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Briefly

New delivery time for Record

CHESTERVILLE – *The Record* re-opened last week with a new delivery day. Readers used to getting their paper on Wednesdays, can now look forward to receiving it on Thursdays of each week.

Canada Day contest

CHESTERVILLE – Join the *Chesterville Record* in celebrating Canada Day.

Go to our *Chesterville Record* Facebook Page and share, like and leave a comment to enter into our Canada Day contest.

The winner wins a pizza, poutine and 2 litre Pepsi from Fat Les's in Finch. The winner will be announced in the July 9 edition of the *Chesterville Record*.

Blood donor clinic in Winchester

WINCHESTER – There will be a blood donor clinic on July 28 at the Joel Steele Community Centre, 577 Main St. W. in Winchester. The clinic is open from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The organization is working with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit to ensure all safety measures in relation to COVID-19 are followed. Visit www.blood.ca for info.



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Emily Project

Introducing the new Farm 911 sign in North Dundas, pictured here left to right: Jacqueline Pemberton, Zone 11 director for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Mayor Tony Fraser, Marty Derks, president of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, councillor Tyler Hoy, councillor Gary Annable, councillor John Thompson and deputy mayor Al Armstrong. Standing in the centre is landowner Jim Shaw.

Morin photo

The Emily Project takes root in North Dundas

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

NORTH DUNDAS – A farm accident can happen anytime and anywhere.

The rural landscape can make locating an accident victim difficult.

The Farm 911 Emily Project hopes to address that issue.

Emily Trudeau, 7, died after she fell from, and was struck by a moving tractor, on her parents' beef farm near Tweed in 2014. First responders could not immediately find the location of the field where the accident happened. Time is everything in an emergency, and a civic address at the entrance to a vacant farm field could make all the difference. The new civic address sign on Jim Shaw's land was a great opportunity to introduce the Emily Project to the township. The field is on Shaw Road.

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Lucky Dollar reopens in Morewood

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

MOREWOOD – The Lucky Dollar convenience store in Morewood, located at 98 Main St. has been serving the community for more than 50 years.

The popular store has had a roller coaster ride in the last few years with a new owner, then a sale, then another new owner.

The new operators of the Lucky Dollar are John and Jane Park.

The couple purchased the store last year, and after months of renovations are finally happy to announce their store is open and ready for business.

On Fri., June 26 the North Dundas council stopped by the store to take part in its official opening.

John Post said, "Everything has been changed." There is a new refrigeration room at the back of the store stocked with LCBO/Beer Store products as well as shelves stocked with favourite wines and beverages.

There is also an ATM machine as well as a bank of new post office boxes for residents.

While the store was being renovated the post office set up community boxes. Park said he expected residents would be happy to be able to get their mail at the store. The community boxes are slated to be removed in September.

The couple live above the store and are discovering how much they enjoy Morewood's rural setting.

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Lucky Dollar

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Another new service they will have at the store is a drop off box for the library.

Mayor Tony Fraser presented the couple with a special certificate of appreciation and welcomed them to the community.

“Thank you Mr. And Mrs. Park for committing to Morewood. This store has been here a long time.”

He added, “It is such good luck for us that you discovered this area and good luck for us that you decided to commit to us and this part of our community; this part of North Dundas has been serviced by this store for many years.”

The mayor said the changes and improvements to the store means it will be around for a long time to serve the community.

Their hours are Monday to Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. LCBO/Beer Store: Monday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Lucky



North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser, on the right, presented John and Jane Park, the new owners of the Lucky Dollar convenience store in Morewood with a certificate of appreciation on Friday, June 26.
Morin photo

Dollar offers Lottery, Canada Post, Library book drop off. The store also has snacks, coffee, sandwiches, sushi, and more. Their phone number is 613-448-3820.

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The Lucky Dollar convenience store opened its doors after a year of renovations on Fri., June 26. Left to right are: Deputy mayor Al Armstrong, councillor Gary Annable, John and Jane Park, councillor John Thompson and Mayor Tony Fraser.
Morin photo

WDMH Foundation AGM

Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation held its first ever Zoom annual general meeting on June 16 according to a press release from foundation communications lead Jane Adams. She explained how “Board members and supporters came together to share some good news on the

last year of fundraising.”

Board chair Peter Krajcovic commented how “there have been 4,442 gifts to the WDMH Foundation” which provided for the purchase of “43 pieces of medical equipment for the hospital, totalling \$1,187,112.71! Yes, that’s \$1.187 million dollars.” During his remarks Krajcovic recognized some changes which had taken

place at the foundation, including its evolution “from the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation to the WDMH Foundation – recognizing a new relationship with Dundas Manor and the RHI board of directors who oversees the home.” He is quoted in the release as mentioning “The foundation already works alongside donors in support of compassionate care in our community from babies to

seniors. Now we will build upon that commitment as the fundraising partner for the new Dundas Manor.”

A new WDMH Foundation Commitment Statement, developed by a team composed of staff, board members and donors, was introduced during the meeting. The statement reflects the new vision for the foundation and is as follows: “Together with current and future donors who - like us - value excellence in local

health care, we work to inspire and support their investments of time and financial gifts. We work hard to ensure that our donors trust us, feel our gratitude, are well-informed, and enjoy positive giving experiences. In all things, our donors are #1. We value accountability, transparency, integrity - and celebrating our donors’ achievements and successes along the way.

Managing director Kristen Casselman commented how

the new Commitment Statement reflects the best part of her job which involves “working with, inspiring, and supporting our donors” and is looking forward “to building more relationships as we welcome Dundas Manor into our family.” Krajcovic commented on the dedication and generosity of donors to the WDMH Foundation and thanked them for the trust and support provided to the organization over the years.



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Volunteers pitch-in across the country

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

MOREWOOD – Volunteers across the land have been sewing masks and headbands to help out during Canada’s COVID-19 pandemic.

The group behind the effort is called Canada Sews and has chapters in nine provinces. The

volunteers hail from Alexandria to Kingston and Pembroke to the St. Lawrence and across Ottawa.

Nurses Joan Davis and Anita Comfort started up an Ottawa group. Davis lives in Morewood.

