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Briefly

National Indigenous history month

The month of June is National Indigenous History Month that recognizes history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples in Canada; dedicated to the missing children, the families left behind and the survivors of residential schools. June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples' Day. Search for National Indigenous History Month in your search engine for more information.

Lions food drive

IROQUOIS – The food drive runs from June 4 to June 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Matilda Lions Club will pick up monetary or food items from local residents. Most needed items are canned, diced, or crushed tomatoes; pasta sauce; pasta; peanut butter; canned stews and meatballs; canned meat; salmon; chicken and ham; condiments; relish; mustard; ketchup; jam; canned fruit; crackers; soup; mushrooms; cereal; brown beans and kidney beans. Members will be stationed outside the Iroquois Foodland to accept donations. For more information call 613-340-5979 or email: evonnedelegarde@gmail.com.

BBQ chicken dinner

RUSSELL – On June 19, Russell Agricultural Society is holding a fundraising chicken barbecue dinner consisting of a half BBQ chicken, bun, coleslaw and homemade beans for \$20. All meals must be pre-ordered by June 11 and picked up June 19 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Visit RAS website, www.russellfair.com or their Facebook page for more information.

We are planning on going ahead with a one day Fair event August, 21, 2021 - stay tuned for details!



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Stay youthful

June is national dairy month. Support your local dairy producers and enjoy some of your favourite dairy treats. With so many health benefits of consuming dairy products, plus the love of those dairy treats, show your enthusiasm for dairy. With the warm weather predictions for June what a great opportunity to smile with your milk moustache. See page 8 for more information about 'June is Dairy Month'. Vogel Photo

South Dundas denies zoning amendment

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – Three Municipality of South Dundas politicians recently voted to deny a zoning amendment application that would have seen a mixed commercial/residential building erected at Morrisburg's Industrial Park.

"I've reviewed and listened to the submissions. I do agree with the planners that there is need for residential, but this is just clearly, in my opinion, the wrong spot and I think it would create a conflict of use down the road," Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner said. "We only have one industrial park in Morrisburg and an industrial park that had a \$1.5-million investment by the residents of South Dundas and I would like to protect that investment."

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Reimagining business with North Dundas Chamber of Commerce

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas Chamber of Commerce was "back in business" and taking the time to "reimagine what business can look like" during their annual general meeting (AGM) last week. Held virtually, the May 26 meeting featured keynote speaker Lara Wellman of The Biz Studio, who discussed strategies for business planning in 2021. Wellman's presentation followed the typical AGM format of welcoming new members, recapping the past year with an update on financials, and a look at what the future might hold.

Outgoing president Nelson Zandbergen welcomed viewers, noting this is the first AGM since January 2019, as last year's meeting was

cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He then introduced Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Eric Duncan, who made a few remarks, "Keep up the great work," Duncan said, thanking the chamber for their continued community leadership.

Vice president Cheryl Beasley provided the financial report, noting a slight deficit. In 2018, the chamber's membership was at its highest with 105 members. In 2019, membership had dropped to 85. Currently, the chamber has roughly 60 members. With nine openings on the board of directors, five new nominees were introduced and subsequently voted to the board. Each new member talked about their business and why they chose to join the board.

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Fire destroys tractor in Chesterville

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Chris Klein of Klein’s Agri Service in Winchester Ontario had an interesting afternoon on Thurs. May 27.

As he was driving down County Rd. 43 past Chesterville his tractor, a 2013 John Deere 9360 series tractor caught fire.

“It was a bit tense,” he said.

His daughter, Lynnette Klein Boonschate, was driving behind him in a second tractor along with some farm equipment.

She alerted him that there was something happening to his tractor.

“My daughter was following me down the

highway with another tractor and piece of equipment and all of a sudden she told me that something was happening to my drive shaft,” said Klein.

“I turned around and saw the fire so I got off County Rd. 43 and turned onto Queen Street, and by then it was fully engulfed in flames.”

Getting the burning tractor off of the main highway that runs by Chesterville was the first thing Klein thought of doing. “That was the first thing that came to my mind,” he said.

