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**Briefly**

**Tubie weekend**  
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Morrisburg's Tubie festival is celebrating its 50th birthday this weekend with fun events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday is open Mic Night at 7 p.m. The parade is at 1 p.m. on Sat., July 30 starting at the Waterfront Park. The race is Sunday at noon, from Arlor Haven to the Morrisburg Beach. There will be a beer garden, bouncy castle, a dance and more. See sponsor page inside.

**'Here Comes the Sun' - Sunflowers that is!**

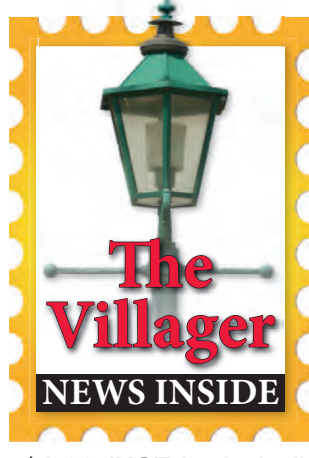
MOREWOOD - Soak up the sunflowers and 'bee' amazed! That's the plan for a creative new local event. Smirlholm Farms is opening its doors to the community to showcase the beauty of Morewood and raise funds for the WDMH Foundation's Cancer Care Fund.

From July 29 to Aug. 7, guests can stop by the farm to enjoy a number of activities including educational displays on beekeeping and wildflowers; a two-acre wildflower plot; horse drawn wagon rides; tractor rides; and even a cocktail trailer. All proceeds from opening day go to the WDMH Foundation.

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**Smiles all around in South Mountain**

The South Mountain Meet Me On Main Street on Wed., July 20 was fun for everyone. There was great music, good food and drink, including sweet cotton candy. The South Gate Church looked after the bouncy castle and the evening's supply of cotton candy. Having a tasty break were, left to right: Lucas Menard, Savannah Coleman, Paige Hannaford and Preston Holmes.

Morin Photo

**South Mountain Meet Me On Main Street a summer treat**

**Joseph Morin**  
 Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN - As the summer rolls along so do the rotating Meet Me On Main Street events in North Dundas.

Last week on Wed., July 20 it was South Mountain's turn to take a summer break and enjoy some quality time with family, friends and neighbours on South Mountain's Main Street.

A bandstand, tables and chairs, vendors selling supper, and great weather made the once-a-year occasion fun for South Mountain and Mountain residents.

The entertainment was provided by award winning local recording artist Cory M. Coons.

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**Rev. Allen Tysick to join House of Lazarus 35th anniversary celebration**

**Sandy Casselman**  
 Record Staff

MOUNTAIN - House of Lazarus (HOL) founder Rev. Allen Tysick is set to speak at the outreach mission's 35th anniversary celebration this fall.

"House of Lazarus is here today because of Rev. Tysick, a man who has spent his life helping those in need," HOL Linking Hands coordinator Kristina McDermott said. "We are honoured to have his presence as the guest of honour and speaker for this event."

With "A Walk Down Memory Lane" theme, the milestone celebration, which is set for Sept. 23 from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Joel Steele Community Centre at the Sam Ault Arena in Winchester, will double

as a fundraising event. In addition to the honoured guest speaker, Rev. Tysick, the event will include a catered meal via Leatherworks Catering served at 7:00 p.m., entertainment with DJ Steve Barkley and Soundtastic Productions, a silent auction, and a cash bar. Guests are asked to dress in cocktail attire.

"The past two years have been tough for many people, which has led to an increase in the need for HOL's services; however, due to COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns, HOL's revenue-making social enterprise was negatively impacted," McDermott said. "Our mission's 35th anniversary was last year, but because of the pandemic, we were

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## South Mountain Meet Me On Main Street

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While the band played their songs including Cory's latest single called "Freedom Road".

The Southgate Church provided a bouncy castle and free cotton candy, and the Rick Cauvier Memorial Park was the place to be to have great summer fun.

As at all of the other Meet Me On Main Street events, North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser was at the summer event. He said it was nice to see residents being able to get out and get together after all the pandemic restrictions.

The North Dundas Fire Department gave a demonstration on what happens to a kitchen grease fire when water is applied to it; being the worst thing you can do.

Friends of the South Mountain Library Resource Centre had free books for all ages and art and crafts.

Smokie Ridge Vineyard, Humble Beginnings Brewing Co., and King's



Residents of South Mountain enjoyed an evening out on Wed., July 20 as their community held their Meet Me On Main Street event. Morin Photo



Cory M. Coons and his band mates delivered great music to the crowd at the South Mountain Meet Me On Main Street. Left to right are Marc Muir, Cory M. Coons and Michelle Goodwin. Morin Photo

Lock Craft Distillery were on hand to showcase their products, while Sandy Row Golf Club, Simply Baked

Catering, and the Mountain Township Agricultural Society were busy keeping everybody fed.



Marika and Sawyer Livingston were having some quiet mom and daughter time at the South Mountain event. Morin Photo



The South Mountain Meet Me On Main Street event was the perfect way for neighbours, friends and family to come out and enjoy a summer evening of fun. In this photo these ladies had a nice time meeting and chatting. Left to right are Japke and granddaughter Ivy Tibben, Gerry Koekkoek, Joey O'Connor and Dien Havekes. Morin Photo

## HOL 35th anniversary celebration

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unable to host a celebration to acknowledge the years of service HOL has provided to its surrounding communities. This year, through our Sept. 23 event, we're hoping to both honour HOL's history and, at the same time, raise funds to help us continue the vital services we provide to our local communities."

