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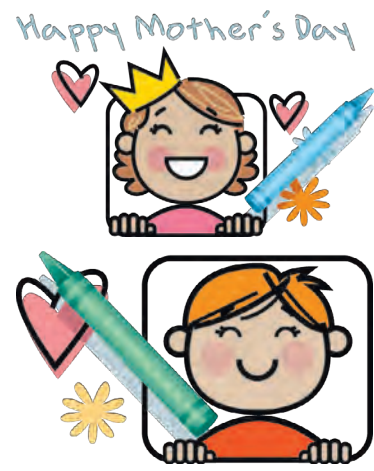
Drop in for a High Tea Experience

WINCHESTER – The Winchester Lions invite you to an Enchanted High Tea Experience at the Winchester Lions Hall, 515 Albert St., Winchester at 2 p.m., Sat., May 13. Tickets are \$20 in advance (only advanced sales available), please email tammycinnamon@outlook.com to reserve your spot. Entertainment will be the Vernon Ukulele Group, Fashion Show by Main Street Clothing and door prizes. Wear a hat or fascinator to win a prize!

The Metcalfe Farmers' Market returns

METCALFE – The Metcalfe Farmers' Market executive are inviting all past presidents and all past market managers of the farmers' market to the opening of the market's 30th season. On May 13 at 9 a.m. they will be doing a ribbon cutting with the current board, and any past presidents and past market managers who can make it. To mark the occasion, there will be live music and cake.

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Music in the air

It was a full house at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Winchester on Sat., May 6, when members of the NDDHS bands and the school choir filled the beautiful spring evening with a selection of musical pieces. The concert was a fundraiser for the music program at the school, said Joel Exner, band leader and music teacher. After thanking parents of the students for their encouragement and support, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for the venue and the community, Exner mentioned that the event raised "over \$3,200 for the NDDHS Music Program." Pictured above are the members of the NDDHS Choir, senior band and junior band, that joined band leader Joel Exner on the steps of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church just before the concert began.

Thompson Goddard Photo

North Dundas pools to be open only part-time this summer

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – North Dundas residents will only be able to enjoy fun in their pools in Chesterville and Winchester on a part-time basis this summer, unless the municipality has better luck in finding lifeguards.

The council decided at its April 25 council meeting to keep both pools in the municipality open on a part-time basis until the middle of August or until staffing levels can accommodate operations.

Meaghan Meerburg the director of recreation and culture explained the challenge of staffing the pools.

"We were unable to fill all our pool positions. This year we are short of five full-time lifeguards who are also swim

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Official opening Cornwall branch, Wills Transfer Ltd.

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

INGLESIDE – Local dignitaries and invited guests joined Wills Transfer Ltd. owners, staff, and employees at the grand opening ceremony of the Cornwall division of the company located in Ingleside on Tues., May 2.

Close to two hundred people were able to enjoy light refreshments, participate in a guided tour of the facility, while socializing and learning about Wills Transfer at its newest location on the outskirts of Ingleside.

Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Nolan Quinn mentioned the family-owned business is certain to benefit the

community, commenting "It is a beautiful modern facility." He was impressed by the company's commitment to staff and community and noted that this location is the largest wills' facility. South Stormont Deputy Mayor Andrew Guidon mentioned this is an exciting opportunity for the community and is looking forward to the company growing and prospering in the municipality. "I think this will be a great economic boom to the area," he said.

Tara Kirkpatrick, manager of economic development for the United Counties of SDG, commented she has been working with the team from Wills Transfer Ltd. for several months. She attributes the success of the project to several factors including access to Highway 41, the US market, and the use of the certified site program.

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Wills Transfer Ltd.

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The formal portion of the grand opening was emceed by Jordi Wills, executive vice president of Wills Transfer Ltd. Company president Terry Wills provided a brief history of the company, followed by Cornwall branch manager Greg Smith and Tara Kirkpatrick.

The ribbon cutting ceremony and accompanying photo was followed by Wills Transfer Ltd. staff being called to the front

for a company photo before the guided tours commenced once again.

Wills Transfer Ltd. has been serving Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec since 1945 and is headquartered in Smith Falls, Ontario. More information is available at www.willstransfer.com.

South Stormont Deputy Mayor Andrew Guidon is joined to the right and left by local dignitaries and Wills Transfer Ltd. officials as he cuts the ribbon opening the Cornwall location of Wills Transfer Ltd. in Ingleside on May 2.

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Celebrating spring

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – The Winchester and District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) Auxiliary, celebrating 75 years of supporting our hospital, held their third Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show on Sat., May 6 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 48 in Morrisburg.

“This 75th anniversary afternoon tea and fashion show [were] organized to bring us back in time and celebrate,” said Bev Beck, auxiliary director, and chair of the committee. Beck explained the theme for the event was a look back to the opening of the WDMH Auxiliary in the 1940s.

She continued how it serves to remind the organization of the fundraising efforts which support the hospital and the communities it serves. These have included the gift shop at the hospital,



Several of the models from Juli Fashion in Morrisburg enjoy some light refreshments as the Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show began. From the left, around the table: Elaine Vandermeer, Cynthia Foss, Susan Jarvis, Peggy Gemert, Anne Wylemans, Bonnie Whitteker, Jennifer Casselman, Adrienne Vandermeer and Helen Derix, Juli Fashion owner.

Thompson Goddard Photo

bazaars and other events which support their work. During the event, the Auxiliary

presented the WDMH with a cheque for \$233,141.00.

The sold-out fundraiser provided an opportunity for guests to enjoy some socializing, fancy tea sandwiches and desserts, while watching models wearing spring fashions from Biba/Casselma’s Shoe Store and Juli Fashion’s. MC Marleen Fawcett provided an entertaining combination of stories and songs for the almost 200 people in attendance, with SDSG MP Eric Duncan and SDSG MPP Nolan Quinn serving tea at the event.

Beck wished to thank Juli Fashion and Biba/Casselma Shoe Store for this support of Auxiliary events, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 48 and the Ladies Auxiliary as well as thanking MP Duncan, and MPP Quinn. She thanked RCL Branch 48 and the Ladies Auxiliary for the donation of \$2,000 to the Auxiliary during the event. “In closing we, the Auxiliary, thank everyone for attending and [your] continued support,” said Beck before suggesting more events are in the planning stages.



