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Briefly

Region's water condition worsens

FINCH – The South Nation Conservation (SNC) upgraded the Level I (minor) low water conditions statement issued at the end of June to a Level II (moderate) low water condition for the Upper South Nation Subwatershed on July 9.

Recently, subwatershed conditions have worsened because of hot and dry weather, causing flows in rivers and streams to decline.

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Watershed under Level I low water conditions, should reduce their water consumption by 10 per cent.

Property owners should contact SNC if they are experiencing issues with their well, as shallow wells could go dry.

Blood donor clinic

Canadian Blood services is holding a clinic on July 28, from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Joel Steele Community Centre (577 Main St. Winchester). The Canadian Blood Service is working with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit in order to ensure that safety measures adhered to in consideration of the Covid-19 pandemic. Visit www.blood.ca for full details.

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Going forward safely

During a press conference on July 6 the EOHU and the four other health units in Eastern Ontario announced face coverings would be mandatory in public spaces effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 7. Here on the left, Julie Jeaurond, who is co-owner of Mike Dean Local Grocer located on King Street in Chesterville and Sharon Nicol to the right are shown at the entrance of the store. Both were pleased to say everything was going fine at the store since the implementation of this directive.

Thompson Goddard photo

Mandatory masks in Eastern Ontario

Record Staff
CHESTERVILLE – Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, many people have been voluntarily wearing a mask to lessen the transmission of the disease, especially when worn in an enclosed public space. The phrase “I wear a mask, I protect you. You wear a mask, you protect me. We all wear a mask means everyone is protected” has been heard throughout the pandemic period as a reason for the public wearing a non-medical mask in public.

While previously face coverings has been on a voluntary basis, on Mon., July 6, Medical Officer of Health (MOH) from Ottawa Public Health, Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Health Unit, Renfrew County and District Health Unit and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit announced a directive making the wearing of face masks mandatory in certain enclosed public spaces. This came into effect on July 7 at

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Drive-in movies come to South Mountain

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Break out the popcorn and blankets.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on just about every aspect of daily life.

Getting back to normal in the workplace, and having some fun outside of it has been and continues to be littered with challenges.

The Mountain Township Agricultural Society (MTAS) has come up with an idea they hope will address some of those challenges. The fair board had to cancel the 2020 South Mountain fair but that did not stop them from coming up with other ideas for community events.

With the help of North Dundas they are going ahead with the idea of holding drive-in movie nights at the fairgrounds.

The North Dundas council agreed to

pitch in as much as \$3,500 to pay for the cost of a movie licence at its July 14 council meeting. Organizers are hoping to have their first movie night on July 25.

In a letter to the council asking for the necessary funds, Chloe Preston, the first vice-president of the MTAS and fair chair stated: “We propose to host Drive-In Movie Nights at the fairgrounds with the profits going to the local food bank organizations: House of Lazarus and Community Food Share.”

There will be a limit of 100 cars allowed on the fairgrounds with no limit as to the number of occupants. Organizers cannot take admissions at the gate. Ticket purchases have to be made through their website using debit or credit. The actual admission price has not been determined

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Judy Peddle retires

Joseph Morin
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WINCHESTER – Judy Peddle a longtime employee with North Dundas has retired.

Her final day was Fri., July 10, when staff wished her well as she moved on to the next chapter of her life.

She was the deputy clerk and administration assistant for the township. Residents would run into her when they first came into the municipal building.

One of her jobs was taking payments

and directing people to the right person depending what their issue was. She also was responsible for issuing marriage licences, burial permits and lottery licences.

Judy has worked for the township for 18 years.

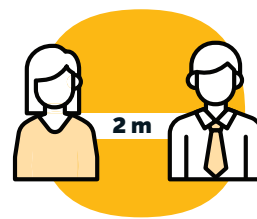
On her last day on the job, municipal staff showed how much they appreciated the work she has done and she also heard from some of the businesses and residents she has served over the years.

When asked what was going to be next for her, Judy said, to “Enjoy my family and my time.”



Judy Peddle has retired. She has worked for the township for 18 years. Here, on her last day of work, she posed with some of the municipal staff. Pictured here, left to right: North Dundas CAO Angela Rutley, Deputy CAO and clerk Jo-Anne McCaslin, Judy Peddle and Mayor Tony Fraser. Morin photo

As more businesses and services reopen, and with social gatherings increased to 10 people, we all must continue our efforts to protect each other.



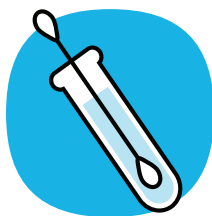
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Something old can be new again!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
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CHESTERVILLE — Looking forward to the 2021 Chesterville Fair, members of the Chesterville & District

Pictured at left is a bean plant climber, made from three broken broom handles, some twine and electrical tape located in Johnson's vegetable garden. Johnson is pictured helping the beans begin their climb to the top. Thompson Goddard photo

Agricultural Society (CDAS) are holding an online creative competition. The public is invited to take an object or two or three which has been taking up space in your home and create something new from it. When your creation is completed, snap a photo and send the picture to media@chestervillefair.com with your name and contact information. Once the top 20 entries have been decided by an online public vote, an invitation will be extended to the entrant to have their creation participate in an auction of the creations on the final day of the 2021 Chesterville Fair. The proceeds from the auction will be provided to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

When contacted by *The Chesterville Record* recently, CDAS president Carol Johnson commented "the goal is to have a number of creations donated next year which will then be put up for auction on the last day of the Fair in 2021." The proceeds from the auction will be provided to CHEO, with Johnson mentioning how "a lot of families in our community that have, and are benefiting from the top-notch care provided by CHEO and we are looking forward to

helping them continue the great things that they do."

