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Briefly

Spring Car Care
CHESTERVILLE – Have a look at the Record's 2023 Spring Car Care section beginning on page 7.

NDDHS band fundraising concert

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas District High School band will be stopping by St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Winchester on Sat., May 6. The church is located at 517 Main St. West. This is a fundraiser for the band and the music begins at 5 p.m.

Seaway Valley Singers Spring Concert

WILLIAMSBURG – The Seaway Valley Singers will be performing their Spring Concert on May 12 at the Christian Reformed Church at 12436 County Road 19, Williamsburg. Advance tickets are available from SVS members and online at www.seawayvalleysingers.ca. The cost is \$20. Students are \$10 and children under the age of 12 are free. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Thrift store moves to Lions Club Hall

WINCHESTER – The Lions' Thrift store on St. Lawrence Street is headed to a new location. The store will be closed on May 18. The Lions will be reopening their store on May 29 at its new location on 515 Albert St. (Winchester Lions Hall). The Thrift Store asks that people do not make any donations while the store is moving.

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Celebrating the end of the year!

Thirty-six youth enrolled in Youth Bowling Canada (YBC), ran and celebrated the Chesterville Bowling Lanes' end of the season with an awards' presentation and lunch on Sat., April 29. **See page 5 for the full story.**

Thompson Goddard Photo

2023 North Dundas Business Expo kicks off summer

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – This year's 2023 North Dundas Local Business Expo was a success judging by the number of vendors and visitors to the Sam Ault Arena on Sat., April 29.

Visitors were treated to 100 business booths, making the event great for vendors as well as visitors. There were lots of entertaining demonstrations to add to the mix, as demonstrations of yoga, line dancing, and bird food courtesy of Birdies Block kept everyone busy. The afternoon was rounded out with a fashion show courtesy of Main Street Clothing Company hosted by Lynn Spence from Cityline TV.

The business expo was a good example of what the North Dundas municipality, in partnership with North Dundas Chamber of Commerce, can do.

The municipality's economic development and communications officer, Stephan Mann lead the way in making the business expo a success.

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Community rallies around House of Lazarus after food bank fire

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – The House of Lazarus (HOL), food bank in South Mountain was destroyed by fire on Tues., April 25.

The food bank was originally a Bank of Nova Scotia branch, located at 10619 Main St. in South Mountain. HOL took it over in 2020 after the bank moved out of the small village. The bank donated the building to them.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, and no one was injured in the blaze.

Two HOL crew members were working at the front of the building when the fire broke out at the back of the building in the kitchen area. They were able to escape

without injury but were understandably shaken.

Firefighters from all four North Dundas Fire Services in Winchester, Morewood, Chesterville and Mountain responded to the fire, which was called in around 1:30 p.m. Thirty-five to forty firefighters quickly contained the fire and entered the building from the back door. They were able to attack the fire from inside knocking the fire down quickly.

That strategy may have made all the difference when fire and insurance investigators determine if the structure can be saved.

The fire was contained almost immediately. The bystanders saw the fire trucks at the bank and went closer to see what was happening, said the fire was put out very quickly.

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House of Lazarus

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All the food bank items were destroyed in the fire except for meat that was stored in a walk-in freezer.

"After the fire was put out, the only thing that firefighters could save was all the meat that was in the walk-in freezer," said Cathy Ashby executive director of HOL.

The North Dundas community was quick to help once word of the fire got out.

Dan Pettigrew from Winchester Foodland immediately made space to store the meat rescued from the fire as did Community Food Share. Later when Foodland ran out of room, Jonssons' Independent Grocer in Kemptville took over and stored the rest of the meat.

The community responded quickly, and as a result HOL was able to open a temporary food bank at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall, which opened Thursday morning courtesy of the Mountain and District Lions Club.

The Lions Club opened their kitchen facilities to HOL.

Ashby said in a Facebook post,

"Neighbours stopped in to see if we needed anything and area food banks offered their support. Complete Custom Interiors boarded up the building."

Ashby said HOL is in the process of getting access to a building in the area that will hopefully be theirs to use until they can sort out their South Mountain location.

She is hoping to finalize the arrangements for a new location within the month. The plan would be to secure an alternative location for at least a year to allow time to come up with a plan, if possible, for the South Mountain location.

Ashby said the firefighters did an amazing job of putting the fire out.

The Operation Backpack program was able to go ahead on Fri., April 28, and the HOL Ingleside branch will be open on Thursdays as usual.

The Winchester United Church stepped up and put on HOL's Thursday community meal.

She said there are many moving parts to look after.

"We have had some great people in our community step up and say we will do this for you so you can work on getting



This photo shows the damage to the side of the food bank building, including the scorched hydro pole alongside the back section. *Morin Photo*

everything you have to do done, so you can keep going."

Last year HOL fed 800 people through their South Mountain location.

They also offer extra programs that make a difference to many in the community.

Despite the fire, Ashby said her priority is to move forward with the HOL programs already in place.

"The community allowed us to not miss any steps," she said.

Operation Backpack, which serves up food for 237 students in 12 schools in the region, was able to go ahead.

North Dundas residents can help HOL by donating food and funds.

Food Donations may be dropped off at the following locations:

Township of North Dundas Office (Winchester)

Loughlin's Country Store (Hallville)

Scotiabank Branches (Morrisburg, Kemptville & Chesterville)

Garden Villa (Chesterville)

Nationview Public School (South Mountain)

Jonssons' Independent Grocer (Kemptville)

BMR (Winchester)

Go to the House of Lazarus Facebook page and use a QR code there that will allow you to directly financially support their "Food Bank Recovery Fund" or by visiting their website to donate at: <https://hol.community/>

If you wish to organize a fundraiser or food drive, please reach out to: vcane@houseoflazarus.com or lrussell@houseoflazarus.com.

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North Dundas Business Expo

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There were vendors showcasing home improvement, landscaping, internet companies, food, clothing, agricultural machinery, supplies and more.

Mayor Tony Fraser said the event was a success. He said he was very happy with the results.

"I am out here in support of it," he said. But he explained all the credit for the Expo should go to municipal staff who put everything together along with the Chamber of Commerce.

Mann explained there was a great deal of work put into getting the business expo off the ground.

"It starts in January. The registration opened up in February."

Mann's job is to usher in all the businesses and help them place their booths where they want them. He also has to organize and find ideas for the demonstration on the stage.

He has three years under his belt putting the Expo together.

He has to make sure the event is properly advertised.

The idea is to make the event meaningful and useful for the businesses that register.

The popularity of the Expo is reflected in the number of businesses that return year after year.

"About a third of the businesses here are new this year," said Mann.

Staying focused on getting ready for the Expo is easy with the support Mann gets from the chamber and municipal staff.

Mann said there are lots of questions coming his way when he has 100 vendors all worrying about their place in the Expo.

He makes sure visitors have an interesting and informative walk around the arena.



North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser chats with Brendan Seely, the morning show host with Moose FM.
Morin Photo



Lisa Williams on the left, and co-host Lynn Spence from Cityline TV gave visitors to the Expo a great look at fashion from the Main Street Clothing Company.
Morin Photo



The Topline Trailers and Equipment booth at the Expo featured a moment when the Weagant family had a moment to get together with an old friend. Left to right are: Scott Weagant, Sim Berkelaar who built the first expansion of the Weagant business in South Mountain in 1968, Bob Weagant and in front is Sandy Weagant.
Morin Photo



Dawn Erickson and Vince Zandbelt looked after the Bike Night booth at the Expo. The event is put on by the Winchester Downtown Committee, and has become a success story attracting motorcycles from all across Ontario.
Morin Photo

TAGWI Report

By Brooke Donnelly
Student Reporter



A week with the Warriors

Here in Avonmore this week, our Tagwi Warriors were busy. On Tuesday, many of our warriors converged at St. Lawrence College to compete in the Eastern Ontario Skills Competition. Then, on Thursday, our intermediate soccer teams played in a tournament. Our senior boys' soccer team played in a pre-season tournament on Friday. Finally, this week was Tagwi's annual Country Week.

