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**Briefly**

**A Touch of Christmas Porch Tour 2020, North Stormont**

AVONMORE – The tour runs Dec. 3, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Those with tickets can take advantage of special discounts at the participating vendors from Dec. 3 to Dec. 6. This fundraiser is for the Avonmore Children’s Park so the event organizers ask that you do not share porch locations and other event details with non-ticket holders.

**Light up North Dundas Holiday Tour**

WINCHESTER – From Dec. 7 to Dec. 12 see what your neighbours have come up with during the North Dundas Holiday Tour. Registration is free at [www.northdundas.com](http://www.northdundas.com) and the deadline is Dec. 7 at 9 a.m.

**7 Days of Holiday Fun in Osgoode**

OSGOODE – The Osgoode Youth Assoc. is hosting 7 Days of Holiday Fun for youth from Grades 4 to 8 during the winter break. The events take place Mon., Dec 21 to Thurs., Dec 31 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will be held at Osgoode Youth Assoc., 5479 Osgoode Main Street in Osgoode. Cost is \$25 per day or all 3 week-one-days for \$75 or all 4 week-two days for \$90. Registration limited to 10 participants, per day.

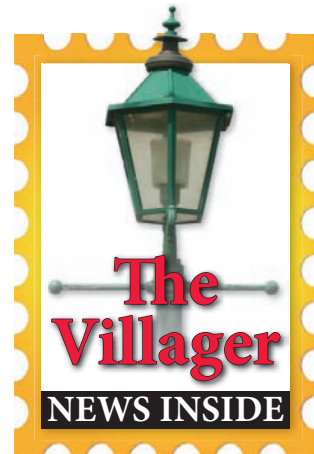
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**Lighting up the park in Morewood**

Once again, the Morewood Recreation Association has added to the holiday spirit with the illumination of Veterans Memorial View Park on Fri., Nov. 27. The event was live streamed, however people are invited to enjoy the holiday decorations while walking or from their car throughout the holiday season.

Thompson Goddard Photo

**Community Watch Program comes to Winchester**

WINCHESTER – A Community Watch Program has been established in Winchester.

Resident Stephanie Seaver is the watch chairperson. She has been working on the community watch concept for the past few months.

“A few community members and I were concerned about the recent increase in crimes in the area (break and enter, assault and theft).”

She said, “I work in the security industry and I am pursuing a career in law enforcement – keeping people safe is just second nature to me. I thought a community watch program would be a great idea to help deter these recent crimes.”

The group first got together to discuss the idea after the home invasion in the fall in Winchester.

Seaver met with Const. Tylor Copeland and the two found that the community responded well to the idea.

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**Raising spirits in their community**

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
 Record Staff

MOREWOOD – Since 2015 the Morewood Recreation Association (MRA) has provided families an opportunity to visit with friends and neighbours, enjoy a free cup of hot chocolate and then watch as the Christmas lights in Veterans Memorial View Park are turned on for the first time.

This past Fri., Nov. 27, the MRA held their annual tree lighting event at Veterans View Park located at the main intersection of this North Dundas community, with a bit of a difference this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the necessity to ensure people’s safety. The tree lighting ceremony was live streamed with people able to enjoy the lighting from the comfort of their homes. Katie Lesage, MRA acting president/vice president, in an email to *The Chesterville Record*, encouraged people “to

visit our little park” either by car or walking to enjoy the holiday lights.

Lesage continued donations from the community provided financial support for a professional service to decorate and maintain the lights on the big tree. She explained how additional decorations and lights, some of which were donated by the township of North Dundas, were designed to help raise people’s spirits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MRA members decorated the remainder of the park with MRA member Brent Richard providing “little trees that the kids can hang hand-made ornaments on.” Morewood RA member Glenn Smirle spearheaded a new campaign to have “Merry Christmas” signs erected at the entrances to the community as well as facilitating the hiring of the decorating service for set up and maintenance of the big tree lights.

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## Thompson appointed to Trillium Foundation

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – It was recently announced that Doug Thompson, a former resident of Chesterville, with 31 years of municipal government experience in both Osgoode Township and the City of Ottawa, was appointed to the Champlain Grant Review Team of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Thompson explained that he was

approached in August of this year by the Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sports, Tourism and Culture Industries that his “name had been put forward” for an appointment to the OTF grant review team.

After indicating his interest in the appointment, he was advised by provincial officials what his role would be, and after filling out forms, a very thorough vetting process

began. Thompson continued how on Oct. 1, he was informed that his appointment to the OTF Champlain Grant Review Team was waiting for the signatures from the Honourable Doug Ford, premier of Ontario and Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sports, Tourism and Culture Industries, the Honourable Lisa MacLeod before confirmation could be provided to him.

On Nov. 18, Thompson was advised of his confirmation to the OTF Champlain Grant Review Team which “reviews Grant Applications from groups, organizations, etc. from Cornwall to Petawawa.” He continued, his online training will begin on Dec. 2 and be completed by Jan. 7, 2021, with meetings of the OTF Grant Review Team held following the intake of applications.

When asked about his appointment, Thompson

replied he was pleased to serve the people of Eastern Ontario in this capacity. He continued how he has spent many years working with various community organizations, commenting how this appointment “will allow [him] to support community organizations.”

Thompson explained the OTF “has been actively giving grants” to “groups and organizations that have applied for supportive funding” for 37 years, with over \$108-million dollars



**Doug Thompson**  
Courtesy Photo, Doug Thompson

provided to 629 projects in 2019.

## Community Watch Program

Continued from the front

“We have a great group of volunteers who are ready to help us in keeping our great community of Winchester safe.”

Copeland said, “I set up a presentation to the group regarding the program and they are set to begin patrolling, observing this week.”

Seaver said she is hoping more people will want to volunteer. “We are looking for more volunteers to join our team. Volunteers can help us patrol the community either on foot or in their vehicles (always in pairs) and note any suspicious activity. We do have a process of reporting and working with Const. Tylor Copeland and the local OPP detachment. We will also be looking for volunteers to help us put community signs up and spread the word about our program,” said Seaver.