The deadline for submissions in this "preliminary round" is August 31, with Johnson

saying "This is a win win for our community - it will showcase our local talents and keep things out of our landfill, while helping CHEO help our families."

Drive-in movies

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The list of movies has not been formally drawn up but that list will be posted on the MTAS website.

The plan is to have double features. Family movies would run from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. followed by a movie from 10:30 p.m. to midnight.

The movie soundtrack will be transmitted through a car's radio and a large inflatable screen will be used to view the movies.

All COVID-19 precautions and restrictions have been arranged including a partnership with Fat Les's Chips who hopes to be able to run his concession under his health unit licence.

The township will be responsible for lining the field to mark off parking spaces, lending staff to monitor garbage, and promoting the event on their social media.

Preston said, "We live in a wonderful township with great citizens. Coming together to help each other is so important, now more than ever."



Looking forward to fall

During a brief visit to Doyle's Pub and Eatery, owners Chrissey and John Thompson told *The Chesterville Record* construction was moving forward with a fall opening on the horizon. The new business will feature a pub on one side and a sweets' shop on the other. Chrissey explained the opening had been delayed for a few months due to restrictions placed on construction early in Ontario's Covid-19 pandemic response, but after

this was lifted things are moving ahead. For more information on Doyle's Pub and Eatery please visit their Facebook page. Staff photo

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Eastern Ontario moves into Phase 3

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CHESTERVILLE – There was an air of excitement as Ontario’s Premier, Ford announced during a press conference at Queen’s Park that selected regions of Ontario would be moving into Phase 3 as of Fri., July 17 at 12:01 a.m. This will allow “nearly all businesses and public spaces to reopen” with “public health and workplace safety measures and restrictions in place” according to a press release issued by SDSG MPP Jim McDonell on July 13.

The press release quoted Ford as commenting how “Our success in reducing the spread of Covid-19 and getting Ontario to a place where we are ready to reopen, most of the province, is a testament to the hard work of business owners, individuals and families right across the province.”

Details of Phase 3 re-opening include the increase of indoor public gathering limits to a maximum of 50 people, outdoor gathering limits to 100 people subject to physical distancing requirements, with “a 2m distance” being maintained at events such as “community events or gatherings, concerts, live shows, festivals, conferences, sports and recreational fitness activities, fundraisers, fairs, festivals or open houses.”

Rod Phillips, Ontario’s Minister of Finance, has commented “With almost all businesses and services able to resume operations, Phase 3 is a major step forward in our plan to reopen the province,” continuing how “We have to keep treating each other with respect and acting responsibly to keep up the progress in our fight against COVID-19. Our government will continue working with our partners across Ontario to rebuild our economy so that our province is a place of economic strength and prosperity for every person and family.”

Deputy premier and Minister of Health for the province of Ontario, Christine Elliott mentioned how the province is ready to move into Phase 3 after “having seen a decline in the number of new COVID-19 cases as the province safely re-started over 90 per cent of economic activity with Stage 2.”

She continued the importance of “all Ontarians to continue to practice physical distancing and wear a face covering when doing so is a challenge, such as safely visiting a favourite local store.

Together, we’ll continue to move Ontario forward.”

SDSG MPP Jim McDonell commented that “[He is] very pleased our region EOHU will be allowed to move into Stage 3, on Fri., July 17.

To ensure the re-opening success, we must be diligent and continue to practice safety measures by wearing a face-covering indoors at public places, maintaining physical distancing of 2m, frequent hand washing and if you are feeling ill stay at home and get tested.

We must all work together to stop the spread of COVID-19,” said MPP Jim McDonell.

MP Eric Duncan said, “While the decisions being made on re-openings are made at a provincial level, I am happy to see that the measures taken to date allow us to move to the next step.”

It’s your information – protect it

Donald R. Good, P.Ag.
Record Staff

The farm community has become concerned over the request by an unknown person who has made a Freedom of Information (FOI) request for detailed information on farmers registered under the *Farm Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act* (FBR).

Should farmers be concerned? The obvious answer is, yes. This is one of those cases of the law of unintended results raising its ugly head. I remember the debate prior to implementing the FBR legislation. The whole purpose of this legislation was to benefit farmers. Through the farm registration process, farmers could receive numerous benefits from government programs as well as municipal tax benefits.

Farm legislation is often reviewed in isolation for what it can provide farmers. Overriding sector specific legislation are a number of laws of general application. *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOI) was established to provide the public with access to government information and data. The FBR is one of those databases. Farmers register under the FBR, provide personal information and receive benefits but then become subject to the

provisions of the FOI.