“By the time I got onto Queen Street everything quit, I could not steer anymore,” he said.



This 2013 John Deere 9360 series tractor was complexly engulfed in flames within minutes of catching fire. The Chesterville Fire Station was able to contain the blaze and keep it from moving to the fields and homes alongside the road.



Courtesy Photos

“I had to exit through the back window. I got a bit of a burn on my right arm. That was all it was, and I am very fortunate. I was amazed at how quickly that escalated.”

The cost to replace the tractor would be at least a quarter of a million dollars and most likely would be more.

The cause of the fire is still being investigated.

“I don’t think the insurance will be enough, but no one got hurt, and it’s only

nuts and bolts,” said Klein. “It could have been ten times as bad.”

He added, “We have had great support from the

community, and there are people who are willing to help, lend us a tractor. It really goes to show what a fantastic area we live in.”

Crysler could see future residential development

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

BERWICK – Action is being taken in the township of North Stormont to determine the potential for future residential development in Chrysler.

During the May 18 council meeting, staff recommended that the municipality’s politicians consider participating in the building of a sewage pumping station on the north side of the South Nation River in Chrysler to support a study for a proposed residential development. While no

firm decisions were made, council gave staff permission to enter into further discussion with the developer.

“Council directed staff to enter into a dialogue with the potential developer of the potential residential neighbourhood,” CAO Craig Calder said. “There has been no firm decision on this, and the discussions are in their infancy.”

In their report, staff indicated the potential development could include upwards of 200 homes within the village boundary. The idea would be for the township to partner with the developer in this early phase of

determining the viability of such a project.

“A thorough analysis will have to be done of the Chrysler water and sewer system to determine if the existing system can withstand the additional development pressure,” staff said in the May 18 report, which included information from a 2013 plan that noted that Finch uses roughly 46 per cent of the Chrysler sewer and pump station capacity. The plan identified the construction of a new sewage pumping station as a future solution to pressure and flow concerns.

SD denies zoning amendment

Continued from the front

As owner of the property located at the corner of County Road 2 and Industrial Road, Coun. Lloyd Wells declared a conflict of interest. This left the decision to Gardner, Mayor Steven Byvelts, and councillors Don Lewis and Archie Mellan. During the May 25 council meeting, Byvelts, Gardner, and Lewis voted against the request.

“I supported this development the first time around,” Mellan said. “Is it the ideal location? Maybe not, but one thing I have heard over the years is the need for affordable and available rental units.

Based on provincial, regional, and municipal policies, municipal planning consultant Erin Reed recommended denying the zoning amendment request. She said approval of the request would negatively impact current and future industrial park business.

“The proposed mixed-use building is not compatible with the surrounding land uses,” Reed said in her report. “Based on our review, Vacant Parcel D, Xenopus Inc., Enstar Holdings Inc., and Sybron Canada LP would be limited to Class I industrial uses, while the surrounding industrial lots would be limited to Class II industrial uses if the proposed amendment is approved.”

While council members each made a brief statement before voting, the main discussion took place at the previous council meeting on May 10. It was just before the start of that session that a public meeting was held giving residents a chance to voice their opinions.

“I guess it’s kind of a difference of opinion, but I think that this proposed mixed-use building does not further constrain your industrial park and there’s only a couple of lots that are close to this site that are not developed and it’s my opinion that those are already constrained by the inn facility that’s there,” Tracy Zander of ZanderPlan Inc. said. Zander said she has been working with the purchaser of the property for several years. Made in mid-2020, the original proposal was for a residential unit. When that was denied, a new plan for a mixed-use commercial/residential building was presented.

Only three South Dundas residents spoke at the public meeting, each with property in the industrial park. While they agreed more housing options are needed, they said the Industrial Park is not the right place.

“They claim there won’t be an issue

with noise, but if you go back and sit on that road and watch the 200 trucks that go by there every day, you notice that there is lots of noise. That would be an issue that would come to council,” Brian Veinotte said, noting it could lead to current businesses being ordered to reroute traffic in the future.

