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**Briefly**

**Helpful information at the Community Hub**

MORRISBURG – The Community Hub and Warming Centre at 22 High Street in Morrisburg has a full slate of helpful features. From tax clinics to advocacy centre to meditation sessions. On Fri., Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a clinic about getting assistance with the Ontario Electricity Support Program applications. For more information about the Hub's schedule please contact the House of Lazarus at 613-989-3830.

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**Sweet treats for Valentine's**

During the Valentine's celebration at the Monkland Recreation Centre on Feb. 11, people were able to enjoy a sweet treat or two purchased at the bake sale during the event. From the left: Bridgette Lapierre, Carol Travers, Andy Lapierre and Sandra Bowness. See page 7 for more information.

Thompson Goddard Photo

**Wills Transfer Limited opens warehouse in South Stormont**

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

INGLESIDE – In a Feb. 8 press release, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry announced the recent opening by Wills Transfer Limited of a 155,000 square foot multi-customer warehouse facility on 45th Parallel Drive in Ingleside. The \$25 million project includes office space, employee facilities, "9,000 rack positions, and 4,000 bulk positions to support an array of warehouse storage needs," as well as two ground-level doors and 14 dock doors available.

Wills Transfer Limited is a privately owned family business that has served Western Quebec and Eastern Ontario since 1945. "We are excited to open our new

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**2023 Draft Budget presented to South Dundas Council**

Terry Tinkess  
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The 2023 draft budget was presented to South Dundas Council at a Special Meeting held on Feb. 3. The proposed budget is an attempt at a balanced approach to maintaining or improving services while keeping the tax rate below the rate of inflation.

According to Mayor Jason Broad, council will do what they can to provide the best budget possible, under the current economic conditions. "Today we are tabling our first budget as a new council team," said Mayor Broad in his opening remarks. "We will be communicating the state of our finances as councils around Ontario

complete this process. Many believe this may be one of the hardest budgets in years. We can't ignore inflation, it is happening. It is not going to be perfect; there will be service challenges, unforeseen weather events and unpredictable breakdowns. None of these issues will be easy to fix and it will not happen overnight. This year, and the coming years, we will be applying for delegations, we will be searching for ministries to get more funds into the coffers. We will knock down doors the best we can do. Staff will take the necessary steps under councils' direction to look at the facts and use data to drive our decisions. We want the best for South Dundas; we are facing a challenging time and we will need to keep life affordable for residents in 2023, but we can't ignore the facts."

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### Wills Transfer Limited opens warehouse

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distribution warehouse in Ingleside and be a part of the SDG counties' business community," commented Wills Transfer president Terry Wills in the press release. He noted the location was chosen for the distribution centre "because of its prime geographical location, right on the 401, between Montreal and Toronto, and close to international bridges."

"We are thrilled to welcome Wills Transfer to their new home here in South Stormont. Wills choice to locate here confirms we are a great location for Industrial and business expansion. This project has helped spur other new logistic projects that move forward to help strengthen our local economy, boost the tax base, and create more local jobs," commented South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis.

"It is a fantastic opportunity for growth in South Stormont, and for SD&G. This project will put us on the map as a distribution centre for major metropolitan areas. It's a big deal," said SD&G warden North Dundas Tony Fraser.

"This is a major investment in SDG counties, and we are thrilled that Wills Transfer chose to invest in SDG. This logistics' facility will have a major impact on our



Wills Transfer Limited Cornwall branch manager Greg Smith is seen at his desk in the new warehouse located in South Stormont. Thompson Goddard Photo

region and will support other area businesses," commented Tara Kirkpatrick, manager of economic and development for the UCSDG in the Feb 8 press release.

Greg Smith, Cornwall branch manager, explained the business has transitioned from a moving company to a 3PL

warehousing distribution company. He explained 3PL means Third Party Logistics commenting that at "Wills Transfer Limited, we provide innovative logistical solutions, which contributes to our customers success." There are currently seven Wills Transfer Limited locations in Eastern Ontario including the warehouse in South Stormont.

Smith commented how "this is the company's first time we got to build a building and utilize all the best practices from our locations." The land was purchased by Wills Transfer Limited a few years ago, with construction beginning in the spring of 2022. The general contractor was Full Speed Builders with local businesses hired as subcontractors during the build. He mentioned that the South Stormont site will allow for future growth as needed.

Wills Transfer Limited is committed to customer service excellence as well as ensuring the health and well-being of employees are a priority and being a good corporate citizen in the communities in which they are located.

More information on Wills Transfer Limited can be found on their website located at [www.willstransfer.com](http://www.willstransfer.com).

### 2023 Draft Budget

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Acting treasurer Lachlan McDonald, commented that everyone involved would have to take a close look at what is needed and to understand that everything comes with a cost. "What we should focus on is what we require to run our business and that comes back to levels of service and taxation," said McDonald. "What do we want to do, and how much does it cost?"

"Like any budget, it's always challenging as a lot of things change from year to year," explained CAO Shannon Geraghty. "The biggest thing we will be looking at in this year's budget is inflation. Quite simply, the cost of everything has gone up, but staff have done an excellent job in being mindful of that and ensuring that taxes and the tax levy come in at a reasonable rate. I'd like to thank staff who have spent numerous hours and days going through all the



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numbers to bring you a budget that I think is reasonable."

"This is an extraordinary year, and I don't think, or I hope that we will not see a year over year increase at this level ever again, so I was ready to accept the budget as is," noted Coun. Danielle Ward. "I think there was a lot of trimming that happened, and I know there are a lot of big projects that the public want us to do that we have to postpone because the tax rate is already so high."

Mayor Broad concluded the meeting by commending the teamwork involved in creating and reviewing the draft budget. "We are working on this

together as a team and we have all corners of the municipality we touch and communicate with, so we have an idea of what's fair to our residents. Inflation is real, the things that are happening are real," explained Broad.

Still, with the budget sitting at 6.32 per cent after a full day of deliberations, Broad stated his opinion that more could still be done. "If we could just do a little more work to bring the rate down a little bit, then we can specifically share what it means to our residents, whatever number we land on, what that looks like for the average household."

It was noted that to see a reduction to 5.5 per cent,

staff would have to find \$56,000 in options to reduce or cut, while simultaneously adding another \$44,000, which equates to \$110,000 of action on this budget.

Staff will go through the numbers, create an itemized list of things that have been removed from the budget to date, including comments on the impact and taxation results based on changes for councils' consideration at a future meeting, to be determined.

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# Fire destroys barn that has served family for six generations

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Six generations of history on the Robert Smith farm were destroyed in a quickly moving fire on Wed., Feb. 8.

The Smiths farm is located on Loucks Road near Chesterville. It was called in by a neighbour of the Smiths who live across the road at 8 a.m.

Robert and Marie Smith/McGuire live at the farm.

Chesterville Station number 4 fire chief Mike

Gruich said, the fire was an all-station response. When firefighters arrived, the barn was fully engulfed as well as several outbuildings nearby.

Robert Smith said he was able to get into the barn and rescue two cows that were there. There were no other animals involved. Once a dairy farm, the farm had up to 100 cows in that same barn which they had switched to cash cropping in 2005.

“The cows were outside. We were able to contain it right away, so it didn’t get

to the house, or the tarp shed at the back,” said Gruich.

Over 40 firefighters were at the scene most of the day, making sure the fire did not spread.

The day-long fire meant that firefighters had to exist on coffee and donuts. Chief Gruich called Louis’s Restaurant in Chesterville for some pizzas.

“It was coming on to lunch time and people were getting hungry. We had coffee and donuts, but needed more.

I called Louis’s Restaurant.

Dinos Pavlounis, the restaurant’s owner

delivered the pizzas himself.

“Everyone appreciated Dino’s gesture. We knew we had another 5 or 6 hours to go.

He came and dropped the pizzas off and when I went to settle up, he said, ‘do not worry about it’, he brought large pizzas, enough for all of the fire firefighters,” said Gruich.

The fire destroyed the tools and equipment stored in the barn, as well as ended the legacy of six generations of the Smith family using the barn and buildings.

“There was four barns all tied together and

everything went down,” said Smith.

He said, “This homestead was established in 1840.”

The barns have been remodelled several times over the years.

“They go back well into the 1900s,” said Smith. “There is a lot of history lost for sure.”

“I am the sixth generation here.”

“It all happened so fast. A lot of thoughts go through your mind.”

The fire could have spread to the Smiths home, had the wind been blowing from a different direction.

“The wind was in our favour. If the wind had been from the north, it

would have been a concern. It would have been blowing right toward the house. The house was built in 1874. The original house was a log house,” explained Smith.

He said he will have to build something to replace the shed for the equipment he has.

“It took six generations to build it and in four hours it was all gone.”

He said some of the beams in the barn were 40 feet long and 14 inches by 14 inches square.

He would have grown up as a child working and playing around the buildings.

“They were here long before me,” he said.



The fire at the Smiths barn on Louck’s Road was an all-station response from the North Dundas Fire Service. The fire destroyed several connected barns that represented the sixth generation of the family farm. Courtesy Photo

## TAGWI Report

By Brooke Donnelly  
Student Reporter



### A week with the Warriors

Although our week here at Tagwi Secondary School was cut short due to two consecutive snow days, our warriors had a week teeming with activity. On Monday, our boys’ basketball teams competed in their final games of the season. Then, on Tuesday, our boys’ hockey team played their last regular-season games. The girls’ hockey team then played in playoff-deciding games on Wednesday. Finally, in preparation for Valentine’s Day, student council began selling candy grams on Wednesday.

To begin the week, our junior and senior boys’ basketball teams played in their final game of the season at Tagwi. Both teams played St. Lawrence Secondary School, and, unfortunately, both teams lost. Thank you to our athletic committee for yet again helping hold a great event.

On Tuesday, our boys’ hockey team played three big games, against three even bigger competitors. To begin the day, they first played St. Joseph’s, where after a hard-fought game, they ended up losing 3-1. Next up, they played Holy Trinity where they had a tough loss, losing 4-1. Needing just one point to secure themselves a spot in the playoffs, our warriors played their last game of the day against La Citadelle. They closed off the day, and the regular season, with a big 6-1 win. This put them in fourth place, securing them a spot in the semi-finals.