The *FBR Act* itself has very specific limitations on what government can do with the information gathered under the *FBR Act*. The act limits OMAFRA to using the FBR data to developing agricultural policies and programs, communicating those programs to farmers, as well as delivery of farm programs. The FOI request received by OMAFRA is suspected as being from a farm activist or group and, therefore, it is reasonable to expect it is not for purposes beneficial to farming.

Under the FOI, there are important exemptions that allow OMAFRA to refuse a FOI request. There are numerous interacting provisions in the *FOI Act* that requires disclosure and provides exemptions for the refusal of disclosure. For instance in the definition section there is the provision “Personal information does not include the name, title, contact information or designation of an individual that identifies the individual in a business, professional or official capacity.”

Farming is a business, and I am not sure how this section interacts with the prohibition from releasing personal data. Most farm organizations have issued notices to their farm members. OMAFRA has

reported that it has sent 500 letters to selected farmers requesting feedback. I strongly support the advice of farm organizations for farmers to write or contact OMAFRA and specifically refuse consent under the section referred to above for the release of their specific information under their FBR registration number, regardless of whether you received a letter or not.

The FOI information would provide an activist with a significant list of very farm specific personal information. I have done a little research. Without too much difficulty, using various search engine key words, I could develop a pretty comprehensive list of farmers, their personal contact information, and what they produce. Most commodity farm organizations have member entry portals which allow access to the farm organizations data bases for members only. If someone can access through a sympathetic member this member only portal, a lot of information can be gleaned from these sources. Finally, a lot of farmers have websites and social media platforms. It is amazing the amount of personal information that can be obtained from the internet, particularly the Canada411 program. I am sure you are familiar with searching the internet for information on a



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product and have within minutes or hours received advertising on that very product line. There are big tech companies with large databases on individuals and specific sectors. There have been numerous stories in the farm press over the past years on big farm equipment and seed companies collecting farm data. These entities are in the business of selling data and agriculture is part of this big data business. We have to be careful, and I still recommend that farmers protect their privacy. Let OMAFRA know that you do not consent to the release of your personal data. I would hope given the clear wording of the *FOI Act* that OMAFRA will refuse the request.

Ontario’s farm organizations should be ready to take a major role if the activist appeals or the decision is in their favour.

The appeal under section 50 of the FOI is to the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The Road Home

Garden thoughts old and new

by Carolyn Thompson Goddard

Well, it seems like there may be a cooling trend on the way! After more than enough days of 30 plus weather and let’s not forget about the humidity sending the temperature soaring into the 40’s, the past few days have been a bit cooler in a comparative sense with a bit of rain, a bit of sun, temperatures in the 20’s and only a bit of humidity. My flower gardens and my Covid-19 victory vegetable garden seem to be a bit happier and a lot less watering required.

The first of my radishes have been removed and while cucumber plants are still somewhat small, the pumpkin plants are doing very well. As I took a look at it last evening when it was cool enough for me to emerge from my house, I was transported back to the days when Mom had her garden in our backyard at the King Street house.

If memory serves me correctly it stretched across the whole of the back section of the yard to the rear of the house. I know that she planted some vegetables, maybe radishes and cucumbers but honestly, I can only remember the rows and rows of golden bantam corn. This corn was her pride

and joy with her spending a lot of time ensuring the corn crop would be big enough to provide a few feeds of this delicious vegetable to her large family. I recall in my mind’s eye how one summer after a big rainfall she and our neighbour Dorothy Charlebois from across the street were ankle deep in mud gently lifting the corn stalks that had fallen sideways during the wind and rainstorm. While I may have had a laugh at the sight of these two women propping up the corn, the laughter subsided quickly with one of those looks Mom was famous for giving.

After Dad’s retirement we moved from the Nestlé house into an apartment on Mary Street. I believe Dad had a small garden there, but when they moved to the Sharpe family home on Victoria Street in Winchester the vegetable garden grew exponentially. Under his and Mom’s care, enough were grown to produce enough vegetables for a few families with lots left over to turn into pickles. I have several of Mom’s pickle recipes which she got from my great-grandma and probably a few of her neighbours while living north of Morewood in Gordonville. They are pretty simple to make, but time consuming and

absolutely delicious to eat. Dad also showed me how to store green tomatoes (he suggested wrapping the green tomatoes in newspaper and storing in a cool dry place. I did this one year and had freshly ripened tomatoes until Christmas) and using sand to store carrots in – a fresh alternative to freezing or perhaps pickling.

Over the years I have had more than a few vegetable gardens, but while my flowers seem to do well there is something about growing vegetables that turns my green thumbs into a plant killing machine. Yes, my lettuce, pumpkins and beans seem to be doing well in my Covid-19 victory garden but the radishes, carrots and cucumbers are a little less healthy. The potatoes and tomatoes are moving along nicely so all in all I guess it is a success. I will be doing some freezing of locally grown vegetables as the season moves along, so like many I give thanks that Covid-19 hasn’t stopped the farmers taking their produce to market!

While my vegetable garden may not be as lush as some, it has been wonderful to watch the plants grow and perhaps tonight I will have a salad for dinner with my two radishes and lettuce from my victory garden!

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Honour Ride 2020 goes to Morrisburg

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MORRISBURG – For months now, COVID-19 has been attacking our most vulnerable –seniors living in homes and residences throughout the province.

