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Briefly

EOHU begins 80 years + vaccinations

NORTH DUNDAS – Vaccine appointments are now being scheduled by invitation only for recipients of chronic home care, that are 80 years of age and older (born in 1941 or earlier, by birth year). Individuals in this group will receive legitimate automated robocalls informing them of how to make an appointment. Visit eohu.ca website to learn more about scheduling COVID-19 vaccine appointments for eligible individuals.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

LONG SAULT – St. Patrick's Day is coming up! And the Ingleside-Long Sault-Lost Villages Lions Club (ILSLVLC) is holding a drive-thru Irish Stew dinner to celebrate March 17. The meal will include the stew, roll, and a slice of apple pie – all for \$12 per person. Call 613-577-0818 to pre-order your meal before March 12. Meal pick up time is between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on March 17 at the South Stormont Community Hall in Long Sault.

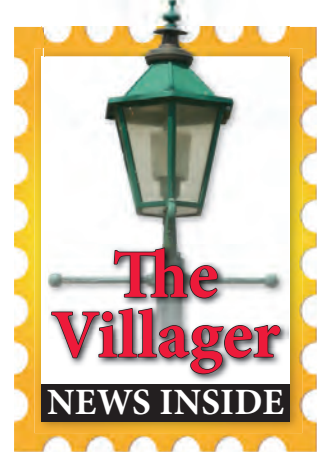
Get ready for writing in 150

CHESTERVILLE – A Bunch of People Arts and Events is getting ready to kick off their third Annual Writing in 150 event. Participants will have 150 minutes to complete their entry. The competition takes place on March 27. Deadline to enter is March 24, at 12:01 a.m. (EST). To enter, email: abunchofpeopleartsandevents@gmail.com; include name, telephone number and genre. Participants must write in one of the following genres: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, spoken word, song or short play.



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The sap is running, so spring can't be far behind

It's maple syrup season again. From February to April, when the nighttime temperature is -5 and the daytime temperature is +8 the sap runs. The maple sugar bush at Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm near Metcalfe is up and running. Because of Covid, everything but their restaurant is open. At Grampie's Sugar Shack just outside of Chesterville, the work of collecting the sap to turn it into sweet maple syrup has begun. Pictured above is Warren MacIntosh, of MacIntosh Ole Sugar Barn on Hwy 43 near Maxville, stoking the fire as they boil the sap. Everyone is welcome but please bring your mask.

Courtesy Photo

Everyone wants to come to North Dundas

Joseph Morin
LJI Reporter

WINCHESTER – Be careful what you wish for could be something North Dundas councillors are saying to themselves as an unprecedented number of requests for water and sewer applications have arrived at their council table.

The result of all that growth threatens the township's 20-year plan to upgrade their water and sewer capacities and shrinks that time line from 20 to a mere three years.

Mayor Fraser said, "It is quite a deluge of interest and I know we were looking at 20 years out, and all of a sudden we are looking at three years out."

Deputy Mayor Armstrong said, "It's unlike any situation that we have ever had. We have celebrated buildings going up in the past and have been quite happy."

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Naomi's takes annual celebration online

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

WINCHESTER – Naomi's Family Resource Centre (NFRC) found a new way to celebrate International Women's Day this year.

With COVID-19 restrictions making large in-person events impossible, NFRC staff chose to focus on eight days of raising awareness through social media platforms Facebook and Twitter. Each day, from March 1 until International Women's Day on March 8, the local women's shelter shared posts acknowledging the accomplishments of several Canadian women.

In order of appearance, NFRC celebrated Jeanne Mance, Grace Annie Lockhart, Agnes Campbell Macphail, Doris Anderson, Thérèse Casgrain, Rosemary Brown, and Alberta's Famous Five: Emily Murphy, Nellie McClung, Louise McKinney, Irene Parlby, and Henrietta Muir Edwards.

Macphail was the first woman elected to the House of Commons, one of the first two women elected to the Ontario Legislature, the first female member of a Canadian delegation to the League of Nations, a founding member of what is now the New Democratic Party (NDP), a pacifist, an advocate for prison reform, and the champion of the first equal pay legislation in 1951.

Anderson was a journalist, editor, and author focused on advancing the rights and concerns of women. She tackled issues such as abortion, divorce, sexuality, and women's work-life during her time as the editor of *Chatelaine*. She served as president of the Canadian Advisory Committee on the Status of Women and of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women. She received the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case.

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DFA annual general meeting featured information about Bill 156

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

DUNDAS – The Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA) held their annual general meeting virtually on Wed., Mar. 4.

The group had an informative presentation from OPP Const. Jim Blanchette, community mobilization officer, for SD&G. The topic was rural issues and trends, animal welfare, security from trespassers (Bill 156) and road safety, and mental health.

Jackie Pemberton gave a presentation about what the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has been working on in the last year, and Ruth Vogel gave a members' report.

A new president and directors were elected.

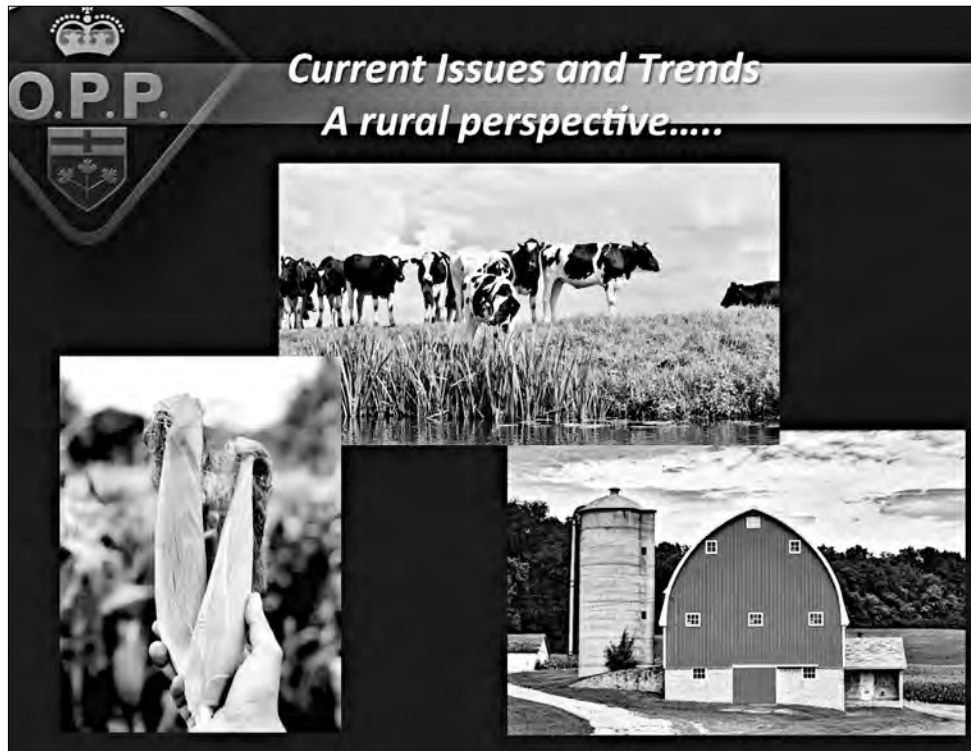
Ryan Devries is the new

president with past president Marty Derks taking on the role of vice president.

