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Briefly

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Buddy Check Coffee Gathering

FINCH – The Finch Legion Heather Branch 357 will be starting a Buddy Check Coffee Gathering. A program where veterans can gather at a designated place and time and enjoy peer support. It will be held every second Wednesday of the month. It all begins April 12, from 10 a.m. until noon at the branch. The Legion will be serving coffee and muffins (donated by the branch). All retired military and police veterans are invited. For more information, please contact our service officer, Comrade Ernie at 613-984-1762 or Comrade Guy at 613-984-1390.

Tagwi's Trivia Night

FINCH – Tagwi Trivia is planned for April 14. The event is a fundraiser for the Tagwi school council. The cost is \$10 per person, eight people per table. The event will be held at the Finch Community Centre in the arena upstairs. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the trivia starts at 7:30 p.m. Contact the school at 613-346-2122 for information about tickets.

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2023 Community Food share board of directors

The board of directors for 2023 was elected at the annual general meeting for Community Food Share which was held on Mon., March 20 in Williamsburg. From the left, front row: Dan Gasser, Dan Pettigrew. Second row: Leslie Johnson. Third row: Ernie Coumont, Jennifer Waldroff, Nathan Lang, Janeen Wagemans and JoAnn Houle. Absent from photo: Ellen Biemond, Julianne Staebler and David Horne.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Assisting our neighbours

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
 Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG – Community Food Share (CFS) held their 2023 Annual General Meeting on Mon., March 20 in Williamsburg, at the J.W. MacIntosh Community Support Services Hall. CFS has served the local area for over 30 years, working collaboratively with people, organizations, and businesses to assist CFS clients experiencing challenges in their lives.

After a land acknowledgement and welcome from CFS chair Dan Gasser, several reports were presented to those in attendance. The first was the report from Gasser, who acknowledged the organization was able to serve people in need despite increased costs in areas such as food and utilities, as well as funding opportunities disappearing.

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Sevita asks for special exception for half-load restrictions

Joseph Morin
 Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN—With the arrival of spring-like conditions in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry it's time to enforce half-load restrictions on the appropriate county and municipal roads in the region. The load limit is set at five metric tonnes per axle and will remain in place until the conditions that damage certain roads have changed.

To the average motorist driving to and from work or just driving around the countryside the half-load restrictions are not an issue. But for businesses that rely on heavy truck loads to do their job, the restrictions can affect their product output.

Sevita International, with offices in Inkerman and Woodstock, Ontario with a large processing plant off Sandy Row Road in South Mountain, has asked the North Dundas council to allow them to ignore half-load restrictions.

Respecting the half-load restrictions, according to Sevita general manager Sandy Hart will ultimately take a large bite out of its traditionally healthy financial outlook.

Hart and the vice president of operation Bob Hart made a presentation to the North Dundas council at their March 21 regular council meeting.

In a letter to the council before the meeting Sandy Hart wrote: "The issue of

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Half-load restrictions

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access to and from our processing facility on Sandy Row during half load season is very serious and poses an existential threat to our business.”

The letter continued, “We are requesting the council make a resolution to allow full loads to be shipped year-round between our facility and County Road 31 along Sandy Row, Pemberton Road and Hogaboam Road. We would further suggest that the speed limit on Hogaboam Road, Pemberton Rd, and Sandy Row be reduced to 50 km/hr.”

Bob Hart explained why Sevita’s request was appropriate considering the positive impact the company has had on the North Dundas and Agricultural community.

Sevita is the largest independent soybean company in Canada. The company was founded in North Dundas in 1997.

Its recent investment to date is a state-of-the-art seed and export facility that was built over the past eighteen months on Sandy Row. The expansion cost Sevita approximately \$7 million. Since 1997, Sevita has invested over \$17 million in infrastructure in North Dundas.

Sevita’s letter stated: “Due to this type of investment, throughout our company’s history, we have paid over one hundred and nine million dollars in premiums over and



Half load restrictions are in place for all of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry. The restrictions allow for just 5 tonnes per axle on a vehicle. This usually applies to large trucks carrying big loads. Courtesy Photo

above the local price for commodity soybeans to our grower partners. In addition to this significant economic impact, we currently provide full-time employment to 37 people earning combined salaries of over two million three hundred thousand dollars annually at our facilities and office

in Inkerman. There is no question that our ongoing investment and business activities in this township have delivered very significant economic opportunity for local farmers and well-paying local jobs with extended health benefits and a robust retirement program.”

Getting their product to market in Japan, Sevita has to navigate 4 km of road before it can get to County Road 31. These 4 km are classified as roads needing a half-load restriction.

“We have been pulling fully loaded twenty-foot shipping containers from our facility to County Road 31 and then on to the port of Montreal, ultimately destined for food manufacturers all around the world. The 4 km between our facility and County Road 31 represents the only area from our facility to Tokyo where there is an issue with the weight of our shipments, due to half load rules or other restrictions,” stated the letter.

Sandy Hart said, “For nearly a quarter century, we have not been made aware of any complaints from residents regarding our business activities or their impact on the condition of the roads between our facility and County Road 31.”

He said if the request was accepted, Sevita would add \$20,000 to the cost of giving the roads they need to use a healthy gravel base. Following that Sevita would help the municipality out with looking after the roads with an annual \$10,000 donation.

The council did not make any final decision at the meeting about granting Sevita’s request, but all councillors and the mayor said they appreciated the way Sevita had approached them, felt there might be a compromise that could be found after more discussion.

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Tues., Apr. 4	Footcare Clinic. Call to book your appointment.
Tues., Apr. 4	Chesterville Diners at Nelson LaPrade – Turkey & Dressing – Guest Speaker from the OPP on “Scams”.
Tues., Apr. 4	2 p.m. Bingo – Come and enjoy some fun playing Bingo – \$5 each
Wed., Apr. 5	11:30 a.m. Decorate your Easter Hat and wear it to lunch. Lunch followed by a presentation by North Dundas Fire Dept.
Thurs., Apr. 6	Winchester Diners Drive Thru – Baked Spaghetti
Thurs., Apr. 6	1:30 p.m. Craft & Chat – Create an Easter Garland – \$5 each
Fri., Apr. 7	CLOSED for Good Friday
Tues., Apr. 11	Footcare Clinic. Call to book your appointment.
Tues., Apr. 11	South Mountain Diners at South Mountain Ag Hall – Turkey & Dressing
Wed., Apr. 12	11:30 a.m. Lunch followed by Guest Speaker from Ault & Ault on “Making a Will”
Thurs., Apr. 13	Winchester Diners Drive Thru – Turkey & Dressing
Thurs., Apr. 13	1 p.m. Bridge Card Party – Join us for a game of cards – \$5 each
Thurs., Apr. 13	2 p.m. Parkinson Group Coffee Hour for those living with Parkinson’s.
Fri., Apr. 14	Health & Wellness Clinics. Call to make an appointment.
Fri., Apr. 14	11:30 a.m. Jersey Day – Wear your favourite sports’ jersey
Mon., Apr. 17	11:30 a.m. Lunch with Loretta Lynn music
Tues., Apr. 18	Chesterville at Nelson LaPrade – Sausage/Hashbrown Casserole-Presentation by North Dundas Fire Dept.
Tues., Apr. 18	2 p.m. Bingo – Come and enjoy some fun playing Bingo – \$5 each
Wed., Apr. 19	Caregiver Café Support group at 1 p.m.
Thurs., Apr. 20	Winchester Diners’ Drive Thru – Sausage/Hashbrown Casserole
Thurs., Apr. 20	1:30 p.m. Indoor Games Day – Enjoy a game of “Cornhole” – \$3 each
Fri., Apr. 21	1:30 a.m. Lunch followed by “Age is Just a Number”
Mon., Apr. 24	11:30 a.m. “Birthday of the Month”– Come for lunch and celebrate the birthdays.
Tues., Apr. 25	Footcare Clinic. Call to book your appointment.
Tues., Apr. 25	South Mountain Diners at South Mountain Ag Hall – Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf– Entertainment by Fay McMillan – \$12 each
Tues., Apr. 25	10:30 a.m. – Craft – Diamond Painting with Melanie and lunch – \$20 each
Wed., Apr. 26	11:30 a.m. – Lunch followed by “Riddle Wars Fun”
Thurs., Apr. 27	Winchester Diners’ Drive Thru – Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf
Fri., Apr. 28	Health & Wellness Clinics. Call to make an appointment.
Fri., Apr. 28	11:30 a.m. – Lunch followed by a virtual presentation on the garden boxes that will be made by the students at North Dundas High School.