All of the staff at these facilities, from administrators to custodians have stood by residents and have paid a price. Stressed and weary, staff at homes go to work every day during the pandemic with

little sign that the communities they are in, are aware of what they have been going through.

On Sat., July 4, 150 motorcycles and 200 plus participants, including some from Chesterville, as well as riders from Quebec and Eastern Ontario drove to Morrisburg and circled around the Chartwell Hartford Retirement Residence. The South Dundas Fire Department lined the street in front of

the retirement home, with fire trucks and OPP on hand to help celebrate the front-line workers. Celebrating the moment along with the fire department was South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelts and MP Eric Duncan.

Last week Cornwall resident Bruce Hyderman and 200 motorcycle enthusiasts from across the region decided to do something to let front-line

workers know that they were not being forgotten.

“Front line workers are becoming stressed and are victims themselves,” said Hyderman.

“When I realized this was happening to staff, I decided to call on my friends to go out to rural areas to support and encourage front line workers to carry on. We called our idea Honour Ride 2020,” he said.

Hyderman and a few of his close friends, Jay Roberts and Steve Kettles

enjoy cruising around the province on their motorcycles.

“We put the call out to come and pay tribute to front-liners who are keeping our loved ones safe and healthy,” said Hyderman.

This was the second Honour Ride for the group, and they have been overwhelmed by the response.

Hyderman said, “We have been overwhelmed by the hearts of the people we are celebrating. It was such a reward to see the expressions as we rode-by some places. Some were clapping and there was some tears and even some veterans who saluted us. The bikers were moved as well. They felt the emotion and knew they were doing a great service.”

The group had 10

destinations along their ride route. They started out in Lancaster.

The office manager at Chartwell in Morrisburg, Chantal Lamadeleine, was thrilled with the gesture by the motorcyclists.

She said, “I think this is a wonderful thing they are doing.” She pointed out that looking after their residence was a collaborative effort between all members of Chartwell’s staff.

“It is really a collaborative community effort,” she said, adding, “We are fortunate to live in such a caring community. Our community has given us overwhelming support.”

Hyderman said, “We placed red ribbons on our handle bars in recognition of the people who have died from COVID-19. The Honour Ride 2020 achieved its mission.”

Mandatory masks

Continued from the front

12:00 a.m., with an enforcement grace period until 12:00 a.m. on July 14.

During the press conference EOHU medical officer of health Dr. Paul Roumeliotis commented on the success found in Eastern Ontario at keeping the number of Covid-19 cases at a relatively low level. He attributed this to members of the public following the government regulations before stressing the importance of not becoming too complacent because the “pandemic is not over.”

Roumeliotis mentioned how mandatory mask wearing has been shown to help alleviate the spread of Covid-19 when used in conjunction with physical distancing and good hand hygiene. He continued as restrictions designed to combat the spread of Covid-19 begin to lessen, and more people go out into enclosed public spaces, wearing a mask can help to stop the spread of this disease.

Dr. Paula Stewart, MOH for the Lanark Leeds and Grenville District Health Unit, commented there was a

need for a common approach to stopping the spread of Covid-19 in Eastern Ontario, before mentioning mandatory mask wearing across our region is one part of the combined approach. She mentioned how this directive is all about social responsibility, with public health assisting businesses, organizations and people to ensure we are moving forward together in this region.

Dr. Robert Cushman, MOH for Renfrew County and District Health Unit, explained why wearing a mask in public is important during the pandemic. He commented how wearing facial masks assists in protecting people against Covid-19, when used in conjunction with social distancing and other measures taken to contain the virus. He continued how this may be a temporary personal inconvenience which will allow us to move forward in containing this disease while continuing with the re-opening of Ontario.

A clear, consistent and unified approach to the wearing of masks across the Champlain Region is

important as people move between the areas in the region on a regular basis, according to Dr. Vera Etches, MOH Ottawa Public Health Unit. She continued there will be exemptions to this directive due to age or health concerns, stressing how we are in a period of societal change and asking people to be kind and understanding to each other.

Following the statements from the four Medical Officer of Health, there was a question and answer period during which it was explained how this directive affects all people including visitors to the area; also explained some of the exemptions from wearing facial covering and how the directive will be enforced. It was mentioned that there is no definite timeline for the mandatory wearing of facial coverings, but it is expected this directive will be reviewed in a timely fashion. When asked, Etches explained businesses are responsible for signage, training and protection of their employees but not for enforcement of this directive. More information on this subject can be found at <https://eohu.ca>.



Members of the Honour Ride 2020 did a ride by at Chartwell Hartford Retirement Residence on Sat., July 4. Morin photo

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Building code violations resolved

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

INKERMAN – North Dundas resident Christina Suffel can rest easy after the municipality sorted out her building permit woes.

Suffel had recreated a small part of her farming childhood by having a few

animals around her property that her children could enjoy and look after.

She had been raised on her parent's farm in Inkerman and wanted to be able to share the farming experience with her children.

In order to have an

enclosed area for her two mini-donkeys and horse as well as some birds, she arranged to have two small buildings from another location dropped on her property. Along the way to creating the kind of place she wanted her four children to grow up in, she

forgot to inquire about a building permit.

The township realized the lack of a building permit and advised her that without one she could not keep the buildings.

