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Briefly

Covid Creations art show

The Covid Creations art show in the School House located on the grounds of the Glengarry Pioneer Museum in Dunvegan will be open between Aug. 8 until Aug. 16. The event is free to GPM members with a \$5 admission cost for non-members. It is hosted by the Glengarry Artists' Collective.

Fresh air, sunshine and Zumba

Folks can attend Zumba nights in Winchester at Sox Park (587 Main Street West) every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. until Sept. 1. You may register for Zumba in the park for \$35 plus HST or drop-in fee of \$10.00 including HST. To adhere to Covid-19 restrictions, classes are held outdoors so please bring with you sunscreen, hat, running shoes or any other items that you may need. Should bad weather be a factor, the class will be rescheduled. As per Public Health guidelines, attendees must keep the 2m distance between yourself and other participants at all times, masks are not required but should you wish to wear one please bring your own.

For more details please contact bcousineau@northdundas.com or call 613-774-2105, and to register visit www.northdundas.com and click on "Recreation Programs Registration" in the green box at the bottom of the homepage.

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Hike for hospice

From the left: DCH board chair Paul Renaud and his wife Michelle are shown in front of Dundas County Hospice building located on County Road 31 in Williamsburg. Courtesy photo - DCH

Tractor parade for Winchester

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The annual Dairyfest may be cancelled because of COVID-19 but it takes more than a pandemic to stop parade organizers John and Linda Cinnamon from holding his annual Dairyfest tractor parade in Winchester.

The parade will be taking place on Sun., Aug. 9 with a few changes in order to accommodate the restrictions around the virus.

Cinnamon said, "There will be no social gathering as we will all be on our tractors."

He said anyone who wanted to take part in the parade can meet up with him at 2 p.m. at his farm just north of Winchester on Hwy 31 at their big blue shed.

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Virtual Hospice Hike a success

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – COVID-19 pandemic closures have required organizations to re-think fundraising activities too, such as the successful 2020 Virtual Hike for Hospice held by Dundas County Hospice (DCH).

For several years Hike for Hospice has been held on the first Sunday of May across Canada as a fundraising and awareness raising event for hospices and palliative care organizations.

Lynn Gee, program assistant at DCH, explained that in Dundas County the Hike for Hospice (HFH) is usually held in selected communities in the county, and in 2020 it was scheduled to be held in Chesterville. Responses to the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the event for this year, with DCH looking at various

alternatives for this important fundraiser.

DCH decided to hold a virtual HFH as did several other palliative care organizations across the country. The event was scheduled for the month of May. Gee commented that some people are still currently hiking for hospice. Participants were able to customize their own hike to fit their schedule, and were provided with information about the event; they were able to have funds provided to DCH online.

Gee commented how "the support we got was fabulous," with just over \$8,000 raised from the event which included over \$1,300 from local businesses. She continued how participants were encouraged to provide photos of their hike, and places walked, which were posted on their Facebook page and website.

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Tractor parade

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“For those who would like to join in later, we will be making a short stop at Winchester Arena at approximately 2:30 p.m. My goal is to drive through Dundas Manor parking lot at 3 p.m. We will then proceed east, past the fire hall, then north on Albert to Lions Hall continuing onto Main Street, coming west, past the legion through the main corner, ending back at the arena parking lot. You then may drive your tractor home.”

“I talked to the manor and they hope to have a few people out,” said Cinnamon.

One of Cinnamon’s concerns is that there could be no riders on the tractors



John and Linda Cinnamon have been organizing the tractor parade at the Dairyfest for 15 years. Just in case this year’s parade is postponed because of the COVID-19 virus, the couple decided to take some of their tractors out for some air along their farm driveway.

Morin photo

unless the tractor has a cab. “I do not like to see children sitting on a fender. That is an accident waiting to happen.”

He said his family members and friends will ride as many of his 18 tractors as possible.

The rain date for the parade is just one week later on Aug. 16.

This will be the 16th year of the parade.

The parade is open to not just antique tractors but to all kinds and models of machines, new and old.

CDSBEO to release school re-entry plan for September

KEMPTVILLE – Based on the announcement made by Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Education Stephen Lecce on Thurs., July 30, all CDSBEO elementary and secondary students will be returning to school with enhanced health and safety protocols on September 4. Elementary students will attend school five days per week for the full school day. Secondary schools will implement a quad-mestering model whereby students will attend school five days per week to participate in two courses at a time for nine-week periods or “quadesters”.

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario presented their draft re-entry plan for September to trustees on Wed., July 29, at a special in-camera meeting. The board reviewed details of the plan, which includes measures for enhanced safety protocols for September.

