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**Briefly**

**Trivia night**  
CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville and District Lions Club is getting ready to hold its 2023 Chesterville Lions Spring Trivia event. The evening of trivia will be taking place at the Chesterville Legion on Sat., March 18 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. 100 Questions (10 categories/10 questions) \$10 per player, 8 players max per table. Doors open at 6 p.m., trivia starts at 7 p.m. sharp.

**How to start gardening**  
INGLESIDE – The Ingleside Branch of the SD&G Library is hosting a presentation just in time for spring, all about getting started in gardening on Mon., March 27 at 6 p.m.

If you are starting to wonder if the price of vegetables in your local grocery store are getting out of control, and you would like to do something to help out with eating healthy, this presentation may be for you. Would you like to learn how to grow your own vegetables, spices, and flowers? Come and see Dianne Lunen from Marlin Orchards, who will discuss gardening and everything you need to know to create your own vegetable garden. Registration is required. To register email or call the Ingleside Library at: [inglesidelib@sdglibrary.ca](mailto:inglesidelib@sdglibrary.ca) or call 613-537-2592.

**Community yard sale**  
WILLIAMSBURG – The annual community yard sale in Williamsburg is planned for Sat., May 6 beginning at 8 a.m.



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**Celebrating International Women's Day 2023**

The Women's Day celebration was held at St. Clare's Anglican Church in Winchester on March 8. The event was organized by Maison Naomi House in Winchester. Front row: Stacey Weagant, Renée Moores, Tanner Rodgers, Annette Angus and Wendy Weagant. Back row: Lorrie Munro, Justine White, Jim Blanchette and Julia Nagy. **See story on page 9.**

Thompson Goddard Photo

**Exciting business development planned for South Stormont**

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

SOUTH STORMONT – Plans are moving ahead for Avenue 31's planned Long Sault Logistics Village Development in South Stormont.

Described on the website of Avenue 31 as a "680-acre master planned transmodal logistics village to be anchored with a 50-100-acre rail yard. It's bordered to the north by Highway 401, the busiest goods movement corridor for transport trucks in Canada, and to the south by a CN main cargo line, the busiest cargo rail corridor in North America."

Avenue 31 is a real estate development and investment company based in Ottawa that buys and develops income-

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**North Dundas council defers final decision on fire bylaw amendment**

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Amendments to a North Dundas burn bylaw passed in 2019 related to agricultural burning has triggered concern by members of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, (DFA).

Councillors decided to defer ratifying the 2023 bylaw amendments to the burn bylaw at their March 7 meeting, until members of the DFA have had an opportunity for a second look at any new amendments to the bylaw.

A delegation from the DFA will be coming before the council, at the council's second monthly meeting in April.

Mayor Fraser said he hopes that

discussions about the DFA's concerns can take place between the municipality and the farming community before the delegation makes its presentation, and hopefully any issues can be dealt with before the final approval of the amendments are made. He believes misinterpretations about the bylaw may have contributed to the DFA's concerns.

Martin Derks who farms near Chesterville and Tom MacGregor who farms in Morewood attended the meeting.

Derks as a director of the DFA, wrote a letter to the council outlining some of his, and the DFA's concerns about the bylaw.

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## Having fun at the Chesterville Arena

March break featured many family orientated events including free public skating at the Winchester and Chesterville arena rinks. In Chesterville on Sat., March 11, the Chesterville Arena had an adventurous crowd of skaters young and old taking advantage of the free skate opportunity. Left to right are skaters: Eric and Coen Wilson from Morewood and Debbie Bryski from Cannamore.

Morin Photo



## Fire bylaw amendment

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He wrote: "The DFA feels that since the council has initiated amendments and opened the bylaw for review, it is imperative that at the same time our farming community be allowed to address all concerns as it relates to all aspects of this bylaw. We ask that a review committee be set up with North Dundas council members, as well as members of the agricultural community in North Dundas, the fire department steering committee, and the chief building officer of North Dundas, and representatives of commercial, and industrial businesses."

While the council was interested in sharing with farmers information about the bylaw and its latest suggested amendments, as well as answering any of their questions and concerns, no decision was made to create a formal committee to look at the bylaw in its entirety.

Mayor Fraser agreed that businesses and people affected by any bylaw might like to have a review of it from time to time, due to technological advances or changes in a particular process and having input at the front end of any bylaw change process was important.

Fraser said any discussions would be informal between DFA representatives, one or two council members, and municipal staff, if necessary, when questions could be answered.

The letter highlighted the size and scope of the agricultural organization.

"The Dundas Federation of Agriculture, (DFA) represents 430 farmers throughout Dundas County. As the

largest general farm organization in the county, we represent all our members regardless of commodities grown."

Derks pointed out some of the concerns DFA members had, about the amendments and the bylaw in general.

One was the agricultural burn permits' fee increase as well as the rationale behind fires that are disproportionately agriculture focused.

Another was about the logic, in the change, and addition for written permission of the fire chief's open air burning.

The bylaw noted that fires would have to take place between sunrise and sunset on any given day.

"No person shall ignite any agricultural land clearing fire or brush fire before sunrise. No person shall set or maintain any agricultural land clearing fires or brushes after sunset on the same day as presented in the July 2019 recommendations to council.

The letter pointed out that the timing of fires was not consistent with surrounding municipalities.

A concern was that when a burn has been started, it made more sense to let it completely burn itself out, not extinguish it and then start it up again the next day.

The logic behind the sunrise-sunset aspect of the bylaw is that firefighters may be called out several times a day when people report seeing smoke when it is nothing more than the permitted agricultural burn fire taking place.

The letter stated: It has been noted that there have only been 11 Fire Department calls that are grass or brush related in 2022. Could you clarify those which were actual agriculture in nature?

Another question was about the confusion around

multiple burnings on the same property or properties.

The bylaw requires that an application for a burn permit has to be submitted for each property that is identified by a separate property identification number, (PIN).

"The DFA has been working to support the Emily 911 Civic signs on farm properties and we question the ease of identification of parcels, (of land) to emergency services. For ease of operation, a whole farm approach will allow for one permit with the location identified on call in, and a quick review across the province many municipalities take this approach at much lower permit fees, and even in some cases zero permit fees."

The issue of the \$75 fee is a concern for farmers.

The letter asked if "The DFA would like to understand the rationale behind the \$75 permit increase. We as landowners are currently paying disproportional taxes for services received on agricultural land. If this fee is for cost recovery because of increased work as it relates to bylaw changes, then this cost should not be solely the responsibility of one industry as we pay for fire within our taxes currently at a disproportional rate on services received."

The 2019 bylaw described climate conditions or other hazards that could affect a burn including the kind of soil the burn will take place on.

"The DFA would like further research and clarification on what is considered a climatic condition. What it is defined as, and who decides this. We have a wide range of soil types in Dundas, all soils are organic in nature, further classification is required."

## The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario is asking for input about Ontario's Bill 23

CHESTERVILLE – The Christian Farmers Federation has enlisted the help of Surveys, Evaluations and Management Consulting SPR which surveys and researches policy for the public and private sectors. They have a 35+ year track record in research and advocacy on health and safety, housing, and other areas, often with major impacts on legislation and public policy.

SPR\* is inviting farmers to participate in a confidential 10-minute online survey on Ontario's Bill 23 and the Greenbelt. This confidential survey is part of a wide response to government changes removing protections from development from much of Ontario's Greenbelt lands surrounding our cities. Virtually all of Ontario's municipalities, hundreds of organizations and thousands of citizens oppose these changes.

It is important for all Ontarians to "have their say" on such changes.

Main questions: the survey asks about repeal of Bill 23, to better protect the Greenbelt lands around Ontario cities and about the ongoing ethics review. It also asks whether you think these changes will improve access to affordable housing.