The Odd Stop comes to Winchester

The Odd Stop celebrated joining the Winchester business community on Fri., May 5 with a ribbon cutting ceremony opening their new store. Left to right cutting the ribbon were North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser, Sharron Corkery, owner Chris Alves, Coun. Garry Annable, Deputy Mayor Theresa Bergeron and Coun. Matt Uhrig. The Odd Stop gives shoppers the chance to buy, sell and trade oddities, collectables, and antiques. Their number is 613-986 2589. Their email is: theoddstop@gmail.com. They are located at 509 St. Lawrence St. in Winchester, and can be found at [instagram.com/the_odd_stop](https://www.instagram.com/the_odd_stop)

Morin Photo

North Dundas pools

Continued from the front
instructors and we have no spares. Pool positions are still open and advertised on social media in order to try and attract more qualified candidates. Due to staffing shortages, we’re unable to open both of our municipal pools on a full-time basis,” she said.

The option available for the council to choose from were to just have one pool open all summer and one closed or have both pools in Chesterville and Winchester open but only on a part-time basis with the hope that staffing issues could be resolved before the summer ended.

The one option would see the Winchester pool open for 71 hours a week while the Chesterville pool would remain closed. The other option sees the Chesterville pool and Winchester pools both open for 42 hours a week.

The reason for the staffing shortages is one that is becoming quite common across Ontario.

Normally each year there will be a group of

young people who get themselves certified to work at municipal pools. Eventually these same lifeguards and swimming instructors get older and move on either to a full-time job somewhere or leave to go to university. Each year there is a steady and predictable group of certified graduates looking for work.

Because of Covid, that pattern of certification was broken and there have been two years where certified lifeguards have moved on but there was not a second

group behind them being certified.

Meerburg said, “Increasing in frequency is unscheduled absences because we do not have enough applicants this year to be able to create a spare list. We have condensed a sample pool schedule enough to allow for one floater position. The floater will be scheduled for full-time hours and will be able to backfill absences so that we can try and maintain the staffing levels required for lessons, and other pool programming. When he or

she is not backfilling, they will provide additional assistance for public swim lessons and other pool operations.”

All the councillors agreed the solution would not make everyone happy, but it was the best compromise they could make.

Mayor Fraser said, “Finding 20 qualified young people to look after our pools is quite a challenge but I do celebrate the fact that we have two pools and we’re quite fortunate that way.”

You are not alone

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – There is a potpourri of intense emotions associated with the birth of a child that can be overwhelming for the mother, the father and other close family members. There are factors such as the change in hormonal, anxiety or fear levels during pregnancy which contribute to the emotional side of pregnancy, delivery and afterwards.

Mood swings, anxiety, difficulty sleeping and eating are common signs of “post

partum blues” which are experienced by many new moms. These symptoms generally begin shortly after the birth of the child and be of a relatively short duration.

Less common is postpartum depression with symptoms such as severe mood swings, social withdrawal, changes in appetite, sleep function and feelings of worthlessness. These symptoms can be experienced by either

parent, can develop months after the birth of the child or in some instances prior to the child’s birth.

There are many changes to one’s life with the birth of a child and many new challenges to face but there is help available. In addition to receiving support from family members, friends or medical professionals, there are community resources which can lend a helping hand. For more information, please contact your local health unit.

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Happy Mother's Day every day of the year

Have you ever found yourself reviewing your life and deciding to catalogue in your head all the good and bad moments you have experienced?

If you are lucky, you will end up with an equal

number of disasters and moments of good fortune.

The older you get, the longer the balance sheet gets, up until you stumble into a cloud of wisdom, you start to have more positive items to check off than

negative ones.

Hurray for getting old.

However, in all of the ruminating you might be doing, and all of the characters that turn up in your life's story, there is one you most often overlook.

That is our mothers.

Just about everything we have achieved is the result of our upbringing. These early years were the classrooms where we learned how to act and think.

If you were lucky, you had parents that provided all that emotional nourishment needed to grow into a competent and happy human being.

Many of us only had one parent, and in my case I along with my six siblings only had a mother.

On Mother's Day I used

to give my mother a Mother's Day card, and on Father's Day I would give her one for that as well.

Looking back, I will never know how she raised all of us on her own with little money while working full-time.

When I look at my circumstances I take for granted that not being broke, having a place to live, not being in jail and still having a relatively sound body and mind is all my doing.

However, when I look back into my own past and drop my mother into the middle of it, I realize she was the one that planted all the seeds that I needed to grow into the person I am now and how I live all these years later.

It's only now, years later on Mother's Day, that I wish I could just once more,



Eileen Morin surrounded by a small group of her many grandchildren, sharing with them her laughter and hugs.
Morin Photo

be able to tell my mother how much I owe to her perseverance, attitude, sense of humour, loyalty, and bottomless bag of motherly love.

One day a year, on Mother's Day, we salute all mothers everywhere for the very real effect they have on the little babies, that one day

will have babies of their own.

However, if you are lucky enough to have been loved by a mother, and realized the sacrifices made for you so that you could have a better life than she had, don't wait for Mother's Day; thank her now.

Joseph Morin

NDDHS Report

By Kate Link-Horvath
Student Council Communications

Perfect Spring



The sun has been shining, making for the perfect spring atmosphere for the past few events that ND students have taken part in. The Track and Field teams have been practicing non-stop, and the ND music program has begun to show off skills attained throughout the year. With spirit days up ahead and events continuing to take place, there is lots going on for the ND students!

Fri., May 5, fourteen secondary track and field team members competed at an invitational event in Ottawa. Eleven of the ND competitors finished in the top 10 of their events, as did the junior and senior boys' relay teams. The track team continued to travel this week, having headed off to SDG this Tuesday. On Sat., May 6, the ND music program held a fundraiser concert at the Presbyterian Church in Winchester. The church was packed, with families and community members coming to support the program. Senior and junior bands played a mix of different tunes, and the ND Choir performed two songs. There was an auction at the back of the church, as another way to raise money for the upcoming band trips. Overall, the fundraiser did wonderfully, and the night was spent in the company of talented musicians of all ages.