Early Wednesday morning, our girls’ hockey team took off for Long Sault for their last regular season game of the year. They first played the host school, St. Joseph’s, where, after keeping the score close all game, lost 1-0. A few hours later, our Warriors played the combined team of North Dundas and Seaway. After falling short 1-0 in the first, the girls came back and won 2-1 with goals from Morgan Casselman and Danika Canham. Their final win put them into fourth place, placing them into the semi-finals.

In preparation for Valentine’s Day this upcoming Tuesday, student council began selling candy grams on Wednesday. The plan was to sell throughout the rest of the week, but their plans were dashed by two consecutive snow days. To give everyone a chance to order, student council will be selling into Monday as well.

As always, student council and the school community are 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).

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## Time passages

The passage of time is something no one is immune from, but it does tend to sneak up and surprise you from time to time. Although there are times when I feel like a teenager, over the past year or so, these times have occurred less frequently. This is fine, because even though I recall a lot of good times during my high school years, I am not sure I would like to return to them.

I look back at my five years at North Dundas District High School, 1970-1975, with many fine memories. I remember going to the school on a school bus (my first time travelling to school on such a vehicle by the way) and wearing this white dress which had blue polka dots on it. There had been so much to see in the really big school – a gym, a library, a large school

office, pay phone and of course classrooms, the tech wing and the cafeteria to eat our lunch at the long brown tables there.

Starting NDDHS in the fall there were so many new things. One of the most difficult things for me to figure out was how to get to the geography room from the library – the breezeway stumped me for a few days. I think the schedule had a six day rotation which was confusing for a time as there were only five days in a week – go figure. I remember my homeroom teacher Mrs. Karen Graham, who was also my French teacher, and some of the people from my home year. Mr. Doug Graham, no relation to Karen Graham, was my history teacher and on the Monday morning after the *War Measures Act* was enacted by then Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau, explained how, for the most part, our civil rights had

been suspended. When I told Mom about this, she told me she had survived for the war years under the *War Measures Act*.

Grade 10 was an interesting year for me, full of a bit of this and that, which I will gloss over by saying I was young and a bit foolhardy. That year, I'm pretty sure it was Grade 10, I did work on the school newspaper *The Dialogue* (which was fun) and took music from Mr. St. Louis.

The years followed one by one until I was in Grade 13 and able to access the senior lounge located in the basement. It was a place where we could "hang out" during spares without interruptions, so long as we behaved ourselves, coming from school admin. Before you knew it, it was time for me to graduate from Grade 13 and I was so happy to receive my diploma from my dad as he was the local trustee.

As I look back at my years at NDDHS, now so many years ago, I remember the activity periods on Tuesday and Thursdays when band practice was held, clubs met, when students in the fall and spring ran a chip wagon. On Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays there were late buses so that activities could be held and perhaps maybe a detention period also but just guessing at this.

I don't know which memory I would choose as my best one from NDDHS, for almost all of them were good enough. I do know though that I am thankful to my teachers for all the advice, some of which I listened to, and support given, during those turbulent teenage years of mine. We don't say thank you to them enough in my opinion.

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

## NDDHS Report

By Kate Link-Horvath  
Student Council Communications



### Welcome back!

Although there were many days missed due to sickness or "snow days," there has been a ton of activity at ND these past two weeks. On the first day back after exams, Feb. 2, student council held a Groundhog Day activity to get students in a lively mood to start the second semester. Eight paper groundhogs were hidden throughout the school, and any student, grade eight to twelve, who found one was rewarded with a goodie bag. To further promote school spirit, the council held a spirit day following the groundhog activity; Fri., Feb. 3 was designated as "Anything but A Backpack Day" where students were encouraged to bring their school things in a briefcase, bucket, stroller. . . anything but a backpack! Some of the more daring students even brought their belongings in a crockpot.

The week following the start of the semester, brought on lots of hustle and bustle as students dove into their new subjects – and began to purchase Valentine O'Grams, sold by the student council. Students could purchase a rose (\$3), a candy bag (\$2), or a can of "crush" (\$1) to be delivered to a friend – or a special someone – on Feb. 14. With a choice of the O'Gram being anonymous or having a written note and calling card, students could spread their love this Valentine's Day with a cute and easy gift. To further enhance the mood, the 14th was another spirit day and students were encouraged to wear red, white, pink, or purple to earn more "grade points."

As the snow begins to melt away, spring brings an air of renewal, and to get students excited for a world of possibilities, student council has leaked information about the next big event: an Oscar's themed dance! To be held March 9, it will be a night to remember for all those in attendance. Stay tuned for more to come, and as always, stay updated by following @nddhs20222023 on Instagram.

## Unexpected surprises come with lessons to be learned

This is a story about how I put my cat, my cell phone, and the bathroom sink not to mention my temper all on a collision course.

Unlike a dog, cats seem to have their own way of doing things. One day, I noticed that my cat was spending a great deal of time in the bathroom sink staring at the faucet.

Out of curiosity, not realizing what would happen next, I turned on the cold water tap, and the cat immediately, as if it had been waiting for just this very decision, decided it was time to put his head under the stream of water, and when finished soaking the fur on his head, drank what it seemed was more water than it was normal for a cat to drink.

The cat is healthy and was in no way suffering from any illness other than presenting himself as an extremely thirsty cat. It was obvious to me that the cat had discovered Inkerman well water, which I am convinced has regenerative powers.

Over time the cat would follow me to the bathroom sink whenever I was washing my hands there and patiently wait for me to turn on the water so that he could do his abolutions and then have a healthy drink.

While this story and habit on the part of the cat was evolving, my own attachment to my cell phone was manifesting itself.

With the advent of cell phones, our family decided to do away with the incredibly expensive landlines and focus instead on our individual cell phones. The eventual problem with them became

one of always wanting the cell phone nearby just in case someone called (even though no one called the landline, and the cell phone would remain just as quiet). I had gotten in the habit of taking it with me wherever I went, inside and outside the house.

Cell phones are not cheap. The trick is to keep your cell phone alive until it has been paid for and then sign up for the next one. This phone has about two years to go before it will be debt free so looking after it is a daily chore.

So, everything was coming together nicely. The cat was following me to the sink to supervise me washing my hands, the phone travelled with me and had a special place on the back of the sink safe from any possible disaster.

A small side quest to this emerging crisis is that we are all aware of how we jump to conclusions much too quickly, only to find that the end of the world was not happening in the next ten minutes, and all that hand wringing, frustration and guilt we feel when we think we have done something really careless is all for nothing if only we could think rationally.

The stars lined up, and the cat, my hands, a running faucet and the sacred cell phone all came together in the bathroom sink. The cat pawed at the phone, I assumed he was going to knock it off the sink and grabbed at it. A paw and a hand came together to fling the phone right into the sink. It was submerged for at least three seconds before I could get around the cat, who by now, was fascinated with the

turn of events and pulled the phone out of the sink.

Calamity ensued. I bellowed, the phone clattered and the cat, offended by all of this used my arm as a launching pad and rocketed away from the sink.

The phone looked ok, and I knew it had not been in the water long, so I had hoped the crisis was averted. There was no way I was going to go back to the store and replace the phone. I should have realized putting the phone and the cat together on the sink was asking for trouble. The phone worked, but when I went to charge it I got nothing. Thinking water had gotten into the charging port I left the phone for a day to dry out. The next morning still nothing, and I had a mounting apprehension that I would lose the phone, and the financing attached to it. I was not pleased.

I had accepted the fact that my careless and cavalier attitude toward the cat and my shoddy safety attitude about the phone had resulted in at least six months of guilt, I would have to chew on every day.

When all else had failed, I could think of nothing left to do to fix the phone. I idly turned it off and on just for fun and low and behold whatever was wrong with its charging program suddenly came to life and the day was saved.

This was a teachable moment for sure, at least for me. The cat could care less. The lesson being before I panic and think the worst, I should wait a few moments and try the obvious thing rather than declare a financial state of emergency, and the end of life as we know it.

Joe Morin

## MP Duncan welcomes back tax clinic

CORNWALL – With tax season fast approaching, Member of Parliament Eric Duncan has announced the return of his local volunteer income tax clinic. The clinic operates by appointment starting in late February and appointments can be booked by calling MP Duncan's Constituency Office at 1-888-805-2513.

"For years, modest income residents have appreciated this free tax clinic service by our wonderful volunteers," said MP Duncan. "Last year, we were proud to help over 4,000 taxpayers in our community complete their income tax returns in an easy and timely manner."

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The volunteer-based tax clinic is being hosted at MP Duncan's constituency office at 691 Brookdale Avenue, Unit C (in the International Business Plaza just south of the traffic circle).



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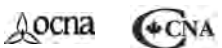
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# Half-load season begins Feb. 17 across the region

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**CORNWALL** – Unseasonably warm weather has caused the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry United Counties, (SD&G) to introduce its half-load road measures earlier than usual.

Half-load season in the region will come into effect on Fri., Feb. 17.

The announcement is three weeks ahead of the traditional date.

A press release from the counties stated: “We have subsurface sensors that measure the temperature of the ground at a depth of about 40 cm,” said Derek McMillan, SDG Counties’ interim operations manager. “Typically, they indicate a subsurface temperature of as much as minus six at this time of year.

“Instead, we’re seeing the temperatures hovering right around zero. With the warm temperatures forecast for later this week, the frost is likely to be out of the ground. We have concerns about deteriorating road conditions

if we don’t begin half-load season on Feb. 17.”

SD&G and its partners among local municipalities, and the City of Cornwall will be limiting the weight of materials to five tonnes per axle on the weaker roads located throughout the region.

Roads that are subject to seasonal weight restrictions are identified with a sign. Half-loads will be enforced once signs are posted and will likely run into the early part of May – but the end date could change depending on weather conditions this spring.

Most roads within SD&G are subject to half-load restrictions with the exception of the following locations.