NEW – Wellness Walking Group every Monday at 8:30 a.m. starting Apr. 10. **Coffee Time** at 9 a.m. on Monday and Friday. **Tai Chi** at 11 a.m. every Monday. **Chair Yoga** at 10 a.m. every Tuesday. **Mat Yoga** at 9:30 a.m. every Thursday. **Exercise** on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Friday at 9:30 a.m.

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Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CORNWALL – There was a full house at the Best Western Parkway Inn and Conference Centre during the early evening of March 25, when the Dairy Cares 4 SDG event was held, raising \$187,488.12 which would be shared by the Cornwall Community Hospital Foundation, the Glengarry Memorial Hospital Foundation and the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Ryan Wert, spokesman for the organizing committee, explained the idea for the event came from learning about similar fundraising activities in the United States, noting this was an opportunity for the agriculture sector to give back to its community and the response from producers and industry sponsors was fantastic.

The organizing committee was composed of Ryan Wert, Thomas Kuipers, Adam Beaudette, Kathrin Speck, Arnold Reijmers, Julia Bjoink, Donald Johnston, and Ron Odermatt with several subcommittees formed to facilitate the organization of different areas of the event.

After a time of socializing and enjoying light refreshments, an in-person auction was held which concluded with the auction of a raisin pie, baked by Mavis Wert of Avonmore,



From the left: Representatives from Glengarry Memorial Hospital Foundation Robert Alldred-Hughes and Pamela André, from Winchester & District Memorial Hospital Foundation Cindy Ault-Peters and Kristin Casselman, from Cornwall Community Hospital Foundation Amy Gillespie are joined by event organizers Kathrin Speck and Ryan Wert.
Thompson Goddard Photo



From the left: Ryan Wert, Thomas Kuipers, Adam Beaudette, Kathrin Speck, Arnold Reijmers, Julia Bjoink, Donald Johnston. Missing from photo: Ron Odermatt.
Thompson Goddard Photo

raising almost \$600 and a weekend getaway at Mount Tremblant raising \$5,000. After a set from the local musical group, The County Boys, it was announced by Wert that \$187,488.12 had been raised by the event, with \$62,496.04 being donated to each of the three hospital foundations.

“I am not surprised that the farming community put this spectacular event together and demonstrates the generosity and tenacity of our farming community” commented Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MPP Nolan Quinn who attended the event.

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He attributed this to the increased generosity of people and businesses in the communities that contributed to the organization and the dedicated work of CFS staff and volunteers.

Gasser discussed how CFS had focused on some of the goals contained in a CFS strategic plan, which had been developed a few years ago. “The Communications Committee, run by operations, has done a tremendous amount of work over the past year delivering our messages,” commented Gasser. He continued the committee has worked to advise clients and the community on the services provided by CFS. He noted the Policy and Bylaw Committee has reviewed CFS policies and bylaws and refreshing them as needed.

The CFS Building Committee has reviewed capacity options and alternatives over the past year. Gasser noted there is the need to find a new location in Winchester, to both serve clients and provide warehousing for the food banks. He noted the committee has also “started assisting in finding a more permanent, accessible location in the North Stormont area that can eventually grow from being a ‘Satellite Location’ into a ‘Food Bank,’” explained Gasser. He ended his report by thanking volunteers, staff, board members and

expressed a special thank you to CFS team leader Jane Schoones and Amy Saunders, CFS Food Bank coordinator for their strong leadership.

Team leader Jane Schoones then presented her 2022 report, mentioning in the written report how the CFS Vision is that “No person or family in our community goes hungry” and the mission of the organization is “to provide our community with access to healthy food. We do this by promoting the benefits of nutrition, by building partnerships, and by supporting our clients through a variety of life challenges.”

She noted CFS was “allocated approximately 18,500 lbs of food” through the Feed Ontario food programs included beef, egg, milk, chicken, and other food items and was based on CFS hunger count numbers. In December 2022, CFS hosted the Feed

Ontario Roadshow at the location in Morrisburg which was designed to “bring awareness of Community Food Share” and raise awareness of services in the area.

The organizations that CFS works collaboratively with include Food Banks United, Second Harvest and received grants from Food Banks Canada and Lactalis Community Enrichment Fund. Schoones noted in 2022 Empty Bowls was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, as was the Spring Ticket Raffle, but the Fill A Bag campaign in May went ahead as did the 50/50 Raffle at Winchester Bike Night, the November Stuff a Cruiser and the Holiday Train events.

She noted the establishment of a pollinator and butterfly garden at the St. Paul’s Community Garden in Winchester, the Finch Garden Boxes as well as the Iroquois Garden Boxes and

the opportunity to glean in the gardens at Upper Canada Village had occurred over the past year. Schoones mentioned it is expected as spring begins, the Grow A Row programs and community gardens will start again this year.

CFS programs for their clients include the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, Back Packs for the Homeless, Heat for the Holidays and Project Warmth, North Stormont Christmas Baskets, South Dundas Exchange, South Dundas Snowsuit program, North Dundas Christmas Fund and the partnership with local Lions Clubs to distribute to families and people unable to attend a food bank location in person.

CFS is “very thankful for the volunteers” commented Schoones as she completed her report, mentioning there are always opportunities for those who wish to volunteer either on

Carefor joins Annual March for Meals Campaign

Jennie Stephenson
Communications and Fundraising Specialist
Carefor Health & Community Services

CORNWALL – From March 20-24, Carefor participated in March for Meals Week, an annual Ontario Community Support Association event now in its 21st year.

The objective remained the same: to increase awareness and community engagement about meal programs. However, the need has never been greater!

