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Briefly

Crysler Farm Show

CRYSLER – The popular show is hosted by the Chrysler Community Centre located at 16 Third Street, Chrysler. The show is on Thurs., March 2 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Fri., March 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. One of the special events at the show is on Thurs., March 2, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., when you can meet the members of the Stormont County 4-H Pizza Club, where they will be showing off their culinary skills. The farm show is open to the public and has free admission. Visitors can also have a look at all the equipment parked at the outdoor rink and in the community centre's parking lot. There are more than 30 exhibitors.

Dundas Seed, Forage & Agricultural Show
CHESTERVILLE

Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association presents the 2023 DSCIA Seed, Forage & Agricultural Show on Fri., Mar. 10 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. New location for this year only: Chesterville Legion. For more information on seed, forage and agricultural exhibits, contact: Adrian Lee, 613-223-1177 or Jess Menkhorst, Dundas.oscia@gmail.com. See pages 8 and 9 for more details.

Friends of the Sanctuary has something for you

INGLESIDE – The Friends of the Sanctuary at the Upper Canada Bird Sanctuary is still in full swing. They are hosting a Moonlight Ski and Snowshoe Walk on March 4 at 6:45 p.m. Equipment rentals are adults \$10 and children \$5. Their address is 5591 County Road 2, Ingleside.

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Chesterville & District Historical Society visits the Dundas County Archives

On Fri., Feb. 24, members of the Chesterville and District Historical Society accompanied by North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser and North Dundas Coun. Gary Annable visited the Dundas County Archives located in Iroquois. The tour was led by Dundas County archivist Susan Peters. Left to right are, front row: Kim McInnis, Susan Peters, Caroline Roberts, Corrie McRae and Shelagh Derks. Back row: Coun. Gary Annable, Gail Parker and Mayor Tony Fraser.

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North Dundas passes new mobile food truck bylaw

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Local food trucks in North Dundas have a newly updated bylaw to deal with.

The new bylaw replaces one passed in 1998 and incorporates several ideas from other municipalities.

An introduction to the new bylaw stated: “The current bylaw to regulate and licence mobile food premises, has not been updated since 1998. A comprehensive search of neighbouring bylaws has been conducted; and this bylaw is reflective of conditions adopted by many other municipalities.”

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Rooftop camping to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – If you were in the parking lot at the Winchester Foodland on Saturday, you might have seen the top of a tent poking up above the bright red Foodland sign. That was home for a group of North Dundas’ firefighters while they raised funds for Muscular Dystrophy by spending 24 hours out in the cold.

Sean Donovan, along with Brett Lannin and Brodie Lutz were the three intrepid campers. “We’ve always done a fundraising campaign,” said Donovan. “Normally for us, it’s in October. I had the benefit of attending the Muscular Dystrophy Briefing seminar they had in Toronto, and I got to meet a lot of firefighters from across

Canada. Rooftop camping is one thing that they do. A lot of people are familiar with “fill the boot”, but they’re not familiar with the rooftop camp out. I thought, what a great way to get another opportunity to get involved with the community. I brought back the idea, I got some volunteers and I spoke to Dan Pettigrew, the owner of Foodland, he’s been phenomenal in his support, and he offered up his rooftop.”

All three agreed that being involved was just a way to help with a great cause. “All the money we raise is going to muscular dystrophy, there’s absolutely nothing in it for the fire department,” said Lannin. “Really, we’re just volunteering our time to help a good cause and kind of spread awareness to people, we get talking to everyone. And I don’t think a lot of people

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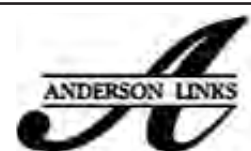
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Phyllis MacMaster receives outstanding Dairy Woman Service Award

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

OTTAWA – Phyllis MacMaster received the Outstanding Dairy Woman Service Award on Feb. 22 during the Holstein Ontario convention held in Ottawa this year.

“In recognition of all that she had done for dairy and the agricultural community in Ontario, we are extremely pleased and thankful to recognize this year’s Outstanding Dairy Woman Service Award recipient – Phyllis MacMaster,” said Deb Knapton in an address highlighting the contributions made by MacMaster to the dairy industry.

The Outstanding Dairy

Woman Service Award seeks to recognize the work of an Ontario woman who has “devoted their life to serve, promote and enhance the dairy industry,” commented Knapton before providing information on MacMaster’s service.

After graduating with two degrees from the University of Guelph, MacMaster worked for the Ministry of Agriculture and Food for 36 years, becoming the “first female Agricultural Representative in Ontario,” Knapton mentioned the work done by MacMaster was for both the agricultural field and her community. She has played an important role in encouraging generations of



From the left: Deb Knapton and Phyllis MacMaster are shown following the awarding of the Outstanding Dairy Woman Service Award to MacMaster.

Thompson Goddard Photo

farmers through many years of service in 4-H, contributions to dairy shows both locally and provincially, as well as served as a member of the Ontario Dairy Youth Scholarship Selection Committee and as trustee

for the Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund. She was accepted into the Glengarry Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2015 and awarded the OAAS Ontario Ag Service Diploma by Williamstown Fair.

Rooftop camping

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realize how expensive things like wheelchairs and stuff are. We’re raising some awareness that way too, for people to realize how good of a cause it is.”

According to Lutz, it’s especially nice to interact with people under different circumstances than they usually might. “It’s nice to get out in the community, normally when people see us, it’s not the best time,” said Lutz. “So, it’s nice to get out talking to people when it’s not a desperate time in their life.”

A steady stream of people went in and out of Foodland on Saturday afternoon, and there weren’t many that didn’t stop to drop a donation into the boots that were placed for that purpose. “It’s absolutely fantastic,” said Donovan. “And it’s not surprising, really. Our campaigns that we’ve done in Chesterville before, did very well, so it’s no surprise here in Winchester; the amount of donations is excellent.”