- South of Highway 401 on County Road Nos. 1, 14, 33 and 35.

- County Road 1 from French Settlement Road to Belmeade Road.

- County Road 15 from County Road 2 to the southwest leg of County Road 36.

- County Road 44 from Highway No. 138 to 840m

East of County Road 42.

- County Road Nos. 31, 34, 43, 46.

- County Road No. 2 from Leeds & Grenville boundary to the City of Cornwall boundary and from the City of Cornwall boundary to the Ontario/Quebec boundary.

Benjamin de-Haan, Counties’ director of transportation, said in a press release: “Half-load season is integral to the long-term sustainability of the road infrastructure – the largest municipal roads system in the entire province.

These measures are important to the bottom line

of SDG Counties, as well as the effective use of taxpayer dollars.”

The reason for the half-load measures in the spring is because as temperatures warm up and the uppermost layer of asphalt on the road becomes warmer, moisture can seep into the asphalt layer of the road. Even with milder temperatures the water can freeze at night and weaken the asphalt layer.

By restricting the amount of weight a vehicle carries as it passes over the road during the warming and freezing cycle, possible damage to the asphalt is lessened.

## - OBITUARY -

### Lorne Doolan



Passed away suddenly at home on Friday, February 10, 2023, Lorne Doolan of Chesterville, age 83. Devoted husband of Elsie Doolan (nee Kowalyk) for 62 years. Loving father of Shawn Doolan of Winchester, Natalia Morrison (Allan) of Hong Kong, Charlotte Doolan of Winchester, Lorna Doolan (Jon Speak) of Crysler and Nicholas

Doolan (Kristina) of South Dundas. Dear brother of Fernie Beck of Vancouver, Roger Beck (Mary-Lou) of Vancouver and Tony Beck of Vancouver. Lorne will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Eric, John, Robyn, Larry (Vanessa), Emily, Olivia, Julia and his great-grandchildren Riley, Blake, Gavin, Dylin, Connor, Cain and Cassidy. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Lorne was well known for his gentleness, good humour, abundant kindness and his lifelong desire to learn.

A private family service will be held. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).



## - OBITUARY -

### Sis Schoones

Sis Schoones of Chesterville passed away suddenly on Tuesday, February 7 with family by her side. Loving mother of Jane (Robert), Joyce - deceased (Austin), Martin (Sarah), Theresa (Dwayne) and Pete (Janet). Proud grandmother of her grandchildren and step-grandchildren and adoring great-grandmother of six. She is survived by several sisters and brothers-in-law and nieces and nephews both in Canada and in Holland. She was predeceased by her husband Frank and her brothers & sisters in Holland.

Sis will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was fun loving and adored a good trick and teasing. Never afraid to have the last word, she always wore a mischievous smile. Friends were called to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville on Sunday, February 12 from 1-4 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Presentation Roman Catholic Church, Chesterville, on Monday, February 13 at 11 a.m. Spring interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to the Winchester Hospital or the Osgoode Care Centre would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).

## - OBITUARY -

### Ivan Whitteker



Passed away peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, February 11, 2023, Ivan Whitteker of Williamsburg, age 97. Beloved husband of the late Jean Whitteker. Loving father of Barbara Whitteker (late Allan) of Williamsburg and Ron Whitteker (Shirley) of Chesterville. Dear father-in-law of Muriel Whitteker of

Williamsburg. Dear brother-in-law of Lois Whitteker of Perth. Ivan will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Billy, Vicki, Pam (Rick), Chris (Colleen), Jennifer, Amanda (Ewen), Stefanie (Mike), Erica and his great-grandchildren Rowan, Tessa, Maggie, Findlay, Bella, Duncan, Simon, Asher, Dahlia, Baron, Xavier, Akhenaten and KayLeah. He was predeceased by his son Dale Whitteker, his companion Shirley Moke, his sisters Velda Steinburg, Flora Bell Whitteker, Edna Schell, Doris Casselman and his brothers Ward, Glenn and Rex Whitteker. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Friends were called to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Wednesday, February 15 from 6-8 p.m. and on Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. An Oddfellows service was held on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. Spring interment of cremated remains will be at New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg. Donations to Dundas County Hospice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).

## - Obituary -



### Fortner, Frances Theresa Jean (nee Kearns)

January 31, 1926 - February 1, 2023

Jean passed away peacefully at the Perth hospital on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. She was the cherished wife of the late Harold Fortner and their children Michael Fortner (Jacqueline), Stephen Fortner (Marian), Sally Fredricks, Julie Andrews (John) and Nancy Fortner (Raj). Jean was the much loved grandmother/Nana to her grandchildren Christopher, Dan, Katrina, Jessica, Jonathan, James, Jennifer, John, Mariah, Bob and her great-grandchildren Isabella and Matteo. Jean was predeceased by her parents Charles Kearns and Rosie (nee O'Grady) and siblings Rosemary Moriarty and Charles Kearns. She is survived by her loving sister Julia and husband Michael O'Neill and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Jean had a long career as a teacher beginning with a move to Perth from Chesterville in 1950. She was the first lay teacher at St. John's Elementary School and taught there until her retirement. Mrs. Fortner was often referred to as her students' favourite teacher. Jean was a very musical person, which was part of the fabric of not only her teaching but also the Fortner family gatherings. Jean would play the violin, accompanied by her sister Jule on piano and entertain the family for hours. She always made birthdays and Christmases magical, which will always be cherished by the Fortner children. Jean was a devoted mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed for her love, wisdom and kindness. Jean was a faithful member of St. John's parish and had a strong devotion to her daily prayers and rosary. She also was a CWL member for over 65 years.

Friends paid their respects at Blair & Son Funeral Home, 15 Gore Street West on Monday, February 6, 2023 from 2 to 5 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. John's Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 10 a.m. followed by a reception at Blair & Son Reception Centre. Interment St. John's Parish Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Dr. Liu and the nurses of the GWM Hospital for their compassionate care for Jean. Your support was of great comfort to Jean and to us during this difficult time.

Donations in memory of Jean can be made to St. John's Parish or to the GWM Hospital.

For condolences or further information, visit our website at [www.blairandson.com](http://www.blairandson.com).

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Your Guide to Local Houses of Worship

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February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Worship service will be held at 9:15 a.m. in the Martintown Community Centre and at 11 a.m. in Chalmers Finch.

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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.

### ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

139 Castor St., Russell, ON Parish Office: 613-445-3226

Presiding: Rev. Anne Quick

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We're back to two in-person services:

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St. Mary's Church is engaged in actively sharing God's unconditional grace and love.

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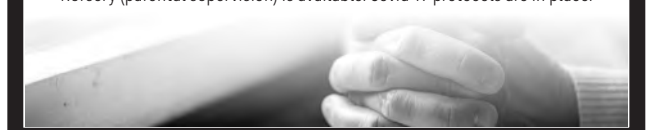
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## Celebrating Valentine's Day in Monkland

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

MONKLAND – There was a fantastic turnout for an indoor and outdoor Valentine's Day event on Feb. 11, which featured a fun evening of dining, dancing, skating, and fireworks' display at the recreation centre in Monkland.

The event was hosted by members of the Monkland Recreation Committee, with people able to enjoy a spaghetti or hamburger steak dinner as well as the opportunity to choose from a selection of food. "Our kitchen



There are plans to have the kitchen and bar at the Monkland Recreation Centre open on Fridays from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. for eat in or take out food, with the dart league running Fridays at 7 p.m. "The Monkland Rec is the place to be Friday nights," said Shea. There was a full house at the event on Saturday evening.

Courtesy Photo

was very busy, especially serving up the best wings in Monkland!" commented Carol Shea, president of the Monkland Recreation Committee. A well stocked bake sale full of delicious goodies was available for people to pick up for dessert.

"Approximately 150

people attended over the evening," continued Shea. She noted an estimated 40 to 50 people "took advantage of the rink, disco lights and music" before thanking the volunteers who "worked hard to have the rink prepared after the mild spell."

A fireworks display

resulted in a "resounding cheer at the finale," said Shea. She mentioned requests have been received for more activities like the one held on Saturday have been received, noting "It is amazing to see these types of events bring the community together and new friendships grow."

## The St. Lawrence River Board wants your opinion

Terry Tinkess  
Record Staff

THE COUNTIES – The International Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River Board (Board) is seeking your input regarding reduced outflows from Lake Ontario between Oct. 7 to 10, 2022.

According to the board, the reduced outflow was necessary to increase water levels on Lake St. Lawrence to facilitate the removal of recreational boats by marinas and shoreline dock owners on Lake St. Lawrence at the end of the season.

The board has discretionary authority granted by the International Joint Commission (IJC) to temporarily alter flows from Plan 2014 prescribed

flows at the Moses-Saunders Dam on the St. Lawrence River within specific parameters. Minor deviations from the plan are sometimes implemented in the fall to improved conditions for boat haul-out on Lake St. Lawrence upstream of the Moses-Saunders Dam.

There are approximately 700 marina and boat club slips, and hundreds of private docks located along the shores of Lake St. Lawrence. Recreational boaters who navigate the St. Lawrence River, Lake St. Lawrence, and adjacent rivers and lakes have experienced fluctuations in water level conditions that make it challenging to remove boats from the water at seasons' end.

The board is collecting information specifically related to these reduced

outflows to learn more about where people access the water to remove their boats, when and how boats are removed, as well as whether recreational boaters took advantage of the opportunity provided by the minor deviation. This information will help the board in planning future minor deviation strategies to improve conditions within the system.

Surveys will be available through March 3, as follows:

Recreational boaters are asked to complete this survey regarding the Oct. 22 deviations. [www.surveymonkey.com/r/oct22boat](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/oct22boat)

Marina and yacht club owners are asked to complete this survey regarding the October 2022 deviations. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Oct22marinas>

## Darts n' Wings – a winning combination

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

MONKLAND – A very successful \$1 Wing Night combined with dart playing was held on Fri., Feb. 3 at the Monkland Recreation Centre. Carol Shea, president of the Monkland Recreation Committee described the event as amazing and thanked the community for the support and donations. "We will be continuing wing night the first Friday of every month as it was such a hit," said Shea.

