext. 235 to make the appropriate arrangements.

Veillez noter qu'il vous est possible de nous communiquer vos commentaires ou vos questions sur le projet en français en les adressant à Yannick Marcerou au 613-592-9600 ext. 3318 ou par courriel à yannick_marcerou@golder.com.

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The province takes on bullying

ONTARIO – The Ontario government is investing more than \$550,000 in initiatives that will help keep kids safe in class and online. The funding will support programs that combat sex- trafficking, violence against women, bullying and cyberbullying.

According to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, 23 per cent of Ontario students reported being bullied at school and 22 per cent of Ontario students reported being bullied over the internet. And Statistics Canada found the following:

95 per cent of victims of police-reported human trafficking were women and girls;

22 per cent of police-reported victims of human trafficking are children under the age of 18;

Most of all police-reported incidents of human trafficking in Canada occur in Ontario.

The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (2019) highlighted that, “While Indigenous women represented only four per cent of the Canadian population in 2016, they comprised nearly 50 per cent of victims of human trafficking. Of those, nearly one-quarter were under the age of 18.”

These statistics are disturbing, and the Ontario government is acting to protect students through partnerships with community organizations.

“All students deserve to feel safe at school, and our government has zero tolerance for sexual exploitation, violence or bullying of any kind,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. “That is why our government has adopted a zero-tolerance approach to serious crimes against children, harassment and bullying, and through these investments, we are protecting children of all faiths, heritage, sexual orientation and colour of skin.”

Ontario’s partnership with One Child builds on the Keeping Students Safe – Policy Framework for School Board Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocols, which sets a strong foundation for school boards to establish key partnerships and regionally tailored anti-sex trafficking protocols. School boards will collaborate with community and police organizations with the goal of having protocols in place for all provincially funded schools.

These new investments are part of the Priorities and Partnerships Funding (PPF) COVID-19 Equity Supports.

“This helps to fund various initiatives that help to promote a positive school climate, support healthy relationships, build empathy, and address bullying and cyberbullying,” said Jim McDonnell, MPP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengary.

On Nov. 25, 2021, the Ministry of Education announced a strengthened Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 144 - Bullying Prevention and Intervention. It provides a framework for all school boards to adopt as a directive of the ministry.

The government has invested through the Priorities and Partnerships Funding and the COVID-19 Equity Supports Funding streams, which fund various programs, partnerships and services that help to promote equity, promote a positive school climate, support healthy relationships, build empathy, and address bullying and cyberbullying. As part of the Safe Return to Class Fund, the Ontario government is directing \$6.4 million to protect against discrimination in schools and to better support all students.

Associate Minister of Children and Women’s Issues, Jane McKenna said: “When students fear for their safety or worry about being bullied, their learning suffers. To help ensure every classroom is free from harassment of any kind, our government is supporting additional programs to stop bullying, discrimination, violence, and sexual exploitation. We are committed to fostering a healthy and supportive school environment where students are engaged.”

Editorial

It never rains but it pours

Just when you thought that after a pandemic, and a European war that threatens to engulf most of the free world, and the arrival of spring and the reality of an upcoming provincial election, that all of us would have been happy to have survived, but then comes along the possibility of a CP railway strike.

Fortunately, the strike never really materialized once the two sides agreed to mediation.

If you are a farmer, most likely you do business in one way or another with either the Canadian Pacific Railway or its twin sister the Canadian National Railway.

It’s just Canadian Pacific Railway that was gummed up with a dispute with the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference. According to the Teamsters Canada website: “Teamsters Canada

represents 125,000 workers across Canada, across multiple industries, with more than 16,000 of those members working in the rail industry. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, with which Teamsters Canada is affiliated, has 1.4 million members across North America.”

So, there you have it; both sides had something to win and lose but the biggest loser would have been Canadian consumers, farmers, mechanics, manufacturing plants and just about any industry that uses the railway to get their raw materials like fertilizer to the farm and their product back out to the marketplace.

I do not have a bias for one side or the other but the timing for this labour disagreement could not be worse.

Not being one to waste

an opportunity to make an unfair comparison; if the workers that make bullets and missiles went on strike, which I do not think has ever happened anywhere in the world, I do not think many of us would care; however, that kind of strike might solve a great many problems.

If the weather experts decided to hold back on their weekly predictions, as good as they have been, I am sure we would muddle through somehow.

All workers around the world deserve to be treated respectfully and all of those employers also need to be able to do what they need to, to keep all of those workers busy and their much-appreciated product moving out to their marketplace.

Everyone on both sides of the office door seem to forget that in the end we are all in this together.

Canadian labour has earned our respect over the

years by accepting less for more, as huge global companies reap profits that are out of this world. No one complains as long as they can afford their Netflix account, decent internet and the odd hockey game.

With everything that has gone wrong with the world lately, it is so easy to forget the uneven playing field created by market forces global and local.

Smaller local business is not much better off than regular folks, struggling to pay themselves a decent wage and keep their staff coming back day after day.

However, it is nice for a change to worry if only for a few days about a possible strike/lockout by railway workers as opposed to a pandemic, war, or never-ending climate change surprises. If only the other challenges we live with could be as easily put back on the shelf as the railway challenge?