According to Donovan, with so many good charities doing so much good work, you really must find something different to capture the public’s attention. “As far as muscular dystrophy goes, the fire departments across North America have been a part of muscular dystrophy right from the beginning in 1954. As they explain it, we’re part of their DNA.”

When everything was tallied up, the event raised \$3,663 for muscular dystrophy. “While I’m not surprised about the generosity of our community, that amount does have some wow factor to it, seeing as it was over a one-day event,” said Donovan. “It definitely speaks to how incredible this community is and we’d like to thank them for their support.

“Of course we could not have been this successful without the help of Dan Pettigrew and his Foodland staff. They went above and beyond to make sure we had everything we needed.



Three members of the North Dundas Fire Department spent 24 hours outside, including overnight in a tent on the roof of Winchester Foodland as a fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy. From left: Brodie Lutz, Brett Lannin, and Sean Donovan. Tinkess Photo

Cornwall and area Chamber of Commerce hands out 2022 awards

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

CORNWALL—For the first time since before the pandemic, The Cornwall and Area Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) were able to meet in person and hand out their 2022 Citizen of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award and President’s Award Recipient.

The Chamber celebrates businesses and individuals in Cornwall, SDG, and Akwesasne annually through the Business Excellence Awards presentations, including the Citizen of the Year Award, which for 2022 was presented to Lynn Chauvin.

Lynn Chauvin is well known for her years of dedicated service to The Cornwall Optimists, the Children’s Treatment Centre, the Cornwall Hospital foundation, the United Way SDG Wine Committee, Agape, and Cornwall and the Chamber.

The 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Steve Summers from Melody Music. For over 59 years Melody Music Centre has been a destination for musicians of all levels. Owner Steve Summers, provides quality products, sound advice and exceptional service to everyone who walks through his door.

An emotional moment came with the presentation of the 2022 President’s Award, which was presented posthumously to David Murphy. There was no greater ambassador to Cornwall and area than “Murph”, who’s

long-term involvement ranged from charitable fundraising to organizing events and being deeply and passionately involved in the local sporting community. The award was accepted by Murphy’s daughter Julia and his good friend, Mike Turcotte.

In addition to the above award recipients, the Chamber also announced three finalists for nine 2022 Business Excellence Awards. Nominations for all awards are submitted by members of the community.

“We are very proud of each of the winners and finalists of this year’s BEA+ 2022 Awards,” said Angela Bero, the manager of the Cornwall and Area Chamber of Commerce. “Each one is exceptionally deserving of recognition for the work they do to make Cornwall and Area a great community...”

The Business Excellence Awards were presented in nine distinct categories:

- Community Impact Award: Flavour Kingdom
- Entrepreneur of the Year: Karen Brunet from ActivKare
- Environmental Impact: Wilson Architectural Design
- Inclusion & Diversity: Powell School of Dance
- Large Business: Canadian Tire
- New Business of the Year: The Glengarry Market
- Small Business of the Year: Cristill Rock Water
- Tourism Excellence: Fields of Gold
- Young Professional (new this year): Gabe Riviere-Reid from Your TV

Mobile food truck bylaw

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There have been some major changes to the old bylaw such as the elimination of various categories of licences, for example stationary units versus those that can be driven, and pre-packaged food as opposed to food prepared in the truck.

The new bylaw keeps the annual fee of \$300 for residents and \$600 for nonresidents and that fee can be applied to all types of trucks and food.

The requirement for property taxes to be up to date before allowing a mobile food truck on the premises has been removed, and all stationary and mobile food trucks must be licensed, but the council may waive the fee for non-profit or



volunteer organizations.

The liability insurance for the business has been increased to \$2,000,000 from \$1,000,000.

A new requirement is that food trucks have to be inspected by the location’s fire chief.


There are still fines for non-compliance to the rules, and the bylaw requires a vendor to think carefully about other food business they may be adjacent to.

The food trucks will have to be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their area with respect to garbage.

The bylaw states: “Where council deems it appropriate, fundraising events by a volunteer or not-for-profit organization can be exempted from any fee, and a “Special Event of Municipal Significance” has been added to the bylaw which exempts them from fees and sets back provisions, as these events are typically located in township parks, on the street or in parking lots for example Ride for Dad and Bike Nights.

Also added to the new bylaw is a section regarding a mobile food operation located

on private property that is occupied by a legally permitted agri-tourism operation, or on private property that has a legally permitted commercial use that is commercially assessed.

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Enjoy what your community has to offer you

It's funny what you can find in your community, that you had known about but never really thought about taking a closer look at.

This past weekend the Winchester Curling Club hosted a day of free curling. The logic behind the day that coincided with Curling Day in Canada events was to give those who have only a passing acquaintance with curling, a chance to experience the real thing.

The curling club provided all of the equipment and instruction necessary to try out their sport, and the response to the day's events justified the club's efforts.

If you have never set foot on a curling rink, it is a great experience.

The smell of the ice, the sound of the rocks as they make their way from one end of the rink to the other and the suspense as you watch to see how the rock you have just thrown, is going to end up where you expected it to.

Curling is a many faceted sport. There is the sport itself with its strategy and challenges including forming a team of players who can change their style of play to accommodate, their physical and mental mood, as well as changing ice conditions as a game proceeds.

There is also the other side of the sport, which is all about the camaraderie of the players and the club members who have as much fun watching their fellow club members on the ice, as they do when they are playing themselves.

Curling, like golf can be affected by small changes in how you actually play.

That heavy lunch may in fact change your golf swing or your curling technique.

The curling club is there for everyone to join, and enjoy, and those who took advantage of the free day of curling went home looking forward to going back and making curling one more fun event they can take part in, in their community.

Every community has people in it who have a favourite hobby or event that they love to be part of.

It could be volunteering or joining up with a historical society. There are those who live for their open mic night in the town they live in or can't get enough of local hockey games. Adding curling or pickle ball to your list of fun things to do can be believe it or not life changing. These community events are healthy, socially invigorating, and an important aspect of what any community can provide to you, if only you take a moment to think about them, and make an effort to join in.