Another concern was that in North Dundas there is a bylaw that states that you need to have a minimum of five acres in order to have livestock on

it. Suffel only had about three acres, but had made arrangements to ensure her animals were safe and could safely share the property with them.

It looked as if she would have to get rid of the building and the animals.

She turned to social media to get support and started up a petition asking the township to let her keep

her animals.

She wrote, "I was born and raised on a farm in Inkerman in North Dundas Township. The farming blood runs through my veins as did all my family before me. My family has lived in the same house for 153 years minus about two years when it was sold to someone else after my

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The 2020 graduation for North Dundas District High School students was a little different this year. The pandemic resulted in the traditional ceremonies being replaced with new ones. Students had the choice of driving up to their school to be handed a cap, gown and diploma as well as a lawn sign stating that they were a NDDHS graduate or receiving a personal home visit by teachers who delivered their graduation items to them. Photos courtesy of Photo Visions School Photography Company

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Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to change the way our lives are lived, there is a team of dedicated frontline workers who work quietly behind the scenes to ensure we receive the information needed, the testing required and safety regulations followed as the pandemic works its way through our society. This team is led by Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, medical officer of Health and CEO of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) and is composed of close to 200 trained health care professions tirelessly working to ensure our safety.

During a recent interview with *The Chesterville Record*, Dr. Paul related how it became apparent in late December and into the middle of January, Covid-19 would pose a threat to Canada. With the arrival of passengers from the Diamond Princess entering quarantine at Nav Canada in Cornwall on Feb. 21, this pandemic became a local reality. When the Ontario state of emergency took effect on March 17, the EOHU and Roumeliotis had already set up a close collaborative relationship with local stakeholders regarding Covid-19 instituting regular meetings with community stakeholders, government officials at all levels, allied health and health care officials as well as school boards.

In an era where there is a vast amount of information available through traditional media outlets, the internet and social media, it is increasingly important to have a reliable

source of information available to the public on the pandemic. Stressing the importance of educating the public and his staff about Covid-19, he has held regular press conferences, participated in virtual town halls as well as holding regular meetings with community stakeholders and EOHU staff.

While Roumeliotis is the public face to the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic, he was quick to point out the dedicated work of his team. He commented throughout the interview about their professionalism, their tireless work, mentioning how he is “extremely proud of [his] staff.” He explained that with the closure of EOHU offices, most staff are working from home with everyone deployed to Covid-19 work.

Some of the duties performed by staff include answering upwards of 400 calls a day (over 16,000 to date) from people seeking information on this disease, with other staff working with businesses and local governments to establish policies and procedures to safely re-open. Public health inspectors are ensuring regulations are followed as well as providing information on our response to this pandemic which is evolving, as more information on Covid-19 is discovered. He continued on how staff are deployed to some of the seven testing centres, while others conduct contact tracing and EMS personnel perform home testing for those



unable to attend a testing centre.

A visit to the EOHU website, www.eohu.ca, provides a wealth of information on the Covid-19 pandemic as well as the regular programs which are part of the services provided by our health unit to the public. While many are currently on pause due to the pandemic, people are invited to call 613-933-1375 or 1-800-267-6120 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. seven days a week.

The EOHU covers the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, the United Counties of Prescott-Russell, the City of Cornwall, and the Canadian portion of Akwesasne. The EOHU serves approximately 200,000 people in a land area over 5,000 square kilometers. Dr. Paul Roumeliotis is the medical officer of Health and CEO of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU). He currently serves as the chair, council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health and as a member of the Ontario COVID-19 Public Health Measures Table.

Thank you from SDSG MPP Jim McDonell
The Eastern Ontario Health Unit was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry Member of Provincial Parliament Jim McDonell dated July 3. This certification is given in recognition of the work done by the EOHU on our behalf. Courtesy photo

Building code

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 father passed away. It was sold to a big farmer who only wanted the land for crops so they severed. I bought back my family homestead with my four children in tow to give them the experience of farming that I once had."

The need for a building permit was easily dealt with. The next hurdle was the township bylaw that addressed the relationship between acreage and animals.

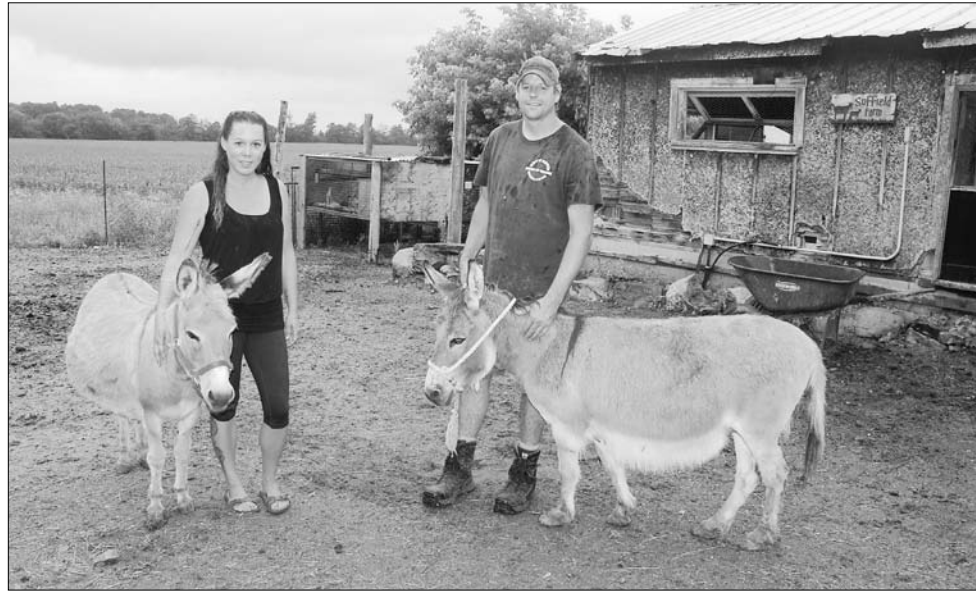
Between the two issues Suffel felt discouraged.