The directors are: Tom MacGregor, Jan Roosendaal, Dave Kerr, Stephen Mellon, Andy Corput, Warren Schneckenger, Dave Pemberton and Tom Smyth. Retiring directors are Jim Shaw and Bernie Vander Zweep.

The OPP presentation covered aspects of Bill 156: *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*.

According to the presentation, "The act is aimed at curbing activism against farms and increasing fines for anyone caught trespassing on farmland and food processing plants. The act also introduces new measures against interfering with animal transportation and gaining



A screenshot from the Mar. 4 Dundas Federation of Agriculture annual general meeting. Morin Photo

access to a farm under 'false pretenses' (e.g. undercover filming/observation). The act is intended to: Eliminate or reduce the unique risks that are created when individuals trespass on those properties or interfere with farm animals, including the risk of exposing farm animals to disease and stress as well as the risk of introducing contaminants into the food supply.

Blanchette explained Bill 156 was designed to make situations better for everyone.

"It has been subject to a lot of criticism by activists and the intent was not to necessarily go against their right to protest," he said.

"If you catch someone committing a trespass on your farm property and protected area, you do have the right to make arrests and you do have the right to use force, but I always want to caution people, it is generally not a good idea to do that and not only does it present a risk to you, the individual trying to affect the arrest, but it also sometime puts you in a rather difficult spot," he said.

He said, often protesters are video taping any situation, and that makes calling the police instead of taking action yourself a better way to handle the situation.

He also pointed out that in this region there have been no

instances of protesters creating an issue on farm property.

The number for police to call is: 1-888-310-1122.

He said that within the OPP is a group called the Provincial Liaison Team (PLT). Blanchette is a member of that team.

Its job is to work with groups to facilitate peaceful events and at the same time work with members of groups who may be on either side of a situation.

He said, "Our main goal is to make these events peaceful."

A brief look at the act highlights what protesters cannot do.

- Protesters cannot: Breach the peace;
- Block or obstruct a highway;
- Cause a disturbance, take part in a riot;
- Wear a mask or disguise during an unlawful assembly, or, with intent to commit an indictable offence;
- Disobey a court order;
- Harm or injure anyone;
- Possess weapons of any kind including substances such as tear gas.

A link to the act is: www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/20s09?search=security+from+trespas.

"Most protesters are law-abiding and have strong

feelings and strong beliefs and for the most part will do the right thing," said Blanchette.

He said there are significant penalties when protesters do not follow the rules.

Under the *Highway Safety Act* he said a farm tractor is not a motor vehicle but is a vehicle. Implements of husbandry are also vehicles not motor vehicles or trailers and a farm wagon remains a

farm wagon no matter what the towing vehicle is.

Blanchette talked about the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, (PAWS)*.

This Bill is called Bill 136 and replaces the *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* and sets out Ontario's new enforcement model.

Basic standards of care that apply to all animals covered under the act, include requirements for:

- adequate and appropriate food, water, medical attention and care;
- ventilation, light and protection from the elements, including harmful temperatures;
- sanitary conditions and space to enable natural movement and exercise;
- pens or enclosed structures;
- humane euthanasia to minimize pain and distress to animals;
- transportation in a manner that ensures an animal's physical safety and general welfare.

Provincial inspectors follow a standard code of conduct and if they visit you on-site, they will: introduce themselves, explain why they are attending on-site, such as for an inspection or for an investigation and follow a standard code of conduct.

North Dundas

Continued from the front

Normally North Dundas has had a 1.1 per cent growth each year.

"To see these numbers is daunting," said Armstrong.

Councillor Thompson said, it is great to see the interest. It is not a problem we were foreseeing for years to come. For any of the existing ones, we will have to make sure and allow for the services that have been put into the ground. There have been agreements made and accepted."

Mayor Fraser said, "There will have to be some decisions made. This is quite an unusual predicament to be in."

As of Feb 23, there were 240 units left to be used by new development in Winchester and Chesterville.

Traditionally the municipality receives eight to 10 requests each year for water and sewer allocations, so there was not a potential shortfall expected. Over the next three years the municipality had expected to be working on their water capacity in the form of new wells or other ways to bring more water to North Dundas. That effort would be part of a 20-year multi-million-dollar plan.

The council had already allocated water and sewer units to: Winchester Meadows – 36 water and 36 sewer units, Guy Racine subdivision – 5 water and 5 sewer units, Davidson Subdivision – 1 water and 1 sewer unit, Winfields – 4 water and 4 sewer units, and Maverick – 13.5 water and 13.5 sewer units.

At the meeting they allocated units to another 11 developments adding another 162.4 water units to the total.

Calvin Pol, the director of planning building and enforcement presented a list of projects that were not yet on the allocation list but had the potential, if followed up on, would leave the municipality with very few units to offer to developers.

The first reaction of councillors was to make sure projects like the rehabilitation of Dundas Manor had what water units they would need in the future.

Fraser said, "Those projects that are ongoing need to be completed and developers have shown a commitment to move forward."

Pol said the units for Dundas Manor had not been put into the master table of allocations yet. He suggested the council put five units in the table just for the manor.

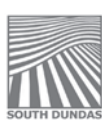
Pol sited development applications that were in the process of going through the system; examples were Dundas Manor that will most likely need five units and the Woods Subdivision in Winchester would need 78 units.

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Interim Tax Payments are due March 31, 2021. Due to COVID-19, the Municipality will not be accepting in-person payments. How to pay:

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Questions can be directed to the Municipality at 613-543-2673.

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Words cannot express the deep gratitude we feel for all the help we received during the partial loss of our dairy barn.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who responded so quickly to assist in getting the herd out of the barn safely and transporting them to their temporary homes. The response was overwhelming. We cannot thank you enough for all your support and kindness during this challenging time.

Special thanks to the Jaquetmet, Herfkens, Tanner and Smith families for taking our herd. We will be forever grateful and indebted to everyone for their help and support. We are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful community!

Again we simply say THANK YOU!

**With our appreciation and deepest gratitude,
Peter and Bernadette Van Gorp**

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SD&G supports EOAN with funding

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The United Counties of SD&G along with City of Cornwall have each agreed to fund the Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network (EOAN) \$25,000 for one year.

The food network already receives funding on a yearly basis from the United Counties of Prescott Russell in the amount of \$40,000 each year.

The executive director of the EOAN, Tom Manley approached SD&G and Cornwall councils in late 2020.

“We had been talking to the counties and the City of Cornwall for over a year and a half about this,” he said.

The arrival of the pandemic caused discussions to stop but as soon as the covid dust settled he took up the conversation again.

The EOAN started up in 2010 and this new funding will be the first time three municipalities committed to the network.

The new funding will help the network expand existing marketing activities and member services and develop new programs.

“We have been working closely with the EOAN since 2011, and we are proudly joining the City of Cornwall as well as the United Counties of SDG in continuing to support the regional agri-food sector,” said Stéphane Sarrazin, warden of the UCPR in a press release.

“For the last ten years the network has been largely supported by the United Counties of Prescott Russell and with occasional province and federal grants from time to time, but not

by SD&G and Cornwall. Prescott Russell took the initiative ten years ago and all the more power to them. It was great, and a good thing to do.