Seven of our Warriors took off to St. Lawrence College in Cornwall on Tuesday to compete in the Eastern Ontario Skills Competition. Grade 12 student, Cole Cummings-Bilmer, competed in the welding craftsmanship category, and Grade 11 student, Matthew Antoine, competed in the construction category. In the carpentry competition, students Aaron Paul, Chris Smeall, Owen Mekker, and Tyler McLean, finished third, and they were only three points behind first place. Finally, Grade 11 student Josh Sauve placed first in the small power equipment competition. He will be representing the UCDSB at the provincial skills competition in Toronto next week.

On Thursday, many of our intermediate students played in a soccer tournament at the Benson Center. Students were split into four teams. The teams were coached by our high school students. Each team did well, and the team coached by Aiden Casselman won all their games, winning the tournament.

This Friday, our senior boys' soccer team took off to Cornwall to compete in a pre-season, indoor tournament. They played Holy Trinity, St. Joseph's, and l'Heritage. They played close games, losing by only a goal in each game.

Throughout the week, students participated in Tagwi's annual Country Week. The week included, Denim Day, Trucker Hat Day, Camo Day, Plaid Day, and Country vs. Country Club Day. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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

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A helping hand is always close by

You never really know what happens, and you need what people think about some help. you until something happens. That is what happened

when the House of Lazarus (HOL) food bank in South Mountain caught fire and was basically destroyed.

Within hours, Winchester Foodland offered their freezers to store the meat that was stored in the unaffected walk-in coolers located at the food bank.

The Mountain and District Lions Club also offered up their kitchen space at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall to store and prepare food.

Community Food Share said they would help. Residents donated as many non-perishable goods as they could, to help make up for any shortfall. The North Dundas Business Expo organizers announced for anyone wishing to donate food, to drop their donation, when they dropped by the Expo at the Sam Ault Arena in Winchester.

The Winchester United

Church stepped up and offered to go ahead with HOL's dinner program.

Even the North Dundas Fire Services made an effort to knock the fire down as quickly as possible so that the building itself could maybe be saved.

The House of Lazarus' executives reached out to the township and got a lead on a building in Mountain, that they could possibly use, until they had sorted out what was going to happen, as the South Mountain food bank location burned.

The staff at the House of Lazarus found out very quickly that their community really did care about them.

It is nice to know that a service you are providing to your community is actually something residents can appreciate, even though they may take it for granted.

Generosity seems to be a commodity we are not short of in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

A quick look at social media and the various, "What's Up" groups representing just about every village in SD&G shows that on a daily basis someone out there is looking for something and someone else has something to help that person.

It's very reassuring to know that despite what the headlines in the bigger urban centers are, at least in rural Ontario, there is still a healthy amount of compassion and empathy flourishing in rural residents.

That kind of community support for the many services that help out the less fortunate in our community is why the rural spirit of helping your neighbour flourishes and remains a sign of a healthy community.

Regardless of what the tax rate is, or for that matter what the weather is doing, rural residents enjoy a special bond with each other.

When the recent ice

storm swept through the North Dundas area, neighbours helped each other out to clear fallen branches and clean up backyards.

There has been no shortage of offers to help out the HOL since its fire.

That alone is a reason to believe that the appreciation for HOL and all the things it does for its community is not misplaced.

Just about all the different business groups in North Dundas have always been ready to be counted on when the need arises. They donate their time, energy, expertise and money to many local causes from prostate cancer and the Winchester District Memorial Hospital to HOL and its many helpful programs, to Community Food Share and to the North Dundas Christmas Fund.

All that caring is something that makes this part of the world a better place to live in.

Joseph Morin

NDDHS Report

By Kate Link-Horvath
Student Council Communications



The past week

This past week, the House of Lazarus suffered a devastating fire at their food bank location. ND will be hosting a food drive to help them re-stock, from May 2 to the 12. Thank you to everyone who is able to donate; we must do our part to support those in our community.

Last week, the student council gave thanks to our administrative assistants: Robin Byrd, Vicky Tait, and Laurie Patterson. The school would not be the same without their incredible skill and attention to detail. And this week, May 1, we recognized our principal Mr. Deighton and vice principal Mr. Blois, for all the time and commitment they put into ND. This Friday is Educational Assistants Day – we thank you for supporting all of us students throughout the year. Thank you!

Last week, some students travelled to SLC, where there were competitors in small, powered equipment, automotive, and welding. There was also a taping and wrapping certification for Health and Wellness Specialist High Skills Major students. And this Thursday is May fourth – Star Wars fans are in for a treat, with the student council hosting a Star Wars' spirit day. Students can dress up or wear galaxy themed clothing to earn grade points.

For the past two weeks, the North Dundas Music Program has been on a roll, with three fundraising initiatives taking place. The first was "Sundae Funday," where on the 20th and 21st of April, students ranging from 7th-12th grade could purchase a scoop of ice cream with several toppings. A huge hit, the lineups both days wound through the hall. This fundraiser gave band members a chance to raise money for their upcoming trips, while supplying the student body with an ice-cold treat. Then, this past Sun., April 30, the Chesterville Legion graciously hosted the music program's first-ever Soup and Sandwich event. Anyone was welcome to the dinner for a small fee and was able to try several home-made soups, with an assortment of sides and sandwiches. The dinner had live music too, with pianist Kate Link-Horvath and guitarist Hannah Biemond performing throughout the evening. And to both show off the accumulated skills from the year, while also bringing in more funds for the program, there will be a live performance at the Presbyterian Church in Winchester, this Sat., May 6. The senior and junior bands, along with the ND choir, will be performing, with a donation at the door as a fee to get in. At the performance, there will be baskets and goods to bid on. It will be a great evening full of music, starting at 5 p.m.

Exciting days and events are always on the horizon for ND students; follow @nndhs20222023 on Instagram to stay up to date, so as to not miss a thing!

More than a snapshot

As photography continues to grow in popularity, more and more people are experimenting with different types of lenses and focal lengths to try and capture the image they desire. Many people overlook the importance of using the correct type of lens and focal length for the type of photograph they are trying to create, and then become frustrated with the results. In this article, I'll explain why using the correct lens and focal length is important, but it shouldn't prevent you from making use of what you have as well.

A lens essentially is a metal (or composite) tube containing pieces of glass. It attaches to your camera body and allows you to capture images. The focal length of a lens refers to the distance between the lens and the camera's sensor. This distance affects the angle of view and the magnification of the subject.

Using the correct lens and focal length can greatly affect the outcome of your photograph. Different lenses and focal lengths can produce drastically different results and choosing the wrong one can result in a disappointing image.

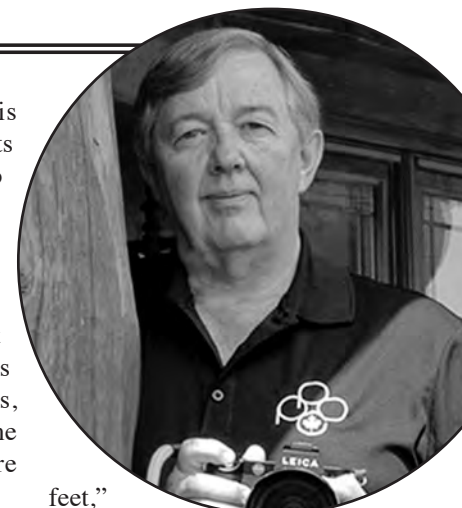
A wide-angle lens, for example, is great for capturing a large scene, but it can distort the subject if used too close (not the best choice for portraits.) On

the other hand, a telephoto lens is perfect for isolating a subject from its surroundings, but it can also compress the distance between objects in the frame, which might not be what you are trying to accomplish.