HOL has served both individuals and families in need for more than 35 years, beginning in 1986 when Rev. Tysick began feeding the poor using the trunk of his car as his base of operations. Eventually, HOL moved to Tysick's garage in Dundela and then to the local church before moving to donated office space in South Mountain. Following the receipt of a large donation in 1999, HOL's board of directors was able to purchase land at the mission's current site in Mountain.

Today, HOL provides services to surrounding communities through its food bank, as well as its many outreach programs. In addition to offering food, clothing, and household items to those in

need, HOL is also indispensable in assisting locals with housing related needs. Since the onset of the pandemic roughly two years ago, HOL has seen an increase in need at all levels, as well as the addition of homeless individuals and families to its food bank client list.

"In the last year alone, the need for housing supports has grown tremendously," McDermott said. "We have been able to assist many individuals in securing safe and affordable housing."

Tickets, which are \$50 each or \$350 for a table of eight, are now available for purchase by contacting HOL directly at 613-989-3830. HOL is located at 2245 Simms Street in Mountain. For those wondering how they might contribute, HOL is accepting silent auction donations, as well as financial donations, and sponsorships. To find out more, contact Linking Hands coordinator, Kristina McDermott (kmcdermott@houseoflazarus.com) or executive assistant, Vicki Cane (vcane@houseoflazarus.com). Both can be reached via HOL's direct line (613-989-3830). For a list of programs and services, visit hol.community. HOL is also on Facebook and Instagram.



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## Editorial

### What are you reading?

Do you like to read? I love to read. Seriously. I love to read so much that I'll read something from every genre at least once... and then some. (It's good exercise for the brain to continuously surprise it with new, out-of-the-ordinary reading choices.) Okay, maybe not instruction manuals. I hate reading instructions. I'm also not overly fond of textbooks, but I suppose that's probably not unusual.

For more than a decade, my favourite genre has been non-fiction. This includes anything in politics, science, history, psychology, spirituality, philosophy, and so on. I think, for me, it's about learning new things. I really love to learn.

Honestly, I think it's the one thing, other than my children, that I love most about being alive - learning new things. In my opinion, that's the whole point of being here on earth - to learn lessons and have real experiences.

With that said, I've been surprised to find myself completely enmeshed in fiction since the onset of 2022. I don't know what caused it exactly, but I think it started when my roommate insisted, I read a book he thought was good, and when I say insist, I mean he wouldn't let it go until I read the darn book. For those who don't know me well, I'm not one to read something that I really have no desire to read... I read because I want to read, not because I must read. So, of course, I ignored him and went on my merry way, reading what my heart dictated,

beginning with Sy Montgomery's *Soul of an Octopus*. For a non-fiction read, it was insanely emotion-provoking, including happy little bouts of laughter to lengthy episodes of extreme sadness and tears. (On a side note, I learned that the plural of octopus is, in fact, not octopi, but rather octopuses. Ya, I thought that was interesting too.)

Then I read some fiction, beginning with my choice of Elizabeth Joy Arnold's *The Book of Secrets*. It was weird, but good. I like reading stories that don't progress the way I expect them to because that's just boring. I like to be surprised. I like it when I can't see or guess what's coming next. This, for the most part, was one of those books.

So, with my first two books of the new year done, and neither one being a

book recommended by my roommate, I finally caved to his badgering and agreed to read a book he selected from our local library. (Your local library is an excellent place to find great books in all genres, by the way.) My roommate likes fantasy and science fiction and, if you're not an avid fantasy/sci-fi reader, you may not know that a lot of the submissions in this genre fall into the youth category. (Some adults have a strong aversion to reading books labelled for youth, but many avid readers, including myself and my roommate, do not.)

I don't remember how many books he gave me to choose from because he often has anywhere from five to 10 books on the go at any given time, but I chose something I normally wouldn't because that's what I do. I decided to read Kerri Maniscalco's

*Kingdom of the Wicked*. It was slow to start, but I flew through it and then picked up book two of the series - *Kingdom of the Cursed* - and was deeply upset to discover the third and final book of the series won't be released until November. I don't know why, but it hooked me. Of course, I will be rereading the first two books prior to getting book three - I like to have things fresh in my mind - so, I can probably come back with an update at that time about why I like it so much. Until then, it's a mystery.

Reading the Maniscalco series prompted me to chat with the local librarian, who then suggested I read some Jennifer Armentrout books, beginning with *From Blood and Ash*, which is a book one in an incomplete six-book series. Despite being able to guess some of the twists, I loved it. So much

so that I read the first four books in this series twice in less than a month. I found the characters to be addicting, plus there's just so much world-building information that you miss a lot in the first reading. Then I read all her other series, and she has a lot.

Why am I telling you about the books I've been reading? It's summer and a lot of people read during their summer holidays. That's it. That's what sparked the idea. For the record, I read all year round. In fact, I've already read 70 books this year and I'm sure by the time this editorial goes to print, that number will be 72. So, what are you reading? Feel free to drop me a line at news@etceterapublications.ca and we can have a chat and share reading recommendations.

Sandy Casselman

### Letter To The Editor

#### Battle of Crysler's Farm re-enactment

##### Letter to the Editor:

The Friends of Crysler's Farm Battlefield would like to thank The Chesterville Record for its coverage of their re-enactment weekend July 16 -17.