“Myself and another nurse Anita Comfort started the group because

we were watching the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases in other countries. We wanted to be able to offer help to our nursing colleagues as medical grade masks and PPE supplies dwindled,” said Davis.

She said, “We have a large group of over 3,600 volunteers that are

sewing, delivering, and donating across our region.” She said they had delivered almost 55,000 items since the group started up in late March, with the majority being fabric masks.

The group’s main focus has been to provide face

masks to front line and essential workers as well as scrub caps, bags and headbands.

She said, “We have delivered our hand sewn items to hospitals, seniors’ residences, daycares, pharmacies, medical and dental clinics, and charitable organizations among others. Most recently, local donations in

North Dundas have been to the local hospital, Dundas Manor, a medical Clinic and two daycare organizations.

As of June 20 the group has delivered 39,384 masks, 8,532 headbands, 5,463 scrub caps, 761 wet bags and 559 gowns for a total of 54,699 items.

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The Emily Project

Continued from the front

Marking the moment on Wed., June 24 were members of the North Dundas council who were joined by Jim Shaw, Jackie Kelly-Pemberton the OFA director for Zone 11 and Marty Dirks, the president of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture.

“The sign is up on Jim Shaw’s property in North Dundas, Jim spearheaded this project in partnership with my fellow councillor Al Armstrong,” said North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser.

He added, “councillor Armstrong pushed this effort through at the county level. Jim Shaw showed up at the counties with another proponent of the Emily Project and spoke highly of it; council thought it was a fantastic idea that needed to be done to insure the safety of the agricultural community.”

Deputy mayor Al Armstrong said, “it is a proud moment.”

Armstrong said, as the fire commissioner, having the bigger signs was a bonus. The signs are larger than the traditional civic signs used now and eventually both civic signs and farm signs will be the same size.

Mayor Fraser said, “This will be the new size of signage that will be available, going forward as we replace the old civic address signs. These are much easier to see. This is good progress for us in North Dundas.”

“It is fantastic to see these signs up,” he said.

Landowners have to pay a fee to get a sign. Currently SD&G counties has provided \$5,000 to help subsidize the signs and encourage farmers to get them. The funds will cover 50 per cent of the cost making a \$75 dollar sign only \$37.50. To date,

29 Farm 911 blades have been bought in North Dundas.

The township estimates they have just over 100 blades left at the subsidized rate.

A township press release stated: “The full cost per blade being \$75 which includes issuing the number, creating the blade and installation. Application forms are available on our website and at our office. There is no limit per property owner to the number of blades that can be purchased at the reduced rate, as some properties may be issued multiple numbers depending on the layout of the property. The new blades were approved with a larger size, an increase from a 5” x 20” blade to a 8” x 25” blade. This new design will be used for all civic numbers in the township and not just for farm fields, to ensure consistency across North Dundas. The larger size allows for better visibility for all road users and emergency services.”

Adding the new sign to a farmer field is not a mandatory township rule.

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Emily Trudeau was 7 year’s old when she tragically died in a farming accident. Courtesy photo



The group had dropped off items at the WDMH. Pictured here are: left to right, Cheryl Guy, Dr. Crystal Doyle and Joan Davis with a donation of pediatric masks to for the Winchester Hospital Emergency Department. Courtesy photo



Out with the old in with the new
D-Squared Construction Ltd. started the work of replacing some of the sidewalks in Chesterville on Wed., June 24. They planned for one day to remove the existing sidewalk and another day to pour the cement for the new one; this crew worked on King Street. Morin photo



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Students take on 2020 challenges

Hi, my name is Carley Milne-Servage, and I am speaking for the North Dundas District High School Grade 12 class who got their final year of high school cut short.

Today, we celebrate the class of 2020 in a different way than ever before in order to recognize the achievements that we can all be immensely proud of.

I would like to welcome my fellow graduates, and our staff, family, and friends; thank you for joining us for our graduation celebration.

I know that I have always looked forward to my final few months of high school. Walking across a stage and receiving my diploma has been the milestone that I, and countless other high school students, have been working toward. But for us, the class of 2020, we have already had our last day of high school, ever. And we did not know at the time that it was going to be our last.

The biggest thing that I have learned from these last few months is that not everything goes the way that we plan them to go. That we should appreciate the things that did happen, and the things that we are unable to change – we have to adjust to.

Our senior class has come together over four years. Grade nine found most of us making the big leap downstairs, into the larger halls of NDDHS. We have gathered newcomers from different high schools, joining us as we progressed into Grade 10, and 11, and now 12. No matter where we came from or when, we have had four years of learning, having fun, making friends, and growing into who we are today.

We have completed our Grade 9 math EQAO testing. We have written the

OSSLT. We have done frog and pig dissections in science class. We have chosen our paths through the courses that we have decided to take, and we have written multiple exams throughout the years. These are scholarly achievements that we can be proud of, and that we got the chance to complete.

But that is not all; we did not only get an education here at North Dundas, we got an experience. We tried out for sports teams and competed in games and tournaments.

Our athletes have had so many chances to show off their skill and teamwork in the sports of their choice. We have various students who have had their time to shine in the talent show the last two years. We have an amazing group of leaders who have gotten to attend leadership camp and bring back more to contribute to our school.

We had the insanity of a week off of school due to an electrical fire and power outage, and many, many snow days. We got a memorable Christmas concert of our own, and we got to bring our pets in for our graduation photos. We have great benefits to being a part of Specialist High Skills Majors, like going to Sens' games or bringing tractors to school.

Four years is a significant amount of time and we have filled it with experiences that we will be able to look back on for years to come. But there are events that we had been working toward, not just this year, but for four years, that we did not get like we expected to. We did not get our fashion show. We did not get our prom. We did not get our graduation ceremony, and we did not get an official last day of school.

We got four whole

months of skip days. We found ourselves ending our year with online schooling and social isolation.

This defining moment in our high school journey is taking place during a global pandemic and the near future is uncertain.

When at the beginning of the year everything seemed to be falling into place, now everything seems to be up in the air. Yes, it is sad, and we are definitely allowed to be sad. But we have also adapted, and we, as a generation who have grown up as the technological world has advanced, are very, very good at that.