People who want to volunteer with the program will have to have a background check courtesy of the OPP.

“I do a background check on the members, that meet with me, and if there are no issues, they can proceed,” said Copeland.

“The OPP is proud to support the program, if community members take the initiative to run the program, we happily support it. We as police can’t do it alone and need the public’s assistance to keep our communities safe. The more eyes and ears we have out in the community does nothing but benefit all that live in our communities.”

Seaver said volunteers are from Winchester, but if the program is successful she expects other communities will want to do one of their own.

She has little doubt that a Community Watch Program will make a difference in her community.

“The more eyes on our community, looking out for our neighbours and keeping Winchester safe, the better. I have a great feeling about this program; we have many fantastic people supporting it,” she said.

Seaver is eager to add more members. If you are interested in joining the Winchester group or starting your own within another North Dundas Village, please reach out to Stephanie at stephanieseaver85@gmail.com.

In a press release, the SD&G, OPP provided some history about Community Watch programs.

The concept of Community Watch has existed for hundreds of years. Originally, townspeople would grab a lantern and walk various business districts to prevent crime. Their presence was obvious and served as a deterrent to those looking to commit crimes.

Over the years, the program evolved into neighbours meeting to discuss community issues, learning crime prevention techniques and sharing information. Neighbours working together to maintain an awareness of the activities that surrounds them and to report crime as it occurs.

The seeds for community mobilization, in support of crime prevention and community safety had gradually been planted.

The Community Watch Program has recently evolved into a variety of problem-oriented Watch programs that are community-driven and police supported. In partnership with local police, community members may learn how to make their homes and businesses less inviting for opportunistic criminals, how to participate in other crime prevention programs and how to recognize and safely report any suspicious activity in their respective neighbourhoods.

Though it is a community’s needs which determine what or all programs that are required, it is the community-driven support that remains critical for program sustainability and overall success of each program implemented. There must also always be an adequate number of community volunteers that agree to form a Community Watch Committee.

Strong individual, community, and police support is what enables a Community Watch program to be effective and by working together, we may all work toward our OPP Vision of ‘safe communities...a secure Ontario’.

## 6 MORE REASONS TO BUY LOCAL DURING THE HOLIDAYS

### 1. To discover hidden gems

Take time to explore the various shops, restaurants, venues and attractions in your region. Even if you’ve lived there for years, you’ll likely be surprised by what you find. Discover a new craft beer, a temporary outdoor exhibition or a charming coffee shop. Your town has more to offer than you think.

### 2. To alleviate holiday stress

There’s no need to venture into crowded shopping malls when everything you need to buy for a merry holiday season is available right around the corner. What’s more, if you purchase all of your gifts from local boutiques, you won’t have to worry about whether or not they’ll arrive in time for Christmas.

### 3. To demonstrate solidarity

The COVID-19 pandemic took a major toll on the economy, and small businesses need your patronage now more than ever. Shopping locally is a simple way to support hard-working members of your community through this difficult time. And since you receive high-quality goods and services in return, it’s a win-win situation.



### 4. To save yourself time and money

The holiday season should be about spending time with friends and family, not fighting traffic or navigating winter driving conditions. When you stick to shops, restaurants and venues in the area, you avoid a lot of hassle and save plenty of money on gas.

### 5. To enjoy high-quality goods

Locally made products might be more expensive than mass-produced items, but they tend to be made better and more durable. This

means you’ll spend less in the long run. What’s more, when you opt for goods made in your region, you can be confident that the employees worked in humane conditions for a fair wage.

### 6. To strengthen your sense of community

If you’re a regular at your local shops and restaurants, you’ll be able to routinely chat with the owners, employees and other customers you meet. This connection can foster a sense of belonging in your community. Plus, it’s nice to see familiar faces during the holidays.

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## Recording our story for future generations

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Since late February of this year, a small but dedicated group of Chesterville & District Historical Society (CDHS) members have been collecting stories, taking photos and working to update our local history. Gail Parker, who has spearheaded this task, recently provided *The Chesterville Record* with a progress report on the project.

Parker explained during the 2020 CDHS annual general meeting held in February, that the go-ahead for this project was given by membership and a committee was formed. Members of the committee included Parker, Shelagh Derks, Corrie McCrae, Pauline Vankessel, Maryke DeJong, Ashley Harper, Carol Goddard and ex-officio member Caroline Roberts, society president.

When asked why the project was started, Parker commented how the last update of the community's history was in the late 1980s, and as 2020 was the 130th anniversary of the incorporation of Chesterville, this would be a wonderful way to commemorate this important milestone. The historical update will encompass the years 1989 to the present day, as the history before that time has been compiled in two earlier works.

She continued that the volume will include updates on churches, businesses, schools, community organizations, local personalities as well as farms in the Chesterville area. She explained the book will have two maps, one showing the businesses in the Village of Chesterville and the second, a map of the adjacent rural area. She continued the farm map will show the location of the farm's homestead, and as much as possible the story of the farm from its earliest beginnings.

Parker described this as the perfect project during the pandemic, as much of the work was done by phone and email. She described a "common sense" approach to the project, enlisting the assistance of local writers, photographers and editors to get the "job done". Many of the stories collected are first-hand accounts of life in the Chesterville area, with Parker commenting she has been amazed with the generosity of

the people in providing information, as well as making donations to the Society in aid of the cost of producing this book.

While the publication date for the book has not yet been finalized, Parker explained it will be available at various locations in Chesterville. It has been a very time-consuming project as all committee members are taking "care to ensure a high-quality product for future generations." She described this as a "wonderful project" which provided the opportunity to meet with people, record in picture and word the stories of this community.

### Stuff A Cruiser with food drive: Amazing results!

SD&G – On Nov. 14, members of the SD&G OPP Auxiliary Unit held their annual "Stuff A Cruiser with Food Drive" for the Local Food Share/Banks. The SD&G Auxiliary unit was excited to be part of another generous day in the Communities of SD&G as they pulled together to help people in need.