The nice thing about living in a smaller community as opposed to living in a sprawling urban centre is that you are surrounded with people who like people. That explains the number of volunteers in small communities and the number of community members who take advantage of what their community has to offer.

Just about any day in any SD&G library, you can find children with parents, reading playing and taking advantage of a wonderful service.

Church basements still feature a hot lunch from time to time and group moments for special occasions.

Euchre tournaments in community halls and dart tournaments in the areas' Legion halls all help people participate and connect each other to community events.

All you have to do is pick something and check it out.

You may be surprised to find you have been missing something you didn't know existed, and it was right down at the end of your street.

Joseph Morin

NDDHS Report

By Kate Link-Horvath
Student Council Communications



With the Warriors

The week of Feb. 20 brought on a series of days to raise awareness about causes highly important and personal to the ND students. On the 22nd, students wore pink shirts to recognize the effects of bullying on mental health, to stand up against it, and to encourage kindness and compassion. On Fri., Feb. 24, North Dundas wore blue and yellow to show support for the people of Ukraine. That day marked the 1-year anniversary of the Russian invasion and war in Ukraine. There was a moment of silence for everyone to recognize and remember all of those who have lost their lives and their homes.

ND students have also had the opportunity to visit many different sites, travelling all over the Ottawa Valley. The Agriculture Specialist High Skills' Major students travelled to Algonquin College in Perth, attending an animal nutrition class, as well as touring the campus. They had the chance to visit Curvue Farms, where they learned the specific details on everything to do with a brand-new dairy barn: robotic milking, feeding, sweeping, and ventilation systems. This week, some students travelled to Ottawa to partake in the Relay for Life leadership workshops. On Wednesday, the Health and Wellness students travelled to Landsdowne Park, where they were able to attain a mental health and personal training certification. Later that evening, the students caught the Ottawa 67s game. Both SHSM (specialist high skills major) trips were perfect opportunities for students to get out in the real world, learning about future job opportunities, as well as heightening interest in their respective fields.

Continuing from last week, sales for the upcoming Oscar's dance are outside of guidance every day at lunch for high school students. Tickets are \$5 per person. The dance is set to be Thurs., March 9, where students will be welcomed onto the red carpet and led to the dance floor. There will also be an awards' ceremony, where students nominated and voted on by their peers have the chance to win an "Oscar." See you there, ND students!

Remembering the past

I am not totally convinced that time travel is possible, but sometimes I think it might be nice to take a trip back to my youth as an observer rather than a participant. I remember seeing a production of *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, in which one of the characters who had passed discovered she could return and watch a day in her life; she was warned not to choose a special day. I have often thought about this and figured it might be fun to observe an ordinary day or two in my life to see if there is something I could learn from this experience.

Which day would I choose is the \$64,000 question. Would it be the day I sat up in the old maple tree located near to the road on our property and watched as Mr. Gilbert, then the Nestlé manager, walked by and then looked around to see who called out his name, as he made his way to the train station. Spoiler alert – it was me, but I was hidden by the leaves. Or would it be one of those days when Mom and I visited the stationmaster in his office and asked permission for my brother and I to play at the station, so long as we didn't bother anyone or get into mischief. FYI – there were plenty of mornings and afternoons spent at the station watching this and that. Maybe I would visit the water tower at the station on Halloween, when one of my brothers told me the monster who lived within would

reach out the side windows with his bloody hands to try and catch me! In case you're wondering, I never did make it over to see if my brother was telling the truth.

I don't remember the water tower with its wooden top, which held the water for the steam engines. By the time our family lived on King Street, I believe all that remained of the water tower was what is there now, a cement circle atop a masonry bottom. For years there was a wooden, flat roof providing protection to the interior of the water tower, but during a recent storm, the roof blew off leaving the interior open to the rain, snow, sleet and ice.

Concerns about the state of the water tower and its importance to our history, has led some members of the Chesterville & District Historical Society to investigate how it can be saved. Research has begun

into this subject. It would seem that this particular building may be the last CP water tower in Eastern Ontario. In nearby Dalhousie Station Quebec, there is an identical water tower to ours which has been purchased by a historical society and restored according to members of the Railway Museum in Smiths Falls.

Once upon a time in the past, the railway station, the railway sheds and the water tower played an important role in the development of our town, with only the water tower remaining from that era. We have lost many of our historical buildings, either through demolition or fire, perhaps there will be an opportunity to save this building to remind us of the importance of the railway to Chesterville.

Carol Thompson Goddard



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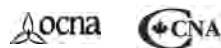
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North Dundas sweetens the pot for swimming pool staff

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas Department of Recreation and Culture is working on ways to attract qualified lifeguards to its two municipal pools in Winchester and in Chesterville.

Meaghan Meerburg the municipality's director of recreation and culture said there is a shortage of qualified lifeguards across the province.

Meerburg said she was working on incentives to encourage more potential lifeguards to come and work this summer in North Dundas.

The wages have been raised for summer pool employees, in the hope that it will attract more applicants and some duties have been reworked to make the job easier.

There will be a pool coordinator who will look after staffing and the operation of pools in Chesterville and in Winchester.

The new configuration of pool staff will have the pool coordinator more able to do his or her job by sharing some of the coordinator duties with the respective head lifeguards.

Meerburg said, "In previous years, each of our North Dundas' pools would staff one primary head lifeguard, one secondary

head lifeguard/lifeguard/swim instructor, and approximately five lifeguards/swim instructors, plus spares; for a total staff of approximately nine people per pool or 18 pool staff collectively, that the pool coordinator [is] responsible for scheduling, supervising, training, and evaluating."

Meerburg's report to council about the 2023 changes stated: "The Chesterville Head Lifeguard will take the lead on supervising, scheduling, training, and evaluating approximately eight staff; as well as overseeing pool maintenance and operations, assisting with the Chesterville Swim Meet, managing public relations related to that pool, etc. The pool coordinator will act as supervisor to the head lifeguard in Chesterville and will also directly oversee the staffing and operations of the Winchester Centennial Pool. The pool coordinator's base station will be in Winchester and their title will change from "pool coordinator" to "pool coordinator/Winchester head lifeguard." This organizational change will decrease the number of direct reports from 18, to a more manageable amount of 10."