We cannot control what happens, and there is always a chance that our plans will not go as expected. What we can control is how we deal with the change.

Maybe everything is not as clear as it was at the beginning of the year, and there are more, harder, decisions to be made now. This may be terrible and hard at the moment, and it may continue to be this way for a while, but we will be able to look back on this time like we are now able to look back on our high school years, and we can think about how we dealt with it all.

We have many people to



The North Grenville District High School virtual graduation ceremonies featured an overview by this year's presentation by this year's valedictorian Carley Milne-Servage. The following is her commencement speech. Morin photo

thank for making our time in high school what it was; educational, but with some added fun. Our teachers who taught us what they know and helped us through the academics. Our coaches who put in so much extra time to help our sports teams do their best. Our guidance staff for supporting us and keeping us on the right track. Our admin staff and principals for helping us to execute our events. Our parents for encouraging us

from home. And our friends for joining us in the high school experience.

In everything we have done to this point we have had support from someone in this environment, and for that we thank you.

I would like to finish with a huge congratulations to my fellow graduates. From here, we have decisions to make, more education to pursue, and places to go.

Remember that we cannot

control what life throws at us, but we can always control how we react and adapt. We have grown together throughout high school, and we will keep growing and learning as we continue from these experiences.

I look forward to the time when we can all physically be together as a graduating class.

Great job, class of 2020, and good luck in your next journey!

The Road Home

Collecting memories

Sitting next to my front living room window, there is a slight breeze coming through it carrying the sound of singing birds, the sweet smell of my flowers and a sense of calm in which to begin the day. For close to forty years, with my oldest son coincidentally almost forty years old, I have arisen most mornings around 6 a.m. It is however only over the past few months that the lure of the quiet has won me over and I have begun to enjoy the sounds of silence.

For a person who thrives on activity, I was multi-tasking way before the term became popular; enjoying the quiet is an interesting development in my life journey. My brothers, Mom and Dad were always busy, so I guess it must be a hereditary trait. Dad would spend a full day at work, have dinner and then set out for a meeting – sometimes in Chesterville but more often in his later years travelling to Cornwall for school board meetings. Mom was tasked with making sure things ran relatively smoothly at home which must have been quite the job as all seven of her children were always involved in something or other.

I have always suspected, Mom sitting me down on the couch and telling me the stories of her youth,

began in earnest when I entered the very busy stage of my life as a five year old. I was definitely a captive audience sitting beside her as she would tell the stories about the old days in Winchester, Morewood and Chesterville. She seemed to enjoy talking about the people, places and experiences she had encountered, with her storytelling providing a chance to keep me in one place for more than a couple of minutes.

She would tell the stories of her growing up in Winchester, about her teachers and the people she encountered. I could almost see her running up Victoria Street to get the doctor when someone was sick, lying in her bed suffering from diphtheria and sharing her ice cream with one of the chickens in the yard. She would laugh when she told of Gramma wondering why that particular chicken was so much fatter than the others and how Grandpa Sharpe kept the ice cream secret. She would tell the stories of Daddy as a young man playing a trick or two on unsuspecting neighbours north of Morewood; stories of the years on the farm and how he worked hard for everything he accomplished. It was hard to imagine either of them being young, for I was born when Dad was in his forties and Mom 39.

I wonder if my children can imagine me as a youngster, walking to

the post office to get the mail or perhaps buying Mom's birthday present from Dad at Bigelow's drugstore. Will they remember me as a young mother feeling such joy with the birth of my children or working with their father to make the many moves made throughout their early life as easy as possible for them.

How will they remember me is one of the reasons I write this column. Mom told me the stories and I remember bits and pieces of them much less, than I know she told me. This column gives me the opportunity to tell them a bit about the people, places and experiences I have encountered. I am able to write down the stories of my childhood, bits and pieces of the stories of my Mom and Dad with the hope they will someday read them (I plan to put them together in a booklet – three copies of course) and understand that my journey is an important part of their journey. Of course I will have to make sure to mention more than once how the enjoyment of the early morning silence is in part thanks to their early morning risings as youngsters. I think maybe Mom was right when she said children get up early when they are young but by the time they are teenagers and could help with early morning chores, all they wished to do was sleep in.

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Parking problems at Morrisburg waterfront

Record Staff

MORRISBURG – During the June 1 council meeting, a report provided to council by the Danielle Watson, director of Environmental Services recommended the installation of barricades “along the east side of the parking lot, to the east of the Dockside Grill and along the south side of the existing ball diamond.”

After a discussion which included council members suggesting the need to investigate other solutions to the problem of motorized vehicles using the pathway and raising concerns over limiting access to the park, council decided to install the barricades as suggested in Watson’s report.

As the June 16 South Dundas council meeting drew to a close, councillor Lewis asked that the decision to place barricades to limit parking at the Morrisburg waterfront, to parking lot spaces made at the June 1 council meeting be revisited.

Through administrative procedures, re-consideration of the motion passed at the June 1 council meeting was undertaken, with the result being a decision not to install the barricades at the Morrisburg waterfront.

Wells commented he had received a lot of complaints about the decision to place the parking barriers, commenting how they should not be installed until after a proposed parking



Morrisburg’s waterfront parking issues are front and centre for the South Dundas council. The council’s June 1 meeting featured a debate about how to protect the waterfront from being disrupted by excessive parking by visitors.

Staff photo

lot at the waterfront is completed. Concerns over ensuring accessibility to all people, safety of waterfront users and liability issues were discussed.

Watson mentioned how no other parks in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry allow this type of parking; the possibility of designating certain parking spots to ensure accessibility for those with mobility issues and staff concerns over the increase of out of

province vehicles utilizing parking spots at the waterfront.

Deputy mayor Kristen Gardner, commented that perhaps the decision to install barricades to limit parking at the waterfront was made too quickly at the June 1 meeting, and suggested the need to look at parking location alternatives. She mentioned to Watson how a solution could be achieved by environmental designs utilized to control parking behaviours.