The student council is encouraging all to wear green on Friday for mental health. May is Mental Health Awareness month, and wearing green is a way to support mental health and reduce stigma around the topic. It is a way for people to gain an understanding of the importance and significance of mental health, and continually make an open conversation about it.

Then, the week of the 15th, the student council is hosting a spirit week! The themes are as follows: Monday - Country Club vs. Country Kids, Tuesday - Twin Day, Wednesday - Rainbow Day, Thursday - Age Swap Day, and Friday - Group Theme Day. Students need a good pick-me-up sometimes, and the spirit week is the perfect way to get all students involved in something fun and fresh.

As the House of Lazarus Food bank continues to re-stock their shelves, ND is holding an Emergency Food Drive to help. Until May 15, donations from students can be brought to the school.

More information can be found on Instagram @nndhs20222023!

On becoming a mom

Mother's Day is fast approaching and as usual causes me to think a little bit more about my mom and then my own children. Mom was 39 when I was born on Mother's Day in 1956 and as the long-awaited daughter after six boys, my arrival apparently left her over the moon, so to speak. As my brothers got married and started having children, it was extremely exciting to see my nephews and nieces as newborns, watching them grow up through my teenage into my adult years.

After about two years of marriage, and a couple months of "trying", my husband and I were sitting down ready to enjoy a delicious roast beef dinner a few days after I visited a doctor for a pregnancy test. In those days, unlike today, while a woman might have a suspicion, they might be pregnant, the tests were generally only accurate when a woman was at least a couple of months along. I answered the phone, and it was the doctor telling me that I was expecting my first child. Dinner was delayed with the roast, potatoes and veggies put in the fridge and the dialing began. First it was my parents, then it was David's parents with everyone almost as excited as we were.

The next few months were full of planning, purchasing the necessities such as a crib, bottles, and, as this was in 1982-83 and before the widespread use of disposable diapers, Mom purchased yards of white cotton to be made

into cloth diapers and Dad picking up items when in Cornwall for school board meetings. It was a whirlwind of activity getting things ready for the baby and making plans such as renting a rear facing car seat to bring the little one home from the hospital, purchasing a baby bath, baby soap, baby shampoo and of course gripe water amongst a multitude of other things to get done.

As the new year began, with the baby due in February, we knew it would not be long until the two of us were joined by our son or daughter. February arrived and midway through the month, my dear oldest son Graeme was born at 12:02 p.m. on Feb. 12.

It was like a dream coming true when I looked into my son's face for the first time; time seemed to stand still as I looked into his eyes, and he looked into mine. For those first few moments it was just me and my son experiencing this miraculous time together. This intense feeling of joy felt when Graeme's and my eyes met for the first time was repeated about two and a half years later, after giving birth to first Geoffrey and then Naomi. I was able to hold each of them for a time in my arms, look into their eyes and welcome them to the world.

Thank you, Graeme, thank you Geoffrey and thank you Naomi for allowing me to be your mother. It is an honour and a privilege I would not change for anything.

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

Severance application in Ormond could lead to subdivision development

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

Several severance application reviews will be held in Cornwall on Friday, May 12 at 26 Pitt St. at 10 am in the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry's (SD&G) boardroom.

One application in particular is for a parcel of land in the Ormond Road, Rodney Lane area. A successful application for this particular severance may pave the way for an eventual subdivision.

At the moment the meeting is only concerned with the severance application, and as yet there have been no plans made for a subdivision.

Anyone interested in the meeting is invited to attend in person or virtually.

If you are interested you can call or email the Director for Planning & Economic Development Services, Peter Young at 613-932-1515, extension 1266 or email him at pyoung@sdgcounties.ca.

One way to keep up with future land use issues such as village boundaries reviews in SD&G is to email planning@sdgcounties.ca and asked to be notified of village boundary reviews.

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Running the St. Lawrence Marathon

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – The weather cooperated for the annual St. Lawrence Marathon held on April 29, with supporters cheering on the racers and local organizations managing refreshment stations providing water and Gatorade to the participants along the route.

There were four separate races run during the marathon that included a 5k, 10k, half marathon of 21.1 k and a full

marathon of 42.2 k explained Sebastian Warner, race director for the St. Lawrence Marathon. “We have 725 participants in all of our events this year,” commented Warner, continuing how “over 80 per cent of our participants are from outside of our region. This event is a great showcase of our area. Warner explained the marathon is a qualifying event for the Boston Marathon. “We have had our full marathon course



Katelyne Konink is seen approaching the Long Sault entrance to the parkway, beginning the final leg of the race which ended at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall.

Thompson Goddard Photo

professionally measured and certified. It is certified as a full marathon distance course and runners can use our event to qualify for the Boston Marathon,” explained Warner.

Katelyne Konink, daughter of Deborah Ladouceur of Berwick, was one of the runners in the full marathon race. Ladouceur waited at the entrance to the parkway in Long Sault for her daughter to pass by. In a message from her mother, Konink commented how running provided her a way “to reflect, appreciate, and

motivate [herself] to keep going,” continuing how the decision to enter the marathon was “to prove to [herself what she is] capable of.”

“The magic of a marathon isn’t the 42.2 km on race day: it’s all the kilometres leading up. The mental battles, the frustrations, and the fear I had while running was truly the beauty in it all. I never considered myself to be a runner. But I am. And I’m so proud of myself,” said Konink.

The race results can be found at www.sportstats.ca/display-results.xhtml?raceid=118425

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I love a good mystery book or movie – as long as it’s not too scary.

When we know it’s a mystery, we are on the look out for clues that will lead us to the answer to the presented dilemma. When we are not aware that we are engaged in a mystery, we will often miss the clues as we encounter them. However, we will be able to recognize them in hindsight.

The story of the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) could be looked at – to some degree – as a bit of a mystery story for these two disciples on the road walking. The man who joined them actually gave them a lot of clues as to who He was but He doesn’t come and tell them – and we are told that they were prevented from realizing who He was.