The draft document, which includes nearly 100 pages of details on safety protocols for schools as well as the four

return-to-school scenarios, was presented in summary for trustees. The document has been divided into six detailed sections: consultation and communication, school site preparation, staff preparation, student preparation, school operations, and hygiene and cleaning protocols. Included in the plan are enhanced supports for students with special needs, as well as additional mental health supports for students with identified anxieties, and specialized training for staff.

The board has developed four curriculum delivery models which include a conventional delivery (students attend five days per week) with enhanced health and safety protocols, two adaptive delivery models (A and B), as well as the distance learning model.

“We are confident that through this very extensive and well thought out re-entry plan, the board has included consideration for all facets of the return to school in September,” noted chair Todd Lalonde.

“There has certainly been significant thought put into every aspect of the school day and we look forward to sharing the plan in detail with our parent community.”

The final document will be posted to the CDSBEO website (www.cdsbeo.on.ca) once approved by the Ministry of Education.

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A bit of rural heaven

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Inside the Chesterville town limits, Tom and Amanda Schoch operate one of the few operational farms of this North Dundas community.

Recently *The Chesterville Record* visited Gar-Eden Farms, seeing first hand a bit of rural heaven in our community. Originally owned by the Merkle family, the farm was acquired by Garnet Droppo in the 1970s with the Schoch family purchasing their 21 acres in

2012 and moving there in 2017.

At the end of the long laneway to the Schoch home is a large red barn, which Schoch explains was constructed in two parts. The older part of the barn was built in the late 1800s and the later addition in the early 1900s. Inside the barn Schoch proudly pointed out the 50-foot, hand hewn beams and mentions his plans include barn renovations in as historically respectful a manner as possible. Looking outside the window in the haymow

there is a sense of rural bliss as their two goats frolic here and there, chickens enjoy their lunch safe and secure in their chicken tractor while in the garden, sunflowers reach for the sky, while vegetables provide food for the table. The South Nation River can be seen in the distance, with the Thompson subdivision completing the view.

Throughout the property there are several gardens which Schoch has been developing over the past three years; they now contain several varieties of vegetables, herbs and flowers and a small greenhouse also located

onsite. He is committed to the concepts of permaculture, working with nature while engaged in agriculture. Schoch mentioned his crops are uncertified organic. He also has many rescue animals on his farm including his free range chickens and over 2000 trees from South Nation Conservation (SNC) that have been planted on

the property to help stem erosion along the riverbanks.

Schoch explained during his successful media career, he learned the importance of the food we eat, how this food is produced and the socioeconomic aspects of food production. He plans to develop the farm as a rural education and

wellness centre, so that people of all ages can learn about where their food comes from. There is plenty to look forward to at Gar-Eden Farms with the developing potential of 21 acres, being able to experience farm life and the opportunity to educate people as to where the food on their plate is produced.



Enjoying a safe and shady lunch

The Gar-Eden Farms chickens are able to enjoy their meals in the safety of a chicken tractor. This agricultural innovation allows the chickens to eat safely from predators and the heat. Schoch explains he moves the chicken tractor four times daily.

Thompson Goddard photo



Let the music begin

The Joel Steel Arena in Winchester was hopping on Friday night as the Dairyfest committee presented an evening of roller-skating and music. This will be the fourth year the committee has offered this fun event free of charge to residents. Pictured here are: Aaron and daughter Corrine Dellah celebrating with a skate. Morin photo

Virtual Hospice Hike

Continued from the front

When asked about providing such an important service to the community during the restrictions caused by the pandemic, Gee mentioned the organization is “doing [their] best to serve clients and their families” during this difficult time. More information on Dundas County Hospice can be found on their Facebook page or their website located at www.dundascountyhospice.ca.



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Water Restriction – North Dundas

The Township of North Dundas is implementing a water restriction on all residents until further notice. Hot and dry weather conditions have severely impacted water conditions.

South Nation Conservation (SNC) has declared a level II low water condition and is requesting the public to reduce water consumption by 20% and to limit non-essential uses.

Residents of North Dundas who are on municipal water are reminded that as per by-law No 2018-55 outdoor water use is restricted from May 1st to Sept 1st. Residents with an odd-numbered address are allowed outside use of water between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. and again between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. from one connection only. Residents with an even-numbered address are allowed outside use of water on even-numbered days between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. and again between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. from one connection only.

Effective July 30th, outside water use will be restricted to use of water for yard and garden watering only and residents are asked to use discretion and water only when absolutely necessary. If conditions continue to worsen, further restrictions may be implemented.

If you have recently installed a significant amount of new grass, sod, or landscaping on a property, the outside use of water shall be permitted on said property for the newly installed grass and/or sod each day, during any part of the day, for a period of one week from the initial date of installation.

No other uses of outdoor watering as defined in By-law No. 2018-55 is allowed at this time. Property owners should contact SNC if they are experiencing issues with their well, as shallow wells could go dry.



