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Briefly

Rural road safety

Rural roads can be dangerous. Especially when it comes to harvest-time. We have provided a few tips to keep you safe during the fall harvest season. **See page 2 for more details.**

Small Business

Week (Oct. 16 - 22)

As we have learned, small businesses are vital to the growth and sustainability of rural communities. Take the time to support a small business in your area. **Check out pages 12 and 13 for more information.**

Here ye, here ye, read all about it!

CHESTERVILLE – Fall is here and there is so much to do. Inside this issue of *The Chesterville Record* is our annual Fall Home/Garden & Real Estate Guide. Read up on the tips and support local businesses.

Voting starts next week

SD&G – Municipal voting starts on Oct. 19 - 24. If you have not received your voters' card reach out to your local township office.

ND Meet the Candidates

CHESTERVILLE – Meet the candidates is on Fri., Oct. 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Nelson LePrade Centre in Chesterville.

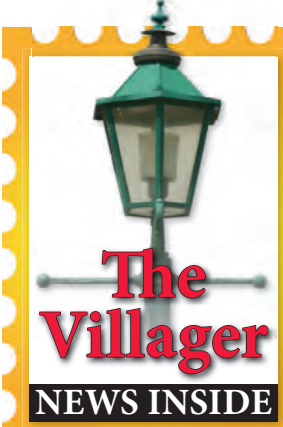
Events in your area

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NEWS INSIDE



Time is marching on
Chesterville Clock Tower, located at the corner of Main and King streets in Chesterville, has been refurbished and is once again keeping time. **See more inside on page 6.**
Courtesy Photo

A Thanksgiving tradition

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

FINCH – The annual Stormont County Plowing Match was held on Thanksgiving Sat., Oct. 8 just outside of Finch. Organized by the Stormont County Plowmen's Association and hosted by Dennis and Mary Fife of Fife Agricultural Services Ltd, the event was successful despite the overcast skies and chilly weather.

There were over 50 participants registered for the event which featured horse drawn, antique and modern plowing. Judges for the event were Ross McGillvary of Dalkeith North Glengarry and Matthew McGuire from the Spencerville area. Visitors were able to walk to the fields being plowed or driven there on a wagon driven by 4-H Ontario ambassador Dougie Robinson and sponsored by David Brown Construction Ltd. and Fife Agricultural Services Ltd. 4-H leaders and members provided a hot lunch and treats to those attending the Thanksgiving Saturday event.

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South Stormont Meet the Candidates evening

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – Close to 200 people attended the South Stormont Meet the Candidates Evening held on Oct. 6 at the municipal building in Long Sault. The event was presented by the Stormont Federation of Agriculture and the South Stormont Chamber of Commerce with Gord Shaver the moderator for the evening.

"I believe that public education is the backbone of strong families, strong communities and the next generation of strong leaders." said Curtis Jordan, candidate for UCDSB Glengarry/Stormont Ward trustee and first speaker of the evening.

Councillor candidate Cindy Woods is a lifelong resident who with her husband raised their family in the municipality, is a

current SS councillor and is invested in the future of the community. Woods commented on the accomplishments of the current council during the pandemic which included playground equipment and ensuring there are funds available to carry out road maintenance, garbage collections and the support from staff. Looking forward, the development of the SS waterfront, the Ingleside water treatment plant and doctor recruitment are priorities for the incoming council.

"My name is Tammy Spittal and I'm running for the position of councillor."

She believes in helping "each other, especially our most vulnerable members of our community, our children our seniors, our disabled, the less fortunate and animals."

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2022 Rural Road SAFETY

So, you live in the country, are you ready for the roads?

Driving rural roads has a lot of advantages; yes, the beautiful scenery and the wildlife can be breathtaking, but it can also be very dangerous.

Do not take for granted the wide-open spaces. There are many hazards that can be hiding just around the next corner.

Machinery gets bigger and faster every year. This time of year, you see more farm equipment on the road, as the crops are being harvested and they need to be moved from the field to the farm storage or to an elevator. Watch for the blinking caution lights or the slow-moving sign, as this is your warning of equipment that is moving slower than the posted speed.

Please be patient if you do come across this farm equipment as they cannot stop or see you as well as you may expect. If you are in their blind spot or try to pass, they cannot always see you.

TOP 5 DRIVING DANGERS ON RURAL ROADS:

Winding roads - sharp bends in the road can limit your view and room available on the road

Speed limits - drivers who commute might be accustomed to driving at the speed limit or above

Limited vision - there are bends, unmarked field and farm driveways and entrances

Wildlife - there may be wildlife or livestock that cross your path

Farm traffic - farm equipment is large and operates below the speed limit, they do not always maneuver or stop as quickly as you may expect

LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE:

Keep your windshield clean - dust and dirt can make it even more difficult to see when the sun hits it

Use low beam headlights

Stay alert - keep your attention on the road and your surroundings

Watch for dirt and debris on the roads - mud or dirt on the road can be slippery when wet

Be patient - trying to pass where visibility is not safe or pushing equipment

Most of all - be kind and patient on the roadway. We are all trying to move from one place to another and let's do that safely, so we can all get home to our loved ones.

Just as their family wants to see them home safely, so does yours. The few extra minutes it takes if you are following behind equipment is to take advantage of that time to look around at the beautiful scenery, instead of passing in a potentially dangerous situation.




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SS Meet the Candidates

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Her platform includes six important areas: community, social and environmental wellbeing; fiscal responsibility; increasing economic development and improving infrastructure. She elaborated on each item, mentioning a question period be added at the end of council meetings, investigating public transit availability, developing a community garden, doctor recruitment and affordable housing are among her priorities.

Reid McIntyre was the next candidate for councillor who addressed the audience. He has retired after 43 years in the heavy civil construction industry and noted the position of municipal councillor deserves "a lot of time and consideration." McIntyre commented how affordable housing, municipal land-fill issues, upgrade of the Ingleside Wastewater Treatment plant, affordable high-speed internet, waterfront development, and work with local stakeholders to create a safe shopping centre, a safe drop-in centre for youth, playground safety, road maintenance and to "use the taxpayer money wisely" are all important matters to be addressed in the role.

Current SS councillor Jennifer MacIsaac spoke next, commenting how she grew up in South Stormont and with her husband Paul, raised their children in the community. MacIsaac spoke of her extensive experience on community committees, noting "I have been committed to contributing and advocating for our community for over 25 years," she mentioned there was a need for strong leadership as the municipality "has seen unprecedented growth" and the challenges this growth brings with it. MacIsaac spoke of a need for increasing reserves to better prepare for the upgrading and maintenance of infrastructure and securing funding from upper tier governments for large infrastructure projects. Louise Leclerc was the fifth candidate for the position of SS councillor to speak, mentioning she grew up on a dairy farm in Quebec and after retiring from the workforce is ready to dedicate her time to



From the left, front row: David Smith, Richard Waldroff, Tammy Spittal and Jennifer MacIsaac. Back row: Curtis Jordan, Cindy Woods, Reid McIntyre, Louise Leclerc, Bryan McGillis and Andrew Guindon.

Thompson Goddard Photo

being a good councillor. She commented on the issues facing the community, including the issues facing the farming community, safety on the Highway 138 and the effect price increases have had on people. Candidate for Deputy Mayor Andrew Guindon, currently serving as a SS councillor, lives in South Stormont with his wife. He continued, his decision to run for deputy mayor was made as "I want to be part of helping the township prosper not only for this generation but for the next one." His top five priorities would be ensuring responsible township planning for future financial needs, upgrading parks and recreational programming, ensuring council transparency and accountability, securing government funding for critical infrastructure projects such as the Ingleside wastewater treatment plant, and ensuring senior residents have healthcare and community support services available locally.

Richard Waldroff, candidate for the position of SS deputy mayor, commented how he was happy to see everyone at the meeting as it demonstrated they care about the community as he does. He is a life-long resident of South Stormont, has served as a community volunteer for 45 years, serves on many community organizations and has served two terms as councillor in both South Stormont and the former township of Osnabruck. If elected as deputy mayor, he would serve on the united counties council representing the interests of the municipality and plans to "be a full-time deputy mayor, making me readily available to respond to your needs at South Stormont and SDG council

tables." Bryan McGillis, currently serving as SS mayor, is seeking re-election to that office. He has lived in the municipality all his life, has 25 years experience as a member of council, a term as SDG warden and has sat on many boards over the years. McGillis described his leadership as having the ability to collaborate with people and organizations. He spoke of the accomplishments of the current council which included honouring a promise to increase communication to the community, municipal government transparency, working with partners on safety issues on Highway 138, waterfront development, issues surrounding the wastewater treatment plants and water levels on the St. Lawrence locally.

David Smith, seeking election as the mayor of South Stormont, is a long-time resident of South Stormont, married with five children and eight grandchildren and operated a business in Long Sault for several years. He noted all candidates recognized the wastewater issues and waterfront property, mentioning negotiations appear to be stalled. He was a member of the Cornwall and Area Housing Corporation for the past four years, and this has provided him with an opportunity to see firsthand the need for affordable housing. He discussed an opportunity the municipality had to donate land to the CAHC and build a multi-use housing project. Other issues facing the municipality include speeding vehicles, deteriorating infrastructure and historical buildings in the municipality.

In response to a question directed to the deputy mayor candidates, candidate Richard

needs as challenges to be addressed. Bryan McGillis noted he has been a mayor in the municipality for 12 years and listed accomplishments during his time in office as the building of the municipal building and police station, water service to St. Andrews West and Osnabruck Centre, the building of the St. Lawrence Medical Centre and collaboration with all levels of government. McGillis described the challenges facing the municipality, expressing how he has the leadership experience and qualities to move the municipality into the future.

The South Stormont Chamber of Commerce asked all candidates what they would do to support or encourage local businesses. Each candidate provided extensive information on how they would support the local business community, funding

opportunities, public transportation, providing information on business resources and pop-up shops. In response to a question from the SFA regarding the setting up of a municipal agricultural advisory committee to the municipal council, candidates were varied in their responses. Comments ranged from ensuring the council receive information on agriculture, the issues faced by farmers, ensuring they have the resources they require, developing agritourism and the need to advocate for the farming community.

The final question of the evening was from the public regarding their intention to vote on the operation of wind turbines in South Stormont. Each candidate responded they would either vote no or would seek the view of the constituents before voting on the subject.



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NDDHS Report

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With the Warriors

Another week has passed by at Tagwi Secondary School in Avonmore and it was yet again a busy one. Our variety of sports teams are still hard at work in their various tournaments, including basketball, volleyball, and tennis. Also, this Thursday we held Jersey Day to celebrate the start of the NHL season. Finally, on Friday, we held the annual Terry Fox Run.

Sports are in full swing, and our Warrior athletes are making everyone proud. The senior boys' volleyball team competed at CCVS on Thursday. They won their first match 3-0, and they lost their second set 2-1. As well, our junior and senior girls' basketball teams competed at their second tri-meet of the season at Seaway District High School. Our junior girls fought ruthlessly in their game against Char-Lan, yet the fell just short of the win. The senior team had a very close game against Char-Lan as well, losing by ten points. Although, they came back and won their second game against Seaway 67-25. Our tennis team had a phenomenal week as well. The duo of Aiden Casselman and Nuala Wheeler placed third, and Ava McNaughton and Danika Canham won gold!

This past Thursday, Student Council held Jersey Day to celebrate the start of the NHL season. We have been thrilled to see everyone participating in current spirit days, and we are hoping to see the same participation in events to come.

To close off this week, Tagwi held its annual Terry Fox Run. It took place Friday morning around the track, and we had a barbeque at lunch where we sold hot dogs, drinks, and chips. All the proceeds from said barbeque went towards The Terry Fox Foundation. We are thrilled to announce that we met our goal of raising \$3339 dollars, one dollar for every mile that Terry ran. People who would still like to support our efforts can go to <https://schools.terryfox.ca/15225>.

As always, Student Council and the school community is hard at work planning for the upcoming weeks. To stay up to date on what's happening, we recommend you check out Tagwi's Instagram page (@tagwiwarriors) and our Student Council Instagram page (@warriors.student.council).

Editorial

Secret to recovery? Be remarkable

Everywhere you go, you can hear people comment on how good it feels to be "back to normal." They are, apparently, referencing how nice it is to be able to see friends and family, go out for dinner together and to do the things that maybe we all took for granted, the things we had to do without for almost two years.