Highlighting internet access in Eastern Ontario

Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – For several years, work has been undertaken to ensure people working and living in Eastern Ontario, as well as other rural areas, were able to have access to a stable internet connectivity. As SDSG MP Eric Duncan noted during a virtual town hall meeting on June 17, the “gap between urban centres and rural areas and communities like ours” in terms of cell capacity and internet conductivity has been highlighted by this medical emergency. The restrictions placed upon society by governments attempting to control the spread of Covid-19 in this country has resulted in students continuing their education online, people working from home and governments as well as businesses using technology to conduct business.

Included in the panel was Lisa Severson, communications director of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN). Created by the Eastern Ontario warden’s caucus, this organization “helps to create innovative public-private partnerships to address the digital divide and support a stronger future for Eastern Ontario” according to information obtained from their website, www.eorn.ca. Severson provided an overview of the

work undertaken by EORN which included a four-year project completed in December 2014 to bring up to 10 megabits/second download and 1 megabit/second upload, fibre connections to 63 business parks and a satellite component.

Severson continued when this project was completed, parliamentarians from Eastern Ontario asked EORN to investigate cell phone gaps due to difficulties they, as well as their constituents, encountered when using cell phone technology. In 2017 a business case was submitted to the federal and provincial governments, with a decision to support these plans made in 2019. Goals include having 99 per cent of the area where people live, work or travel having access to cell service and 85 per cent of this area having the technology to stream high definition images. There is now access to the funding, with the Request for Proposals due to be received in August, reviewed, contracts completed and work to begin in spring of 2021. She acknowledged the continued investment by private sector partners, without government assistance, in the area described by Severson as close to the size of Nova Scotia.

The Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)

announced that 90 per cent of Canadians should have access to 50/10 service by 2021 and by 2030 the last 10 per cent of Canadians would have access to this conductivity. Severson mentioned this will be achieved by major cities in this country getting this level of service before commenting rural areas need this service as soon as possible. A cost analysis was done by EORN in 2018 which showed how bringing 50/10 to the area would cost between 500-750 million dollars. An investigation into the cost of bringing a gigabyte service to the home, 95 per cent of region with a wired solution, with the price tag being “approximately 1.2 to 1.6 billion dollars.” She noted how bringing this service to the area would resolve the issue of internet conductivity for a longer period of time than the 50/10 solution.

Michelle Rempel Garner, MP for Calgary Nose Hill and vice chair of the standing committee on industry, followed Severson, providing information on work done by the federal government and the Conservative party on broadband service for rural areas. She mentioned there is a need for all Canadians to have access to a secure, affordable source of conductivity to ensure equality of access and economic

development.

Rempel continued there needs to be a tangible rural broadband strategy with her party, developing a series of recommendations and holding consultations with Canadians across this country on this issue; she continued how over the years there have been many problems associated with the development of broadband service, noting the needs of the rural that over 60 per cent of households do not meet CRTC goals, with the problems “more acute in rural Canada.”

Recommendations include accountability, role of municipal governments, government investments and infrastructure concerns. Duncan commented on the timeline for internet projects that it is sometimes too long and the technology can become outdated by the time the project is completed. He continued how it can take several years for development to move through concept, to funding, to construction to completion with this being a significant problem which needs to be solved.

Issues such as the rural cellular service gap, reducing the timeline for technological changes, regulatory change and business-government cooperation were discussed during the question and answer period.

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Fabienne Punter and Kayla Sherrer pose with a tractor. Courtesy photo



Delaney Halpenny was all smiles along with Taz. Courtesy photo



Aaron Skuce arrived in style on his tractor and chatted with school principal Mr. Bourne. Courtesy photo

NDDHS Graduation 2020 style

NORTH DUNDAS – The COVID-19 restrictions have affected just about every

aspect of daily life in Ontario. Schools have been closed and graduation ceremonies have been a challenge.

The North Dundas District High School, (NDDHS) plans to hold its 2020 graduation ceremonies in the fall on a separate day then the 2021 graduation. If

COVID-19 is under control by next year all of the graduating students will be able to enjoy the thrill of moving on to the next chapter of their lives in the normal way.

In the meantime NDDHS held this year's graduation in a novel way. The school designated a day for stu-

dents to come to the school, and in a drive by ceremony presented students with their graduating goodies, including a graduation sign for their house. A second day was designated for the school to drop off graduation items to students at their homes.



Staff at Woodland Villa in Long Sault are in the forefront as a donation of much needed PPE is made with Mayor Bryan McGillis of South Stormont and Mark Prendergast of M&L Supply in the background. Staff photo

Helping frontline workers

Record Staff

LONG SAULT – The need for personal protective equipment for frontline workers has been a hot topic during the Covid-19 pandemic. Thanks to philanthropy of Mark Prendergast from M&L Supply, a donation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been made to three seniors' residences in South Stormont.

During a delivery of N95 and surgical masks to Woodland Villa in Long Sault on June 26, South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis explained Prendergast donated \$4,000 to the municipality requesting it be used for either the purchase of PPE or be donated to a local food bank. As the municipality had previously donated funds to two local food banks

servicing its residents, it was decided the funds would be used to purchase PPE.

Prendergast quietly explained he felt this was an opportunity to give back to his community with a financial donation during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Janna Sabourin, administrator at Woodland Villa, commented how supportive the local community has been throughout this medical emergency, noting how donations such as this are so appreciated while thanking Prendergast.

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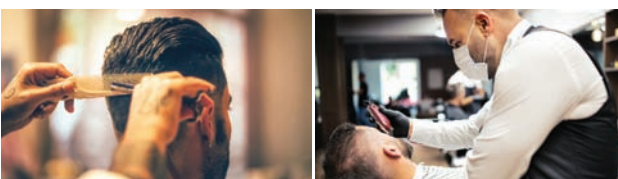
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Beth Wopat was thrilled to be driving off with her graduation goodies. Courtesy photo

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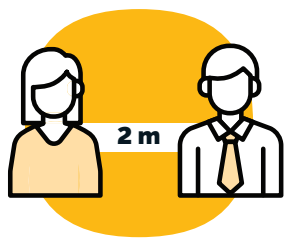
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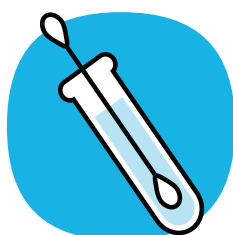
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Inside or out, stay safe. Save lives.