The FCFB are a registered charity. Their goal of which is to preserve the history and memory of the battle staged on the 11th of November 1813. They do so through biannual re-enactments and educational events. Like many events the re-enactment has been sidelined since 2018 (was due in 2020).

In conjunction with the re-enactment was the unveiling of the John Marselis plaque at the UCV Pioneer Memorial. Though the name may have changed from time to time, many of John's descendants still reside in the area. The ceremony was organized by Ron Doering. Many thanks to The Record reporter, Carol Thompson Goddard for covering both events.

On behalf of The Friends of Crysler's Farm Battlefield, wishing The Record all the best for future endeavours. The community newspaper in whatever guise, remains the best option for keeping up with local events.

Kim McInnis, FCFB, Secretary

### A bumpy road and a smooth ride

They say that patience is a virtue and in the case of Hallville residents waiting for the arrival of their promised Hallville Community Park, truer words have never been spoken.

However, it is clear successive North Dundas councils had every intention of getting the park done, but one thing or another, the least of which is the recent or ongoing pandemic is to blame for 23 years of delays.

The recent open house in Hallville about the proposed park is a shining example of what good communication can achieve. During a time when protests against the current federal and provincial governments is threatening to become commonplace, a simple appearance before a small rural council got the job done for Hallville residents.

No one could do anything about the year long wait for the park promise from previous councils to be delivered.

When Hallville residents asked the current council what was happening to that promise, the response was immediate. A promise to share the concept plan for the park was made and kept at the next council meeting. Then an open

house was planned for the following week at the Hallville Fire Hall where the mayor asked residents to continue their vigorous involvement in planning what they wanted in their park.

The response from residents was positive and the efforts by the municipality were appreciated by all.

The meeting was a happy one and residents left the fire hall satisfied that they had taken the first steps to getting their park made. There were no complaints about a lack of action in the past, there was no name-calling or threats against the municipality for taking so long. Either the residents of Hallville are incredibly gracious or they are typical humans, who when presented with a set of negative circumstances, manages to make the best of it.

There is no point in travelling back into the past to take aim at one council or another for not being able, for one reason or another, to get the park done.

Realizing that, residents focused on moving forward with their park vision and in doing so brought the current council along with them.

It was, and is a great example of community, government

collaboration.

Lower tier governments like the North Dundas council or the united counties council are just as complicated as provincial and federal governments, and their constituents are seated right in front of them. Their budgets are smaller than their upper tier cousins but the demands and expectations on them are every bit as serious and meaningful.

Thoughtful dialogue, a well presented ask, and a determined and committed community made all the difference in the Hallville park case, and along the way not a drop of blood was shed.

All challenges and community issues cannot have a happy ending or a smooth ride to their inevitable conclusion, but all situations begin with a conversation and end with some kind of agreement.

Hallville residents made it look easy when they could have easily spent a great deal of time howling at their council for the park delays over the years.

Instead, they invited the municipality to join them in making their community park vision come true, and councillors are, in the end, community members when they step away from the council table.

Joseph Morin

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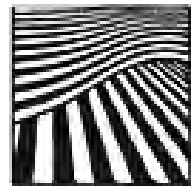
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# South Dundas council declines purchase to Canadian Club's 2022-2023 season

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff  
MORRISBURG – The Municipality of South Dundas council recently rejected an invitation to sponsor the Canadian Club of Morrisburg and District for the 2022-2023 season.



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Council declined the offer, noting the request didn't meet the municipality's donation application submission date requirement.

Mayor Steven Byvelds commented on council's attendance at club events in the past but noted that he was not leaning one way or the other. While she acknowledged the value behind the Canadian Club and its speaker events, Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner said council has turned down other late requests for support, and this request, in addition to being late, is also coming at the end of council's term. She said she didn't believe it would be fair to say yes to this request when they've said no to others.

"I have to say no because I said no to every other one," Coun. Lloyd Wells agreed. "Wherever there's a due process, I'm sticking by that." councillors Don Lewis and Archie Mellan concurred.

The Canadian Club of Morrisburg and District was founded in 1925. The club meets at Morrisburg's Royal Canadian Legion

six times each year for dinner, followed by a featured speaker. Caza's letter stated that the club usually sees roughly 100 members and guests attending the events. She said members include residents from both South and North Dundas.

The 2022-2023 season will kick off Sept. 21 with Dr. Garry Willard, author


of *Into the Dragon's Jaws*. Willard is from the Winchester area, and he's a neurosurgeon who served in the Vietnam War. The remaining five sessions will feature author Maggie Wheeler (Oct. 19), Ross Video CEO David Ross (Nov. 16), senator Bernadette Clement (March 15, 2023), Winchester District Memorial Hospital CEO Cholly Boland (April 9, 2023), and John Foster, who will discuss Canada, oil, and world politics (May 17, 2023).



### Obituary

#### Jack McLaren


Passed away peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Friday, July 22, 2022, Jack McLaren of Finch, in his 86th year. Loving husband of Carmen McLaren (nee Descôteaux) for 60 years. Dear father of Preston McLaren (Jaye) of Ottawa, Roxanne Crump (Angus) of Winchester and Martin McLaren of Embrun. Jack will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren April, Preston Jr., Kody, Steven, Justin, Carly, Derrick, Jaclyn and Kayla. Predeceased by his sister Jean Bicknell. He is also survived by nieces and nephews. Jack will always be remembered for his love of gardening, his endless generosity, and his devotion to his family. Friends were called to the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville on Wednesday, July 27 from 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Finch Community Cemetery followed by a luncheon at Jack's home - 15164 Concession 1-2 in Finch. Celebrate Jack's life with the family. 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).