As a photographer, it's important to understand how different lenses and focal lengths affect your images, so that you can choose the right one for the type of photograph you are trying to create.

It's important to understand the limitations of each lens, so you can use them to your advantage to achieve the desired result. Every lens has unique characteristics, things like a minimum focusing distance, which dictates how close you can get to your subject and still be able to focus properly. Want to get even closer and photograph something really small? Then a macro (or micro) lens may be what you need. If you want to capture a landscape or streetscape without having to move far away to make it fit in the frame, then an ultra-wide lens works best (something like a 14-24 mm.)

That's not to say that it is impossible to capture these very different types of images unless you have a special lens for each purpose. You may have to "zoom with your



feet," and it may not be as perfect as you had hoped, but when it is memories you are collecting, the mind can fill in and polish some of the details. You can, after all hammer nails with a wrench, but it isn't very efficient.

What you need to remember is that cameras and lenses are tools and there will always be good, better, and best. Few people start out with the nothing but the best, and if you waited until you could do that, you probably wouldn't create very many photos.

Far better to use what you have, learn everything it can do for you, and discover how you can improvise. When the time comes when you can upgrade or add new gear, you'll either be better equipped to take advantage of what it does, or you'll discover you don't really need it at all.



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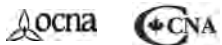
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YBC Bowling Awards and luncheon

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – It was a full house at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 in Chesterville, when parents and Youth Bowl Canada bowlers gathered for the annual bowling awards' presentation and luncheon on Sat., April 29.

Since September 2022, 36 local youth participated in the YBC program at the Chesterville Bowling Lanes. A number went on to participate in regional and provincial tournaments and it would seem by the smiles

at the event, all had a wonderful experience in the program. Following the awards' presentation, bowlers and guests enjoyed a pizza or hot dog lunch, complete with refreshments and ice cream for dessert.

During lunch, Chesterville Bowling Lanes' owner Ron Robinson thanked the kitchen staff and his family members, bowlers, guests, and volunteers for their support of the program and The Record for the coverage.

Ron Robinson, owner of Chesterville Bowling Lanes suggests calling him at 613-



Junior senior team winners. From the left: Sam Tessier, Kaylee Danes, McKenna Kelly and Zach Robinson.

Thompson Goddard Photo

448-3535, if interested in coming season, which will begin in September 2023.



Great way to start the day!

Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) Lodge 349 in Williamsburg held one of their delicious breakfasts during the morning of April 15. There was a steady stream of people entering the hall, ready to socialize while enjoying a breakfast of pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, and home fries as well as coffee or juice. For more information on this and other community activities can be found on their Facebook page. Around the table: Linda Whittaker, Doris Riddell, Terry Riddle and Dennis Whittaker are joined by Bruce MacIntosh while they enjoy their breakfast.

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REFLECTIONS ON COMFORT & PEACE

Reverend Stephanie
St. Clares Anglican Parish

One of the most common reactions to fear is to hide. We see it very often in scary movies – the character hides in an obvious place, and we holler at the screen telling them to move!

The day after Jesus was buried, the disciples were hiding in an upper room behind a locked door.

Why were they hiding? Didn't they believe that Jesus was the Son of God, that He would resurrect and return to them?

Thomas is the only disciple that is remembered as the one who doubted. However, I would point out that Thomas did not stay a doubter – he believed, and then moved to worshipping and to serving (Thomas started the church in India, and died for his service). Thomas was not the only one who doubted though.

When Jesus appeared to them in that locked upper room – what were His first words?

Peace be with you.

Jesus' first order of business was to bring peace and comfort to His followers. It's almost like He knew that they would be afraid.

Jesus knows of our frailties and our fearful nature. How many times have you found yourself afraid of walking in obedience to God's word? Maybe something even a bit easier – telling your best friend or spouse about the comfort and love that Jesus brings you?

Jesus knows – He knows that we walk in fear much of our lives. He knows, and He provides not reproach but comfort and peace.

How do we find and experience that peace? Because it is so easy to say that Jesus brings us peace, it is a bit harder to actually "feel" that peace. The easiest way to live in the Peace of Christ is to read and meditate on His word.

This can also be hard – it means slowing down our day and re-prioritizing our schedules to make the time – note the use of "make" not "find" – we all have the same amount of time in a day; we must carve out time to read and study His peace. Through this practice, we will find the peace of God start to permeate our lives.

I pray peace and blessing to all who read these words.
Stephanie.mcwatt@stclaresanglican.ca



- OBITUARY - Eileen Effie Pearl Shay Helmer

August 11, 1928 – April 26, 2023

The angels came to bring Eileen Helmer (nee Shay) home. A former resident of Finch, Eileen passed away with family by her side at Heritage Heights Retirement Home in Cornwall on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. She was the beloved wife for 40 years of the late Earl Helmer who predeceased her in 1988. Proud and loving mother of Freddie Helmer (Elizabeth) of Ingleside, Gloria Carbino (Winston) of Newington and Marilyn Pilon (Ed) of Long Sault. Eileen will be fondly remembered by 9 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents Arthur and Rhoda Shay and her sisters Dorothea Hanes, Doreen Duff and Eva Weegar. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. A private family graveside service will be held at Sandtown Cemetery. Donations to Chalmers United Church 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.

Thank You



I would like to thank everyone who made donations, and for flowers, cards and food that was brought to the house on behalf of Maralene's passing. She will be missed by all. It was very thoughtful and greatly appreciated.

Roy Meldrum

- OBITUARY -



Jim Merkley

Suddenly at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, Jim Merkley of Morewood, age 83. Loving husband of Barbara Merkley (nee Porteous). Dear stepfather of Allan Merkley of Morewood, Robert Merkley (Sue) of Morewood and Jeffery Merkley of Morewood. Dear brother of Richard Merkley (Brigitte) of Ottawa, Frank (Louise) of Orleans, Doug (Bev) of Winchester and David (Carol) of Courtney, B.C. Brother-in-law of Bettyanne Merkley of Morewood. Jim will be fondly remembered by his granddaughter Thalia (Liam) and his great-grandson Patrick. He was predeceased by his parents William and Alice Merkley, his sisters Maxine Link (Gerald) and Dolores Moffat (Mac) and his brothers Wallace, Gordon and Howard Merkley. He is also survived by nieces and nephews. A public graveside service was held at the Morewood United Church Cemetery on Friday, April 28 at 11 a.m. A reception followed at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville. Donations to Winchester Hospital or Chalmers United Church in Finch 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.

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- Slow down as soon as you spot a piece of farm equipment. In fact, if you see something ahead that is neither car nor truck, slow down – at least until you have identified the object.
- Watch for hand signals. Just because a tractor veers right does not mean the operator is pulling over for you to pass. The sheer size of farm equipment often dictates the necessity of wide turns – hence the veer right. If a tractor operator is signalling you to wait, trust him. He has a much higher vantage point than you.
- Be aware of the triangular Slow-Moving-Vehicle (SMV) sign. Only use SMV signs on slow-moving vehicles, not to mark driveways or for other non-vehicular uses. Not only are these actions illegal in many areas, they devalue the purpose of SMV signs, putting producers at risk when moving equipment.
- Watch for flashing amber lights. This type of light often marks the far right and left of farm equipment. Also watch for reflective tape marking extremities and sides of equipment.
- Do not speed past farm machinery. Even when you may pass safely and legally, the turbulence created by your vehicle may cause the machinery to sway and become unstable.
- Do not pull out in front of a slow-moving vehicle and then slow suddenly. A tractor pulling a grain cart does not have the maneuverability of a car. Make sure you have ample space to pass. As with any passing operation, check the rear-view mirror before returning to your travel lane.
- Do not expect equipment to run partly on the road shoulders. Driving with one set of wheels on the pavement and one set on loose-surfaced shoulders substantially increases the risk of overturn or other accident.
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CLEAN THE WINTER GRIME AWAY

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

When I was younger, I often thought it was a “good” weekend if I had time to both clean the car and cut the grass. Now that I’m a bit older (and not necessarily wiser) I have more time to accomplish these tasks, yet somehow cleaning the car still doesn’t happen as often as it should.