Joseph Morin

Sitting on the fence

I have a lot of opinions. Some are probably right, and some are probably wrong, and I won’t know for sure which is which until sometime in the future; or possibly never, it’s hard to say.

I know there are people who think their opinion is always right, but I ask you, “How likely is that?” Not very. In fact, it’s probably safe to bet the true answer is “not at all.” Assuming this last bit is correct, then doesn’t it follow that we – as in everyone on planet Earth – should, perhaps, change our black and white style of thinking? If we’re not always right, then sometimes we must be wrong, or even a little bit right and a little bit wrong. Right?

If it turns out we’re wrong a certain percentage of the time, and if we won’t know what the percentage happens to be or what we’re wrong about until some undetermined point in the future, then shouldn’t we entertain the notion that what the other person is saying – the one who thinks differently from us – shouldn’t we maybe admit they could be right and listen to what they have to say? In the end, we may still disagree, but that’s okay. Listening to understand is the point. And there’s always the possibility we could all change our

minds, even if it’s just a little bit.

I’ve changed my mind before and I can say it’s almost always been because new information came to light or because I was able to see things from a completely different perspective. I think it’s important that we give ourselves, and each other, permission to change our minds without judgement.

When I was younger, let’s say somewhere between aged five and ten, I was called a fence-sitter. In case you don’t know what that means, it’s when someone can’t choose a side or, in this case, an opinion. Basically, I could usually see both sides. Sometimes one side would seem a little more “right” than the other and, if I had to, I’d choose that side. But I preferred not to; I wanted to stay neutral. Unfortunately, I quickly learned that neutral was not an option if I wanted to fit in. I’m not sure why, but we humans seem to be under the impression that there must be a right and a wrong. That we must always come out firmly on one side or another.

But do we? Maybe, and I’m just spit balling here, but maybe we could see pros and cons for both sides, or maybe, if we looked hard enough, and did a lot of research using a variety of diverse sources, maybe we could find even more sides. Honestly, I’ve

learned to come down hard for the side I believe is right, just like most everyone else in the world. But I think that’s where we’re getting it wrong. And, of course, as always, I could be the opposite of right on this point, but what if we were all able to climb up onto the fence, even if just for a moment?

If we’re all on the fence, where we have access to all the data and where we can see all perspectives, then does that mean we might be able to empathize with those whose opinions differ from ours? Does that mean we might be able to have a constructive discussion that moves all of us forward in our thinking? Does that mean that maybe we won’t fight or throw hate at one another anymore? I don’t know, maybe, maybe not, but I think it’s worth a shot.

I’ve forced myself to stand in the shoes of others to see if I could relate, even a little bit, to where they’re coming from, and it turns out I can. While I haven’t changed my opinion on most matters, it’s allowed me to remember we’re all human and, for the most part, we want the same things – for the people we love to be safe and happy, and for our villages, and the world, to be just a little bit like Mister Rogers’ Neighbourhood. Well, maybe not all the time, but sometimes.

Sandy Casselman



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Canadian National Railway has plans to rehabilitate their railway crossings

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The Canadian National Railway has a never-ending task of maintaining its level traffic crossings in its network in Ontario.

The goal is to ensure that all level railway crossings used by the public have a smooth and continuous crossing surface that is safe for both motorists and railway operations.

A press release from the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry (SD&G) stated: “CN has advised road authorities, including Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, that maintenance of the crossings is scheduled to be included in CN’s 2022 Crossing Maintenance Program.

The maintenance work will include rehabilitation of the existing structures in order to renew the supporting components of the crossing including damaged rail, track ties, fasteners, removal and replacement of existing track ballast and removal and replacement of planking or pavement. The work planned

for this crossing includes replacement of the track structure, while ensuring smooth and continuous crossing surface and approach. This will ensure continued safe public road access and railway operations.

The rehabilitation project will require a full road closure for the grade crossings outlined below. Vehicle and pedestrian access is not permitted during the entire duration of the work.”

The exact timing of the work is still being determined, but SDG will provide updates when information is made available.

CN railway crossings in SD&G are located at:

- Highway 34 (Lancaster, South Glengarry)
- County Road 8 (South Dundas)
- Flagg Road (South Dundas)
- Brinston Road (South Dundas)
- Broken 2nd (South Dundas)



Opening Day – The Makers Hub

The Makers Hub, located in a historic building at the corner of Main and Louise Streets in Winchester, opened on March 15. JoAnn Houle with husband Cory, own the business. They explained that there was a variety of locally handmade goods available for sale, with 35 plus vendors currently onsite. JoAnn and Cory are pictured on opening day of The Makers’ Hub.

Thompson Goddard Photo

South Stormont’s FoodCycler Pilot Program off to successful start

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – “What a successful program. I can’t believe how many residents in the first few weeks who had purchased a FoodCycler were sending me photos of their compost like, ‘look, I turned my chicken legs into this.’ So, it’s amazing,” township of South Stormont Coun. Jennifer MacIsaac said.

During the municipality’s March 9 council meeting, Public Works’ coordinator Bailey McBride provided a FoodCycler distribution update for South Stormont’s Waste Diversion Pilot Program. Council approved the program in October 2021, entering a partnership with Food Cycle Science, who had received funding from Impact Canada.