He said there was also a safety issue. Increased pedestrian use in an area with so many large trucks moving through could be hazardous, he said.

“I agree with the concern of traffic,” Alexandra Parker said, noting that her business is close to the proposed apartment. “We have a smell, we have noise, we rely on the trucking company in the area, and it would be very detrimental to have any sort of restrictions on when we can operate or what we have to do to operate.”

Parker disagreed with Zander. She said the McIntosh Country Inn and Conference Centre is not the same as an apartment building because guests at the inn stay for a few nights, not every night.

“We are not opposed at all to new business or housing in the community. We feel that would be a great thing. We just don’t feel that this is the spot for it,” she said.

Cole Veinotte was the third resident to speak against the zoning amendment. He said he was impressed with the concept, but the industrial park was not the right location.

“Frankly, we all agree that the concept is admirable, it’s great and we’d really like to see it somewhere here in Morrisburg, but just not in that particular location,” he said. “Our position remains unchanged as far as the impact it could have on potential development, the impact it could have on ours and other businesses’ current development, and the safety factors with the traffic – foot traffic and vehicular traffic. The McIntosh is a commercial operation, it’s transient guests that stay there. A hotel, an inn, or a motel has never impeded the construction of international airports, for example. They actually tend to be built all the way around them. People aren’t living there for extended periods of time. They don’t have to put up with the smell, the noise, the traffic, or anything else.”

Zander said the lease agreement could include a clause informing tenants of the smell and noise issues. She said this would eliminate the potential for complaints.

“I truly wish that we had this building somewhere else because it makes lots of sense. It just doesn’t make sense there,” Brian Veinotte said.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 12240 COUNTY RD 5 PART LOT 33, CONCESSION 8 (FORMER GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMSBURG)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Dundas passed By-law No. 2021-57 on the 25th day of May 2021, under Section 34 (18) of the *Planning Act*.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal in respect of the By-law, by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Dundas not later than the 14th day of June 2021, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection. A Notice of Appeal must include the prescribed fee of \$1,100.00 (certified cheque or money order) payable to the Minister of Finance.

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This By-law will change the zoning for the property noted above.

This Zoning By-law amendment is requested to re-zone the western portion of the property from Institutional (I) to Residential Hamlet (RH) to permit a dwelling to be the primary use of the subject property.



The zoning is being changed by rezoning the subject property zoned Institutional to Residential Hamlet (RH).

The Key Plan identifies the location of approximately 8,336.5 m² (2.06 acres) of affected land. This Zoning By Law Amendment is not related to any Minor Variance, Official Plan Amendment, or Plan of Subdivision.

DATED at the Municipality of South Dundas this 26th day of May 2021.

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Reimagining business with ND Chamber of Commerce

Continued from the front

"I think this is a dynamic group of people here. I think we can do some really great things," new member Dan Pettigrew said. His peers said similar things, noting the vital role of the chamber in supporting local business, as well as the part it plays in helping the community grow.

North Dundas economic development officer Stephen Mann said the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG)'s Regional Incentive Program (RIP) intake for 2021 will open the first week in June

and run for two to three weeks. An additional intake will be held in July, he said, noting the RIP offers matching grants of up to \$50,000 for businesses. The township's Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is always accepting applications. Mann said he is available to help local businesses with the process for both the RIP and the CIP.

The final portion of the meeting included an interactive session with Wellman, who encouraged viewers to focus on what is working rather than what is not. She emphasized the

importance of being intentional and reimagining what business looks like, as things will, no doubt, not go back to the "normal" that people remember.

"The new normal isn't going to look like the old normal and that's okay," she said, pointing to the opportunity for businesses to be creative and to reimagine what can be. She suggested taking small steps, one at a time.

Wellman used Zoom Breakout Rooms to divide viewers into small discussion groups, where participants discussed the positives that have arisen

since the pandemic. Accessibility, the ability for people who might not have been able to attend a meeting or event who can now do so due to the virtual format, was one of the major positives. In addition, working from home and joining meetings virtually can produce infrastructure and mileage savings.