With winter now behind us, car owners like me may be eager to clean off the dirt and grime that accumulates on their cars during the harsh winter months. However, it’s important to use the proper techniques and products to ensure that your car is

properly cleaned without causing any damage.

If you don’t clean your vehicle as often as you should (like me), then you may not have useable cleaning products lying around, which means a trip to your favourite Canadian Tire, Home Hardware or other automotive retailer will be in order.

As you stand in front of the long, tall shelves of cleaning products, you may wonder how you will ever decide which is best for you. I look at it in terms of reputation and price/value. By reputation I am generally thinking about longevity. It’s a very competitive market, and if you are

seeing brand names that your parents or grandparents used, then they are probably doing something right. That’s a safe choice. Some of the newer products may reach that level of acceptance eventually, but for the present time, it’s probably best to stick with the familiar.

Price is a subjective category; you decide what you want to spend and then choose within that self-imposed limit. Value on the other hand, involves a bit more thought. One cleaner that can be used on the entire car may be cheaper in the long run, especially if it allows you to wash and wax the vehicle in one process, but will it do as good a job as a dedicated detergent for washing, followed by a dedicated waxing? It may come down to how much time you have available for the task.

Often, you will find car wash kits that include a bucket, sponge chamois and assorted one use cleaning products. This is a good and inexpensive way to find out if you like what the products contained can do. If the soap is pH-neutral, so much the better.

The first step in cleaning your car after driving in winter weather is to give it a thorough rinse.

This rinsing step is important because by removing most of the grit it helps to prevent scratching the paint when washing your car.

You can use a pressure washer or hose to remove any loose dirt, salt, or debris from

the surface of your car. A word of caution with the pressure washer: it is better to point it at an angle at your car and don’t concentrate the spray in one spot for too long. With some units you could remove more than the dirt.

Once you’ve rinsed your car, it’s time to move on to the actual washing process.

It is a good idea to use a soft sponge or mitt to prevent scratches or swirl marks on your car’s paint. It will also help you prevent small cuts if your hands encounter a sharp edge or fastener.

Winter weather can be especially harsh on your car’s wheels and undercarriage, so it’s important to pay extra attention to these areas. Use a specialized wheel cleaner, like the one from Armor All, to remove brake dust and other contaminants from your wheels. For the undercarriage, use a pressure washer or hose to remove any salt or debris that may have accumulated.

After washing your car, be sure to dry it thoroughly to prevent water spots and streaks. Use a microfiber towel or chamois to gently dry the surface of your car. If the cleaning product you used contained wax, then you’re done, at least on the outside.

Cleaning your car after driving in winter weather can be a daunting task, but with the right products and techniques, it can be done safely and effectively. A car that is cleaned regularly will retain its value longer, and, often, it will just seem nicer to drive.

IGNORING SIMPLE MAINTENANCE CAN BE EXPENSIVE

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

It’s easy to get caught up in the excitement of driving your car and forgetting about simple maintenance tasks that can keep it running smoothly. While regular oil changes and tire rotations are well-known maintenance items, there are other often-overlooked tasks that can extend the life of your vehicle and save you money in the long run.

One of the most overlooked maintenance items is checking and replacing your car’s air filter. A dirty air filter can reduce your car’s fuel efficiency and increase emissions. It’s a simple task that can be done at home or by a mechanic, and it’s important to do it regularly to keep your car running smoothly. Most newer cars also have a cabin filter, which filters the air inside the vehicle. It should be checked and replaced as a part of regular maintenance. (See your vehicle user manual

for a recommended maintenance schedule.)

Another important maintenance item that car owners often overlook is checking their car’s fluids. This includes not only the oil, but also the transmission fluid, brake fluid, power steering fluid, coolant, and windshield washer fluid. Low fluid levels can cause serious damage to your car’s engine and transmission and can even lead to a breakdown. One Toronto man found out about this the hard way. The engine on his 2018 Dodge Ram seized, and while he had 91,000 kms on the vehicle and it was under warranty for 100,000, his claim was denied because he had not performed required maintenance.

The cost of a new engine? \$19,000!

In addition to checking fluids, it’s important to inspect your car’s belts and hoses. Over time, these can wear down and crack, which can lead to leaks and even engine failure.

Inspect your belts and hoses for any signs of wear or damage and replace them if necessary. It’s a simple task that can prevent major problems down the road.

Finally, many car owners overlook the importance of regularly rotating their tires. Rotating your tires can help prevent uneven wear, which can extend the life of your tires and improve your car’s handling and fuel efficiency. It’s important to follow the manufacturer’s recommendations for tire rotation.

While there are many maintenance tasks that car owners need to keep track of, it’s important not to overlook some of the simpler tasks that can have a big impact on your car’s performance and longevity. By regularly checking and replacing your car’s air filter, fluids, belts, and hoses, and rotating your tires, you can keep your car running smoothly and avoid costly repairs down the road.

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IT STARTS WITH THE BRAKE PEDAL

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

The average modern car most likely has more than 20,000 working parts.

Apart from the steering wheel, the various brake systems on your car are crucial to its operation.

If your brakes do not work on a car, you are not likely going to be able to go anywhere regardless of how powerful your engine is.

The concept of having some kind of braking system has been around for a long time.

In the 1800s, the first mechanisms to slow a vehicles' forward momentum and to prevent motion were tested.

Over 100 years later, the braking system has evolved into a complex reliable device designed to adapt to different road conditions.

From the early drum brake designs to modern day disc brakes, the evolution of the brake system has resulted in significantly improved safety and reduced the risk of car crashes across Canada.

The inventor of the original brake system is difficult to pinpoint. However, everyone working on an effective and reliable brake system had a common goal.

The only point of an effective brake system was to make a vehicle something the driver could control.

Each new and revolutionary brake system is the result of the designs that went before it.

Since the earliest automobiles, several methods of braking have been used. As the history of brakes progressed, each new system was built using the concepts used to design its predecessor.

Brake system evolution began in the 19th century.

Wooden block brakes were the first design to be used as a braking device. Block brakes were used on vehicles with steel-rimmed wheels, including horse-drawn vehicles and steam-driven automobiles; a single lever was used by the driver to apply the brake and the system used wooden blocks.

The next upgrade was the use of mechanical drum brakes.

Considered to be the foundation of the modern braking system, the mechanical drum brake was developed in 1902 by French manufacturer Louis Renault. The concept had been invented earlier by Gottlieb Daimler. Daimler had theorized that anchoring a cable-wrapped drum to the vehicles chassis could be used to stop momentum, thus creating the first concept of the drum brake.

The next step was to use expanding internal shoe brakes.

Until internal shoe brakes were invented, all brake designs were mounted to the outside of a vehicle, with all the resulting exposure that resulted in having a brake assembly exposed to the elements.

The arrival of the internal shoe brake meant it could be attached to the inside of a vehicle.

In 1918, the idea of a four-wheel brake system using hydraulics was

proposed by Malcolm Loughead.