Today, we seem to be managing Covid. We can't say it is gone from our lives, not when the numbers continue to rise in some areas and new variants seem to be discovered on a weekly basis, but we are not allowing it to control us.

In the business community, it has been a very long hall. First the pandemic, then supply chain issues, staffing problems and rising costs that you have little or no control over. The bright spot for small business in all this? The people are coming back, and while they are forced to make their

dollars stretch as far as possible, make no mistake about it, they are back and that is something you can work with.

Seth Godin is a prolific author, entrepreneur, teacher, motivational speaker, and marketing guru. He is best known for ideas like finding the smallest sustainable market, providing things of value for people who care and being remarkable. He believes competing on price is a fool's game, where even if you win, you lose. In a time of rising prices, doesn't it make more sense to do what you can to keep prices reasonable, but then set yourself apart from the crowd by the experience your customers have when dealing with you?

If you are fortunate enough to have built a business strong enough to have made it through the past couple years, then you probably know most of this already, but it bears repeating. Be

grateful for your customers, they are the reason you are in business and the reason you stay in business. Get to know them, if not by name at least by face and show that you have noticed they were here before and hopefully will be again. Treat them the way you would like to be treated.

If you make their choice to shop close to home the right decision it will be one they will happily make again and again. Others will decide that going for a drive to a place where their support is appreciated is well worth the effort.

The best part of this is that the only cost is the attitude with which you greet your customers, and it doesn't matter if you are in government, retail, wholesale, service, agriculture, or tourism. You are your business so make the effort and show the world your best self. Many others won't make the effort, but you can. Be remarkable!

Terry Tinkess

When things don't go your way

That first step out of bed is not always what we expect.

As Dolly Parton said it best "Well, I tumble outta bed and stumble to the kitchen, pour myself a cup of ambition, yawn and stretch and try to come to life."

Started the day off looking forward to a positive work atmosphere and a great day of major accomplishments.

Well, as fate would have it, the world had other intentions.

Opened my texts to find out that one of the neighbours' houses burned over night.

How awful, a young couple just purchased the house a few months ago and have been doing renovations all summer and now they have one wall left standing.

No matter how good your insurance policy is,

you do not bounce back quickly from that.

Headed out to the field to start combining soybeans, and a partial trip down the field and a hydraulic hose blows, so off to the local machinery dealer to fix that problem.

Look past the initial negativity and the positivity shows through. While driving to the dealership the awesome showing of brightly coloured leaves gives that warm feeling that there is beauty all around us.

Next to add, the machinery dealership, actually, had the parts on hand that we needed so we are not down for days.

Living in the rural community is like any other part of the world, you can see the beauty any where you look.

Being able to look past the initial sites and seeing what is in behind can be the breath of fresh air you were looking for.

Things do not always go the way we plan but looking at the beauty all around us and the

blessings we have should outway the things that do not go the way we anticipated.

Being thankful and focusing on the positive things brings joy and contentment to our lives.

Wishing you an amazing week ahead and to quote Dolly "You're in the same boat with a lot of your friends waitin' for the day your ship'll come in 'N' the tide's gonna turn and it's all gonna roll your way," as Parton reminds us.

Linda Vogel

Correction

In *The Chesterville Record* article from October 6, 2022, the NS All Candidates Meeting, the council for North Stormont was identified as Charles Lane, the name should have been Charles Shane. *The Record* apologizes for the inconvenience this may have caused.

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Stormont County Plowing Match

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At the evening meal in Finch, the 2022-2023 Queen of the Furrow and 2022-2023 Princess of the Furrow Aimee Norman and Lucy Flegg respectively, were crowned and plowing match results announced. Results from the 2022 Stormont County Plowing Match were provided by the Stormont County Plowmen's Association.

Plowing Class Results

- Class 1A - Jointer Horse Plowing 1st - William Machabee, St. Albert, ON
- Class 1B - Jointer Horse Plowing 1st - Brent Christie, Prescott, ON
- Class 2A - Antique Tractors with Trail Plow
 - 1st - Jean Marc Dessaint, Sarsfield, ON
- Class 2B - Antique Plowing - Competitors under 18 years of age
 - 1st - Olivier Binette, Ste Anne de Prescott, ON
- Class 2C - Antique plowing with a hydraulic mounted plow
 - 1st - Nicole Calande, Alfred, ON
- Class 3B - Farm Standard - 3 furrow plows
 - 1st - Allen Manley, Newington, ON
- Class 4 - Competitors 18 years and under, open to all
 - 1st - Jonas Goodman, Monkland, ON
- Class 5A - 2-Furrow Competitive Plowing
 - 1st - Chris Allen, Vankleek Hill, ON
- Class 5B - 3-Furrow Competitive Plowing
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- Best Open Split - Chris Allen - Vankleek Hill, ON



Pete and Spartan, a team of Brabant horses from Gentle Giant Stables near St. Albert, are seen plowing a furrow at the Stormont County Plowing Match.

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- Best Crown - Jean Marc Dessaint - Sarsfield, ON
- Best Finish - Michel Calande - Alfred, ON
- Best Plowed Land by Antique Tractor & Plough - Jean Marc Dessaint - Sarsfield, ON
- Youngest Plower - Olivier Binette - Ste Anne de Prescott, ON - 11 years old
- Oldest Plower - Gordon Smith - Chesterville, ON - 81 years old
- Plower that travelled the furthest with Plow equipment - Russell Jones - Lyndhurst, ON
- Best Overall Plowed Land - Jean Marc Dessaint - Sarsfield, ON
- Bernard Beehler Trophy - Best Plowed Land by a Stormont Resident - Stephen Manley - Berwick, ON
- Best overall plowed land in the Horse Classes - Brent Christie - Prescott, ON

Lost Villages Brewery opens

Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Staff

LONG SAULT - Lost Villages Brewery located on the outskirts of Long Sault at 16133 County Road 36, opened its doors on Sat., Oct. 1. John Wright, who is a co-owner of the LVB with Kevin Baker and Mat Camm, commented an estimated 500 people visited the business over Oct. 1 and 2.

Wright mentioned the idea of starting a brewery began during the pandemic after the three friends, all home brewers, upgraded their homebrewing systems and began developing their own recipes. Upon successful reviews of their homemade brews, the trio "decided to scale the brewery up to a professional level." In 2021 they purchased the building and began constructing the brewery, deciding to capture the story of the

Lost Villages of Eastern Ontario and local history at the same time. The business has received funding from the SD&G Regional Incentives Program, the Provincial Starter Company Plus Program and the Cornwall Tourism Development Fund. They have also received information and assistance from the Lost Villages Museum. Wright thanked Jim Brownell for his assistance.

Wright explained the business name is a tribute to the villages that were flooded in July 1958 along the front in South Stormont due to the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project. He continued the names of core beer brands produced at LVB reflect an event or village which was lost, that includes Mille Roches Pale Ale, Woodlands Red and Farran's Lager commemorating the villages of Mille Roches, Woodlands and Farran's Point



John Wright and Kevin Baker, who with Mat Camm are co-owners of the LVB, are shown in front of a tavern licence for Stormont County.

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that were lost on inundation day July 1, 1958. Another of their beverages, Last House New England IPA commemorates the "last house" moved during the construction of the Seaway to Morrisburg.

Local artists have been commissioned to create artwork for the LVB that capture the history of the Lost Villages. Cans of the Mille Roches Pale Ale depicts a local tavern in Mille Roches; created by

Nathan Gowsell who grew up in South Stormont. Ryan Hunt, a tattoo artist in Long Sault, provided the artwork on cans of the Last House New England Pale Ale depicting the last house moved during the Seaway. Another local artist Robbie Larriviere designed labels from Woodlands Red and Farran's Lager.

More information on LVB can be found on their social media pages.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

There has been issues with the renewal invoicing that went out recently, due to circumstances beyond our control. We are extending the renewal deadline for the Chesterville Record until October 31, 2022.

The new rates will be in effective November 1, 2022.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 613-448-2321, Ext. 1.

Thank You,
The Management Team



PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed 45.0m Communications Tower Site ON8283, THE SIXTH Located at 12425 Garlough Rd., Williamsburg

Xplore Inc. has proposed a 45.0m tall lite duty steel lattice style communication tower and related radio equipment on private property at 12425 Garlough Rd., Williamsburg, Ontario. The proposed new structure will enhance internet and data coverage and capacity for the surrounding areas.

The geographic coordinates for the proposed site are as follows: Latitude: **45.000428** & Longitude: **-75.261467**. The facility is proposed in an agricultural area and will occupy a ground area of approximately 3m x 3m.

THIS NOTICE serves as an invitation to any interested members of the public to submit comments/questions to the individuals listed below by **November 14th, 2022**.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the approval of this site and its design is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of Canada through Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED). For more information on the federal process pertaining to these installations, please contact the local ISED office at: ic.spectrumenod-spectredeno.ic@canada.ca OR Tel: 1-855-465-6307.

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SITE LOCATION MAP (not to scale)



Proposed Tower Site

Clock tower repaired

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Chesterville Clock Tower, located at the corner of Main and King streets in Chesterville, has been refurbished and is once again keeping time.

The clock tower was constructed as a millennial project by the Rotary Club of Chesterville and was unveiled on July 8, 2000, with funds from the community and Federal Millennial Grant. The kiosk located next to the clock tower was built at the same time in memory of Leon Marcellus, a Chesterville businessman, by his sisters Gladys Marcellus and



Mr. Houthuize and his son are shown working to fix the Chesterville Clock Tower on Oct. 4.

Courtesy Photo

Evelyn Gillard. The Chesterville and District Historical Society often provide

historic displays for the kiosk.

In March of this year, the RCC began the refurbishment project, with Rotarian Betty Vanden Bosch spearheading the project and Rotarian Martin Derks overseeing the repairs on Oct. 4 on behalf of the RCC. Vanden Bosch explained a new internal timepiece, hands and an internal upgrade was needed, and a new LED backlighting unit. A businessman in Woodstock, Ontario facilitated the repair, with parts from The Verdin Company in the US. The installation was made by Mr. Houthuize and his son, with the work beginning at 1 p.m. on Oct. 4 and completed just before 8 p.m.

If community members would like to donate toward the huge repair bill, they are asked to contact a member of the Rotary Club of Chesterville.

100 Men Who Care North Dundas continuing their good work

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

NORTH DUNDAS—

The concept of 100 Men Who Care is an interesting idea. One hundred men get together once a year and each donate \$100, which creates a pot of \$10,000. That money is then divided up between charities that have applied for funding. Applicants make a presentation, members vote, divide up the funds and next year do it again. It is incredible in its simplicity. No overhead, no admin fees, just a sizeable amount

raised in one evening and shared with those who need it.

“So far things are going well, we’re two-thirds of the way to 100,” said Dan Gasser, co-chair of the 100 Men Who Care North Dundas, “So we’re well on our way to hitting that 100 before the Nov. 17 meeting.”

“As far as charities go, we have a couple confirmed, but we’re still looking for a couple more so that is absolutely still open.”

The main requirement

for charities is that they must be able to issue a charitable tax receipt. Some non-profit organizations don’t realize there is a way for them to be able to issue tax receipts, for example if they are doing something that benefits the township, the township can issue the tax receipt on their behalf.

“We encourage any group that is not sure if they qualify to get in touch with us and we have a team that will work with them and help them be successful in this. We’re looking at helping as many groups as possible,” said Gasser.

We literally do it in 45 minutes. We do gather 45 minutes-an hour before hand for networking. It’s at the Legion (in Chesterville) so you show up, have a drink, probably bump into a bunch of people you haven’t seen much in the past two years because of Covid. You have a seat and in 45 minutes all the charities do their thing, we vote, it takes maybe ten minutes to tally-up the vote, you know the winner when you leave and you’re literally home by 9:00 o’clock and you’ve helped a charity raise ten grand.”

Often more than one charity will benefit. If the winner is asking for less than \$10,000 then the

balance would go to the runner up. As well, if they have more than 100 men, then there is more money to be shared and more charities benefit. “In almost every scenario in the past, more than one charity has come out with money,” said Gasser.

The North Dundas group first got started in the spring of 2018. (The women’s group got started in the spring while the men started that fall.)

If you are interested in becoming involved, either as a charity or one of the 100 men, the best way to do so is through the group’s website (100northdundas.com). “You can actually register as one of the men directly on the website,” said Gasser. “The charities can contact us through the website as well.”