The other municipalities were not on board yet,” said Manley.

Cornwall and SD&G will be sending a representative to sit on the EOAN board of directors.

The funding adds up to \$90,000 this year which, according to Manley will result in a good year for local food in Eastern Ontario.

The EOAN mandate is to help raise awareness about the availability of local food to consumers.

Manley said, “Our mission largely is to promote local food. We want to develop the local food economy from field to fork so that the smaller scale farmer, direct marketers, and small food processors have direct access to markets and local consumers can give some priority to local sources of food as opposed to always lettuce from California and tomatoes from Mexico.”

The network covers the same area as the Eastern Ontario Health Unit and includes mostly agricultural lands and markets.

In the announcement about the new partnerships Manley stated: “Local governments realize that a successful grassroots food movement must be sustained with multi-year core funding that can leverage further grants and sector assets.

“Agri-food is the number one economic sector in Canada,” he said. “Twelve per cent of farmers in SDG sell directly to consumers and 44 per cent of the farms have farm sales of less than



The Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network is one of several like-minded organizations in Ontario hoping to bring the marketplace closer to home for residents. Courtesy Photo

\$55,000.”

Outside of Ottawa, Eastern Ontario is a mixed geography of rural communities, farming, and small cities. Given the economic importance of agri-food, municipalities see local food as an economic development engine.

“Municipalities are responsible for regional economic development. Together, we see the EOAN as a partner in the local food sector. Cornwall and its neighbours look forward to witnessing the EOAN in action,” said Cornwall

Mayor Bernadette Clement.

“Given the pandemic’s impact on long-distance tourism, local communities recognize that their tourists will be local or a few hours away. Therefore, agritourism and culinary

tourism are critical elements in the rural economic recovery,” said SDG warden Frank Prevost.

There is the intention to make it a three-year pledge but there is the condition

that Manley go back to them in December to report on accomplishments.

“They want to make sure the money is being spent on things that are deliverable and are of value,” said Manley.

Naomi’s annual celebration

Continued from the front

Casgrain was an activist, radio host, and political leader who helped found the Provincial Franchise Committee for Women’s Suffrage in 1921. She hosted a prominent radio program called Fémina for Radio-Canada. She was the first woman to be elected leader of a political party in Canada. She fought for social, economic, and political justice for all.

Brown was the first black woman elected to public office in Canada. She entered politics via the NDP in 1972. She fought to remove sexism from textbooks used in British Columbia schools and she pushed for legislation to end discrimination based on sex or marital status.

On March 8, local women were invited to visit Winchester’s The Planted Arrow Flowers and Gifts or Main Street Clothing to collect a free rose in celebration of International Women’s Day.

“What I wanted more than anything was to be able to look after myself and make sure that every other woman in the world could do the same.” This is an excerpt from Anderson’s book, *Rebel Daughter*. Anderson was spotlighted by NFRC on March 4.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of North Dundas will hold a meeting on the 13th day of April, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the North Dundas Council Chambers at 636 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, Ontario to consider a proposed housekeeping amendment under Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, as amended.

THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS ARE:

- (1) A general housekeeping by-law that would make a series of changes to the Zoning By-laws in North Dundas. These changes include: rezoning six (6) properties to prohibit dwelling units as required by the *Provincial Policy Statement* for surplus dwelling consents (severances); to update the definitions and general provisions; and, to slightly modify the zoning of four (4) other properties.
- (2) Amend the former Village of Winchester Zoning By-law to increase the minimum front yard depth for townhomes from 6m to 7.5m.
- (3) An amendment to exempt wheelchair ramps, lifts and other structures that provide access to buildings for persons with disabilities from all minimum setback requirements.
- (4) Rezoning of a portion of the Chesterville Park to make a previously passed Temporary Use By-law, permanent.
- (5) Increase the minimum lot size for Agricultural uses in the Rural (RU) zone of former Township of Mountain Zoning By-law No. 79-6 from 2ha (5ac) to 8ha (20ac) to match the Winchester Township Zoning By-law.
- (6) Add holding zones to four lots to limit future development until water and sewer capacity is allocated.
- (7) Add a provision to the maximum height of apartment dwellings limiting their height to 14m or 3 storeys.
- (8) Increase the minimum required lot frontage for townhomes in the Village of Winchester to 6m.

KEY MAPS are not attached as this By-law applies to properties throughout the Township. Key Maps are available at the Township Office for review during regular business hours or on the Township website (www.northdundas.com).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments is available for inspection from Monday to Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM at the Township Office located at 636 St. Lawrence Street, or by contacting the Planning Division at (613) 774-2105, ext. 238 or by emailing pclarke@northdundas.com.

Dated at the Township of North Dundas, this 11th day of March, 2021.
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It goes in here and comes out there

Joseph Morin

There is an interesting and as yet unproven chain of events that illustrate how connected everything is from our farms here in Canada to forests in Malaysia.

The current conversation and at the moment, that is all it is, as opposed to an all-out shouting match over the suspected use of palm oil in dairy cow's feed to increase the fat content of the milk they produce, is just a gentle murmur, but it is getting louder.

Consumers across Canada have noticed that their butter stays harder than it used to at room temperature, which is not something baking enthusiasts like to see.

The addition of palm oil to cow feed causes the fat content of butter to increase and consequently it does not become as soft as it has traditionally been at room temperature.

Dairy Farmers of Canada has released a statement stating:

"Dairy farmers across Canada have listened attentively to the concerns expressed by consumers in recent weeks over the use of animal feed supplements

containing palm by-products. In light of these concerns, Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) had previously announced the formation of a working group of experts to assess current scientific literature, identify gaps in information, and look into issues that have been raised by consumers. Academics from different relevant areas along with sector experts will come together shortly to begin the work. DFC will also seek the views of consumers as part of this exercise.

It is essential that decisions be made on a factual basis and that science guide our sector, hence the creation of a working group of experts. In the interim, DFC is asking dairy farmers to consider alternatives to palm supplements.

"Notwithstanding this announcement, we stress that all milk produced in Canada is as safe as always to consume and is subject to Canada's robust health and safety standards. We also note that all animal feeds used on dairy farms are approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and are safe for animals."

Palm oil is used everywhere in just about everything.

The Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation (BOSF) in Indonesia is a non-profit foundation supported by BOS

Australia and other sister organizations around the world. They have released a statement about the effect of harvesting palm oil.

"Palm oil plantations are concentrated in Malaysia and Indonesia, where deforestation and less environmental regulation has led to indiscriminate forest clearing for monoculture oil palm crops, instances of illegal logging and a dramatic impact on threatened and endangered local species. The environmental impact of the deforestation is huge. New research suggests it may be a big contributor to climate change, and it is also causing extreme damage to animal populations — including the almost extinct Sumatran orangutans, whose habitat is prime logging area. WWF Australia estimates around 300 football fields worth of forest are cleared every hour to make way for palm oil production."

So, there you have it.

If the Dairy Farmers of Canada are to be believed and I have no reason to doubt their sincerity and honesty, the use of palm oil in dairy cow feed is being investigated even though scientists do not feel it is a threat to anyone's health.

So far, the only casualty might be a piece of toast that gets a hole torn in it as the harder butter losses that soft

butter spreading ability.