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Marleen Fawcett

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## Letter

### Feed Ontario 2020 Hunger Report

Feed Ontario is an umbrella organization that represents 130 food banks and 1,100 affiliate organizations in our province. Their annual report on the experience of hunger in our community was released on Mon., Nov 30.

Over 500,000 residents of Ontario visited a food bank at least once last year. And one-third of our clients were children.

Although most food bank users are employed, their income is insufficient to provide for the ordinary necessities of life. Of course, the onset of COVID-19 has made their circumstances even more precarious, and there was a surge in demand for the services of food banks last spring, especially from families that were not already our clients.

The full Hunger Report is available at [feedontario.ca](http://feedontario.ca).

Over the past eight months, Community Food Share has worked tirelessly to source and stockpile food so that no one in our service area (Dundas & Stormont Counties) will go hungry. We have received increased support from individual residents, businesses, service organizations, churches, Feed Ontario, Food Banks Canada, and all levels of government.

This extraordinary generosity is inspiring.

But please, let us not forget that the problem of hunger in our community is the consequence of systemic inequality of economic opportunity. Even before the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, poverty and the resulting hunger and housing struggle for many of our neighbours was increasing. We have now shown that if the will exists to help, we can support those who need it.

Community Food Share thanks everyone who has donated to our mission, and we look forward to your continued support.

**Jim Wilson, Board Chair**  
(on behalf of all our clients, staff, and directors)

## NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson

Student Council Communications

### OFSAA free throw challenge at ND



OFSAA, the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association, has been hosting a free throw competition for the last week. The challenge is to achieve the highest possible average out of 50 free throws. Students can attempt this in the gym at school or even at home by setting up a basket and throwing a ball from 15 feet away. North Dundas will get points based on how many participants we have. The competition ends this Thurs., Dec. 3. This is a great way to get active and have some fun!

Gender-based violence has been amplified by COVID-19. There has been an increase in calls to police services and shelters related to gender-based violence across Canada during the pandemic. The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women is Sun., Dec. 6; at North Dundas we will have a moment of silence on Friday's announcements to remember those who have survived gender-based violence and those we have lost.

It is now officially the holiday season as we enter December; the Student Council and the Grade 12 students are hard at work creating the video for our annual Holiday Show. This week's rehearsals are full of entertaining, social distanced dancing!

## Propolis for immune health

AJ Al-Rajab, PhD  
Record Staff

Bee propolis is in high demand due to its powerful antioxidant and antimicrobial properties. Propolis is a resinous wax-like material of varying colours (green to brown and reddish) obtained from bee hives. It is collected by the honey bee from tree buds and flora of various botanical sources. In the production of propolis, honeybees also use substances actively secreted by plants and plant wound exudates. Honeybees use propolis as cement to seal the cracks, strengthen the comb borders to protect it from hive invaders including microorganisms and extreme weather. Normally propolis is sticky, soft and pliable; however, when cooled at low temperature (near to freezing), it becomes brittle and hard and remains brittle even at elevated temperatures.

### Health benefits of propolis

Propolis has been used in several countries as traditional remedy due to its diverse biological properties. The ancient Greeks, Romans, and Egyptians were aware of its healing properties and made extensive use of it as a form of medicine. In middle ages, it

was used as mouth antiseptic and in the treatment of wounds by Arab physicians. Propolis was listed among the official drugs in London pharmacopoeia during the seventeenth century; furthermore, it was as popular as an antibacterial agent in Europe during seventeenth to twentieth centuries. Recently, propolis has gained popularity as an alternative medicine and used as one of the components of health foods. Because of its diverse biological properties, propolis is being widely used as an ingredient in medicines, personal products, food products and beverages.

Furthermore, propolis has extensively been studied and found to exhibit a wide range of biological activities, such as antimicrobial, antioxidant, immunomodulatory and cytotoxic activities. Among all the biological properties, propolis was mostly investigated for its antimicrobial activity which depends on its chemical composition, as flavonoids, terpenoids and esters are considered to be mainly responsible. Propolis is available in the market in different forms such as liquid, oral spray, capsules, or even raw.



A honey bee at work on a lavender plant.

AJ Al-Rajab Photo

However, people allergic to bee stings, or pregnant women should consult their physician before taking Bee propolis.

### Chemical constitution of propolis

The chemical constituents in propolis have been found to be highly variable according to the geographical location, weather of collection and even between the hives of the same region; it mainly depends on the species of the plants grown in the close vicinity of the collection site, which honeybees used to collect the exudates.

Consequently, the biological properties of propolis also vary with the type of vegetation around the collection sites.

A recent study published in *Pakistan Journal of*

*Zoology* revealed that more than 300 compounds have been identified in propolis collected from different geographical locations.

The propolis is composed of a complex mixture of resin (approximately 50 per cent), wax (30 per cent), essential oils (10 per cent), pollens (5 per cent) and about 5 per cent of other substances. The study entitled "Chemical Characterization and in-vitro Antimicrobial Screening of Ethanolic Extract of Propolis Collected from Jazan, Saudi Arabia" showed that the major components isolated from propolis include flavones, flavonoids, phenolic compounds, aliphatic and aromatic carboxylic acids and esters, aldehydes and alcohols, monoterpenes, diterpenes, triterpenes, sesquiterpenes and various hydrocarbon compounds. Flavonoids are a plant compound that contain high levels of antioxidant activity. Phenolics are compounds produced by a plant, that protect the plant against stress. Both flavonoids and phenolics are found in most fruit and vegetables and have been attributed to many of the health benefits found in plant-based diets.

## The Road Home

By Carolyn Thompson Goddard

2020 marks the 130th anniversary of the incorporation of the village of Chesterville and the Chesterville & District Historical Society is marking this community milestone by holding a history hunt for all ages in the village.

In keeping with COVID-19 precautions the history hunt is a self-directed voyage of discovery about the town we call home. People are invited to travel through the streets either physically or in a virtual manner to find the answers to questions created by CDHS members and available at either the lobby of the Chesterville post office or the Bank of Nova Scotia. Once the contest closes and the filled in sheets are returned, Society members will review the entries and once a winner is determined a "prize" will be presented.