“Food Cycle Science is looking to receive high-quality data from the pilot program participants regarding food waste diversion, as well as receive high-quality feedback from residents, staff, and council regarding the feasibility of a FoodCycler food waste diversion program for the township of South Stormont and similar communities,” McBride said. She also noted that all data is to be submitted to Impact Canada.

McBride said the program was marketed to residents beginning Jan. 4 via social media, print media, posters, and the township’s website. Registration opened for a two-week period beginning Jan. 17, and then a lottery draw took place on Feb. 1 to identify those residents who’d become participants in the pilot program. Units were distributed over a two-day period, where representatives from Food Cycle Science were available to answer questions.

“All 200 units have been distributed to participants and currently is in week four of the 12-week pilot program,” McBride said. “Once the 12 weeks have concluded, participants will be sent a survey asking for their satisfaction with the FoodCycler unit and to provide their tracking results. Survey results will then be provided to council for review.”

McBride also said there’s a chance that Impact Canada will provide additional funding to Food Cycle Science for future FoodCycler Pilot Programs. MacIsaac said that if the South Stormont can participate again in the future, she thinks those residents who didn’t get a chance to try it will

come forward to do so after hearing the success from their neighbours.

“I have a unit myself. I can’t believe the amount of food waste that we’re diverting away from the landfill. So, very happy that we went with [ordering] 200 [units] because obviously there was a big interest and I think we’ll see it be successful,” MacIsaac said. “If we have the opportunity to participate again now that there’s been the discussions and chatter throughout the community, I think that we’ll see other residents want to participate as well because it’s a pretty neat gadget and it runs on a daily basis at my house.”

– Obituary –




EDITH JULIA BAKER (NEE THOMPSON)

OCTOBER 15, 1924 – MARCH 14, 2022

Passed away peacefully at the Dundas Manor in Winchester on Monday, March 14, 2022. Edith was born in Orrville, ON to the late Arthur and Emma Thompson and was the loved wife of the late

Gordon Baker (2006). She was predeceased by her son Wayne (2008) (wife Carmel), predeceased by her daughter Joanne (2021) (husband Dan Turpin), Diane Seguin (late George), and Kevin (wife Debbie) Baker. Edith was the devoted Grandmother of Pam (Bryan Helmer), Kim Baker, Kary (Matt Carkner), Julia (Jeff Norris), Clinton (Heather Baker), Kandra (Chris Arsenault), Danielle (Nathan Bryson), Jacob Seguin, and Connie Baker and was the great-grandmother to 14. She was predeceased by her brother Edward Thompson (2019) (wife Evelyn) and is survived by her two nephews Michael (Lori) and Philip. Edith was a graduate of the Soldiers Memorial Hospital class of 1946 in Orillia and was on the nursing staff at the Winchester Hospital from 1957 until her retirement in 1986.

Special thanks to the wonderful staff at both the Garden Villa in Chesterville and the Dundas Manor in Winchester. Funeral service will be held at the Morewood Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2022, followed by a reception at the Morewood Recreation Centre. Interment will be at the Morewood Presbyterian Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation or Morewood Presbyterian Church 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](https://www.marsdenmclaughlin.com).



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Ontario launches five new ONroute Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Province's historic expansion of charging infrastructure means greater convenience for drivers

TORONTO – Ontario is delivering on its commitment to bring electric vehicle (EV) fast chargers to the province's busiest highways with the launch of the five new fast charging stations at Ingleside, Tilbury North, Tilbury South, Woodstock and Innisfil ONroute stations. This launch brings the total number of ONroute stations with EV fast chargers to eleven.

"Ontario is putting shovels in the ground to build critical infrastructure that will boost EV ownership, support Ontario's growing EV manufacturing industry and reduce emissions," said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. "With EV fast chargers now available at eleven ONroute stations along our province's busiest highways it's even more convenient than ever for workers and families to grab a coffee or a meal while charging their car."

The new fast charging stations are part of a historic EV charger roll-out announced in December by the Ontario government, along with Ivy Charging Network, ONroute and Canadian Tire that will see a total of 69 fast chargers built at all 23 ONroute locations.

"Today's announcement will provide more choices for local commuters who drive an electric vehicle," said Jim McDonell, MPP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry. "The more EV fast chargers we have available along Highway 401, the

better it is for local tourism, and including job creation as we mine the resources right here in Ontario for EV batteries."

The deployment of rapid charging infrastructure will see ONroute locations along highways 401 and 400 equipped with at least two EV fast chargers at each site, with busier sites equipped with more. The EV fast chargers will be available to all drivers on a pay-per-use basis and will serve all vehicle types.

"With a total of eleven ONroute stations now equipped with EV fast chargers, our government continues to make life easier for those who drive electric vehicles," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "With more people switching to electric vehicles each year, our government continues to rapidly build the infrastructure required to support a greener, more accessible Ontario for drivers."

These chargers will further encourage the electrification of the transportation sector in Ontario by making EV charging more accessible, and as the EV population grows more chargers may be added at each site. The electrification of the province's vehicles will continue to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by shifting away from gas-powered vehicles and utilizing Ontario's clean electricity supply, one that is more than 90 per cent emissions-free.



Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell got a first-hand look at one of the three new electric vehicle (EV) fast chargers, which were launched for public use today at the Ingleside ONroute station on Highway 401, Fri., March 18 in South Stormont, Ont.

Courtesy Photo

This is one more way that Ontario is supporting EV ownership and reducing emissions.

In February, Minister Smith asked the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to provide him with options to implement a new ultra-low overnight Time-of-Use electricity price plan that could help Ontario families save money and support electric vehicle adoption by reducing overnight EV charging costs when province-wide electricity demand is lower.

This initiative builds on the government's Driving Prosperity: The Future of Ontario's Automotive Sector plan to create a domestic EV

battery ecosystem in the province and position Ontario as a North American automotive innovation hub, by working to support the continued pivot to electric, low carbon, connected and

autonomous vehicles.

"Our government's Driving Prosperity auto plan positions Ontario as a North American leader in developing and building the car of the future through emerging

technologies and advanced manufacturing process," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "By delivering on our commitment to bring EV fast chargers to the Ontario's busiest highways, we're supporting consumers and our auto, manufacturing, and critical mineral sectors as we look to achieve our goal of building at least 400,000 electric and hybrid vehicles by 2030."

As of Feb. 28, there are 75,274 EVs registered in Ontario. By 2030, one out of every three automobiles sold will be electric.

ONroute operates 23 service centres along highways 401 and 400. With eleven ONroute locations now equipped with EV fast chargers, additional sites will open later this spring, and two additional sites (King City and Barrie) will open later in 2022. Chargers at the last three sites (Maple, Ingersoll and Newcastle) are currently anticipated to open between 2023-2025 as part of planned renovations at the sites.

The Ivy Charging Network, a joint venture between Hydro One and Ontario Power

Generation (OPG), will be responsible for the installation, ownership, and operation of the fast chargers.



Serving up stew

There was a great turnout at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 569 for Irish Stew night at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 569 in Long Sault. People were able to enjoy an opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbours while enjoying a meal of Irish Stew. Legion president Randy Robertson serves up a bowl of delicious stew as the evening began.

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RRCA improving wildlife habitat and visitor experience at Cooper Marsh Conservation Area

CORNWALL – Ducks breeding at Cooper Marsh Conservation Area this year will be treated to newly repaired nesting boxes, complete with fresh woodchip bedding, thanks to recent maintenance and monitoring work by the Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA).

“After making sure the nesting boxes at Cooper Marsh were in good condition, we recorded which waterfowl species used the boxes by examining leftover feathers and eggshell fragments,” says Jamie Would, RRCA’s Stewardship and Outreach Assistant. “This will help us determine the best spots to install additional nesting boxes.”

The work is part of the Cooper Marsh Biodiversity Project, a three-year initiative to restore and enhance habitat and

increase biodiversity at the 663-acre Conservation Area. The project also includes mapping and removing invasive plant species, engaging the community in citizen-science biodiversity monitoring, and creating a long-term management plan for the Marsh.

A recent data analysis by the RRCA has shown that management strategies at Cooper Marsh during the last decade were successful at improving habitat.

“We have seen a significant increase in the abundance of birds who specifically require wetland habitat to survive and reproduce, such as the least bittern, the sora, and the Virginia rail,” says Would, who is coordinating the Biodiversity Project.

The RRCA will be working with various



RRCA Stewardship and outreach assistant, Jamie Would, inspects a nesting box at Cooper Marsh Conservation Area in South Glengarry. Courtesy Photo

community partners throughout this project in order to share resources and knowledge and to identify collaborative opportunities. Funding support has been provided by both Ontario Power Generation and Environment and Climate Change Canada.

The RRCA also recently installed new wayfinding map signs within Cooper Marsh’s 11.5-kilometre nature trail system. The bilingual and accessibility-friendly signs will help visitors to confidently explore the trails and experience the Marsh’s rich biodiversity.

South Dundas wins national marketing award

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The Municipality of South Dundas received National Economic Development Marketing (EDAC) Award top honours for its South Dundas Tourism Pursuit Gaming App.

“Council is proud that South Dundas has been recognized for this award,” Mayor Steven Byvelts said. “The project took tremendous effort from all of those involved. Everyone pulled together in partnership during this project to provide both South Dundas residents and our

visitors with a very unique way to experience tourism in the municipality.”

The announcement was made during EDAC’s March 7 virtual awards ceremony. This is the township’s second EDAC award having won an award last year for its Welcoming Facemask Project.

“The South Dundas Tourism Pursuit Gaming App in my opinion is an enjoyable and effective aid in promoting tourism in South Dundas,” South Dundas Tourism Advisory Committee member and local business owner Norene Hyatt-Gervais said. “I am very happy to hear that the Tourism

Pursuit App has won this award.”

It was the South Dundas Tourism Advisory Committee that developed the app with assistance from municipal staff as well as St. Lawrence College gaming students and their professor, James Dupuis. A recent announcement from the township noted that updates are expected to be made to the app soon which will provide more elements for app users to enjoy and explore.

“Given that EDAC is a national association, the awards competition is extremely competitive,” South Dundas economic development officer Rob Hunter said. “Winning this award is a real honour for our municipality.”