On the other hand, the move by dairy producers to up their profit a little with increased fat content in their milk according to BOSF has a negative effect on rainforests, forest animals and climate change but makes perfect economic sense when the farmer is confronted with ever increasing costs on the home front.

Of course, the majority of palm oil users is not the dairy industry in Canada or elsewhere, but its use does contribute to the overall amount of palm oil harvested.

The use of the oil in dairy feed is an interesting dilemma.

It showcases the interconnectedness of everything on the planet.

From the butter on your kitchen counter to a rainforest thousands of miles away.

Just writing this editorial used up a certain amount of electricity generated by a hydro or nuclear power plant so the relationship between what raw materials we use does have an effect on our environment.

Every now and again we should trace the connections that run from our raw materials to a final product.

It never hurts to be aware of the effect we have on the world around us.

NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson

Student Council Communications

Dundas Cup Spirit Day



Last Fri., March 5, was our Dundas Cup spirit day competition against Seaway DHS. The Dundas Cup is our annual hockey tournament between the two schools here in Dundas County. It is one of the events our students look forward to the most. This year, our student council collaborated to create a spirit day that would honour the Dundas Cup tradition and keep the incredible school spirit, that we put into it every year, alive. The competition was to be the school with the highest percentage of participation. The results were unexpected, to say the least. Seaway had a whopping 70 per cent participation, and we beat them by no more than 1 per cent, with a total of 71 per cent here at North Dundas. Congratulations to both schools, as those are impressive numbers regardless of who won. We enjoyed the friendly competition; perhaps days like these will become a new tradition and continue in the years following Covid-19.

This Fri., March 12 we have a frontline worker themed spirit day to show our support for the people who put themselves at risk for us every day. Frontline workers include but are not limited to health care workers, grocery store workers, first responders, and teachers. We planned this day to show that we appreciate what these people are doing for us during these challenging times.

The Road Home

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

It's not long now until St. Patrick's Day, when many people celebrate this patron saint of Ireland and a champion of the Irish people. For some, in the pre-pandemic world of yesteryear, celebrating on March 17 involved going pubbing, enjoying a drink or two (for medicinal purposes only) of the fruit of the vine, or one cereal grain or the other and dancing the night away. As a descendant of some of the Irish who escaped that "little bit of heaven" which had been ravaged by famine and death, I tend to be a bit less celebratory on March 17. Now, before you mention my age as a determining factor in these celebrations, I will explain how my "sombre" St. Patrick's Day celebrations began.

My Mom's great grandparents, David and Anne Monteith emigrated at different times from the auld sod. David and his first family arrived in Canada in the 1840's or so and settled on a road named Sandy Row just outside of South Mountain. Mom told me how as David, whose home was in the protestant Sandy Row area of Belfast, was the first settler on this road and as such named it Sandy Row. He was descended from the "Protestant planters", called the Scotch-Irish by some, who were sent from Scotland to Ireland to increase the protestant population starting in the early 1600's. Anne on the other

hand was Irish Catholic and hailed from County Mayo in what is Eire. She came to Canada with an infant son and husband, with the husband dying en-route to Canada and buried at sea. After settling in Iroquois, she eventually met her future husband David Monteith at the Inn where she worked, moved to Sandy Row to raise a large family of children and stepchildren with Grandpa Monteith.

Anne brought with her a ring, presumably her mother's but we don't know, which has been passed down the female lines of the family and is currently in my possession. It waits in a bank safety deposit box to be given to my daughter and sometime in the future to her daughter, a reminder of one part of our cultural heritage. It is a small ring and the last time I had it on a few years ago, it only fit on my baby finger. The ring has Celtic symbols on its side and inlaid tiny, tiny pearls and turquoise stones in its front.

Often growing up I would ask to see this ring and ponder its story while Mom told of Anne's voyage (albeit a bit different than what I found when doing genealogical research) and the hardships of the potato famine of the 1840's with the disastrous effects upon the Irish population. The story of the potato famine was often recited by Mom, especially if I tried to turn my nose up at the potatoes which were a part of almost every supper growing up.

Sometimes we would listen to Irish songs, especially around St. Patrick's Day, and they seemed to be so full of joy and happiness that I recall asking Mom how if the famine had been so bad could the music be so happy. She replied that sometimes you have to smile or laugh so you don't cry too much which led me to think about all the families who had been separated throughout history.

As a young adult I would watch while people celebrated St. Patrick in drink, song and dancing, and more often than not be sipping a soft drink instead of "green" beer while remembering Mom's stories. To be truthful, I may have told my children once or twice the story of the potato famine around the 17th of March while enjoying a piece of shamrock shaped cake and to this day a plate of potatoes reminds me of my Irish ancestors who suffered during the Irish famine. If I think about the suffering which was endured during this time in Irish history, my heart grows heavy and the light-hearted Irish American songs creep into my consciousness reminding me to not forget the past but celebrate the future which was given to me by David and Anne Monteith. On this March 17, I hope to raise a glass of ginger ale in my Mom's special glasses and toast these hearty Irish people who came here looking for a new start in a land full of opportunities.



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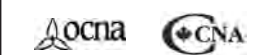
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St. Lawrence College to begin accepting students for accelerated personal support workers program

BROCKVILLE – St. Lawrence College will begin accepting applications to Ontario’s new accelerated training program for Personal Support Workers starting today at all three campuses. The program is part of the Ontario government’s \$115 million investment to train up to 8,200 new personal support workers (PSWs) for high-demand jobs in Ontario’s health and long-term care sectors. In collaboration with Colleges Ontario, all 24 publicly assisted colleges will offer this innovative, fully funded program. This is part of the government’s Long-Term Care Staffing Plan, one of the largest recruitment and training drives in the province’s history.

“COVID-19 has highlighted the demand for PSW training to continue to create a modernized long-term care sector that is truly resident-centred, one that provides the highest quality of care for our most vulnerable people, where and when they need it,” Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes Steve Clark said. “This program not only dramatically increases the opportunities for local students to become trained PSWs but

does so in our own community at St. Lawrence College.”

“We are proud to be able to offer this accelerated PSW program on each of our three campuses in Brockville, Cornwall, and Kingston. We understand the importance of having more qualified health care professionals working as soon as possible to alleviate the pressures in long-term care facilities, hospitals, and in our health care communities, and we know that our faculty and program staff are ready and equipped to facilitate this critical need,” Glenn Vollebregt, president and CEO, St. Lawrence College.

“This is not just great news for local residents, who are looking for a rewarding career, and our colleges, but most importantly for our seniors and other vulnerable people,” Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonnell said. “They can be confident we are working hard to ensure that there will be a sufficient number of providers who will give the care and attention they deserve to maintain a good quality of life.”

Hastings-Lennox and Addington MPP Daryl Kramp pointed out that “this is an important initiative for the staffing needed at current LTC and retirement homes serving our communities, and for the new homes

to be built soon which will need qualified staff.”

The Accelerated PSW Training Program is a tuition-free opportunity for 6,000 new students and is expected to take only six months to complete, rather than the typical eight months. After three months of coursework, and experiential learning in a clinical setting, students will complete the final three months in paid onsite training in a long-term care home or in a home and community care environment. Registration for the program is available through the Ontario College Application Service.

