

Business News

An Economic Development Update

Pastry King's Princess was named the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley 2023 Business of the Year at Township's Business Luncheon held Thursday, September 28, 2023, at the Toledo Legion.

Owner Ingrid Van Dusen accepted the award from Mayor Brant Burrow and the Economic Development Committee Chair Earl Pollock. The Business of the Year Award honours businesses that have demonstrated excellence in their field, longevity, innovation, and involvement in their community.

Three businesses were nominated this year:

- King Arthur Woodworking Inc.
- Kitley Grocery & Service Centre
- Pastry King's Princess

In acknowledgement of their accomplishments, the Committee presented each of the nominees with a certificate recognizing their excellence.

The luncheon featured guest speakers Jeanette Johnston, Small Business Development Officer (United Counties of Leeds and Grenville) who spoke about various programs and support offered to small businesses through Counties' Small Business office located on Wall Street in Brockville; in addition to what is offered through the Small Business Advisory Centre located in Smiths Falls; which serves the northern portion of the Township. Jeanette also touched on the current economic state and congratulated all three of this year's nominees.

The Business of the Year award was created in 1994 to recognize the contribution of local businesses. This event marked the 28th Business Luncheon hosted by the Township and Economic Development Committee.



Left to Right: Earl Pollock, Chair of the Economic Development Committee; Nominee Nathan MacArthur of King Arthur Woodworking Inc., Nominee Lynn Kerr of Kitley Grocery & Service Centre, and Nominee Ingrid Van Dusen of Pastry King's Princess, and Mayor Brant

Business of the Year Nominees

King Arthur Woodworking Inc.

[Find Them on Facebook](#)

Established in 2012 Nathan is on his way to making a long-standing local business with King Arthur Woodwork Inc. The business focuses on custom woodwork and design, renovations, and project management. Currently the business employs five full time employees, up one from last year, and has the ability to expand.

Many of the projects taken on by King Arthur requires creativity, problem solving skills, and finding unique solutions—all with a custom touch. This year saw the completion of a heritage home renovation project that replicated all the original millwork and trim. Every aspect of this project was custom and took over two months to complete.

In 2021 Nathan was awarded the 11th '40 under 40 Award' by the Brockville Young Professionals.

King Arthur Woodwork Inc. believes in supporting its community and has sponsored charity events such as local golf tournaments and has donated to local food banks.

Kitley Grocery & Service Centre

[Find Them Online](#)

Kitley Grocery & Service Centre has been a gathering place for locals and visitors alike for 35 years. The business is the only gas station in the area, providing a vital service, seven days a week.

Kitley Grocery is a one stop shop. The business boasts a kitchen area to prepare meals, in addition to the grocery items, snacks, drinks, and treats they sell. The Centre is also an official LCBO convenience outlet. Shoppers can also find a propane tank exchange, phone cards, movie rentals, and lottery tickets.

Owner Lynn Kerr has been a longstanding supporter of Toledo and rural living as a whole. She is involved in the community through promoting events and fundraisers, including improvements to the Toledo Cenotaph, beautification efforts, among many others.

Kitley Grocery & Service Centre truly goes above and beyond in providing everything locals and travelers need while in Toledo. The friendly staff provides outstanding service.

Pastry King's Princess

[Find Them Online](#)

Pastry King's Princess is a family-run baking company established in 1994 by Ingrid Van Dusen. As the daughter of the Pastry King, Ingrid was raised with the love of baking in addition to the knowledge of baking Dutch treats.

Specializing in recipes from Holland/Netherlands they are known for their Dutch cookies, cakes and pastries made with European Buttercream. The Pastry King's Princess has expanded their dessert line to include Canadian cookies and squares. There is also a specialty line of cakes and designer cookies.

In addition to their country bake shop located just outside Lyn you can find their treats offered in various local locations: The Butcher Shop, Charleston Lake Lakeline Lodge, and the Outpost Café in Prescott.

Believing and supporting the community Pastry King's Princess donates to local organizations such as Elizabethtown-Kitley Fire Fish Fry, Lyn Public School Cake Walk, King's Kitchen.

 **Workshops and Seminars** **Bridges to Better Business: Ignite Growth Through Community****Thursday October 26, 2023**

Prescott Town Hall

Tickets: \$25

Presented by Leeds Grenville Small Business

Discover how a strong and supportive community can be a catalyst for business success. Learn how businesses thrive when they are deeply connected to the community they serve. Come hear from a business that have harnessed the power of community to achieve growth.

[Learn More](#)**Effortless Social Media: Craft a Month of Posts in Just 1 Hour with AI****Monday October 30, 2023**

9:00 – 10:00 am webinar

Cost: Free

Hosted by: The Small Business Advisory Centre (Smiths Falls/Lanark County/North Leeds Grenville)

Presenter: Mickey Anderson

Unlock the power of AI tools and strategies that will save you time, boost efficiency, and skyrocket your online exposure.

[Learn More](#)**Lead Magnet Magic: Grow Your Email List with AI in Under 30 Minutes!****Monday November 6, 2023**

9:00 am - 10:00 am webinar

Cost: Free

Hosted by: The Small Business Advisory Centre (Smiths Falls/Lanark County/North Leeds Grenville)

Presenter: Mickey Anderson

Ready to supercharge your email marketing?

[Learn More](#)**New Hires? Keep them Safe and Integrated****Tuesday November 7, 2023**

Presented by Leeds Grenville Small Business

Co-facilitated by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development (MLITSD) and Workplace Safety and Prevention Services (WSPS)

[Learn More](#)

AI Blog Writing for Beginners: Your Path to Engaging Content and Increased Traffic!

Wednesday November 20, 2023

9:00 am - 10:00 am webinar

Cost: Free

Hosted by: The Small Business Advisory Centre (Smiths Falls/Lanark County/north Leeds Grenville)

Unleash the writer within you!

[Learn More](#)

CRA Webinar: Small Business and Self-Employed Individuals

Wednesday November 27, 2023

9:30 am - 11:30 am Teams Webinar

Hosted by: The Small Business Advisory Centre (Smiths Falls/Lanark County/north Leeds Grenville)

Facilitated by: CRA- Canada Revenue Agency

If you have tax related questions, here is your chance to get them answered.

[Learn More](#)

Unlock Online Sales: 5 Steps to Transform Your Website into a Sales Machine!

Monday December 4, 2023

9:00 am - 10:00 am Webinar

Cost: Free

Hosted by: The Small Business Advisory Centre (Smiths Falls/Lanark County/north Leeds Grenville)

Ready to turn your website into a sales powerhouse?

[Learn More](#)

Road Map to Simple Safety Solutions

Tuesday December 5, 2023

Presented by Leeds Grenville Small Business

Co-facilitated by Workplace Safety and Prevention Services (WSPS) and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)

[Learn More](#)

Looking for Funding?

There are a number of grant and funding opportunities available to businesses in Leeds Grenville. [To learn more, visit the Counties' webpage.](#)

2022 - 2026 Economic Development Committee

Mission Statement:

Under the direction of Council, to manage the development of the Township businesses and industries within an environment that maximizes benefits to the Township and area residents.

Meeting Information:

The Economic Development Committee typically meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Main Administration Office in New Dublin. Meetings are livestreamed to YouTube.

Committee Members

Earl Pollock, Chair
Dave Mallory
Rebecca Mercer
Bob Pearce

Council Representatives

Councillor Tom Linton
Councillor Rob Smith

Ex-Officio

Mayor Brant Burrow

Staff Resources

Laura Stanzel, Deputy Clerk

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