Celebrating St. Patrick

The members room of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 in Chesterville was decorated for St. Patrick’s Day and provided a perfect setting for the St. Patty’s Potluck. The dinner was held on March 19, with Todd Malo commenting “food was great, and the company was even better.” Courtesy Photo

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Good news for Ontario's college and university students

TORONTO – The Ontario government is extending the current tuition freeze for colleges and universities by an additional year, through 2022-2023, providing financial relief and predictability for students and families seeking access to affordable postsecondary education.

“Our government

recognizes that students and their families make huge sacrifices to attend college and university, so our government will continue to look for ways to reduce financial barriers for learners,” said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. “By freezing tuition for another year, we are saying yes to ensuring

that students have access to affordable, high quality postsecondary education, and reducing the financial strain on families who have already faced so many challenges throughout the pandemic.”

The one-year extended tuition freeze for Ontario residents builds on Ontario's historic 10 per cent reduction

in tuition for the 2019-20 academic year, and the subsequent two-year freeze from 2020-22. These reductions represent the first of their kind in Ontario's history. The government's action to reduce and freeze tuition has provided students with tuition relief of about \$450 million annually when compared to tuition costs in 2018-19.

“Increasing the

affordability of college and university is part of Ontario's plan to help people get the training they need to get good-paying jobs,” said Minister Dunlop. “By extending the tuition freeze, we will ensure that students can get the skills they need to succeed in a highly competitive global economy.”

Prior to the 2019-20 tuition reduction, Ontario

university tuition rates were the highest in any Canadian province. Ontario has now dropped to the fourth highest in Canada for undergraduate students and the second highest for graduate students.

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SNC hosting information session for new natural hazard mapping along the Bear Brook in the City of Ottawa

FINCH – South Nation Conservation, (SNC) invites residents to attend an online public information session to learn more about new floodplain and erosion hazard maps for areas along Bear Brook in the City of Ottawa.

The virtual session will take place on Thursday, March 31 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM and can be accessed by visiting www.nation.on.ca/consultations.

Natural hazard maps are

used by municipalities and SNC when updating official plans and zoning schedules, and in reviewing development applications to protect people and property from natural hazards (such as flooding) and guide sustainable development activities.

Development projects within natural hazard areas (like floodplains) require permission from the Conservation Authority before proceeding. SNC updates natural hazard maps



Bear Brook in Ottawa. Courtesy Photo

on behalf of its partner municipalities.

Following the information session, residents who wish to learn

more can schedule in-person or online meetings with SNC staff on weekdays and evenings between April 4 and April

15, 2022. The South Nation, Rideau Valley, and Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority

Partners work on behalf of the City of Ottawa to update floodplain maps in areas identified by the municipality with development pressures. More information on the priority areas can be found at: <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/floodplain-mapping>

For more information: Shannon Gutoskie, Communications Specialist, 1-877-984-2948, sgutoskie@nation.on.ca.

Seeds Canada voices support for Ukraine

OTTAWA – “Our thoughts are with Ukrainians who are facing an unimaginable situation,” Seeds Canada said on its social media platforms.

The post included a link to a statement from the International Seed Federation (ISF) in Switzerland. The post also included a photo of a blue sky and a field of yellow grain that resembles the Ukrainian flag.

“We are deeply saddened by the unacceptable situation in Ukraine today, and we condemn this war,” the statement said. “Our thoughts are especially with our colleagues in the seed and farming sector and the whole Ukrainian population, who are facing an unimaginable situation. We need immediate ceasefire and peace. Peace and food security are inextricably linked; one cannot exist without the other. Only through peace and cooperation will we be able to ensure that people will not starve. ISF’s vision is to make the best quality seed accessible to all and everywhere, supporting sustainable agriculture and food security – also and especially in times of crises like war and armed conflict.”

The statement was released March 8. It includes relevant seed-related stats for Ukraine, noting that “Ukraine is a key player in global agriculture with more than 40 million hectares of agricultural land and with major exports to Eastern Africa.” ISF also stated that on a global level Ukraine is responsible for 30 per cent of sunflower production, 19 per cent of rapeseed production, 12 per cent of wheat production, and 16 per cent of corn production.

“The continuation of this war will be catastrophic for Ukraine and for the entire world, where already 850 million people are facing hunger,” the statement said. “Based on the current discussions on creating humanitarian corridors in Ukraine, the International Seed Federation makes an urgent call to the international community to support the continued seed supply in Ukraine, enabling green lanes for critical agricultural inputs, such as seed to flow into the country, especially as the planting season is

starting now. The harvest of tomorrow depends on the seeds sown today. Farmers in conflict and war zones often find a way to continue their life-giving work. Seeds support life. We urge the private seed sector to support measures ensuring that farmers and food producers in Ukraine continue to be able to access quality seeds and farming inputs today and tomorrow. In the short term, this is critical to the survival of the country’s farming sector; and in the long-term, to its recovery and sustainability.”

Seeds Canada (seeds-canada.ca) is the voice of the Canadian seed sector. It represents the amalgamation of the Canadian Plant Technology Agency (CPTA), the Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada (CSAAC), the Canadian Seed Institute (CSI), and the Canadian Seed Trade Association (CSTA).