As a member I am unable to participate, but in my heart and mind I often take a "self-directed voyage of discovery" about my hometown. Driving down King Street, where I grew up, it is the names of the families, who lived in the houses then I recall and the fun playing with neighbourhood children comes to mind. Many days were spent playing skip rope with Kathy Fulton and Karen Morarity in the Fulton laneway, with dusk games of hide and seek with

neighbourhood children followed by a run to get home in time.

Passing by the former Laflamme Grocery building I remember the many times I bought groceries from a list Mom provided speaking with the Mr. Laflamme as he rung the order in. When I pop into Mike Dean's to pick up a bit of this and that I recall a young Mike Dean taking over the business when the Laflamme's retired and moving to its present location where once Coyne's Hardware, was a special place to visit, especially at Christmas.

Entering Chesterville from what I call the "park entrance" I recall the excitement in 1967 when the pool opened and the fun splashing around in it has provided to generation of residents. Travelling down Main Street and across the bridge the growing season brings a multitude of flowers throughout the village with the Green Gang creating their beautification magic. The site of the former Flynn Hotel, located at the corner of Main and Queen's Street, is now a beautifully landscaped park with benches for people to sit and enjoy the activity going on in the town.

Travelling down Queen Street and passing first the former Anglican church with its slate roof, the only such roof in Chesterville, one comes to the

Fairgrounds were the Chesterville Fair has been held, with the exception of 2020, since the 1930's. Not willing to leave the town behind just yet I circle back and re-enter Chesterville opposite the new Thompson subdivision and driving down College Street pass by Chesterville Public School with its large school yard which include the location of Chesterville High School, I remember many evenings watching people play baseball on the field there safe from any wandering ball behind the backstop.

Going down College to Victoria Street I drive by the yards along the street, remembering the times when fights would erupt on the way home and how Mr. Coleman, public school principal, would stop these fights with a shout from the driver's seat of his car. As I get closer to the junction of Main and Victoria the McCloskey Hotel, the Heritage Centre (built in 1867) and the former "new" town hall come into view. I remember being told this was the old town square despite only knowing the "newer" town square across the river where the majestic waterfront adorned by a gazebo and clock tower are located.

I enjoy driving around my hometown, recalling the memories associated with my childhood in Chesterville. It wasn't perfect but was perfectly wonderful to me.



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# North Dundas Parade of Lights Trade and Vendor Fair 2020

## North Dundas Parade of Lights' Committee

WINCHESTER – A companion piece to this year's Parade of Lights in Winchester is the North Dundas Parade of Lights Trade and Vendor Fair at the Joel Steele Arena on Sat., Dec. 5.

Every year, Parade of Lights committee member Martha Malatesta organizes the vendor fair.

"Many return year after year, but there are always new and unique products, ideas and businesses that showcase their wares or services; this year looks to be just as spectacular," she wrote in a press release about this years fair.

Malatesta has been organizing the fair since 2012.

Vendors at the fair have to be properly registered and screened to take part.

"A Covid-19 screening will be

completed the morning of the event with each vendor," she wrote.

Admission is always free, however, donations to the Dundas County Food Bank are welcome whether monetary or in grocery goods. "We sell North Dundas Parade of Lights toques at the Vendor Fair. They are a great quality hat and have a fleece lining for only \$10. I've had mine for nine years. The one dollar profit goes to the North Dundas Parade of Lights Committee."

High school volunteers assist vendors early in the morning by hauling craft and vendor goods upstairs, greeting guests at the door, accepting donations for the Food Bank, checking bathrooms and garbage, counting guests, decorating the hall with Christmas decorations, delivering receipts to vendors, keeping the music running and any other job that

pops during an event with a variety of people.

Malatesta explained, "Some years I convince my husband to play Christmas songs on his saxophone. This year he will be playing behind a clear barrier on the stage."

Because of COVID there will be a limit of fifty people in the Joel Steele Community Hall at a time, as well as numerous other safety protocols in place. Please wear your masks.

If you want to support local small business people in your community, please stop by the North Dundas Trade and Vendor Fair on Sat., Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Joel Steel Community Centre, above the Winchester Arena, located at 577 Main Street, Winchester. You may have to wait a few minutes to get in, but be assured it will be worth the wait.

## Raising spirits

Continued from the front

On behalf of the MRA, Lesage wished to thank the community for participating and enjoying the lights at Veterans View Park before expressing a sincere thank you to Morewood and North Dundas businesses, the Chesterville Lions Club, the Morewood Presbyterian Church and community members for their donations, commenting "Its so greatly appreciated. We are truly blessed."

She also extended thanks to the North Dundas Fire Service (NDFS) Station No. 1 in Morewood "for all their support. They are a wonderful group of volunteers that not only protect us but offer up their time to volunteer and help/partner with MRA events" throughout the year. Lesage explained how NDFS Station No. 1 chief Ken Byers with Debbie Courneyea and Laurie Rae spearheaded the effort to revitalize the MRA in 2015 in an effort to "bring the community together" at a

time when the Morewood Branch of the SDG County Library system was facing closure.

She described the MRA as a community organization which strives to do "what's in the best interest of our community." While the membership has changed over the years, the organization continues to provide "our town and our community" with year round activities such as BBQ's, children's movies and crafts, a Halloween party, winter carnival and the annual tree lighting. Lesage continued, in addition to these activities, an "earth day community clean-up day, planters at Veterans View, banners for spring/summer and fall/winter" are some of the community projects the MRA is involved in.

2021 marks the centennial of the dedication of the Morewood Cenotaph on which are listed the names of residents killed in World War One, World War Two and acknowledges participants in the Korean War below a statue of Capt.

Ernest Glasgow. When asked, Lesage commented a donation of \$5,000 dollars was recently donated by the MRA to the Morewood Memorial Association to be used for projects associated with the centennial commemorations. She explained how the MRA "decided that the cenotaph and what it commemorates is very important to Canada

and to our town." The Morewood Recreation Association volunteers, with the support of community organizations and residents, continues to provide an opportunity to enjoy some fun and fellowship. For more information or to see what is happening next in Morewood, please visit their Facebook page.