“The whole concept was to make it as easy as possible, so if a charity wants to get involved, we want to make it easy for them as well. We’re going to help them get everything together so that they can make the best case and give them a leg up as well.”

100 Men Who Care North Dundas will be meeting on Nov. 17 at the Chesterville Legion to raise \$10,000 for charity and everyone is welcome.

Crafting and sewing while visiting

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Most Wednesday and Friday afternoons, a group of women meet at The Gathering House in Chesterville to socialize while working on craft and quilting projects.

Gathering Stitches began 11 years ago by Thea Chouinard to meet other women in the area. She explained, there were originally five members in the group, and it has grown since then to about a dozen members, who attend on a drop-in basis. Chouinard continued how Wednesday afternoons members meet to socialize while working on craft projects such as knitting, jewelry making or needlework. Fridays are generally when members work on their personal quilting projects, receiving encouragement and assistance from other members and learning new techniques.



From the left: Thea Chouinard, Andree Desormeaux, Helen Holmes, Shirley Coons, Beate Stewart, Lois Beckstead and Betty Vanden Bosch.
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TAGWI Report

By Brooke Donnelly
Student Reporter

A week with the warriors



Another week has passed by at Tagwi Secondary School in Avonmore and it was yet again a busy one. Our variety of sports’ teams are still hard at work in their various tournaments, including basketball, volleyball, and tennis. Also, this Thursday we held Jersey Day to celebrate the start of the NHL season. Finally, on Friday, we held the annual Terry Fox Run.

Sports are in full swing, and our Warrior athletes are making everyone proud. The senior boys’ volleyball team competed at CCVS on Thursday. They won their first match 3-0, and they lost their second set 2-1. As well, our junior and senior girls’ basketball teams competed at their second tri-meet of the season at Seaway District High School. Our junior girls fought ruthlessly in their game against Char-Lan, yet they fell just short of the win. The senior team had a very close game against Char-Lan as well, losing by ten points, although, they came back and won their second game against Seaway 67-25. Our tennis team had a phenomenal week as well. The duo of Aiden Casselman and Nuala Wheeler placed third, and Ava McNaughton and Danika Canham won gold!

This past Thursday, student council held Jersey Day to celebrate the start of the NHL season. We have been thrilled to see everyone participating in current spirit days, and we are hoping to see the same participation in events to come.

To close off this week, Tagwi held its annual Terry Fox Run. It took place Friday morning around the track, and we had a barbecue at lunch where we sold hot dogs, drinks, and chips. All the proceeds from said barbecue went toward The Terry Fox Foundation. We are thrilled to announce that we met our goal of raising \$3,339 dollars, one dollar for every mile that Terry ran. People who would still like to support our efforts can go to <https://schools.terryfox.ca/15225>.

As always, student council and the school community is hard at work planning for the upcoming weeks. To stay up to date on what’s happening, we recommend you check out Tagwi’s Instagram page (@tagwiwarriors) and our student council Instagram page (@warriors.student.council).

— Obituary —

JOHN WILKIE



Passed away peacefully at the Ottawa General Hospital on Thursday, October 6, 2022, John Wilkie of Chesterville, age 69.

Loving husband of the late Gladys Wilkie (nee Kelly). Loving father of James Wilkie of Chesterville. Dear brother of Ralph Wilkie (Joan) of Russell and Mary Jane Wilkie-Blanchard (Laurier) of Ottawa. He was predeceased by his parents Ralph and Mary Wilkie (nee Facto). He is also survived by nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Chesterville, on Friday, October 14 from 10 a.m. until time of the Memorial service at 11 a.m. Interment of cremated remains will be at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to Dundas County Hospice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsednmclaughlin.com.

— OBITUARY —

Con Pemberton



Passed away peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Friday, October 7, 2022, Con Pemberton of Inkerman, age 82. Loving husband of Brenda Pemberton (nee Crowder). Loving father of Steven Pemberton (Jacqueline) of Inkerman.

Dear brother of Graham Pemberton (Barbara) of Winchester, Dale Pemberton of Winchester, Carl Pemberton (Nina) of Winchester, Lorne Pemberton (Irene) of Winchester, Sharel Bell of Winchester and Sharon Moss (Roger) of Chesterville. Con will be fondly remembered by his granddaughters Sierra (Dr. Stuart Linley) and Marleigh (Tyler Laflamme). He was predeceased by his parents Floyd and Eileen Pemberton (nee Merkley). He is also survived by nieces and nephews. There will be no visitation or service. Donations to the Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsednmclaughlin.com.

— Obituary —

Larry Smith



It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Larry Smith of Chesterville at the Winchester Hospital on Monday, October 3, 2022. He was 74. Beloved husband of Karen Smith (nee Hutt) for 51 years. Loving father of David Smith (Lynne) of Chesterville and Michael Smith of Carp. Dear brother of Brian Smith (Eleanor) of Chesterville, Marilyn Carr (Ab) of Chesterville, Cathy Fetterly (Bryan) of Russell and Heather Smith-

Mitchell (Paul Reid) of Osgoode. Larry will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Myles, Karson, Devin, Kennidy, Sloan and Mason. He was predeceased by his parents Edward and Dora Smith (nee Baker). He is also survived by nieces and nephews. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Donations to Winchester Hospital, the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice 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 marsednmclaughlin.com.



Whitaker Storage grand opening and Regional Incentives Program celebration

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

BRINSTON — Dignitaries from the United Counties of SDG and the Municipality of South Dundas were on hand in Brinston on Thurs., Sept. 29 to help the Whitaker family celebrate the grand opening of their recently renovated facility, as well as the most recent round of Regional



Incentives Program funding.

SDG annually invests \$250,000 in RIP. This year (2022), SDG Counties invested an additional \$70,000 in the project. The additional investment was created due to unspent funds from previous unfinished RIP projects.

As part of their \$408,000 renovation, Whitaker Storage Inc. accessed \$12,500 in RIP funding to help with the project that

Local dignitaries gathered with the Whitaker family to help celebrate the grand opening of their newly renovated facility. From left: SDG county warden, Carma Williams, Gerald (Butch) Whitaker, Curtis Whitaker, Sarah Whitaker, South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelts, and the three children, Sawyer, Tucker and Lucy Whitaker.

Tinkess Photo

saw space for four new businesses created, including the 26-unit storage facility.

Tara Kirkpatrick, SDG counties manager of economic development, said RIP has become an important part of local business improvement projects.

“This was our first project in Brinston, and we’re seeing more and more businesses in these smaller communities accessing funding to help with their projects,” said Kirkpatrick. “This tells us that the local economy is growing in communities in SDG, regardless of their population numbers. We’re expecting more of the same in 2024.”

Whitaker Storage owner Curtis Whitaker said the addition of RIP funding was integral to his renovation project.

“The Regional Incentives Program is designed for projects just like mine,” said Whitaker, whose family has owned the property at Whitaker Storage for more than 60 years. His great grandfather Pringle Murphy purchased the property in the 1960s and operated an agriculture sales and service dealership. “I’m the fourth generation of our family to operate a business at this location, and we’re looking forward to great success serving the residents of South Dundas and SDG.”

SDG counties warden Carma Williams said RIP incentives and local

entrepreneurs benefit everyone.

“This is a win-win for all of us,” said Williams. “Local businesses receive much-needed funding for new projects or renovations, the community benefits because of this new investment and municipalities can reap the rewards of augmented assessment in the years to come.”

South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelts commented on the value to a community, of a business that continues from generation to generation. “Knowing somewhat what this building was like before Curtis got hold of it, and what he did, it is a fabulous reconstruction, says Byvelts. “His vision has brought something very new to Brinston and that’s a good thing. Grandfather Murphy and Butch, his dad, they’ve run this business a lot of years and as long as I’ve known Brinston, they were here. It’s good that it continues on.”

The next intake for RIP will take place in the winter of 2023, once the SDG counties’ budget is set. For more information on RIP, visit sdgcounties.ca/regional-incentives-programs.



Crop education in Stormont County

Travellers along County Road 43 in North Stormont may have noticed signs highlighting corn and soybean crops located between Avonmore and Finch. These have been erected by the Stormont Federation of Agriculture in a pilot project referred to as ‘Ag Ed’ according to Jakob Vogel, one of the SFA members involved in the program. He explained the “goal of the project is to highlight some main crops (corn, soya and wheat) across Stormont County in high visibility areas that give non-farming folks some “quick facts about the crop, for example, one acre of soybeans can be used to produce 80,000 crayons!” Vogel continued the province-wide program is funded by local and provincial funds. He pointed out how in the future, the project could provide information on other crops such as hops, or edible beans grown locally as well as area livestock. Thompson Goddard Photo



— OBITUARY — Diana "Lynn" Windsor


Passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Monday, October 3, 2022, Lynn Windsor (nee Elliott) of Chesterville, age 61. Loving wife of Andrew Windsor. Loving mother of Jennifer Windsor (Gerald Swerdfeger) of Morewood and Kyle Windsor of Chesterville. Cherished grandma of Grayson and Shelby. Dear sister of Richard Elliott, Sandra Elliott, Terry-Lee "Twig" Belanger, Patsy Young (Duane), Debbie Marriner (Leonard), John "Rogie" (Marian), Randy "Relic" (Kelly), Peter "Rabbit" (Bonnie) and Chris Edgerton. Dear daughter-in-law of Marjorie Harper (late Don). Dear sister-in-law of Barry Windsor. She was predeceased by her mother Alma Elliott and her brother Paul Elliott. She is also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins. A Celebration of Lynn's life was held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville on Friday, October 7 from noon until 3 p.m. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com. 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".

— Obituary — Johanna Byvelts



Passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, Johanna Byvelts (nee van Kessel) at the age of 93. She was predeceased only recently by her devoted husband and caregiver Martin. Johanna or Hanneke was a caring and loving mother to Rita, Nancy (James), Robert (Donna) and Mary (Randy) and Oma to Cole (Sophie), Jordan, Cameron, Jacob, Morgan, Amanda and Ryan. She is survived by her youngest brother, Michael (Giel) of the Netherlands, and predeceased by siblings John, Gerard, Martin, Nelly, Miet, Dora, Frans, Pieter, Henrica. She is survived by brother-in-law Jos van der Zanden and sisters-in-law Mientje and Nellie van Kessel. Tante Hanneke will be sadly missed by many nieces & nephews.


Johanna was born in Holland in 1929, married Martin and moved to the farm in Boucks Hill in 1960. She dedicated herself to working on the farm and taking care of her extended family and always had coffee and speculaas ready for everyone. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Morrisburg, on Wednesday, October 12 at 11 a.m. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Morrisburg. A reception followed at the Morrisburg Legion. In honour of her memory, please take the time to spend with family and friends. Donations to the Daily TV Mass or Parkinson Canada will be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com. The family sincerely appreciates the support of dedicated caregivers, especially Jennine McCourt, Teresa Robillard, Kathy McLean and Dr. Elizabeth Rivington.




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Your Guide to Local Houses of Worship

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October 16th, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service at St. Andrew's, Avonmore.
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Sunday School Classes & Nursery have resumed.
Please contact the church office for information on mid-week meetings or any other questions.