Over the past three years, the COVID-19 pandemic brought to light just how essential the meal delivery program is for seniors in the rural communities of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

Carefor experienced a tremendous surge in demand for meals and was able to respond by doubling its meal production thanks to one-time funding and generous donations. The ability to meet the demand was temporary, and we’ve now resumed our pre-pandemic production.

This shift has allowed all five of the Carefor Support Centres to move to producing and delivering meals three days a week, increasing access to healthy meals for seniors in need. Although meals are being delivered three days a week, inflation has greatly impacted the Meal Delivery program and older adults in the eastern counties.

At a time when both operational and food costs are soaring due to historic inflation, the impact on older adults goes beyond cutting and stretching every dollar. This can lead to a decline in overall health and wellbeing, as well as considerable social and economic hardships.

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Passing the buck accomplishes nothing

As many local residents know, rehabilitation of the South Nation River Bridge on County Road 43 will be conducted throughout the spring and fall of 2023. During the period when the work is being completed (May through October), County Road 43 will be closed, and all traffic will be detoured through the Village of Chesterville. A

route, or routes is still being considered.

Obviously, almost everyone involved wishes this wasn't necessary, but living as we do in Canada with the realities of winter and salt and concrete and steel, it is a necessary evil. If you don't maintain infrastructure, you shorten its lifespan and eventually it will fail, which leads to even longer delays, greater costs, and the risk of injury or bodily harm.

So then, how best to deal with a situation which is ideal for no one? An information session was held at the Nelson Laprade Centre, 9 William St. in

Chesterville on Mon., March 20. Michael Jans, P. Eng., manager of infrastructure for the Counties of SDG was on hand to field questions from members of the public. Aside from North Dundas elected officials, only about a half-dozen or so residents took the time to attend, find out what was going on and offer their thoughts. There was some concern over how this would interrupt the normal summer activities in the area, but most were concerned about the safety of "small humans", who would be on the sidewalks that abut the roadway while the increased number of vehicles, large and small, passed by. Surprisingly, while I was there no one spoke of how the detour, which (hopefully) starts after planting season and wraps up (again hopefully) in October prior to the harvest would affect the agriculture community.

There will, as you would expect, be lots of signage, possibly reduced speed limits, and speed

monitoring devices, and of course the OPP would be kept apprised of the situation and be expected to deal with it. This brought a couple comments along the lines of "Yeah, as if that will help."

Meanwhile, I'm watching and listening as a good scribe should. My job is to report the news, not be a part of it, but I couldn't help thinking that in a difficult situation, if everyone involved chose to be a part of the solution rather than expecting someone else to fix it, it would remain what it truly is, a necessary inconvenience. To that end, I offer this advice:

To the drivers of the vehicles being diverted, keep your cool. Yes, it will slow you down and probably add a few minutes to your journey, but it will be less than the time in the drive-through line at Timmy's when it is busy.

To the organizers of special events, understand that this needs to be done, so get creative and find

ways to minimize the disruption on your event. Sometimes things interrupt the normal flow of life (remember the pandemic?) and just because it was always done this way doesn't mean it will always be done this way. Are you saying you can't improve on what was done in the past? I think you underestimate your abilities to create something special.

To the parents of the "young humans", (can we not call them children?), ask your offspring to stay away from the area where the diverted traffic will be whenever possible. Take the time to go with them and show them why you are concerned and then help them to discover there is more than one way from point A to point B. You both might benefit from the time together.

To the layers of government who are responsible for what needs to be done, work together to find the best way possible to endure the problems the detour could cause. Personally, I'm tired of

hearing it's a municipal problem, or it's a county problem. There is both enough blame and enough credit to go around. Work together and share the credit.

And to everyone, as far as policing goes, do not complain that they aren't doing enough while at the same time complaining about how much policing costs. Do you know, at any given time, how many officers are on the road in SDG? I think you would be surprised if you took the time to find out. If it turns out they need to be there on a regular basis then that needs to be added to the cost of the project, not just taken from somewhere else.

My point is, our communities are us, and we can make them safe because we have a vested interest in doing so. If we stop waiting for help to arrive, we might just realize that it's already here. Our community, our responsibility, with a little help from our friends.

Terry Tinkess

TAGWI Report

By Brooke Donnelly
Student Reporter



A week with the Warriors

This week in Avonmore, our Warriors were welcomed back from March Break to a relatively quiet week. Many of our intermediate students took place in Family of Schools (F.O.S.) basketball this week. As well, our novice boys' basketball and girls' volleyball teams played in their first meet on Thursday. Finally, on Friday, we had Float Friday.

During this last week, students who weren't a part of the UC boys' basketball teams earlier in the year were given the chance to participate in the Family of Schools tournament at Glengarry District High School. The boys played seven games, winning two. Thank you to everyone who participated and help.

On Thursday, our novice boys' basketball team took off to CCVS for their first meet of the season. They played two games, one against CCVS and the other against Glengarry. They lost their first game against CCVS by three points. To close off the day, they had a hard-fought win against Glengarry.

Meanwhile, our novice girls' volleyball team played at L'Heritage. They played three games, one against St. Joseph's, another against North Dundas, and the final against La Citadelle. They split all three of their games 1 to 1.

At lunch on Friday, students who will be attending the Global Student Leadership Summit at the end of April sold ice cream floats to raise money. One could pick from a variety of soda flavours for their float for 2 dollars, or they could get ice cream for 1 dollar.

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).

Letter

We have worth

Somedays you feel like 49 years young. Unfortunately, the next day you feel like 99 years old, and don't want to remember what you did to feel that way. Or maybe you do, so you can do it again in a couple of weeks or so.

It is Sunday morning and I am just sitting around contemplating my upcoming 75th, birthday and I remembered a conversation that we had at the Write It Now group on Tuesday. It wasn't one of our usual meetings, as there were only four of us. We all expressed our opinions on several subjects. The one that caught my attention, and is what I am reflecting on today; what is happening with the care of our seniors in today's society?

It seemed to be the consensus that there was little or no care for the health or wellbeing of anyone of a certain age. Am I at that magic number? Am I just an empty vessel that no longer has a purpose other than to sit around and watch television and consume chips and pop?

I should hope not. I may be old, but I am not dead. Age is a state of mind and if given a chance we will find our way. We still have value to ourselves and to the world in which we live. Someone once said: it is not what you have done but it is what you can still do.

Unfortunately according to the powers that be and our healthcare system that is not how they see us. We are just a cost, no longer of any value. Something to be put aside and forgotten about. Well, I and many others tend to disagree with them and should tell them so.

There are too many people in charge of things that they know absolutely nothing about and wouldn't know value if it bit them in their, you know where. I am not just talking about seniors but that is a story for another time. I live in a

country that I love dearly, but there are people out there that want to change it. Erase our past and our history. Burn the books that tell our stories. Why, just because they may contain a word that may be offensive to someone else's beliefs or religion. What about my rights? The books tell our history so that we don't make the same mistakes over and over again.

I feel not like an empty vessel but a finely crafted wine decanter filled with spirit and knowledge that needs to be passed on to our children and the generations to come. As seniors who have lived many a year, through the hard times of war and the good times of love and family, we need to keep these stories alive. Are the powers that be, trying to rid this country of the knowledge that we have to be lost by not taking care of us like they are tearing down the monuments and destroying the history books? If they only knew their own fate, if they themselves allow this to happen, it will happen again and again to the generations to come.