The province is also offering tuition assistance to in-process PSW students who started the program at one of Ontario’s publicly-assisted colleges in January 2021. These students will be eligible to receive a \$2,000 tuition grant to help them complete their studies, as well as a stipend to complete the clinical placement part of their training.

This PSW training program is yet another way Ontario is collaborating with its partners to provide innovative services and end hallway health care, build a 21st century long-term care system, and respond to the impact COVID-19 has had on seniors and their families.

First Tampon Tuesday Donation Drive in SDG kicks off on International Women’s Day

CORNWALL – The United Way/Centraide SDG is running the first-ever Tampon Tuesday donation drive in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry from March 8 - 23 to raise awareness for period poverty and collect as many menstrual hygiene products as possible for Sexual Assault Support Services SDG&A and Maison Baldwin House.

This initiative is part of a larger effort across Canada to push for donations of menstrual hygiene products for shelters, food banks, and other organizations to ensure that people have access to these products in times of need, especially now as more and more are feeling the economic weight of COVID-19.

Tampon Tuesday started in London, Ontario in 2009 as a grassroots movement when CTV London’s Mandi Fields noticed that there weren’t any menstrual hygiene products at a local food drive. She quickly

learned the reason was simply that people did not think to donate them. What started as a small local event attended by six women has now turned into a much larger nationwide movement. To date, over 400,000 boxes of product have been donated.

This is the first Tampon Tuesday donation drive in our region, and there are a few ways for the community to get involved and help make it a success:

1. Drop off menstrual hygiene products from March 8 - 23 at the United Way/Centraide SDG office on 55 Water St West, Suite 240;
2. Donate products through Amazon Wish List or send a monetary donation to UWCSGD to purchase menstrual products here;
3. Set up your own collection drive. For more information, email stephanie@unitedwaysdg.com.

Visit the United



Way/Centraide SDG website to learn more: <https://unitedwaysdg.com/event/tampon-tuesday/>

The United Way of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry is governed by a local board of directors, who, with United Way staff and volunteers help to raise funds that assist agencies throughout Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry. Our mission is to improve

lives by working together with priorities focused on moving people from poverty to possibility, healthy people, strong communities and all that kids can be.

For more information on United Way/Centraide SD&G, or to donate, visit unitedwaysdg.com.

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Love David

Obituary

RUTH EILEEN BLACK (NEE WALLACE)

**B. MARCH 3, 1926 (SANDY COVE, NS),
D. MARCH 6, 2021 (LONG SAULT, ON)**

It is with deep sadness that our family wishes to announce the peaceful passing of our dear mother and grandmother, on Saturday, March 6, 2021 in her 96th year. Ruth leaves behind her children Gerald (Holly), Glenn (Lynn) and Sharon (Dwayne), and granddaughters Kelsey (Jeremy) and Sarah (Shane), and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by husband Percy Black, sisters Mary Harris and Eleanor Zinck, brother Donald Wallace, and parents Helen and George Wallace. No visitation by request. A memorial service to be held later in the year, circumstances permitting, in Mille Isles, QC. For those wishing, donations may be made in Ruth's memory to the Alzheimer's Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation, or Canadian Cancer Society.

Rest in peace, Mom. Fly free with your beloved cardinals.

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Gearing up for a busy season

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MONKLAND – Spring is on the horizon and with the completion of \$30,000 worth of renovations recently completed, members of the organizing committee at the Monkland & District Community Centre (MDCC) are looking forward to a busy season.

In an early February press release announced, “the completion of our heating/cooling upgrade, window replacement and fire door upgrade,” made possible by a grant from Farm Credit Canada of \$20,000 toward the project through the 2020 AgriSpirit Project and an additional \$10,000 raised by the community events and fundraising activities at the MDRC.

The release noted how “the township of North Stormont was instrumental in assisting us with completing these projects in a timely fashion” before thanking Service de fournaise Fernand Denis Inc., Coleman Construction Ltd., Raylans Windows & Doors, Delhey Electric Ltd. and volunteer Mike Lacelle for his work which included “painting the fire door” as well as his ongoing assistance at the MDCC.

Mike Shea, vice president of the MDCC, recently spoke with *The Chesterville Record* about plans for the upcoming season. Shea commented that starting Sun., March 21 and continuing until Oct. 31, with President Carol Shea coordinating, the bi-weekly flea market will be held at the centre.

Michelle Frei will be coordinating the Farmers’ Market with this popular attraction being held weekly between June 6 and Oct. 31. He mentioned there will be themed events throughout the open season for holidays, such as Easter or Halloween before commenting that Gaetan’s Chip Stand will be available to customers at the site during the Flea Market and Farmers’ Market.

Looking ahead, Shea mentioned there are plans to have a full-size rink outside for next year before thanking Frei who facilitated the outdoor rink at the Centre this year. He also mentioned that the ball diamond will be removed this year, but the lights will be left up so there may be opportunities to hold evening outdoor events, dependent of course upon COVID-19 restrictions.



There was plenty of activity during the flea markets at the Monkland and District Community Centre during the 2020 summer season. The first flea market of the 2021 season is scheduled for Sun., March 21. Thompson Goddard Photo

When asked about the breakfasts and dinners which were part of the fundraising activities in the past, Shea explained events such as this and hall rentals are dependent upon many factors including COVID-19 precautions. He continued all events at the Centre follow the COVID-19 precautions to

ensure everyone volunteering and attending them are able to have a safe and enjoyable experience.

For more information, Shea suggested contacting the organization at 613-209-9170 or regularly checking out the MDCC Facebook page.

COVID-19 vaccines will soon be available to adults 80 years of age and older

CORNWALL – The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) is pleased to inform the public that COVID-19 vaccines will soon be available to adults 80 years of age and older. We are working with health care providers, community, and municipal partners to inform individuals as well as their family members who can support them in accessing the vaccine.

The EOHU is currently scheduling COVID-19 vaccine appointments by invitation only for staff and essential caregivers of long-term care and retirement homes, and health care workers of the highest and very high priority level in accordance with the Ministry of Health’s guidance on health care worker prioritization.

This will soon be extended to:

- Individuals 80 years of age and older;
- Adults recipient of chronic home care;
- Indigenous adults living off-reserve.

If you have a family member or provide care to someone who falls within one of the groups listed above, please encourage them to get vaccinated. Vaccines are by ‘Appointment Only’ and may be made by an individual or their caregiver; walk-in appointments are not available.

We expect that by mid-March, eligible individuals will be able to make an appointment using our online tool. We will be updating our website as we have more information to

share about scheduling COVID-19 vaccine appointments for eligible individuals.

If you, or the individual you are booking for, do not fall within one of the eligible groups, please do not try to schedule an appointment. We must keep the online tool and phone lines available for those who are eligible to book an appointment. We are requesting everyone’s collaboration and continued patience as we undertake this enormous vaccination effort.

Phase One of the EOHU

vaccine roll-out plan is well underway. All long-term care residents have received their two doses of the vaccine and residents of retirement homes have all received their first dose. Staff and essential caregivers of long-term care and retirement homes, and health care workers of the highest and very high priority level are currently being administered their first dose. Vaccine supply continues to impact both the local and provincial vaccine roll out. As a result, we continue to adjust our local plans to align with

Ministry-identified priority populations.