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Artisans in the Park

The weather was a bit rainy as the day began, but the sun shone through, bringing with it many shoppers looking for that special gift

or tasty treat during the Artisans in the Park event on Sun., Oct. 9 at Aultsville Park near Long Sault. The event was organized by the W3G & Co., with approximately 100 vendors on site. Parking assistance and the opportunity to enjoy a barbecue lunch were provided by the Lost Villages Historical Society. Thompson Goddard Photo

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Judy Neville British Home Child Museum

The Ontario East British Home Child Family organization held a dinner for members and guests at Quinn's Inn in St. Andrews West. Sept. 28 is British Home Child Day in Ontario, across many Canadian provinces. During the meal, the plaque re-naming the OEBHCF museum in Aultsville Station as the Judy Neville British Home Child Museum was unveiled to the membership. Neville, who passed in 2021, was instrumental in the formation of the OEBHCF, the museum and spreading the stories of these children who came to Canada as indentured servants serving on the farms and in the house of Canadians. Judy's husband, Alan and brother Jim Brownell are picture following the unveiling. Thompson Goddard Photo



Celebrating eight years

Main Street Clothing, owned and operated by Lisa Williams, celebrated its 8th anniversary with refreshments, door prizes and discounts for customers on Oct. 6-8 of this year. Located at 513 Main Street in Winchester, the business offers a selection of lounge ware, weekend ware and special occasion fashions plus accessories to customers. Williams explained the anniversary is always held during the week prior to Thanksgiving. She mentioned her success is a result of hard work, customer support and responding to the needs of her clients. "It is always a joy to come shopping here," commented Brenda Chambers of Winchester. Thompson Goddard Photo

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OPP news for Stormont and Dundas Counties

Highway 2 west of Ingleside was closed until the early morning hours of Saturday, October 8 as members of the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry (SD&G) OPP investigated a fail to remain collision between a vehicle and a pedestrian which occurred just before 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 7. The pedestrian was transported to the hospital and admitted to the intensive care unit where they remain in critical condition. The suspect vehicle is believed to be a 2008-2012 model Jeep Grand Cherokee. The vehicle will be missing the passenger side mirror and will have damage to the front right corner and headlight assembly. Tinkess Photo

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Residents encouraged to check voter list status

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – With the upcoming municipal election set for Oct. 24, municipal residents should be receiving their voter information letters any day now.

Voting letters include information about the voting period, including dates and times for early voting, as well as for election day. Voting letters for individual residents will also include voting locations, as well as a personal identification number (PIN).

Voting will begin Oct. 19 with advanced voting polls and will end at 8 p.m. on Oct. 24. Each municipality's website includes election information pages that detail everything voters could possibly need to know, including dates, times, and locations to access internet services. SDG Library branches (sdglibrary.ca/current-hours-locations#branches-location) are making their computers and internet available to voters, as well.

South Dundas

In the Municipality of South Dundas, residents who haven't received their voting letters by Oct. 11 are encouraged to call or visit the municipal office (34 Ottawa St., Morrisburg) during office hours. Residents will need to bring government issued photo identification, as well as proof of residency.

In South Dundas, letters for individual residents will include voting locations, as well as a personal identification number (PIN), as the municipality is offering both internet voting

and in-person voting via paper ballot. The PIN will be needed for internet voting, which will allow individuals to vote 24 hours per day for eight days from any telephone or any device connected to the internet or attend one of the pre-established voting locations, including local branches of SDG Library. For more information, visit the municipal website (southdundas.com).

North Dundas

Township of North Dundas residents are being encouraged to visit the township office (636 St. Lawrence St., Winchester) if they haven't received their letters by the second week of October. Residents will need to bring government issued photo identification, as well as proof of residency. To make it more convenient for residents, the municipal office will be open late on Oct. 13 or Oct. 18 for those who haven't yet received their voter letters. The office will remain open until 7 p.m. on both days giving residents the opportunity to receive their voter letters on the spot.

Voters in North Dundas can vote anywhere via phone or internet. Should they require internet access, the township office will have internet voting available Oct. 19 to Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Oct. 22 and Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Once again, SDG Library has also made internet voting accessible through its many branches. For more information, visit the



municipal website (northdundas.com).

South Stormont

Township of South

Stormont voters who haven't received their voter information letters are encouraged to continue checking the municipality's

website (southstormont.ca) for further information and instructions. Voters who are not on the list will need to provide government issued photo identification, as well as proof of residency.

In South Stormont, voters have two voting methods to choose from, including internet voting and in-person voting with vote tabulators (paper ballot voting). In-person advanced polls at the township office (2 Mille Roches Rd., Long Sault) are to be held Oct. 19 to Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct. 22 to Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voters can vote in person on election day (Oct. 24) from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. In addition to the township office, there are three other polling stations. These include St. Andrews West Fire Hall (5205 Highway

138, St. Andrews West), Newington Fire Hall (3931 County Road 12, Newington), and Rothwell-Osnabruck School (1 College St., Ingleside).

North Stormont

In the township of North Stormont, residents have the option to vote via internet or phone. They will need their PIN from their voter information letters to do so. Those needing access to the internet, are encouraged to visit their local SDG Library branch or the township office (15 Union St., Berwick), which is also the Voter Help Centre for North Stormont. The help centre is to be open Oct. 19 to Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 22 and Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, visit the municipal website (northstormont.ca).

SDHS Report

By Kelsey Duncan
Student Reporter



What happened this week at Seaway?

On Mon., Oct. 3, the cafeteria finally opened its doors after some unforeseen delays. It will be open every day for both students and teachers to purchase food from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is the first time that students have the opportunity to purchase food on school property since before the COVID-19 pandemic began. The students in grades 7 and 8 are very excited to see it reopen, as they can now purchase their lunches daily.

On Thurs., Oct. 6, the students of Seaway DHS participated in a school-wide jersey day, arranged by the student council to celebrate the start of the NHL season. We saw lots of participation, with many students, from grades 7 through 12, and teachers sporting the jerseys of not only their favourite hockey teams, but also preferred football, baseball, and basketball teams.

It was announced on Friday that after school tutoring for all grades is to begin on Oct. 13. Many students' learning was interrupted due to pandemic restrictions and the transfer to online learning, and this will be a wonderful opportunity for those who have fallen behind to get their learning back on track. Tutoring for grades 7 and 8 will happen on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., and tutoring for grades 9-12 will happen on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 p.m. You can reach out to Ms. Greavette's, grades 7 and 8, or Ms. St. Marseille's, grades 9 to 12, for more information.

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COMING EVENTS

COME MEET YOUR CANDIDATES FOR NORTH DUNDAS COUNCIL

North Dundas Council Candidates' Meet & Greet. Fri., Oct. 14 at the Nelson LaPrade Centre, 9 William Street, Chesterville, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

NORTH DUNDAS UNITED SOCCER CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held at the Chesterville Legion on Mon., Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. For questions please contact president@ndusc.ca.

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Promoting NS Businesses

AVONMORE – For three years, The North Stormont Shop Local Facebook page has been promoting local businesses in that municipality since November 2018.

Adelle Densham, who with her husband Steve created and administer the Facebook page, explained it was created after Steve “noticed that our municipality had a Chamber of Commerce in Moose Creek and wondered why all of North Stormont wasn’t actively promoting its local business.” The couple decided to build a Facebook page to share their knowledge of and promote local businesses in North Stormont.

Initially the couple promoted the businesses they used on the Facebook page, and as time passed were inspired to visit businesses, they hadn’t shopped at to discover what they offered. They discovered a wide variety of businesses in the community some of which were just starting out or had a long history of service to the community.

“It was pretty amazing when we discovered local artists and crafts people with their own special talent or style. Or when we walked into general stores that hold as many memories for local people as they do products” commented Steve. He continued the excitement generated by the launch of a new business in the community, noting it was

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Steve and Adelle Densham, owners of North Stormont Shop Local. Courtesy Photo

“fun to share the excitement and help the excitement to spread.” The couple experimented with videos and different story styles for promoting the business, but what they discovered was the page received the most likes and shares when

focusing on the business owners. He continued they learned the people in North Stormont want to support local people when purchasing from local businesses, realizing “that our local business owners don’t just sell products

in our area. They help us solve problems, they give support to local organizations and find ways to address specific local needs.”

When the page was launched, the decision was made to only feature North Stormont businesses, noting they realize there are good businesses just beyond the township borders, “but we had to draw the line somewhere. “Because we are a small team of two, our day to day is to simply remind people of the local business in our area by sharing posts presented on the business’s own page.” Steve explained some businesses don’t have a Facebook page so the couple “take the time to build a special post with pictures and a short write up.”

The amount of time dedicated to The North Stormont Shop Local Facebook page varies from week to week ranging from sharing posts, but other times if they are building “a special post for a business it may require more interview and prep time, plus travel to the business for pictures.” Several local businesses have told the couple the page has “made a noticeable difference to the traffic to their business.” He continued how “the other work we did outside of NSSL, taking our MP, MPP and others around on Wellness Tours during COVID, had a huge supportive impact during a very difficult time.”

“It feels meaningful and rewarding to spread good news and showcase good people in our 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, Hilda Gillard 200; Ladies’ High Triple, Hilda Gillard 541. Team Standings: Susan 43, Sandra 39, Hilda 34, Pat 33, Angela 32.

Monday Men’s: Men’s High Single, Malcolm McDonald 266; Men’s High Triple, Dave Bird 711; Men’s High Average, Marc Robinson 235. Team Standings: East-Ont 20.5, Alley Cats 19.5, Alley Rats 18, Raiders 15, Country Boys 12, A-Team 11.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies’ High Single, Mary Osborne 173; Ladies’ High Triple, Mary Osborne 397. Team Standings: 57, Mary 48, Janice 47, Lorna 47, Dianna 41.

Finch Mixed: Men’s High Single, Thomas StPierre 235; Men’s High Triple, Danny StPierre 626; Ladies’ High Single, Ashley StPierre 232; Ladies’ High Triple, Ashley StPierre 610. Team Standings: Team #1 33, Team #2 33, Team #3 29, Team #4 22, Team #5 18.

Thursday Seniors: Men’s High Single, John Meulenbroek 165; Men’s High Triple, Bas Vanwinden 435; Ladies’ High Single, Ria Mcgarrety 152; Ladies’ High

Triple, Jamet Polowich 375.

Avonmore Mixed: Men’s High Single, Frank Jerome 206; Men’s High Triple, Frank Jerome 572; Ladies’ High Single, Anita Byvelds 190; Ladies’ High Triple, Anita Byvelds 476. Team Standings: Mike 55, Frank 49, Dan 40, Rob 39, Anita 37, Jeannette 32.

Les Dynamiques: Men’s High Single, Pierre Briere.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men’s High Single, Pierre Briere 317; Men’s High Triple, Piere Briere 731; Ladies’ High Single, Christine Bouchard 190; Ladies’ High Triple, Christine Bouchard 536.

Winchester Odd Couples: Mens’ High Single, Dane Miskowicz 267; Men’s High Triple, Dane Miskowicz 603; Ladies’ High Single, Leslie Vanbruijssen 264; Ladies’ High Triple, Leslie Vanbruijssen 540. Team Standings: John 25, Danny 24, Steve 20, Leslie 20, George 17, Garry 14.

Youth Bowling Canada

YBC Peewees: Girl’s High Single, Vanessa Bissonnette 90; Girl’s High Double, Vanessa Bissonnette 165; Boy’s High Single, Samuel Bissonnette 107; Boy’s High Double,

Samuel Bissonnette 206.

YBC Bantams: Girl’s High Single, Danika Bissonnette 104; Girl’s High Double, Danika Bissonnette 188; Boy’s High Single, Ephram Heuff / Brandon Leach 109; Boy’s High Double, Kaden Leach 201. Team Standings: Sharks 37, Jets 30, Red Wings 28, Oilers 26, Leafs 25, Flames 22.

YBC Juniors: Girl’s High Single, Kamryn Hartle / Cheyenne Lanoue 184; Girl’s High Triple, Kamryn Hartle 507; Boy’s High Single, Sylvain Gagne 229; Boy’s High Triple, Sylvain Gagne 514.

YBC Seniors: Boy’s High Single, Caleb Shaver 227; Boy’s High Triple, Caleb Shaver 576. Team Standings: Kings 44, Sabers 36, Bruins 36, Ducks 32, Senators 32. Team Standings: Kings 44, Sabers 36, Bruins 36, Ducks 32, Senators 32.

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Visit our website at www.southstormont.ca/careers to view the complete job description and apply online.

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Elect

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Small Business Week

Sustainability tips for small businesses

Small businesses are more conscious than ever about how their actions impact the environment. This Small Business Week — October 16 to 22, 2022 — is the perfect opportunity to make lasting and sustainable changes to your business. Here are the tips.

- 1. Offer remote positions.** Allowing your employees to work from home, eliminates commuting time, office politics from co-workers, less stress on your employees and more flexibility. For many employees they have regained more of their workday and reduced the personal time with less office interruptions. Employers can be more flexible to accommodate employees' schedules.
- 2. Go Digital.** With VOIP phone systems and online software and storage applications it is possible to have an office environment with the employees working remotely. No need to have expensive VPN systems to access documents as there are many low-cost options available.
- 3. Embrace technology.** There are so many options available for virtual meeting platforms to online storage which do not require

high technical knowledge to implement.