Opening of the courts

Don R. Good
Record Staff

As the Covid-19 virus curve begins to flatten, the Ontario courts are beginning to open more fully for business. During the crisis, the courts have been dealing with emergency cases, usually by virtual hearings online. It

will not likely ever be "business as usual" for the Ontario court system. This pandemic may finally shake this old antiquated system into the computer age. Not that I can brag, when I first started using the telephone, you lifted the ear piece, turned a crank and told the nice lady who you wanted

to speak with.

In Ontario the average citizen will mostly likely be involved with one of three different court systems. The Superior Court of Ontario is our senior trial court with judges appointed by the federal government. The Superior Court has jurisdiction over serious criminal offenses and civil trials in excess of \$35,000.

The second court system

is the Ontario Court of Justice with judges appointed by the provincial government and justices of the peace. The Ontario Court of Justice has jurisdiction to hear summary conviction criminal offences and provincial regulatory offences; it is the busiest court in Ontario. The third court is small claims court which hears civil cases for

matters involving \$35,000 or less. The general practice now in Ontario is to have panels of local lawyers sit as deputy judges of the small claims court. Small claims court is under the supervision of the Superior Court of Justice.

The Emergency Order of the Government of Ontario shut down all the courts, except for urgent matters and this order has now been

extended to July 6. Cases in the system prior to this date are automatically adjourned and the person does not need to show up at court. In fact, the court house will likely be closed. I had a provincial court case in Hamilton scheduled during May and I have now been advised it has been re-scheduled for mid-September.

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Watch for bedbugs!

AJ Al-Rajab
Record Staff

If you feel a little itchy while reading this, you have a healthy fear of bedbugs! Infestation with this pest increased dramatically in the recent year worldwide, especially in big cities.

Ottawa was ranked 5th among the most infested cities with bedbugs in Canada in 2019 after Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and St-John's, respectively; as reported by ORKIN Canada, the largest pest control provider in the country.

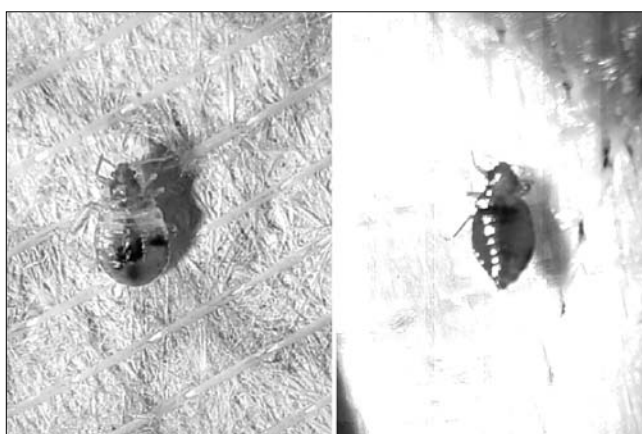
In Nov. 2019, some 11 federal buildings in Ottawa and Gatineau have reported bedbug sightings. Also, in recent years, some incidents of bedbug bites in the big Canadian cities were reported by public transportation. The infestation with bedbugs may spread in several ways such as: with luggage, on the clothes or shoes, from neighbouring apartments, infested furniture, hotels, airplanes, or any other public place, with a high movement of people in and out.

Bedbug (*Cimex lectularius*), is a small insect that feeds only on the blood of humans and animals while they sleep. Adult bedbug have an oval flat body, wingless, reddish-

brown colour, and measures about 5-10 mm. Young bedbugs have the same body shape as the adults, but they are smaller (1.5 mm long) and lighter in colour.

Blood meals are needed for the adult females to lay eggs and for the larvae to complete their development. The bites can happen anywhere on the skin and can take from a few minutes to 14 days to appear, depending on the person. The insect's bite and its saliva may cause itching, allergies, anxiety, and insomnia. However, this insect doesn't transfer diseases. Bedbugs are active at night, and hide during the day in beds or surrounding furniture, or even in small cracks in the walls. They are attracted to humans by the emittance of heat and carbon dioxide.

Historically, bedbugs have coexisted with humans for centuries, they were reported by the ancient Egyptians 3,500 years ago. Through the mid-20th century, about 30 per cent of households in the USA were infested with bedbugs. But, with the development and use of synthetic insecticides after the Second World War, bedbugs infestations were under control for a while. However, bedbugs have re-emerged again worldwide



Al-Rajab photo

because of the high increase of people travelling, climate change, application of strict regulations on use of pesticides, and banning of certain cheap and efficient

insecticides.

Bedbugs' fun facts

Bedbugs feed only on hot blooded hosts; their life cycle is about six months but

some individuals may live up to three years; adults can fast for a year in waiting for their next blood meal;

The female bedbug lays only one egg a day, with a total of 200-500 eggs in its lifetime;

Males inject their sperm directly into the abdomen of females, using a syringe-like organ;

Human DNA can persist in the bedbugs body for 90 days. So, police investigators could potentially use them in criminal investigations; there has been no reported cases of bedbugs transmitting disease to humans.

Bed bug infestations have been reported worldwide, on

every continent.

Tips to prevent bedbugs
Inspect your hotel room before settling in, and wash/dry your cloths as soon as you are back home.

Inspect used furniture before bringing it into your home; vacuum the mattress and box spring regularly; and avoid visiting infested areas, if known;

If you live in an apartment, make sure to seal between the baseboard and floor, as well as any cracks in the walls.

Finally, whether you are travelling, visiting friends, or just staying home, watch out for those pesky bedbugs!

Opening of the courts

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It is my understanding from the Practice Notices issued by the various courts that if you have a case scheduled after July 6, the case will proceed subject to compliance with Covid-19 health regulations. I strongly recommend that you contact your local court house to confirm the status of your case and what additional health regulations will be in effect. I have a case that was set for trial over nine days from June to November of this year. The June day was obviously cancelled and has been re-scheduled in September, however, the July day which was post July 6 has also been cancelled and I am still waiting to hear how that day is being handled. Every court seems to be handling the process

in accordance with local needs and resources. The safest thing to do is check with your local court regularly before you attend.