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# Enjoy a walk in nature at Fields of Gold

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

**NORTH STORMONT** – The weather on July 23 cooperated for the grand opening of the 2022 season at Fields of Gold in Monkland; now in its second year of providing visitors with the opportunity to spend some time outdoors enjoying all that nature has to offer. Jakob Vogel, who operates the business with his wife Stephanie Allen, explained the 2022 season will run from now until approximately the beginning of September.

Erica Gauthier and Taylor Sherrer were two people taking advantage of the warm July weather to visit Fields of Gold. “It’s a nice thing to do on a weekend,” commented Sherrer, while Gauthier mentioned she enjoyed walking in nature while enjoying seeing her favourite flower, the sunflower!

Vogel mentioned the sunflower field has increased from 15 to 40 acres this year. These tall and beautiful flowers are beginning to bloom. He explained sunflowers are generally harvested in November, with the seeds produced each year used in bird seed production and new certified seed planted each year.

“We are really excited to add new experiences” this year, said Vogel. And he commented, there were several new activities at Fields of Gold; these include a “Pick Your Own Flowers” garden area, pumpkin patch and photo op locations. Vogel mentioned flower varieties in the PYOF area include marigolds, sweet peas, and gladiolus and they are beginning to bloom. He continued the opportunity to pick your own flowers will be offered between 10 a.m. and noon on Friday,

Saturday and Sundays and that pre-booking is necessary.

Walking along the trail, visitors will notice a large corn field; shortly this field will be made into a corn maze for people to enjoy. Vogel explained there is also a pumpkin patch where pumpkins of several different colours will be available for picking in the fall. In current development is a children’s area with outdoor games becoming available.

He mentioned visitors can enjoy refreshments, including drinks, popcorn from Happy Popcorn and sweet treats at an onsite snack truck. Working in collaboration with local businesses, guests are offered the opportunity to purchase jewelry, merchandise as well as basic apparel items such as hats from local artisans on site. Pre-picked flower bunches are available for purchase



From the left: Taylor Sherrer and Erica Gauthier are shown as they enter the 40-acre sunflower garden at Fields of Gold on July 23. Thompson Goddard Photo

from the flower truck across from the snack truck. Visitors are encouraged to take photos at photo op locations at the flower truck or along the trail as they walk out to the sunflower field.

Vogel mentioned the goal

of Fields of Gold was to provide people with an enjoyable outdoor experience during the pandemic when it opened in 2021; he mentioned the first year “went very well.”

“Overall, so humbled and grateful for the support from

the community and business partners,” he expressed how eventually their goal is to become a year-round business in the coming years.

More information on Fields of Gold can be found on their social media sites.

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Tuesday, Aug. 2	Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Tuesday, Aug. 2	10 a.m. Historical Walking Tour of Winchester
Tuesday, Aug. 2	1:30 p.m. – Ice Cream Social – Enjoy an Ice Cream Sundae
Thursday, Aug. 4	Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Honey Garlic Meatballs
Thursday, Aug. 4	2 p.m. Ladies' Afternoon Tea
Friday, Aug. 5	11:30 a.m. – “Celebrate Dairyfest”. Wear your black & white and enjoy a meal.
Monday, Aug. 8	11:30 a.m. – Camp Day – Come for lunch and enjoy some fun.
Tuesday, Aug. 9	South Mountain Diners' Eat In at South Mountain Ag Hall – Chicken Alfredo Lasagna
Tuesday, Aug. 9	1:30 p.m. – “Craft & Chat” – Bring your own craft and enjoy some social time.
Thursday, Aug. 11	Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Chicken Alfredo Lasagna
Thursday, Aug. 11	2 p.m. – Homemade Ice Cream Sandwich at Nationview Apts in Chesterville
Friday, Aug. 12	Health & Wellness Clinics – Call to make an appointment.
Friday, Aug. 12	1:30 p.m. – Bird Watching/Presentation – Join us for an afternoon all about birds!
Monday, Aug. 15	11:30 a.m. – “Hawaiian Day”. Wear your Hawaiian clothes and enjoy a meal.
Tuesday, Aug. 16	Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Tuesday, Aug. 16	Chesterville Diners' Drive Thru – Beef Stir-Fry
Tuesday, Aug. 16	1:30 p.m. – Ice Cream Social – Enjoy an Ice Cream Float
Wednesday, Aug. 17	Caregiver Café Support group at 1 p.m. Call for more information.
Thursday, Aug. 18	Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Beef Stir-Fry
Thursday, Aug. 18	2 p.m. Neighbourhood Afternoon Tea
Tuesday, Aug. 23	Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Tuesday, Aug. 23	South Mountain Diners' Eat In at South Mountain Ag Hall – Sweet & Sour Pork
Tuesday, Aug. 23	1:30 p.m. – “Craft & Chat” – Bring your own craft and enjoy some social time.
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Friday, Aug. 26	Health & Wellness Clinics – Call to make an appointment.
Friday, Aug. 26	11:30 a.m. “Birthday of the Month”. Come for lunch and celebrate the August birthdays.
Monday, Aug. 29	11:30 a.m. – “It's Country Week” – Pulled Pork & Cord Bread
Tuesday, Aug. 30	Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Tuesday, Aug. 30	2 p.m. – Outdoor Entertainment by Hillbilly Highway – \$5 a person
Wednesday, Aug. 31	Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.