- 4. Do business with other local businesses.** Working with other local businesses encourages the growth and sustainability in a specific region.
- 5. Utilize the local media outlets to promote your business as they have an established reputation.** With the fraud and un reputable businesses' scams out there, you will have security in dealing with local publications.
- 6. Offer a benefit plan.** More providers are making benefits' plans more affordable and adaptable for small businesses. A benefit plan can help secure and retain quality employees.
- 7. Provide your remote employees with the T2200 (Declaration of conditions of employment).** This will allow your employee to claim the use of their home office space and reduce their taxable income.
- 8. Improve mental and physical health.** The flexibility to take breaks or eat healthier meals from home creates a healthier lifestyle. The ability to remove yourself from stressful situations in the workplace and reduce conflict has positive impacts on your health.

More and more employees are looking to improve their work, life balance. If you can offer remote positions and the tax benefits that go along with that, you will attract the best candidates for your small business.

Canadian consumers are increasingly inclined to support businesses that do their part for the environment. Therefore, becoming more sustainable can help you boost your brand and increase your profits.



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Couple builds tall ship in South Mountain

Joe Morin and Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – It's not what one might expect from a small rural town located nowhere near an ocean, but one couple built themselves a tall ship, the Mimi Jane, on their South Mountain

property.

"My husband and I moved to South Mountain specifically to build this boat," Murielle Ovenden said. "When we looked for a property to take on this project, we set a searching radius around Mark's workplace with a few specific criteria –

good power for welding and power tools, enough space for a workshop, the boat, and equipment, not too many neighbours, and somewhere it would feel good living. We landed in South Mountain and we're happy to have called it home all those years."

Originally from Brittany, France, Ovenden immigrated to Canada with her family when she was a child. Coming from a strong maritime culture, she said she spent the school year missing the ocean and spent much of the time thinking about summer vacation when she would make her way "back to the sea."

"Sailing is to Brittany what hockey is to Canada," Ovenden said. "I don't really remember learning to sail or a particular first experience sailing. I was on sailboats with my parents as a baby and started dinghy sailing as a preschooler. The love for sailing has always been there. In some way, my attraction to the sea and boats feels atavistic, it's

deep." Ovenden said her passion for traditional sailboats began in 1992 during a tall ship festival in her birth town of Brest. She married Mark, a man who shared her love of sailing, and who, like her, harboured dreams of someday living on a sailboat. In fact, the Mimi Jane

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Boats

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Jane is not the couple's first foray into shipbuilding. She said it was while they were living on the first sailboat that they had built together that the couple's plan to create something bigger and more in line with Brittany's maritime tradition was born.

"I think I have always been trapped on a path that was going to be led by my childhood love for boats," Ovenden said.

While both Murielle and Mark worked on building their tall ship together, it was Murielle who spent all her time devoted to the project. She said her husband enabled her to dream big and to believe in herself.

"There is no doubt I couldn't have done this without Mark, as I don't think he could have done it without me, so the whole project is teamwork, but I'm not the best team worker and it has been some effort on myself to let go of some decision making and not try to control everything," she said. "We did both have projects on which we worked independently, but also some bigger chores on which we worked together. Mark has a full-time job, while I worked full-time at

building the boat, so that impacted how the work was divided."

Ovenden said that while she had some planning experience and some of the physical skillset necessary for boat building prior to the onset of the tall ship project, she still had to learn a lot as she went along. This, she said, wasn't as difficult as one might assume, as she has a background in mechanical engineering technologies, not to mention her lifetime passion for boats and sailing. There was a lot of time and energy spent on research and planning prior to getting started.

"The project started with a lot of naïve ambition [and] without the foresight of the time and energy it would take. Eventually, stubbornness takes over, but indeed, frustration, dread, feeling overwhelmed, and most often the feeling of being slaves to this dream, made me often second guess my ambitions," Ovenden said. "The problem is, once I decided I could do this, I had to do it. Once I started, I had to finish. This is where being two – my husband and I – working together toward the same goal made a big difference. We managed



to pick each other up when one or the other found it more difficult, it's a dynamic that keeps dreams going forward."

Ovenden said it's been close to 20 years since the couple first talked about building a tall ship. While the keel was laid roughly 17 years ago, in 2005, Ovenden said she spent time designing the boat and preparing for the project prior to that. She said she didn't keep a record of hours spent on the project, so it's not accurate to say that it required 20 years to build the ship because there were several periods where she and her husband didn't work on the boat at all.

"The best I can say is the construction of the boat has been my point of focus for most of 20 years and it feels surreal it's finally in the water," she



Murielle Ovenden and her husband Mark built their own tall ship on their property in South Mountain. After roughly 20 years, the boat is now on the water.

Casselman Photos

said. "I'm not ready to have another project of this magnitude quite yet and I certainly want to enjoy Mimi Jane before feeling tied down to any other crazy ambition. I don't like saying never, but if any other boat-building project came up, I would have to be managing it more than doing it myself. Building this boat was tough, demanding work."

While built to current established codes and standards, Ovenden said the Mimi Jane is inspired

by the tuna fishing boats from her hometown in Concarneau, as she and Mark wanted to build a boat with historical and cultural value. They also wanted it to be in a size they could manage with just the two of them.

"I say inspired by Brittany's sail fishing boats because it's not exactly a replica. I adapted the design for a steel hull and our needs," Ovenden said. "Nonetheless, we wanted the feel of a wooden boat and charm of tradition.

There are no existing plans for what we wanted, so I designed Mimi Jane using historical references and modern boat construction standards."

The Mimi Jane was launched on June 4. To learn more about the Mimi Jane, including the story behind the name, visit Ovenden's project website (mimijane.ca). The website includes plenty of photos, videos, and more. The Mimi Jane can also be found on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2022

CLUES ACROSS

- Towards the mouth or oral region
- A way to season
- North-central Indian city
- Emaciation
- Actress de Armas
- A way to score in basketball
- Odd
- Scripting languages on IBM machines
- A right of local jurisdiction
- Hard, colorless compound
- Diving seabird
- Wild goat of the mountains
- Not shortened
- Someone who learns from a teacher
- Is inclined
- Still asleep
- Antidepressants (abbr.)
- Town in Surrey, England

- Indian music patterns
- Birth control means
- People tend to be on one
- A way to keep meat moist
- Home of the Crimson Tide
- Pasta type
- Late 1990s rapper
- One circuit of a track
- Surrounded by water
- Late "Growing Pains" actor Thicke
- Married couples say it
- Drool
- Sicilian city
- Airline worker perk (abbr.)
- Grayish-black mixture
- Systems, doctrines, theories
- Midway between east and southeast
- Athletes who get paid

CLUES DOWN

- Genus of owls
- Hindu queen
- Cain and _
- Hindu female deity
- Islamic calendar month
- Changes posture
- More stubborn
- Give work to
- Round maps of the Earth
- Gathered fallen leaves
- Popular credit card
- Separation of church and state
- Founder of Sikhism
- They _
- Where you find the milk
- Institute legal proceedings against
- The neural structure consisting of the brain and spinal cord
- Expresses surprise

- Have a debt to
- Businessman
- State on India's western coast
- Practice of managing financial risks (abbr.)
- Patty Hearst's captors
- Put into service
- 10-year periods
- Crony
- Surgical clamp
- Leave unable to move due to lack of wind
- Where rockers work
- Valleys
- Ancient lyric poem
- Wise men
- It lights a room
- Assert
- Fifth Roman Emperor
- Ancient Greek city in Thrace

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Russell spends roughly \$900k for two tanker trucks

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell recently announced the purchase of two new tanker trucks for the municipality’s Fire and Rescue Services.

“I want to thank council for their continued support and investment towards Fire and Rescue Services,” fire chief Bruce Armstrong said. “The technology of these new tankers introduces a safer truck for our firefighters and maintains our outstanding service to the community.”

The two new tankers, which are identical, were purchased for roughly \$900,000. They are replacing the township’s former tanker trucks, which were roughly 22 years old and nearing the end of their lifespan. The expenditure was included in the municipality’s capital projects for 2021 and 2022.

“While this is a large purchase, proper long-term financial planning has allowed us the ability to maintain our high level of service, which in turn helps protect both our communities and those responsible with coming to our aid in the most difficult of times,” Mayor Pierre Leroux said.

Township officials said the tanker trucks are primarily used for their large-



The township of Russell Fire and Rescue Services recently purchased two tankers, one each for the Embrun and Russell stations. Courtesy Photo

volume water tanks, which supply the fire engine with adequate water on-scene. These multi-purpose trucks can also act as main pumpers, if required, due to a small pump as part of their design. It was also noted that with identical models, training and operating procedures are standardized across the department. Most of the department’s firefighters have already completed their training with the new equipment.

One tanker has been assigned to Station 1 in Embrun, while the other has been

assigned to Station 2 in Russell. Station 1 (613-443-5528) is located at 1128 Route 300 in Embrun, while Station 2 (613-445-3326) is located at 1195 South Russell Road in Russell. To learn more about the township’s Fire and Rescue Services, visit the municipal website (Russell.ca).

Firefighters needed

Currently, the township of Russell is looking for volunteer firefighters (part-time/on call) for their Embrun Station. At minimum, applicants must be 18 or older,

live in the area of the Embrun Fire Station and within the township itself, carry a valid Ontario “G” class driver’s licence with an excellent Driver Abstract, have access to a vehicle, complete a valid and negative Criminal Record Check, and be physically fit and able to perform sustained and intense physical effort.

“As a member of the township of Russell Fire and Rescue Services, you will be responsible for responding to emergency calls requiring firefighter tactics, medical aid, rescue operations, and hazardous materials emergencies. Firefighters are also involved in delivering fire safety messaging and public education, as well as participate in various volunteer activities within the community,” the job announcement stated. “This profession can entail performance under conditions of physical and mental stress and involve personal stress that requires dedication and resilience; however, satisfaction is rewarded by serving and protecting life, the community, the environment, and working closely in a team environment.”

For more information, visit the municipal website (Russell.ca). Instructions for submitting a resumé and cover letter are included in the job description. Applications are due no later than 4 p.m. on Oct. 21.

RHS Report

By Nyla McEwan
Student Reporter



September events at Russell High School

Good morning readers, my name is Nyla McEwan and I am so excited to be your new RHS reporter this year. This is actually my very first physical year at RHS. After one long year of taking online classes, I finally get to be in the school and see new faces. I am so excited to see where this year takes both you and me! Now let’s get into what you have been missing at RHS.

The first thing I can say was September was a busy month for sure! With students getting settled into their new classes and routines, everyone was all over the place. But after the first week was done, I can at least say I got everything under control. Speaking of that first week of school, RHS had their very first Welcome Back pep rally. This amazing event was hosted by our very own Link Crew leaders.... whoo-hoo! There were a bunch of games and activities that got the crowd involved. And man, you should have seen the crowd! Bananas! So much energy and good vibes-and it was only the first assembly of the year! The feedback that we got was AMAZING! Some teachers even said that this pep rally was the best one they had been to at RHS. That says a lot, doesn’t it?

In late September, RHS held their annual Terry Fox run, which was also hosted by our Link Crew leaders. Even though the day was not the greatest (and very cold), they definitely made the best of it. With every station representing a province that Terry ran through, we kinda got to experience and appreciate what that journey was like for Terry. Our Link Crew leaders did an amazing job when it came to making up original activities for all the stations. Also, a special shoutout to Ms. Elminowski and Ms. Chadsey’s team for earning the most kilometres (points) of all the high school classes- and Ms. Dobbin’s class for winning in the intermediate division. They really were two tough classes to beat, and we hope they enjoyed their pizza!

Well that’s it for me...signing off!

Russell prepares to vote in 2022 municipal election

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – With the 2022 municipal election quickly approaching, residents are encouraged to check their voter list status prior to election day.

In the township of Russell, residents have two voting options, including internet voting and phone voting. Anyone requiring assistance is encouraged to visit the Voter Help Centre, located at Town Hall (717 Notre-Dame St., Embrun).

The Voter Help Centre is to be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Oct. 19 to Oct. 21. Then, on Oct. 22 and Oct. 23, the centre is to be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On election day, Oct. 24, the centre is to be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The municipality’s website (Russell.ca) includes a wealth of information for voters, including a video on how to



use internet voting. A list of permissible identification documents is also listed for those who aren’t yet on the voters’ list or for those who need to change their information. Most often this includes one piece of government issued photo identification as well as something with proof of residency. The elections office can also be contacted via phone (613-443-3066 extension 2329)."