"It was great to see the community playing darts and cards and enjoying themselves," commented Shea, noting "approximately 759 wings and 30 lbs of fresh cut fries" were sold during the event, which ran between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m., with a steady stream of residents of all ages participating in the social event.

She announced in a post event message, that the creation of a dart league at the MRC will be coordinated by Al Vachon. Shea continued there is still time for those wishing to be part of the league to register and suggests contacting her by Facebook, email or by calling 613-209-9170 for more information.



Cheryl Karges and Mike Menier discuss the outcome of the game of darts they just finished during the first Wings and Darts evening at the Monkland Recreation Centre.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Thanks to the work of volunteers, the ice-skating rink located behind the recreation centre in Monkland is open according to information on the organization's Facebook page. Disco on Ice, a Valentine's Day celebration is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 11 on the skating rink, with music, dancing, and refreshments available indoors as well. In addition to sides such as hamburgers, hot dogs and fries, a spaghetti dinner and hamburger steak dinner will be available to enjoy.

## – NOTICE – Finch Community Cemetery

The Finch Community Cemetery Board of Directors has submitted by-laws to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Any interested parties may contact Hubert Casselman at 613-930-6067, or Donn MacMillan at 613-360-3440 for information, or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at 15181 County Road 43, Finch, ON.

These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Telephone: Bereavement Authority of Ontario 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356.



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## Card of Thanks

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Thanks as well to the many businesses and individuals who donated food, beverages, silent auction items and most importantly, your time. That list includes our amazing potters who created and donated the bowls for the event: Debbie Gilmer, M.C. Mackay, Diane Sullivan and Heidi Blokland. Thanks to our soup makers, bread and dessert bakers, bottled water donor, those who sold our tickets in their place of business, our entertainer, and our hosts – the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church.

Because of your support, one hundred per cent of each meal's proceeds are devoted to the operation of Community Food Share. At the event, we launched our spring fundraising raffle – a calendar draw with a cash prize every day during May. Watch for tickets on sale soon.



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*We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. We will accommodate the needs of applicants under the Human Rights Code during the hiring process.*



# 2023 BRIDAL GUIDE

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Plan the perfect wedding day, from registry recommendations, eco-friendly touches and valuable ideas from local wedding professionals.



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## Dancing the night away at your wedding

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

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The nicest thing about a wedding party apart from any goodies you might get to munch on is the music and an opportunity to spend the rest of your day dancing.

The dance party at the end of a wedding is as silly as the earlier in the day is serious.

Getting hold of the kind of music you want is of course part of the planning process you went through months earlier.

There are many options to pick from.

You could hire a live band or a DJ or both.

Steve Barkley lives in Williamsburg and loves music.

He loved music so much he has made a business out of it, collecting music and bringing his musical collection to weddings.

His business is called Soundtastic Productions and weddings are his specialty.

He has been bringing music to people for 36 years.

He said the business of being a DJ has changed over the years.

“It used to be that the wedding couple would ask me to play their favourite songs at the beginning of the evening, and then I would decide what music would be played for the rest of the night,” he said.

Now couples will ask for certain songs at the start of the evening, for example the song they will have their first dance to and then the guests not the DJ will ask for songs that they like for the rest of the evening.

“I can accommodate either way. I like to have the freedom to take their list, and arrange it in the way I think it should be done,” he said.

Barkley said it was not unusual to have a song list several pages long that he will work from.

Barkley said he has a comprehensive collection of music to play but from time to time he will go to an online course to find something a client wants.

Barkley believes the wedding guest should be able to participate in all of the fun and celebrations and that means he is attentive to what they want to hear and dance to, as opposed to sticking to a predetermined set of songs that visitors may not like or care about.

Just like every other aspect of the wedding you are planning, booking the music may mean being put on a waiting list. It is not unusual to have to plan six months to a year to get the DJ and service you want.

## Planning and hosting a backyard wedding

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

Backyard weddings are becoming increasingly popular among couples who want a more intimate and personal setting for their big day. What better way to personalize your wedding than to have it take place in a location that has special meaning to you?

Here are some tips for planning and hosting a backyard wedding. Please keep in mind that local regulations may vary from township to township and the best way to know is to contact the municipal government in the jurisdiction where your wedding will take place. Make sure to ask about any permits that are required, and take into consideration such things as parking, noise bylaws and fire safety regulations.

Consider the weather: Eastern Ontario is known for its unpredictable weather, so it's important to have a backup plan in case of rain or other inclement weather conditions. You may want to consider investing in a tent, lighting, and heaters to

ensure that your wedding can go ahead no matter the weather. In this area, one tent provider is McMac Tents (Ask for Craig.)

Choose the right vendors: When it comes to a backyard wedding, choosing the right vendors is essential. Some of the things you will need to consider are a caterer, florist, and wedding planner. If you have obtained a special occasion permit and will be serving alcohol, then you will need to consider a licensed bar service to ensure the alcohol is served according to the regulations.

Comfort stations: Call them what you want, but outdoor toilets can be a necessity depending upon the number of guests you will have. Don't forget the handwash stations.

Decorate the space: To create a beautiful and memorable setting, you'll need to decorate the backyard. Consider adding string lights, floral arrangements, and seating areas to create a romantic and intimate atmosphere.

Plan the layout: When planning the layout of your

backyard wedding, make sure to consider factors such as the ceremony site, the dance floor, the food and drink stations, and the seating arrangements.

Make the most of the backyard: Use the natural beauty of your backyard to your advantage. Consider incorporating the landscape into the décor or using the foliage as a backdrop for your ceremony.

With a comfortable and inviting atmosphere, your guests will feel at home. Blankets and heaters can be a welcome addition at certain times of the year.

Speaking of guests, consider inviting any neighbours who live close by. If you allow them to become a part of the celebration, there is usually a bit more goodwill if the event gets a bit noisy or lasts a little longer than expected.

Whether you're looking for a simple, intimate celebration or a grand and elaborate event, a backyard wedding can be the perfect choice for a memorable, meaningful, and personalized wedding day.

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## How to arrange a civil wedding ceremony

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

Getting married is a big step, one of the biggest decisions you will make in your life and choosing the right location for your wedding ceremony is a critical part of the process. For those considering a civil wedding service there are a few things to consider.

**Get your marriage licence:** You'll need to obtain a marriage licence before your wedding ceremony can take place. You can obtain a marriage licence from the clerk's office in most municipalities. You will be required to provide government issued identification and most municipalities require you to complete an online application, as well as make an appointment to have it reviewed and the licence issued.

**Choose the right venue:** When it comes to a civil wedding service, you can choose from a variety of venues, including parks, gardens, and community centres. Consider factors like the size of the venue, the cost, and the accessibility when choosing, but also whether you will need any special permits. Most communities will not let you take over a portion of a public location without notice, and while some may be more formal than others, you need to ask. The last thing you want is for the bylaw officers to show up in the middle of the ceremony and write you up.

**Hire a wedding officiant:** You'll need to hire a wedding officiant to perform the ceremony. There are a variety of wedding officiants available in most locations, so take some time to research your options and

choose the one that's right for you. Many municipalities have a person either on staff or contracted to perform wedding ceremonies, and in many cases the ceremony can be performed in the municipal office.

**Plan the ceremony:** You'll need to plan the details of your ceremony, including the music, the readings, and the vow and any "traditions" that you want to make a part of the day. Consider personalizing the ceremony to make it unique and meaningful to you and your partner.

**Invite your guests:** Once your wedding details are in place, it's time to invite your guests. Make sure to send out your invitations in a timely manner to ensure that

everyone can make it to your big day.

**Consider a wedding planner:** If you're feeling overwhelmed by the process of planning a civil wedding service, you may want to consider hiring a wedding planner. A wedding planner can help you navigate the process and ensure that everything runs smoothly on your big day. Again, do your research to see if what the wedding planner has to offer aligns with what your expectations are.

A civil wedding service can be a beautiful and meaningful way to start your life together. With careful planning and preparation, you can make sure that your wedding day is a special and memorable event for everyone involved.



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## Tips for choosing a wedding photographer

**Terry Tinkess**  
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Of all the things that combine to create a modern wedding, few will last as long and bring as much joy as the wedding photographs. Think about it for a moment: It is not unusual for well over a thousand dollars to be spent on a dress that will be worn once. Flowers will die, wedding cakes can cost hundreds of dollars and designers can demand thousands to transform perfectly comfortable seating into “magical” seating. Despite this, for many people the cost of who is going to capture their special day, and the images that will outlive them can be a tough decision.

Here are some tips that help you find a photographer who can help you preserve those memories for many years to come.

One of the first things you should consider is what role photographs play in your life, and what they might mean to you years from now. Are you a person (or a couple) for whom having a lot of photographs is important, or would you be satisfied with two or three high quality images? Is perfection important to you, or just having images to help you remember the day even more important, emotion over perfection? There is no wrong answer here if you accept that what you want is the most important consideration, just understand that values change.

The next two suggestions, have a budget and choose a reputable photographer; these really go hand-in-hand. You need to have an idea what you are prepared to spend but you should allow yourself a bit of flexibility because not all photographers are equally



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qualified, nor do they all charge the same. Having a camera does not a photographer make. If all you want is a bunch of unedited images on a flash drive, then there really isn't much advice I can give other than to say you may regret the decision at some point in the future.

If you want high-quality images that are well-lit, tastefully composed and in focus with a high degree of creativity thrown in, then things get more complicated. Ask for references, ask to see the photographer's portfolio, find out what they include, what is their “style”, is everything custom or do they have packages that may save you money?

I know money matters, but there are probably things that you care strongly about, and other things you couldn't care less about. Maybe formal photos don't interest

you, but you would like a series of behind-the-scenes photos that truly capture the mood of the day. Maybe you want that one, perfect formal photo, nicely framed for each of the parents and grandparents, but for yourselves, a photobook with a collection of images from the day for yourself (and lower res photos for Facebook, of course.)