We are pleased that access to COVID-19 vaccines is increasing and we are committed to vaccinating our community as quickly as possible.

For the latest updates about which population groups are eligible to receive the vaccine and how to access it, please regularly visit the Eastern Ontario Health Unit’s website at www.EOHU.ca/vaccines.



A Friday night treat in Chesterville

On the first and third Friday of every month until April, the Chesterville Legion Branch 434 cooks up wings for a Friday treat. Starting at 4:00 p.m. you can call to place your order: (613) 448-1997. The Legion will give you an estimated time to pick up your order. When you arrive at the Legion, please adhere to all of the volunteers’ directions for your safety and theirs. Working in the Legion kitchen on Fri., March 5 were: Stef Backs front, Todd Malo on the left and Jeff Granham on the right. Morin Photo

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Women's Day breakfast goes virtual

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

CORNWALL – While COVID-19 has changed the way the world celebrated International Women's Day this year, it did not stop it from being acknowledged and celebrated in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG).

On Sat., March 6, the Cornwall and District Labour Council kicked off Women's Day Weekend with a virtual breakfast. Sixteen people participated in the online event, including Cornwall Mayor Bernadette Clement. The event was set to feature the Ontario Health Coalition (OHC)'s Natalie Mehra, who was to speak about the pandemic and what is needed to preserve and improve the province's public healthcare system.

The meeting opened with Labour Council president Louise Lanctot providing a brief background on International Women's Day, noting that the theme for this year is "Choose to Challenge." In reference to the pandemic, Lanctot said there is "no recovery without the elevation of women." She said her group continues to advocate for publicly funded day care for children, as well as Pharmacare and 10 paid

sick days for all workers. "I think it's important to talk about how difficult this past year has been for so many people in our community," Clement said in her opening remarks. "I have to tell you that this year has been particularly difficult for women; they are in more precarious situations; more vulnerable from a housing perspective; they are more vulnerable from a workplace perspective."

Following Clement's remarks, a recorded video message from provincial NDP leader Andrea Horwath was played. While women have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, Horwath said it is also women who are leading the fight against COVID-19.

"Sadly, Doug Ford keeps putting money and politics ahead of public health, putting us at risk of once again repeating the cycle of sickness and lockdowns, which has disproportionately left women in communities across the province to pick up the pieces," Horwath said. "That's why right now, in this moment, the work of our movement is more important than it ever has been and it's why we're not going to give up."

Cornwall Coun. Elaine

MacDonald introduced the keynote speaker, who, due to an unknown complication, did not appear. MacDonald referred to Mehra as a warrior woman at the forefront of the struggle for protecting healthcare in Canada. She mentioned two reports created by Mehra: the 2012 "Falling Behind", and the more recent "Situation Critical", a report on the state of long-term care a year before the onset of COVID-19.

United Way of SDG executive director Juliette Labossiere announced that Tampon Tuesday would officially kickoff on March 8, whereby donations of women's feminine products would be collected and then distributed to area women's shelters and other non-profits. She also noted that donors could order through Amazon Wish List.

"Throughout our communities we have stories of women opening or expanding businesses, providing hope and inspiration to us all, and leading a COVID-19 economic 'shecovery,'" Clement said. "We're going to be okay, but we have to remember that women continue to need support."

In lieu of an attendance fee, attendees were invited to donate feminine hygiene products to Cornwall's Agape Centre.



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Winchester Legion update

Rob Landry
Record Contributor

Hello fellow comrades, I hope everything is going well with yourselves and everyone continues to be safe during these trying times. There is not a whole lot to pass along for this month post the executive meeting but will add the points below. As always, should there be any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or anyone on the executive for assistance.

Our branch had wanted to start off with some good news. We have been accepted for the small business grant that was applied for not too long ago to continue evolving our branch. This is another great step forward for us, and as things continue to evolve, we will update the membership as required.

We are currently looking for a few volunteers. We are looking for a treasurer to support our branch. If you feel that you would be a great addition in supporting the Legion as a whole, please let us know as we welcome any support. We are also looking for those interested in supporting the maintenance of our branch. This would be a position to help check the building periodically and ensure everything continues to be in working condition while we remain closed at this time. Any volunteers please reach out to me or anyone in the executive as required.

The front room continues to be prepared and upgraded by the committee to support, and this continues to be a great working project. As more photos come out, we will be posting and emailing updates.

Thank you all again. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

North Stormont budget nears completion

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

BERWICK – With the first and second draft reviewed and an opportunity for public delegations completed, the township of North Stormont's 2021 Budget is nearing completion.

The third and final draft of the budget is expected to be presented and passed at the March 16 regular council meeting, CAO Craig Calder said. The March 2 regular council meeting afforded the public an opportunity to speak for two minutes on what they would like to see in the 2021 Budget. Resident speakers included Rainer Pethke, Garfield Dunlop, David MacDonald Sr., Dessia Miller, and Veronique Piette.

Topics of discussion included big tax increases, "serious issues" with capital

assets such as water towers, fire trucks, sidewalks and roads, the need for professionals in the contract negotiations with GFL, seniors' health and welfare during COVID-19, the need for a strategic plan and better asset management, the potential need for major (\$65,000 plus) repairs to the Moose Creek Pool, and an issue with uneven distribution of funds and attention in villages throughout the township.

Four of the five resident speakers commented on the lack of sufficient time to say what they wanted to say during the session.

"The budget process has been consistent with previous years and I believe our approach in 2020 and 2021 ensured transparency and has been more inclusionary, supporting

public participation," Calder said. "The budget process progressed as anticipated, and our finance team has exceeded my expectations."

The second draft of the budget was read and reviewed by council during a Feb. 26 special meeting. Calder said the second draft is updated to account for council discussion and recommended amendments following the reading of the first draft. This is then presented to council for confirmation and further discussion.

"Options available to council on annual spending are also provided during the second draft," Calder said. "Finance also provides options on various tax increase percentages, or holding a zero per cent, and the implications for each scenario."

Seedy Saturday goes virtual in 2021

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – It has been a long, hard winter and as spring approaches many thoughts will turn to garden planning. Transition Cornwall+ is once again hosting Seedy Saturday. This event is held in many locations across Canada with support from Seeds of Diversity, with Transition Cornwall+ holding its first

Seedy Saturday seven years ago in the Agape Centre before relocating to the Benson Centre in Cornwall. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the local Seedy Saturday event went virtual in 2020 and again this year will be held virtually due to Covid 19 precaution.

This year the event will feature three webinars which will be broadcast on Facebook Live and Youtube Live, with all

beginning at 10:30 a.m. The first one is planned for March 13 and will provide viewers with the opportunity to meet local seed vendors as well as provide “tips and tricks” for garden planning. There will also be the opportunity to seek advice from expert gardeners.

On March 20, viewers will be able to learn about starting seeds indoors, what equipment and supplies are required, and which seeds need to be started indoors before planting. The final webinar will be

held on March 27 and will feature activities for the whole family as well as providing an opportunity to have your questions answered. There is a free activity kit available for March 27 which can be ordered at transitioncornwall.com/food-action-group/seedysaturday, but don't delay as there are limited quantities available.