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# Hallville Community park options considered by residents

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**HALLVILLE** – The residents of the Village of Hallville are several steps closer to seeing their community park become a reality.

A large group of more than 35 residents came to the Hallville Fire Hall on Mon., July 25 to take part in an open house put on by the North Dundas municipality.

Meaghan Meerburg the director of recreation and culture, presented those gathered at the meeting with a brief overview of the two concept plans being considered, but stressed the municipality was waiting for input about what choices the Hallville community wanted to make for their park. At the

moment, there are two concept plans for the park. They are very similar. Both plans call for a senior and children's play structure, an outdoor skating rink and rink house, a pumphouse to supply water to the rink, various walking paths from one section of the park to another, paved parking lots and two crosswalks with audio and visual warnings along Reids Mill Road that run by the entrance to the park.

Most of the discussion at the open house was about the three optional ideas presented to residents. They were including a splash pad, a ball diamond and a soccer field to the park plan. Including any or all of the three would result in the project going over budget and would require additional grant funding or

community fundraising.

Residents were asked to fill out a form describing what they would like to see in the park and the results of that informal survey will be the driving force for the park plan. The deadline for submission of the forms is Fri., July 29. A decision about what to include at the park will be presented to the council at their next meeting.

Mary Cook has been the Hallville resident who has been speaking for the residents. She was pleased with how the meeting turned out.

"I think we had a very good turn out too. Many who attended any of the council meetings were here," she said.

Cook noted there were a wide range of ages at the meeting.

As to what major features the community park would have, the crowd at the meeting were divided.

Cook said, "I am hearing a lot of different things. I think a lot of the residents are looking at a splash pad."

She said as far as the soccer field and baseball diamond went, the soccer field might be preferable than the ball diamond if the community could only have one of them.

She noted that having a playground in close proximity to the splash pad was a good idea.

One of the conclusions from the open house was that Hallville residents would be better served by creating their own local recreation committee so that they could stay involved throughout the



Meaghan Meerburg goes over some of the details of the concept plans for the Hallville Community Park with long-time Hallville resident Threse St. John. Morin Photo

construction of the park.

The park would be built in three phases with each phase including different features.

Mayor Tony Fraser encouraged and invited those at the meeting to become involved in the decision-making process and to not be shy about telling him or the

director of recreation and culture, what their ideas were and what choices they wanted the municipality to follow.

Meerburg told the crowd to decide what their community would like to have in the park as a first step, and then consider the financial part of the project.

# "Soak up the sunflowers and bee amazed!"

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

**MOREWOOD** – The "Soak Up the Sunflowers and Bee Amazed!" held at Smirlholm Farms in Morewood, combines spending time outdoors viewing wildflowers and sunflowers and learning about honeybees, while raising funds for the Cancer Care Fund of the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital Foundation. The event will run from July 29 until Aug. 7, with opening hours of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

"I thought it was a nice way to give back to the community," commented organizer Glenn Smirle who with his wife Lisa and daughter Jada run Smirlholm Farms. He continued how the event will feature an observation hive which will allow guests "to see inside a functioning honeybee colony" but expects the focus

will be on guests enjoying a walk through the two-acre flower plot.

Smirle explained there are some special events planned for the opening weekend of July 29, 30 and 31. The grand opening is scheduled for Fri., July 29 at 4 p.m., with SDSG MP Eric Duncan, SDSG MPP Nolan Quinn and North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser planning to attend. Navandale Farms, operated by the McWilliams Family, will be providing heavy horse drawn wagon rides to the wildflower plot and back, between noon until 4 p.m. on July 29, 30, 31 as well as the Thirst Responder, a cocktail trailer, which will serve honey-based cocktails 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. on the same days. 2 for the Road will be performing at the event between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on July 31. Tractor rides will be available between the first and seventh of August.

More information can be found on the social media pages of Smirlholm Farms.

# Get ready for the 2022 Dairyfest Dundas Manor Tractor Parade

The annual Dairyfest tractor parade is planned for Sun., Aug. 7. Tractors will gather at the parking lot of the Winchester Curling Club any time before noon and park them there till 2:30 p.m. We then climb aboard and head East down Main to Christie Lane. The goal is to arrive at Dundas at 3:00 p.m. The parade will travel east past the firehall then continue around Lions Hall. The next leg of the parade goes west to Parcoll or pool area. For more information call John at 613-858-2094 or 613-774-2486. In this photo John Cinnamon and Sherry Holmes-Harty pose in front of the tractor of Arden Holmes. Sherry will be driving this tractor in the parade. It is a 1088 International tractor bought by Arden Holmes, by her late father Arden in 1976. It was used for years on the Holmes Farm as well as a snowplow to clear Winchester streets of snow during the winter.