The point is, a photographer who takes the time to talk with you and get to know what matters to you is better prepared to offer you what you want, and while you may not be able to get everything you want for the price you want to pay, you will at least have the chance to focus on the things that matter to you. With that in mind, it makes sense to take the time to sit down with a professional photographer so that you get your pictures on your day, your way.

Ultimately what may be the deciding factor is ask yourself, do you want to spend a large part of the most emotional day in your life being guided by this person, or do you find them irritating? Will you look back and smile or will you just wonder why you selected them?

Once you have decided on a photographer, and I can't stress this enough, get it all in writing. Any reputable professional photographer will not only agree to a contract, but they will also insist on it. A contract protects all the parties involved, and feel free to take it home and read it before signing it, or even have it read by a lawyer if you feel it is necessary. Most disputes are a result of two or more people having a different interpretation of what was said. If everything is clearly spelled out, there is less chance of that.

A final thought: when the big day comes, make sure you understand why the photographer is there. They are not a guest. They are not a friend (although they may become one). You have hired them to capture what could be some of the most important and memorable moments in your life. They are the professionals, and they know how to use lighting and posing to make you look your best. They can capture images that can seem magical, images that are designed to create an emotional response from everyone who looks at them. Listen to them, let them guide you and accept that they want to capture images and memories that will last more than a lifetime. They want you to be happy with the choice you made.



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## It's all about location, location, location

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

Soon after the wedding date was set, the engaged couple, close friends and parents would begin the job of planning for the important event. There would be so many decisions to be made, what would the bride and groom wear, what will the wedding cake be like, how many guests to invite, who pays for what as well as deciding on a venue for the ceremony and reception afterwards.

The venue selection is a decision which needs to be made early in the planning process. There are many options available for the couple to consider. These range from choosing between an outdoor or indoor ceremony; will the wedding be held on a sunny beach in a warmer climate or held in a historic venue or a house of worship or at a family home. The venue for the reception and wedding will set the tone for the entire ceremony and celebration.

There are many criteria for choosing a venue, with Bonnie James of All Seasons Weddings Ottawa



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Wedding Chapel explaining these include locations for photos, décor options, and availability of location. Other items to consider include preferences of the engaged couple as to the tone and/or style of the wedding, the budget, and the number of guests attending. James noted that since the pandemic, the trend seems to be toward smaller weddings. Often in the past, weddings were held in religious buildings, with receptions held locally with a meal for invited guests followed by a dance

which was open to the community. Over the past few years there has been a trend to holding wedding ceremonies in outdoor locations such as parks, historical buildings, private homes or at city hall and utilizing the services of a non-religious wedding officiant. In these cases, the reception is often held at another location from the ceremony itself following the exchange of vows.

There are many considerations to think about when choosing the venue. For instance, if you

are having a small wedding followed by a closed reception, then the choice of a smaller hall would probably be made. The set up of the hall is an important consideration if refreshments or a meal is being served, as the needs of the catering company have to be considered.

The search for the venue

can be done in a variety of ways such as using a computer, getting recommendations from friends and family, or perhaps hiring a wedding planner. Once the location has been narrowed down, contact them with questions to determine if a site visit is warranted. These include ensuring the location is

available for your wedding date, do they provide catering or are outside caterers allowed, parking and other considerations you may need confirmed. A site visit will enable you to see the venue, meet managers and make a more informed decision before signing a contract for holding the event there.

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## Planning the perfect wedding day, one item at a time

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

He gets down on one knee before his true love, lifts up a ring, and asks, "Will you marry me?"

She looks down, smiles and says, 'yes.'

Then the couple go off arm in arm. He asks her, "what would you like to do to celebrate?"

She says excitedly, "Lets start making plans."

And so it begins. The easy part about getting married is popping the question. The harder part is following through with all of the working parts of a wedding.

Thanks to the explosion of online help in planning a wedding, you can accomplish much of the planning while sitting at home.

Do it yourself weddings are becoming a common practice.

Having an organized strategy to plan a wedding is a must.

Make a list beginning with what theme you would like the grand occasion to have.

Choosing the theme of your wedding can serve as the first step in creating a wedding celebration you will remember. You should be thinking about when the wedding can take place, how big it will be, what kind of ceremony you want, where it could be, and the overall feeling you want the wedding to bring out in people.

Early on, you should be thinking about what kind of budget you can afford, and that will help determine many of the other aspects of the

wedding.

It is easier to get everything you want done if you work on making a wedding 'to do list', as well as a date for the big event, and a place to have it. The next step that is best looked after sooner than later, is booking a venue, or at least finding where you want to get married.

It could be in a hall or in someone's decorated backyard. If you have decided to be outside, the next move will be to find out how to rent a tent large enough to accommodate all of your guests.

Once you are this far along with your wedding plans, it is important to start on your guest list. Right along with that list comes the task of selecting your wedding party.

Some potential brides and grooms might decide to go even further and create their own wedding website.

Living in a world that is increasingly tied to technology means you can download an event app to your wedding website if you have gone that route. Allow guests to interact with each other and include features that will help you plan and organize some of the most important aspects of your wedding, such as sending out online invitations, collecting RSVPs, embedding your registry, and even live streaming your wedding ceremony.

All these decisions have to be backed up by the corresponding actions.

Wedding invitations have to be mailed out, venues booked and a menu for the



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celebration after the wedding selected and a caterer hired to carry all of this out.

By now, a seating plan has to be figured out and a playlist of music for the reception created as well as someone hired or volunteered to get all of that music together.

You may want live music, which means booking bands a fair distance out from the big day to ensure they are available.

While you are chasing vendors, musicians and caterers, don't forget to look for a wedding dress, and whatever else you want your wedding party to wear.

Finding someone to

actually marry you is crucial and the availability of that person will determine much of the timeline your wedding will be attached to.

Looking for wedding rings and getting a marriage licence, as well as setting the schedule for the big day should be on your list of to-do-items.

If all of this seems too much to do, hiring a wedding planner is the way to go. A professional wedding planner will be well versed in all of the challenges involved in getting ready for a wedding and can save you a great deal of frustration as you plan for the big day.

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### Who can perform a wedding ceremony?

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

Okay, so you've decided to take the big step and get married. Choosing the right person to perform the ceremony is an important part of the process. In the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, there are several options for who can legally perform a marriage ceremony.

If yours is to be a religious ceremony, there are several religious officials who can perform the ceremony. These include priests, ministers, rabbis, and imams, all of whom are authorized to perform marriage ceremonies. To be eligible, they must be authorized by their respective religious organizations.

If yours is a civil ceremony, there are several people who are authorized to perform the ceremony. These include:

**Justices of the Peace:** Justices of the Peace are authorized to perform marriage ceremonies in Ontario. Justices of the Peace are appointed by the Ontario government and are authorized to perform a variety of legal duties, including performing marriage ceremonies.

**Wedding officiants:** Wedding officiants are individuals who have been authorized by the Province of Ontario to perform marriage ceremonies. They may be affiliated with a religious organization or may be independent. To be eligible, they must complete the necessary training and be registered with the Ontario government.

**Municipal clerks:** Municipal clerks are authorized to perform marriage ceremonies in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry. Municipal clerks are employees of the local government and are authorized to perform a variety of legal duties, including performing marriage ceremonies.

It's important to remember that while these individuals are authorized to perform marriage ceremonies, they may have their own guidelines and requirements for performing a ceremony. With that in mind, it's important to research your options and choose the person who is right for you.

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## A band of gold

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
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The first steps in the walk down the aisle to your waiting partner begins with a proposal of marriage, followed by receiving an engagement ring. There can be a lot of planning going into asking that special someone to spend the rest of their life with you or it can be a spur of the moment occurrence, but either way it marks the beginning of a life together for a couple.

An important part of the formalization of the intention to marry is the conferring of an engagement ring to your intended. The tradition of giving an engagement ring seems to have its origin in ancient times, with the engagement ring placed on the third finger, which was believed to have a vein which connected directly to the heart.

Including gemstones in engagement rings seems to have begun in the 1470s, with diamonds, one of the hardest substances known to man, becoming more popular and linked to the unbreakable bond of marriage and everlasting love. "Diamonds are still the #1 gemstone for engagement

## Does my backyard wedding require a special occasion permit?

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

A special occasion permit (SOP) is required in Ontario, for any event where alcohol is served outside of a licensed establishment. If you are considering an outdoor wedding, then obtaining a SOP is an important step in ensuring that your guests can enjoy a drink or two in a responsible and legal manner.

The first step is to determine your event's eligibility. To obtain a SOP, your event must be deemed eligible by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO). Eligible events typically include weddings, charity events, and private parties.

The SOP must be obtained by a responsible person, usually the person who is hosting or

organizing the event. This person is responsible for ensuring that all conditions of the SOP are followed.

To apply for a SOP, you'll need to fill out an application form and submit it to the AGCO. The application form can be found on the AGCO's website (agco.ca) and should be submitted at least 30 days before the event, and earlier if possible.

A fee is required when applying for a SOP. How much the fee will depend on the type of event, the size of the event, and the location. It's important to pay the fee on time, to ensure that your application is processed in a timely manner.

Once you've obtained the SOP, it's important to comply with all the conditions outlined in the permit. This includes things like having a plan for responsible service of alcohol, ensuring that alcohol is only served to those who are of legal

drinking age, and having a plan in place for handling any incidents related to alcohol.

It is highly recommended to hire a licensed bar service for your event, as this will ensure that alcohol is served in a responsible and legal manner. A licensed bar service will also have liability insurance, which can provide peace of mind in the event of any incidents related to alcohol.

If you are the person hosting the event, it might be a good idea to confirm with your insurance provider whether they recommend any changes to your coverage prior to the event.

Hosting a home-based or backyard wedding is a big undertaking and a huge responsibility, but by obtaining a SOP, you have shown a desire to follow the rules designed to ensure that everyone has a safe and memorable experience.

rings," commented Angele St. Pierre of Pommier Jewellers in Cornwall.

Engagement rings can be custom-made, purchased ready-made from a jewellery store, or be a family heirloom. A family heirloom ring is described as an engagement ring that has been passed down through the generations and in some cases, this is an almost unbreakable family tradition.