They were a bit wrapped up in their grief and unrealized expectations to really look at who was in front of them. If you look at their language – they are speaking in the past tense, their belief in the promises of what Jesus had said has been broken. These men are grieving.

There are many times in our lives when something traumatic happens to us – we lose our job, a loved one passes away, we are struck by a chronic illness or traumatic injury that completely changes how we are able to live.

In these times, it is easy for us lose hope in the promises of God – in the promises of Jesus’ comfort and provision. There is a well-known poem called “Footprints” that explores this season of life. It comes down to realizing (often after the crisis portion has passed) that God was there with us – in fact, He carried us when we could not continue.

We need to remind ourselves to look for the clues of how and where God is present in our lives – it is often in manners that are not obvious to us – until we can see it in hindsight. If we are purposeful in our reflection of the events of our lives, we just might be able to see the presence of God with us – even in our grief.

If you find yourself in a season of grief, and you would like a friendly ear to listen and support you in your grief – please reach out at: stephanie.mcwatt@stclaresanglican.ca

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- OBITUARY -

Maxine Rutley



Passed away peacefully at home on Friday, January 13, 2023, Maxine Rutley (nee McEwan) of Newington, age 93. Beloved wife of the late Clare Rutley. Loving mother of Ronnie Rutley (Johanne) of Cornwall, Richard Rutley

(Kathy) of Newington and Edwin Rutley (Gale) of Long Sault. Dear sister of Darwin McEwan (Eileen) of Cornwall. Maxine will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jeremy Rutley (Carrie), Tracy Major (Mike), Zayne Rutley and her great-grandchildren Tyler, Garrett, Ewan and Jorja. She was predeceased by her infant son Arthur John, her parents Roy and Laura McEwan (nee Moke), her brother Cory McEwan and her sisters Betty Zeran (Doug), Shirley Rombough (Bill) and Florence Merkle (Lee). She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. A public graveside service will be held at Sandtown Cemetery on Friday, May 12 at 11 a.m. followed by a celebration of Maxine’s life at the Royal Canadian Legion in Finch. Donations to the C.N.I.B. or the Royal Canadian Legion 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.

- OBITUARY -

Joyce Gove



Passed away peacefully at St. Joseph’s Villa in Cornwall on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, Joyce Gove (nee McLean) of Ingleside, age 84. Loving wife of John Gove for 67 years. Loving mother of Terry Gove (Lorna) of Ingleside, Eddie Gove (Debbie) of Ingleside and Marie Shelp (Darrell) of Winchester. Joyce will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Teal (Anthony), Tyne (Ryan), Ryne (Amelie), Cory (Sarah), Troy (Tasha), Taylor (Dustin), Samantha (Josh) and her great-grandchildren Ellie, Matteo, Finley, Kylie, Riley and John. She was predeceased by her parents Alex and Gladys McLean (nee Fetterly), her sister Jean Ducharme and her brothers Lorne and Roy McLean. She is also survived by nieces and nephews. A public graveside service will be held at Sandtown Cemetery on Friday, June 16 at 11 a.m. Donations to the Alzheimer’s Society 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. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at St. Joseph’s Villa in Cornwall for their compassion and excellent care of Joyce. Their support to the family was greatly appreciated.

- OBITUARY -

ROBERT “BOB” MESMAN



It is with great sadness that we announce that Robert “Bob” Mesman passed away at the Ottawa Civic Hospital in his 77th year on May 6, 2023. Bob was the beloved husband of Marie Cruz for 45 years and the cherished father of Amanda (Marco), and Rob who predeceased him in 2013. He was extremely proud of his grandchildren Cono and Luca. Born in Holland, the son of the late Martin Mesman and Marie Mesman nee Loogman. Bob was the brother of the late Tinie Wempe (Wim), Peter (Mary), Leo (Gertrude) and Fred (Marilyn). Bob is survived by brothers Martin (Jill), Bill (Rejeanne), Tom (Ardele), Ben, and sister Alida Maclachlan (Murray). He was the beloved brother-in-law and uncle to many nieces and nephews. Bob loved his cars and long country drives visiting his family and friends. He was the dear friend of Father Brent Brennan and many parishioners at St. Mark’s in Prescott. He was employed by Ontario Hydro for 35 years in Public Relations. Bob was so kind, caring, outgoing, loved “company”, entertaining, and volunteered his time and resources to numerous charities. Bob will be dearly missed! We love you. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church (17 Elmsley St. N., Smiths Falls) on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 11 a.m. followed by a reception in Hanley Hall. Interment took place at Christ the King Cemetery (7770 Steeles Ave. E., Markham) on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 2 p.m. where Bob joined his beloved Marie. A reception took place following the interment at the Mandarin Restaurant (88 Copper Creek Drive, Markham). If desired, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

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Congratulations on a lifetime of service

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

SOUTH DUNDAS – Lion George Jackson was recently honoured for a lifetime of service to the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club.

Jackson has been a life member of the IMLC since 1989 and received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in 2001. As a member of the club, he has served as president, secretary, director, lion tamer and bulletin editor, as well as sponsoring several new members into the club. Jackson has chaired several



Lion Jim Mustard recently presented Lion George Jackson with his 60th Anniversary Service Pin and a letter of commendation from Lions International president Brian Sheehan.

Courtesy Photo

committees including those for International Services, Sight Conservation, Horse Show and Trade Show as well as serving as zone chairman and CARE

Chairman at the A4 District Level. “The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club Members congratulate Lion George Jackson on receiving his

sixty-year Chevron Award from Lions Club International for his service, commitment and dedication,” commented Lion Evonne Delegrade.



An afternoon of fun for everyone at St. Clare's

There was a whole lot of fun during the Messy Church event held at St. Clare's Anglican Church on the outskirts of Winchester on April 16, with springtime as the theme for the event. Following stories read by Rev. Stephanie McWatt, people were able to enjoy an afternoon of creativity and fun.