The different court systems have websites with more information and this can be helpful, however, I still recommend you contact your local court before attending.

For the Superior Court of Justice search "Superior Court of Justice" and click on "Notices and Orders, Covid -19." There are various notices and orders listed. For local courts you can also search for by example "Superior Court of Justice Cornwall" and obtain the website of the Cornwall court. At this website you will find notices specific to the Cornwall court.

For the Ontario Court of Justice search "Ontario Court of Justice" and

click on "Covid-19 Notices." Local offices of the court can also be searched and many local offices are operated by municipalities. Your court documents should indicate which Ontario court you should be dealing with.

For small claims court search "small claims court" and click on the site that says "small claims court Ministry of the Attorney General. This website provides information on the operation of the court and dealing with the Covid-19 situation. You can also click on court addresses on the above site and it will provide details on local small claims court offices.

If you are represented by a lawyer or agent, check with the office of your lawyer or agent. They will be able to assist you in working with the court system.

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Russell Township makes plans for the future

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RUSSELL – The price of progress can be steep at times and the Russell Township council is finding out just how steep as they consider whether or not to service the growing 417 industrial park.

The June 15 council meeting featured a presentation by Hemson Consulting Ltd. Hemson had been hired to present the Industrial Park Servicing Plan to council.

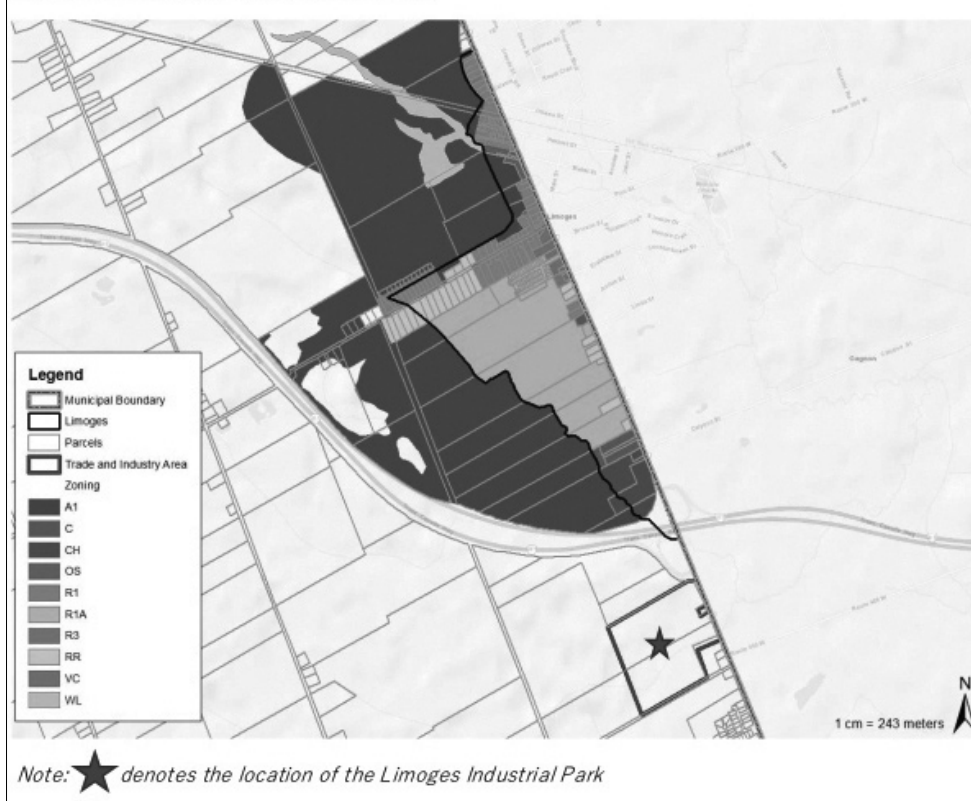
The council had decided to make a decision about what the industrial park will look like 40 years from now. The question was which of the two industrial parks in the township would benefit the most from having water and sewer services. The areas are, Limoges Industrial Park at Limoges Road and the 417 Industrial Park.

The report stated: “Moving forward with the servicing of the industrial park will have major financial implications for a long-term period.”

The council has to decide if they want to invest in servicing the 417 industrial park at a cost of about \$25,165,000 or focus on the Limoges industrial park with a much lesser investment.

If the park was serviced, it would as a result be able to grow and flourish over the

Figure 2: Limoges Industrial Park Map



next 40 years and return revenue to the township that would more than cover the initial cost. That estimate included an expectation that the choice of servicing the 417 Industrial Park would bring in \$50 million, more than if the Limoges site was chosen.

The report concluded that there might be serious concerns about going ahead with both the servicing of the 417 Industrial Park and the construction of a new recreation complex.

Strong consideration should be given to which of these projects is of a higher priority for the township.

The report stated: “The more pressing decision for council will be whether to move forward with the design of the serviced park or not.”

Should the council decide to have the park serviced, the current cost per acre for the installation of water and sewer services presented in the

business plan is \$30,240, this would represent about \$151,000 for a business having a property size of 5 acres.

“There is over a hundred acres of business in there now,” said Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux.

“Right now they have private wells and septic systems.”

Leroux acknowledge the project was an important and the decision had to be a carefully made one.

“It is a considerable project obviously, so it is nice just to have it on the table to give the council time to reflect on it, and have further discussions in August,” he said.

Once council makes the decision to go ahead with the project, it would take roughly two years to complete.

Leroux said, “I would like to see council make a decision to move ahead with this whether it is just moving ahead with the design for starters or actually confirming we are going ahead. I would like to see something in August or September.”

Hemson’s report pointed out that a serviced park, over 40 years would generate approximately \$47.9 million over the next 40 years.

The report highlighted several items the township should consider in their decision.