As a senior we have many assets and can still contribute to society. Some of us still live in our own home and take care of it with just a little help. We can take care of ourselves for the most part and some of us can still drive. We even become volunteer drivers. This country runs on volunteers, and it is sure not the young people that are doing the volunteering. We become advisors to the young. We are a friend to someone that just needs to be heard. But our best asset is that we can put a smile on someone's face when they need it the most. We have memories that should not be forgotten. As a senior I would like to stand up and demand better healthcare and treatment for our seniors. After all we paid for it.

I have value. You have value.

We have worth.

Marie B., Ingleside



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South Dundas CAO takes on new role with Augusta Township

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The Municipality of South Dundas will be losing one of the senior members of their administration with the announcement by chief administrative officer Shannon Geraghty, that he will be moving to the position of CAO with Augusta Township at the end of April.

For Geraghty, it is a move that will allow him to work closer to his wife and two daughters who are based in Brockville. “It was a very difficult decision, but it was a decision that was best for myself and my family,” said Geraghty.

Geraghty joined South Dundas 15 years ago in 2008 as treasurer. He became the interim CAO/treasurer in 2015 before moving to the permanent role of CAO in early 2016.

“Our new council is very positive and supportive of our staff,” said Geraghty. “They all bring a different lens of expertise to the table. I am very optimistic that they will do great things over the next three-and-a-half years.”

Geraghty also praised the many positive relationships



South Dundas CAO Shannon Geraghty is leaving at the end of April to take over the position of CAO with Augusta Township. Courtesy Photo

he has built over his time with South Dundas. “There are a lot of key stakeholders, who I think without them, the community wouldn’t be where it is today,” he said, reflecting on various volunteer-led organizations and their vital contributions to the municipality.

Geraghty, who has 20 years of municipal experience, holds a Diploma in Business Administration from St. Lawrence College, a Diploma in Tax Administration from Seneca College, a master’s certificate in Municipal Leadership from York University, and a master’s degree in public administration from Western University.

While disappointed in losing someone with the level of experience Geraghty has, Mayor Jason Broad wished him well in his new role.

“Shannon has worked hard for us in the first four months of our term,” said Broad. “We are very appreciative of his support and training through the transition. Shannon is a great person, a great human, and a caring individual. Thank you and thank you to your family for your service to South Dundas.”

A walk in the forest

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

NORTH DUNDAS – The weather cooperated, and a very successful Maple Day was held on March 25, with families enjoying a walk on the trails through Oschmann Forest Conservation Area (OFCA), just north of Winchester. Organized by South Nation Conservation (SNC), the forest has 1.2 km of trail through 18 acres of mixed hardwood, explained SNC stewardship and outreach assistant Kelsey Smith.

Smith mentioned over 500 trees were tapped this year, with 8,000 gallons of sap collected the first year the trees were tapped and last year approximately 2,500 gallons were collected explained Smith. John Mesman, SNC managing director, property, conservation lands, and community outreach, explained the sap is collected and sent to On the Bend Sugar Shack for processing into maple products.

Along the trails, there are signs providing information on conservation efforts and information on the forest attached to posts for people to read and learn. On Maple Day, the SNC booth




From the left: Kelsey Smith, John Mesman, North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser, SNC community lands representative Michel Leger and Bill Smirle. Thompson Goddard Photo

was located near the sugar hut operated by the Oschmann family prior to the land being donated to the SNCA. The sounds of conversation, children’s laughter combined with the crackling of logs in a contained fire pit, filled the air as one approached the SNC booth. Mesman mentioned people were able to participate in a forest scavenger hunt and when completed had their names entered in a prize draw.

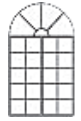
“I am really pleased with the opportunity for people to come and see the forest and the sap operation,” commented SNC board member Bill Smirle. He mentioned the OFCA is open year-round and provides the opportunity to experience the outdoors and enjoy the fresh air.

- OBITUARY -


BOUWERS, JOHN



Peacefully on Saturday, March 25, 2023 John Bouwers at the age of 78. Beloved husband of Anne (deJong) for 53 years. Proud father of Angela (Peter Casey), John (Chantal) and Krista (Pete Bray) and grandfather of Kayla (Josh), Taylor, Mackenzie, Nate and great-grandfather of Judah. Dear brother of Henk (late Gail), Albert (Gertie) and the late Lukas (late Roelie), Cor (late Jannie, late Donna), Rika (late Henk Breimer), Hanna (late Peter Weima, late Elke Bakker), Fred (late Margaret) and Art (Jacoba). Special friend of Henk Huizenga and the late George Bray. Family and friends were invited to pay their respects at the Daley Family Funeral Home, 6971 Bank St. from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29. Funeral Service Thursday, March 30 at Calvary Christian Church, 3782 Russell Rd. at 11 a.m. If desired donations made to the Dementia Society, 500-2327 St. Laurent Blvd. or World Renew 3475 Mainway, Burlington, ON L7M 1A9 would be appreciated. Condolences may be left at www.daleyffh.ca.




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Working together to stop human trafficking

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

SOUTH STORMONT – Human trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, or harboring of people for the purpose of exploitation. This exploitation can take many forms, including forced labour, sexual exploitation, and forced marriage. Victims of human trafficking are often vulnerable populations, including women and children, Indigenous communities, and newcomers to Canada.

Ontario has the highest rate of police-reported human trafficking incidents in Canada. According to the Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics, in 2019, there were 360 police-reported incidents of human trafficking in Ontario, representing a rate of 2.5 incidents per 100,000 population. This is significantly higher than the national rate of 1.4 incidents per 100,000 population.

While there are several charges outlined in the Criminal Code of Canada which are related to what human trafficking involves, in no way is human trafficking something that police, on their own, can eliminate. Everyone has a role to play and only through a collaborative effort can this problem be dealt with. That was the main idea behind the OPP Anti-Human Trafficking Day of Learning which was held at the South Stormont Township Hall on Thurs., March 23.

In greeting attendees,

inspector Marc Hemmerick conveyed the message of collaboration. “The goal of today’s training is to bring community partners together from different organizations and services, in the hope that we can all increase our knowledge and skills so we can better recognize and support victims of human trafficking,” said Hemmerick.

“I would encourage all of you to make your way around, meet some new faces, shake some hands, so we can continue growing our contacts’ list and positive relationships.”

The first speaker was Paola Carmagnani, from the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking in Toronto. She presented a national perspective on the issue. She explained the differences that exist between sex and labour trafficking and that the issue is very complex.

“There is not one form of human trafficking or one way in which human trafficking takes place,” said Carmagnani. “And, you know, it really impacts communities in different ways. There is an appetite and desire to learn about human trafficking in Canada, which is really good. It’s really very positive. People when they first learn about human trafficking, they have the tendency to feel anger and the urgency to do something about it. The first thought always goes to law enforcement and the legal system.”