"The old Mountain Township bylaw stated I would have only needed two acres but this changed literally six months before I had moved back into my family homestead. I own almost three acres," she said.

The municipality was caught between a rock and a hard place.

Social media had a great deal to say about the situation and most of it portrayed the township in a negative light. But there are two sides to every story and social media sometimes presents only one.

Mayor Tony Fraser said, "There are things that we have to react to and other things that we need to be



Pictured here are Christina Suffel with Baby, and her partner Kevin Gebhardt with Momma. The donkeys originally lived in Quebec and would visit seniors in seniors' homes to cheer them up; they are now retired. Morin photo

proactive with. He said some issues are driven by complaints and if there are none, there is no need for the township to do anything.

"If it is a health and safety issue we will be proactive, and if it is a building issue we have to be proactive so that ensures the safety of the people in the building. We need to be proactive, we cannot wait for someone to complain about a health and safety issue," he said.

He said the issue was all about a building code violation issue, "but that has been resolved."

"We have never

received a complaint about the animals," said Fraser.

He noted that the Suffel property is surrounded by farmland. "I am glad we were able to move on with other matters," he said.

The township cancelled the order for livesock removal but stated in a letter to Suffel: "The township does not intend to pursue the livestock issue at this time, as no written complaint concerning livestock was received, however, should the township receive a written complaint concerning the livestock, a file will be opened."

Suffel is relieved the

issue has been resolved but still wants to move forward with asking council to consider changing the bylaw in the future. She has collected about 4,000 names for her petition on Facebook, asking for a change in the number of acres required to have a small number of livestock on a property.

In the past, a concern about livestock animals on small properties was about where manure was stored and handled and well water protection. In Suffel's case she has arranged with the people who bought her parents farm to deal with the manure issue.



— Obituary — Ricky Young

It is with very heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of a beloved husband and father, Ricky Young, on July 7, 2020. Ricky leaves behind his wife and best friend Silvia, and his two cherished sons, Hunter Young and Areyu Young. We will miss him when the sun rises, when the sun sets, and all the hours in between. There really are no words to express our immense sense of grief and loss. Ricky is also survived by his mother Wanda Laprade and his father Richard Young (Jean), his brother Clinton (Bonnie), and by his much-loved nephews, and many very good friends.

Due to Covid restrictions a private family funeral service will be held at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg. In lieu of flowers, Ricky and the family would like you to take the time and spend it with your loved ones. Online messages of condolence may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.



— Obituary — VOGEL, Anne Marie

Peacefully at the Cornwall Community Hospital surrounded by family on Wednesday, July 8th, 2020. Anne Marie Vogel (Tancek) of Williamstown; age 82 years. Beloved wife of Alfred Vogel for 62 years. Loving mother of Tony

(Cyndy) Vogel, Anne (Bob) Donkers, Paul (Linda) Vogel, Ursula (Dan) Flipsen, Angela (Doug) Fawcett. A wonderful Nanny to Jennifer (Mike), David (Ashley), Jamie (Hannah), Virginia (Chris), Shannon (Joey), Andy (Jacinda), Jakob (Stephanie), Crystal (Frank), Amber (Grant), Michaela, Angela (Tristan), Kristopher, Paige, Abby, Leah and 10 great grandchildren and counting. Dear sister of Betty (Mario) Mazzorato of Guelph. Predeceased by her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Tancek and her brothers Edwin and Emil Tancek. Anne Marie will be remembered by her many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Anne Marie was born and raised on a small farm in Preston, Ontario. After marrying Alfred, they purchased their first farm in Paris, Ontario where they milked Brown Swiss Cows. In 1971 they moved their family and cows to Williamstown where their family grew along with their farm. Anne Marie loved all animals and welcomed many different kinds over the years. More than the four-legged kind, she loved children. If she wasn't surrounded by her flowers, she was surrounded by children, her grandchildren, their friends and later, the great grandchildren. Anne Marie loved teaching them about animals. She spent many hours welcoming students to the farm and later volunteering her time in the classroom, always bringing a critter or two along with her.

In keeping with the physical distancing requirements, a Mass of Christian Burial with controlled attendance will be celebrated in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Williamstown, on Tuesday, July 14th, 2020 at 11 a.m. Rite of Committal will follow in the Parish Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, we request a donation made to Williamstown Public School, 19754 County Rd. 17, P.O. Box 100, Williamstown, ON K0C 2J0, where Anne Marie volunteered for many years. Funeral arrangements entrusted to McArthur Bros. & MacNeil Funeral Home & Chapel, 428 Second Street East, Cornwall (613-932-6300). Condolences can be left at www.mcarthurbrosfh.com.