- The servicing of the 417 Industrial Park would generate the highest cumulative net benefit of approximately \$47.9 million over the 40-year horizon;

- The net benefit is substantially higher than the Limoges servicing option (by \$50.6 million) and also higher relative to maintaining the 417 Industrial Park unserviced (by \$37.6 million);

- The 417 Industrial Park servicing option

produced the most favourable results even under a more conservative development outlook. Policy and Land-use Planning;

- Servicing the 417 Industrial Park would be in conformity to existing local and county planning policies;

- The township’s official plan also promotes development within designated trade and industry areas (which the 417 Industrial Park relates to);

- The 417 Industrial Park is already well known and the township has initiated numerous different marketing campaigns to promote development.

- Future expansion opportunities exist allowing the township to facilitate employment growth and development over the next 30 years;

- The 417 Industrial Park produces substantially higher employment growth projections, both in the reference and conservative development scenarios, relative to the Limoges servicing option.

Leroux said, “There are commercial developments just waiting to go ahead. There is definite interest there. It allows the existing business to expand their building and build up their business and it is something we have been discussing for the last five years. Now we are at the finish line.”

Russell High School 2020 awards

The Lieutenant Governor Award

Brooklyn Rama

The Retired Teachers of Prescott Russell Bursary (\$300)

Katryne Dubord

The Ontario Principal’s Award for Student Leadership (\$100)

Mitchell Sturgeon

The Russell High School Student Success Character Always Awards (\$100)

Kevin Coren & Maddison Davis

The Russell High School Equity Award (\$50)

Damian Last

The Laplante Chrysler Dodge Embrun Scholarship (\$300)

Jacob Walkden

The Jackie Carson Memorial Award (\$250)

Nicholas Read

The Township of Russell Community Award (\$300)

Kevin Anderson

The Russell and District Horticultural Society Bursary (\$200)

Tyler Stewart

The Valoris Bursary (\$300)

Ann-Sofy Boulanger

The Don Fairweather Award (\$250)

Adelaine Carvalho

The Russell Association for the Performing Arts Awards (\$200)

Emily Kingswood and Brooklyn Rama

The Prescott Russell Basketball Association Awards (\$250)

Payton Rudder and Seth Gillingham.

The E. Leard Bursary (\$100)

Maddison Davis

The Cochrane Family Athletic Award (\$200)

Payton Rudder

The Exit Realty Matrix Award (\$200)

Jay Pyefinch

The Melanie Construction Scholarship (\$200)

Alex Picard

The Russell High School Band Award (\$100)

Emily Kingswood

The Co-op Embrun Award (\$500)

Brennan Daly

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation Awards (\$250)

Jessie Ansell & Abigail Sinden

The Russell High School Student Council Award (\$200)

Brooklyn Rama

The Russell Community Concert Band Award (\$100)

Jacob Quesnel

The Van Dusen Law Office Award (\$500)

Jessica Potter

The Russell High School Drama Excellence Award (\$100)

Addy Carvalho

The Russell Pharmachoice Inc. Scholarships (\$250)

Brooklyn Kinsella & Alex Picard

The Harold and Shirley Staal Award (\$250)

Miles Perry

The St. Andrew’s and St. Paul’s United Church Women’s Award (\$100)

Maggie Little

The Dr. Trahan & Dr. Archibald Award (\$250)

Jessie Ansell

The Russell High School Staff Awards (\$200)

William Tjepkema & Colson Tozer

The Roxborough Bus Lines Awards (\$75)

Mikey Pichette

The Photovisions Awards (\$100)

Damian Last & Emily Vandemheen

award (\$250)

Tiffany Yeung

The Upper Canada District School Board Student Success Bursaries (\$100)

Deandre Morrissey

Kevin Anderson

Alec Chalpan

Levi Lapierre

Brennan Daly

The Russell High School Fundraising Award (\$50)

Alex Picard

The Russell Foodland Award (\$250)

Ling Ling Zhu

The Russell Canadian Legion Awards (\$500)

Mitchell Sturgeon & Brandon Prentis

St. Lawrence College Board of Governors’ Entrance Scholarship (\$500)

Zoe Roberts

The H.A. Hume Award (\$250)

Oliver Menke

The Ferguson Family Foundation Award (\$500)

Mitchell Sturgeon

The Senior Male Athlete of the year award

Payton Rudder

The Senior Female Athlete of the year award

Tiffany Yeung

Highest Mark in Grade 12 Mathematics Award (\$100)

Brooklyn Rama

Technology/Computers/Business Awards (\$100)

Jay Pyefinch & Jacob Walkden

Highest Mark in Grade 12 Physical Education Award (\$100)

Tiffany Yeung

Highest Mark in Grade 12 French Award (\$100)

Damian Last

Highest Mark in Grade 12 English Awards (\$100)

Elyse Dubord & Jessica Potter

Highest Mark in Grade 12 Humanities/Social Sciences Awards (\$100)

Adelaine Carvalho and Jessica Potter

Highest Mark in Grade 12 Arts Award (\$100)

Katryne Dubord

Highest Average in Cooperative Education Award (\$100)

Brooklyn Kinsella

Highest Mark in Grade 12 Canadian and World Studies Award (\$100)

Mia Brabyn-Jones

The Helen Stevenson Memorial Award (\$250)

Jessie Ansell

Gold and silver medallions

This year’s Silver Medallion for Second Highest Average in Grade 12 College Level Courses is presented to Zoe

Roberts.

The Silver Medallion for Second Highest Average in Grade 12 University Level Courses is presented to Jessica Potter.

This year’s Gold Medallion for Highest Average in Grade 12 College Level Courses is presented to Brandon Prentis.

The Gold Medallion for Highest Average in Grade 12 University Level Courses is presented to Brooklyn Rama.

The Governor General Medallion is presented to the graduate with highest average for his/her Grade 11 and Grade 12 years.

This year’s Governor General winner with an average of 93.86% ... is Jessica Potter.

The KIN Club of Russell’s Valedictorian Award

This \$ 500 bursary is presented to Russell High School’s valedictorian- a deserving student who represents the values of Russell High School and exemplifies the character of their graduating class.

Congratulations Mitchell Sturgeon.