There were several stations located in the church hall where people of all ages were able to do craft activities, decorate cupcakes and have some fun making ice cream cones filled with marshmallows, chocolate dip and sparkles. One of the favourite activities was making a bow and arrow from elastics and Q-tips, then seeing how far the Q-tip arrow could fly down the back hall. A delicious baked mac and cheese dinner concluded the event and provided more opportunity for socializing. A community family movie night, open to the public, is planned for May 19, featuring Jumanji 2. More information is available to be posted on the Facebook page of the Anglican Parish of North Dundas at St. Clare's.

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Hike for Hospice

Prior to the start of the Hike for Hospice, the Williamsburg Independent Order of Oddfellows (I.O.O.F.) presented Dundas County Hospice with a cheque in the amount of \$2,150, the proceeds from their Surf and Turf live auction. From left: David Lapier, Noble Grand, IOOF #349 Williamsburg, Paul Renaud, Dundas County Hospice board member, Lisa Casselman, executive director, Dundas County Hospice, Arnold Scheeder, Dundas County Hospice board member, Carole and Michel Sabourin, donors.

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- Favouring regional companies when awarding service contracts

THE BENEFITS

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

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

ARE YOU A LOCAVORE?

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

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Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club celebrate 20 years on the stage

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

MORISBURG – The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club has done it again.

The club staged its 20th production at the Upper Canada Playhouse from April 27 to April 29 with the comedy *Drop Dead!*

The play is just one of many that the Lions Club have performed every two years since 1984.

As expected, the cast and crew of *Drop Dead!* brought to life a comedy that an audience from all over was able to enjoy.

The story behind the play is about a group of washed-up actors working together to produce a murder mystery in a last-ditch attempt to revitalize their careers.

Of course, everything that can go wrong, including murder, does go wrong.

Thanks to the Upper Canada Playhouse, the performance has all the features the audience is looking for, in terms of stage presentation and atmosphere.

Wendy Gibb has been directing the Lions Club productions since the very beginning.

Covid got in the way of production but ultimately it was able to go ahead.

Gibb said, “This one was slowed down because of Covid but we finally got it on the stage.”

She was happy with all



The cast of *Drop Dead!* Left to right are, front row seated Jacques Juneau, Margaret Johnston, Reina DeJong, Margaret Swerdfeger. Back row: Jim Mustard, Gary Hess, Glenn Swerdfeger, Brian Speer, Barry Fawcett, and Rick MacKenzie.

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the work cast members and stage crew did to make the play happen.

Bringing all the elements of the play together takes time.

“It is a full-time commitment,” said Gibb. “We started putting it together before Christmas.”

When the date for the play gets closer, cast members work five days a week rehearsing for it.

“We had very good crowds. The cast did a fantastic job. It was a very funny play.

The cast put in close to 2,000 hours getting ready

for this; between rehearsals and building sets.”

The plays are a major fundraising event for the Lions Club.

Since 1984, it has been estimated that the performances have raised close to \$250,000.

“The funds all go back to the community through the Lions projects,” she said.

Picking the right kind of play and cast is not always an easy task but the Lions Clubs’ dedicated performers and Gibb’s experience makes the productions look easy to put on.

She has to read through a great many plays to find one that will work for the cast members she has.

“First of all, it has to have a cast that [is] the right size. There are always about eight to 10 Lions who want to be involved in the play.”

Drop Dead! featured 10 actors.

Gibb tries to pick a play that will be fun to do, and

one the community will have fun watching.

“We have had three cast members who have been in every production since 1984. I pick a basic play I think will work for the folks here, and then we go from there matching the parts up with people. Over the years a lot of people have been in a lot of the plays and are really good at what they do. They work incredibly hard. They are all volunteers,” said Gibb.

“Twenty years down the road, and the Playhouse is still packing them in,” she said.

Drop Dead! first opened at The Cort Theatre in Los Angeles, California, in 1991. It starred Adrienne Barbeau, “Grease” and “Maude”, Rose Marie, “Dick Van Dyke Show”, Barney Martin, “Seinfeld”, Craig Bierko, “Unreal”, Donny Most, “Happy Days”, Billy Van Zandt, and Jane Milmore.

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MORRISBURG – The weather was beautiful outside during the 2023 Spring Home & Trade Show, organized by the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce on May 5 and 6 at the arena in Morrisburg.

“The 2023 South Dundas Chamber of Commerce Trade Show is off and going,” commented South Dundas Mayor Jason Broad early on the second day of the event. He mentioned the official opening on Friday evening went well and invited people to drop by to visit the local vendors and businesses during the event.

SDCC office manager Heidi Mackenzie explained the event featured approximately 57 booths featuring both profit and not for profit organizations. There was plenty to see and do at the show on Saturday which featured a performance by Junkyard Symphony, a fashion show by Giant Tiger and an auto extraction demonstration by South Dundas Fire and Emergency Services and musical entertainment throughout the day.

SDSG MP Eric Duncan had a booth at the event, mentioning this allows people the opportunity to receive information and



The quiet hum of people visiting was permeated by the explosive sounds of Junkyard Symphony during their performance at the Spring Home and Trade Show in Morrisburg on May 6.

Thompson Goddard Photo

provide feedback to him on issues. “It is great to be at the trade show and there have been some good crowds coming through,” commented SDSG MPP Nolan Quinn, who continued it is a great opportunity to meet with the organizations and businesses at the event.

“These events are an opportunity for neighbours to gather, enjoy each other’s company and be introduced to the businesses new and old in South Dundas,” said SDG warden and North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser.

“We all work together to make it the success it was and look forward to seeing everyone next year,” commented Mackenzie before thanking the Municipality of South Dundas, the Morrisburg and District Lions Club, vendors and those who attended the event or donated prizes for the draws.

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We would appreciate it if you made sure that none of the food items you donate are dented or past their expiry date or perishable.

YOUR GROCERY BAG OF DONATED ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP ON SATURDAY MAY 13TH, STARTING AT 1 P.M.

On Saturday May 13th before 1 p.m., please place your grocery bag of donated food in a location visible from the road. If you live in a rural area, place your grocery bag under your mailbox (If it rains, please put the paper bag in a plastic bag to protect it.) The same team of volunteers who dropped off the bag will pick it up.