While the search for the perfect engagement ring can be a solo event or a shared event with your significant other. Some things to be considered when looking for the ring is the ring finger

size as well as the jewelry preferences of your partner such as shape or whether they prefer silver or gold.

St. Pierre explained when investigating the style of engagement ring, there are many "avenues to see what their significant other has their heart set on." These include social media sites, visiting a jewelry store with your partner and listening to what they envision in a style of ring. Whether the engagement ring is a family heirloom, a ready-made ring or custom-made, it is strongly advised to ensure a valuation of the piece of jewelry is received.

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## North Dundas theatre group receives donation from councillor

Joseph Morin  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas Council has said no to giving the local theatre group A Bunch of People Arts and Events (ABOP), a pass from rental fees for the Old Town Hall in their upcoming 2023 season.

The council had agreed to waive the fees for the group in 2022, as many community groups needed some help recovering from pandemic restrictions.

There is a concern about potential lost revenue from the hall that goes toward its upkeep.

However, Coun. John Lennox in a generous gesture said he would pick up the group's rental tab.

The group is non-profit and uses its performances to stage artistic and entertaining events in North Dundas, to raise money for local families in need of financial assistance.

"If these 19 days are not booked, are there people lining up to book the hall? If not, then that is lost revenue anyway," said Lennox.

"What is the purpose of A Bunch of People? They support arts and culture."

Lennox believes art and culture are a necessary and important part of keeping any community healthy, along with economic, environmental, and sociological ways of thinking.

"I looked at the letter they wrote prior to council, and they donate a lot to North Dundas, to our food banks, to families in need who are identified through the House of Lazarus. They are doing a lot of good, and they are giving back."

He felt that the \$950 in fees, compared to the \$2,000 on average they donate to the food bank, was a fair trade. Lennox feels that his donation of \$950 for their fees will eventually, if not directly end up going to the food bank.

"I am ok with that," he said.

Mayor Fraser said he felt the group was important as well.

"But nineteen days is something else," he said.

He explained that the revenue from the rentals at the hall, all go back into maintenance, and upkeep, and capital purchases."

The ABOP was founded in 2018 and has found that their most costly expense is renting space for their performances.

Last year, the council agreed to let the ABOP have the use of the Old Town Hall in Winchester for 16 of its shows.

This year the group has asked for an additional fee waiver for a total of 19 performances. A report from the department of Recreation and Culture, regarding the request stated: "The ABOP has four events scheduled to take place in 2023, all of which require the use of the Old Town Hall for multi-day performances. It has been confirmed that the space is available for the requested dates, for a total of 19 days. The group is requesting that council waive the hall rental fees for the Old Town Hall, for those dates."

The not-for-profit rental rate for the Old Town Hall is \$50/full day.

The report concluded: "Should council waive the rental fees for the 19 days requested in 2023, \$950 of revenue would not be generated."

## Dine in delicious!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

INGLESIDE – The weather outside was blustery, but inside St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Ingleside, the atmosphere was warm and the food delicious. There was a great turnout for the community dinner hosted by the church on Thurs., Feb. 2.

This month the meal was pork loin accompanied by broccoli and potatoes as well as dessert and refreshments, all for \$5 per person or \$15 for a family. The event is open to everyone and provides an opportunity for guests to



Reid McIntyre is shown placing two pieces of pork loin onto Stella Haystead's plate.

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enjoy a full course meal while socializing with friends and neighbours, with one of the diners

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Will be held at the Morewood R. A. Hall at 7 p.m., Tues., Feb. 21. All are welcome to attend.

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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, 30 Mill Street, Chesterville. Wed., Feb. 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu: lasagna; caesar salad; garlic bread; assorted pies; coffee/tea. \$12 per person (take-outs available starting at 11 a.m.). Everyone Welcome!

COMING EVENTS

THE CHESTERVILLE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM

Tues., Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Heritage Centre, 14 Victoria St., Chesterville. All welcome.

MEETING NOTICE

The Dundas County 4-H Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Mon., Mar. 6 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Winchester. Doors open at 7 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Open to all volunteers and 4-H parents.

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Feb. 21, 2023 at the Chesterville Legion. Starting at 5 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. Serving pancakes, ham, local maple syrup, ice cream with mixed berries, coffee, tea and juice. The prices are: adults \$7; children 7-12yrs \$5; 6yrs and younger free.

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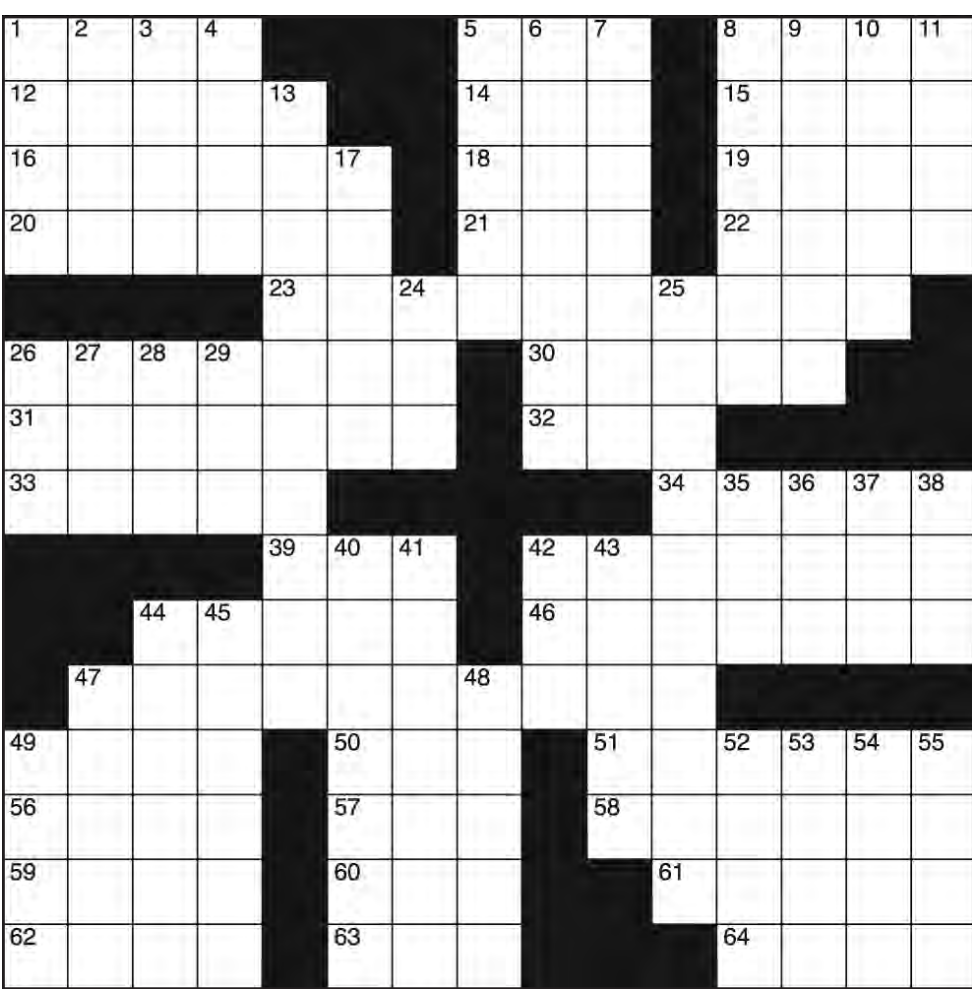
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. River in Tuscany
5. A way to represent
8. Rocker's guitar
12. Civil Rights group
14. Brew
15. Scratch
16. W. Asian country
18. The Eye Network
19. Clarified butter
20. Part of the Cascade Range
21. Downwind
22. A way to steer
23. Loop
26. Not ingested
30. Swampy coniferous forest
31. Musician
32. Signing
33. Containing iron

- 34. Part of a theorem or proof
39. Veterans battleground (slang)
42. Of enormous proportions
44. Italian city
46. Come before
47. Balm
49. Undergarments
50. Male parent
51. Ropes
56. Ear part
57. Investment vehicle
58. Dictator
59. Cain and \_
60. A type of code
61. Border river along India and Nepal
62. It's what's for dinner
63. Consume
64. Christian \_ designer

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cuckoos
2. Skin issue
3. City in central Japan
4. Sorrels
5. Twinned diamond
6. Canadian province
7. Monetary units
8. Head honcho
9. Goddess of wisdom
10. Part of a play
11. Get rid of
13. Applicant
17. Bowling alleys have many
24. Explosive
25. "The Say Hey Kid"
26. Ultrahigh frequency
27. No (Scottish)
28. Make a mistake

- 29. Credit card term
35. Keyboard key
36. Woman (French)
37. In the middle of
38. Score perfectly
40. Coat a metal with an oxide coat
41. Deadly disease
42. A place to dock a boat (abbr.)
43. Belch
44. Member of U.S. Navy
45. "In \_": separate from others
47. Examine extensively
48. Adjust
49. Tattle
52. Actor Pitt
53. Gulls
54. Within
55. Exceptionally talented performer

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R O I D S L V E F R E E
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# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

## Butler's Restaurant: A place where you belong

**INGLESIDE** – If you live in the Ingleside area, and you're looking for a night out, then the place to go is Butler's Restaurant, located at 23 Thorold Lane in the Ingleside Plaza.

Butlers has been a part of Ingleside life for nearly a decade and is the creation of Mary Ham and her husband, Chef Chris Porter (a Cordon Bleu trained chef, by the way.) The plaza where the restaurant is located was built around 1958 during the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway, but the restaurant was extensively renovated by the current owners when they opened their doors.

"We wanted to build a place where the community could gather," said Ham. "And we were doing that up till the pandemic, but then people couldn't gather so we lost that. It's starting to come back; we're seeing people getting together again."

The restaurant has an interesting atmosphere, one that suits a couple out for a quiet date night dinner, but it is also a great place for groups of twenty or more to gather for a special occasion. Have a seat at the massive bar and watch the game, grab a seat at one of the cabaret tables, select a window seat, or slide into a booth, the choice is yours.