Who’s running for council in Russell? With only one candidate for mayor, current Mayor Pierre Leroux has been acclaimed to the position for another term. There are

seven candidates vying for the four available councillor seats. In alphabetical order, these include Charles Armstrong,

Tony Baas, Lisa Deacon, Eric Greer, Marc Lalonde and current councillors Jamie Laurin, and Mike Tarnowski.

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Maintenance saves both time and money

You only have to see the frost on the ground in the morning to know that fall is upon us and if that is the case, winter can't be that far off.

If you are like many people, you will, in the spring, think of all the things you wished you would have done last fall. Life is so much easier when you can start the new season without having to clean up the old. With that in mind, here are a few tips to help the seasonal transition go just a little more smoothly.

The first step is easy: take a walk around the exterior of your home and pick up and put away any garden tools you may find. Shovels, rakes, cultivators and the like do not do well when left out in the elements; the metal will rust and the wood will rot, but if you care for them, they can last decades. Clean them off, hang or stand them up where you won't step on them, and they will be ready to go next spring.

The same advice goes for anything that can be picked up, such as garden gloves, hats, toys or pieces of wood or branches. The clothing can probably do more than one year if put away, but if not, they make fine building material for the mice that are also preparing for winter. The toys can get stepped on or tripped over and lose pieces of wood can do nasty things to the impeller on your snowblower. Put them where they won't present a hazard.

Rechargeable batteries do not do well in the cold, so while it may have been convenient in the summer months to charge them in a garage or shed, they should be brought inside for the colder months.

The biggest job probably comes from machinery, such as lawn tractors, riding mowers or snowblowers. According to Daniel Van Gilst, who along with his wife Sara has managed Eastern Engines Inc. in Williamsburg since December 2018, proper maintenance will lengthen the life of your equipment.

"Carburetor problems is the biggest thing because most people put their equipment away with fuel in it," says Van Gilst. "The fuel degrades over the winter



"We recommend stabilizer and to make sure you have fresh fuel in the machine when you go to put it away and if possible, to empty the carburetor, so if there is a fuel shutoff valve, to let the machine run until the carburetor is empty. The absolute best way to store a machine is with no fuel in it at all."

Snowblowers, says Van Gilst, are the worst. "They are stored the longest. You put them away in the spring and you don't take them out till the winter. They are also stored in the hottest temperature and the fuel you get in the winter evaporates at a lower temperature, so if you have the winter fuel in it and you let it sit, you're going to have a problem."

The problem is made worse, according to Van Gilst, because when the seasons change, he is dealing with all the seasons all at once. It is probably his busiest time of year.

"Yeah, because we're dealing with all the seasons at the same time. So, right now we're tuning up snowblowers and putting away lawn tractors."

None of these things are overwhelming and most could probably be completed in less than a day. The amount of time, money, and aggravation they will save you in the spring would make it seem like the logical thing to do.

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and then it leaves residue in the carburetor and that will cause you all kinds of grief in the spring.



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If your home is ready for winter, why not share the wealth with the local bird population?

While some people enjoy the many outdoor activity options that come with winter in Eastern Ontario, there are others who prefer to watch winter from the comfort of their own home. Watch what you may ask. Well, not all birds fly south for the winter. Here in Eastern Ontario, there are plenty of colourful birds that stay put. Well-placed and well-stocked bird feeders go a long way toward drawing a host of birds to your backyard.

So, how do you ensure a visual treat for those cold winter afternoons watching the backyard birds while you sip hot cocoa by the fire? Here are some ideas to get you started:

The type of feed you provide will often predict the types of birds you see gathering at your feeder. Black oil sunflower seeds will draw in a variety of crossbills, Evening Grosbeaks, and Purple Finches, for instance, while Nyjer or thistle seeds will attract Common Redpolls, and crab apples will attract Pine Grosbeaks.

Calorie-dense seeds will help to increase bird metabolism, which helps birds stay warm in winter.

Other food options include shelled peanuts, suet, quality seed mixes, corn, mealworms,



safflower seeds, and so on.

Put feeders out as early as possible to let birds know you have a feeding station just for them. Many birds scout out food options prior to the first snowfall.

Leave ornamental grasses and herbaceous perennials standing and untrimmed, as they provide food for birds.

Some trees and bushes, such as black and white cedars, spruce, pine, fir, and junipers, also provide shelter for Canada's winter birds.

If you're planning for next year, consider planting some fruit-producing trees and bushes, as many of

Canada's birds will eat the fruit.

If you're using a man-made bird feeder, be sure to keep it clean by checking it regularly and by removing uneaten bird seed that's become damp.

In addition to food and shelter, if you can provide access to water, the birds will thank you.

When you consider the location of your bird feeders, think about protecting the birds from the elements either with natural or man-made windbreaks, for example.

In addition to creating your own bird-watching paradise, ensuring you have bird feeders available and filled can also be a

literal lifesaver for local birds this winter. With a few cases of Avian Flu in the region, it's important to

When you consider the location of your bird feeders, think about protecting the birds from the elements either with natural or man-made windbreaks, for example.

note that regular cleaning of feeders is needed to prevent the spread of disease and to stop mold from forming.

Whether you're planning to buy or build a bird feeder for the upcoming winter season, there are many designs

available. Keep in mind that the design may predict the type of birds you attract. To make it a little more fun, consider joining a bird-watching group and/or keeping a bird journal chronicling the kinds of birds you attract and when they come.



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Fireplace trends help create attractive, comfortable rooms

Fireplaces are useful features in a home. Fireplaces are sources of ambient heat and also add style to indoor spaces.

Fireplaces can complement just about any interior style. Fireplaces can be traditional and burn wood or connect to a home's natural gas supply for on-demand ambiance. What's more, fireplaces may come in vented or ventless varieties, depending on homeowners' preferences and what is allowed by community building codes. That means a chimney or flue may not be needed — expanding the list of rooms where a fireplace can be installed.

Certain trends have emerged among fireplace fans in recent years. Here's a look at what's getting consumers fired up about these home decor elements.

- **Minimalist style:** Many fireplaces are designed in neutral colours with minimal trim that directs focus on the fire and not the appliance. When the fireplace is not in use, it blends in with its surroundings and will not compete for attention with other design elements.

- **Convertible fireplaces:** Homeowners can choose between open or sealed



fireplaces. A convertible fireplace enables homeowners to have the best features of these options. A convertible fireplace can be converted to wood from gas, or the opposite, in as little as 30 minutes.

- **Nature-inspired materials:** Natural stone continues to be a material of choice in fireplace surrounds. Light colours work well for a fireplace, and also fit with today's lighter color interior design preferences. Natural stone also works perfectly with both contemporary and rustic decor.

- **Vintage fireplaces:** Vintage continues to be a buzzword in 2022, and the choice to go vintage also applies to fireplace styles. A room decorated in vintage elements can be complemented with a vintage fireplace or one designed to look vintage.

- **Integrate into wall decor:** Fireplaces that are built right into a wall save space. One can have a television and a fireplace on the same wall. These types of fireplaces work well in modern home designs. Other fireplaces may be built into bookshelves or other wall features.

Fireplaces can improve the appeal of a home. Various trends are popular this year, making fireplaces highly coveted features.

What to do with a home office after going back to work

The number of professionals working remotely skyrocketed in 2020, when businesses were forced to close their offices in an effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As the world transitions from the pandemic phase to an endemic phase, many office workers also are transitioning back to their offices.

59 per cent of workers are now working from home all or most of the time, while 22 per cent are rarely or never working from home. In 2020, 70 per cent of workers were working from home all or most of the time, while 17 per cent rarely or never worked from home. Those figures reflect that work life, albeit gradually, is returning to pre-pandemic norms.

As individuals find themselves going back to the office with increased frequency, they might be wondering what to do with their home offices. If space inside a home is at a premium, then repurposing a home office into a space that can be used more frequently is a great way to make better use of the existing square footage. The following are some ways homeowners can transform home offices created during the pandemic into more useful spaces.

- **Go back in time.** Perhaps the easiest thing to do with a home office that is no longer needed is to return the room to its pre-pandemic state. Because the shift to remote work was so sudden, many homeowners were forced to turn washrooms, breakfast nooks or areas of their basements into home offices. Returning those spaces to their initial functions can make a home feel less cluttered and add more room for residents to relax and get around.

- **Create a new entertainment area.** Many homeowners converted a spare bedroom into a home office during the pandemic. In such instances, guest beds and other furniture might have been moved into storage or even sold or discarded. Either way, that means the office was cleared of bedroom furniture. Now that the room no longer needs to be an office and now that homeowners have made due without the extra bedroom, the room can be converted into an entertainment area. Swap out the desk for a foldout couch that can still accommodate overnight guests when necessary. Then mount a flatscreen television on the wall and utilize the room as a gaming room for kids or a film room/man cave for mom or dad.

- **Create an in-law suite.** The pandemic separated families, as people living in different households were advised to avoid gatherings to stop the spread of the virus. Individuals with aging parents may have felt particularly heartbroken by this forced separation, especially if their elderly parents were living in nursing homes that were stretched thin by staff shortages and other challenges. In the aftermath of the pandemic phase, families may want to invite aging relatives to live with them. Home offices can be repurposed into in-law suites so aging parents don't have to confront the isolation and loneliness many felt during the height of the pandemic.

As professionals return to their offices with greater frequency, they can transform their offices into spaces they're likely to use more often.

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Rooftop solar requires a different approach for firefighters

It seems that with every new advancement in science and technology, an entire new series of problems develop that usually don't have to be dealt with by the ones responsible for the advancements. Solar power could be considered as such a situation.

The movement to green energy sources has led to a rapid growth of roof-top solar panels. Many businesses and homeowners have seen an opportunity to not only reduce the cost of their electrical usage, but in some cases even reap the rewards of being able to send the surplus back to the grid. Better for the environment and a cost savings for the end user, so apparently a win-win situation, right? Not everyone is in total agreement with that assessment.

As early as 2013, alarms were being sounded by professional firefighters that these rooftop panels presented a new hazard to the steps they normally take in combating a structural blaze.

Normal practice would



be to cut a hole in the roof decking to allow heat and super-heated gases to escape. With rooftop solar panels installed, however, there were concerns that even if the panels were "turned off" at the panel, that they could still be generating electrical current. There were also concerns that the weight on existing roof structures would make them prone to collapse faster and even that the surface of the

panels would make it easier to slip and fall off the roof.

As the building industry played catchup, there were changes that necessitated the requirement for a building permit in some situations, as well as the regulation that a building could not exist solely to provide a place to install panels. According to Jacob Forget, the chief building official for the township of North Dundas, there

haven't been any recent additional changes.

"There were no recent changes in the building code with regards to solar panels that I am aware of," said Forget. "Depending on size of the solar panels, they may need a building permit which is inspected by building inspectors and the electrical safety authority. The fire departments are typically not involved in [this type] of installation/permit

process."

Firefighters have a long history of problem solving, and if there is a way to safely do their job, they will find a way to do so. When the housing industry moved from dimension lumber in construction, to materials such as OSB panels, they changed their approach knowing that burn times had been shortened and when modern material burned, they could release gases

that could be carcinogenic.

According to the International Association of Fire Fighters, rooftop solar panels pose an increased risk of electrocution for firefighters. However, this problem can be mitigated by knowing your system and how it was installed. Being able to shut down systems in accordance with electrical code requirements can help protect first responders. Clear labelling of the different components is essential.

In all cases, the safest approach is to assume that the panels are live. Never take it for granted that they aren't.

As the technology continues to develop and new approaches to installation and safety are developed, it is important that the voices of all involved parties are heard. Everyone wants to have access to cheap electricity and being able to move toward a greener environment is something to strive for, but not at the cost of anyone not being able to make it home at the end of their shift.

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Autumn tips

to enhance your curbside appeal

1 Power up
It's the perfect time to professionally pressure wash the outside of your home to rid it of dirt, fallen leaves, cobwebs and more. If you encounter paint that peels in the process, apply a fresh coat for a clean, new look.

3 Make an entrance
Give your front door a fresh coat of paint, and polish or replace the hardware. Take a look at your light fixtures, and replace anything that's dated, weathered or worn with one of today's beautiful new designs. Then add an attractive welcome mat and shiny new door knocker or seasonal wreath.