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CHESTERVILLE – Being new to the community of Chesterville, I am frequently asked when I go into the local stores and businesses who I am. I am so thankful for the friendliness of our communities and have felt very welcome as I move throughout our villages and towns. It has been especially encouraging to be welcomed into fellowship of our community ministry leader and look forward to many times of fellowship and ministry together. It's not always an easy transitioning into a new community, and for those of you who may be currently in that position, I would encourage you to establish yourself in one of the community churches. There you will find support, community, friendship, and fellowship opportunities as you grow in your community. Community and fellowship are what causes us to grow. As we establish relationships and friendships and walk together, we learn to support each other, to walk with each other and to see beyond our differences and grow in respect.


There is an old adage that we really don't know someone very well, until we've walked in their shoes and over the years life has proved that to be true. We can only get to know one another when we've spent time together, experiencing their happy moments, celebrating their victories, cheering them on. Equally, we build relationships as we dry their tears, carry their loads, and stand silently beside them through their life struggles as we grow in the bonds of love. These special moments are how our fellowships become relations. That is how we become friends, by being involved in one others lives.

As Jesus and his disciples walked along the road into the region of Caesarea Philippi, this interaction is captured in Matthew 16. Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

15 Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter responds, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. Peter's understanding did not come from the media, a magazine or gossip. His understanding was found in the experiences he had with Jesus Christ.

Friends, I pray that you will establish yourselves in one of our local churches and there, I am assured that you will find love, relationships and understanding, that we grow your relationship with God the Father and you will know the answer when the Lord asks "who do you say I am."


Blessing,
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— OBITUARY —



Simone Quesnel (née Lafrance)

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Simone Quesnel (née Lafrance), who passed away on February 22, 2023, at the age of 78. She was the beloved wife of Claude Quesnel. She is survived by her children Alain Quesnel (Dorothy vanDongen), Martine Quesnel (Pierre

Thibault) and Jérôme Quesnel (Catherine Cantin); her grandchildren Jodie (Michael), Mathieu (Shanny-Ann), Danielle, Samuel (Chloé) and Marie-Claude; and her great-granddaughter Madelyn. She is also survived by her brother Alphonse Lafrance (Huguette); her sisters Rachelle Cayer (Gaston) and Carmen Paquette; as well as many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, friends, and her former customers at Crysler Home Hardware. She was predeceased by her parents Arthur and Irène (née Burette) Lafrance; her sister Cécile Lafrance; and her brothers Marcel Lafrance (Yvette) and Richard Lafrance.

The family will receive condolences at the Crysler Community Centre, 16 Third St., Crysler on Friday, March 10, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 23 Queen St., Crysler, on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. and a reception at the Crysler Community Centre. Interment at Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire Cemetery at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Complex Continuing Care Unit at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital for their excellent care and compassion. Donations to the Winchester Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Condolences / donations / tributes can be made online at: www.lamarche-hill.com.

— OBITUARY —

Misener, Sandra Carolyn (Baker)



Sandra was born January 6, 1947, passed away at the Ottawa Heart Institute on February 22, 2023. Survived by her beloved husband Ron Misener, and cherished grandson Drew Sargent. Also survived by step-daughter Katharine Maloley (spouse Dan Maloley) and grandchildren Gordon, Jacob and Sarah. Sandra was a proud aunt to many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. Also survived by sister-in-law Helen Baker. Sandra was predeceased by her parents Jacob Baker and Clara Baker (Shay), siblings Edith (Edie) Chambers, John (Joe), Marlene Stewart and infant son Thomas. Predeceased by much loved daughter Tracey. Sandra served the community as owner of Muriel's Flowers for 35 years and served on many committees in the town of Winchester, Ontario. On February 26 at 1 p.m., a Celebration of Life was held at the Winchester Lion's Hall. A graveside service will follow in the spring. Memorial donations can be made to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital or a local charity of your choice in her memory.

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Ontario Health Coalition fighting against privatization

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The Ontario Health Coalition rolled virtually into Cornwall on Thurs., Feb. 23 as part of their series of town hall meetings designed to share information and gather feedback on the provincial governments' plan for dealing with the state of healthcare in the province. Their stated goal is to protect and improve Ontario's public healthcare system.

The meeting was held on Zoom the virtual meeting platform. It was one of the nine sessions held across the province between Feb. 13-23 inclusive. Other sites included Peterborough, Oakville-Halton, Guelph, Haliburton,

Sarnia-Lambton, Chatham, London, and Thunder Bay.

According to their website (www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca), the Ontario Health Coalition is a network of over 500 grassroots community organizations representing virtually all areas of Ontario. They are not a new group, having historically fought against all attempts at privatizing the Ontario's healthcare system or turning it into a two-tiered system.

Nathalie Mehra has been the executive director of the Ontario Health Coalition for over 21 years. Her message has been consistent regarding privatization.

"This is about privatizing hospitals," said Mehra, speaking on TVO's *The*

Agenda, "...and it is a serious problem. The bottom line is that in virtually every hospital in Ontario, the large hospitals, and the small hospitals there are operating rooms that are running at under capacity; they have been for years. They will be closed for weeks or months at a time, or even permanently due to underfunding, so there is all kinds of capacity in public hospitals, the government is choosing not to support and use that capacity and instead take our money and rebuild that system in private, for-profit clinics.

Mehra is also on record as saying that the use of private clinics does not equate adding more qualified personnel. "We already have a severe

shortage in MRI technicians, CT technicians, nurses and so on in the public hospitals," said Mehra in an interview with Patricia Boal on 580 CFRA. "This will take them out of public hospitals to the private clinics. It is not an add on, it is a takeaway."

What is needed according to Mehra is an intense recruiting drive for PSWs (personal support workers) as was done in the province of Quebec after the first wave of the pandemic, with three months of intensive training and then get them into chronic care and long-term care facilities. They also need to attract retired nurses, but have them come back to public hospitals, not private care facilities.