One thing that Butler's has become known for is the special events they host on an ongoing basis. Whatever your interests,



Chris Porter (left) and Mary Ham have put a lot of effort into making Butler's Family restaurant into a place where people would want to gather, and the community is responding.

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you can be sure there will be something to pique your interest, whether it is karaoke, trivia nights, live music, or any number of other attractions (Wing night and Thirsty Thursdays go without saying.) Recently

they hosted an evening with illusionist David Jans, and he did not disappoint. "It was excellent," explained Ham. "We had a good crowd, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves."

When the warm weather returns, the fun spreads out the door and onto the patio where you can enjoy a cold drink and enjoy the sun and fresh air while leisurely enjoying whatever Chris has prepared for you.

Then there's the food, which is all freshly prepared. They have an eclectic menu, not the kind of thing you would normally expect to see in a small town. "We take traditional selections and put our own touch on preparing them," said Ham. You receive substantial portions, and the menu is varied enough to please just about everyone, supplemented by old favourites, daily specials and deserts that go well with a hot beverage (Irish coffee, perhaps?) There is never a concern that you will go home hungry.

And speaking of beverages, Butler's maintains a fully stocked bar and carries beverages from local craft brewers as well as the major brands. Coffee, tea and assorted non-alcoholic beverages are also available.

The food, the ambiance and the entertainment all serve to make Butler's the place you want to go to, but it is Mary, Chris and their staff who make you want to return, soon and often. Even if it is your first visit, before you leave, you will feel as if you have known them your entire life. Good friends, good food, and good times, what more could you ask for?

To learn more about Butler's Restaurant, visit them on Facebook.

*If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: editor@etceterapublications.ca or call us at 613-448-2321.*

## Pin Tales

**Stormont Ladies:** Ladies' High Single, Judy Rombough 279; Ladies' High Triple, Judy Rombough 665. Team Standings: Hilda 236.5, Sandra 232.5, Angela 225, Susan 204, Pat 184.

**Monday Men's:** East-Ont 103.5, Raiders 95.5, Alley Cats 93.5, Alley Rats 93, Country Boys 61.5, A Team 63.

**Defenders:** Men's High Single, Brian Casselman 230; Men's High Triple, Ossie Linton 567; Ladies' High Single, Fredda Symonds 222; Ladies' High Triple, Fredda Symonds 581. Team Standings: Gwen 230, Brian 225; Debbie 222, Glendon 210.5, Ossie 198; Kelsey 172.5.

**Wednesday Ladies:** Ladies' High Single, Joan Larmour 239; Ladies' High Triple, Mary Osborne 483. Team Standings: Mary 261, Janice 242, Corinne 241, Dianna 233, Lorna 225.

**Finch Mixed:** Men's High Single, John Nagy 251; Men's High Triple, Danny StPierre 624; Ladies' High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 248; Ladies' High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 634. Team Standings: The Girls 212.5, Diggers 208, T.D.D.J. 200.5, S.M.T.D. 174, B&S 129.

**Thursday Seniors:** Men's High Single, Tony Derks 210; Men's High Triple, Tony Derks 474; Ladies' High Single, Ria Mcgarrety 148; Ladies' High Triple, Joke Vanwinden 380.

**Avonmore Mixed:** Men's High Single, Mike Byvelds 238; Men's High Triple, Mike Byvelds 678; Ladies' High Single, Reina Chapman 247; Ladies' High Triple, Mink Fusee 522. Team Standings: Frank 260, Mike 234, Dan 199, Rob 196.5, Anita 186.5, Jeannette 184.

**Williamsburg Mixed:** Men's High Single, Shawn Munro 229; Men's High Triple, Shawn Munro 606; Ladies' High Single, Leslie Vanbruinessen 245; Ladies' High Triple, Leslie Vanbruinessen 628. Team Standings: John 103, Leslie 97, Garry 93, Steve 86, George 81, Danny 80.

**Winchester Odd Couples:** Men's High Single, Alex Smellink 241; Men's High Triple, Darryl Britton 626; Ladies' High Single, Marin Middleton 306; Ladies' High Triple, Marin Middleton 706. Team Standings: The Hardy Boys 156; Rednecks 154, Balljoints 152.5, Whipper Snappers 151.5, Bowling B?#!@es 120.

### Youth Bowling Canada

**YBC Peewees:** Girl's High Single, Vanessa Bissonnette 139; Girl's High Double, Vanessa Bissonnette 257; Boy's High Single, Samuel Bissonnette 106; Boy's High Double, Samuel Bissonnette 192.

**YBC Bantams:** Girls' High Single, Hailey Sadler 106; Girls' High Double, Hailey Sadler 200; Boys' High Single, Sam Stewart 98; Boys' High Double, Sam Stewart 193. Team Standings: Flames 169.5, Red Wings 156.5, Leafs 144.5, Sharks 131, Jets 104.5, Oilers 92.

**YBC Juniors:** Girls' High Single, Kamryn Hartle, 194, Girls' High Triple, Kamryn Hartle 507; Boys' High Single, Sam Tessier 170; Boys' High Triple, Sam Tessier 456.

**YBC Senior:** Boys' High Single, Alex Robinson 204; Boys' High Triple, Owen Vanwylick 486. Team Standings: Sabers 192.5, Senators 190.5, Bruins 174.5, Ducks 149, Kings 148.5.



### Off to the Provincials for Chesterville team

Two YBC program bowlers from Chesterville have qualified for the provincial level of the YBC National Tournament to be held in Mississauga on Mar. 5. The regional tournament which is a qualifier for the provincials took place at the Merivale Bowl on Sun., Feb. 12. The medal winners left to right are: Kamryn Hartle and Cheyenne Lanoue. Only the top two teams from the regional competition are selected to move on to the next level. Next to the Chesterville team was one from Renfrew. The team had to win over eight other teams from Carleton Place, Cornwall, Kemptville, Smiths Falls, Renfrew, two teams from Ottawa, and Chesterville.

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### Simply Baked Catering holds Bread 101

Making bread can be a rewarding activity, with the aroma of baking homemade bread filling the kitchen, making the taste of the first slice of freshly baked bread eagerly anticipated. Cheryl Beasley of Simply Baked Catering held the first "Hands-On Bread Demonstration" during the afternoon of Sat., Feb. 4. Participants, pictured here, were able to learn about the process of bread-making and "make a batch of delicious white bread dough" to take home to bake their own loaf of bread. A second "Hands-On Bread Demonstration" is planned for Feb. 18. For more information on Simply Baked Catering be sure to visit either their webpage at [www.simplybakedcatering.com](http://www.simplybakedcatering.com) or their Facebook page.

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# Empty bowls, full hearts

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

**WILLIAMSBURG** – There was a lot of anticipation as people waited for the doors to open at the 2023 Empty Bowls Fundraiser, held at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg on Sat., Feb. 11.

Empty Bowls is the annual signature fundraising event for Community Food Share, which has been held for several years, with 2023 being the first held since 2020, due to the pandemic explained CFS team leader, Jane Schoones.

Tony Fraser, mayor of North Dundas and warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, commented how “it is nice to have this event come back so we are able to come together to support those in need.”

Schoones explained, 125 tickets were sold for the event, with people given the two-ticket option this year. She continued how for \$45, the ticket included a hand-crafted bowl to keep as well as lunch and for \$25, people were able to enjoy lunch using a bowl from the hall.

During the luncheon, Claude Plamondon from Dundela provided musical entertainment while people were able to socialize or look over the silent auction. Schoones mentioned the

2023 Spring Cash Calendar would be launched during the event, with only 1,000 tickets printed.

This raffle is sponsored by Lannin Home Hardware Building Centre in Winchester and Iroquois’ Thompson Timber Mart. The ten-dollar ticket gives holders entry into daily cash draws between May 1 and 31 at Upper Canada Dairy with winning tickets re-entered for future draws. There is the opportunity to enter a Father’s Day draw of a \$200 gift card from either business with information on the bonus draw on the back of the ticket.

“Thank you to everyone in our community who once again came together to make Empty Bowls a success. From the talented artists who made the beautiful bowls, to the chefs who donated delicious soups and breads, local businesses who provided silent auction items, volunteers who worked tirelessly and of course those who purchased a ticket and enjoyed lunch together. We couldn’t do this without our neighbours and the team at Community Food Share [and we are] truly grateful for all of you. We were thrilled to be back with Empty Bowls after a long break and look forward to doing it again next year,” commented CFS board chair Dan Gasser.



Several volunteers spent their Saturday morning preparing for the Empty Bowls fundraiser on Feb. 11 at Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg. Just before the doors opened, they gathered for a photo near the beautifully hand crafted bowls provided for the event.  
Thompson Goddard Photo

## North Dundas presents staff and service awards

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**WINCHESTER** – The North Dundas Council acknowledged the achievements and commitment of staff by presenting the staff recognition, and years of service awards at their Feb. 7 meeting.

The township recognized that its employees are its greatest asset, as such, the 2022 Staff Recognition Awards are intended to recognize employees who go above and beyond their day-to-day responsibilities.

- Innovation, Sustainability and Leadership Award: Chloe Preston, executive assistant/deputy clerk;

- Customer Service Excellence Award: Tanya Zwarts, operator/labourer;

- Safety Smart Award: Barbara Sheldon, administrative assistant.

The council also recognized and congratulated employees who have achieved years of service milestones in 2022.

They are:



The North Dundas council along with municipal staff presented the 2022 Staff Recognition Awards to fellow employees. Left to right presenting the awards (l to r) are director of transportation/drainage superintendent Jamie Cheney, award winners, Barbara Sheldon, Tanya Zwarts, Chloe Preston, CAO Angela Rutley and Mayor Tony Fraser.  
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- 5 Years of Service: Brandon Cousineau, recreation coordinator and Stephen Mann, economic development & communications officer;
- 10 Years of Service: Dave Sheldrick, shop foreman;
- 20 Years of Service: Michelle

- McDonnell, tax coordinator and John Gareau, Treasurer;
- 25 Years of Service: Mary Lynn Plummer, Utility Billing/AP/AR/coordinator and Mike McGarry, facilities operator;
- 40 Years of Service: Mike Sharkey, facilities operator.