2 Bring in fall colours
Plant fall flowers and foliage that complement your shutters and front door - not just in your flowerbeds, but in pots as well. Choose pots of varying heights and sizes for contrast and interest, and place them in groups of three on your porch.

4 Add outdoor lights
As the days get shorter, it becomes increasingly important to provide potential homebuyers with a safe path to your front door. Use decorative lights to illuminate walkways, and install floodlights or lanterns to brighten up entrance areas.

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Want to remain in your home? There maybe a credit for that

As people age it can be more and more difficult to remain in your current living space. The government has provided tax credits to assist with the costs of remaining at home. The costs may be a necessary cost regardless, but if you can reduce the burden of that cost with a tax credit, that helps in the decision-making process as well.

Home Accessibility Tax Credit (HATC)

Home Accessibility Tax Credit (HATC) can be used for Canadians 65 years of age and older or for disabled people of any age. Up to \$10,000 in expenses can be claimed under this credit. You will receive up to 15 per cent of your renovation costs as a reduction on your personal tax return. This credit is applied when expenses

or renovations occur to keep people 65 or older in their homes or for people with disabilities. People with disabilities are required to have a valid Disability Tax Credit. This credit may be claimed by the individual themselves or if you are supporting someone who qualifies, you may be able to claim this amount on their behalf.

A few examples of projects that will qualify for this credit are grab bars and handrails, walk-in tubs or wheelchair showers, widening doorways for wheelchair accessibility, lowering cabinets, and chairlifts.

Items that do not qualify are household appliances, home-entertainment devices, routine maintenance and housekeeping costs.

You will be required to enter the date, type of

expense, name and HST number of the contractor or other tradespeople who performed the renovations. CRA may ask to see these receipts for your claim.

Medical expenses

Some of these expenses may also qualify for the medical expenses' credit. People with mobility impairments can claim renovation expenses made to their home to make it more accessible. Items such as air conditioners, bathroom aids, crutches, artificial limbs, and power operated chairs. You may be required to have a medical prescription in order to claim these expenses.

It is always best to verify your specific situation prior to making these claims on your personal tax return.

Is your home ready for winter?

While Ontarians don't hibernate in winter like some animals do, many spend an increased amount of time indoors during the season, and it's important to make sure everything is in order inside and outside the home.

It can get quite chilly during the winter months in Eastern Ontario, which is why many Ontarians proactively prepare their homes for the coldest months of the year. In addition to ensuring your family's comfort and safety, it's a good idea to protect what's probably the largest financial investment you've ever made - your house, your home, your property.

So, where should you get started?

First and foremost, our homes are there to provide shelter from the elements. What does your home's exterior need to be winter-ready? Following is a list of actions to take to get you started:

Check your roof, including ventilation, and make any necessary repairs

Clean, inspect, and repair your eavestroughs and downspouts

Turn off water supply to exterior waterspouts and be sure to empty pipes

Stock up on sand, etc. to ensure safe and accessible access to and from your home

Check and prepare your snowblower, shovels, and other necessary winter equipment

Repair cracked caulking around exterior windows

Cover or protect your air conditioning unit

Store seasonal items, such as gardening tools, patio sets, plant boxes, and so on

For some, a house is just a place to rest their heads at night but for others, it's a place to enjoy time with those they love, making warm, happy memories to last a lifetime. In either case, it's important to prepare the interior of your home for the long, cold months of winter, not only to ensure the warmth of everyone in the house but also to ensure their safety. Following is a list of tips for winterizing your home's interior:

Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they're working properly and switch out the batteries for new ones

Check ventilation, air filters - be proactive about indoor air quality this winter

Have a fire emergency escape plan in place, one that all home occupants are familiar with, before the snow falls

Have your furnace inspected and cleaned, and then be sure to complete necessary repairs, change filters, and stock up on fuel

Have your fireplace and chimney cleaned and inspected, and stock up on wood

Seal areas that could cause heat loss, such as around windows and doors

Cover pipes that are at risk of freezing, such as those in unheated parts of the house

If you have one, do a sump pump test to be sure it's working properly

Please note that this is not a comprehensive list but, rather, more of a guideline to inspire you into action.

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Fall decorating ideas

Summer has ended, and fall is now well underway. Looking forward to the beautiful fall-coloured leaves on our trees, people may be inclined to wonder about how to decorate the outside of their homes for the season. There are many opportunities down the aisles of a box craft store to pick up some artificial leaves, perhaps some fall craft and decorating ideas for all different age groups.

One old time fall favourite activity is to make a pomander from an apple. It is relatively easy to do, as the process simply involves sticking whole cloves into the entire surface of an

apple and then rolling it in ground cinnamon. A more decorative approach for a homemade pomander would be to stick entire cloves in a pattern on an orange; this could be done as part of a fall collection in a bowl.

Wreaths are often used as a door decoration through the different seasons. For a fall wreath, using pinecones, leaves in their fall colours or greenery can be used. All three items can be found in nature during a fall walk in trails maintained by either a conservation authority, or perhaps even in your own back yard.

Fall is a wonderful time to go for a drive out into the countryside, where decorating items for your home can be purchased directly from the producers. One such location is Carruthers Sweet Corn and Pumpkin Patch, located at 15777 on County Road 9, and open "from sunup to sunset" according to Kevin Carruthers who runs the operation with his wife Tanya and four children. Available for purchase from the Carruthers are straw bales, gourds, and an assortment of pumpkins to use in



decorating your home. The Avonmore Berry Farm, open daily between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., on the outskirts of the village of Avonmore, currently has a selection of pumpkins, square straw bales and ornamental gourds as well as apples and baking. There is the opportunity to pick your own pumpkins daily during opening hours, with a wagon ride to the pumpkin patch available on weekends between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For those who are unable to take that drive out into the countryside, many local stores offer customers the opportunity to purchase fall decorating items including pumpkins in a variety of shapes and sizes. Fall has at least two celebratory occasions, Thanksgiving and Halloween, with each having its own type of decorating ideas. Pumpkins are a versatile squash, used for baking those delicious pumpkin pies as well as decorating your home and the creation of Jack-O-Lanterns. Pumpkin decorating has taken on a whole new look, with the familiar triangle eyes and nose combined with a toothy smile replaced by seriously wonderful creations. People can purchase all kinds of Halloween decorations including reproduction gravestones or a sinister string of lights. Some still favour a more traditional ghost, created with a sheet, and perhaps a monster with a pumpkin head, created from clothes stuffed with material.

If you are not a person who enjoys decorating the house, there is plenty of opportunity to take a drive in the early evening to enjoy Halloween sights and sounds of friends and neighbours.

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Whichever route you follow, it is essential to do your homework and know what your responsibility is as the homeowner. As the old adage says, “Ignorance of the law is no excuse.”

This is not the time to adopt the attitude that it is easier to be forgiven than get permission.

There are many great sources of information when it comes to home renovation, but one that is especially helpful is the Canadian Home Builders Association (chba.ca) and their “Golden Rules of Renovation checklist. It points out some of the trouble areas that can be navigated safely by being informed. Your local building services department can also shed some light on what the expectations are of you, the homeowner, particularly regarding building permits. You should view the building officials as a valuable resource, not someone to be avoided.

Any reputable contractor is not only willing to provide a contract but will usually insist on it. There is no greater area of dispute than that of expectations. The contractor promises what they will do and



how they will do it, but if the homeowner expects more, then neither party will end up satisfied. The contractor will explain in detail the work to be completed, the quality of materials used, the timeframe for the work to be completed, and as well divides up responsibilities. Yes, you can have a contract where one party does everything in return for acceptable payment, but what exactly does “everything” include? Will the contractor obtain all permits and arrange all inspections, or is that considered to be something the homeowner will take care of? Having this laid out clearly and acknowledged by both parties will help minimize disagreements as the project progresses.

Another important point to consider is whether the contractor has liability insurance and that the employees are covered by Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage (WSIB.ca). When bad things happen, legal actions tend to “cast the net widely” to ensure that at the end of the day, the plaintiff (the injured party) is compensated. If your contractor

does not have liability insurance and a ladder falls on someone on your property,

you could end up being a named party in the lawsuit. As well, if one of the company’s employees falls off the roof and becomes badly injured, without WSIB coverage, then the homeowner again could end up sharing responsibility.

No one who hires a contractor to complete work on their residence does so expecting to be sued or end up in court because of an unexpected accident, nor do they want to be disappointed in the result or the cost of the project. Taking the time to choose a contractor carefully, and to make sure that everyone’s understanding of what is involved and their expectations are the same and will lead to a successful conclusion of most projects, as well as the safety and security of all involved.

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Don't be in a hurry for a quality renovation

So, after much deliberation you have decided that it is time to make some improvements to your home. Maybe you're thinking about a kitchen or bathroom refresh, possibly new flooring, engineered hardwood, ceramic tile, or laminate. Perhaps your interest is in the outdoors, adding or refreshing a deck or patio or even adding a three-season sunroom. Maybe, you think, I could have it all done before Christmas.

In most cases that could be possible if it isn't Christmas 2022. That probably isn't going to happen. The home renovation market is still riding the wave of demand that began during the pandemic, combined with rising material and labour costs and shortages in both areas, mean that many contractors are booking well into 2023 and in some cases even early 2024.

The good news is that demand is expected to drop somewhat. During the pandemic when travel was curtailed and many people were spending most of their time at home, some renovations were done

As supply chain issues work themselves out, prices and availability should level out, and as professional renovation contractors work through their backlog, turn-around times should also become more manageable.

out of necessity to create a dedicated workspace or to increase the livability of our homes while we sheltered in place. Others saw the dramatic rise in residential home sales and selling prices and chose to freshen up their home before putting it on the market.

Now, however, people can travel again, and are eager to do so, and as a result, some of those reno funds are being redirected. People in many fields are also returning to their traditional workplace environment and as for home sales and prices, well, the

boom has passed and in the Ottawa market, sales in August 2022 compared to August 2021 dropped nearly 30 per cent.

And then there's the matter of interest rates, which continue to rise adding to the long-term cost of any improvement you are not able to pay for with available cash. You might think that with a homeowner line of credit you are a bit better off, but if yours has a variable interest rate, the question isn't if, but when it will rise again. The prime rate set by the Bank of Canada was 2.45 per cent on Feb. 1, 2022, while it sits

at 5.45 per cent as of Sept. 26, 2022.

If you have the time and the interest, many home renovations can be completed by the homeowner but you will still experience rising prices and items on back order. You also need to leave the professional work to the professionals. Just remember, a person with average skills will usually perform average work. Is that what you want?

As supply chain issues work themselves out, prices and availability should level out, and as professional renovation contractors work through their backlog, turn-around times should also become more manageable. It might be better to wait a bit, do some research (The Canadian Home Builders Association is a great place to start, www.chba.ca) and have a quality renovation completed by the contractor of your choice for a fair price, rather than settle for what's available and pay again every time you look at it and wonder what could have been.

Wood floor installation dos and don'ts

Jaw-dropping features can sell a home in a heartbeat. A penthouse apartment with floor-to-ceiling windows and a panoramic view of a city skyline likely won't prove a hard sell, nor will a home with an infinity pool overlooking a landscape of rolling hills. As awe-inspiring as such features can be, some more subtle components, such as authentic hardwood floors, also can do much to make a home more appealing to prospective buyers.



Hardwood flooring is a sought-after commodity. Data from the National Association of Realtors indicates that 54 per cent of home buyers are willing to pay more for hardwood floors. In fact, NAR figures indicate that 28 per cent of buyers between the ages of 35 and 54 consider hardwood floors "very important" when looking for a home. Homeowners who are considering selling their homes, or those who simply want to upgrade their existing flooring, may want to consider installing hardwood flooring. Though it's a project best left to professionals, hardwood flooring can be installed by skilled

DIYers. In such instances, homeowners may want to keep these dos and don'ts in mind.

DO hire a professional if you have limited or no DIY flooring experience. Hardwood flooring installation is not generally a project for novice DIYers. Hardwood flooring projects may present some common challenges, but no two homes are the same. So unless they have prior experience installing floors in multiple rooms or homes, homeowners may save themselves time, trouble and a significant amount of money hiring a professional to do the job.

DON'T ignore the subfloor. New hardwoods won't erase the problem of

subfloors in poor condition. According to the home renovation experts at BobVila.com, squeaky floors could be an indication that the subfloor has begun to warp or twist. Sinking floors are another indicator of deteriorating subfloors. Subfloors should be somewhat level before new hardwoods are installed, so DIYers should inspect and address subfloor issues before installing new flooring.