Over the course of this food drive, volunteers pick up hundreds of bags. They will occasionally miss one. Please be patient. If your grocery bag has not been picked up by 3 p.m. on May 13th, call 613-898-0781.

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Area Police and Alzheimer Society launch Project Lifesaver

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – The Alzheimer Society of Cornwall & District, in partnership with local police have announced the launch of a new initiative to protect and quickly locate people living with dementia who become lost. Project Lifesaver is now available to residents living in Prescott-Russell, Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry, Cornwall, and Akwesasne.

was announced during a presentation at the South Stormont Community Hall on Wed., April 25 is supported by the Hawkesbury, Russell and SD&G Ontario Provincial Police, Cornwall Police and Akwesasne Police, in collaboration with the Alzheimer Society of Cornwall and District. The event was attended by several local dignitaries. The head table included SDG OPP detachment commander Insp. Marc Hemmerick, Akwesasne-



Kaylen Fenger, project co-ordinator with the Alzheimer Society of Cornwall & District explains what Project Lifesaver is and what it can accomplish. “What’s really special about this is, it’s a partnership,” said Fenger. Courtesy Photo

high risk of getting lost will receive a bracelet transmitter, with a unique frequency. If they become lost, a locator housed with Police Services can be used to locate that unique frequency.

To participate in the program, a person must have a confirmed or presumptive diagnosis of dementia or a related disorder, be at a high risk of wandering, have daily contact with a caregiver or family member, and be restricted from operating a motor vehicle. They also must live in Prescott-Russell, Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry, Cornwall, or Akwesasne.

The equipment used in Project Lifesaver requires daily monitoring by a care partner. Regular visits by an Alzheimer Society staff for equipment maintenance are included as part of the program.

To learn more about Project Lifesaver, call the Alzheimer Society of Cornwall & District at 613-932-4914 or toll-free at 1-888-222-1445. You can also visit the office in Cornwall, which is located at 106B Second St. West. The office is open Monday – Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

TAGWI Report

By Brooke Donnelly
Student Reporter

A week with the Warriors



In Avonmore this week, Tagwi Secondary School was bustling, and our Warriors were very busy. On Monday, Tagwi hosted both senior girls’ and boys’ soccer. On Tuesday, students who attended the Global Student Leadership Summit in London, Ontario, returned home. Finally, on Thursday, our secondary warriors participating in track and field went to their first meet.

On Monday, Tagwi hosted both senior boys’ and girls’ soccer. First, our girls played Char-Lan District High School. Our Warriors played a hard-fought game, through the cold and rain, but ended up falling 3-0. After, it was the boys turn to play Char-Lan, where they won 1-0. For their final games of the day, both teams played Glengarry District High School. The girls started the game strong, but the game ended up 6-0 for the opposition. The boys managed to keep the game tied 0-0 until the beginning of the second half, but they fell 2-0 in the last 25 minutes.

Last Friday, students attending the Global Student Leadership Summit took off for London, where it was being held. After a wonderful few days of hearing from amazing speakers, and meeting people from across Canada and around the globe, our student leaders returned home on Tuesday.

Finally, on Thursday, in preparation of the SD&G track and field meet next Tuesday, our Warriors took off to Ottawa for their first meet of the season. The meet was hosted by the Ottawa Lions Club, and our Warriors competed very well against some tough competition.

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).

Mohawk Police Service Staff Sgt. Ranatiiostha Swamp, and Cornwall Police Service Acting Insp. George Knezevic. Knezevic is also president of the local Alzheimer Society board of directors.

Project Lifesaver uses technology that will assist in the search and rescue efforts for those who

wander and get lost. It has been proven in other areas to greatly reduce the search time for police. Time is of the essence when trying to prevent loved ones from harm.

Kaylen Fenger, project co-ordinator with the Alzheimer Society of Cornwall & District, explained how the

program is a tool to assist in locating those who have become lost. “What’s really special about this is, it’s a partnership,” said Fenger. “And I know the impact of Project Lifesaver will create a safer and stronger community.”

The program works like this: Those who are at

House of Lazarus Ladies Night Out enjoys community and business support

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

BRINSTON – The House of Lazarus, (HOL) hosted another successful Ladies Night Out on Sat., April 22 at the Matilda Hall in Dixons Corners.

The event raised \$9,000 for the HOL food bank and its popular outreach programs.

Executive Director of HOL Cathy Ashby said, “Ladies Night Out went very well. It was a sold-out event with 200 tickets sold.”

She said organizers tried out something new this year for food, and that was chili in a bread bowl. The bread bowls were donated by Grahame’s Bakery in Kemptville.

“There was a good response to

that,” said Ashby.

The Hallville United Church looked after dessert by making tasty squares for everyone.

As well as the food, entertainment, and fun at the event, there were also 27 vendors, and a silent auction.

This year’s Ladies Night Out featured, a fashion show hosted by the HOL and volunteer models showcasing high-end fashions, and Helene from Juli’s Fashion in Morrisburg had a fashion show as well.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was North Grenville Coun. Debbie Wilson. The evening was rounded out with Nancy Morgan from The Workshop Dance Studio in Kemptville, managing to get everyone up and dancing.

There was no shortage of support for the event.

Norma McNaughton won \$527.50 in the 50/50 draw.

The visitors to the event enjoyed supporting the 27 vendors and silent auction and many went home with new items.

The bartenders for the evening were Liz Russell, Chloe Preston, and Sarah McWhinnie. Amanda Layton-Malone and Janet Carkner created a great atmosphere with their lovely decorations.

Ashby said the energy and commitment of the HOL team demonstrated their passion by dedicating their time and energy into making the night memorable and successful.