The survey is not sponsored by the government or private sectors but is undertaken by SPR as a not-for-profit public interest project. SPR's survey is supported by a wide range of organizations, including most Ontario unions, the Social Planning Network of Ontario, the YWCA Ontario Network for affordable housing, The National Farmers Union, Ontario Nature, and many others.

You are asked to complete the survey and further distribute the invitation to your co-workers, family, and others such as municipal officials. We hope you will extend our invitation to other groups as well.

To take the survey, just click on the following link, which takes about 10 minutes to complete.

<https://secure11.securewebexchange.com/spr.ca/greenbelt/greenbelt.htm>

Be sure to complete the survey before March 17. The results of this survey will be used by SPR to draft a position paper which will be reviewed with supporters and distributed through supporting organizations, the media and to the Ontario Legislature by the end of March.

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# Applications now being received for Starter Company Plus 2023

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

**CORNWALL** – Applications for the spring 2023 intake into the popular Starter Company Plus program are now open. Applications will be accepted from March 1 to March 31, and can be found online through the Cornwall Business Enterprise website.

Residents of Cornwall, Stormont, Dundas, Glengary, and Akwesasne who are 18 years of age and older are eligible to apply to the Starter Company Plus program. The training program, which is offered in the spring and fall provides participants with access to a full range of

valuable information sessions designed to help applicants grow or purchase an existing small business. This assistance comes in the form of educational webinars, skills development, mentoring from local business leaders and ultimately potential access to capital.

“There are a number of successful small businesses throughout the region that have taken advantage of the training and networking opportunities the Starter Company Plus program offers,” said Shauna Baggs, business consultant with the Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre. “We work closely with

entrepreneurs to create a solid business plan, start-up budget and a two-year financial forecast.”

Throughout the 10-week program, participants will work with CBEC staff to help develop business knowledge and skills to ensure entrepreneurs have the tools they need to create and sustain a successful business. Through a partnership with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade the Centre can financially assist eligible participants with the possibility of a micro-grant up to \$4,500.

The grant is awarded to applicants at the end of the

program through a Dragon’s Den-style presentation to a local expert grant panel. Last year there were 15 grant recipients. A complete list of Starter Company Plus successful grant recipients can be found on the Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre website.

The grant program is highly competitive and starting a business is expensive. To further support all participants, a new partnership with ACCFutures will offer Starter Company businesses who have completed the program, an opportunity to apply to the ACCStarter micro-loan program.

“We want to give entrepreneurs the ability to use debt financing as a tool in their business,” says Greg Pietersma, executive director of ACCFutures. “The ACCStarter micro-loan will empower small businesses by providing additional financing to launch successfully.”

Under the ACCStarter micro-loan program, small-and-medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) will be able to access a low interest loan of up to \$7,500 upon approved credit. This funding will help leverage e-commerce opportunities, purchase equipment, and open cash flow and will be an excellent complement to the existing

Starter Company Plus grant.

The Starter Company program was launched in 2014 to support younger entrepreneurs and then re-launched in 2017 as Starter Company PLUS, opening the program to a much larger demographic. Since inception, the Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre has worked with over 200 participants and has helped to distribute over \$600,000 via in micro-grants to local entrepreneurs across the region.

For more information you can visit the Business Enterprise Centre website at <https://businessenterprisecentre.ca/start/programs/starter-company-Plus/>

## Exciting business development

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producing properties. For several months, Avenue 31 has been working with the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry as well as the Municipality of South Stormont on this project.

“We are very excited that Avenue 31 has decided to bring their development to the Township of South Stormont. As the project unfolds, we can expect to see our economy benefit from new jobs, a significant increase to the tax-base, and a great new community partner,” commented South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis.

A presentation was made to South Stormont council in November 2021 outlining the project which will be located north of Long Sault. In that presentation, company officials provided an outline which communicated information on the three phases of the project. Phase one included the development of a business case and conducting due diligence and site investigations. The second phase would involve consultations with the municipality and an application to “CN for corridor access” and the submission of a site plan for Phase A, with the third phase planned for 2023 to include planning approvals, construction of the rail yard and development of onsite infrastructure.

“Avenue 31 has been fantastic to work with, they have been forthcoming at every step and communicated their visions for the site with South Stormont council, staff, and residents from the onset. This is a great economic investment opportunity not only for the township and County of SD&G but for eastern rural Ontario and we look forward to realizing this exciting,

strategically located development,” commented Karl Doyle, South Stormont director of building and planning.

Doyle mentioned how two weeks ago, a Draft Plan of the subdivision application was received by the United Counties. He continued how “the process would include creating a number of development parcels along with a county road bisecting the property out to Avonmore and Moulinette Road.” The county level provides the approval for the application after provincial agencies and the Township of South Stormont provide their comments to them. There is an open house being planned for April 2023 by the developer, county, and municipal staff. Doyle mentioned this is a multi-year project that should create upwards of one thousand jobs with the initial development beginning soon.

“The Long Sault Logistics Village is located within the Township of South Stormont, in close proximity to Highway 401. It’s a unique project that involves a rail yard being described as an “inland port”, which will alleviate the pressure on existing rail yards that are over capacity and allow for the faster shipment of goods. The 680 acre project will include a wide scale logistics village. The development company, Avenue 31 are currently working with companies interested in building in our area. The project will have a major impact on SDG bringing an estimated 1,500 new jobs. The county and township are working with Avenue 31 on this project and are excited about the positive impact it will bring to the growth of the community,” commented SDG director of economic development Tara Kirkpatrick, in a recent email to *The Record*.

More information is available at [www.ave31.com/our-projects/long-sault-logistics-village](http://www.ave31.com/our-projects/long-sault-logistics-village).



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### What does it mean to buy local?

At farmers' markets, u-pick farms and community stores, it's increasingly common for consumers to favour local products, especially when it comes to fruits, vegetables and other foods. But what does buying local really mean? Here's an overview:

**ARE YOU A LOCAVORE?**  
The term "locavore" refers to someone whose diet consists mostly or entirely of food that's grown or produced locally, usually within about 160 kilometres. This often involves shopping at farmers' markets, learning to preserve seasonal foods and eating at restaurants that use local ingredients.

**THE PRACTICES**  
For starters, there isn't an official definition of the term "buying local." Rather, the phrase encompasses a number of consumer and business practices such as:

- Shopping at independent businesses in your neighbourhood
- Opting for products grown or made in your region, province or country
- Working with local suppliers and commercial partners when operating a business
- Favouring regional companies when awarding service contracts

**THE BENEFITS**  
The positive effects of buying local are undeniable. First off, it allows you to bolster the regional economy, thereby helping to create and maintain jobs in your area. It also helps you lower carbon emissions, since locally made goods don't need to be transported over long distances. Plus, when you buy local, you tend to support independent businesses that commit to safe and responsible working conditions.

If you want to make more of an effort to buy local, look for stickers and logos that indicate a product was grown or made in your region.

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## The system actually works

For those in the community who do not believe that small government works, I have news for you.

The local council meetings in North Dundas like other municipalities in the region are never well attended.

You can watch the meetings on YouTube, but

even then, the audience is sparse, and usually drifts away once the viewer's particular interest is discussed, and over with.

Ironically many people do not pay attention to what their home council is up to, because they actually trust that elected councillors will have their best interests at heart when they make their

decisions.

So, little attention is paid to a council talking about bylaws and the hundreds of other items that allow a municipality to work properly.

However, there are exceptions to every rule.

The North Dundas council passed a burn bylaw in 2019. It is pretty basic, and mirrors many similar burn bylaws across Ontario. There is nothing special about it.

The only problem around this particular burn bylaw is that no one seemed to notice it, as it went through the various stages a bylaw goes through.