The hydraulic brake system used fluids to transfer force to the brake shoe when a pedal was pressed. This braking system was adopted in nearly every vehicle by the late 1920s.

Eventually disc brakes came on the scene. They were invented by William Lanchester who patented the disc brake in 1902, and the system was not popular until the auto industry began to boom in the mid-20th century. The rise of disc brakes as a popular option is attributed to the increasing weight and speed capabilities of vehicles, which caused hydraulic brakes to become less efficient in distributing heat. The first system to use disc brakes integrated both disc and hydraulic functions and was introduced in the Chrysler Imperial.

Anti-lock brakes were the next new design to appear on cars.

The anti-lock braking system, (ABS) was created to assist braking systems to prevent the brakes from locking up. The system works by sensing when a lock is about to occur and triggering a system of hydraulic valves to reduce the pressure of a brake on a single wheel. The system revolutionized the way brakes function and is useful in providing more control for the modern driver.

CAR DETAILING

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – As spring is often referred to as the season of rebirth, many people also begin spring cleaning their house, their yards, and of course the family vehicle. Over the winter, an accumulation of grime and salt on its outside accompanied by the wear and tear on the inside leads the owner to the realization that a deep cleaning of the vehicle is warranted.

For many, a visit to a drive thru car wash, or spending a warm spring day outside with the proverbial bucket of water and sponge will suffice. Others may go to a car wash that has people vacuuming the interior and giving the exterior a thorough cleaning. Another option is to have the car detailed in the spring, and often in the fall, by specialists in the field.

Car detailing can be described as an activity that helps to keep your vehicle looking clean and in good condition. It is generally a cosmetic activity that removes dirt and grime from the interior, as well as the exterior of the vehicle.

Interior detailing requires a deep cleaning of the various materials such as vinyl, leather, plastics, etc., removal of upholstery stains, vacuuming and cleaning of the surfaces such as the dash, windows, steering wheel as well as the back and bottom of seats. Exterior detailing involves deep wash, waxing and polishing of both the body and wheels of the vehicle.



There are companies which provide detailing services, with the associated price tags varying but generally ranging in the \$100+ range depending on the size and cleaning needs of the vehicle. There can be additional charges for extra services, which can restore the vehicle close to pristine condition. It is suggested when planning to have your vehicle professionally detailed to inquire as to specific services and cost as well as to stick to your budget.

If detailing your own car is in the plans, there are many sources of information available on the internet to walk you through the process, bearing in mind it is much more than just a wash and vacuum.

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EV INFRASTRUCTURE STILL HAS A WAY TO GO

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

As the world attempts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, many are looking toward electric vehicles as a more sustainable and environmentally friendly mode of transportation. However, there are still some questions that need to be answered about whether electric vehicles are viable in rural areas, such as Eastern Ontario.

Let's first look at the current state of electric vehicle adoption in Ontario. According to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, as of December 2021, there were 77,039 registered electric vehicles in the province. This number is expected to grow as the Canadian government aims to have 50 per cent of all new vehicles sold in

the country be zero-emission by 2030.

In terms of charging infrastructure, there are currently 1,681 public charging stations in Ontario, with plans to install an additional 1,000 stations by the end of 2023. This increase in charging infrastructure is a crucial step toward making electric vehicles more accessible and practical for rural areas.

Are electric vehicles viable in rural Eastern Ontario? The answer is yes, but it does come with some conditions. One of the main challenges is the lack of charging infrastructure in some areas. The province is working to increase the number of charging stations, which will make it easier for electric vehicle owners to travel longer distances. What would really help, however, would be an incentive that would

encourage the private sector to contribute as well.

Another challenge is the range of electric vehicles. While the range of electric vehicles is increasing, it is still less than that of traditional gasoline-powered vehicles. This means that electric vehicle owners in rural areas may need to plan their trips and charging stops more carefully. Unlike a fossil fuel powered vehicle, which would only require the delivery of a small amount of fuel to allow it to reach a fuel station, an electric vehicle would usually need to be towed to the nearest charging station should its battery run dry.

Despite these challenges, there are already many electric vehicle owners in rural Eastern Ontario who are enjoying the benefits of driving an electric vehicle, such as lower fuel costs and reduced environmental impact. One owner (Corey) says it is simply a matter of planning your trip. "You have to know where you are going and where the charging stations are along the way," he said. "Then you can stop for a break and charge the vehicle before

getting back on the road again."

In that sense, it isn't a lot different than the early 80s when 24-hour gas stations were much rarer than they are today. You had to know you had enough gas in the tank to get you where you were going or know there was a gas station that would be open along the way. Not all aspects of technology develop at the same rate.

Ryan, another EV owner, hasn't gone "full EV," choosing instead to drive a hybrid gas-electric vehicle. "Having the ability to switch over seamlessly to gas if I'm not able to get to a charging station takes the pressure off," he says.

With a bit of forethought electric vehicles are viable in rural Eastern Ontario, but there are still some challenges that need to be addressed, such as charging infrastructure and vehicle range. However, if the Canadian government holds true to its commitment to zero-emission vehicles and the increase in charging infrastructure, electric vehicles will become a more practical and sustainable option for all Canadians.

WHY YOU SHOULD AVOID POTHOLES ON THE ROAD

It can become tiresome to steer around potholes every spring. However, driving through them can severely damage your car. Here are the areas of your vehicle most susceptible to pothole damage.

• **Tires.** Driving through deep potholes can lead to a blowout or flat tire. It can also cause your tire to bulge and inflict premature wear, shortening your tire's lifespan.

• **Wheels.** Hitting a pothole can cause bends, dents and cracks in the wheel

where the rim meets the tire. Driving on a compromised wheel is dangerous.

• **Suspension.** Ramming a pothole can hurt your suspension, causing your vehicle to pull to one side. This can drastically shorten the lifespan of your suspension. If you notice your car pulling to one side, take it to an auto repair shop as soon as possible.

• **Steering.** A pothole can knock your steering mechanisms out of place, causing your steering

wheel to vibrate. It can also make your car more difficult to control.

• **Exhaust.** If you hit a deep pothole and your car bottoms out, you can damage the exhaust pipes, muffler or catalytic converter, causing your car to make dreadful noises and release harmful pollution into the air.

Avoid potholes when you can; your car will thank you. If you hit a sharp and deep pothole, visit a local auto repair shop for a check-up.





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A community thanks its volunteers

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – Over 20 volunteer organizations in the municipality of South Stormont were honoured at the 2023 Volunteer Gala held on April 21 at the South Stormont Community Hall.

A press release from the municipality on Wed., April 26 explained the event was sponsored by Andre Pommier of Pommier Jewellers, with 126 invited guests attending the evening with a theme of “Tiffany and Co.”

“Volunteer groups are the backbone of this community and offer so many vital services to residents of South Stormont,” commented Mayor Bryan McGillis. He continued how the evening was an opportunity for council members and the community to recognize their efforts and thank them.

Following a catered meal with entertainment provided by the Moe Lemieux Band, Ms. Jillian Lynch spoke on the importance of volunteers and their work in society. Lynch is a charity advocate who “has earned the title of “Top 30 Change Makers Under 30” for her contributions to the patient and caregiver community.” As the evening ended, the 2022 South Stormont awards for community volunteerism were awarded.

Marc Labossière received the 2022 Youth Volunteer of the Year Award. He was recognized for “his enthusiastic volunteer

efforts with various local organizations within his community, at his school, and helping to raise awareness for the “To Stan and Back” wellness program for post combat veterans and first responders.

In a post event message, Labossière thanked “everyone for coming out and spending their time in the community.” Mentioning how he began volunteering as a six-year-old; he wished to thank his mother who set an example of community volunteering for him and Ian Callan who he described as “a great mentor for me.”

