

# E-K Business News

An Economic Development Update

**Maggio Flooring & Decorating Centre and Smiths Farm Equipment Ltd.** were named the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley 2019 Business of the Year at the Award Luncheon held Wednesday October 3, 2019 at the Brockville Country Club. Given the diverse nature of these two businesses and their many accomplishments, the Economic Development Committee unanimously agreed to recognize both businesses for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this award.



(L-R: Committee Chair Gord McFarlane, Winners Bonny Lamont and Alice Maggio of Maggio Flooring & Decorating Centre, Mayor Brant Burrow, and Winners Rob Smith and Chris Smith of Smiths Farm Equipment Ltd.)

Alice Maggio and Bonny Lamont of Maggio Flooring & Decorating Centre, and Rob and Chris Smith of Smiths Farm Equipment Ltd. accepted the award from Mayor Brant Burrow and the Economic Development Committee Chair Gord McFarlane. The Business of the Year Award honours businesses that have demonstrated excellence in their field, longevity, innovation and involvement in their community.

Five businesses were nominated this year and are detailed on page 2 of this E-K Business News edition. In acknowledgement of the accomplishments of the nominees, the Committee presented each in attendance with a certificate recognizing their excellence.

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### **1000 Island Miniature Golf & Driving Range**

1000 Island Miniature Golf & Driving Range quickly became an instant hit with locals and visitors after opening its doors in 2018, renewing the interest in golf for people of all ages. The location has transformed to a destination for locals and travellers alike, and has become a gathering place for many social groups, and expanded in its second season to offer more programs and activities, such as a youth day camp.

Paying homage to the area's history through its design features, 1000 Island Miniature Golf & Driving Range also features ice cream treats, a canteen, and private event room. With over 10 acres of land, the business has the ability to continue to grow and offer additional opportunities for its customers.

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### **Hall's Apple Market**

Owned and operated by the third generation of Hall's, Hall's Apple Market has been bringing families together for decades. Composed of over 80 acres, the orchard has expanded to showcase 10 varieties of apples, as well as a store featuring other apple products, baked goods, and items from other small local businesses to offer their items to a wider consumer base.

Pick-your-own was introduced in 1998 and allowed families to wander and reconnect with nature and each other. Anyone can visit their location on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession, enjoy their apples by visiting one of the 10 farmers markets that Hall's attends, or join one of the Eastern Ontario group tours that visits them.

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### **Maggio Flooring & Decorating Centre**

Maggio Flooring & Decorating Centre has been a longstanding business within Elizabethtown-Kitley, growing to become the renowned destination for residents and others to have their flooring and renovating needs met by caring and qualified staff. They boast one of the largest showrooms in Eastern Ontario for not only their flooring options, but also for window coverings and wallpaper selections. The business continues to work hard for its clients to meet their needs and budget, including working with insurance companies to do recovery work for those who experienced unfortunate losses. Maggio Flooring & Decorating Centre continues to be a supporter and advocate of the trades by being a member of various groups.

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### **Pricedex Software**

Pricedex Software is at the global forefront in offering specialized software to assist with the day-to-day operation of large manufacturing corporations and prominent industries. The company identifies areas where informational and operational gaps exist, costing others valuable resources, and works to eliminate these shortcomings by compiling universal information applicable to organizations around the world. Their software has allowed others to better communicate and collaborate together to foster new partnerships and economic opportunities.

Pricedex Software is not only a supporter of industries, but of the arts through their contributions towards seasonal entertainment at the Brockville Arts Centre and other theatrical productions in the area.

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### **Smiths Farm Equipment Ltd.**

Agriculture has a long standing history within Elizabethtown-Kitley and Smiths Farm Equipment Ltd. has allowed that tradition to continue by offering quality equipment, parts and services at affordable prices. As a longstanding family business, they understand the importance of hard work, resilience, and community. They strive to go the extra mile for their customers by undertaking additional training, offering financial plans, and expanding their merchandise.

Smiths Farm Equipment Ltd. continues to be a supporter of the agricultural sector by sponsoring and participating in various regional fairs and events, to introduce children to the farming lifestyle by providing them an opportunity to interact with some of the equipment and animals a farmer may regularly encounter.

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## Training & Workshops

Please contact the organizers for information. Registration is often required.

### **Smiths Falls | Lanark County Small Business Enterprise Centre** [smallbizcentre.ca](http://smallbizcentre.ca)

#### **Google Analytics and Google Advertising Seminar**

October 8 from 9:00 to 12:00

*Beginning level seminar to show where your website lies in Google Analytics.*

#### **Bookkeeping 101: What You Need to Know to Run Your Business**

Thursday, October 10 from 9:00 to 12:00

*Help on how to set-up accurate record-keeping.*

#### **Employment Standards Act & Occupational Health & Safety Act Seminar**

Thursday, November 14 from 9:30 to 11:30

*A two-hour info session with the Ministry of Labour.*

### **Regional Tourism Organization Zone 9**

#### **Staging Successful Events** [tourismtalk.ca](http://tourismtalk.ca)

Wednesday, October 9 from 1:00 to 3:00

Lou Jeffries Rec Centre (600 King St E, Gananoque)

*Learn the good, the bad and the ugly when preparing for award winning events.*

#### **KEYS Job Centre (Gananoque Branch)** [keys.ca](http://keys.ca)

#### **Pathway to Production (P2P)**

Ongoing until October 18<sup>th</sup>

*Perfect for those interested in having a career in manufacturing. Contact KEYS for more information.*

## Networking & Special Events

### **Smiths Falls & District Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala**

[smithsfallschamber.ca](http://smithsfallschamber.ca)

Friday, October 18 at 6:00

Cost: \$75/person or \$425/table of 6

Econo Lodge Hotel, Smiths Falls (33 Centre Street)

### **Bridges to Better Business Annual Conference**

[lgsbec.com](http://lgsbec.com)

Thursday, October 24 from 8:30 to 3:00

Cost: \$75

Brockville Country Club (1548 County Road 2)

### **Brockville & District Chamber of Commerce Awards of Excellence Gala**

[brockvillechamber.com](http://brockvillechamber.com)

Thursday, November 7 from 5:30 to 10:30

Cost: \$137 + taxes

Brockville Memorial Centre (100 Magedoma Blvd)

### **Leeds Grenville Economic Development Summit**

[leedsgrenville.com](http://leedsgrenville.com)

Friday, November 22

Cost: \$30

North Grenville Municipal Centre (285 County Rd 44)

### **St. Lawrence Corridor & the New Economy: Regional Economic Development Update**

[brockvillechamber.com](http://brockvillechamber.com)

Wednesday, October 23 from 11:30 to 1:00

Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non-members

Brockville Country Club (1548 County Road 2)

### **LG Approved Professional After Five B2B Event**

[lgapproved.ca](http://lgapproved.ca)

Wednesday, November 6 from 5:00 to 8:00

Luna Pizzeria, Brockville (365 Stewart Blvd)

### **Ontario East Annual General Meeting & Networking Event**

[ontarioeast.ca](http://ontarioeast.ca)

Friday, November 8

Cost: Information to Come

Firehall Theatre, Gananoque (185 South Street)

### **LG Approved Professionals Christmas Gala**

[lgapproved.ca](http://lgapproved.ca)

Friday, December 6 at 5:30

Cost: \$65 members, \$75 non-members

Brockville Convention Centre (7829 Kent Blvd)