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We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to our family, friends, neighbours, and co-workers for the sympathy cards, phone calls, flowers, food, gifts, and donations sent to St. Mary's Church and to the Winchester Hospital in memory of our dear Mother and Grandmother, Theresa Moore.

Special thanks to Dr. Hamilton and all the staff at the Garden Villa for your compassion and for the excellent care you gave to Mom. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

A sincere thank you to Fr. Charles Enyinnia for visiting Mom and for your kindness and support during this difficult time. Thank you, too, for the beautiful service in memory of Mom.

Special thanks to the pallbearers – Sean and Emily Winters and Jeremy and Justine Plummer. Nanny would have been so proud of all of you.

Thank you to Dan McLaughlin, David Lapier, and Donnie Wheeler from the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home for your compassion and guidance. We are very grateful to you all.

The Moore Family

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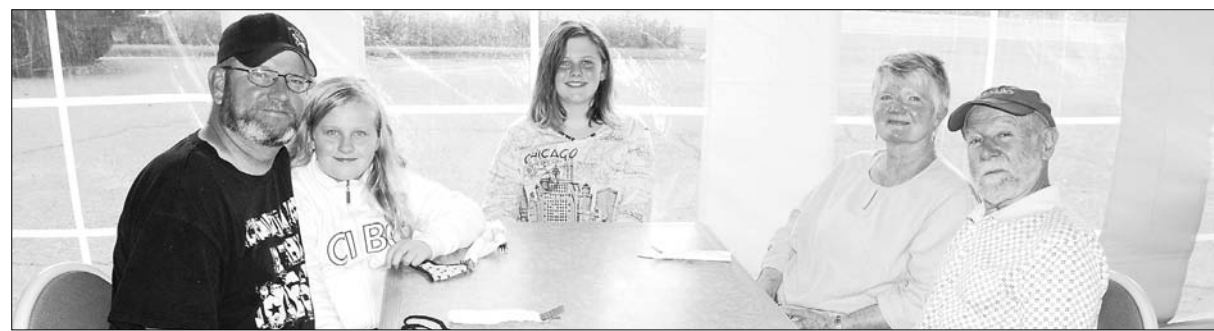
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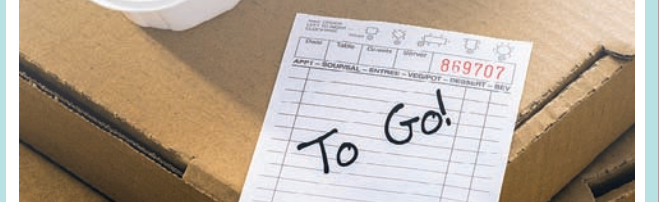


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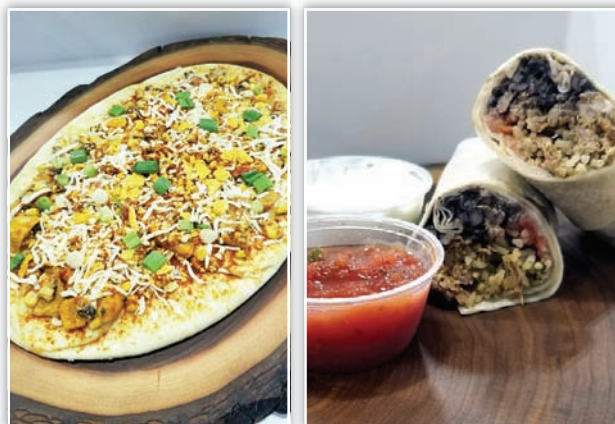


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Summer camp kits available from Osgoode Township Museum

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VERNON – Jillian Jordan, executive director of the Osgoode Township Museum (OTM) located in nearby Vernon, was pleased to announce in a recent email to *The Chesterville Record* how starting on

August 3 the second release of their summer camp kits will be available for pick up. Based on the success of the first set of kits, Jordan suggests pre-ordering the kits, available for \$45 each, to avoid disappointment.

The “Farm Festival Box”

has “materials and instructions for five crafts and five activities themed on farm life,” with the “Classic Camp Kit” includes “materials and instructions for five crafts and five nostalgic summer camp crafts.”

More information on these summer camp kits are available on the organizations website located at www.osgoodemuseum.ca.

St. Albert Cheese

Villager Staff

ST. ALBERT – Over a hundred years ago there were innumerable small cheese factories located through the local farming area. While the buildings may have changed since the middle 1890s when the first cheese factory in St. Albert was founded, the quality of cheese produced has remained at the same high standard. In 2014, a new, modern building replaced the one destroyed in the February 2013 fire. This building includes a restaurant area as well as a boutique space that features several products including the famous St. Albert cheese.