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Description of Land:

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO AN APPROVED RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT (NATION RISE WIND FARM)

Project Name: Nation Rise Wind Farm

IESO Contract Number: L-006351-WIN-001-100

Project Location: The proposed Nation Rise Wind Farm is located on private and public lands in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry in the western portion of the Township of North Stormont, Ontario, and bounded to the south by the Township of South Stormont and to the west by the boundary of the Township of North Dundas. The north portion of the site is delimited by the municipality boundaries of Russell and the Nation. Courville Road and MacMillan Road are the east boundaries of the project.

Dated at the Township of North Stormont this 21st day of March 2022.

Nation Rise Wind Farm Limited Partnership was issued a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) on 4 May 2018 [0871-AV3TFM] in respect of the Nation Rise Wind Farm. Information with respect to the decision on this project can be viewed on the Environmental Registry by searching EBR #013-1674. Nation Rise Wind Farm Limited Partnership is proposing to make changes to the project and the project itself is subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act (Act)* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice is being posted on the project website to make the public aware of the **proposed changes to the project.**

Project Description and Proposed Changes: Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the project in respect of which the REA was issued, is a Class 4 Wind Facility. An application has been made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to change the project. The proposed change to the Project consists of keeping the staging/laydown area located alongside Forgues Road and north of Concession Road 7 (Ashburn Road) and Turbine 16 in place after construction. This staging area is to be left in place at the request of the landowner as this area can be utilized as an extension of the already existing agricultural operation and farm use. The size is smaller (3.4 ha) and location of the staging area will not change compared to the originally approved area.

The changes do not affect the facility’s Class 4 designation or its total maximum nameplate capacity of approximately 100 MW.

Document for Inspection: Nation Rise Wind Farm Limited Partnership has been required to prepare a draft Modifications Report which outlines updates made to each of the reports and studies provided as part of the REA. Written copies of the draft Modification Report that describes the proposed changes were made available for public examination as of February 18, 2022 at the municipal offices of North Stormont Township (15 Union Street, Berwick, ON, K0C 1G0) and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (26 Pitt St., Cornwall, ON, K6J 3P2). It is also available online on the project’s website: www.nationrisewindfarm.com

Project Contacts and Information:

To learn more about the proposed project, or to provide feedback, please contact:

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- 1. One who regrets
5. Time zone
8. Subway dweller
11. Bend in a river
13. Alias
14. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
15. Very (music)
16. Zero
17. Phil __, former CIA
18. Competitions
20. Unwell
21. Puts in place
22. Gets rid of
25. Allows light to pass through
30. Climbed quickly
31. We all have it
32. There's a North & South

- 33. Emaciation
38. Supervises flying
41. Very dark colors
43. Unwanted
45. Grants
48. Three visited Jesus
49. Wife of Amun
50. Broadway actress Daisy
55. A Spanish river
56. I (German)
57. French opera composer
59. Six (Spanish)
60. Last letter
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. A curved shape
63. Make a mistake
64. Tall plant

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Computer memory
2. "Et __": "And wife" (Latin)
3. Ancient Syrian city
4. College army
5. Cassava
6. Talented
7. Capital of Estonia
8. Finger millet
9. In a way, assists
10. Men's fashion accessories
12. Misery
14. Skin disorder
19. Selling at specially reduced prices
23. Good friend
24. Stationary portion of a generator
25. Expression of disappointment
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Where birds fly
28. Midway between north and northeast

- 29. Chaotic states
34. Comedic actress Gasteyer
35. Kids' dining accessory
36. Snake-like fish
37. Midway between south and southeast
39. Assign lifelike qualities to
40. One who cites
41. Midway between east and southeast
42. North wind
44. One or the other
45. Cavalry sword
46. Of the Hungarian language
47. Life stories
48. Flat tableland with steep edges
51. Swiss river
52. Plant that makes gum
53. French cleric
54. One point east of northeast
58. Free from

Simply wonderful

WINCHESTER – When walking into Simply Baked Catering, located at 493 Main Street in Winchester, you are greeted with the delightful fragrance of delicious baked goods, and a warm welcome from staff.

Owner Cheryl Beasley commented how it is a “great team to work with and how they make working fun!” She explained the store opened in 2018 with Beasley, Anne Carriere and Claire Faguy decided to form a partnership and establish a brick-and-mortar storefront. She continued the three women decided as the rules were changing for home food businesses, the time was right to open a store. Carriere and Faguy have since moved on to other opportunities, with Beasley operating the business solely.

A dedicated community supporter, Beasley was integral in the formation of the Chesterville Farmers’ Market, Art on the Waterfront and involved in several other community organizations. Over the years, she has worked with many other local businesses for special events in the North Dundas and nearby communities. She mentioned SBC provides buns for Iron Forge Pizza in Winchester, collaborates with local markets and is part of My Local Markets in Kemptonville.

One of these initiatives is a fundraiser for the dialysis unit at the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital. Named the Cathy Burns

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



From the left: Jolene Moore, Cheryl Beasley and Jess Stewart are all smiles in the newly renovated portion of Simply Baked Catering in Winchester.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Peanut Butter Ball Fundraiser, it is held during the month of March which is designated as Kidney Health Month. Beasley explained during the month of March, customers can purchase a box of peanut butter balls for \$17 of which \$5 from each sale is provided to the WMDH dialysis unit. She mentioned how in the first week of the campaign over 50 boxes were sold.