Anecdotally, almost every person knows someone who is opposed to increasing the amount of private healthcare facilities and someone who is willing to do what they need

to do to get the care they want, when they want it. The one thing they all agree on is that there is a problem, and it needs to be corrected before it gets worse.







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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Tour

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – There is nothing quite like a plate of pancakes, accompanied by delicious sides and toppings, to celebrate Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day. This year, throughout Dundas and Stormont there were several opportunities to enjoy a pancake dinner on Tues., Feb. 21.

Whether the dinner is enjoyed at home, in a hall or restaurant the origin of the celebration of its roots in Christian preparations for the season of Lent. Traditionally pancakes were cooked on Shrove Tuesday by Christians to use up sugar fats and eggs prior to the beginning of Lent the following day, Ash Wednesday.

Mardi Gras, translated into English as Fat Tuesday, has evolved into celebrations which can last for several days culminating in a festive parade on Shrove Tuesday. New Orleans in Louisiana is well known for its Mardi Gras, but there are similar celebrations in many countries such as Belgium, Germany, Sweden, and other European countries.

For the people of Stormont and Dundas enjoying a pancake dinner in the company of friends and family appears to be the favoured way to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Throughout



Close to 100 people gathered in the hall at the Chesterville Legion to enjoy a pancake dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Chesterville. Some of the comments from guests included “the food was excellent” and “it was good to see people” at the event.

Thompson Goddard Photo

the two counties there were numerous successful pancake dinners held.

When entering the church hall at Christ Church Anglican in Long Sault, there was no doubt that a pancake dinner was being held as the delicious dinner aroma greeted guests. The dinner included pancakes, baked beans, and sausages which were enjoyed by all.

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid Society hosted a full course pancake dinner at North Stormont Place in Avonmore. The dinner included baked beans, pancakes sausages, hash browns, and dessert with the opportunity to enjoy some local maple syrup. Organizers wished to thank the church volunteers and the community for their support and extend a special thank you to the Good Night Bed Company in Kemptonville and McDonald Duncan Dore LLP from Cornwall, for their donations of dinner



Dave and Chris Scharf, accompanied by their grandson Domanic, are seen enjoying a pancake dinner at St. Clare’s Anglican Church on the outskirts of Winchester on Shrove Tuesday.

Thompson Goddard Photo

accessories and hams respectively to the event.

On Shrove Tuesday, the Rotary Club of Chesterville held a very successful pancake supper at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 in Chesterville. Organizers were pleased that approximately 100 people enjoyed the dinner while socializing with friends and neighbours. The dinner included pancakes and ham, with refreshments and for desert ice cream with

strawberries. They extended their thanks to the volunteers and dinner guests before thanking their sponsors, Winchester Foodland, Mike Dean’s Local Grocer, Leslie Johnson, the McMillian Family Farm and Royal Canadian Legion 434 for the use of the hall. “We were very happy to see how many people came out to support us,” commented Rotary president Beate Stewart, continuing “We would like to thank the sponsors for their

support, thank the people who came out, and a thank you for the donations for the Chesterville signs,” with Stewart mentioning donations can still be made to this project.

St. Clare’s Anglican continued their tradition of serving up a pancake dinner

complete with refreshments, pancakes, baked beans, ham, and desserts on Shrove Tuesday. Organizers mentioned over 100 people attended the event, with incumbent Rev. Stephanie McWatt commenting how she was extremely happy with the turnout at the event.

TAGWI Report

By Brooke Donnelly
Student Reporter



A week with the Warriors

After a long weekend, our Tagwi Warriors returned to school in Avonmore. Although their week was cut even shorter by another snow day, they still had a lot of excitement to look forward to. As many of our sports’ seasons ended, new ones are beginning. Finally, on Wednesday, our Warriors commemorated pink shirt day and took a stand against bullying.

As sports, like boys’ basketball and girls’ volleyball, came to a close last week, our next sports teams’ tryouts have begun. Novice and junior badminton tryouts took place late this week. As well, our intermediate students are getting in on the sports action with tryouts for their UC girls’ basketball team starting.

Ever since pink shirt day began in 2007, students internationally have been raising awareness and showing their support for antibullying by wearing a pink shirt on Feb. 24. Our Tagwi Warriors arrived at school in their best pink shirts and took a stand against bullying. Although this is the day where we all show our support, this isn’t the only day that bullying takes place. Whether it’s calling out bullying behaviour or simply offering your support, there is always something you can do to make the world a better place.

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

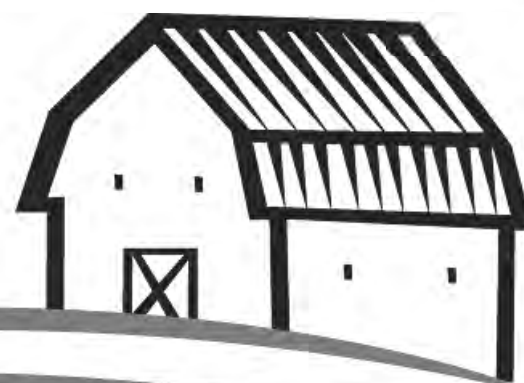
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COMING EVENTS

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Sat., Mar. 18, St. Matthews, Ingleside. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission \$20. Partner needed. Pre-registration required. Deadline Mar. 11. Early bird registration prize. Meal included, Irish stew. 1st place \$100. Free door prize. Silent auction. Proceeds to the House of Lazarus Food Bank. To register/info call Betty 613-984-1431 or Jack 613-537-2295.

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Dinner at 6 p.m., Trivia Games at 7 p.m., Silent Auction & 50/50 draw, Thurs., Mar. 16 at North Stormont Place, Avonmore. For tickets call: Rev. Lois 613-346-1648; Louise Nephew 613-984-2121; Nancy Wert 613-346-5493; Diane Kerr 613-528-0019.