Fast forward to 2022 and the municipality wants to tweak its 2019 burn bylaw, adding a few items to it.

This time around the agricultural community became interested because there was a fee increase among other items that will affect them directly included in the

amendments. Once agricultural groups took a second to look at the bylaw, they had a few more questions about it. Unfortunately, the bylaw was slated to come to council and be passed, amendments included before concerns about it could be expressed.

This is the part of the story when all those doubters out there should pay attention.

Members of the Dundas County Federation of Agriculture sent off a letter to the mayor and council asking that final approval of the bylaw be deferred for a bit, so that they could have time to bring their concerns to the council and hopefully have some questions answered.

The council had no problem accommodating the farming group, and welcomed their input.

The council would sit on the amendments until the farming community could put together a delegation to

present the council with its concerns. Until then, a few council members would chat with a few members of the group and hopefully come up with a shared agreement about what the bylaw was all about.

The bylaw itself is more or less straightforward, but the interpretation of it has somehow become muddled.

The point here is that a local government passed a bylaw with very little public outcry or interest. Then when it was time to fiddle with it, there was more interest from the public and the council of the day had no problem listening to what concerned citizens had to say.

What the outcome will be is still to be seen, but judging from the genuinely fair-minded attitudes both sides of the bylaw have demonstrated so far, the results of the bylaw discussion should be fine with everyone.

The system works and clearly the municipal

government, in this case North Dundas remains open minded, and ready and willing to hear reasonable concerns from its community about its decisions.

The community is not shy about asking councillors' questions or being involved in discussions about whatever it is they are concerned about, and that bodes well for a healthy relationship between local government, and the community it serves, even if from time to time a difference of opinion results in a livelier discussion.

This council, like all the others in Ontario is made up of regular folks who understand what their duty is and are as approachable as the next person.

All you have to do is ask them for clarification on something and you will most likely get an answer.

Joseph Morin

## TAGWI Report

By Brooke Donnelly  
Student Reporter

### A week with the Warriors



Since March Break was just around the corner, everyone here at Tagwi Secondary School was eager for the holiday to begin. So, student council organized a "March Madness" week, filled with many exciting activities and spirit days.

From Tuesday to Thursday, student council sold pizza and drinks at lunch. The money raised will go toward many things, including fundraising for the upcoming Global Student Leadership Summit.

Since our week was called "March Madness", it was fitting that student council held a basketball tournament, like its namesake. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we held an eight-team tournament that took place during lunch. Each team could include five players, and it cost five dollars per player to participate. The games were 10 minutes each, and the winner from each day were set to combine and play a team of teachers on Thursday. The teams, captained by Greg Harps and Padraig Mclear, won on Tuesday and Wednesday. At lunch on Thursday, everyone piled into the gym to watch the students take on the teachers, and after a close match, the students ended up with the win, securing themselves a pizza party when we arrive back at school.

For each day of the week, a different spirit day took place. To begin the week, it was "Tacky Tourist Day", where our warriors showed up in their best vacation outfits. Next, it was "Anything but A Backpack Day", which included everything from strollers to a fish tank. On Wednesday, it was "Adam Sandler Day", and on Thursday it was Tagwi Swag Day. Finally, to close off the week, it was Jersey Day, and to go along with that, for the last two periods of the day, students could pay two dollars to watch The Mighty Ducks. Thank you to everyone who participated throughout the week.

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).

## How sweet it is!

For those who are weary of winter, there is nothing quite like the anticipation of the spring sap run in maple trees and the knowledge that not long afterwards there will be maple syrup to enjoy.

There is something special about visiting one of the many local maple syrup producers and being able to take a walk through their forest, see the places where the sap is boiled down into maple syrup and perhaps enjoying a pancake or two smothered in syrup or maybe some maple taffy on a popsicle stick after it has been rolled in fresh snow.

On the front side lawn of the house I grew up in, there was a gigantic maple tree. During the summer months, it offered shade, a place to climb and be able to view down King Street to the right or across to the train station or to the left down the road, I always called it CPR street, but it was in the early Spring that it offered our family something especially sweet.

As the days became warmer and the evenings still cool, Mom would hammer a nail into the tree trunk and attach a pail on it. For a few days I would take a look at the pail in the morning and the evening to see if enough sap had accumulated for Mom to boil down on the stove. It never seemed soon enough, but eventually when I returned home from school, the pail would be missing and the nail removed from

the grand old tree. It was then I knew something sweet and exciting would be happening in the kitchen after dinner.

There was no problem getting the dishes done that evening, because once the chores were done we knew the pot of sap would be boiled down into a sweet treat for all of us to enjoy. Mom would stir and stir until the sap thickened all the while explaining how much sap it took to make the syrup and then having one of us pop outside to collect some unmarked snow from the backyard. Once the snow was inside a bake pan, Mom would spread the contents of the pot over it and then all would enjoy a bit of maple syrup on snow. She only did this on a couple occasions each year and only for a very few years,

probably until we kids stopped being interested, but these memories are etched in my mind. If you are concerned about the health of the tree in question, rest assured it lived for decades after it provided the maple sap but was hurt during a windstorm I believe.

Today, maple syrup producers are able to not only provide us with maple syrup, but also maple butter, maple sugar, maple cotton candy and maple candy. The first weekend in April is Ontario Maple Weekend, a great opportunity to visit a maple syrup producer and discover the wonderful world of maple products. More information can be found at <https://www.omspa.ca/maple-weekend>.

Carolyn Thompson Goddard



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## Youth Entrepreneurship event features Marc Lafleur as guest speaker

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

CORNWALL— You never know when a seemingly insignificant bit of learning or experience could have a profound effect on your future, but for Cornwall area entrepreneur Marc Lafleur, that is partly what happened.

Lafleur was the guest speaker at the first Youth Entrepreneurship in Action event hosted at Aultsville Hall by the Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre in partnership with the Catholic District School Board of

Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO), the Eastern Ontario Training Board (EOTB), and St. Lawrence College.

Following a brief introduction and welcomes from Cornwall Mayor Justin Towndale, St. Lawrence College Business professor Michael Jackson, superintendent Tracy O'Brien, representing the CDSBEO, and Shauna Baggs, from the Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre, Lafleur took the stage and proceeded to outline how he had gone from being "the biggest loser" at Holy Trinity

Catholic Secondary School, to an opportunity to play university football, and then on to an appearance on CBC's Dragon's Den, and the co-founding of a successful, direct to consumer (DTC) business that he eventually sold for \$16.8 million.

As a student, it wasn't that Lafleur wasn't able to do the work, he just wasn't motivated by what he was being taught. This led to frustration and acting out in Grade 9 and 10. He says he wasn't interested in civics and careers, nor did he have any interest in the history of English. "When I was in school, I didn't even know that business was an option," said Lafleur. "I had no idea whatsoever. It wasn't until I got to university, and I heard that Snapchat got offered \$3 billion for their company that I was like, oh, okay, I think it's probably something I want to get into."

When he reached Grade 11, something changed. One morning he woke up, looked at himself in the mirror and decided it was time for a makeover. "When I looked in the mirror, I saw who I felt like I shouldn't be," said Lafleur. "I always felt like, you're all wrong. I'm right. I'm better than you think I am, even though I'm not showing it to you, which is a bit of a dangerous mentality to have. Luckily, when I was looking in the mirror, I decided I wanted to change all this, I'm going to prove everybody wrong."

The change didn't happen overnight, but Lafleur found a purpose (football) and began working out and learning everything he could about the game. He realized if he was to be able to play football after high school, he would need to get into university, so he began to work harder and improve his grades and ended up becoming a student athlete at the University of Waterloo.

Finding a purpose, something to motivate him, made the difference.