Ontario Renovates - new application round opens Monday, August 10th, 2020

Assistance available to low & modest income homeowners in Cornwall and SDG

Ontario Renovates is a popular home improvement program that assists low and modest income families and seniors in Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

Application forms for the program will be available as of Friday August 7th, 2020 online or by calling 933-6282 ext. 3315.

Program launch – applications should only be submitted as of Monday August 10th, 2020. Please note there is a dedicated amount of funding so interested homeowners are encouraged to apply early (**but not before Monday August 10th, 2020**)

Applications can be submitted by e-mail at hac@cornwall.ca, by fax at 613-938-9734, can be mailed to the Housing Access Centre 340 Pitt Street, Cornwall, On, K6H 5T9 or can be dropped off in the mailbox outside the main office at 340 Pitt Street (**but not before Monday August 10th, 2020**)

2020 Application Priorities

- 1) First time applicants
- 2) Accessibility requests (whether first time applicant or not)

NOTE: All other requests that are not one of the two priorities will be added to a call list and only contacted if there are available funds to assist with further requests.

Ontario Renovates has two components:

- A **Necessary Home Repair** component where eligible homeowners can receive a maximum forgivable loan of \$10,000, which is earned over a ten year period. Projects that may qualify under this component include upgrades to heating systems, doors, windows, roofs & electrical systems.
- An **Accessibility Modification** component where eligible homeowners can receive a maximum grant of \$5,000 (of the \$10,000). Projects that may qualify under this component include ramps and handrails, etc..

Participating homeowners must have an assessed house value below \$254,060 and be below the following income limits (per household):

Household of 1	\$43,700	Household of 2	\$52,000	Household of 3-4	\$59,300	Household of 5 or more	\$64,500
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For more information on this program, its requirements and an application form, please visit the City of Cornwall website, www.Cornwall.ca/OntarioRenovates. Copies of the application form can also be obtained from the Social Housing Division at the City of Cornwall by calling 933-6282 ext. 3315.



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The Metcalfe Fair gets creative as the show must go on

METCALFE – The 164th edition of the Metcalfe Fair will take place in 2020 but it may not be the agricultural celebration that exhibitors and fair-goers are used to.

The Metcalfe Fair has always been a weekend to showcase the local rural and agricultural community.

It is a time to commemorate and renew friendships and for family members to come back home for a visit as they watch livestock shows, see the culinary exhibits, crafts and quilting, enjoy the thrill of the demo derby and truck pull and sample fair food.

“We are going to have a fair from Oct. 1 - 4, but it will not be the fair people are used to,” said Agnes Lee, Metcalfe Agricultural Society president.

“Instead, the board is currently developing re-imagined fair events, all while adhering to guidelines and restrictions of both public health and governmental bodies.”

The health and safety of fair-goers, sponsors, donors, exhibitors, vendors, volunteers and employees is of paramount importance.

Like many other festivals, businesses and government agencies, the Metcalfe Fair board is giving careful and thoughtful consideration to this year's event and continues to closely monitor the Coronavirus situation.

Staff and volunteers are in regular contact with partners, agency authorities and are prepared to respond to recommendations.

“COVID-19 will not drive an end to the Metcalfe Fair,” noted First vice president, Andrea Taylor. “It will drive a change for the 2020 fair.

What we do know is we are embracing this opportunity to put all our creative energy into remaining true to our agriculture roots while modernizing events we will host.”

Organizers are looking into ways of pivoting the 2020 fair to bring entertainment, activities and shows to the community under the Metcalfe Fair umbrella.

“We are going to make sure we are in compliance and harmony with the direction by health officials and government,” Taylor said, “but there are a lot of great examples where entertainers are going viral with live performances that we are.”

Watch for information regarding these events on our website and social media pages in the days and weeks ahead.

About the Metcalfe Agricultural Society

The Metcalfe Agricultural Society hosts the annual Metcalfe Fair, which is one of Ontario's premier agricultural exhibitions. Since 1856, volunteers have made the Metcalfe Fair a signature event for the community.

For many it is home; a place to gather and celebrate generations of agriculture while enjoying the best in entertainment with family and friends.

Our commitment is to remain home.

Century old tornado remembered

CHESTERVILLE – In the midst of a world-wide pandemic it is easy to forget that natural disasters can happen here at home.

It has been over a 100 years since a tornado ripped its way through the Chesterville area killing five people and causing \$500,000 in damage.

Ann Jackson of Russell has researched that fateful day, July 17, 1902 when the tornado touched down and devastated the area.

Here is her story.