Morin Photo



From the left: Glenn and Lisa Smirle are shown at their booth earlier this spring at the Fiat Farm Spring Bazaar. Thompson Goddard Photo



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# Rotarian Christine Cross-Barkley received Paul Harris Award

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – On June 27, Rotarian Christine Cross-Barkley received the Paul Harris Award for her service to the community. This award was presented to Cross-Barkley as she concluded her role of president of the Rotary Club of Chesterville that began in 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic had necessitated many changes both to the club and to the community it serves. Cross-Barkley worked with other members to ensure there were activities for village members. Projects such as colouring contests, seasonal decorations at the Rotary Gazebo on the Chesterville Waterfront, a visit from Santa Claus at the gazebo, the Easter egg hunt, which was facilitated by



Left to right: Chesterville Rotary Club president Rotarian Beate Stewart, presents outgoing CRC president Rotarian Christine Cross-Barkley with the Paul Harris Award for her service to the community.

Christine and husband Myles hiding oversized wooden Easter eggs around the community, are a few of the activities that provided many smiles to people of all ages during the pandemic.

“These past two years have been very difficult for families but the joy on their faces when they visited the gazebo was amazing. President Christine, you made life in Chesterville easier, especially for parents with young children and older people,” commented president Rotarian Bea Stewart, prior to presenting the Paul Harris Award to Cross-Barkley. She continued how Cross-Barkley’s leadership assisted in the Rotary Club of Chesterville following its motto “Service above self” during the pandemic. She thanked Christine, husband Myles and her sisters for all they had done.

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## Supporting Dutch farmers

A convoy of tractors and other vehicles travelled toward Monkland on County Road 43 in the early afternoon of July 23 in support of farmers in The Netherlands.

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## Singing in harmony

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
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CHESTERVILLE – The second annual “Sing It” event, organized by A Bunch of People Arts and Events, was held Sat., July 23 at Christ Church United in Chesterville. Amanda Burger, a member of ABOP, explained how the event provides an opportunity for people who enjoy singing to gather and raise money for charity. She continued money raised through various ABOP events throughout the year is donated to the House of Lazarus near Christmas.

“We couldn’t do this without our team of Margaret Whisselle, Kayla Droppo and Elizabeth Barton,” commented Burger, before continuing the team will be “teaching each section their part and putting it altogether for the video recording.” The video is filmed with the whole group performing and then released via social media so it can be shared with the families and friends of participants.

“It was a small group this year probably because we had it in the summer whereas we had it in May in 2019,” commented Burger. She continued how the group members had a wonderful experience and the song was performed beautifully by them.



From the left, front row: Brenda Windmill, Amanda Burger, Toinet Cornelissen and Gina Matthie. Back row: Eunice Eldridge, Susan Markenen, Susanne Millaire, Patrick Burger, Connor Whisselle, Margaret Whisselle, Kayla Droppo and Elizabeth Barton.

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- 35. Moved quickly 36. Winged horse 41. Small waterfall 45. Hoopster Gasol 46. One who mimics 47. Tropical plant 50. Used of walls 54. A citizen of Iran 55. Christian hermit 56. She marries the groom 57. American patriotic society 59. Wine grape 60. School of Buddhism 61. A team's best pitcher 62. Consumed 63. Time zone 64. Part of a company name 65. Type of bulb

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Marine protozoan 2. You use it for your eyes 3. Set aside for a later time 4. Metrical foot 5. Famed journalist Tarbell 6. Consumes quickly 7. Rewards in a civil suit 8. Kamodo are some 9. Ballroom dance 13. Chum 14. Comedienne Gasteyer 17. A room to relax 18. Commercials 20. Six (Spanish) 22. Wild party 27. Small European viper 28. Baseballer Gordon 29. Eccentric person

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

## Starting your own business

FINCH – Bobby Robinson, son of Doug and Jill Robinson (Payneside Farms Inc.), received a summer grant from the Cornwall Business Enterprise Summer Company to develop and operate his company. His company is named Baler Bob Custom Work, with Robinson wrapping the large square or round bales of hay or straw.

The summer grant program from the CBEC provides young entrepreneurs with the opportunity to experience developing and running a business. Robinson explained the funding is only available for the summer, however the program provides encouragement and support for those who may want to continue their business in the future. The application process was quite involved, with Robinson noting there were criteria to meet before being able to apply and once meeting them, an in-depth proposal had to be submitted for consideration. His proposal, which included an in-depth business plan, was for a “custom hay and straw wrapping business” which he explained could run through the late spring, summer, and early fall seasons.

His mother Jill explained how Bobby had taken an online course through Glengarry County 4-H which included a “pilot project from 4-H Ontario” that provided information on entrepreneurship and innovation. She continued how during the 4-H Club they talked with companies and bankers about business proposals and developing the art of pitching an idea. Jill

# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



After receiving a grant from the Cornwall Business Enterprise Summer Company student grant program, Bobby began his own business Baler Bob Custom Work. He is shown beside the inline tube wrapper that wraps giant square or round bales of hay or straw.

Courtesy Photo

mentioned how Bobby “had really done quite a bit of the work already” because his business proposal for the course was for this business.

Robinson explained how the large hay bales are loaded onto the machine, an inline tube wrapper, with a sensor on the

machine recognizing there is a “load on the machine, will push the bale towards the back of the machine and then engages the wrap.” As the bale moves ahead, the tube that will cover the bale is formed and the wrapping process begins. Once this is completed there is enough room for the

next bale. He explained this is a self-contained machine, with its own motor and hydraulics and is pulled into the field by a pickup truck or tractor. Robinson is hired to load it and supervise its operation.