# Thank You

## IN MEMORY OF WESLEY MACLEOD

As the season of giving and sharing gets underway, the family of the late Wesley MacLeod wishes to extend a big 'thank you' to the staff and physicians of Winchester Hospital (WDMH) for their dedication to compassionate care and service excellence. North Dundas is fortunate to have you.



## – Obituary –

### SHEILA FLEMING (nee Morris) "Ma"

November 8, 1935 - November 24, 2020


Ma was the third of four girls for the late Gertrude and Sydney Morris of Chesterville. She married Hubert Fleming and they recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in September and her 85th birthday in November. Raising their family on a family farm in Crysler, they then retired and lived between Florida and White Lake, finally settling in Elliot Lake in 1999. She is predeceased by one daughter, Katherine Fleming. Ma will be sadly missed by her husband Hubert (Pa), her children Debra Servage (Ronnie) and Gayle Poirier (Pierre) as well as her grandchildren, Ronda (Mike), Chad (Alyssa), Patrick (Marie-Eve) and Meghan as well as her great-grandchildren Byron, Chloe, Asher, Easton, Elise and great-grandson to be. Internment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Winchester will take place in spring/summer of 2021.



## Obituary


### IDA HANLON

Peacefully at the Osgoode Care Centre on Monday, November 30, 2020, Ida Hanlon of Morrisburg, age 103. Beloved wife of the late Russell Sutton and the late Jack Hanlon. Dear sister of Betty Shay (late Don) of Chesterville. Dear sister-in-law of Iona Servage of Ottawa and Peggy Servage of Prescott. Ida was predeceased by her sisters Audrey McMillan, Pearl Manhard, Evelyn Servage, Grace Hughes and her brothers Ernest, Ray, Hubert, Dwayne and Dalton Servage. Ida will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Due to Covid restrictions a private family service will be held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville. Interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville. Donations to Maple Ridge Cemetery would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmcLaughlin.com](http://marsdenmcLaughlin.com).




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# Raising funds for Food Banks via the virtual Holiday Train Trek

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

FINCH – The 2020 Canadian Pacific (CP) Holiday Train, which has travelled across the Northern United States and Canada during the holiday season since 1999, will not be coming down the track this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. CP has decided instead to “donate to food banks in communities along its network and host a virtual concert in lieu of its regular Holiday Train program, according to a press release from CP in September of this year.

A virtual concert is planned for Dec. 12 “via Facebook Live” to raise funds for “food banks across North America,” with “performances by Serena Ryder, The Trews, JoJo Mason, Logan Staats and Kelly Prescott.” CP president and chief executive officer Keith



Last year, Community Food Share received a cheque for \$4,000 from Canadian Pacific to build awareness for hunger related issues. From left, MP Eric Duncan, Mayor Jim Wert, Community Food Share representative Jane and CP employee Pam. File Photo

Creel commented in the release that “It is our honour to continue to donate to communities across our network this year, even if the train itself will not run.”

For the past five years, the village of Finch in North Stormont has been

one of the stops where the Holiday Train has entertained hundreds of people, while raising food and funds for Community Food Share. In a recent press release from Community Food Share (CFS) team lead Jane Schoones, noted how the

Holiday Train “has become a major source of revenue and food donations for Community Food Share” which has included “a generous donation of about \$4,000 each year from CP Rail.”

She continued how CFS “has been assured of

another donation of approximately \$4,000 from CP,” with Finch Recreation confirming “they will be presenting a cheque for \$1,000.” Schoones noted how “Since the opening of the Finch Food Cupboard, North Stormont has been a strong supporter of CFS” and how “The charity is counting again on generous support from not only Stormont but also all of Dundas County.”

With a \$5,000 start up, CFS “is holding a matching drive in anticipation that the

community will help provide nutritious food for their neighbours with another \$5,000.” For more information and links to the donation form, please visit the CFS website at [www.communityfoodshare.ca/holiday-train](http://www.communityfoodshare.ca/holiday-train) or their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CommunityFoodShareDS.b](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityFoodShareDS.b). Schoones asks people to “Please consider donating to support our efforts to provide healthy food to those in our community who need a helping hand.”

## North Dundas Display of Lights ready to switch on

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas Display of Lights begins this Friday, Dec. 4. The organizing committee is putting out a last call for float registrants.

Due to the nature of this year’s event, the committee will need to assign each float a location at Rideau Auctions, so pre-registration is a must. Set up will take place by appointment between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 3 and Fri., Dec. 4.

The committee had about 30 floats registered, but there is plenty of room for more. As always, registration is completely free, as is admission to the event.

Fries for Charity will be on site, offering the tasty treats in exchange for a donation, as vehicles exit the display lot. All proceeds will benefit Cassandra Young and Jessica Goodenough, who were badly burnt in a bonfire incident near Brinston on Oct. 24.

Volunteers from the North Dundas Christmas Fund will also be collecting donations on site.

In accordance with guidelines from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, all candy and treats to be handed out by float registrants will be collected prior to the event and organized into loot bags, to be distributed at the entry gate by a volunteer.

A live band (The Great Music Guys) and opera

singers will have a radio station unit set up on the grounds, and spectators can tune in on their car radios to listen while they are on-site. Kim Hovegeen will emcee the event on the station between tunes.

In accordance with guidelines set out by the OPP, traffic will only be allowed to turn right going into and coming out of the site. Northbound traffic wishing to enter the event will be guided right onto Dawley Drive, left onto Main St., and then left at the lights onto County Rd. 31. Traffic at Rideau Auctions will be controlled by members of the OPP.

As always, all registered floats will be automatically entered in our annual Float Contest.