Lafleur's managed to

maintain the sense of purpose through university and in founding his company, truLOCAL. The company sold directly to consumers through a website. Customers would make their choices and have them shipped directly to their home. That may not seem like anything special, but the product they were selling was frozen meat products, which presented a unique set of circumstances, such as how to keep the product frozen, how to ensure on-time delivery and at the same time control costs.

That bit of insignificant experience mentioned in the first paragraph? In university Lafleur had a part-time job selling meat door-to-door, which allowed him to gain knowledge that would help him later in his own business. Ironically, Lafleur had made suggestions to the company he worked with selling door-to-door, but they ignored him. That also played a role on his decision to set out on his own.

At the end of the presentation, the floor was opened-up for a Q and A session with the students and Lafleur seemed impressed with the quality of questions he received.

Lafleur says he loves giving these talks and having a chance to clear-up some misconceptions about being an entrepreneur. "I think it's really important to show you that you don't have to have particular skills, you don't have to be super smart," said Lafleur. "You don't have to have the stuff figured out. You don't have to come from a wealthy family to get ahead and absolutely crush it in business."

"If you're going through a hard time right now, and things are tough, you're better suited to go start a company because you're used to being told no, you're used to being in a situation where you can't get what you want. And trust me, if you go into business, that's going to be the number one skill: pushing past all the noise."

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**Pastor Melody**  
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When God created the world, it was perfect. He Himself said, "That's good!" mankind, Adam and Eve, were the pinnacle of His creation, entrusted with the keys to God's Kingdom on earth, to steward His resources, to go forth and multiply. They enjoyed an intimate relationship with The Creator. With the seduction of the devil's lie that God was not good, and that they, Adam and Eve, should be in charge (note: they already were), they gave away the keys and sadly chaos and darkness came roaring in. God had created them with free will; He knew they would rebel – mankind has been doing it ever since – but because of His amazing love, already had a redemption plan in place – His Son.

Jesus, when the time was right, willingly came to offer the way back to an intimate relationship with Father God. These forty days remind us of the preparation time He spent in the desert after His baptism. When He came up out of the Jordan River, God clearly announced, "You are My Son, Whom I love. With You, I am well pleased!" (Luke 3: 22 NIV) Before Jesus did anything to share that same love with God's people, before He did one miracle, The Father assured Him of Who He, Jesus Himself, was – God's Son, loved, and treasured; then He was sent to confront His enemy (and ours). Jesus was so confident in His identity and value as God's beloved Son that He was able to withstand each trial, confident He could keep His eyes and ears tuned to His Father in heaven and carry out redemption's plan.

Jesus left everything, humbling Himself completely, even to death on a cross – for you and for me. When we take this season to indulge in some extra time for contemplation instead of what we normally might pursue, we are responding to a most gracious invitation to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering once again the enormity of the gift – the greatest gift of love ever offered. May you be blessed by His love and mercy today.



### - OBITUARY - Homer Geertsma

Passed away peacefully at the Ottawa General Hospital on Sunday, March 12, 2023, Homer Geertsma of Chesterville, age 76. Loving husband of Teena Geertsma


(nee Fullerton). Dear father of Richard "Dickie" Geertsma (Mary) of Morrisburg, Daniel Geertsma of Mount Brydges, Diane "Daisy" Charron-Bishop (Heath) of Sault Ste. Marie, Daniel Charron of Sault Ste., Marie and David Charron (Veronique) of King Kirkland. Dear brother of Hennie Zandbergen (Henry) of Iroquois, Ruth Stolk (late Herman) of Welland, Trinkie Vander Heide (Hank) of Morrisburg, Jake Geertsma (Wendy) of Dunbar and Bert Geertsma (Loretta) of Dunbar. Homer will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Mitchell Geertsma, Abby Geertsma, Hannah Geertsma, Ty Geertsma, Emerald Charron, Seth Bishop, Eden Bishop, Ethan Charron and Charles Charron. He was predeceased by his parents Andrew and Wilma Geertsma and his brothers Sietze, George and Jack Geertsma. He is also survived by nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville on Friday, March 24 at 1 p.m. A reception will follow. Donations to the Ottawa General Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).



### - OBITUARY - Edna Tupper

Passed away peacefully at the Dundas Manor Nursing Home in Winchester on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, Edna Tupper (nee Pyper) of Winchester, age 74. Loving wife of Steven Tupper. Loving mother of Heather Tupper of Winchester. Edna will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Cynthia, Alexis, & Keirsten. Dear sister of Earl Pyper (Peggy) of Winchester, Harold Pyper (Marlene) of Winchester and June


Labelle (Kevin) of Lanark. Dear sister-in-law of Marie Pyper of Finch, Bill Tupper (Joan) of Williamsburg, Roger Tupper (Jean) of Morrisburg, Anna Poulin of Kanata and Cathy Tupper (late Philip) of Boucks Hill. She was predeceased by her parents Fred and Lila Pyper (nee Smith) and her brothers Delmar and Donald Pyper. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Friends may pay their respects at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Friday, March 24 from 6-8 p.m. A memorial service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, March 25 at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at Cedar Glen Golf Course. Donations to the WDMH Foundation directed to the Dundas Manor Redevelopment fund or Prostate Cancer Research would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).




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# Dundas County Seed, Forage & Agricultural Show resounding success!

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – There was a fantastic turnout at the 2023 Dundas Seed, Forage & Agricultural Show (DSFA) held on Fri., March 10 hosted by the Dundas County Soil and Crop Association (DCSCA) and held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 in Chesterville.

“I am very pleased with the turnout especially since it is in a new location this year and very impressed with the quality of the entries,” commented DCSCA director Adrian Lee, who with Mark Warren and Jessica Menkhurst organized the successful show. He mentioned there were 118 entries in 55 classes and just over 30 vendors at the event, which combined an agricultural trade show with the seed and forage show. Lee mentioned 17 students and two teachers from the Agriculture SHSM program at North Dundas District High School visited the show.

Arden Schneckenburger, Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association director representing Dundas County, explained, the judging for this show was done on Thurs., March 9, with the award presentations being held later in the afternoon of March 10. He continued how the winners from the various county shows will be judged in Greely on Sat., March 11, and the awards will be presented at a later date.

There were plenty of people visiting the various vendor booths throughout the hall portion of the Legion. A luncheon area set up to the right-hand side of the hall, with volunteers from the Timothy Christian School in Williamsburg providing several options for lunch.

In the early afternoon, Cheryl Beasley from Simply Baked Catering, Dennis Taylor from Cannamore, Shaw Knelsen from Iron Forge and Eileen Lazure from Loughlin’s Country Store judged entries in the Baking

Competition, with the apple pie baked by Garry Brugmans taking first place.

Just prior to the awards’ ceremony Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association

president Jeff Waldroff presented the inaugural Award of Excellence to the late Stan Vanden Bosch of Chesterville and presented the award to his wife Betty and their family.

There were 20 awards presented as the 2023 Dundas Seed, Forage & Agricultural Show concluded. These included Dave Pemberton receiving the Premier

Exhibitor Award, Dan Schuler receiving the Premier 1st Time Exhibitor Award, and the Winchester Research Station receiving many awards.



## Great afternoon of snowmobiling at Sweet Heart rally

The Sweet Heart- Family Day Rally on March 11 was a success. The day featured an all-day breakfast with chili and hotdogs in the afternoon at the Mountain Trail Blazers Club House. The event sold 69 cards. Organizers would like to send a big thanks to the Berends family, Jack, Charlie, and Jason, for all their help and donations and Dave Tremblay. Left to right are girl on sled Tanja Falk, Greg Erwin, and Thomas Falk.

Heather Cooke-Erwin Photo



David Pemberton is shown receiving his Premier Exhibitor Award for the 2023 Dundas Seed, Forage and Agricultural Show from Katherine Ward.