But unfortunately, it’s not just about arresting the

individual traffickers,” continued Carmagnani. “We must really position this as a complex social issue and look at the root causes of trafficking. Human trafficking is just a symptom of our society, it really involves our relationships with one another, and it is deeply rooted in inequality.”

The next speaker, detective Constable Tracy Tucker of the OPP Human Trafficking unit shared her experience from a provincial law enforcement perspective. She explained that while there are many different types of human trafficking, she and her unit spend most of their time working in one area. “Ninety per cent of what we do is sex trafficking,” said Tucker. “I can tell you that the reason for this is a lovely internet, and social media. The recruiting and luring are, I’m going to say, 98 per cent done through platforms on the internet, Snapchat and Instagram are probably the two biggest ones.”

Tucker provided some insight into why Ontario has a serious issue with sex trafficking. “The reason why Ontario is so large for human trafficking is because of the 400 series corridors,” said Tucker. They (the perpetrators) have circuits where they start from Montreal, go through Kingston, stop at Port Hope, go to Toronto, go down to Niagara, back up to London, to Sarnia then back through North Bay. They’ll make a stop in Orillia, head back over to Ottawa, and then back to Montreal.”

This isn’t speculation: information gathered through investigations have allowed police to connect the dots. “We get digital evidence from phones and GPS and this kind of stuff,” said Tucker. “Again, connecting the dots is getting pieces of the puzzle together, we can see where they stopped. You can go to hotels; I’ll tell you right now they utilize the same hotel because they want their (frequent traveller) points.”

Throughout the remainder of the day, attendees were provided with many different viewpoints, from those of victims of human trafficking who had “gotten out” and who now try to use their experience to help others, to the perspective of the Ontario Native Women’s Association, the Durham, Ontario CAS-AHT care unit initiative, Victim’s Services, the Akwesasne Wellness Unit, and the Human Trafficking Task Force of SDG and Akwesasne.

One way that the average person can help is through the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline. The number (1-833-900-1010) operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is toll-free, is confidential and is available in more than 200 languages. You don’t have to be a victim or survivor of human trafficking, if you know or think someone is being victimized, are a friend or family member or just have information to share, your call is welcome. For more information you can visit their website at canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca



SDG OPP Human Trafficking Inspector Marc Hemmerick

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Paola Carmagnan from Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking

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Detective Constable Tracy Tucker of the OPP Human Trafficking Unit

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Spring Fling in full force

It was a sell-out crowd on Friday evening at the South Stormont Community Hall, as the Ingleside-Long Sault Lost Villages Lions Club hosted the 2023 Gals’ Spring Fling. The evening offered a variety of entertainment, a fashion show, assorted vendors, prizes, a bake sale, light refreshments, and a cash bar. The event was organized by the Lions Club in support of Community Living Stormont County.

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Homelessness in SDG

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – During the March 22 South Stormont council meeting, Cornwall SDG Human Services Department members Lisa Smith and Mellissa Morgan provided members with information on social housing in Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

As the presentation began, Morgan provided information on the devolution of social housing from the provincial level of responsibility to the municipalities in Ontario. The accompanying slideshow provided detailed information on the process which began in 1995. The newly elected Conservative government cancelled “all new non-profit and co-op housing developments” two weeks after taking office.

In 1998 many of the funding responsibilities for social housing were transferred to the municipal level of government, with programs administered by the province and paid for through property taxes. The *Social Housing Reform Act* in 2000 provided for Service Managers to be responsible for social housing administration. Service managers began taking over social housing administration in 2001 and in 2012 the passing of the

Housing Services Act replaced the *Social Housing Reform Act*, providing service managers greater flexibility in meeting local housing needs.

Smith provided information on the housing continuum, which works on the concept that people should begin to move through certain stages when faced with housing needs. She explained it begins with a homeless person seeking housing such as that found in emergency shelters, short-term stays. Further on the continuum there are long-term housing options such as those found in community housing and similar rental opportunities before progressing toward home ownership or private market rental housing.

The focus of municipalities is generally in the area of community housing, with Smith noting there is “provincial investment around emergency supports” received through the Homelessness Prevention Program. This provides for emergency supports such as rent supplements and crisis intervention opportunities. She mentioned there has been success in collaborating with Habitat for Humanity to help provide home ownership as several families formerly living in community housing now live in Habitat for



From the left: Presenters Lisa Smith and Mellissa Morgan are shown immediately following their presentation to South Stormont Council. Courtesy Photo

Humanity homes.

A focus of Housing Services Division is called “Housing First”, which was explained as providing a person in crisis with stable housing and then additional supports needed to resolve issues which may be contributing to homelessness. The creation of a “By-Name List”, which provides a list of people in the communities who need housing, is expected to be fully active by the end of June and will assist in matching housing requirements with people.

Smith explained in an email to *The Record* following the council meeting, the “By-Name List” began in October 2021 when the City of Cornwall “conducted a point in time count” which showed 77 people “identified as being homeless on the day of enumeration” noting 55 people took part in an accompanying survey. “The most common reason for homelessness according

to the survey was found to be not having enough income. That was followed by substance abuse, mental health issues, conflicts with

partners, and unfit or unsafe housing conditions.” Smith mentioned the Canada Mortgage and Housing

Corporation website has additional information on rural homelessness in Canada.

Council heard how they have developed a collaborative approach at the municipal, council and county level with administrative staff working together to come up with strategies that benefit the needs of the people they serve. One of the next steps to be undertaken will be looking at a review of vacant land which has been compiled in the region and determining possible use of it for community housing.

More information on the presentation can be found on the South Stormont municipal website, under the agenda for the March 22 council meeting.



Eat up with a Lion

The Winchester Lions Club held its annual Lions breakfast at their Winchester clubhouse on Sun., March 26. This family stopped by to have a delicious start to their day. Left to right are: Dave, Chris and Domanic Scharf. Morin Photo

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Something About That Man

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Oh what’s the hubbub in the street?
I hear the sound of marching feet.
I hear the shouts of an angry crowd –
They’re coming closer; they’re getting loud.

See the Man with the crown of thorns?
He’s the One that King Herod scorns.
They’re driving him up Golgotha’s slope –
A merciless place without hope.

There’s something about that Man’s face
Reminds me of a time and place
Where He and his friends shared their meal
And went about to teach and heal.

They say He now claims to be God
And his miracles were a fraud.
But I saw the lame He made walk,
The blind to see, mute to talk.

I heard the stories that He taught
And felt the hope that He brought.
I must protest this awful fate
Brought on because of fear and hate.

Yet, I stand silent on the hill,
Urging my conscience to be still
And when they plant that awful tree,
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As I gaze at the darkened sky,
I hear his words, his groaning cry,
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Creating gardens while supporting North Dundas District High School

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Spring has arrived in our area and as the snow melts, thoughts turn to planning vegetable and flower gardens. The Parent School Council at North Dundas District High School have an ongoing fundraiser, to purchase plants and plant accessories from Plantables while supporting the school.

Parent School Council member Melissa Cooper explained this fundraiser is organized through the company's website. "People place their orders online and they ship directly to them. They can pick their week of deliver – anytime from April until September. The company also has Christmas Gift ideas, etc.," said Cooper.