DO expose wood flooring to the elements in your home prior to installation. The home improvement resource BuildDirect recommends acclimating hardwoods to the space where they will be installed. Skipping this important step could result

in gaps during the winter and cupping over the summer. To acclimate hardwoods, open the boxes and spread them out for about a week while running the air conditioner or heater at normal levels. When storing hardwoods prior to installation, avoid keeping them in potentially moist areas like a basement.

DON'T skimp on tools. A DIY hardwood flooring

installation might be less expensive than hiring a professional, but homeowners should resist any temptation to increase those savings further by purchasing less costly tools or fewer tools than is necessary to complete the job. BuildDirect notes that DIYers will need at least a miter saw, table saw, cleat-nailer or stapler, finish nailer, compressor, jamb saw, chalk line, nail set,

and tape measurer when installing hardwood floors. Purchase all necessary tools and read product reviews to ensure each tool is up to the task.

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Hoarding Disorder impacts house and home

What is hoarding and how does it impact the home and its residents?

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSB-5) states that hoarding disorder is characterized by persistent difficulty discarding or parting with possessions, regardless of their actual value, to the point that it causes harmful effects for the person, or to those around the person, such as family members or landlords. Hoarding effects of excess clutter include rendering rooms and hallways unusable and replacing relationships with people to relationships with things being hoarded.

“When hoarding is severe enough, a home becomes so full of possessions that there are blocked hallways, exits, and rooms. This leads to fire hazards, problems with insects, and becomes a public health issue, especially if the person lives in an apartment. In extreme cases, people have died due to stacks of possessions collapsing and crushing people or leading to the person being trapped and starving to death at home.” (eMentalHealth.ca)

The most common items being hoarded include clothing, newspapers and magazines, and animals. While children and youth may also have the urge to hoard, they are limited by the adults in their lives, and so, severe hoarding doesn't usually begin to show itself until adulthood.

What causes people to become hoarders?

Hoarding involves two steps: acquiring things coupled with the inability to discard things. People tend to acquire items for several reasons. “The culture of materialism reinforced constantly in advertising and popular culture tricks people into thinking they need or want something,” eMentalHealth.ca states. “Acquiring things is pleasurable – as hunter-



gatherers, we are wired to gather, and for many, it is pleasurable.”

The second step in hoarding, again, is the inability to let go of items. Some people keep items because they might one day be needed, it's an item that is rare or hard to find, or the item may have sentimental value. “They may have distress with throwing out things – in many cases, they may have had problems grieving and dealing with loss,” eMentalHealth.ca states. “They may have an actual problem with their ability to organize which makes it hard to get rid of things. They may not notice they have several of the same identical item when they only need one.”

How is hoarding addressed and treated?

The online resources at eMentalHealth.ca include a six-page document, “Hoarding Disorder (aka Pathologic Hoarding)”, that not only defines, describes, and explains the evolution of the disorder, but also offers information for hoarders to help themselves, as well as information for non-hoarding family or friends to help the hoarders in their lives. For the latter, the document includes a list of dos and don'ts, including notes to avoid lecturing, as well as negative comments or the use of shame tactics.

If trying to address the issue on your own is not

working, it is suggested that hoarders (or those wanting to help hoarders) begin by seeing a decluttering consultant or a tidying expert. If this doesn't work, however, eMentalHealth.ca suggests seeing a mental health professional with expertise in hoarding. The mental health treatments for hoarding include cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and/or medication.

In May 2020, The Research Shop, a part of the Community Engaged Scholarship Institute (CESI) at the University of Guelph, published a 40-page research paper, “A Snapshot of Hoarding Responses Across Ontario.” Research was conducted in partnership with Wellington Guelph Hoarding Response (WGHR) from September 2019 to May 2020 to develop a broad understanding of organizational approaches to hoarding through key informant interviews with representatives from six hoarding organizations across Ontario, including the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) – Champlain East, the Catholic Family Services of Hamilton (CFS), Community and Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS), Lanark County Mental Health (LCMH), VHA Home HealthCare, along with WGHR.

Themes covered in The Research Shop's document include referral and intake

process, client criteria and demographics, timing of service delivery, support for family members and loved ones, funding, internal data collection and reporting, training and capacity building, collaboration, benefits to the community, strengths and accomplishments, barriers and challenges, and planning for the future. Following is an excerpt from the benefits, to community theme.

“Hoarding programs represent several benefits to the public in terms of cost savings, reduced demand on public services, reduced duplication of services, and

mitigated health and safety concerns. The key takeaway is that intervention and prevention are far more efficient than tertiary care because of the associated increased cost-effectiveness and safety and the decreased risk of trauma due to untrained possession removal, eviction, and homelessness.”

The Research Shop's conclusion referred to hoarding as “a complex, multifaceted, and chronic condition” that requires “a complex, multifaceted, and long-term approach to prevention, intervention, and care.” It was also noted that the trauma associated

with hoarding is often misunderstood and under-addressed. It was noted that education is key to addressing the issue of hoarding, as it's important to raise awareness of hoarding and its appropriate responses.

In fact, the Ontario Provincial Hoarding Network (OPHN) is offering four two-hour virtual sessions beginning in October 2022 and ending in November 2022. The first session, Hoarding 101, is set for Oct. 18, followed by the second session, Introduction to Using CBT Strategies for Hoarding Difficulties, on Oct. 25. The third installment, The How-To: Application of Community-Based Interventions for Hoarding, is set for Nov. 8, and the fourth and final session, Lived Experience Panel Discussion, is set for Nov. 15.

The OPHN is a collaboration between non-profit agencies and local hoarding coalitions in Ontario. The 2022 OPHN education series is \$45 for all four sessions. For assistance in registering, contact Amanda Connor via email (aconnor@cmhaww.ca).

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Affordable ways to make homes more appealing to modern buyers

Home trends come and go. Today's must-have items tend to become tomorrow's outdated features in the blink of an eye.

Homeowners who plan to stay in their current homes for years to come, needn't prioritize modern trends over personal preferences. However, homeowners looking to sell their homes can consider these favoured features to increase their properties' appeal to modern buyers.

• **Separate laundry room:** According to the National Association of Home Builders' 2021 What Home Buyers Really Want report, a separate room dedicated to laundry was the most desired feature among prospective home buyers. Though it might not inspire the awe of an outdoor living room or floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking a wooded backyard, a laundry room fills a direct and universal need. Perhaps that's why 87 per cent of buyers want a room dedicated to laundry in a home.

• **Exterior lighting:** Drive through a modern suburban neighborhood at night and it won't take long before you realize the popularity of exterior lighting. And that's no coincidence, as homeowners everywhere appear to embrace exterior lighting. The NAHB report indicates that exterior lighting is the most sought-after outdoor feature. The good news for prospective sellers is that exterior lighting is an inexpensive

and instant way to transform a property at night. Some solar-powered lighting along walkways and outside the front door can make a home feel more safe, while some

prospective home buyers are looking for energy-efficient windows and appliances in a home. These features save money and benefit the planet, making them a win-win

outdoor living spaces, and 82 per cent of buyers indicated they wanted a patio with their next property.

• **Side-by-side sink:** A double or side-by-side sink

is among the more affordable features buyers are looking for. At less than \$1,000 on average, a side-by-side sink is an affordable way to make a home more appealing to modern

buyers. Modern buyers want a lot out of their homes, and sellers can do their best to meet those desires while getting the most money for their properties.



Side-by-side kitchen sinks are sought-after features among prospective home buyers. Courtesy Photo

uplighting of large trees in the backyard that can produce a sight to behold once the sun goes down.

• **Energy-efficient upgrades:** Inflation has driven up the cost of just about everything over the last year-plus, and energy is no exception. So it should come as no surprise that 83 per cent of

among buyers.

• **Patio:** Patio spaces have long been popular, but that popularity reached new heights during the pandemic. When forced to stay at home for long periods of time, millions of people longed for ways to spend more time outdoors without breaking lockdown rules. Patios provide



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Did you know?

Do-it-yourself devotees cite a desire to save money as their primary motivator when attempting DIY home improvements. A survey of more than 1,000 homeowners found that 85 per cent of respondents indicated a chance to save money as their top reason for attempting a DIY home improvement project.

The chance to save money was an even greater motivator for homeowners than the opportunity to improve (79 per cent) or repair (66 per cent) their homes. Those savings can be significant because homeowners won't have to pay labour costs, which can cost anywhere from \$20 to \$150 per hour per labourer.

Though the cost savings of DIY can be hard to resist, homeowners considering a DIY renovation are urged to make an honest assessment of their skills before attempting a project on their own.



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Before buying or renovating, homeowners encouraged to search for available grants

First-Time Home Buyer Incentive

As the name suggests, the First-Time Home Buyer Incentive helps people across Canada purchase their first home. As part of Canada's National Housing Strategy, the program offers five or 10 per cent of the home's purchase price to put toward a down payment, which lowers mortgage carrying costs. To learn more about this program visit the initiative's webpage (placetocallhome.ca/fthbi/first-time-homebuyer-incentive).

Canada Greener Homes Initiative

According to Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), the Canada Greener Homes Initiative was created to help homeowners save money, create new jobs across Canada for energy advisors, and fight climate change. Through this initiative, eligible applicants could receive grants from \$125 to \$5,000 for eligible home retrofits, up to \$600 toward total costs of pre- and post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluations, or from \$5,000 to \$40,000 in interest-free loans with a repayment term of 10 years to help homeowners undertake major home retrofits.

NRCan issues warning against high-pressure sales tactics claiming to have EnerGuide or NRCan backing: "NRCan has not approved any third parties to reach out to homeowners in an unsolicited fashion to register or participate in the Canada Greener Homes Grant. The Government of Canada, NRCan and its family of brands (Energy Star, EnerGuide) never solicit over the telephone, by email, or go door-to-door asking to enter Canadians' homes to inspect, sell, or rent heating and cooling products."

For more information on the Canada Greener Homes Initiative, visit NRCan's webpage (nrcan.gc.ca).



windows or doors, water heaters, boilers, furnaces, and home energy assessments. To learn more about this program, including eligibility requirements, as well as how-to facts, visit enbridgegas.com.

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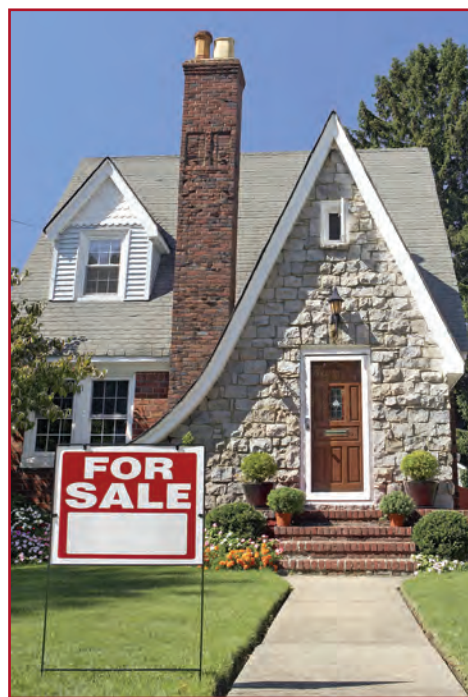
The Ontario Renovates Program is a Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) program for low- and modest-income households that provide funding for major repairs and rehabilitation that may be required to make a home safe, as well as modifications to increase accessibility. Eligible repairs could include heating systems, vents, chimneys, electrical systems, windows, doors, plumbing, roofs, septic systems, walls, well water and well drilling, floors, ceilings, and louvers. Eligible accessibility repairs could include ramps, handrails, chair and bath lifts, height adjustment to countertops, and cues for doorbells or fire alarms.

In the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG), it's the City of Cornwall that acts as the service manager administering the Ontario Renovates funding to eligible property owners in the Cornwall and SDG area. Following the program's launch, applications are available online. Funding is limited and with the onslaught of applications at launch time, the fund is often exhausted within a short period of time.

Canada Housing Benefits

To learn more about housing benefits available through the Government of Canada, visit the government website (canada.ca/en/services/benefits/housing.html). In addition to the Canada Greener Homes Grant, there are several other potential benefits available, including the GST/HST new housing rebate.

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