Thompson Goddard Photo



The Baking Competition at this year’s Dundas Seed, Forage and Agricultural Show featured an apple pie, baked from local apples, and garnered four entries. After tasting, judging and deliberating the Champion Baker award was given to Garry Brugmans. From the left: Judges Shaw Knelsen, Eileen Lazure, Dennis Taylor and Cheryl Beasley are seen deliberating before making the final decision.

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# Discovering the fun of curling

Joseph Morin  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Winter can be long at the best of times, and finding something the whole family can do on a regular basis, or just as a couple can be a challenge.

The Winchester Curling Club is a great place to start looking for that winter activity you might have overlooked.

The club hosts a Learning to Curl program that begins in the fall and is designed to teach novice curlers everything they need to know to begin a lifelong relationship with curling.

The club also hosted a one-day event on Feb. 26 to coincide with Curling Day in Canada.

The afternoon featured free curling for anyone interested, and that includes an introductory afternoon to this winter indoor sport. Those new to curling or simply wanting to reacquaint themselves, can have an afternoon of curling supervised by a few of the clubs more experienced members.

The Winchester Curling Club held their free drop-in session on Sun., Feb. 26. All visitors had to do was wear a clean pair of shoes. There was no cost involved, just some enthusiasm, and patience as beginners took the first steps in discovering what curling was all about.

Ken and Courtney Mills have been active members of the Winchester club for the past ten years. They are friends with Shawn and Lindsay Mattice who live in Morewood.



Ken and Courtney Mills gave an afternoon of instruction to Shawn and Lindsay Mattice at the Winchester Curling Club's afternoon of free curling on Sun., Feb. 26. In this photo Shawn, on the left watches as Lindsay prepares to send her rock down the rink. On the right Courtney Mills is going to be helping Shawn get the hang of sweeping. At the other end of the rink, acting as the skip and showing Lindsay how to aim her rock is Ken Mills.

Morin Photo

Ken and Courtney have asked Shawn and Lindsay about taking some time to try out curling.

On Sunday they took the plunge and went to the club to take advantage of the free curling lessons.

"We wanted something we could do together," said Lindsay.

"We have wanted to do this for quite some time," she said.

Shawn said the afternoon was a bit overwhelming but fun.

Ken and Courtney worked as instructors for the afternoon of curling, explaining the game and all its different parts from strategy to scoring, the names of all of the positions on a curling team, and what they did, as well as the techniques for aiming, delivering, and sweeping a rock.

Courtney talked about the complexities of the game, including the ability of players to adapt to changing ice conditions.

# Jersey Ontario Conference held in Cornwall

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The 2023 Jersey Ontario convention was a resounding success, with Jersey farmers from across Ontario enjoying the opportunity to visit local Jersey farmers, hold the 2023 annual general meeting and celebrate the achievements of their peers.

Theo Elshof, 2022 Jersey Ontario president and St. Lawrence Valley Parish Club member, explained the annual conference is held where the president lives. He mentioned this year a tour was held on Thurs., March 2 for youth members who visited ZipGrow in Cornwall, as well as a local goat farm and attended the weekend conference. The following day, approximately 150 people participated in the barn tour with just over 100 enjoying lunch at North

Stormont Place in Avonmore, before returning to Cornwall for the evening banquet.

The Jersey Ontario annual general meeting was held on Sat., March 4, followed by a Jersey Management Symposium featuring several speakers providing informative and interesting presentations to those attending. An evening banquet featured several production awards being presented, a silent auction as well as a hybrid live auction with auctioneer James Cooper.

Michael and Monique Bol of Drentex Jerseys in Russell were presented with a painting of Drentex Grandious Coco by members of the St. Lawrence Valley Parish Club, recognizing their 2021 Master Breeder Award. Ria Elshof was presented with a bouquet of

roses and bottle of wine as a thank you for her dedication and support of her husband, 2022 president Theo Elshof who received his Past President's Pin during the evening. In a short address, Theo described his wife as being "tremendously supportive over the years."



Ria and Theo Elshof are pictured following the presentation of wine and roses to Ria and Theo receiving the Past President's Pin.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Shawn said they would most likely join the club after their afternoon experience having a chance to get a close look at the sport.

Patti Shadbolt is a retired Winchester resident who used to curl on a regular basis, but over the years she got away from it. She took advantage of the free afternoon of instruction to get back in touch with her curling skills and to see if it

was something she wanted to get back into.

"I curled in high school, and for part of my adult life," she said.

"I did this to see if I wanted to curl again."

From her perspective she likes the idea of curling and being part of a team but also having an opportunity to volunteer and enjoy the social aspect of the sport.



## Join Our Board of Directors

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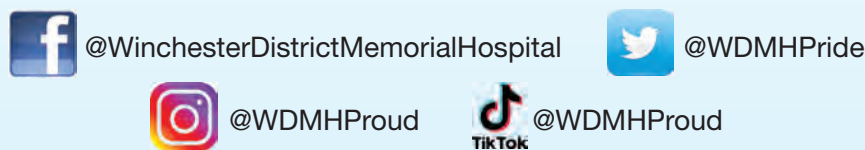
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# Celebrating International Women's Day

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Sixty people attended the International Women's Day (IWD) Luncheon, organized and hosted by Maison Naomi House in Winchester and held at St. Clare's Anglican Church on Wed., March 8.

International Women's Day began in the early 1900s in four European countries, before spreading to other countries with the United Nations declaring 1975 as International Women's Year, celebrating March 8 as International Women's Day.

"March 8 is International Women's Day. It's a global day to recognize and celebrate women's and girls' social, economic, cultural, and political achievements. It's also a time to raise awareness of the progress made towards achieving gender equality and the work remaining to be done," according to information on the website of the Government of Canada,

with the theme for the 2023 IWD being "Every Woman Counts".

Maison Naomi House executive director Renée Moores explained the organization has sponsored the event since 2016, with this being the first year since the pandemic the International Women's Day Luncheon has been held. "We are delighted to be here celebrating International Women's Day and we thank not only the 60 ladies who are here today but all ladies celebrating today," commented Moores.

Speakers for the event were sisters Stacey and Wendy Weagant. In her opening remarks, Stacey mentioned how every person, everywhere has a birth mother, with she and Wendy being "Moms through adoption."

Wendy began by explaining how she had always wanted to be a mother. In her 30's she began the journey that resulted in

the adoption of her son Eddie from Vietnam. She described in detail the process, speaking of the emotional ups and downs encountered as well as the incredible support from family members along the way. She concluded her address by saying: "It took 4.5 years for me to get to the point where I could get on the plane to meet my son and it has been 4.5 years since we became a family. I'm grateful every day for the experience."

Stacey described the process she and her husband went through to adopt their family of three boys a few years ago. After going through the Ontario Adoption Screening process and filling out the forms, they were eventually called by a social worker who mentioned there was a family of three ready to be adopted and within three months the children came to live with Stacey and her husband Andy.

She feels blessed with having the children in her life, mentioning they "surprise us,



Sixty people attended the 2023 International Women's Day Luncheon at St. Clare's Anglican Church on the outskirts of Winchester and hosted by Maison Naomi House.

Thompson Goddard Photo

and make us proud, and share our love."

"I am honoured that Wendy and I were chosen to talk today. Being chosen to talk about a part of our experience as moms in a strong and supportive family and a welcoming community. Of being able to talk about one aspect of our lives as women. Every woman matters," commented Stacey as she concluded her address.

Moores took a moment to thank St. Clare's Anglican for

providing the venue and lunch before expressing her gratitude for the floral table

decorations and roses to Kelly Windle, co-owner of The Planted Arrow.