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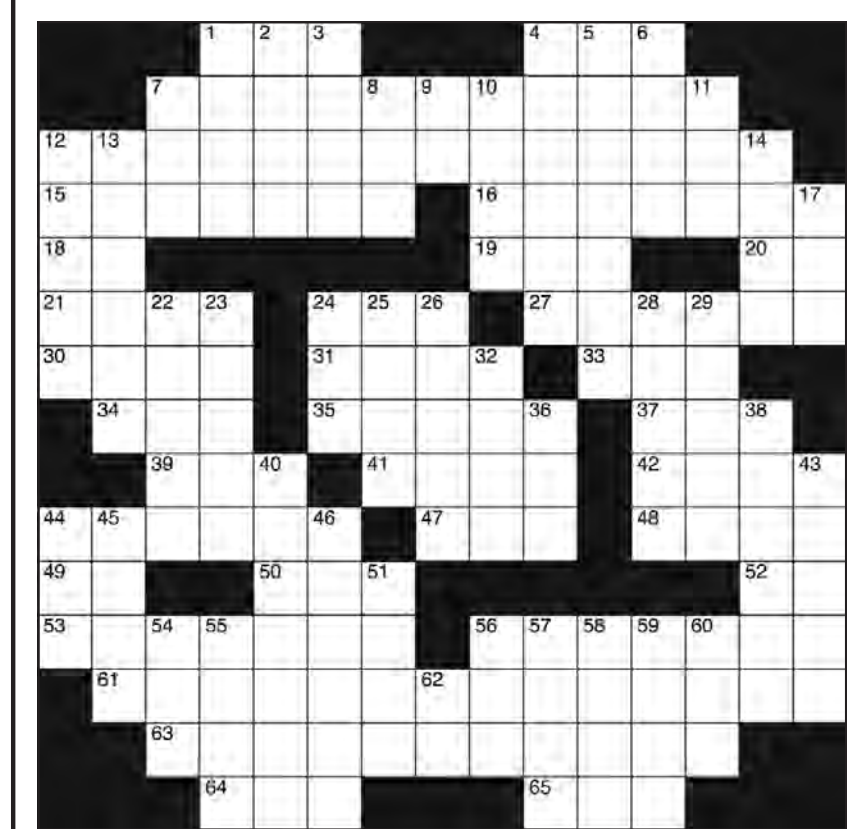


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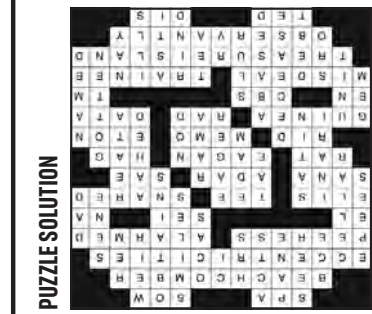
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Relaxing place
4. Plant by scattering
7. A type of explorer
12. Unique traits
15. Lady
16. Dismayed
18. Railway
19. Type of whale
20. Sodium
21. Manning and Lilly are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Entrapped
30. Influential punk artist
31. Hebrew calendar month
33. Car mechanics group
34. Undesirable rodent
35. Minneapolis suburb

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A person with unusual powers of foresight
2. Single sheet of glass
3. Portrays a character
4. Expresses happiness
5. Acquires
6. "The Martian" author
7. Degree
8. 60-minute intervals
9. A detective's pal
10. Group of nations (abbr.)
11. Popular Georgia rockers
12. Basement
14. Samoan monetary unit
17. Male parent
22. Finnish lake
23. A smooth fabric
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
26. Very willing

- 37. Witch
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. British School
44. Country on west coast of Africa
47. Cool!
48. Information
49. _ route
50. Jim Nantz's network
52. Something to register (abbr.)
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. One who's learning on the job
61. Stevenson adventure novel
63. Taking careful notice
64. CNN's founder
65. Speak badly of



THE BENEFITS OF CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Even though crossword puzzles have been entertaining and helping people pass the time for more than 100 years, the benefits of crosswords go beyond boredom-busting. Various studies have shown the positive effects crossword puzzles can have on a person's brain and capacity to learn.
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- Improve socialization
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- May help prevent brain diseases
Crossword puzzles can fill empty hours with an entertaining and educational activity. However, there are many other benefits to doing crossword puzzles that may surprise even the most ardent puzzle enthusiasts.

Iroquois Foodland

IROQUOIS – Archel Imperial the franchise owner of the Iroquois Foodland celebrated her first year at the grocery store.

The anniversary marked much more than the celebration of the ownership of a local business, one that is vital to the Iroquois community; it was also a celebration of the remarkable dedication and work ethic of Archel Imperial.

Imperial is the middle child in a family of eight in the Philippines. Both her parents worked in the rice fields of various farms in the region her family lived. When she was only eight years old she would work along side her parents harvesting rice.

Her work ethic was formed at an early age.

In 2012 she had an opportunity to move to Winchester and it was while she was in Winchester that she happened to make a visit to the Job Zone looking for work. At that time Winchester Foodland was looking for people and she was hired as a clerk at the old Foodland location.

It was not long before management at the grocery store realized how committed she was to her job.

She was made the Deli and Bakery manager at the store. Five years later Winchester's Foodland moved to its new location at the newly built store at the intersection of County Road 31 and Main Street. She remained looking after the deli and bakery section.

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Archel Imperial brings her years of experience and neighbourly attitude to the Iroquois Foodland. Morin Photo

Imperial had her own dream of rising through the ranks of the grocery business and learned as much as she could about all aspects of her now growing job and its attendant responsibilities.

One day, her district operation manager, Scott Foley was visiting the Winchester store.

“He asked me if I was interested in applying to the company’s franchise

program,” she said.

That year 14 Foodland employees from across Ontario applied for a spot in the program and only five were selected.

With support of Pettigrew and Foley, she decided she would apply for a spot on the program.

After eight months of training, a few years of helping out management in other Foodland stores, Imperial was ready to make that next big step. All in all it had taken Imperial five years to be ready for the next step.