“I never wanted any recognition out of my volunteering, I only want other people to gain from it and see more people to be inspired to start volunteering,” commented Labossière.

Sharon Potvin of Cornwall received the 2022 Fran Laflamme Volunteer of the Year Award for her volunteer work in South Stormont. Potvin has helped to form the Ingleside/Long Sault/Lost Villages Lions Club and has organized many events in the community hosted by this club. These include community activities including community meals, family activities and Canada Day events in Arnold Bethune Park.

Potvin commented how she was excited to receive the award as well as a “plaque from Prime Minister Trudeau,” a certificate from SDSG MP Eric Duncan and one from SDSG MPP Nolan Quinn.” She mentioned she “received a beautiful clock from Pommier Jewellers.” Potvin concluded her



National Volunteer Week in Canada, which celebrates the work done by volunteers, was held between April 16 to 22. As the week concluded, South Stormont held their annual Volunteer Gala to thank the volunteers in the community for all the work they do and to recognize the contributions of two outstanding volunteers. Sharon Potvin received the Fran Laflamme Volunteer of the Year Award for 2023, with Marc Labossière receiving the 2022 Youth Volunteer of the Year Award. From the left: South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis, Marc Labossière, Sharon Potvin, Andre Pommier.

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message by saying it will be an evening she will never forget and was pleased friends, and members of the ILSLV Lions Club were able to attend the event.

Recording our history

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Artist Jane Hoople of Chesterville has recently completed an oil painting that provides a portrait of the history and the people who developed and demonstrated the technology for Communications-Based Train Control or CBTC in the 1970s.

“I think it is important that we celebrate our successes and accomplishments as Canadians,” commented Hoople; her work at Thales Canada Inc. provided her the opportunity to ensure the development of CBTC in this country is remembered.

“The world now demands CBTC; even as the standards are being debated, adjusted and updated, it has revolutionized the world rail



Created by Jane Hoople of Chesterville, this painting depicts the innovators, customers and trains associated with CBTC technology developed in the 1970s in Canada.

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stage and will continue to do so,” said Hoople. She felt the time was right to memorialize the development of this technology as members of the team who had developed it while employed by ITT SEL Canada, which was later purchased by Thales Canada Inc. began to retire.

The oil on board painting

is 5 feet high by 13 feet long and portrays many of the innovators, customers, and trains which use the CBTC technology. After a year of planning, research, and drawing, Hoople explained it took approximately two years to paint the oil on board piece.

Currently working in the Ottawa office of Thales

Canada Inc., the painting was recently taken by Hoople to the office, so her co-workers could view this part of their organization’s history. It will soon be taken to the North American Railway Hall of Fame in St. Thomas, Ontario where it

will hang in a place of honour to the Canadian innovators of the CBTC and Thales Canada Inc.’s contribution.

Hoople recently returned to Chesterville where she had lived since she was 10 years of age and paints on a

part-time basis as well as authoring two graphic novels and two other fantasy novels. More information and the opportunity to view Hoople’s works of art are available at www.janehoople.com.



On with the show!

The Old Town Hall in Winchester was busy over the weekend when *Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood* by Ken Ludwig was performed by Dundas County Players. “The opening weekend was a great success! Standing ovations for each show and a lot of “Way to Go’s!” commented director Amanda Burger. Cast members are shown during a dress rehearsal prior to opening night. Tickets are currently available for the May 5, 6 and 7 shows by calling 613-297-0097. Courtesy Photo

Ken Ludwig's
Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood

DUNDAS COUNTY PLAYERS

Director: Amanda Burger
Associate Director: Sandra McNeill
Stage Manager: Mat Kelly
Producer: Suzanne Millaire
Fight Choreographer: Zach Council

April 28 & 29 – 7:30 p.m. at The Old Town Hall, 478 Main St. Winchester, ON
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May 7 – 2:00 p.m. “Ken Ludwig’s *Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood*” is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

Soundtastics Productions setting the stage for your event

WILLIAMSBURG – People love having fun at all kinds of events.

From anniversary celebrations to weddings to company Christmas parties, events can be framed and given a distinct flavour with the addition of music.

Steve Barkley of Soundtastic Productions in Williamsburg has brought music to events across the region for more than 30 years.

From a birthday party to any kind of special event, the music that goes along with that event can make the difference between a good or bad night for your guests.

If you can find the perfect DJ for your event, your guests will have a great evening.

An experienced DJ will be able to pick the music that works best for a particular event. A DJ that listens to what their clients would like to hear will help make that event unique, allowing a crowd to generate as much positive energy as possible.

Someone with the right experience, equipment, music knowledge, and personality to make sure you have a memorable event is the DJ you want to have. Steve Barkley said, “I started back in 1988. I did some music in my parent’s basement for my aunt and uncle’s 20th anniversary.”

After that experience Barkley said to his music teacher at school that he did not know if he wanted to play drums or work as a DJ.

“My feet do not work as well as I’d like them to, so I played with some electronic

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drums. My uncle said to me that if I do not become a DJ, I will have missed out on something that was a natural calling.”

The rest, as they say is history.

He considered working in the radio industry but as he worked bringing music to weddings and stags, he realized being a DJ was what he wanted to do.

“If you are doing something that you love, it is not work at all,” he said.

Back in 1988 his parents bought the equipment he would need to bring music to events.

“My first booking was in November of 1988, and it was at the little hall in

Mountain for the Mountain Township Fire Department. It was their Christmas party.”

That experience convinced him he wanted to do more.

Much of his music collection is on CDs, which enables him to develop, an extensive musical library. The number of songs he has stored away is in the thousands.

Anyone who has to organize all of the details of a wedding knows the effort it takes to get all of the working parts of an event in place.

An experienced DJ will make sure to work with the venue and the mood of the

event, making sure the timing is correct, and everyone is happy.

Having a DJ that can help you look after the all-important music for your event is very important.

Barkley said working with his clients is a priority. He listens to what they want to do and then creates the playlist to fit in with the event. He also can create a special playlist if a client asks for it depending on what is going on at the event.

He can also help clients find the other items they need for their event like tables and chairs.

Before switching to CDs for his music, he used cassettes.

“I wore out many cassettes from different artists.”

Barkley works with different organizations using his musical expertise to bring an event to life.

He has hosted music events for different charitable groups.

Times have changed when it comes to what music is played at a wedding for example.

Barkley said, “It used to be about your guests, but I have noticed that now a lot of brides want to pick every song.”

He tries to match the music he plays to the age or interests of the crowd listening.

When not bringing music to a crowded dance floor, Barkley will, when asked, also set up the sound system for live bands playing on stage during a fundraising event.

“If it is a dancing event, you want to keep the dance floor full,” he said.

To contact Soundtastic you can call Steve Barkley at 613-402-0518 or email him at steve.djockey@gmail.com

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Provincial plan to build prison in Kemptville delayed by judicial review

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Record Staff

KEMPTVILLE – Two Kemptville residents, Victor Lachance and Kirk Albert have been successful in convincing a judge that a judicial review should take place regarding the provinces’ plan to build a 235 bed prison on the former Kemptville Agricultural College property.

The judicial review is set to go ahead after Ontario Superior Court Justice Robert Smith rejected the province’s bid to quash the case.

In his decision announced on April 28, Judge Smith concluded that the province had failed to demonstrate their prison plan would be unduly affected by a review and that any financial losses because of the delay would not be an issue should the province have to abandon the project at this early stage of its development.

A press release from the Coalition Against the Proposed prison, (CAPP) stated: “He also noted that Lachance and Albert had also “identified several arguable grounds” which are the basis for their judicial review application. This suggests that the province fell short of its obligations

to consult with the local municipality and preserve designated agricultural land as required by the Provincial Policy Statement, a set of regulations issued by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark.