# South Stormont passes 2023 Budget

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – South Stormont council passed the 2023 municipal general operating and capital budget for corporate purposes, excluding water and wastewater, during the March 8 council meeting. Months of research, consultations, meetings, and deliberations, by municipal staff, administration and councillors led to the adoption of Bylaw No. 2023-021 Adopt the 2023 Budget at this meeting. The budget includes a 5 per cent tax rate increase across all property assessment values, which "based on a \$210,000 assessment value of Median Single Family Residential Property, the overall tax levy to residents for the township tax levy will increase by \$51.19" and "the tax rate increase is 5 per cent across all property assessment values," according to documents available on the municipality's website. It was noted in the bylaw document that the education rates for 2023 have remained unchanged, and the 2023 rates for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry "have been approved at 3.72 per cent and the adopting bylaw will be going to council in March."

"Our operating budget is a financial expression of the township's priority and responsibilities. As we continue to recover from the pandemic, the 2023 budget is a balancing act of managing rising costs due to inflation and more while maintaining our service levels and always ensuring prudent management of township finances," commented director of finance/treasurer Cindy Delgreco during her opening statement at the March 8 council meeting.

During a Feb. 1 budget deliberations special meeting of the South Stormont council, reports from administrative departments were presented, which detailed departmental budgets and proposed projects were discussed.

Delgreco provided an overview of the three-year budget passed in December 2021, which had a tax increase of 3 per cent for 2022, proposed increase for 2023 of 3 per cent and proposed increase of 4 per cent in 2024. She mentioned there were many challenges faced by the municipality during 2022 including supply chain issues and inflation rate. Her report included insight into the budget, which included information on debt, reserves, expenses, revenues, reserves

and assessment as well as grant funding opportunities.

CAO LucasSwitzer explained approximately 2.46 million would come out of reserves to maintain a 3 per cent tax rate in 2023 in response to a question from council. Mayor Bryan McGillis then asked for information on departmental priorities, with councillor Jennifer MacIsaac expressing concern over the reserves being reduced.

On March 1, a special meeting of the township council was held to discuss the 2023 township budget. During her opening address to council, LucasSwitzer expressed concern over financial challenges being currently faced by both the municipality and the public. She mentioned there would be three budget options presented, providing options for increasing the tax rate of 3 per cent, 4 per cent and a 5 per cent, noting that any budget scenario presented will have implications for both reserve funds and debt implications in the long-term.

Delgreco mentioned following the Feb. 1 budget deliberation, council subsequently asked the administration to provide council with 4 per cent and 5 per cent tax rate increase scenarios and provide direction on the change or removal of various capital projects at the March 1 meeting. During the meeting, it was disclosed how projects such as the surface treatment on Cooper Road, the next portion of the East Island Causeway project and Hunter Road culvert projects will be affected. As the meeting concluded, administration was instructed to finalize budget documentation to be approved at the next meeting at the 5 per cent tax increase option.

The 2023 budget was approved at the March 8 South Stormont council meeting, with LucasSwitzer commenting in a subsequent email, how "the fact that once the United Counties budget is approved and the Education Tax is added, the actual impact to the total property tax bill in South Stormont for 2023 is equal to 3.76 per cent."

More information and documentation are available at [www.southstormont.ca](http://www.southstormont.ca).

## Tampon Tuesday returns to SDG

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The United Way/Centraide Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry is holding the Tampon Tuesday campaign for four weeks beginning on March 1.

"Starting March 1, this four-week campaign's goal is to collect menstrual hygiene product donations to help those in need," explained a release on the organization's website. It is being held throughout Akwesasne, Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

This will be the third year United Way/Centraide Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry has held a Tampon Tuesday product drive, with information explaining the 2022 drive resulted in \$3,000 being raised with 1,000 donations of menstrual hygiene products received and 15 organizations in the region receiving donated products.

Between March 1 and 28, donations will be collected at locations throughout Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry as well as in the City of Cornwall. Donations can be dropped off at Morrisburg Chiropractic located at 85 Main Street in Morrisburg, as well as the Centre de Santé Communautaire de l'Estrie at 1 Nation Street in Crysler during March. The second annual Stuff the Bus with menstrual hygiene products will be held on March 28 at the Brookdale Shoppers Drug Mart location, with the bus being provided courtesy of Cornwall Transit.

United Way/Centraide Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry is also accepting products via their Amazon Wish List as well as cash donations that enable the organization to purchase menstrual products, with individuals invited to run a workplace campaign.

More information is available at <https://unitedwaysdg.com/2023-tampon-tuesday-in-sgdca>.

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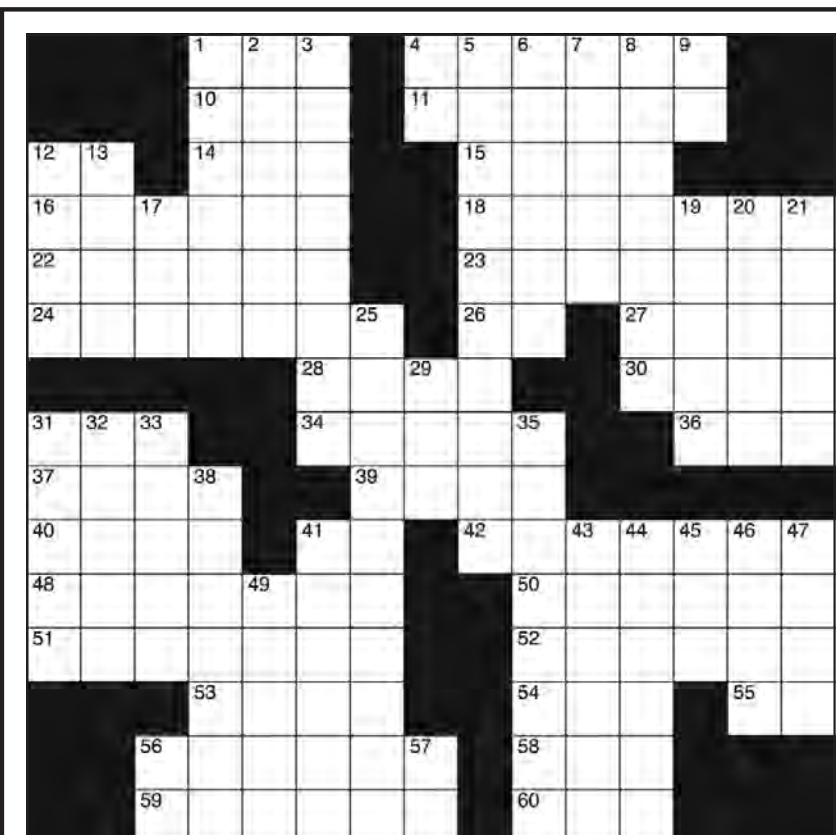
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Belonging to a thing
4. Pass or go by
10. Partner to cheese
11. Subjects
12. U.S. State (abbr.)
14. Bits per inch
15. Forest-dwelling deer
16. Illinois city
18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
22. Wholly unharmed
23. Cuddled
24. Bane
26. Global investment bank (abbr.)
27. Oh my gosh!
28. Arrive
30. Famed Spanish artist
31. Home of "Frontline"
34. Group of quill feathers

- 36. Keyboard key
37. Army training group
39. Detail
40. Pole with flat blade
41. Football play
42. Makes unhappy
48. Island in Hawaii
50. Back in business
51. Of an individual
52. Painful chest condition
53. Tropical American monkey
54. Matchstick game
55. For instance
56. Even again
58. Popular beverage
59. Evaluate
60. Time units (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Stain one's hands
2. Nocturnal hoofed animals
3. Back condition
4. Popular movie alien
5. City of Angels
6. Peaks
7. Infantry weapons
8. Left
9. Atomic #99
12. Told a good yarn
13. Vale
17. Resistance unit
19. Aquatic plant
20. Bluish greens
21. About some Norse poems
25. Reinforces

- 29. Egyptian mythological goddess
31. Supportive material
32. Subatomic particle
33. Expired bread
35. Cereal grain
38. Goes against
41. Walkie \_
43. One who does not accept
44. Beliefs
45. Indicates near
46. Brazilian NBA star
47. Grab quickly
49. Romantic poet
56. College dorm worker
57. Set of data

Puzzle solution grid with letters filled in for the crossword puzzle.