"We're in this together and we have to help each other," Beasley said.

The election of the new executive was held following the public meeting. Nanda Wubs, owner of No Limits Auto Parts, was elected president, while Cheryl Beasley, owner of Simply Baked Catering, retained her position as vice president. Linda Vogel, owner of Linda's Bookkeeping and Consulting and co-owner of *The Chesterville Record* and *The Eastern Ontario*

AgriNews, was voted treasurer. Jen Feeny of Jen Feeny Marketing is the group's secretary. Zandbergen, owner of *Nation Valley News*, is now past president. In addition to Feeny and Vogel, the chamber welcomed Loralee Carruthers (Century 21 and River's Edge Ltd.), Dan Pettigrew (Winchester Foodland), and Trevor Watters (Watters Financial Group) to the membership.

Ronson Road Speed Reduction pilot project

Joseph Morin

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MOUNTAIN – On May 25, North Dundas council, responded to complaints about the potential for a pedestrian type of accident on Ronson Road. There were reports of motorists driving at excessive speeds on the road. Council authorized the speed limit on the east end portion of the road to be reduced from 80 km to 60 km effective immediately.

The residential road is on the western side of Simms Street just a short distance from the House of Lazarus.

The road is a dead end with a turn-

around about halfway down its length for a vehicle like a school bus to turn-around.

Consequently, children getting off the bus have to walk along the road to get home.

The problem with that is that the speed limit on the road is 80 km/hour.

Mayor Fraser explained, "It's essentially a dead-end road; it's not a commuter road.

Unmarked roads are deemed to be 80 km/h so there are concerns about school-age children on the road."

He said this was an issue that had to be addressed and that he felt the situation was unsafe.

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North Stormont defers water tower logo decision

Sandy Casselman

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

BERWICK – While the township of North Stormont council has closed the door on the water tower logo issue, they have left the door unlocked, agreeing to revisit the question during the 2022 budget deliberations.

Local politicians voted to defer a decision to add logos to municipal water towers during the May 18 council meeting. This decision effectively put an end to the question on the table, which was to pay an additional \$17,000 to the company already hired to do renovations on the Crysler Water Tower for the addition of the

township logo.

Public Works superintendent Blake Henderson had first raised the question at the previous council meeting following an inquiry from the company. While the addition of the logo was not included in the original request for proposal (RFP) for the water tower's restorations, the company had asked if North Stormont would like it added for a cost of \$17,000.

At that time, council deferred the decision, advising Henderson to research the potential for having the work done for less money either by the current contractor or through a separate RFP that would cover all three municipal water towers.



Cloverdale Links open up for the summer

The lifting of some pandemic restrictions was good news for golf courses on the May 22 weekend. Cloverdale Links Golf Course had great weather to welcome back its golfers. Here Wendy and Frazer Wales from Edwards were waiting for their turn to tee off. Despite the lifting of some restrictions, the golf course staggered tee offs so that there would be less grouping of people waiting to get on the course.

Morin Photo

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS NOTICE OF REFUSAL OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PLAN 46 LOT 11 NORTH SIDE OF COUNTY RD 2, EAST OF INDUSTRIAL ROAD (FORMER GEOGRAPHIC VILLAGE OF MORRISBURG)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Dundas refused a request to amend the Municipality of South Dundas Zoning By-law 2010-48 on the 25th day of May 2021. The Notice is being issued under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal in respect to the refusal decision, by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Dundas not later than the 14th day of June 2021, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection. A Notice of Appeal must include the prescribed fee of \$1,100.00 (certified cheque or money order) payable to the Minister of Finance.

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No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the requested zoning by-law amendment was refused, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting, if any, or written submission to the council or, in the opinion of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the Application was to re-zone the property from Highway Commercial (CH) to Highway Commercial Special Exception to allow for a mixed-use development with commercial uses on the ground floor and 30 residential units on the upper floors. The Highway Commercial Special Exception Zone will also reduce the required landscaping strip from 3 metres to 1.5 metres and add the following uses to the subject property: Clinic, Laundromat, Office, Personal Service Establishment/Shop, and Retail Store.