When asked about his experience in this field, Robinson explained his family farm has been wrapping bales for about 16 years. “I grew up from a very young age learning how to use the machine” during the summer, before commenting he has already completed jobs and has jobs lined up throughout the haying season.

What Robinson enjoys about this type of work is you are your own boss, can set your work hours and have that feeling of accomplishment when the job is done. He mentioned how the response from local farmers has been great, providing him with the support as he develops his business, “making connections with other farmers and growers in the area.”

For those who are considering starting up a business, he suggests being “prepared to work hard and learn from your experiences” as well talking to other business owners and researching all aspects of starting a business. Looking ahead to his future goals, Robinson mentioned he would like to expand on his present work, perhaps “buying an excavator to clear land and do excavation work” or other lines of agricultural work.

More information on Baler Bob Custom Work can be found on the company Facebook page.

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## Second Russell Scouts have a Montreal adventure

Joseph Morin  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – This past Sat., July 23, members of the Second Russell Scouts enjoyed a quick trip to Montreal.

The trip was educational and a bit of an adventure, as the group of 23 people, parents and scouts carpooled. The group parked at the Angrignon metro line and travelled to the city’s famous Biodôme. They also stopped by Montreal’s Insectarium.

At the Biodôme the scouts were treated to a walk-through of recreated regions of environments like a tropical rainforest, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Laurentian Maple Forest, the Labrador coast, and sub-Antarctic islands. The name Biodôme means, “house of life”.

Cindy Hauck is a troop scout, she said many of the scouts had never been to a city like Montreal or had ever ridden on the subway. That was a couple reasons for the trip. “The kids loved it,” she said.

“Every year we sit down with youth and ask them what they would like to do for the year. They wanted a zoo.” She said the Biodôme was the perfect compromise.

The scouts were able to see penguins, poison dart frogs all kinds of flowers on their journey.

The day they went was a very hot day in Montreal.

“It was so hot. At the Biodôme they have the Antarctic area, and it was packed. It was nice and cold in there.”

There were 13 scouts and 11 parents along for the trip.

“We had a good day,” said Hauck.

The scouts were able to experience how to navigate the metro system to get around the city and get to where they wanted to go.

The scouts were thrilled to find that all the stations they travelled through on their way to the Biodôme were decorated differently.

The group were able to take the metro to within a five-minute walk to the Biodôme, so they had the opportunity to



Members of the Second Russell Scouts were treated to an interesting and educational trip to Montreal as one of their many adventurous outings. Courtesy Photo

see a tiny part of the east end of the city on a busy Saturday.

“We went from one end of the city to the other end in a manner of 40 minutes,” said Hauck.

She said the conductor on the Metro waited until everyone was accounted for before starting off.

## South Stormont receives ‘clean’ audit report

Sandy Casselman  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – Township of South Stormont politicians recently received an overview of the municipality’s 2021 financial statements during a presentation from auditor Jamie Pollock, a partner and business advisor with MNP LLP in Cornwall.

“The finance department is doing a fantastic job here,” Mayor Bryan McGillis said, following Pollock’s presentation.

Pollock delivered his “quite lengthy” report during South Stormont’s July 13 council meeting. The meeting also included updates from the municipality’s director of finance and treasurer, David Ni. Council accepted the report as presented.

Pollock walked council through the auditor’s report, line by line beginning with the financial statements. Pollock said it’s a “clean audit opinion,” noting that the documents are a fair representation of the township’s financial standing – including, assets, cash flows, revenue, and expenses – as of Dec. 31, 2021.

“I’m not going to pretend to make you believe that I understood everything that you say, Jamie. I’m not a finance guy. But

what I did get out of that is our staff and administration has done a really good job. They’ve been really, just very responsible. That part I understood,” Deputy Mayor David Smith said. “I just want to congratulate and thank our staff for the hard work in tough times. We’ve had a lot of ups and downs in the last couple of years and I think you’ve done a really good job.”

A copy of the auditor’s report can be found in the July 13 council agenda package, which is available on the township’s website (southstormont.ca). The website also includes a link to the recorded meeting for those interested in hearing Pollock’s presentation.

“Certainly, Jamie and his team have done a great job, as has finance. David’s leadership in the finance department has been significant in terms of addressing some long-standing issues that the organizations has had, and he continues to have some really good ideas to bring forward,” chief administrative officer (CAO) Debi Lucas-Switzer said. “So, I think you’ll find in the coming term of council, we will be bringing forward a variety of new policies and there will be some very tough decisions for the future council to make.”

## Ontarians encouraged to run for school board trustee

Sandy Casselman  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – With the upcoming municipal election fast approaching, Ontario’s residents are being reminded that becoming a school board trustee is just as important as becoming a member of the local council.

“Every community needs leaders. As a school board trustee, you can be one – helping to shape Ontario’s school system for the next generation,” the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) states in its online campaign (Education Matters. Help Make it Even Better.) “Whether it is building better schools, ensuring that schools have the resources they need, or improving education outcomes for all, you can make an impact.”

The OPSBA recently launched its campaign to encourage Ontarians to consider getting more involved in how public education in Ontario progresses by vying for an open school board trustee position in the upcoming Oct. 24 municipal election. In addition to providing information on what the position entails and why leaders are needed, the OPSBA’s campaign website (aboveandbeyondontario.ca) has information about how to become an official candidate before the Aug. 19 deadline.