Ann Jackson Special to the Record

It was a typical hot summer day for mid-July of 1902, in rural Eastern Ontario. At this time of year, the strawberry crop was finished, and the wild blackberries and raspberries were just coming to an end. Women had finished preserving the red currants, and the gardens were starting to overflow with crops of yellow and green beans, peas, cucumbers, and sweetcorn was not too far in the offing. Orchards held promise of hardy apples and crab-apples that would be canned or stored away for the winter months. Summer kitchens were used for cooking to keep the heat out of the house from the fast fires made in the wood stove for meal preparation.

In the nearby city of Ottawa, the parliament

buildings and the University of Ottawa had electricity with generators powered by steam engines, and by 1885, Ottawa was the first city in the world to achieve the distinction of having all its streets lit; that was not so in small towns like Chesterville, where most residents and farms did not have electric service, and the activities of the day matched the rising and setting of the sun.

Most farmers had their first crop of loose hay up in barn lofts, and the hay loader and horses had a small reprieve before the second crops of clover and alfalfa would be cut, and the oats would be ready for binding, stooking and threshing. Cows were outside on fresh grass for the summer and looked to be milked in early morning and late afternoon, in exchange for a bit of grain in their manger. Many farms had 20 to 40 cows to milk by hand. Some milk would be separated, and the cream used for churning into butter, but most of the milk produced would be taken to the local cheese factory, where squeaky fresh curds and wheels or rounds of cheese were made. Farmers could then refill barrels of whey to bring home to the pigs. Farms were all purpose – with pigs, cows, horses and chickens to supply all of a

family's needs.

There had been a number of rainy days so far in the summer of 1902 and it appeared to the Kearn family on the sixth concession of Winchester Township, that they were about to have a late afternoon thunderstorm which would hopefully clear the air and remove some of the built up heat and humidity. Little did they realize how this storm was about to affect them and leave a pathway of destruction from Ormond, toward Morewood, Connaught, east of Chesterville, Goldfield, Grantley, then on to Osnabrock Township, eventually making its way across the St. Lawrence River to Massena in upper New York state. The estimated path of the tornado measured about 65 km, (35 miles) with the greatest damage and loss of life centred near Chesterville.

Tornadoes can happen at any time of day, but many occur when there is a build up of energy especially between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. The tornado started with vengeance just east of Ormond at about 5:30 pm.

Miss Grace McGregor, was killed first, as she tried to reach the safety of her cellar.

The tornado moved to the farm of George Weaver blowing down his barn and

Fatalities

Mrs. John H. Kearns, aged 33

Edward Kearns, aged 7

Norah Kearns, aged 12

Miss Grace McGregor, Ormond, aged 40

William Beckstead, Grantley, aged 17

leaving George with a fractured arm and Michael Shaver, Morewood with internal injuries.

John Shaver's wife and child and sister were gathered in their kitchen when the tornado struck. The group were thrown under their kitchen table as debris from their home fell all around them.

After the storm passed by the Shaver farm, only eight out of 300 trees in the orchard remained.

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The Road Home

School days, school days, dear old golden rule days

by Carolyn Thompson Goddard

A lot of hours during my childhood were spent walking to and from school. Nowadays children living in the house I grew up in on King Street are probably bussed to Chesterville Public School but in those days, the 1960s, we walked to school four times a day. For me, it was a long walk, approximately a mile each time (for a total of four miles daily but at least there were no hills to navigate and a bridge over the Nation River) but for those who lived north of the tracks it was even longer. Luckily, there were many paths to walk to school, so that one did not get too bored during the trip and of course, if you were trying to avoid someone, it was just that much easier.

As September rolls around my thoughts seem to always turn to school. I remember crying when I had to stay home and my brother David got to go to school, the joy of finally getting to Grade 1 in this beautiful school and then a sense of excitement as I watched our new school being built. In my memories, I remember taking a couple trips to Westport with Mom and Dad to visit the architect (can't remember his name though) and

going with Dad in the evening or on the weekend to look at the school – I recall the beautiful staircase which led to the second storey (in my mind it is sort of like the grand staircase on the Titanic) or down into the basement and vaguely recall the gigantic furnace which kept the building warm.

As my first school year ended, there were “orientation trips” to the new CPS for classes and I remember being told to be careful and not touch anything as we walked through the construction site and into the new building. It was dusty with cables to carefully climb over and a little dirty. We all knew how in the fall it would be sparkly clean and full of new metal desks (to replace the wooden ones in the old school) for us to sit in - ready for all of us and the future generations to learn reading, writing and arithmetic – there were no hickory sticks though as these were things of the past.

If buildings have memories, then I am sure my beloved Chesterville Public would have a multitude of them. There would be the pictures of children lining up for their daily dose of cod liver oil in the winter, lining up to go outside for recess and lining up

to go home. The giant oak tree watched with the building as children sat underneath it, played noisily at recess and then with ringing of the bell – silence. Inside there was the quiet (well at least that is how I remember it) sound of children learning while passing the occasional note or silently mouthing an important message (I was no good at that as I can't lip read) as teachers taught and helped us to learn the lessons not only in the curriculum but those needed to grow as a person.