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- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
 - Chinese philosophical principle
 - Branch
 - Jewish spiritual leader
 - Slang for requests
 - "So Human An Animal" author
 - Rocker Billy
 - British Air Aces
 - Type of tree
 - "Tough Little Boys" singer Gary
 - State attorneys
 - Goddess of fertility
 - Localities
 - Beloved singer Charles
 - Clue
 - Ridge of jagged rock below sea surface
 - Helsinki neighborhood
 - Farm resident
 - Ocean
 - Where ballplayers work
 - Unable to hear
 - Cool!
 - Cape Verde capital
 - One point north of due east
 - Kilo yard (abbr.)
 - Middle Eastern nation
 - It yields Manila hemp
 - People operate it (abbr.)
 - Regenerate
 - Not healthy
 - Chinese sword
 - Mild expression of surprise
- CLUES DOWN**
- Unit of angle
 - Headgear to control a horse
 - Clots
 - Follows sigma
 - A woman who is the superior of a group of nuns
 - Greek units of weight
 - Radio direction finder (abbr.)
 - Systems, doctrines, theories
 - Stony waste matter
 - Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
 - Hostile to others
 - U.S. State
 - Not wet
 - Something one thinks up
 - Where beer is made
 - Clumsy person
 - Belonging to us
 - Canadian flyers
 - Greek goddess of the dawn
 - Snakelike fish
 - Unhappy
 - Fruit
 - Not good
 - Zero degrees Celsius
 - Goo Goo Dolls' hit
 - Crawls into the head (folklore)
 - Legally responsible
 - Move in a playful way
 - Regarded with deep affection
 - Partner to flowed
 - Native American tribe
 - Head honcho

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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.

Eastern Engines

WILLIAMSBURG – If you travel County Road 31 and pass through the Village of Williamsburg, you are probably familiar with Eastern Engines. It's that place just north of County Road 18 that always seems to have, depending upon the season, either snowblowers or lawnmowers and riding mowers parked out front. There's usually a lot of vehicles parked as well, which is always a sign of a healthy and popular business.

Eastern Engines got its start in 1985 and was originally located in the Pinkus building (now Jay's Tire and Automotive), a bit farther south, but was moved to its current location in 1989. Founded by Wim and Alie Berghuis, the business has been owned and managed since December 2018 by Daniel and Sara Van Gilst.

For many people, if their problem relates to outdoor power equipment, then Eastern Engines is the solution. They are a factory authorized full-service Stihl, Husqvarna, and Toro dealership.

If you somehow managed to miss the equipment parked out front, there is no mistaking the purpose of the business when you walk inside. They have just about anything you would ever need for lawn and garden maintenance (both human controlled and robotic), chainsaws from the smallest battery operated to the extremely powerful gas powered and all

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Daniel Van Gilst and his wife Sara have owned Eastern Engines since 2018 and continue the long tradition of quality products and superior customer service that the business is known for was built on.

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the safety equipment you could ever think of. And if it's parts or service you desire, then you've come to the right place.

When asked what to him is the best

thing about his business, Van Gilst says it is difficult to pinpoint what appeals to him. "I've always enjoyed fixing things," he said. "I enjoy being in the shop."

"Actually though, I'd have to say it is the people," he adds. "There are so many really great people, and I enjoy working with them."

Like most small businesses, Van Gilst has felt the effect of supply chain issues experienced by the manufacturers of the products he sells. Some, he says have gotten better, others, however, seem to be heading in the opposite direction. All you can do is work hard to source the things the customer is looking for and try to get it to them as quickly as possible or offer alternative solutions.

While no one can predict the future with any surety, Van Gilst says one thing is sure: the future of Eastern Engines will be in Williamsburg. "I would like to expand at some point," he said, but I really don't have the room. We need to stay in Williamsburg though, I don't think we could have a better location for this business."

Eastern Engines is located at 4301 County Road 31 in Williamsburg. They are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until noon. You can reach them by phone at 613-535-2488 or through their website at easternengines.com.

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

South Dundas Council approves equipment purchases

Terry Tinkess
Record Staff

MORRISBURG—At their regular meeting on April 11, South Dundas Council were presented with an action request recommending the purchases of a 450 Electric Zamboni in the amount of \$135,335 plus HST and delivery charges. Council subsequently approved the purchase of a new ice resurfacer for the Morrisburg Arena in the amount of \$140,000 within the 2023 Fleet Budget.

"I am recommending that we go the electric route (ver-

sus propane)," said David Jansen, director of parks, recreation, and facilities. "At the end of the day, long-term, I think it's going to pay for itself. I know there is a \$40,000 increase right now... but there's a whole health and safety benefit there, not just an economical benefit," said Jansen, referencing increasing gas and propane costs.

The existing Zamboni will be stored for a one-year period before discussing a disposal plan.

"I think it is great that we move in this direction," said

Mayor Jason Broad.

Council was also presented with an action request by Jeff Hyndman, director of transportation services recommending awarding the purchase of a front mounted snowplow and sander to Twin Equipment in the amount of \$26,801 plus HST. The 2023 Budget included \$30,528 from the fleet reserve fund for the purchase of a snowplow and sander for the ¾ ton truck.

"This plow unit will be used as a key vehicle for snow removal for the upcoming season," said Hyndman.



Fish for dinner

Another successful Fish Fry fundraiser was held on Sat., May 6 at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 in Chesterville. For \$17, people were able to enjoy two pieces of deep-fried New Zealand cod, French fries, coleslaw, and a bun. Legion president Steve Grubb mentioned there were 88 dinners pre-ordered with several walk-ins during the event. Upcoming events at the Legion will be a return of chicken barbecues with the first one held on May 20. Grubb explained it is being held in conjunction with a reunion, with the public invited to reserve a meal during the first sitting scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. From the left: With his wife Mary assisting, Steve is seen putting the finishing touches to a take-out meal during the Fish Fry fundraiser.

Thompson Goddard Photo

A Bunch of Sketches returns to the stage

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – There is sure to be a theatre full of laughing people in Winchester's Old Town Hall, when A Bunch of People (ABOP) present their fundraiser, *A Bunch of Sketches – Take 2*. Directed by Marie-Thérèse Robinson, three shows are planned with evening performances on May 19 and 20 beginning at 7:30 p.m. and a May 20 matinee beginning at 2 p.m.

A recent ABOP press release confirmed the work of Tom Schoch, Harmony Koiter, Jennifer Heale, Jo-Anne Barton, Curtis Russell, and Kaitlyn Morrow will be performed during the event, which will

see "all profit from the shows" donated to the House of Lazarus.