Metcalfe Farmers' Market opens

Joseph Morin
Villager Staff

METCALFE – The Metcalfe Farmers Market is up and running for another year.

The market has been in operation for the past 27 years, so having opening day on Sat., June 27 was appropriate.

Thirty vendors signed up for this first day at the market.

The COVID-19 restrictions meant that some vendors had to set up outside and the building next to the market was held in reserve in case of bad weather.

Market manager Melanie Anderson said putting some vendors outside ensured social distancing measures were adhered to.

“We are six weeks later than normal,” said Anderson regarding the market’s opening date. “I am hopeful people have been waiting.”

Anderson said there were some regular vendors who were nervous about coming



Sue Ayotte on the left picked up some vegetables from Kate Thompson and Paige Buma from the Russell Farm Market. Morin photo



Larry Bazinet from Larry and Yvonne’s Laronne Crafts & Gardening was taking a break between customers at the market. Morin photo

out at this time but she expected that eventually everyone would return.

“There are some vendors who have come from other markets,” said Anderson.

Councillor George

Darouze was on hand for the opening and was pleased to see so many vendors and people.

“I am happy to see we have not stopped,” said Darouze.



The Metcalfe Farmers' Market opened Sat., June 27 on the Metcalfe fairgrounds. Here this group made it official. Left to right are: councillor George Darouze, market manager Melanie Anderson, MPP Goldie Ghamari, market board president Susan Potter, volunteer Jacob Taylor and Louise Allard. Morin photo



Making their first visit to the Metcalfe Farmers' market was Dream Small Farm. Here Anna, Patrick and Joel Brunet, on the left chat with customers Chantal Lafontaine and Gord Hadley of Orleans. Morin photo

Letter

Township wrestles with name change

I am a former resident of Russell with many fond memories of growing up in the village. It has been brought to my attention that a group of “social activists” wish to change the Russell name because of Peter Russell of whom the village was named after. As he kept slaves, they feel, that to keep the name of “Russell” would honour his name. The activists would appear to be singularly focused on the slavery fact and ignore the difficulties and problems with a name change involving the village, township and county. Perhaps they just do not care. These difficulties include: possible social division amongst residents, future confusion in nomenclature, obsolete cartography, post office changes, and documentation alteration for each resident of the former Russell (eg credit card, drivers licence) plus unnecessary expense to taxpayers.

I am certain that not one Russell resident in a thousand has ever heard of Peter Russell until this ‘tempest in a tea pot’ was thrust upon them. They may deplore slavery but it was a different time with different mores, and nothing can be done to retroactively change that fact. Jefferson, one of the writers of the American Constitution kept slaves and the American Constitution endures as does the Jeffersonian Institute and the town of Jefferson Texas. I would strongly suggest that the social agitators who wish the name of Russell to be changed forward to me all American \$1, \$20 and \$100 bills in their possession as they carry the faces of former slave owners, ie. Washington, Jackson and Franklin. I will make certain that the money is handled with discretion.

If I were mayor, I personally would give these attention seekers none of my time and would carry on with township business. However “Russell” does have alternative namesakes as Lord John Russell was a famous British Prime Minister and Keith Russell was a very popular former resident of Russell. Keith managed my father’s wholesale business and was the best boss I have ever had. He also was a gifted musician playing piano in a local orchestra. He also was famous as a baseball player acquiring the nick name of “Drummy.” It has also been facetiously suggestive that the mayor acquire a Russell terrier and name the town after the dog. It may be silly but this whole exercise is silly.

More than silly, it is preposterous. It is preposterous that at a time of monumental government debt., massive unemployment and a pandemic, individuals would waste taxpayers time and money in a ridiculous effort to change the name of a pretty little village whose residents are some of the kindest, most generous and most tolerant I have had the good fortune to live amongst. A community is not defined by its name but by the people who live there.

Sincerely yours, DC McCaffrey MD FRCP

The opinion expressed in this letter to the editor do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Chesterville Record.

RHS year in review

by Janel Therkelsen

RUSSELL – This school year will definitely be one to remember. We’ve had our ups and downs- but there is one thing about this school that I think is amazing, and that is we always find the light in the dark! Although we lost many days of school due to multiple reasons, and it felt like the school year was cut in half, we bounced back and did whatever we could do to make the most out of our current situation. We owe most of that to the RHS staff. Without their compassion and drive to make sure the T-Wolves weren’t falling behind, and checking in to make sure they were okay, things could have been a lot different. Without Mr. Kennedy’s videos on the RHS social media platforms, we might have felt like we lost a connection to somewhere we go, and where we see familiar people for the majority of the year.

With that said, we also can’t forget all the great things we accomplished before our (very early) last day of school on March 13. In the realm of sports, the coaches are always proud of their players, but this year they made them extra proud! For example, in their first tournament of the season, our Senior girls’ volleyball team moved up to Tier 1! They finished the season in Tier 1 as well! Remember when our Junior boys’ basketball team went to CTV to collect their “Myers Team of the Week” prize? They also earned the opportunity to learn about broadcasting and journalism! Speaking of sports, an honourable mention would go to the “Seniors vs Seniors” matchup-when our Senior girls’ volleyball team played against our Senior boys’ volleyball team in our very own gym!

We also can’t skip over the memories of more of our annual events which were huge successes! In the last week before March Break, we hosted the Oscars and it was clearly a hit! Big flashy lights, a

great DJ playing all our requests, and the dressed up T-Wolves having a blast... what can be better than that? Or how could we forget the cake auction! This year, as you may remember, we raised \$2,046 from all the amazing cakes sold! Like every year, the cake auction proceeds go to the prom committee to fund the grads’ prom. Although we all know that this year’s prom is a lot more challenging, we will not only figure out a way to make it up to the grads- but make it an amazing night to remember!

RHS is truly a great place to expand your knowledge and prepare for life after high school. Every year, there are challenges and difficulties. Unfortunately, this year has been a little bit more difficult and a little bit more challenging. But that doesn’t change the perseverance of this T-Wolves wolfpack! In the wild, timberwolves are remarkably ambitious and not afraid of hard work- we don’t stray far from that!



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