Many times in my dreams I have returned to Chesterville Public School, seen some of the teachers who taught me a multitude of things in addition to reading and writing and math such as the importance of clean hands, a soft voice (still haven't mastered that one yet) and the love of learning new things. Perhaps most of all during public school, I learned the importance of standing in line to wait for my turn, the importance of working together for a common goal and writing clearly. I was asked one time by a youngster how I was able to write so nicely, to which I replied how it came from writing thousands of lines stating, “I must not talk in class.”



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School reopening plan: is it enough?

Tricia Surette
Record staff

Going back to school this fall may be a challenge.

On Thurs., July 30, Premier Doug Ford and Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, held a press conference to announce their plan for the upcoming school year, something that school boards, teachers and parents have anxiously been waiting for, so that they too can begin to finalize preparations and make the best choices for themselves and their children.

“While we’re facing an unprecedented situation, we’re prepared for anything, armed with the best medical advice available, to protect your child at school,” said Ford at the press conference. “With these measures in place, our classrooms will be as safe as we can make them. When it comes down to it, our children belong in school.”

The plan unrolled by the government included \$309-million dollars in extra funding to cover protective gear for teachers and staff, money for new teachers and educational assistants, as needed; up to 1200 new custodians, and 500 public health nurses to work intimately with school groupings to help facilitate the screening and monitoring for Covid-19 in the schools.

The money also includes health and safety training for teachers, including occasional teachers, and school staff. There is also new money for mental health services, and an additional \$10-million dollars earmarked for students with exceptionalities to help ensure their safe and successful return to full-time classes along with their peers.

“We’re going to get our kids back to school in a way that looks and feels as much as it used to,” said Ford, “five days a week, five hours of instruction a day, with lunch and breaks in

“We’re going to get our kids back to school in a way that looks and feels as much as it used to.”

– Doug Ford

between.”

In the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB), all grades, including the high schools, are expected to return to a full-time teaching routine. Grades 4 through 12 will have to wear masks all day, whereas kindergarten through Grade 3, masks will not be made mandatory.

There have been mixed reactions from parents and teachers across online communities over the weekend.

Some feel it’s absolutely imperative that things get back to normal as soon as possible for our schools and our children, while others are very concerned that the government has not done enough to protect their kids, the teachers, the staff and all the families they belong to.

“[At home] we can pick and choose who we’re going to bubble with,” said Bonnie Laverge, guardian of her 9 year old grandson. “Going to school, I can’t pick and choose who he is going to bubble with. Both my husband and I are in our mid-sixties, I’ve suffered some lung issues over the last few years, so that’s my concern –if he brings it home, he could get quite sick but I know I will get really sick.”

Vanessa McKay is a mother of two children who are currently attending school in the UCDSB. She is also a part-time education assistant, so her worries are two-fold; the safety of her kids and her own safety, not to mention the safety of the vulnerable students she works with and their families.

“I work one on one with special needs children, so it is very nerve wracking,” said McKay.

“Not only am I worried about catching it from them,

I’m worried about giving it to them because a lot of them may be more prone to catching it; you don’t know what their underlying conditions are with some of these kids. We’re a lot more hands on. So, it’s going to be a huge returning. I totally agree, we need to get back to school for these kids. 100 per cent we need a full return but I’m not thrilled, I don’t feel it’s as safe as it could be.”

Other concerns with the plan that was rolled out on Thursday include how the buses would manage cleanliness to keep children safe, the safety of the youngest school age children when only the teachers are expected to be masked and that the plan didn’t include the reduction of class sizes to enable better social distancing. There was also concern that some families, for whatever reason, would not follow screening protocols or keep an adequate supply of clean masks available, thereby endangering everyone else and the success of the plan.

“There are families out there that won’t make the best judgment call when it comes to the health of their child and they will send them to school,” said McKay, “and that is going to put the staff and the students at risk.”

Right now, there’s a lot of conjecture. The government released their plans on a Thursday before a long weekend. At time of publishing, the UCDSB had not issued any formal response other than to confirm they will be proceeding with planning for option three; a full re-opening of the schools. More is expected some time this week.

“Trying to put some faith into our board and really hope that they come up with some plans,” said McKay. “I know it’s hard, because their hands are tied, they can’t create smaller classrooms and hire more teachers if the funding is not there. I hope that each principal at each school and the board somehow find a way to make this work.”

Many parents are hesitant to make a decision until they have more information.

“They aren’t going to know til the last week of August,” said Laverge, “so I’m not going to worry about it until the last week of August and just enjoy the summer.”