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## Repairs to storm damage at Iroquois Marina deferred

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

Many people have unpleasant memories of the blizzard that blew through this area over the Christmas holiday, and you would have to count the Municipality of South Dundas among them. An action request was brought before council at their regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 13 regarding damage to the finger docks at the Iroquois marina. According to the report prepared by David Jansen, director of parks, recreation and facilities, the finger docks located in the bay south of Boathouse Road were damaged by the high winds which occurred between Dec. 23, 2022, and Dec. 26, 2022. There are two sections, or "fingers" and it was the northern most which was initially damaged as the anchorage of the dock failed, causing damage to the access to the docks, broken docks, and hinges on the docks. This section then drifted across and hit the southern section of the docks damaging the southern section in the process.

According to Jansen, with the 2023

boating season only a couple months away, it is important that the repairs be completed as quickly as possible.

I'm hoping to meet the insurance adjuster out there this week," said Jansen. "They haven't confirmed the date yet, but we're slowly but surely trying to figure out those details. Unfortunately, I was trying to get that information into council for this report, but it's a little bit out of my control. But time is a factor here: the Marina does open in about two months. And you're starting to be at the point where we got to start booking our contractors or you won't get one."

So that's why this report is in front of you tonight; to sole-source Kehoe Marine to do the work on an emergency basis. Kehoe is obviously a reputable company around here, they've done work at almost every single Marina, including ours."

The question, of course was how to pay for the work, which was estimated at \$37,500. Jansen offered two options for dealing with the situation.

"If it comes back from the adjuster, and it doesn't affect our premium very much, we'd go through insurance," said Jansen. The other

option is to put it against the bottom line and at the end of the year look at sort of borrowing from ourselves to slowly finance the project." Jansen added that the marina was budgeted to have a profit of approximately \$10,000.

Councillor Danielle Ward said she would like to see the two sections of dock priced individually, but also expressed concerns that the marina's capital assets were being financed through tax dollars. "My opinion is that the repair needs to be done, but I'm not certain that I feel that the finger dock needs to be replaced and I'm just solely looking at that from a budget perspective. So, if we can get the cost down and manage the repair.

She also expressed concerns about the marina in general. "This is a bigger discussion, maybe for a different day. But essentially, the marina is borrowing from the tax base to increase its capital assets. And my question to council and maybe for consideration on another day, and something that I think about frequently is that I'm not really sure we should be in the marina business. I do think that the campground has proved itself to be self-sufficient. So, I don't have an issue with that business model. But I do

have an issue with the marinas business model."

Deputy Mayor Marc St. Pierre agreed with Coun. Ward. "I think we need to separate it out for what the actual repairs are versus what the new finger dock would be." He also said that he believed the discussion should be a part of budget discussions.

"I'm not trying to be negative here," said St. Pierre. "I think this should have been part of the budget, whether we were just given it to us on the third of February as part of it. I think that's where we really should have been discussing it. But I understand that it's a timing thing. So I think I'd like to defer this just until next week, so we can make a decision, and if we can have the groups split out by next week on the estimate, then we can make some good decisions on whether or not what program we have to do for just doing the repairs in the new or the second part of it, with the new finger docks and that needs to be part of the budget."

Direction was given to bring the requested information back to council next week as well as any other information that would help council in considering what direction to pursue for the future of the marina going forward.



# Your taxes are due!

## Should you hire a pro?

**T**he tax deadline of April 30 is fast approaching! Are you running down to the wire to file? It's not too late to hire a pro. Here's when it's time to call an expert.

**1. You don't have the time.** Are you busy with work, hobbies and family time? If so, it's probably best to hire a pro to file your taxes rather than rushing through it and potentially making an error.

**2. You're inexperienced.** A tax expert determines the correct deductions, credits and expenses you can claim on your tax return to help reduce the amount of taxes you pay. They can often get you a better refund than if you were to file yourself.

**3. You have a complicated tax situation.** If you own a business, are freelance or self-employed, it's a good idea to enlist a professional to iron out the details. The more complicated your situation is, the greater your risk of making a mistake.

**4. You've had a significant life change.** Did you recently get married, buy a house, start a business or have a baby? All of these situations can impact your taxes. Therefore, it may be best to have a pro walk you through it. There could be deductions you don't know about or expenses you never thought to claim.

If the government recently introduced new rules or credits, a tax expert can help you make sense of it. In addition, if you're pressed for time, a pro can help you file for an extension.

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## Township of Russell hires new fire chief

EMBRUN – The Township of Russell has appointed Brian McBain as the new permanent full-time fire and rescue services chief.

Council approved the appointment at the regular meeting on Mon., Jan. 30.

Brian McBain, appointed as acting part-time fire chief earlier this year, begins his full-time permanent position on April 1. Chief McBain has been a volunteer with Embrun Station since 2019. He has a lengthy and varied career as a volunteer firefighter across several communities in Canada.

In addition to his extensive volunteer experience, chief McBain has great experience in fire safety, education, and training. “[The] council welcomes chief McBain into the role,” stated Mayor Pierre Leroux.

“His experience and leadership will continue to build on the already strong foundation created by his predecessor, and he will be instrumental in the next stage of our fire services’ evolution.”

Chief McBain’s duties will be to identify the fire department’s needs, standardize procedures, address inefficiencies, lead both Embrun and Russell stations, and more.

“I am honoured and excited to begin serving our community in my new role within the Township of Russell. I look

forward to continuing to work with our dedicated team of firefighters as we continue to grow and provide the best service we can to the residents of the township,” said chief McBain.

Chief McBain’s appointment is also supported by former chief Bruce Armstrong, who retired at the end of 2022. “I am confident that Brian McBain will have a positive impact on the Russell Township fire and rescue services, along with having the inspiring leadership skills to lead the Fire Department in the future,” said Armstrong. The township Fire Department is responsible for fire and emergency operations for the municipality and includes 52 volunteer firefighters between the Embrun and Russell stations.

### Station 1 Firefighters

- Ian Courville, Acting Deputy Chief
- Daniel Aupy, Captain
- Francis D'Aoust, Acting Captain
- Brian McBain, Fire Prevention Officer
- Jimmy Ivanski, Lieutenant
- Luc Servais, Lieutenant
- Luc Servais, Assistant Fire Prevention Officer
- Robert Seguin, Auxiliary Officer

### Station 2 Firefighters

- Darcy Provost, Deputy Fire Chief



The Russell Fire Services has a new fire chief. In this photo, new fire chief Brian McBain is flanked by Ian Courville the deputy chief of Embrun Fire Station number 1 and on the right Darcy Provost, deputy chief of Russell Fire Station number 2.

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- Duane Bourguignon, Captain and Fire Prevention Officer
- David Scott, Captain
- Adam Armstrong, Captain
- Katelyn Staal, Lieutenant
- Ryan Kemp, Lieutenant
- Chris McLean, Lieutenant
- Adam Armstrong, Assistant Fire Prevention Officer
- Bruce Woolsey, Auxiliary Officer

## Findlay Creek Boardwalk Extension underway in the Leitrim Wetland

Erin Thorne

SNC Communications

FINDLAY CREEK – South Nation Conservation (SNC) is planning the extension of Ottawa’s Findlay Creek Boardwalk within the Leitrim Wetland, thanks in part to a \$750,000 investment from the Government of Canada through Canada’s Community Revitalization Fund.

The Findlay Creek Boardwalk was originally built by SNC in 2012, with support from Tartan and Tamarack Homes to provide recreational access to the Leitrim Wetland. SNC has been working with the Leitrim Wetland Advisory Committee to oversee the management and stewardship of the Leitrim Wetland and to fundraise for the completion of the looped boardwalk extension.

Nepean MP Chandra Arya helped announce the federal funding on Jan. 25, at the proposed new entrance of the boardwalk along Findlay Creek Drive. The Leitrim Wetland is a Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) and ecologically significant area surrounded by urban development.

SNC currently owns a portion of the wetland and is finalizing the transfer of ownership of a large block of the remaining PSW. “SNC owning the majority of the Leitrim Wetland will



South Nation Conservation (SNC) has announced plans to extend the Findlay Creek Boardwalk within the Leitrim Wetland. Left to right: John Mesman, Melissa Côté, MP Chandra Arya, Pierre Leroux, Geneviève Lajoie, Michelle Cavanagh, Bill Smirle.

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ensure its preservation and protection in the future, while also allowing residents to explore and appreciate a unique natural feature in their community,” explains Michelle Cavanagh, SNC’s special projects lead.

The planned extension to the current boardwalk will add approximately 540m of elevated looped pathway with two entrances for residents to walk through. Cavanagh adds, “It will benefit the residents to have more access to the Conservation Area and to provide more learning opportunities about the wetland habitat and the unique animal and plant communities found within this 330-acre portion of the wetland.”

Some work is planned to start in late February 2023, a time of year that would lessen the

disruption to the habitat. “It is best for work to begin during winter when the ground is frozen. Disturbance to the habitat will be significantly less when the vegetation is dormant, and the water is frozen,” Cavanagh explained.

Environmental studies inform the preferred location of the boardwalk and design drawings are now available for stakeholder and community feedback. [https://www.nation.on.ca/projects/findlay-creek C](https://www.nation.on.ca/projects/findlay-creek-C)



### Ontario Winter Games gold medal winners

On Feb. 11 Liana Flanagan Grade12 at École secondaire catholique Embrun, and her team headed to the Ontario Winter Games where they won gold! They won four games in the preliminary round of a total of five games. Liana’s next scheduled event will be the Canada Winter Games as she will represent Ontario in women’s curling (Feb. 19-24). She will also be part of the province’s delegation to these multi-sport games that will take place in Prince Edward Island from Feb. 18 to March 5. The team left to right are: Skip Ava Acres, vice Aila Thompson, 2nd Liana Flanagan, lead, Mya Sharpe and coach Gord Butler.

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