Simply Baked Catering rents the entire first floor of their Main Street location, and earlier this year expanded to utilize both sides. One side is devoted to customer service, where food is displayed and soup and sandwich lunches created, with the other portion being where production is concentrated.

The store offers a large variety of food including custom cakes, freshly

made sandwiches, delicious bread products such as bagels, loaves of specialty breads and desserts with a selection of catering to satisfy just about every taste.

SBC has a Pie of the Month Club as well as a Bagel Club for customers to enjoy themselves or give as a gift to that special someone. The business has also produced several cookie decorating kits for customers around the different holidays, which provides an opportunity for children of all ages to have some tasty treats they have decorated themselves.

Beasley explained the catering portion of the business is limited currently due to the transition at the company. She mentioned there is a new menu up on the website, www.simplybakedcatering.com, which provides several options for catering orders.

When asked about challenges during COVID-19, she explained though difficult to manage initially, the company was able to pivot and work with pandemic regulations to ensure the safety of both customers and staff. Beasley commented the public is becoming more aware of local businesses and the need to support them.

Winchester has enjoyed many bakeries throughout its history, with Simply Baked Catering ensuring the tradition of freshly baked goods continues in this community.

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, Judy Rombough 223; Ladies’ High Triple, Judy Rombough 596. Team Standings: Hilda 194, Marin 190, Susan 169.5, Pat 166.5.

Monday Men’s: Men’s High Single, Mike Kearns 269; Men’s High Triple, Marc Robinson 686; Men’s High Average, Jason Vanoers 236. Team Standings: East_Ont 104.5, A-Team 100.5, Alley Cats 95, Raiders 85, Alley Rats 53, Country Boys 42.

Tuesday Afternoon Mixed: Men’s High Single, John Brisson 172; Men’s High Triple, John Brisson 494; Ladies’ High Single, Sandra Bloom 249; Ladies’ High Triple, Sandra Bloom 612. Team Standings: Love 131, Charity 120, Hope 109.

Defenders: Men’s High Single, Brian Casselman 256; Men’s High Triple, Brian Casselman 588; Ladies’ High Single, Gwen Clarke 263; Ladies’ High Triple, Gwen Clarke 638. Team Standings: Ossie 181.5, Gwen 175.5, Debbie 144.5, Brian 140.5, Glendon 123.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies’ High Single, Linda Bernard 184; Ladies’ High Triple, Lorna Armstrong 463. Team Standings: Mary 266, Dianna 256, Janice 143, Pat 229, Lorna 197.

Finch Mixed: Men’s High Single, Bill Pynenburg 247; Men’s High Triple, Bill Pynenburg 610; Ladies’ High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 263; Ladies’ High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 724. Team Standings: L.T.T.D 163, Billy’s Girl’s 147, F.I.S.T 140, B&S 118.

Thursday Seniors: Men’s High Single, Bas Vanwinden 241; Men’s High Triple, Bas Vanwinden 533; Ladies’ High Single, Janet Polowich 182; Ladies’ High Triple, Janet Polowich 426.

Avonmore Mixed: Men’s High Single, Frank Jerome 256; Men’s High Triple, Frank Jerome 728; Ladies’ High Single,

Mink Fusee 188; Ladies’ High Triple, Mary Osborne 477. Team Standings: Red 158.5, Blue 154.5, Orange 143, Black 137.5, Purple 126.5.

Friday Seniors: Men’s High Single, Paul Elias 117; Men’s High Triple, Paul Elisa 318; Ladies’ High Single, Rejeanne Lefbvre 188; Ladies’ High Triple, Rejeanne Lefbvre 525.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men’s High Single, John Byvelds 240; Men’s High Triple, Danny Holmes 582; Ladies’ High Single, Erin Drapeau 226; Ladies’ High Triple Erin Drapeau 563. Team Standings: John 197, Garry 196.5, George 193, Danny 173.5.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men’s High Single, Dave Ridge 236; Men’s High Triple, Darryl Britton 638; Ladies’ High Single, Pat Middleton/Erin Wheeler 177; Ladies’ High Triple, Erin Wheeler 474. Team Standings: The Balljoints 164, Team Nike 148, Mental Mishaps 147, Golden Girls 132.

Youth Bowling Canada

YBC Peewees: Girl’s High Single, Isabelle Broomer 90; Girl’s High Double, Isabelle Broomer 174; Boy’s High Single, Kaden Leach 90; Boy’s High Double, Kaden Leach 178.

YBC Bantams: Girl’s High Single, Robin Sanders 134; Girl’s High Double, Robin Sanders 136; Boy’s High Single, Caleb Vanderveen 160; Boy’s High Double, Caleb Vanderveen 202. Team Standings: Jets 149, Oilers 119.5, Leafs 119.5, Red Wings 107.5, Flames 104.5.