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# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

## Combining fashion and fun

MORRISBURG – There is a sense of welcome inside Juli Fashion store in Morrisburg, with owner Helen Derix making sure everyone feels comfortable. Customers from Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, and local areas come to shop at the store for several reasons, including the quality of clothing and accessories as well as the customer service offered.

Derix came to Canada with her four siblings and parents from Holland in 1964, settling in Montreal before moving with her husband to Long Sault where he ran Bill's Meats and Groceries. She worked for Bell Canada for 25 years in Montreal and 10 years in Cornwall before retiring. After her husband's death, she began working at Juli Fashion in Morrisburg one day a week before purchasing the store from the owner in 2016.

When entering the store, there is soft background music playing, a warm greeting from staff, with seasonal holiday decorations throughout. Derix mentioned how the refreshments available at the front reflect the current holiday, with heart chocolates available around Valentine's Day. She mentioned for Valentine's Day, purchasers were given a complimentary floral arrangement created by A&B Greenhouses in Chesterville and at Christmas there were draws for seven wreaths created by the same company.

"It is an old-fashioned store, with clothing for everyone," commented Derix. She explained people accompanying clients can sit near the front store window and enjoy reading a paper or perhaps a



Helen Derix, owner of Juli Fashion in Morrisburg, is pictured inside the store located in the Morrisburg Plaza.

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coffee or snack while waiting. It is this attention to customer service and people's needs that has customers returning to Juli Fashion time and again.

Some of the brand names carried by Juli Fashion include NYDJ, Bali, Piccadilly, RapZ, Minkas, Red Coral and Gitane. The store also offers a selection of jewelry, hats, and purses for shoppers to choose from. Derix explained sizes range from small to 3X. Twice a year staff travel to the Mac Show in Ottawa to make purchases for the business, explaining spring and

summer fashions are purchased in September and in March the fall and winter fashions are bought.

Over the years she has earned a reputation for great customer service as well as for the many fashion shows organized for organizations throughout the local area. The fashion shows are known to feature models wearing beautiful fashions but are also becoming famous for the humour and joking manner of Derix who often acts as emcee for the fundraising events.

Derix mentioned her youngest model is 13, with the models generally ranging in age from 48 to 89 years of age. With a smile on her face, she mentioned the 89-year-old model had mentioned to her daughter how being a model in a fashion show was on her bucket list and so this mom's dream was coming true at one of the upcoming shows.

She mentioned the store was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but support from staff and clients has helped the business cope with its effects. As the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions began to lessen, she held a fashion show outside the store in the Morrisburg Plaza, with people able to safely enjoy seeing the newest fashions and purchase them as well.

When asked about giving some advice to people starting out in business generally and in the fashion business specifically, Derix said it was very important to be honest with people. This includes being honest about the fit of the clothing choices, leaving them alone until they ask for help and accommodate their needs as much as possible. It is important to develop a trusting relationship with clients, give fashion advice as needed and help clients to feel comfortable and welcoming while shopping.

The interview concluded with Derix saying how it was a joy to wake up in the morning, go to the shop and see customers as they come into the store. She enjoys organizing the fashion shows, meeting new people and enjoys helping people "to find something that will look good on them."

*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, Marin Middleton 242; Ladies' High Triple, Hilda Gillard 629. Team Standings: Hilda 302, Sandra 274, Angela 265, Susan 247.5, Pat 234.5.

**Monday Men's:** Men's High Single, Justin StPierre 353; Men's High Triple, Justin StPierre 842, Men's High Average, Frank Jerome 228. Team Standings: East-Ont 125, Raiders 117.5, Alley Cats 109, Alley Rats 108, Country Boys 71.5, A-Team 69.

**Defenders:** Men's High Single, Glendon Moore 192; Men's High Triple, Glendon Moore 547; Ladies' High Single, Susie Letourneau 194; Ladies' High Triple, Susie Letourneau 542. Team Standings: Gwen 284, Brian 273, Debbie 259, Glendon 259, Ossie 237, Kelsey 200.

**Wednesday Ladies:** Ladies' High Single, Mary Osborne 235; Ladies' High Triple, Mary Osborne 550. Team Standings:

Mary 311, Janice 292, Corinne 290, Lorna 276, Dianna 272.

**Finch Mixed:** Men's High Single, Thomas StPierre 275; Men's High Triple, Thomas StPierre 660; Ladies' High Single, Ashley StPierre 248; Ladies' High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 591. Team Standings: The Girls 248.5, Diggers 247, T.D.D.J. 242.5, S.M.T.D.215, B&S 151.

**Thursday Seniors:** Men's High Single, Bas Vanwinden 169; Men's High Triple, Don Conny 413; Ladies' High Single, Janet Polowich 209; Ladies' High Triple, Janet Polowich 503.

**Avonmore Mixed:** Men's High Single, Mike Byvelds 209; Men's High Triple, Mike Byvelds 596; Ladies' High Single, Mary Osborne 194; Ladies' High Triple, Mary Osborne 509. Team Standings: Frank 310, Mike 275, Luke 240.5, Dan 237, Anita 229, Jeannette 220.5.

**Les Dynamiques:** Men's High Single,

Pierre Briere 179; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 461; Ladies' High Single, Rejeanne Lefebvre 152; Ladies' High Triple, Rejeanne Lefebvre 432.

**Williamsburg Mixed:** Men's High Single, Garry Hutt 275; Men's High Triple, Garry Hutt 664; Ladies' High Single, Erein Drapeau 219; Ladies' High Triple, Erin Drapeau 597. Team Standings: John 124, Garry 121, Steve 114, Leslie 112, Danny 101, George 88.

**Winchester Odd Couples:** Men's High Single, Bird Merkley 248; Men's High Triple, Bird Merkley 605; Ladies' High Single, Pat Middleton 230; Ladies' High Triple, Pat Middleton 560. Team Standings: Rednecks 193, Whipper Snappers 192.5, The Hardy Boys 192.5, Balljoints 192, Bowling BÉ!!'es 148.

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**YBC Peewees:** Girls' High Single,

Vanessa Bissonnette 123; Girls' HighDouble, Vanessa Bissonnette 212; Boys' High Single, Samuel Bissonnette 92; Boys' High Double, Samuel Bissonnette 166.

**YBC Bantams:** Girls' High Single, Danika Bissonnette 114; Girls' High Double, Kendra Hamilton 189; Boys' High Single, Kaden Leach 117; Boys' High Double, Kaden Leach 223. Team Standings: Flames 210.5, Red Wings 181.5, Leafs 164.5, Sharks 163.5, Jets 134.5, Oilers 111.5.

**YBC Juniors:** Girls' High Single, Daisy Marion 167; Girls' High Triple, Mckenna Kelly 428; Boys' High Single, Sam Tessier 313; Boys' High Triple, Sam Tessier 557.

**YBC Seniors:** Boys' High Single, Alex Robinson 178; Boys' High Triple, Alex Robinson 476. Team Standings: Senators 237.5, Sabers 229.5, Bruins 211.5, Ducks 190, Kings 166.5.

## "Farming was Stan's life" – Betty Vanden Bosch

CHESTERVILLE – Betty Vanden Bosch and family accepted, on behalf of the late Stan Vanden Bosch, the inaugural Award of Excellence from the Ottawa Valley Seed Grower's Association, as the awards ceremony at the Dundas County Seed, Forage and Agricultural Show began during the afternoon of March 10.