She noted the fundraiser is organized through the company's website, with customers placing orders online through <https://plantables.ca/for/NDDHS>.

Located on County Road 43 at Maple Ridge, NDDHS is a secondary school with students in grades 7-12 attending and has provided educational opportunities to students for close to 60 years. The NDDHS Parent Council acts as "an advisory group for the school, to make the school a better place for our students, staff, and community," explained Cooper.

"The funds raised by parent council goes toward Student Wellness and Experiential Activities," she explained, mentioning this year a pumpkin carving contest and gingerbread house decorating contest have been held

in partnership with the NDDHS Student Council. Other years, the parent council has assisted in transportation costs for special activities and worked with community members and organizations to plan student barbecues. "During the online learning period of the pandemic, we also held a creativity contest, where students did something creative, and their name was put into a draw for a gift certificate from a North Dundas business." Cooper explained how a portion of the "funds raised this year will also go toward a new digital sign for the school as well as replacing some picture collages in the hallways and cafeteria."

More information can be obtained by contacting NDDHS or a member of the NDDHS Parent School Council.

March for Meals Campaign

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Carefor acts as a safety net for older adults who need it most with the delivery of every meal. Nutritious and affordable food is not a luxury, but a right. For this reason, this year's March for Meals campaign focused not only on increasing awareness but also on raising funds to support the everyday costs of the Meal Delivery program, so the program remains accessible to older adults living in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

"What we have noticed since the pandemic is that the clients of our Meals Delivery Program are much frailer and living with more complex needs. Some face financial barriers at a time when food costs are on the rise. Others are without close family nearby. This program which provides a nutritious meal, a friendly visit, and a safety check to vulnerable older adults is crucial to so many people. That's why we say it is so much more than a meal program. I would like to acknowledge our staff who prepare the meals and coordinate the delivery. They do so knowing how important the meals are to our clients' wellbeing. Last but certainly not least, I want to thank our volunteers without whom this program would not be possible," said Dianne Kuipers, manager of community support services - Carefor Eastern Counties.

Funds will support rising food costs associated with the program. March for Meals allowed organizations like Carefor to speak out and shine a light on the importance of Meal Delivery Programs across Ontario. During this week, local public figures joined the effort by speaking out about the program, delivering some meals themselves, and



Carefor clients Myrtle Bryan on the left, and Lois Sage on the right are joined by North Stormont Fire Chief Nancy-Ann Gauthier. Courtesy Photo

supporting community led initiatives.

Local food-based initiative supporters including MP Eric Duncan, North Dundas Mayor Fraser, firefighter Terry Wagner, and North Stormont fire chief Nancy-Ann Gauthier joined the effort to raise awareness by helping to deliver meals to Carefor seniors, and to help educate the public on the need for these programs.

"The volunteers with Meals on Wheels are fantastic and play a vital role in helping rural seniors stay safe and in their own homes longer. They not only provide a hot meal but do a 'check in' to make sure everyone is doing OK. This program is so important, given the social isolation faced by too many of our seniors and would not be possible but for the dedicated volunteers who continue to step up. This is just another example of the generosity and kindness of our community and for that we are all grateful," said MP Eric Duncan.

North Dundas mayor Tony Fraser said, "Today I had the opportunity to witness the efforts of an

unheralded group of people that ensure that seniors as well as those in need receive a hot meal as well as a visit from a caring person. I know

firsthand the relationships that develop are so very important to both recipient and supporter as my late mother benefitted from the program. I encourage anyone interested in being a volunteer to contact the Nor-Dun Community Support Centre. On behalf of all of us in North Dundas, thank you."

North Stormont fire chief Nancy-Ann Gauthier added, "Meal delivery helps people stay in their homes, live more independently and safely. Kitchen safety is important, as it is the #1 cause of house fires in Ontario. Our elders are the most vulnerable and we must keep them safe."

Statistics

Number of meals delivered at peak of COVID-19 pandemic per week: Over 1,000

Number of meals delivered now per week: 510

Number of seniors

receiving meals: Over 270 across SD&G

Goal for expanding the program: Continue to advocate for ongoing funds to grow the program equitably across SDG.


For more information on the Carefor Meal Delivery program offered in North Dundas, please call (613) 774-6109.

For more information on the Carefor Meal Delivery program offered in North Stormont please call (613) 984-2436.

Additionally, for more information about Carefor, visit carefor.ca.

Carefor is a local not-for-profit charity that provides home healthcare and community support services across Eastern Ontario. Whether in the home, in the community, at care facilities or one of its clinics, 1,500 staff are part of the circle of care that is tailored to clients' needs.


For more information, please visit carefor.ca.



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Thurs., Apr. 20 Chicken Souvlaki, Greek Salad, Lemon and Herbed Rice, Tzatziki, Maple Cream Pie – \$9

Thurs., Apr. 27 French Onion Meatloaf, Roasted Red Potatoes, Broccoli & Cheese Sauce, Maple Glazed Apple Blondies – \$9

Easter Dinners – Fri., Apr. 7
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To RSVP for dinners, call the Carefor North-Stor Support Centre at 613-984-2436 or email ssstoqua@carefor.ca

DINE-IN BREAKFAST – 8:30 A.M.


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DINE-IN DINERS – 12 P.M.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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FOOTCARE – Second and Fourth Friday. Call the centre to book an appointment.
WELLNESS – Second and Fourth Tuesday. Call the centre to book an appointment.
To register for programming, call the Carefor North-Stor Support Centre at 613-984-2436 or email ssstoqua@carefor.ca.




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50+COMMUNITY CLUB HOSTING A EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Sat., Apr. 15 at St. Matthews Memorial Square Ingleside Time 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission \$20. Pre-registration required. Partner needed. Limited seating. Deadline is Apr. 7. Meal included ham/potatoes. Cash prizes/door prize/silent auction. To register/info call Betty 613-984-1431 or Jack 613-537-2295. 40

BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH EASTER BUNNY

Sun., Apr. 2 at the Iroquois Legion, Br. 370 from 8 a.m. - Noon. Live bunnies. Adults \$10, youth \$5 (5 - 12 years old), free for 4 years old and under. Colouring contest, crafts, face painting and magic (Dr. Kaboom). Sponsored in partnership by the R.C.R. Ladies Aux., Br. 370 and River Rat Treasures. 38