YBC Juniors: Girl’s High Single, Caroline Sanders 208; Girl’s High Triple, Caroline Sanders 543; Boy’s High Single, Alex Robinson 253; Boy’s High Triple, Alex Robinson 549. Team Standings: Sabers 207.5, Ducks 197.5, Kings 196, Bruins 180, Senators 163.

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Russell provides info for upcoming municipal election

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The Township of Russell is ensuring that residents have the information they need about the upcoming municipal election in October.

Staff have added a link to the municipality's homepage (Russell.ca), which, once clicked, takes the reader to a new page devoted to information surrounding the Oct. 24 election. The information provided covers the voting process, third-party advertising, and becoming

a candidate for the next council.

The requisite information includes a link to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)'s VoterLookup.ca page, where residents can find out if they're on the voters' list, update their information, or change school support, and, if they're not on the list, they can be added to ensure there are no difficulties when it comes time to place their votes. To vote in the upcoming municipal election, one must be at least 18 years of age and a

Canadian citizen who either owns, resides, or rents property in Ontario.

The link for residents considering becoming a candidate in the 2022 municipal election includes information on the nominations process, as well as a list of key dates, and links to more information, including the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs' 2018 Candidates' Guide for Ontario Municipal Council and School Board Elections. The document outlines what it means to be on council in terms of

time, effort, and responsibilities.

Nominations for the next municipal election open on May 2 and will close Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. The voting period will run from Oct. 19 until 8 p.m. on election day, Oct. 24. Russell's new council will attend the inaugural and first regular council meeting on Nov. 21.

The current council will continue as before until Aug. 19 when the lame duck period begins. Council's power to act will, at that point, have some restrictions. The

Municipalité de RUSSELL Township

current Russell council includes Mayor Pierre Leroux, and councillors Mike Tarnowski, Jamie Laurin, André Brisson, and Cindy Saucier.

MPAC's voterlookup.ca is not used for provincial or federal elections. The upcoming provincial

election is set for June 2. To check if you're on the provincial voters' list, visit elections.on.ca. There is no federal election scheduled in 2022, however, residents can check their status on this list as well as by visiting elections.ca.



Popping for a great cause

Students at the Russell Public School hold a fundraising event for a school in Madagascar each year. They pop up some delicious popcorn over a three-week period. In this photo left to right are: D. Kelley and K. Waters working on the latest batch.

Courtesy Photo

Russell changes fees for youth-oriented non-resident ice rentals

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – Township of Russell politicians recently approved a price reduction in ice-time rentals for non-resident youth-oriented organizations.

During the March 7 council meeting, director of parks and recreation Céline Guitard recommended that council approve a proposed bylaw to amend the Parks and Recreation Fees of the User and Charges Bylaw to include a rate for non-resident youth-oriented organizations.

Guitard's report said the township usually hosts the Pirates AAA tournament in the spring. If the fee for

non-resident youth-oriented organizations is added, the tournament, which takes place over two weekends could generate roughly \$20,000 to \$30,000 in additional revenue every year.

"We're trying to work out a reasonable rate," she said. "Also, some kids in that tournament are local kids, so we're trying to accommodate everybody in here, and we wouldn't like to lose this tournament because they've been at our township for about 13 years at least. It generates a lot of revenue for both arenas. It's really good for the local economy because it's people from everywhere, even from the States, and also, like I mentioned, on the long-term it might be some

good relationship building for the new complex in the coming years."

The current non-resident rate is \$289 and Guitard said with surrounding arenas offering lower rates for minor hockey associations, it's harder for Russell to be considered as the host arenas of the tournament. She suggested the rate be set at \$230 per hour, which would consist of \$194 plus a \$36 recreation complex surcharge. This, she said, would be in between the current non-resident rate and the current rate for resident youth-oriented organizations, which is \$172 per hour. It was also noted that surrounding area charges for similar situations is between \$155 and \$190 per hour.

"Perfect," Mayor Pierre Leroux said. "Makes total sense."

No further discussion was had. Council voted to approve the recommendation.

RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen
Student Reporter



Hey readers!

Welcome back from our March break!

Today at RHS, we have been granted the opportunity to have our senior T-Wolves take their graduation photos! It was a long wait for us to get here, but I know that we are extremely grateful we get to have a momentous photograph of us that will stick around for a very long time. Reminder to the graduating class of 2022, photos will be taking place today and tomorrow, so please make sure you know your time slot to meet the photographers in the cafeteria by the stage.

A brief announcement from the RHS prom committee, if you are a student attending the graduating class's prom and you are going to be wearing a dress, we encourage you to follow the RHS prom dress Instagram page and submit your dress! The purpose of this is to make sure everyone has their own unique dress! The Instagram page is called "rhspromdress_acc_2022".

Taking a break from school for a moment, we all have been through a lot in this pandemic and now, as of March 21, mask requirements have been lifted, among other regulations. Regarding school, the full and detailed document explaining this can be found on the UCDSB website. But for starters, here are some key points: masking is now optional in schools and school transportation (with a few exceptions); confirmation of daily screening is no longer required (but we do ask that people do continue to monitor symptoms and stay home if unwell), and people can now watch and attend school sporting events. With some regulations lifted, we all still need to be safe, or regulations will be brought back, and no one wants that! As a school and a community, we need to still be cautious.

Be safe out there!

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