Victor Lachance, one of the judicial review applicants and a member of CAPP said, “From selling off the rights to Ontario Place to construction in the greenbelt, to building highways in environmental sensitive areas, and planning a prison on arable farmland with a floodplain, a creek, and heritage farm buildings on unceded and unsundered Algonquin Territory, Premier Ford wants to be able to build what he wants, where he wants, when he wants, without meaningful consultation or regard for the long-term implications of his government’s decisions.”

He added his group with community support has drawn a line in the sand, and, “We’re drawing a line in the sand and standing up to the bullies at Queen’s Park who ignore their own Provincial Policy Statements and the *Planning Act* as they run roughshod over the democratic process. We’re pleased that the

judge’s decision will allow the Divisional Court to determine whether the secret process through which the Ford government evaluated and selected the Kemptville site for the so-called Eastern Ontario Correctional Complex was illegal as claimed in our judicial review application.”

Albert, the other judicial review applicant and a member of the Jail Opposition Group (JOG), added: “It’s certainly rewarding to have Justice Smith recognize, in his decision, the challenges we’ve endured over the past two and half years simply trying to access information that the province should have made readily available regarding the site selection in Kemptville. The Superior Court decision is a step in the right direction.”

Members of CAPP blame the province for perceived delays. They have said if the province had been more transparent in their dealings with community, the need for a judicial review may not have been necessary.

“While the province continues to blame our judicial review application for causing undue delays and costs to their proposed plan, should they again

decide to side-step the judicial review process and appeal the Superior Court Justice’s decision they’ll create another significant delay. Had they not filed a motion to dismiss the case in the first place, the court would likely have already had the opportunity to hear the province present their claims that nothing nefarious has occurred and that they’ve followed established processes. A decision would likely have already been rendered as to the legality of the province’s plan to place the facility on farmland in Kemptville,” stated their press release.

CAPP member Colleen Lynas said, “While the province claimed the timing of the judicial review application constitutes undue hardship, it’s clear that it would be Kemptville residents, along with imprisoned people mostly from Ottawa caged and displaced quite a distance from their loved ones and community, that are set to endure real hardship should this ill-conceived project move forward. If the province decides to appeal Justice Smith’s ruling, it’ll be once again clear that they’re responsible for dragging out the legal process at the

taxpayer’s expense hoping for a get out a jail free card for their bungled attempt to build cages instead of communities. Meanwhile, opportunities for much needed community investments to prevent violence, and supports for people being diverted and decarcerated from custody to enhance safety, are being lost.” To make matters worse, the province is also dragging out and stonewalling the release the information that Eastern Ontario residents have been

asking for through Freedom of Information (FOI) requests.

Lachance said, “To this day, the province refuses to release all of the information related to the site selection and the due diligence studies that court records indicate they’ve completed, but refuse to share with the public. Enough with the secrecy. Enough with the delays. Release the records. Let’s move forward with the judicial review as Justice Smith has decided.”

Raising funds while having fun

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The Morrisburg and District Leos Club were joined by the Golden Girls and Boys at the Chesterville Bowling Alley on April 29 for the Move for Kids Sake fundraiser in aid of the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Cornwall, and District (BBBSCD). The two teams raised just over \$5,000 in donations for the organization and were able to enjoy some bowling games as well.

Pierre-Luc Byham, BBBSCD executive director, explained people can choose the physical activity which they participate in for this fundraiser. He noted how Betty Wheeler and Ronnie Moore had raised funds for the organization for 39 years. The fundraising will continue until May 12 of this year, with a wrap up party planned for participants in Cornwall. “The wrap up party is a way for everyone to get together to celebrate the event,” explained Byham. He explained the event will feature a buffet meal, music, and an opportunity to socialize. There is no cost for those who participated in the fundraiser with tickets available for others at a cost of \$25 per person.

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NOTICE

AUDITION NOTICE - THE BIRDS*

A play by Conor McPherson, based on a story by Daphne du Maurier. Directed by Shannon Murdock and produced by Ami Lynn Johnson. Dundas County Players is looking for 4 actors to perform in a suspenseful play containing several emotionally intense scenes. Diane: A mature woman, late 40s - early 60s. Nat: A middle-aged man, a little younger than Diane. Julia: A younger woman, of child-bearing age. Tierny: An older man, big, tough, very rough around the edges. The play will be performed on Nov. 17, 18, 19 and 24, 25, 26 with technical and dress rehearsals scheduled in the weeks just before. Auditions will be held on Sun., May 21 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and on Wed., May 24 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Please email auditions@moiralaw.ca to schedule yours! *Although drawn from the same sources, this play is unrelated to the movie of the same name.

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Turning vacant land into affordable housing

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – Habitat for Humanity Cornwall & The Counties (HHCTC) community engagement coordinator Breckyn Caers, accompanied by the organization’s executive

director Leigh Taggart, provided information on the organization during the April 12 South Stormont council meeting.

Caers described the process by which the organization and partner family will collaborate in

the process, and the organization will provide them with a new home. Habitat for Humanity provides a no-interest mortgage for the building after determining some elements such as a willingness to partner,

needs of the family and income threshold. There is no down payment required but the family will provide 500 hours of volunteer time for the organization as well as many details which are included in an agreement between the two parties.

As the presentation

concluded, she mentioned HHCTC had set as a goal to have 30 homes built in 30 years and so far, they have built 24. She asked the township to review their vacant land to see if there are any lots available to be provided for a Habitat for Humanity home in South Stormont.

Mayor Bryan McGillis asked staff to see if there are any lots or property available in the municipality and report back to council.

More information on this and other presentations to council can be found on the municipal website located at www.southstormont.ca.

Try Ross’ rules for success – hire good people

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The McIntosh Inn in Morrisburg was the venue for the second Breakfast Connections event of 2023. The early morning networking session was hosted by the Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre and Municipality of South Dundas, and there weren’t many empty seats to be found.

Following greetings from MPP Nolan Quinn, SDG warden Tony Fraser and South Dundas Mayor Jason Broad, guest speaker David Ross, CEO of Ross Video proceeded to captivate the audience with the story of how his father had moved a small business to the Village of Iroquois and how it had grown to the point where this year it could exceed \$400 million in sales.

“My father started the company in the basement of his house in 1974,” said Ross. “And he had a friend of his saying, you know, you should start your own company. My dad said, well, I have nothing, I have a mortgage and I don’t have much money in the bank.” The friend kept pushing, saying that Ross senior must have something, and he responded, that he had just spent the last two years repairing and refurbishing a World War Two fabric trainer aeroplane.

“I mean, this aeroplane wasn’t much, it didn’t have a radio, it had a wood propeller, you started it like a lawnmower almost on the front end of a long story. (The friend said) you’ve got that, sell it. Someday you’ll have two. And so, my dad sold it for \$3,500, which the bank matched, and that was the seed capital of what became Ross Video.”

Today, Ross Video is an international success story. It is 80 per cent owned by David Ross with the remaining 20 per cent owned by employees. They are debt free and have been for quite a while. Revenue in 2022 was approximately \$330 million and Ross says that in 2023 it should exceed \$400 million. “So, one of our goals and it’s not out of reach, there’s a chance that we could actually go up by 100 million this year. So, it’s pretty cool,” said Ross. “Since I joined in 1991, the revenues were growing by 17 per cent a year, every single year on average, for 31 straight years. It turns out that if you do that, you get a

pretty good return as well.”

They have also grown from 25 people in 1991 to approximately 1,500 today, including 300 added in the past 12 months.

There are many reasons for the company’s success: there is the diversity of the products and services they offer. They have clients in news, sports, entertainment, government, and technology. They can claim Netflix, Microsoft, Cisco, and Apple as clients. You’d be hard pressed to find a professional sport venue that doesn’t use Ross Equipment, and that’s not just in North America either. They have sold in over 100 countries every year and their reputation is value for money and great customer service and that is in 27 different product and service categories.