Eastern Ontario only very recently moved to stage three re-opening, Laverge pointed out, and the results of that have yet to be seen. If there was a resurgence in Covid-19 numbers, the schools might not be able to open at all, despite Ford’s promise that the government will do whatever is needed to get kids back to school and parents back to work.

The stability and health of the community is a key ingredient in the success of sending the children back to school.

“This plan and the ability of kids to continue learning week after week,” said Dr. Barbara Yaffe, associate medical officer of health for Toronto Public Health, “really is dependent on that social contract with parents, with citizens, with young people, with all of us having a role to play to do our part to reduce the risk and to continue the practices as advised by public health in the province and country.”



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Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving wife, Elsie, his daughter, Linda and was sung home by Rev. Melody Trolly, on Saturday, August 1, 2020. Beloved son of the late Hobert Avery Holmes and Hattie Belle Watson. Loving brother of Ida Fulsom (late Don), Vivian Schultz (late Ken) and predeceased by Adelia, Jean, Lillian (late George), Edna (late Mahlon), Stanley (late Hazel), Doris (late Howard), Helen (late Ira) and Reg.

A Graveside Service will be held at Maple Ridge Cemetery 12820-12898 County Road #43 Winchester on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. Please confirm attendance with the Byers Funeral Home, South Mountain at (613-989-3836). By family request, masks must be worn. Donations may be made in Memory of Ray to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society or the Inkerman Wesleyan Church. Online condolences may be made to www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com.



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There are no words to describe celebrating 100 years and certainly none to express my appreciation to everyone. I have received flowers, plants, gifts and over 120 cards from friends, neighbours and family.

In addition, many have donated to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation. That fund is now over \$3,000. What a wonderful honour for me!

I would be remiss to not say how unfortunate it was that we couldn't all be together for a party and share hugs.

I have been blessed with your love and friendships over the years and during COVID-19. I have certainly missed your visits, but am ever grateful for the telephone conversations.

BLESSINGS TO ALL!

Helen Holmes

Glengarry Pioneer Museum hosts film shoot

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

DUNVEGAN – In the heart of North Glengarry, the Glengarry Pioneer Museum (GPM) has strived to protect and preserve the heritage of the area since it opened in 1962. Many of the annual fundraising events have been cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the GPM has become a film set when production company 1 Department Entertainment Service rented the site for a made for TV movie, set to be released later this year.

Shane Boucher from 1 Department Entertainment Service told *The Chesterville Record* in an email that the GPM was chosen “because it fit perfectly with the narrative of [their] script.” Filming is set to finish August 5. Boucher continued that at any one time there are “around 50 crew members” on site including cast members, “shooting crew and support crew.”

When asked about working in Dunvegan, Boucher responded by saying “It has been a pleasure working in this community. Everyone has been

extremely welcoming and supportive of the various and sometimes odd nature of film industry requests.”

He explained the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in “many new protocols put in place that are based off of a government approved industry guideline document” which included, but not limited to, “mandated face masks for all crew aside from cast when they are in front of camera, “increased social distancing interdepartmentally” and “added cleaning protocols” including sanitization stations.

Restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in quite a different 2020 season according to GPM curator and administrator Jennifer Black. She explained the museum, consisting of several heritage buildings, usually opens in May but this year opened at the beginning of July.

Black continued that many of the fundraising events have been cancelled, such as the very popular Harvest Fall Festival which sees around 1,000 participants in this event.

She was pleased to announce the

Annual Historical Driving Tour will be held this year on Tues., Aug. 11 between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. with speakers available at the local historical sites included in the self-guided tour. In keeping with Covid-19 precautions, pre-registration is necessary for the limited number of tickets available, masks are required and participants must bring their own refreshments to enjoy at the GPM. There will be only two groups of 15 able to participate, but Black did mention if interest is sufficient another date may be added later in August.

Hosted by the Glengarry Artists’ Collective, the Covid Creations art show in the School House located on the museum grounds will open on Aug. 8 and runs until Aug. 16. The event is free to GPM members with a \$5 admission cost for non-members.

There may be other future events at the Glengarry Pioneer Museum, so it is suggested to visit their website at glengarrypioneermuseum.ca, their Facebook page, by calling the museum at (613) 527-5230 or emailing info@glengarrypioneermuseum.ca.



Welcome to Glengarry Pioneer Museum

Jennifer Black, curator and administrator of the Glengarry Pioneer Museum in Dunvegan North Glengarry, stands ready to welcome all to the Glengarry Pioneer Museum. The museum is temporarily closed until Aug. 7, it will re-open when the filming of the made for TV movie concludes.