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- The dose is appropriate
- The drug won't interact with other medication you're taking



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Other duties

Depending on your needs, your pharmacist can provide other services, such as:

- Answering questions about your health
- Advising you about over-the-counter medications
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- CLUES DOWN 1. An ape or monkey 2. Chemical element 3. Zodiac sign 4. Removes 5. Brew 6. Nickname 7. Architectural structures 8. Trigonometric function 9. Postmodern architectural building in Vienna 10. Henderson and Fitzgerald are two 11. Mountain (abbr.) 12. Landscaping practice 13. Capacitance unit 15. Redirect 18. Hat for women 21. In a way, dressed down 24. Granny 26. Feed 27. Endpoint 30. Indian instrument 32. Bleated 35. Cablegram (abbr.) 37. Root mean square (abbr.) 38. Jellyfishes 39. Individual TV installments 42. Talk 43. More (Spanish) 46. Leaseholder 47. Monetary units 49. Hostility 50. Work stations 52. Linguistics giant 54. Female sheep 55. Calendar month 57. Seasoning 59. Lofty nest of a bird of prey 62. Single Lens Reflex 63. A way to remove 66. Virginia 68. Old English

PUZZLE SOLUTION grid showing the filled-in crossword puzzle.

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A Cut Above the Rest

MOUNTAIN – On April 2, 1984, Wendy’s Beauty Salon and Barber Shop opened. This year it will be 37 years that Wendy Fowler has been looking after the hair of thousands of people who live in the region.

She works out of her home at 10370 Cameron Road, Mountain.

“I have always wanted to be a hairstylist,” said Wendy. Doing hair in her Mom’s kitchen every weekend was a great motivator to open her own business. After working in Ottawa for a year, she decided it was time to come home. Vic Barton was the barber in South Mountain for 50 years, he had just retired. What a perfect spot for Wendy to open in. The building on Main Street was shared by the local harness shop. Her workspace was 14x14ft. “It was a very small room,” she said. Eventually she had an opportunity to move next door to a bigger building. In 2000 she made her final move to her current location, after 16 years in the village.

“Barb Stewart has been my longest client, I did her hair in my mother’s kitchen and I still do her hair now,” she said. “Wendy has been there for me for all the important events in my life, and I am very appreciative. Not to mention, it is a lot of fun to visit her shop.” said Barb.

Wendy’s Beauty Salon and Barber Shop has been in business longer than many other businesses in the area. Its longevity is not just because people can get great haircuts and service it’s because of the personality of Wendy herself.

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Wendy Fowler has been serving her clients for 37 years, and enjoys the many relationships she has made with people near and far. On the right, is the first flyer sent out to promote her business.

Morin Photo

Happy, personable, skilled and fun to be with, her motto which can be seen on a wall plaque in her shop says, “Enter as strangers – leave as friend.”

“I have lived here my whole life. I grew up in this area.” She said. She went to Nationview Public School in South Mountain and in her high school years went to Seaway District High School.

“I was the only girl in my family, and I can remember as a little girl standing behind my father’s chair and combing his hair. Being a hairstylist is what I’ve always

wanted to be” she said.

“I never see myself retiring,” she said. “I feel like I have achieved something each time I [do] someone’s hair.”

Her decision to become a hairstylist is one she has never regretted.

“It has turned out a million times better than I could have imagined,” she said. “I have never gone to work a day in my life because working in the area I grew up in, has been spectacular. I really enjoy my career. I have enjoyed growing my business; you are always learning new

techniques and ideas.”

Over the years Wendy has seen many different hairstyles come and go.

Her customers include men, women, and children and each client arrives with their own expectations. Wendy has become an expert at interpreting what her client wants. Sometimes they bring in a picture to give her something to start with.

Being able to listen and then bring someone’s idea of what they want their hair to look like is a challenge she looks forward to.

Wendy offers many different services, from cuts to colours, perms and beard trims. Joico is her colour line of choice.

Along the way she met and married Tracy Fowler. The couple met at the Mountain Agricultural Hall at a stag for a mutual friend. They have two beautiful daughters, and two busy grandsons.

Wendy has a world map on her salon wall. There are pins in it that represent people from around the world who have had their hair done by Wendy.

Meeting her clients on a regular basis means that she has made a great many friends.

Professional, fun to deal with and guaranteed to give you the kind of hair salon services you will appreciate, Wendy Fowler is ready to take on the next chapter in her business and invites you to go along with her.

Due to the pandemic walk-in business currently is no longer allowed, please call for an appointment. She does not use electronic payment devices, so cash is a must.

Her number is 613-989-2996 and her salon is located at 10370 Cameron Road, Mountain.

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Bringing history alive at the OTM

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

VERNON – Get your calendar out as Osgoode Township Museum (OTM) is gearing up for a busy season this year with several events and activities including a series of virtual talks being organized to provide the public with information on local history, agriculture and community building.

Caitlyn McDougall, Education Officer

at the OTM, explained in a recent email to *The Chesterville Record* the Museum Talks series will begin on March 26 at 7 p.m., with Patrick Chisholm of the OTM providing an interactive look into the museum’s collection. Chisholm’s presentation, Connecting with the Collection, will provide a look behind the scenes at the OTM highlighting the collection, the care of artifacts and a tour of some areas of the museum not usually

open to visitors.

On April 23, David and Sally Gray will host a presentation on the Greely Expedition of 1881-1884. This expedition was successful in achieving its goal of collecting scientific data in the Arctic and earning the title of “Farthest North”. David and Sally will also provide information on their travels in the North.

Mark October 15 in your agenda as Sarah Godoy Cooper will present the *Latimer Diaries* which chronicle life in the Metcalfe area in the early 1900’s. Millie Latimer who lived with her brother and his family on a 100-acre farm north of Metcalfe kept a diary and thanks to the “generosity of Millie’s family, this diary and its contents can be shared with the community”.

November is the month when we commemorate the service of members of

our Canadian Armed Forces and the sacrifices made by them in times of peace and times of war. While the date has not been finalized yet, Jane Cooper will provide listeners with information on Nursing Sisters. McDougall mentioned there are plans in the works for presentations on agriculture in the future and information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

There are several events planned for the upcoming months, including a Paint & Pixels Free Virtual Paint Night on March 19 and the opportunity to purchase a March Break Museum Camp Kit with the theme of Curious Curators so long as supplies last.

To find our more information or to register for these and other activities at the OTM, please visit the event section of the OTM website, located at www.osgoodmuseum.ca.

South Stormont launches budget talks

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

LONG SAULT – Township of South Stormont 2021 Budget talks got underway this past weekend.

On Sat., March 6, local politicians and staff department heads met in council chambers for this year’s first budget meeting. Mayor Bryan McGillis reminded everyone that this was the preliminary budget and for information purposes only.

Staff provided a roughly 4.5-hour presentation, beginning with a brief opening from CAO Debi LucasSwitzer followed by budget-related breakdowns from each department, including planning and building, public works, fire and

rescue, corporate services, finance, CAO, and parks and recreation. Council members were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments after each department’s summary.

The 150-page PowerPoint presentation began with background information and a budget overview. LucasSwitzer said the budget being presented would lead to a two per cent tax increase after 2020 assessment growth. The tabled budget included a roughly \$11.2 million operating budget, roughly \$1.1 million contribution to reserves, and roughly \$5.2 million capital budget. The annual property tax increase for homes valued at \$200,000 would be \$18.59.