Prizes are awarded after the event, and consist of baskets containing local products. Float categories include:

- Best Overall
- Best Business Float
- Best Non-Profit Float
- Best Agricultural Float
- Best Animal Float
- Most Lights
- People’s Choice (spectators vote on our website)
- Most Lights
- Most Original
- NEW for 2020 only: Thanking Our Frontline Workers

Parade of Lights toques are available for purchase for \$10 each (cash only please) at the township of North Dundas office and the Planted Arrow in Winchester, and McEwens

and Mike Dean’s in Chesterville.

They will also be available at the Vendor Show, which is taking place at the Joel Steele Community Centre upstairs at the arena on Sat., Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers will be limiting the number of shoppers allowed into the vendor fair, but the variety of products available makes it worth the wait. The vendor show is a great way for shoppers to do some Christmas shopping and support local artists, crafters and vendors at the same time.

For full details of this year’s event, please visit <https://northdundasparadeoflights.ca/> or contact Sandy Burns at 613-668-5382 or [info@northdundasparadeoflights.ca](mailto:info@northdundasparadeoflights.ca).



### Lucky Raffle Winner at Gala 2.0 “Home for the Holidays”

The lucky winner of the Sisters for Life Gala 2.0 “Home for the Holidays” Raffle Prize; Lottery #M833830 held on Nov. 20, was Cheryl Moran, Finch, Ontario. Proceeds raised for the WDMH Foundation Mammography Fund. Courtesy Photo

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# South Stormont council convenes

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT –There was a whirlwind of activity as South Stormont council held their Nov. 25 council meeting at the municipal building in Long Sault. During the meeting, a Key Information Report (KIR) was provided by Kevin Amelotte, with director of parks and recreation, on the Volunteer Appreciation Gala with a KIR presented by with David Ni, director of finance/treasurer on the financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on the municipality's financial situation.

Ni reported "the township has suffered a revenue reduction over COVID-19 and has incurred extra expenditures to address it." These included revenues in the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Finance Department. He noted "the township has received financial funding from the City of Cornwall, Province of Ontario and others to support its operation." In his summary, Ni mentioned how "by the date of Nov. 17, the township has experienced a revenue reduction of \$518,557 compared to 2019 and has incurred \$100,528 additional expenditures to address COVID-19. With support funding from governments and other parties" with "the financial status of township" remaining "stable with negative impact." Ni mentioned "the township took the opportunity to restructure the workplaces and procedures in order to provide a safer environment for the community and township staff." At the conclusion of the report, Deputy Mayor Dave Smith took the opportunity to thank the financial department for the work they

have done throughout the pandemic.

The Volunteer Appreciation Gala (VAG) is a much-anticipated event in South Stormont; it is held in the spring of the year and serves to thank community volunteers for their work in the municipality in the previous year. Amelotte explained to council how the COVID-19 pandemic had necessitated the 2020 event, which would present the 2019 Volunteer of the Year and the 2019 Youth Volunteer of the Year awards to recipients be postponed. He continued how shortly following the postponement of the event, it was learned the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award recipient had passed and the award was presented "posthumously during a virtual council meeting in May 2020, with the Youth Volunteer of the Year Award for 2019 to be presented "at the next VAG.

Amelotte noted how a recent discussion between staff and the chair of the VAG committee has resulted in the agreement "that it would not be realistic to properly organize a traditional gala event in 2021," with staff providing council at a future meeting, options for alternate arrangements of the VAG. He then suggested that the 2019 Youth Volunteer of the Year Award for 2019 be presented immediately prior to the Dec. 16 virtual council meeting."

South Stormont fire chief Gilles Crepeau and Shelby Martel, administrative assistant in the Fire and Rescue Department, provided council with an update on the Responsible Pet Ownership Program.

The KIR noted that although current bylaws "had served the community for

numerous years," recently "ineffectiveness in addressing problems related to public safety and owner responsibility indicates the need for a redesign of the program." Martel explained she collected feed back from a variety of sources including information from the community via the municipal website and in consultation with other municipalities on this subject. Subjects researched by staff included "cat licensing, cat and dog limits, kennel regulations and operational kennel requirements," with the "Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw" being drafted after a "further review of the identified items, a public consultation process and recommendations to council." Anticipated in the bylaw are regulations for exotic animals, cats and dogs, animal rescues and shelters as well as prohibiting the feeding of feral cats, "unless part of a township

approved Trap, Neuter, Release program."

Chief administrative officer Debi LucasSwitzer provided council with an Action Request (AR) concerning a Strategic Planning Process (SPP), commenting how the need for a SPP in South Stormont became evident due to changes in the economy and "significant development opportunities" in the municipality. In the AR, it is noted how "to the best of the writer's knowledge the CAO is the only internal candidate with the strategic planning training and knowledge to comprehensively plan, develop and carry out a community strategic planning exercise for internal and external stakeholders, and then write the strategic plan report." Council was in agreement that an external candidate be hired to develop "a strategic planning process using the services of an external facilitator."



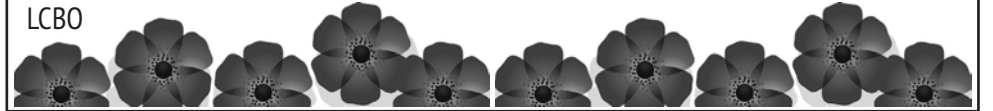
## Chesterville Legion Branch 434

### POPPY CAMPAIGN 2020 - THANK YOU!

Legion Branch 434 would like to thank the citizens of Chesterville and Morewood for supporting the recent poppy campaign. We raised just over \$1,500 thanks to your generosity. In particular, we wish to thank our supporting businesses that allowed us to set up our poppy boxes:

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## Dinner is served

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Over 200 people enjoyed a take-out dinner from the Royal Canadian Legion 434 in Chesterville on Nov. 21, when the Annual Fish Fry Dinner was held.

Michael Hunt, 1st vice president of the Chesterville Legion, explained the \$15 meal consisted of two pieces of New Zealand cod, French fries, home-made baked beans, coleslaw and a bun. Hunt continued that people were able to arrange a preferred pick-up time between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., with a specified number of people picking up their meals at half hour



From the left: With Bonnie Elliott looking on, Marion Morris of Chesterville the first person to receive her meal from Hunt at the Annual Fish Fry take-out dinner.