Thompson Goddard photo



Something for everyone at Monkland Flea Market

There seemed to be something for everyone at the Flea Market held on Sat., July 25 at the Monkland Recreation Centre (MRC). Monkland Recreation committee volunteer Carol Travers mentioned the event, a fundraiser for the maintenance of the Monkland Recreation Centre, was highly successful with 15 vendors and plenty of shoppers throughout the day for the opportunity to pick up a bargain. There were light refreshments and an onsite barbecue was available. Travers commented that approximately \$700 was raised. The Monkland Recreation committee is currently planning for another flea market with a tentative date set for Aug. 23 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. She mentioned the organization is fundraising for new playground equipment with an ongoing bottle drive. For those that are able, please drop off bottles at the Monkland Recreation Centre Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Thompson Goddard photo

Working together for tourism

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CORNWALL – There is a strong sense of volunteerism and working together to get something done in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG) and the recent request for people to “stuff” envelopes with information on tourist attractions in SDG showed just that.

Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry (SDSG) MP Eric Duncan and members of his team collaborated with the City of Cornwall tourism and SDG tourism to put together pamphlets which were designed “to highlight all the wonderful attractions we have right in our own backyard” and provide residents with the opportunity to plan a “staycation close to home during these challenging times” according to Adrien Bugelli, executive assistant to Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MP Eric Duncan.

Bugelli recently told *The Chesterville Record*, an average of about 30 people

gathered daily at the Cornwall Civic Complex between July 25 and 30 to collate and ready for mailing approximately 46,000 envelopes full of information on SDG tourist attractions to residents. Bugelli continued that the envelopes were delivered to Canada Post on July 31 and should be delivered to homes across SDG next week.



Adrien Bugelli, executive assistant to Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MP Eric Duncan, is shown at the Cornwall Civic Centre on July 25 as people gathered to prepare the tourism mail-out.

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CRYSLER – The Crysler Citizen Committee (CCC) recently announced the completion of the Lagoon Trail, a 3 km portion of the Crysler Trail in a social media post on July 21.

The Crysler Trail is an 11 km walking path which begins on Station Road in Crysler and connects with the St. Albert Trail at the end of the recently completed Lagoon Trail. Crysler Citizen Committee member Andre Lavictoire, in a recent telephone interview with *The Chesterville Record*, explained the Crysler Trail provides users with opportunities to exercise while enjoying the natural beauty of the local area.

He continued how the CCC has been working on the development of the Lagoon Trail for at least a year and described it as having a compact gravel surface, with plenty of parking available at the trailhead located a few kilometres down Lagoon Road.

Lavictoire continued several fundraising events over the past year, including Crysler community dinners, raised the money for the project and wished to acknowledge the individuals and businesses that assisted in the development of the Lagoon Trail.

He mentioned that the gravel was provided by the township of North Stormont at cost, with the municipality providing free delivery to the site, Crysler's Remi Landry Excavation provided

a Bobcat to move and spread out the gravel on the trail with a donation of \$600 made by Jean Paul Rogue of Crysler. He thanked Jean Larocque, Sheldon Shane and several other volunteers who gave their time and effort to complete the project.

Lavictoire noted there are many geocaches along the Crysler Trail system which adds to the enjoyment of trail users. It was noted that the trails have been used for the fundraising of the Crysler Fun Run and the snowshoeing event during the Crysler Winter Carnival. For more information on this and other activities of the Crysler Citizen Committee a visit to either their Facebook page or website at www.cryslerccc.com is suggested.



This way to the Lagoon Trail

Near the border of the township of North Stormont and Nation Township, heading north from Crysler, a sign advises travelers of the location of Lagoon Trail being down the gravel road. Thompson Goddard photo



The latest fashions in your hometown

The Main Street Clothing Company is busy these days as people begin to return to the marketplace. In this photo store owner Lisa Williams, on the right, looks after customer Cathie Hess. Morin photo

Dundas County Hospice receives \$4,500 from Williamsburg I.O.O.F.

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG – Dundas County Hospice recently received a donation of \$4,500 from Lodge 349 of the International Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) located in Williamsburg.

Samantha McIntosh, who "manages their social media site" as a volunteer

for the lodge, commented recently in an email to *The Chesterville Record* the funds were raised "on behalf of the hospice at our spring surf and turf event, held in February."

She continued how the I.O.O.F. Lodge in Williamsburg has been closed since March of this year due to the COVID-19

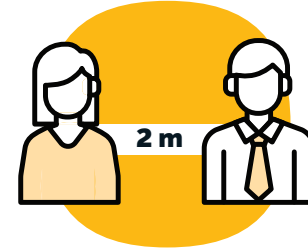
pandemic and while "The I.O.O.F. has customarily closed during the months of July and August," it has been decided the lodge will remain closed "until our first meeting back on Sept. 14, where we will be able to re-evaluate how to best serve our community and how to proceed with fundraising events post-COVID."