LucasSwitzer told council a long-term financial plan is critical. She said long-term needs include a parks and recreation master plan, a strategic plan, a waterfront development plan, a review of facilities, a plan for development and growth, and a plan for transportation needs.

McGillis thanked staff, noting that council had been given a lot of information to consider. A recording of the March 6 meeting can be found on the municipal website’s council page, along with the 2021 Budget PowerPoint presentation, which is included in the agenda package. The next budget meeting is set for Tues., March 16 at 5 p.m.



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Russell heritage district plan passes first reading

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

EMBRUN – The Township of Russell is moving progressively closer to establishing a Heritage Conservation District (HCD) for part of the Village of Russell.

During a “first reading” of the proposed HCD plans and guidelines at the March 1 council meeting, director of planning, building and economic development Dominique Tremblay, along with planner Alix Jolicoeur, provided background information and updates. The duo also answered questions from both council and the public during the meeting’s question period.

“Tonight, we’re recommending to council to approve the proposed plan as a first reading only, as we want to give more opportunity to the public and council to ask questions, make comments and to make sure they’re involved in the process,” Tremblay said. “We

understand it’s a lot of information. We want to make sure we’re doing it right the first time.”

The project has been ongoing since 2015. Background information, updates, and a list of affected properties can be found on the municipality’s website under town hall projects. Residents who want to be kept updated on anything related to the HCD project, including meetings, are encouraged to contact Tremblay and join the group email list. Currently, Tremblay said there are roughly 50 to 60 residents on the list.

“The designation of the HCD allows the municipality to protect the character of an area and guide future changes and development,” Tremblay said. “This protection is not meant to prevent changes, but it’s there to manage change in ways that are positive to the district and for the wider community. Many people now consider

the HCD to be one of the most effective tools in planning, not only for historic conservation but to be an effective urban design.”

Tremblay said the HCD project was started in response to resident input identifying the targeted community as valuable. She said it’s an asset that provides an important sense of place.

“If the community does not want to preserve this area then the HCD offers no value,” Tremblay said, noting that township staff are working on behalf of Russell residents to protect what they identified as valuable.

Councillor Cindy Saucier complimented Tremblay and her team on the thoroughness of the report, as well as the process undertaken to ensure residents are involved.

“If we preserve our village for the future, I think it will be to our benefit,”

“The designation of the HCD allows the municipality to protect the character of an area and guide future changes...”

– Director of Planning,
Building & Economic
Development,
Dominique Tremblay

Saucier said.

As for the second and third reading of the HCD plan and guidelines, Tremblay said her team did not want to pinpoint a date until they had received additional community feedback. She said that as the project has progressed, the number of residents interested in joining the email list had increased.

“We want to make sure we address all comments and concerns,” Tremblay said.

Council cleared in closed meeting complaint

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

EMBRUN – Township of Russell council and staff have been cleared of any wrongdoing following a complaint registered to the Ontario Ombudsman last fall.

During the March 1 council meeting, local politicians officially “received for information purposes” a letter from Ontario Ombudsman Paul Dubé dated Feb. 23. The letter referenced an investigation into a complaint about a closed session during an online council meeting held on Sept. 8, 2020. The complainant alleged that the closed session did not meet *Municipal Act* exceptions.

The five-page letter, which can be found in the March 1 agenda package, outlined the Ombudsman’s findings and how they related to the *Municipal Act*. After a brief background on the situation, Mayor Pierre Leroux read the Ombudsman’s conclusion.

“Council discussed personal matters of identifiable individuals and the potential for litigation in relation to a zoning issue, as well as related legal advice, when it went into closed session on Sept. 8, 2020. I am satisfied that the subject matters discussed fell within the exceptions cited for closed meeting discussions,” Dubé said. “The matters also fell within the additional exception for solicitor-client privilege.”

Russell rec project is on track and under budget

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

EMBRUN – The township of Russell’s Recreation Complex project (currently in its first two of four phases) is on track and under budget.

Director of parks and recreation Céline Guitard provided an update on the project during the March 1 council meeting. Phase 1 includes the design, tender and construction of two tennis courts, two basketball courts, and the Jonathan Pitre Park, which will include accessible play structures and senior exercise equipment. Phase 2 is focused on functional programming and community consultations.

Since December 2020, Guitard has been meeting with staff bi-weekly. The township’s project team includes CAO Jean Leduc, director of infrastructure Jonathan Bourgon, director of finance Richard Godin, director of planning, building and economic development Dominique Tremblay, recreation operations manager Kevin Bird, and Guitard.

Guitard also meets with project leaders, the Colliers Group, on a bi-weekly basis.

The Phase 1 prime consultant was awarded to N45, whose representatives began working with staff in early February. During the

Dec. 7, 2020 council meeting, Russell politicians approved the plan, along with a budget of \$375,000, for Phases 1 and 2 of the project. In last week’s update, Guitard told council that after hiring N45, the actual numbers are roughly \$216,000 less than expected, with the first phase coming in at roughly \$90,390 and the second phase at roughly \$68,400.

A finance meeting to discuss Phases 3 and 4 was held in early February.

Guitard told council the August 2021 report from Colliers will include operational and capital cost estimates, along with a breakdown of costs per feature, such as library, pool, or arena.

In addition to a grant application to the

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to cover the cost of the condition assessments of the township’s current arenas.

Guitard said there are two separate fundraising campaigns being organized, one for the complex and one for the accessible park.

As for community input, Guitard said survey response has exceeded expectations. She said she was told by Colliers Group that 500 completed surveys would be considered good.

As of March 1, she told council there were 710 surveys completed. While staff are excited about the feedback, Guitard said she would like to see greater input from Francophone residents. She said 629 of

the completed surveys had been completed by Anglophone residents, while only 81 had been completed by those who speak French.

The survey is online until March 12.

Guitard told council that Colliers will soon be launching a Request for Information (RFI) to gauge interest from local businesses, service groups, and organizations who may be interested in operating in the new complex. A second online public consultation meeting is scheduled for tonight, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. While this event is geared toward the Francophone population, Guitard said questions and comments are welcome from all Russell residents.

Support for Bill C-206

A Joint statement of support for the Federal Private Member’s Bill C-206 from Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks all support Bill C-206 was released this week.

The Bill seeks to amend the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* to exempt qualifying farmers from paying the carbon tax on propane and natural gas.

Ontario’s farmers work hard every day to ensure that we have high-quality food in our markets, at our grocery stores and on our kitchen tables. Farmers are doing their part to adopt the most up to date farming practices that support the environment and adding another costly burden in the form of a carbon tax is another hit in a year of extreme challenges. Higher fuel costs will make it more expensive to produce food in Ontario and will impact the ability of farmers to heat their barns or dry their crops.

Our province’s food security relies on Ontario farmers being able to grow and produce some of the best food in the world and we will always stand behind policies that reduce burdensome costs for them.

Our government is committed to protecting and improving our environment but that cannot come at the expense of driving up the price of food for Ontario families.

We want to thank the MPs from across the country that have moved this proposed bill past second reading, and we hope to see this bill become law soon.

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