During a visit to St. Albert Cheese, *The Chesterville Record* spoke with store supervisor Marie Pier Marier who mentioned that the Covid-19 pandemic had necessitated removing some shelving in the boutique portion of the building to facilitate social distancing. She explained that the same items as before the Covid-19 pandemic were available for sale, but fewer were on display. Assistant store supervisor, Michelle Mongrain mentioned during a telephone interview on July 14, that the maximum of 20 people at a time were now allowed in the boutique, that the wearing of masks are mandatory and that the restaurant is only open for take-out, and ice cream available at a walk-up window. Mongrain commented how the business is currently developing plans for Phase 3 re-entry.



Staff photo

Osgoode Township Museum to re-open July 28

Villager Staff

VERNON – The Osgoode Township Museum announced its reopening on July 28 in an email from Jillian Jordan, executive director of the Vernon museum. While the museum’s main building will remain closed as the permanent and community gallery is updated, the agricultural building will be open by appointment only, with Covid-19 protocols in place. The hours of operation will be Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. It is recommended you call ahead as the hours may vary. More details can be found at www.osgoodemuseum.ca.

Rural Ottawa Barn Quilt Trail

Villager Staff

VERNON – The phrase “barn quilts” may conjure up images of quilted fabric of different styles of barns, but really, it is something completely different. While these wooden quilt squares are part of the folk art heritage of rural North America, this art form has seen a resurgence. Rural barn quilts have a long history in North America, while barn quilts have been seen throughout rural areas in North America for decades, this art form has become part of the agritourism sector; as Barn Quilt Trails are developed in many areas of Canada and the United States.

Jillian Jordan, executive director of the Osgoode Township Museum (OTM), in a press release dated May 6, announced the Rural Ottawa Barn Quilt Trail project. This project, designed to showcase “rural Ottawa South’s rural landscape and its communities” began as a way “to engage community members and bring visitors to our community while maintaining physical distancing” during the Covid-19 pandemic and into the future.

Jordan explained the project is accepting barn quilt submissions between May 6 to Sept. 30 of this year from “families, farm owners and agricultural

businesses as a way to celebrate our rural heritage.” She stressed how they will become “a permanent part of our landscape” and will assist in the expansion of cultural tourism in the area and assist in the building of community pride.

For those who are wondering exactly what a barn quilt is, Jordan described it as a piece of wood “that’s been painted to look like a quilt square.” There is no set design for the wooden square, with the artist able to incorporate their own creative designs into the work of art. She continues how these folk art pieces are able to tell the stories of rural life, their family history or as a promotional piece.

When asked about the community’s response to the call for submissions, Jordan explained five families have registered “in both the barn and home streams of the project.” She stressed how, although there is a Sept. 30 deadline, submissions will be accepted after that date, with a goal to having the interactive online trail ready for early November; visitors will be able to download the map and travel the trail. More information and registration forms are available at the organization’s website, www.osgoodemuseum.ca.



Barn quilts in South Glengarry

These three examples of barn quilts were on display at Lou Lou Lavender during their 2020 u-pick lavender season. They were created by South Glengarry artist, Cathy Major.

Staff photo

Working together to protect the environment

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – A July 8 press release from South Nation Conservation (SNC) announced a three-year partnership with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to restore the J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area in Russell.

In 1980 Jean Hay with Alex and Mable Little donated the 16-acre parcel of land to SNC “to protect the family’s natural legacies” and provide an opportunity to engage in passive recreational activities. Since then, the J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area has become “one of the Conservation Authorities most popular public parks.” Located on the outskirts of the community of Russell, it provides visitors with the opportunity to enjoy hiking, geocaching as well as winter activities such as snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Information found on the SNC website mentions the conservation area “links with the Russell

Township New York Central Fitness Trail, a converted railway perfect for cycling and rollerblading.”

The press release explained how “over 20,000 visitors each year” are welcomed to the park which “provides a serene natural green space surrounded by urban development in Russell.” SNC communication team lead John Mesman commented how the park “is a community fixture that everyone has come to cherish” before continuing how SNC is committed to “protecting and providing natural spaces like the J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area” and thanking OPG for the support for the restoration to “the park and local biodiversity.”

Plans for the project include “native tree and shrub planting, repairing existing erosion and stream stabilization and restoring in stream habitat to increase biodiversity.” This follows work done by SNC over the past two years which saw

the installation of “three new pedestrian bridges,” the restoration of “sections of shoreline” as well as removing and replacing “hundreds of dead and dying ash trees infected by the invasive emerald ash borer.”

The release noted its “long history of partnering with OPG through its Regional Biodiversity Program to work on environmental stewardship projects” which seek to “increase biodiversity and restore habitats for plants and animals in woodlands, grasslands and wetlands.” Ashley Fox, OPG assistant environmental adviser, Corporate Environment Health and Safety, explained how, “At OPG we strive to maintain or enhance significant natural areas of concern and have partnered with recognized biodiversity stewards, like SNC, across the province to protect Ontario’s most vulnerable natural landscapes.” She commented that “OPG is pleased to support SNC restoration project at the



Protecting our natural environment

The July 8 SNC press release mentions over 20,000 acres of community forest is managed by South Nation Conservation. Many of the Conservation Areas have been donated to SNC through the “Land Securement Program, to help maintain natural legacies and provide a place for people to step outdoors and into nature.” SNC headquarters are located at 38 Victoria Street in Finch.

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J.H. Henry Tweed Conservation Areas in Russell.”

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