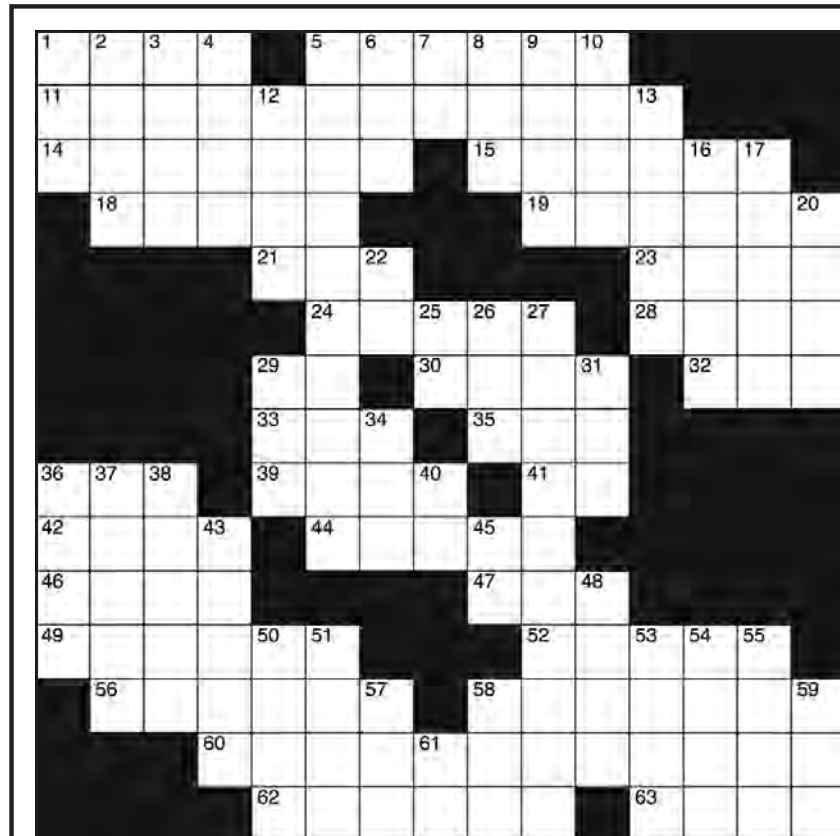
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2023

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Millisecond
5. Narcotic drug
11. Accident
14. Formal submissions
15. Popular 70s rock band
18. Discourage from doing
19. More socially elite
21. Arid
23. A way to look
24. Heroes
28. A surfer rides it
29. Potato state
30. Insect repellent
32. Cool!
33. Have already done

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Woman (French)
2. Province of Pakistan
3. This (Spanish)
4. Transportation device
5. Greater in importance or priority
6. The human foot
7. Within
8. Consumed
9. Respectful Malaysian term
10. Therefore
12. Ceased to exist
13. Type of macaroni
16. English composer
17. Wooded tract
20. Tall, slender-leaved plant
22. 36 inches
25. Take too much (abbr.)
26. Allow
27. Individually

- 35. Collegiate women's fraternity
36. To the _ degree
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood type
42. Looked over
44. Language of Cameroon and Chad
46. Species of armadillo
47. Touch softly
49. Part of your upper body
52. Large, stocky lizards
56. Lack of social or ethical standards
58. Congressman
60. Unofficial force
62. As a result of this utterance
63. A main branch of Islam

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

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.

- Improve vocabulary
- Strengthens memory
- Improve socialization
- Help relieve stress
- 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.

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

Birdie Blocks

They say that when you choose a name for your business it should be easy to remember and something that accurately describes what you do. If that is the case, then Darren and Karen McGuin of Iroquois, the founders of Birdie Blocks nailed it.

Birdie Blocks are premium birdseed formed into blocks and cylinders. The "secret" ingredient, gelatin, is what allows them to hold their shape.

"There is no filler in Birdie Blocks," says Darren. "We use only premium seed, and seed that is specific to the native birds of this area."

Simple to use, and no mess. Traditional loose seed doesn't always end up in the feeder or stay there if it does (or so my experience has been.) With Birdie Blocks you don't have that problem. Their tag line is "Less Mess, Less Waste, Less Time."

"You need to think about caring for the birds the same way you think of taking the dog for a walk," says Darren. "That doesn't mean it has to be work. We try to make it so you get the benefit with less effort. It's not necessary to have to fill the feeder every day."

Birdie blocks are in seeds that are of interest to a particular species of birds. They have nine varieties: BirdieBlock Gold, Bluejay Favourite, Peanuts, Sunflower Hearts, Cardinal Blend, Nyjer and Hearts, Songbird Blend, Natural



Karen and Darren McGuin are the driving force behind Birdie Blocks; a better way to feed the local birds of Eastern Ontario. Their motto is "Less Mess, Less Waste, Less Time." Courtesy Photo

Squirrel Buster, Nut and Worm buffet.

You might be able to guess which species of bird is the most popular based on the amount of Birdie Blocks sold. "That would be the Cardinal," said

Darren. "Everyone loves Cardinals."

Birdie Blocks is also more than just seed. "We don't just sell the blocks," says Karen, "We also have a variety of feeders." The feeders are handcrafted

from cedar and are designed for use with the blocks and cylinders. They keep adding to the selection as well. A woodpecker feeder will soon be available.

Currently Birdie Blocks make a point of being at just about any venue they can find to sell their product and serve all Eastern Ontario. "One thing we should mention is that we do delivery as well," said Darren. "We post on Facebook when we are going to be someplace," added Karen, "Like we will be in Kemptville later this week. People can contact us and schedule a time and we'll make sure we have the product they need."

If you can't wait to see them at a show, you can also contact them anytime to purchase directly.

Birdie Blocks are a genuine team effort, but their work spreads beyond just a better way to feed the native species of Eastern Ontario. "It doesn't need to be a lot of work," says Darren. "We make it easier for people, the birds are happy, and everyone gets to enjoy it. Everyone wins."

For more information on Birdie Blocks you can email them at custombirdieblocks@gmail.com, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/birdieblocks or give them a call at 613-805-5399.

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

Pin Tales

Stormont Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Hilda Gillard 248; Ladies' High Triple, Hilda Gillard 612. Team Standings: Hilda 335, Sandra 293, Angela 184.5, Susan 282.5, Pat 248.

Monday Men's: Men's High Single, Marc Robinson 342; Men's High Triple, Marc Robinson 776. Team Standings: Raiders 14, Alley Cats 13, East-Ont 12, A-Team 9, Alley Rats 8, Country Boys 7.

Defenders: Men's High Single, Andy Chrysler 210; Men's High Triple, Ossie Linton 5561; Ladies' High Single, Diane LaCasse 235; Ladies' High Triple, Diane LaCasse 621. Team Standings: Brian 14, Debbie 13, Ossie 11, Gwen 11, Kelsey 9, Glendon 5.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Lorna Armstrong 176; Ladies' High Triple, Lorna Armstrong 457. Team Standings: Mary 332, Corinne 324, Janice 315, Lorna 298, Dianna 294.

Finch Mixed: Men's High Single, Colin Sanders 250; Men's High Triple, Colin Sanders 643; Ladies' High Single, Andree StPierre 212; Ladies' High Triple, Andree StPierre 549. Team Standings: The Girls 2376, Diggers 2336, T.D.D.J. 2277, B&S 2258, S.M.T.D. 2154.

Thursday Seniors: Men's High Single, Ross Bennett 220; Men's High Triple, Ross Bennett 477; Ladies' High Single, Sue Shay 164; Ladies' High Triple, Janet Polowich 414.

Avonmore Mixed: Men's High Single, Frank Jerome 217; Men's High Triple, Frank Jerome 616; Ladies' High Single, Mink Fusee 301; Ladies' High Triple, Mink Fusee 660. Team Standings: Frank 337, Mike 287, Dan 260, Luke 256.5, Anita 252, Jeannette 245.5.