"We have created this

new award to recognize outstanding achievement in the Eastern Ontario agricultural community and are pleased to be presenting the award this year to recognize the many accomplishments of Mr. Stan Vanden Bosch," commented Deb Knapton, Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association administrator.

Betty and Stan moved



From the left, front row: Brent Vanden Bosch, Marley Holmes, Shaye Vanden Bosch, Betty Vanden Bosch and OVSQA president Jeff Waldroff. Back row: Sawyer Vanden Bosch, Greg Vanden Bosch and Wil McKinley.

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to the Chesterville area in 1965, purchasing a farm on the outskirts of Chesterville. The couple moved into the cash crop and grain elevator businesses, with family members continuing the businesses.

"Like Stan, we are all proud to call Chesterville and Dundas County our home," commented Betty during the presentation, mentioning how Stan was never happier than during spring planting and fall harvesting on the farm.



## Pearson Street Smash Burgers N' Melts takes Best Burger Award

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

EMBRUN – Pearson Street Smash Burgers N' Melts is one of those hidden gems tucked away in Eastern Ontario. Located in Embrun the mobile restaurant has just added another trophy to its growing list of achievements.

Chris and Kris Pearson owners of the award-winning business have added the Best Burger award from FacesMag.ca to their collection of awards. The award was by nomination and voting. "People voted us The Best in Ottawa 2021, 2022 and we just won 2023. We have won Community Votes

Best Burger Award and The Ottawan's Best Burger Award as well," said Chris. "We have won Best Burger in all of our seasons. This was our first Faces magazine win; this is a major accomplishment for a small food truck. Competition was with burger restaurants that are open year round," said

Chris. This latest award came as a welcome surprise. The couple's mobile food operation opened in June 2021. Their recent award is for their burgers; however, they also cook up great melts poutines and fries and a Xango dessert. Chris explained,



Chef Chris Pearson and his wife Kris Pearson celebrate their Best Burger Award. Courtesy Photo

"Everything is fresh and made on site." nominated for the award. Chris explained that he stays as local as he can with his operation. "We have been able to work closely with many local businesses and some fantastic charities. We employ up to 11 local people, and we purchase our beef locally from Gillette Farms. We purchase from the local fruit and veggie stands here in Embrun as much as possible."

Pearson Street Smash Burgers N' Melts has joined with its Embrun community to help in fundraising events. They are located in the heart of Embrun in Yahoo Park. The park is both family and pet friendly and has become a part of their successful experience.

"Our social media group is so interactive, so many people have visited from outside of Embrun from as far as Newfoundland, Montreal, Pembroke, Smiths Falls, Cornwall, Orleans, Vanier. It is only a 25-minute drive from downtown Ottawa, so we have many people come from out of town on their way to the water park." The award is the result of people who have experienced the food at the mobile restaurant nominating the couple online for their burgers. Chris said they didn't know until they got an email from Facesmag.ca. They were invited to the Excellence Gala. And that many people had nominated them for the award. Chris and Kris were thrilled to be in such good company as all of the other people

lived in Embrun 18 plus years with his family. He is happy to be working close to home and cooking in his mobile kitchen. He works with his son and wife Kris. Chef is able to employ his family and work daily with his son and wife. They are currently closed until April and are open until November and are located at 8 Blais St. in the heart of Embrun by the arena.

## The WDMH Foundation asks Russell Township for donation

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RUSSELL – Kristen Casselman, the managing director of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation made a presentation in Russell at the Feb. 27 council meeting, asking council for a donation to the Foundation's Dundas Manor building fund.

Helping out was Bill Smirle the past chair of the Dundas Manor board of directors.

Casselman explained that 5 per cent of the residents at Dundas Manor are from Russell Township. Over the past five years around 40 residents have lived at the manor.

Families in Russell Township would be affected as well by a new Dundas Manor. It would mean they would be able to be closer to their loved ones.

"Dundas Manor is an essential part of your local health care system. It helps keep families together, even though they are living apart due to health concerns; it is a non-profit home that boosts our local economy; it is accredited with exemplary standing in 2013 and in 2018; and it has an average annual resident and family satisfaction rate of 97 per cent; it's the amazing staff that really make Dundas Manor an exceptional long-term care home."

She explained that currently



The Dundas Manor building project is gathering steam with donations coming in from all corners of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, and the surrounding municipalities.

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dining space is limited and privacy is at a premium. "Renovations are not practical or cost effective at this point. There is so little dining space for the 98 people who live there that some residents literally eat their meals in the hallways."

The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry gave Dundas Manor \$4 million for their building fund. North Dundas and South Dundas donated half a million dollars each. The next-door municipality, North Grenville donated \$100,000.

Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux said he appreciated what the Foundation was doing.

He said the council would have to consider any kind of donation to

the building program, along with their own similar building projects.

He said, "The Prescott Russell residence is being built right now, and you know Russell Township's share will be approximately \$15 million of that \$70 million dollar project right, so I am happy to see that the Kin Club of Russell with their Catch the Ace is helping the foundation. I think you know, if everything goes well, we must be close to half a million from this community in the last few years. So that's nice to see the community stepping up and giving you guys a hand."

The council will be considering how they can help, if at all, with the Dundas Manor building project.

## Mother Teresa Catholic School in Russell to receive funding for expansion

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KEMPTVILLE – The growth in Russell Township has sparked research into how to bring more affordable housing to the township.

At the same time, the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario has obtained funding to move forward with the construction of a six-classroom addition at Mother Teresa Catholic School, which is for Kindergarten to Grade 6 in Russell.

A media release from the CDSBEO stated: "The new funding is provided by the Ministry of Education's Capital Priorities Program in the amount of \$3.79 million. The new addition will help to address accommodation for 138 permanent pupil places. The board is currently proceeding with the design phase of the project, with tentative plans to open in September 2024."

The school board also in 2021 agreed through a joint capital submission to renovate space for a 24-child preschool program at Mother Teresa Catholic School.

CDSBEO director of education Laurie Corrigan said, "Russell is indeed a growing community, and the addition of permanent classrooms is essential to meeting the learning needs of the many families in this area. This expansion represents and supports the wellbeing and learning of students in the communities in which they live."

Catholic school board chair Sue Wilson was happy about the funding announcement. She said: "This investment is as appreciated as it is necessary. This addition will be tremendously valuable for the students and families served by Mother Teresa Catholic School.



The CDSBEO's addition to Mother Teresa Catholic School is expected to be completed in time for the 2024 school year.

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We are grateful to the Ministry of Education for this funding, and the benefits this addition will provide to our local community."

The Ontario Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce said, "Our government is investing \$14 billion over ten years to build new schools, improve existing facilities and create childcare spaces to ensure young people can reach their full potential. We believe that students deserve to learn in-person in state-of-the-art, accessible, modern facilities. An expanded Mother Teresa Catholic School is part of our government's investment in construction to get it done for parents, students, and communities."

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 39 elementary and 10 secondary schools across eight counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 13,300 students.

## OPP respond to reports of a child breaking through the ice in Embrun

EMBRUN – On Monday evening, around 9 p.m. on March 13, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were alerted to two young children playing on the ice on the Castor River near Notre Dame and St. Joseph Road in Embrun. Someone thought they saw a person go through the ice. The OPP bolstered by a large emergency response team led an extensive search, but no evidence was found to indicate anyone went through the ice, and no missing children have been reported at this time.

The OPP stated in a Facebook post about the incident: "We know that kids are enjoying March break and that means more time spent playing outdoors. Please talk to your kids about the importance of staying away from waterways, due to rapidly changing weather and ice conditions. No ice is safe ice."