They have also grown in leaps and bounds through acquisitions. “Over the years, we bought about 19 companies,” said Ross, “So we’re like 20 companies in one. And we sell a lot of data products, and there’s a lot of different technologies as well.

“We sell software, we sell hardware that we manufacture, we work in the cloud, we sell robots, we sell services and things like that. So, there’s a lot of diversity in what we do, so if we make a mistake in any one area, and we have to catch up, it’s going to pay for it. And of course, we have staff diversity.”

Why partner with someone when you can just as easily bring them in-house?

In the end, it all comes down to people, and, as with most things at Ross Video, it is a multi-pronged approach. They hire college and university students for their co-op program, 50 students for every four-month term. “Usually by that time, if it’s a four-year programme, by the third year, we’ve already snapped them up,” said Ross. “And they’ve already decided they want to work for us because they work most of their lives, or professional lives at Ross, at that point. Why would they want to go and work for Silicon Valley when they can stay at home and do really cool things, because they know, they’re doing cool things.”

As their competitors downsize, Ross Video also scoops up the best people that have been let go and integrates



David Ross, CEO of Ross Video was the guest speaker at the Breakfast Connections event held at the McIntosh Inn in Morrisburg on Tues., May 2. His presentation on the success of his company kept the audience completely engaged for over an hour.

Tinkess Photo

these smart, enthusiastic people into the Ross family. Meanwhile, they have multiple recruiters who seek out those who want to come work with an employer of choice.

“I’m busy on LinkedIn, as some people here know, and I did a post recently about one of the reasons why Ross Video has done so well over the decades,” said Ross. “I boiled it down to one sentence, which is hire smart people and don’t piss them off.”

It seems so simple; you would wonder why so many companies find it so difficult to do just that?

The next Breakfast Connections’ meeting will be in Cornwall on May 17 at the Civic Complex. The guest speaker will be Cornwall Mayor Justin Towndale. You can register for the event at the Business Enterprise Centre website (businessenterprisecentre.ca).

Flood warning, lower Ottawa River

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

This flood warning statement is an update to the flood warning issued by the Ottawa River Regulating Committee (ORRC) for areas along the lower Ottawa River (Arnprior to Hawkesbury) on April 20, 2023

Water levels are expected to rise again within the Ottawa River Basin due to significant rainfall forecasted Saturday through Tuesday. Runoff from this rain event will bring additional water volumes to the Ottawa River at a time when levels are already near major flood thresholds.

To reduce river flows to downstream areas, the (ORRC) is managing principal reservoirs.

The ORRC anticipates that water levels along the main stem of the Ottawa River will rise again next

week, possibly exceeding major flood thresholds. The rainfall runoff could affect multiple streets, lawns, and houses in low-lying areas.

At the present time, water levels are expected to remain well below historical flood levels of 2019 on the main stem of the Ottawa River.

Affected locations include flood-prone areas at Chats Lake, Constance Bay area, Britannia/Lac Deschenes, Cumberland, City of Clarence-Rockland, Township of Alfred Plantagenet, and other vulnerable areas down to Montreal.

Peak river conditions remain dependent on snowmelt in the northern part of the basin and rainfall. There is uncertainty on the rainfall amounts and the areas that could be affected. It should be noted that water level forecasts do

not account for wind and wave impacts.

Residents in flood-prone areas are encouraged to closely follow changing conditions and to take necessary measures and

are advised to stay away from watercourses where flows are high and where banks might be unstable. Parents are encouraged to explain dangers to children and provide appropriate supervision around all waterbodies.

The Mississippi Valley, Rideau Valley, and South

Nation Conservation Authorities monitor water levels and weather forecasts with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as part of the Flood Forecasting and Warning Program. Updates are provided as conditions change.

The Ottawa River

Regulating Committee will be reassessing forecast conditions and providing hydrological condition updates on its website daily at www.ottawariver.ca/forecasts.

This flood warning statement is in effect until May 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Updates will be provided as conditions change.



Wheeler. Beverdam explained the money was raised by the Saturday euchre tournaments held by the Club at St. Matthew’s Presbyterian Church in Ingleside. “It is just wonderful to be thought of as the recipients of the money,” commented Villemaire prior to the presentation where she thanked the organization for the donation. From the left: Betty Wheeler, Marianne Villemaire and Janice Beverdam.

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50+ Community Club makes donation to House of Lazarus

As the 50+ Community Club began their euchre tournament on April 15, a cheque for \$1,500 was presented to Marianne Villemaire from the House of Lazarus by Club president Janice Beverdam and committee coordinator Betty

Fifth annual V8 Swap Meet in Greely a great success

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

GREELY – The Fifth Annual V8 Swap Meet brought more than 500 collectors of old cars together at the Greely Legion on Sun., April 30.

The event brought collectors together to get their hands on parts for their cars, mostly from the 1960s and 1970s that are no longer manufactured.

In the 1970s, the typical car was made up of 30,000 parts. The swap meet featured 50 vendors all selling most, if not all those parts.

The V8 Swap meets was founded by Cindy and Scott Johnston.

In 2017 the V8 Swap meet attracted 50 tables and 800 people came through the door. There was a variety of sellers. Finally they decided to only have car parts for sale at their event.

“Many guys have expressed the fact that they hate going to a swap meet and looking at pillows or potpourri or purses, so we listened and decided to make it car parts only.”

The decision to focus on car parts has paid off with the 2023 version of the swap meet attracting more than 500 visitors looking at items inside the Legion Hall and outside in the Legion’s parking lot.

“I wanted this to be a place where everyone could get together, and chat, renew old acquaintances, and have a look at what other collectors had for sale,” said Cindy.

“You can get anything



Visitors to the swap meet had a good time looking at a real piece of automotive history.

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Leo Pharand and his dad were busy picking up collectable car parts at the swap meet.

Morin Photo

here. It is a great location with a great parking lot.”

There are hundreds of different categories of car parts at the meet.

“As long as it is a car part it doesn’t matter,” said Cindy.

There are 1970 style steering wheels, car

doorknobs, dashboards, nuts and bolts, car seats and even the small car emblems that you find attached to a car, with the car makers’ name and car model.

She said because of the wet weather, there was not as much outside the hall as there would normally be.

Some of the vendors inside the hall would normally have been

outside in the parking lot.

She pointed out that many of the parts are for hot rods and 1970 era cars.

“People have the cars and parts stored away in barns, and trailers. There are some parts that are reproductions but for the

most part they are original parts.”

Cindy said she does not have to search out vendors for the swap meet. The ones who have already participated in the meet return year after year.

“If people do need more information, they are able to find it at the V8 Swap Meet website.”

Cindy believes many collectors come to the swap meet because they enjoy hunting for the car parts they want for their own cars.

Scott was looking after the outside portion of the event, organizing the vendors outside in the Legion parking lot.

He said, “We have lots of new vendors. This is kind of like the first big event of the year, and we have had a good response.”

He said it was turning out to be a very good day. The rain had stayed away.

“Cars always make people happy.”

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Sniper camp at Apple Hill Scout Reserve

The Second Russell Scout troop were out last week having a great time at the Apple Hill Scout Reserve. The Russell scouts joined forces with another scout troop from Ottawa. This was the Second Annual Sniper camp. This year, the scouts invited the 104th Scouts Troop from Ottawa to join them. There were different work stations set up. There was a station for slingshots, pellet rifles, spear throwing, and knife throwing. There were more than 50 scouts at the camp and the event was as much about learning new skills and competing with each other, as it was about meeting fellow scouts and making new friends.

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