Thompson Goddard Photo

intervals.

Legion president Steve Grubb mentioned this was the last take-out dinner for 2020 but chicken wing nights would be held the first and third Friday of

each month.

For more information on upcoming events and fundraising activities, Grubb suggested visiting the Facebook page of the Chesterville Legion.



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Free Registration is NOW OPEN, and will close at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 7th. The judges panel will make their rounds between Saturday, December 12th and Sunday, December 20th. The Community Choice Award winner will be selected by the public.

The Tour Map will be published for residents, so they can take a drive and enjoy the displays created by contest participants.

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# Local families in need of adoption this Christmas

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“This program makes a huge difference

in the lives of our clients,” noted Cathy Ashby, HOL executive director. “They’re already struggling to cover basic expenses - like heating and groceries - so Christmas is just not something they can manage alone.”

She explained the ongoing pandemic has put further strain on the food bank, which has seen an increase in new clients.

“People are going through hard times and that’s what we’re here for but we really

rely on the community’s help to make our services and programs possible,” said Ashby.

Anyone interested in adopting a family, senior or couple can contact client services manager Kim Merkley, by emailing [kmerkley@houseoflazarus.com](mailto:kmerkley@houseoflazarus.com). Gifts can be dropped off at the HOL Food Bank at 10619 Main St, South Mountain between Dec. 7 and 12. In Ingleside, you can contact Mark

Healey, by emailing [mhealey@houseoflazarus.com](mailto:mhealey@houseoflazarus.com).

People can also contribute to other HOL Christmas programs, including the Reverse Advent Calendar, Angel Tree, Project Warmth and Heat for the Holidays. For more information about these programs, visit [hol.community](http://hol.community) or follow HOL on Facebook.



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# More than hairstyling

ST-ALBERT – During this unprecedented time, nothing is more important than taking care of yourself. Self-care is not only important for your mental wellbeing but how you feel about yourself as a whole.

“Hairdressers are a wonderful breed. You work one-on-one with another human being, and the object is to make them feel so much better, and [at the end of it] to look at themselves with a twinkle in their eye,” this quote from Vidal Sassoon nicely captures what Edith Landreville, owner/operator and stylist of Coiffure Fusion Hair Studio aspires to. Landreville believes that, through the pandemic, this has never been more true.

“I have not seen clients so down before; it’s almost like I’m not only doing their hair right now, but I’m really one of the only other intimate human connections outside of their family and their bubble, that they are allowed to see. But it is worthwhile to see people leaving my salon, happier; not only for their hair but also feeling a little rejuvenated,” she said.

She believes that what is most important to her is listening to a client’s wants and trying her very best to replicate their vision.

“Hairstyling for me is about quality not quantity,” she said. Landreville admits that she is a bit of a perfectionist, and while she takes her time with every client, at the end of the day the most important thing to her

# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Edith Landreville takes pride in her work, and in the way she looks after her clients. Morin Photo

is that they are pleased with the result. The pandemic has slowed her business down but this has not discouraged her.

“I started my business in 2016. I was told it takes three to five years to have a viable business; and really for me, it did. Business had really picked up right before the pandemic hit.” The pandemic could not have come at a worse time for a fledgling small business that was just getting its wings.

“It was difficult from one day to the next, but I budgeted the best I could, and made it work,” she said.

She said, “When health regulations about reopening after lock-down began, things really changed.” Her loss of revenue was one aspect of the pandemic crisis but she still had to budget for PPE.

“For the most part people bring their own masks but I still have to have some on-site for clients that forget,” she said.

As Christmas is normally the busiest time of year for her, this year has not been that.

“Normally people want to look extra nice for Christmas, as they are attending various holiday events, but this year, people are just not rushing or needing to get their hair done,” Landreville added.

How we socialize with each other has changed; and some people may feel that looking their best through the pandemic is not a priority as people have more pressing concerns.

“What I decided to do for the month of December, which I have not done since my first year in business is to offer a 15 per cent discount on colour services. This can include any number of colour techniques, from a full colour, highlights to a balayage.”

As a sole proprietor, clients seem to like that she only has the one chair; never having any more than one person in her salon at a time. Clients not only have her full attention, but feel safe at the same time.

She has received many positive comments on her Facebook page and google. She welcomes new clients, and as she is by appointment only, she can usually work around client schedules.

Coiffure Fusion Hair Studio is located at 159 St. Paul St., St-Albert, Ont., kiddy-corner from St. Albert Cheese.

You can text or call Edith for an appointment at: 613-797-8334, and she can also be contacted on her Facebook page at: coiffurefusionhairstudio.

*If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: news.chestervillerecord@gmail.com or call us at 613-448-2321.*

## Generous donation to Community Food Share

D-Squared Construction came up to Winchester on Thurs., Nov. 12 to drop off 2,000 lbs. of canned goods for Community Food Share. Left to right are: Enzo Sollazzo, Frank Zito, Domenic Madonna, Jim Wilson, Community Food Share, Elliot Keller, Frank Landry deputy mayor for North Stormont, Blake Henderson, and Jane Schoones, Community Foodshare. Morin Photo



## Let's Start A New Tradition

This year, *The Chesterville Record/Villager* is asking you, our readers, to be part of our annual **Christmas Greetings' Supplement**



We would like you to send in your favourite Christmas memory, whether it be drawings, poems, recipes, letters to Santa or anything related to the Christmas season.

In the past, we have reached out to area schools for children to submit to *The Chesterville Record/Villager* their drawings, letters to Santa, etc.

Unfortunately, this year, we have to do things a little bit different due to

the pandemic, however children are still encouraged to submit their Christmas themed artwork, poems and letters; we will be more than happy to include their creations in this year's Christmas Greetings' supplement.