From the left: Noble Grand Dave (Seymour) Hess is shown presenting the executive director of Dundas County Hospice Lisa Casselman with a cheque for \$4,500.

Courtesy photo – I.O.O.F. Lodge 349



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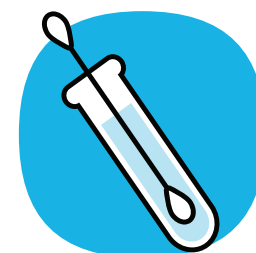
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Canadian Agricultural Youth Council an opportunity for local youth

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RUSSELL – Looking at Canadian agricultural issues and challenges with a familiar yet different perspective, is a strategy being used by the Government of Canada.

The Canadian Agricultural Youth Council (CAYC) was created this year in an attempt to add new voices to the agricultural conversation.

A press release about the council stated: “Young Canadians are dynamic, engaged and passionate about the future of the agriculture and agri-food sector, and giving them a voice at the table is an important commitment of the Government of Canada.”

The 25-member council includes youth from across the country.

There are two members from the Russell area, Guillaume Pasquier and Vicki Brisson. Pasquier lives in Ottawa but works with the Embrun Coop and Brisson is studying for her master’s degree at Guelph University.

The selected members were pulled from 800 applications and represent a diverse mix of individuals

from “subsectors across the agriculture and agri-food sector, as well as from every province and the north,” stated the release.

The group will have its first inaugural meeting at the end of August, and will meet again regularly throughout the year.

Vicki Brisson grew up on a dairy farm.

“I helped out with various tasks for as long as I can remember,” she said.

“After our herds dispersal in 2013, I continued working at other dairy farms in my area.”

Education has played a large role in her life. She graduated from the University of Guelph’s Ontario Agricultural College in 2015 with a major in animal science.

“I am now completing my master’s degree in the department of Animal Biosciences at Guelph,” she said.

Joining the youth council is a great opportunity for Brisson to be part of agriculture’s future in Canada.

She said, “As a francophone female scientist, I am passionate about merging the bridge between research and industry while also using the



Vicki Brisson

skills acquired through my various life experiences to solve complex problems.”

While the agenda of the youth committee has yet to be set, Brisson has her own ideas about the kind of issues she would like to discuss with other council members.

“I look forward to discuss how we can use new technologies to improve the efficiency and sustainability of the agriculture and agri-food sector. I would also like to address discrimination issues to ensure the inclusivity of our sector.”

Brisson is excited at the prospect of sharing her agricultural experiences with other members of the council. “I think it is a great opportunity to come



Guillaume Pasquier

together,” she said. “Everyone will have different back grounds.”

She was candid about not having all of the answers to the agricultural challenges Canada faces in the 21st century, however, she believes the council is a step in the right direction. “It is important to have these conversations,” she said. “people from different backgrounds will have different opinions.”

Another local member of the council is Guillaume Pasquier.

He works at the Embrun COOP. His selection to the committee brings a unique perspective and a global view of agriculture and economics.

Pasquier has a background in agricultural

science and economics. He has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Agri-Food Industry, Environmental Sciences and Engineering Sciences.

He was educated in France and moved to Canada three years ago with his wife. He feels one of the reasons he was selected to the youth committee is because of his international experience in understanding the differences in agriculture, politics and economic factors in different countries including Canada.

He said many farmers are interested in what is going on in Europe regarding new technologies.

“That is part of my job with Embrun COOP,” to develop new technologies and to bring new technologies from the United States, Canada and Europe to members of the COOP.

“It is always important to consider the international level in our culture.” He believes international politics can have an impact on agriculture at the local level.

Pasquier also has, to his credit a master’s degree in Agronomics, Agricultural Policies, Trade and International Markets of Agricultural and Agri-Food

products.

He said, “It is very pleasant to be here and very pleasant to be able to work with local people.”

He explained that agriculture, like other industries has to be able to adapt to changing circumstances.

“People will always try to adapt,” he said.

He added Vicki and he would be doing their best to represent the region at the council level.

The two local youth committee members say they will be working on some projects together to promote the agricultural culture in the Russell, Embrun region.

At the Embrun COOP, his role is director of the innovation division.

“I am in charge of designing strategic development options and future projects, leading and monitoring the implementation of these projects, working with public and private players to achieve our objectives and finally, stimulating the emergence and deployment of innovative projects across our divisions including Agriculture, Agri-Food and Energy,” said Pasquier.

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1 tbsp (15 mL) vanilla
1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cinnamon
1 cup (250 mL) ice cubes (about 8)
Garnish: Ontario blueberries and strawberries

In blender, place peaches, yogurt, honey, nut butter, oats, vanilla and cinnamon. Add ice cubes; blend on high until smooth, stirring if needed to combine the ice and fruit. Garnish with skewered blueberries and strawberries. Serve immediately.

Variations:

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