"I'm so excited to be working on this again. This project started off with great laughs in the writers' room in our first meeting when Heidi Foss, four-time Canadian Comedy Award nominee for Best Female Stand-up Comic, joined us virtually to mentor and guide the writers, drawing from her vast experience," explained Robinson.

Tickets are \$20 each. ABOP recommends those 13 years and older attend the performance. More information is available by calling 613-246-5064 or emailing abunchofpeopleartsandevents@gmail.com.



Greely welcomes new Foodland owners

Kelsey Parent and Francis Lavoie are the new owners of Greely Foodland, and are looking forward to welcoming Greely residents to their store.

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Ladies Night offers Sparkles & Splash

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

RUSSELL – The Russell Agricultural Society created another great event for area residents with its Russell’s Ladies Night.

Organizers were back to planning the annual fundraiser after a three-year

break because of Covid. The agricultural society has been putting Ladies Night together for the past 17 years, and when the time came to create a committee to bring the event together and find volunteers, the response from the community was great.

The event was held on

Fri., May 5 at the Russell Arena, and 570 ladies purchased tickets. The evening was a fundraiser for the Russell Agricultural Society as well as for the Russell Splash pad initiative. The event raised \$3,000 for the splash pad, which Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux hopes to have in operation next year.

The Russell Ladies Night event had as its theme “Sparkle & Splash”.

Special moments during the evening included a cheque presentation to Mayor Leroux, raffle and draws, dancing and a special performance by Saltina Shaker and Karamilk, drag queen performers.

Sebastian Pilon was the master of ceremonies for the evening.

Judy McFaul chair of the organizing committee for Sparkle & Splash said, “In all of the years since I have chaired it, that is normal.”

McFaul was referring to the incredible sense of energy that was rippling through the arena during the event. She suggested the energy level was higher



The Russell Ladies Night was a success. A cheque for \$3,000 was presented to Russell Township for its splash pad. The event’s organizing committee presented the cheque on stage before the evening’s fun began. Left to right are: Josee Nugent, Marley Ranson, Michelle St. Pierre, Tania Costa, Sarah Dupont-Denis, Helene Edwards, Jennifer Chambers, Karinne Boucher, chair of the committee Judy McFaul and Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux.

Morin Photo



Visitors to the Sparkle & Splash event in Russell on May 5 were greeted at the door to the Russell Arena by a group of Russell’s finest ticket takers. Left to right are Libo Habets, Russell Coun. Marc Lalonde, Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux and Darrell Menard.

Morin Photo

than normal because people have not been able to get out in the past three years.

Alongside the entertainment on the main stage there was a tasty buffet style dinner provided by Leatherworks Catering, the music for the dancing portion of the night was by Quality Entertainment.

The Russell Fire Department lent a hand to the event, volunteering for the evening.

The drag show performance was a special treat for the Ladies Night Out audience.

“It was phenomenal. It was out of this world, and everybody was so engaged, it was crazy,” said McFaul.

She explained that the volunteers make the evening possible.

Volunteers come out the day before the big night, and set up all the tables and chairs, then a second group

come out to decorate the arena from top to bottom.

When everything is over, volunteers show up to take everything down and put everything away.

McFaul said high school students make up many of the volunteers who can get some of their student hours by helping with the setting up and tearing down of the event.

The next Russell Ladies Night is planned for May 3, 2024.

Green Corners Farm grows a forest of tulips

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

GREELY – In the fall of 2019, Allan Groen and Manja Bastian, the owners of Green Corners Farm decided they wanted to turn their modest 13 acres around their home into a pick-your own tulip farm.

Allan, a retired librarian and Manja an accountant, knew little about growing tulips but with a great deal of research and some help, and advice from Vanco Farms Ltd., that specializes in growing specialty potatoes, organic potatoes, premium cut tulips, and tulip bulbs, made things easier.

The couple had, during their respective careers, worked and travelled overseas. Now it is their time to settle down.

“We bought the farm by accident. We bought this house, and it came with 13 acres of land,” said Manja.

Retirement not sitting well with couple, they soon became bored. They wanted to find something that would add a bit of excitement to their lives.

“After about a year or so, we were not enjoying being retired. It was kind of boring,” said Manja.

They realized they might be able to do something with the land they had.

“We bounced a lot of different ideas around.”

They settled on creating a pick your own, business and because of their Dutch heritage decided to grow and sell tulips.

“We got lots of help from Vanco in PEI,” said Manja.

Tulips do not thrive in a too wet environment, so the first thing the couple had to do was put in some tile drainage.

They started with 15,000 bulbs.

“Vanco recommended that probably 30,000 would be better.

That same fall the tulip festival organizers called and asked them to grow 150,000 just for them.

“It kind of snowballed from there,” said Manja.

Their daughter Alanna Groen-Brunsting helps them operate the farm.

She currently handles the farm’s social media, customer service, and website updates.

We plant them 12 to 15 every square foot. You would be surprised at how little land it takes.”

To ensure they have a healthy reserve of lands to grow their tulips on, they

rotate their fields on a regular basis.

“You cannot plant too many tulips in the same spot for too many years,” she said.

They rotate their tulip fields on a five-year rotation.

The tulip farm features around 35 different varieties of tulips and that means lots of different colours to choose from.

When the season comes around to pick your own tulips, there is no shortage of people coming out to the farm to get their own plants.

Green Corners Farm also grows around 100,000 tulips to be shipped off to Ottawa’s annual tulip festival.

Picking all those tulips means the farm needs people to do just that.

They employ around 15 high school students from the area to help them pick the tulips.

“They come from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.,” said Manja.

The students come before they go to school and then in the afternoon return to help with packaging the tulips up for transportation to where they need to go.

Green Corners Farm also uses part of its unused land for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Their land has been used by university students to conduct research on turtle and bat habitats.

Green Corners Farm is located at 1259 Yorks Corners Road. Their phone number is 613-898-1801, email is: green.corners.farm@gmail.com and webpage is greencorners.ca

The farm is open daily from May 3 to 15. You will need a ticket to pick your tulips.



A sea of tulips greet visitors at Green Corners Farm. Courtesy Photo

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