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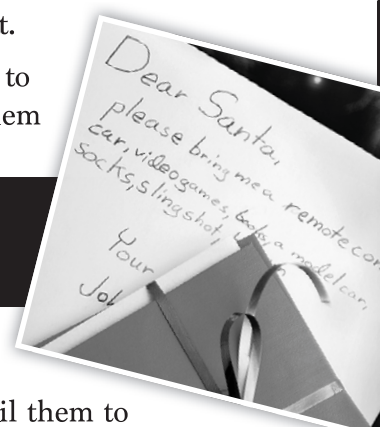
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You may also drop items off at our office at: 1 Mill St., Chesterville, Ont.

*The Annual Christmas Greetings will be published on December 17<sup>th</sup>.*



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## Invitation to Butterfly Child Christmas Drive in Russell

RUSSELL – Canadian award-winning artist and songwriter, Tara Shannon, is once again demonstrating her true philanthropist’s heart, as she works in partnership with the Kin Club of Russell and Debra Canada for her dear late friend, Jonathan Pitre

Residents of the township of Russell are encouraged to form community fundraising teams via Debra’s Butterfly Child Christmas Drive virtual fundraising pages, with the most prolific fundraising teams being “rewarded” with a 30-minute, on-site in their neighbourhood, Christmas outdoor

concert on Dec. 12 by Tara Shannon and her band.

### There are two ways to participate.

If you live outside of the Russell Township, donate to the charity organization page: <https://bit.ly/ButterflyChildChristmasDrive>. To encourage donations across the country, Tara Shannon has promised a special virtual gift (post-event) to all those who make a donation to the Butterfly Child Christmas Drive fundraising page. A special email will be sent to all donors the week of Dec. 14, 2020.

### Fundraising within the Russell Township – Rules for Community Captains

Identify your team name, contact and area where you plan to host the 30-minute Tara Shannon Christmas concert on Dec. 12, should you be selected. Email this information to: [kinclubofrussell@gmail.com](mailto:kinclubofrussell@gmail.com).

Then, register and create your own team DEBRA Canada fundraising page. Go to the link below to create your team page: <https://debracanada.org/blogs/news/butterfly-child-christmas-drive>.

You can customize your page with your team name and your own photo (optional) and personal message. Once you have created your Team Fundraising Page, share your personal link to your Team’s page with your network of family and friends via email and on your social media channels and let the fundraising begin!

If you require any assistance with your fundraising page, please contact Erin Hoyos at [ehoyos@debracanada.org](mailto:ehoyos@debracanada.org) or call 1-800-313-3012.

Please note: All donations made to the Debra Butterfly Child Christmas Drive receive an immediate PDF charitable tax receipt via email.

You and your team are responsible to fundraise for your area in support of Debra Canada.

Wherever possible, please select a community park or large open area to host your concert.

Your concert shall be planned in the open outdoors (preferably a park or large open area if possible), you are currently limited to 80 persons total (allows us to



Tara Shannon

include the band and security). This number is subject to change as per EOHU restrictions. Should the level of COVID-19 threat increase from Orange to Red for our area, a special online concert shall be performed by Tara Shannon for the winners only in lieu of an outdoor concert.

Ensure all your guests are aware to maintain a physical distance (except families) and wear a mask.

If your team wins one of the community Christmas concerts, do not broadcast publicly in any manner –that your group has won, and where and when the concert will be. Please make sure your group is aware of this as well.

You will be notified on Dec. 11 the time of your concert if your group has been selected. Selections will be made based on the most funds donated to Debra Canada’s Butterfly Child Christmas Drive Fundraising Page. You will be given passes to the concert to distribute to your guests. For the outdoor concert(s), if they do not have a valid pass, they will be asked to leave the area.

Where the concerts are planned in public parks and areas, no open liquor is permitted.

Any questions, please contact Doug Anthony at [kinclubofrussell@gmail.com](mailto:kinclubofrussell@gmail.com) or 613-445-6483 Res., 343-996-3636 Cell.



Jonathan Pitre was born with a rare genetic mutation called recessive dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa (RDEB), the mutation causes external and internal blistering across the body. He died in 2018. The Ottawa Senators made him an honorary scout and named an award after him called the Jonathan Pitre Award, which is awarded to the hardest-working players in their training camp.

Courtesy Photo

## Russell Curling Club Christmas event

RUSSELL – The Russell Curling Club is pleased to present a special Christmas event next week.

From Dec. 3-6 over 40 mini Christmas trees, each designed and donated by a local business or organization, will be on display inside the rink of the Russell Curling Club. Each tree is also available for purchase via an online auction that is running concurrently with the show.

The Auction closes on Dec. 6 and winners will be able to pick up their mini-tree the next day.

The trees can be viewed in person or online. A timed admission ticket may be purchased for \$5 per person (\$1 for children 6 and under) online at

<https://russellcurlingclub.com/index.php/events/event-listings>.

There’s a lot of space inside the club and by limiting the number of people at any one time, we can ensure that everyone has plenty of room to enjoy the show safely.

Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be accepting any walk-ups, tickets must be purchased in advance.

After 5 p.m. on Dec. 3, trees can also be viewed online and auction bids placed on the Russell Curling Club facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RussellCurlingClub>.

The Russell Curling Club is located at 1070 Concession Street in Russell Ontario.

## RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen  
Student Reporter



### Have a cookie debate

Hello everyone,  
Happy December everyone! It’s time to get into the spirit of the holidays, just a bit differently than usual for this year!

Last week, RHS’s iLead students learned so much about Metis culture with their Dot Art painting! Check out a sample of their beautiful artwork on the RHS Facebook page!

Did you know that the word “cookie” derives from the Dutch word “koekie” which, means “little cake”? Why is that important? Because today it is National Cookie day. Maybe a debate topic for today could be if crunchy or soft cookies are better? There are so many combinations and flavours of cookies that could be made. It’s hard to mess up a cookie!

That’s all for this week. Keep being safe and stay healthy!



### Embrun community sets example

Ken and the staff at both Barry’s Home Hardware and Embrun Home Hardware would like to thank everyone who visited our stores between Nov. 14 and Nov. 22 and donated to the “Good Neighbours Food Bank” drive we held. Thanks to your generous support, we were able to make a combined donation of \$5,800 to help support our neighbours.

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