The Iroquois Foodland location became available and she was more than ready to assume ownership of the grocery store.

“I had no doubt about this,” she said.

“Owning your own store is similar to running your own department.”

An important part of the Foodland culture is the help owners give each other.

Foodland prides itself on having fresh food for friendly neighbours. Whenever possible Foodland brings in fresh products from farms right here in Ontario.

Imperial’s work ethic, and genuine affection for her customers makes the grocery shopping experience at the Iroquois Foodland a special one.

The Iroquois Foodland is located at 37 Plaza Drive, in Iroquois. Its phone number is 613-652-4814. The store’s email address is archel.imperial@sobeys.com

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, Susan Chambers 222; Ladies’ High Triple, Susan Chambers 550. Team Standings: Hilda 273, Sandra 254, Angela 243, Susan 223.5, Pat 208.5.

Monday Men’s: Men’s High Single, Danny StPierre 271; Men’s High Triple, Marc Robinson 721; Men’s High Average Frank Jerome 228. Team Standings: East-Ont 115, Raiders 108.5, Alley Rats 106, Alley Cats 97, Country Boys 63.5, A-Team 62.

Defenders: Men’s High Single, Cody Symonds 261; Men’s High Triple, Cody Symonds 637; Ladies’ High Single, Diane Lacasse 224; Ladies’ High Triple, Diane Lacasse 569. Team Standings: Gwen 257, Brian 251, Debbie 239, Glendon 232.5, Ossie 218, Kelsey 188.5.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies’ High Single, Corinne Kirkwood 177; Ladies’

High Triple, Janice Paquette. Team Standings: Mary 282, Corinne 276, Janice 266, Dianna 256, Lorna 143.

Finch Mixed: Men’s High Single, Bill Pynenburg 305; Men’s High Triple, Danny StPierre 642; Ladies’ High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 270; Ladies’ High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 692. Team Standings: The Girls 233.5, Diggers 227, T.D.D.J. 219.5, S.M.T.D. 191, B&S 143.

Thursday Seniors: Men’s High Single, John Meulenbroek 158; Men’s High Triple, Tony Derks 450; Ladies’ High Single, Joke Vanwinden 165; Ladies’ High Triple, Joke Vanwinden 386.

Avonmore Mixed: Men’s High Single, Mike Byvelts 241; Men’s High Triple, Frank Jerome 698; Ladies’ High Single, Mary Osborne 178; Ladies’ High Triple, Mary Osborne 480. Team Standings: Frank

284, Mike 249, Dan 222, Rob 221, Anita 207, Jeannette 203.

Les Dynamiques: Men’s High Single, Pierre Briere 232; Men’s High Triple, Pierre Briere 495; Ladies’ High Single, Rejeanne Lefebvre 309; Ladies’ High Triple, Rejeanne Lefebvre 681.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men’s High Single, Garry Hutt 237; Men’s High Triple, Garry Hutt 650; Ladies’ High Single, Ava Bradley 220; Ladies’ High Triple, Ava Bradley 607. Team Standings: John 113, Leslie 107, Garry 105, Steve 101, Danny 89, George 85.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men’s High Single, Matt Ridge 280; Men’s High Triple, Matt Ridge 758; Ladies’ High Single, Kamryn Hartle 201; Ladies’ High Triple, Kamryn Hartle 500. Team Standings: Rednecks 181, The Hardy Boys 174.5, Balljoints 170, Whipper Snappers 169.5,

Bowling B?#!@es 131.

Youth Bowling Canada

YBC Peewees: Girls’ High Single, Vanessa Bissonnette 121; Girls’ High Double, Vanessa Bissonnette 221; Boys’ High Single, Owen Thompson 110; Boys’ High Double, Owen Thompson 204.

YBC Bantams: Girls’ High Single, Danika Bissonnette 138; Girls’ High Double, Danika Bissonnette 219; Boys’ High Single, Kaden Leach 155; Boys’ High Double, Griffin Schwertfeger 254. Team Standings: Flames 189.5, Red Wings 171.5, Leafs 156.5, Sharks 145, Jets 119.5, Oilers 100.

YBC Juniors: Girls’ High Single, Robin Sanders 151; Girls’ High Triple, Robin Sanders 427; Boys’ High Single, Clark Sanders 182; Boys’ High Triple, Clark Sanders 467.



Chesterville Peewee bowlers off to a provincial tournament

On Sat., Feb 25, four teams of two bowlers from Chesterville took part in the regional finals of the High Low Doubles Tournament in Smiths Falls. This tournament paired bowlers based on their averages and the winning team was the two who bowled the most over their averages. Chesterville’s two Peewee category entrants won and made it through to the provincial tournament to be held in Brantford on April 16. The winners are Owen Thompson and Brandon Leach. The picture was taken after the awards were handed out. Owen is on the left and Brandon on the right. In the middle is YBC program director Pat Middleton. Courtesy Photo

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Local retirement home looks for property tax re-classification

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

RUSSELL – A request for a break in their property tax rate from the Centre J. Urgel Forget in Embrun has been turned down by the Russell Township Council.

The decision is based on the fact that the municipality does not have the authority to consider this kind of property tax request.

The request asked the council to change property tax classification for the centre from multi-residential to residential. The residential property tax is lower than the multi-residential tax.

Russell chief administrative officer Dan Faughnan introduced a report about the request.

On Jan. 20, the mayor and council members received a letter from the Centre J.



The Centre J. Urgel Forget in Embrun has been welcoming retirees since 1986. The retirement home offers a variety of services and activities for everyone. Courtesy Photo

Urgel Forget with a request that their property be charged the residential tax rate rather than the multi-residential tax rate.

“This request was discussed briefly during the Jan. 30 council meeting, and council requested that the administration investigate as to whether council even has the authority to provide such a credit. Council voiced certain concerns about the precedent that would be set, if such a request was approved and about the possibility of other owners of multi-residential property making similar requests and the difficulties it could generate in being fair and equitable with all taxpayers.”