Les Dynamiques: Men's High Single, Pierre Briere 270; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 716; Ladies' High Single, Christine Bouchard 315; Ladies' High Triple, Christine Bouchard 701.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men's High Single, Lee Schwerdtfeger (spare) 227; Men's High Triple, Danny Holmes 580; Ladies' High Single, Leslie Vanbruinessen 205; Ladies' High Triple, Leslie Vanbruinessen 515. Team Standings: Garry 132.5, John 131.5, Steve 128, Leslie 121, Danny 111, George 96.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men's High Single, Darryl Britton 292; Men's High Triple, Darryl Britton 672; Ladies' High Single, Marin Middleton 233; Ladies' High Triple, Marin Middleton 621. Team Standings: The Hardy Boys 215, Balljoints 214.5, Whipper Snappers 211.5, Rednecks 208, Bowling B?#!@es 161.

Youth Bowling Canada

YBC Peewees: Girls' High Single, Vanessa Bissonnette 148; Girls' High Double, Vanessa Bissonnette 240; Boys' High Single, Samuel Bissonnette 93; Boys' High Double, Damuel Bissonnette 169.

YBC Bantams: Girls' High Single, Danika Bissonnette 144; Girls' High Double, Danika Bissonnette 279; Boys' High Single, Reid Johnston 133; Boys' High Double, Reid Johnston 198. Team Standings: Flames

230.5, Red Wings 202.5, Sharks 178, Leafs 173, Jets 145.5, Oilers 120.5.

YBC Juniors: Girls' High Single, Kamryn Hartle 216; Girls' High Triple, Kamryn Hartle 507; Boys' High Single, Sam Tessier 264; Boys' High Triple, Sam Tessier 580.

YBC Seniors: Boys' High Single, Alex Robinson 205; Boys' High Triple Alex Robinson 513. Team Standings: Senators 261.5, Sabers 248.5, Bruins 235.5, Ducks 206, Kings 173.



Curling for hospice

The annual fundraising Curling Bonspiel hosted by the Morrisburg and District Lions Club raised funds for Dundas County Hospice and Carefor Cornwall Hospice. Twelve teams competed in the Morrisburg and District Lions Club (MDLC) Curling Bonspiel held at the Morrisburg Curling Club (MCC) on Sat., March 25. The event featured curling teams from the MCC as well as from the MDLC, the Maxville and District Lions Club, the Cornwall Lions Club and the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club. The event featured a fifty-fifty draw as well as a silent auction, with thanks being extended to the MCC, those who donated items for the silent auction and to participants. Funds raised by the bonspiel were donated to the Dundas County Hospice and to Carefor Cornwall Hospice.

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Marionville Sugar Shack

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

MARIONVILLE – It’s springtime in Ontario, and the sap is running, (and running well) so how could you not have a party?

That is exactly what was happening Sunday at the Marionville Sugar Shack (the Marionville Community Centre, to be exact. There were far too many people to fit into a regular sugar shack.)

The event was very well attended, and according to organizer Francois Marion, they expected to end up around 240 happy and well-fed attendees.

“We had 200 reservations ahead of time,” said Marion. “Okay, so there’s people dropping in, which is fine. Two forty sounds like a good number.”

The profits from the day’s events will be used



There was lots of good food, face painting for the kids and a bit of traditional music to complete the scene at the Marionville Sugar Shack. It was estimated that by the end of the day, over 240 people would have filled-up with a hearty brunch and a large dose of community spirit.

Tinkess Photo

for various community projects and events in the coming year, but making a huge profit was not the

main idea behind the event. “One has to remember that the admission costs are bare, bare minimum,” said



There were 200 tickets sold for the Marionville Sugar Shack, but walk-ups were expected to push the total beyond 240.

Tinkess Photo

Marion, “And the reason we kept it so low was to provide an opportunity to all families and the young ones to gather and have a good gathering within the community.

We have a lot of people from Marionville, but also lots of people from Russell, Chesterville, Orleans, so a good turnout from all over.”

“This is our first event that we do a brunch menu,” added Marion. “We used to do a dinner at night, but the people suggested that we try the

brunch menu, and I guess it’s a winning formula judging by the number of people here.”

All the food was prepared by a group of volunteers and it’s all homemade. “That’s why you’re seeing a good turnout,” said Marion, “because they know that the food in Marionville is top notch!

According to Marion, the sugar bush and Sugar Shack Marionville goes back to the 1940s, and at that time they had three significant operations. Now in a small

community, there are six small Sugarbush operations scattered around the village. “As you know, we can’t get 200 people in our little sugar bush shack, so that’s why we’ve decided to use the community centre to house the event,” said Marion with a smile that captured the feeling that filled the entire room.

Judging by the number of happy (and full) patrons, and even larger venue could have been used, but that’s a thought for next year.



Historic plaque donated to Village Dining Lounge

Francois Latour donated a large Guinness Book of World Records plaque to Maurice Lemieux at his highly decorated Village Lounge in Embrun. It’s a good fit. Immediate past president of the Vintage Iron & Traditions collectors club, Francois made the Guinness list twice after organizing two record breaking threshing contests, the last one in 2019 operating 243 antique threshers in one place. Meanwhile, Maurice’s establishment is festooned with trophies, awards and photos recognizing his accomplishments with various sports teams and other activities bringing him up to his recent 80th birthday.

Courtesy Photo

Help the Friends of the Russell Library help young readers

Friends of The Library sponsors the summer reading program at the Russell Library. The popular program is for children, teens and adults. The “Friends” donate the funds for the main prize for the most books read over the summer. Each week the children put their name in a draw and a winner is drawn at the end of the summer. Smaller donations are given for the teen poetry and adult reading program. During the year the group sponsors different projects as requested by the library staff. Tickets



are for a basket with a value of \$300 - \$5 each and they can contact: Connie Johnston at (613) 445-3587 or conjon57@gmail.com. The draw will be held on Sat., April 8 at 3 p.m.

Courtesy Photo

Russell fish fry planned for April 21

RUSSELL – St. Andrew’s & St. Paul’s United Church is keeping alive its popular tradition. Its fish fry. The first fish fry was in 2016. The churches have been able to host the event every year with exception of 2020 due to the pandemic.

The caterer is Mike Mundell from Kingston whose fish and chips are very popular at events throughout Eastern Ontario. In addition to freshly fried fish and chips, meals include coleslaw and a homemade dessert. This year, it’s lemon cake.

In 2022, organizers began offering gluten-free meals.

Prior to the pandemic, the Fish Fry was a sit down dinner. In 2021, it was moved to a takeout format because of COVID-19 restrictions. They decided to

continue it in 2022 and again this year because it is so much easier on their volunteers, several of whom are high school students.

Each year, the Fish Fry’s popularity has increased. The first couple of years, they served 200-300 meals. In 2022, they served more than 400 meals and hope to match that number this year.

The money raised from the Fish Fry contributes to the overall operations of the church.

This year’s Fish Fry is on Fri., April 21 from 4:45 to 7 p.m. at St. Andrew’s & St. Paul’s United Church, 38 Mill St., Russell.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available (in advance only) until April 14 by calling 613-445-5335.

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