“School board trustees are local education leaders. They represent the parents and children of their communities – advocating for public education,” the OPSBA states. “Trustees steer school boards toward helping every student reach their full potential. They focus on student achievement, supporting academic success and empowering every student. As trustees, they make decisions that reflect the interests of their community, they are ensuring Ontario’s education system adapts and transforms to best prepare students for challenges of our rapidly evolving world.”

Voters can find out who’s running, if anyone, for their local school board trustee position by visiting their township’s website, as most include links to election information, including a list of those who have submitted nomination papers. In addition to the OPSBA’s campaign website, more information on school board trustees – who they are and why they’re important – can be found on the provincial election website (elections.ontarioschooltrustees.org). The website will include profiles for all candidates after the nomination period closes on Aug. 19.

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## Russell author searches for stories about local First World War soldiers

Joseph Morin  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – History is the story of where we have been and the people we travelled with.

Understanding the reasons why people believed in what they did, and what motivated them to great moments of courage and sacrifice, helps all of us in the present understand why history happened the way it did and hopefully allow us in the present to respect what our ancestors did in the past.

Russell resident Phil Gurski is the president and CEO of Borealis Threat and Risk Consulting Ltd.

He has written six books and is working on a seventh one about local Russell residents who went off to serve in the First World War. Naturally, getting information about local men and women who took part in the war is a challenge and Gurski is appealing to anyone who may have information about another family member who went off to the great war 108 years ago to get in touch with him.

In his biography he explained why he wants to write about those who served in the First World War.

He said, “Why am I writing a book on Canadians who left their homes in a small Ontario village to fight – and at times die – in World War One (WWI)? The reasons are varied.

First of all, in 2015 my eldest daughter and I travelled to Northern France to tour that nation’s splendour and, more importantly, to see where

Canadians had fought in both world wars; we are both very patriotic Canadians. We were both struck by several findings during that trip. Aside from the emotional times we spent at Juno Beach; Canada’s landing spot on D-Day 1944, Vimy Ridge; Canada played a major role in that battle in April 1917 and at the memorial to Newfoundlanders slaughtered at Beaumont-Hamel on July 1, 1916; the first day of the Battle of the Somme, we were amazed at how many cemeteries there were across the region. Some were in small towns; others were along the roadside. The rows of headstones went on and on and on. The sheer number of graves we visited was overwhelming.”

Unlike his other books that were all about terrorism, Gurski worked for Canada’s spy agency for years before retiring to Russell.

It turns out that the house he bought in Russell is directly across the street from the Russell Legion branch 372.

He saw that there was a cenotaph in front of the Legion that had the names of many of the local soldiers who served and died in the First and Second World Wars.

Gurski began to wonder what the community remembered or knew about these young men who made the ultimate sacrifice during the First World War.

“When I looked into it, I found that a bit of work has been done on who signed up and there is a lot of information available thanks to Library Archives Canada

who digitalized a lot of the old records about the First World War. But no one had really told the story of what drove a young person, the youngest person was 14 from a small village in 1914 to want to go fight in France,” he said.

That became the genesis of his project.

He was able to collect some information about soldiers from the area who served in the war from the Russell Historical Society as well as from the museum and through the Library Archives Canada.

He wanted more

personal information about these soldiers.

“Are there any families still in the area who may in fact have old boxes up in the attic or in the basement, of letters these men would have sent home to their families? It would be a bit of a personal insight of what these men were going through between 1914 and 1918.

He hopes there are Russell residents who have this kind of information safely put away.

“This book is an effort to tell their stories and those of some of the men who

enlisted, fought, and returned. I have researched who they were and where they fought. Russell is a small village in Eastern Ontario much like neighbouring places such as Metcalfe, Vernon, Avonmore and Morewood, all of which have their own cenotaphs. Tiny dots on a map that were even tinier in 1914. Villages that have made the move to remember their dead sons, much like the hundreds of French hamlets I drove through in November 1915.

You can contact Phil Gurski at 613-552-2114 or email to



The cenotaph for Russell and district. Courtesy Photo flipper0691@outlook.com.

## Russell calls for photos as deadline approaches

Sandy Casselman  
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – With the theme of “Hometown Future,” the township of Russell and the Russell Agricultural Society are inviting photographers – hobbyists, amateurs, and professionals – to submit photos for the municipality’s Russell Photography Expo this fall.

In a recent announcement, would-be participants were reminded the deadline for submissions is 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 22, while the exhibition itself is set for Sept. 10 during the Russell Art at Night event. Both submissions and participation for this event are free. The submissions process is open to everyone, including those living outside the township but within Canada. However, photos must be taken within the municipality’s boundaries.

For those needing a little inspiration, the organizers offered the following: “This year’s theme is ‘Hometown Future’. Consider where you might imagine our hometown is headed. What has changed, what is changing, and what will forever stay the same? Who is going to be a part of the future of our hometown? How does one visually represent both nostalgia and imagination? Where does history meet progress in the township of Russell?”

With four categories – best youth (18 and under), best portrait, best landscape, best experimental – the photographs are to be judged by an independent jury composed of “critical curators, professionals in the field, and local art leaders.” One winner from each category will see their submission printed and displayed as outdoor public art.

To find out more, visit Russell’s website. In addition to a link for photo submissions, there’s also a link to a map outlining the township’s boundaries. To contact someone directly, email independent curator Darren Pottie (russellpublicart@gmail.com) or the township’s communications’ department (comms@russell.ca).

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