After research into the idea of changing a

property tax classification with treasurer of the United Counties of Prescott, and Russell and municipal tax consultants, Russell staff was informed they did not have the authority to make such a change for one organization or property.

“Tax classes are established by MPAC and the township’s tax invoicing must follow these classifications. Also, providing a grant or credit to commercial or industrial businesses would contravene restrictions as set out in section 106 of the *Municipal Act* on municipal bonusing. The only possible option of granting a credit to the Centre Urgel Forget would seemingly be through a Municipal Capital Facility Agreement,

under section 110 of the *Municipal Act*, between the Centre Urgel Forget and the United Counties of Prescott and Russell. Such an agreement also seems unlikely as there are a set number of requirements to meet in respect to the UCPR’s housing policies to be eligible.”

Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux said, “They are like many not for profit corporations that are struggling financially a little bit. They were looking for some kind of tax break, but unfortunately the way the municipal act is written, such options as far as tax relief goes are not available.”

He added that at the county level you can play with tax rates but that is across the board, not for one specific property.

“When they built the newer part of their building five or six years ago, the law had just changed. The older multi-residential residences are paying a certain rate and the newer ones are paying the same as the residential rate,” he said.

“At the counties, the rate for multi-residential is 2.0 per cent and the residential rate is 1.0 per cent, so it is basically double but we have been lowering that every year at the county level. So hopefully in a few years everybody will be the same. They were asking for their particular property but we have to do things across the board not for just one property.”

Russell Township affordable housing task force ready to go to work

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

RUSSELL – A task force dealing with the issue of affordable housing is one step closer to having an idea about how it will operate and what it will be focused on.

The Attainable & Affordable Housing Task Force (AAHTF) approved by Russell council at its Jan. 30 meeting, needed to define its scope and terms of reference.

A report was presented to the Russell council at their Jan. 30 council meeting, that raised the issue of doing something about affordable housing in their township. The council decided that more information was needed about what the task force would do in order to take on the challenge, and at the Feb. 13 council meeting, a second report was tabled describing the scope and

terms of reference of the committee.

While the township waits for community members to volunteer for a seat with the committee, they have already determined the vice chair of the committee will be Coun. Lisa Deacon and the committee chair will be Coun. Marc Lalonde.

The first step the task force will take, is to define what affordable and attainable housing is. The report stated: “Consult and review PPS, Township of Russell and United Counties of Prescott Russell, (UCPR) Official Plans and existing Affordable and Attainable Housing, (AAH) policies and employ an evidence-based approach including available income and housing data, demographic, and other available studies as well as narrative input from stakeholders and residents with lived

experience, to determine the current state of AAH within the Township of Russell and surrounding area. This information gathering may include acquiring an understanding of the current available stock of AAH (eg. rental units, rent geared to income units, supported living, transitional/second-stage housing, cooperative housing, housing for seniors, the developmentally and physically disabled).”

Mayor Leroux explained, that now that the terms of reference have been done, the community is invited to volunteer for the committee.

“There is an affordable housing crisis across the country but what is the real situation in Russell Township. We have to understand that.”

Part of what the committee will be doing, is comparing the affordable

housing numbers needed in Russell Township as compared to the rest of the province.

The next step will be to develop appropriate strategies and recommendations and prepare comparative analysis of other communities within the UCPR.

Understanding and researching what kinds of grants and funding are available supports, grants, programs, and promising practices from the housing sector as they relate to rural communities is a necessary step.

The report explained: “Review and assess current density/intensification levels, treatment of affordable housing and other housing related issues as set out in the UCPR and Township of Russell Official Plans, and prepare and present

recommendations to Russell Township Council, identifying specific areas of need, as well as ambitious and realistic proposals to address any near-term and long-term ameliorations identified within the Township of Russell.”

The committee to be created to do the work of the task force, will be made of two elected officials of the Russell Township Council that will serve as the committee’s chair and vice chair. The AAHTF will include members of the community with lived experiences in AAH, as well as stakeholders within the region and province, experienced in providing advice and support in the area of AAH. The committee will endeavour to meet on a monthly basis and will prepare and submit reports to council on its activities, on an on-going

basis.

Also serving on the committee will be the township’s director of planning, and five members of the community who have real life experience with affordable housing, and “Local and regional stakeholders with expertise in AAH programs and support services will serve as “Champions” on the committee and will be called upon to make presentations and supply relevant data and rural sector reports on a need-be-basis.”

AAHTF Committee reports, once approved, will be shared with the council at its regularly scheduled meetings. The chair will be responsible to respond to any questions or concerns that may be raised by council on the subject of the reports and/or the work of the committee.

Half-load restrictions in place for Russell Township

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

RUSSELL – Half-load restrictions will be put into effect on March 3.

The restrictions are taking place a bit early this year as a result of an earlier spring thawing season. This affects load vehicles that are heavier than 5,000 kg or five tonnes per axle.

Signs are installed on all municipal roads where these weight restrictions apply. Road and weather conditions are routinely reviewed to determine the end date of weight restrictions.

Emergency vehicles are exempt.

Temporary restrictions on heavy weight vehicles help avoid damage to township roads during the spring season. In early spring, frozen roads start to thaw, water soaks into the gravel, and the pavement temporarily loses the strength needed to support heavy-weight load vehicles.

For more information, please contact the Russell Township Infrastructure Department at 613-443-1747 or go to the Russell Township website.



The Rover Crew fundraises for Swiss trip

On Feb. 25, the 2nd Russell Scouting Rover Crew held their annual fundraising bottle drive. The group collected over 3,000 cans and 1,800 bottles. The Rover Crew will be leaving in July to visit the

Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) in Switzerland and surrounding areas! They are very excited for this opportunity to visit KISC during their centennial celebration. The Rovers said the support of Barry’s Home Hardware was crucial to the success of the bottle drive. The team cannot release the last names of the Rovers taking part in the bottle drive, but they are left to right: Roland, William, Seb, Zoe, Travis, Ryan, and Thomas.

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