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Dundas held a statutory public meeting, pursuant to Section 34 of the *Planning Act* on May 10th 2021. On May 25th 2021 the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Dundas refused the application. The refusal to amend the Zoning By-law is based on non-consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement, non-conformity with the Official Plan and concerns with the respect to compatibility of the proposed sensitive land use and its impact on

the surrounding industrial subdivision. All oral submissions relating to the applications made at the public meeting on May 10th, 2021 and all written submissions made to Council were considered by Council before this decision was made.

The decision of Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received before or on the last day to appeal.

DATED at the Municipality of South Dundas this 26th day of May 2021.

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Simply wrong

The discovery of the final resting place of the 215 Indigenous children at a former residential school in British Columbia reveals in no uncertain terms what the strategy was regarding assimilating the existing Aboriginal culture and society in Canada in the last century and even as recently as 1996.

As a Canadian, and relatively well versed in Canadian history, including the tragic consequence of the residential schools, the reality of what Indigenous people suffered was intellectually obvious but emotionally clouded and distant.

Not anymore. Finding these children brought home the horror the children and their families went through as they were pulled into a system designed to fail.

The shame and disgust felt by most of us resonates in every Facebook post and editorial you see.

For once everyone can agree on something. Even though the Canadians of the 21st century would never condone what happened in their country's past regarding Indigenous Peoples, it is still part of our heritage, and our shame, because so much has not been done to at least encourage acknowledgement and responsibility.

There are no excuses, nothing our government can say, and certainly nothing the Catholic Church can come up with to make what they did meaningful or in any way well intended.

It seems that even if we apply mid-1800 values it still makes no sense. The cruelty and the wanton disregard for even the basic levels of respect for another human being were ignored at the residential school.

The Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the United States just like in Australia and India suffered much the same fate as the target of colonial assimilation or extinction, whichever way you call it.

We should know the difference between right and wrong, and if we are still confused about it; think about all of those innocent children lost.

There is an estimated 4,000 to 6,000 children that never returned home after being scooped up by the church and state for their supposed own well-being.

Now we have learned the hard way what not to do, and how not to be.

It is a lesson filled with regret, and at the same time with the determination to never let something like this happen again.

Joseph Morin

Grow A Row for Community Food Share

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Garden planting has begun and while you're putting your vegetable plants and seeds into the ground, people are encouraged to "Grow-A-Row" for Community Food Share (CFS). In a recent press release CFS Team Leader Jane Schoones explained this program "provides gardeners the opportunity to grow a row of vegetables or fruit" to share with their neighbours "by donating produce to the local food banks and meal programs.

Schoones continued CFS will be partnering with Cooter's Automotive, located at 9 Cockburn Street in Berwick, which will be "their CFS Stormont garden produce depot. This partnership will enable the fresh garden produce, after removal of excess soil, to be delivered to Cooter's Automotive during store hours, with the produce delivered to the "food bank location in Winchester at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in June, July and August".

Schoones suggested for donations of 30 pounds or more to "please make arrangements for drop off with Community Food Share in Winchester at 613-774-1088". CFS is also in need of drivers to "rotate weekly to drive the produce from Berwick to Winchester on Wednesday evenings by 6:30 p.m. throughout the summer" and to contact Cooter's store at 613-984-2641.

NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson
Student Council Communications



Thank you

Last week, our student council decided to say thank you to one of our local businesses on behalf of our school: Summers Physiotherapy. We wanted to take a moment to thank this health-care service and let them know that we appreciate all that they have done and continue to do for our communities.

We gave their employees several Giving Gertie gift bags to show our thanks. Each cloth bag contained a Hershey's chocolate bar, a Tim's gift card, and a special note from a youth, expressing thanks to all health-care workers during these challenging times. Giving Gertie is a not-for-profit Ottawa organization that raise awareness and help us say thank you to our healthcare workers.

Dave and ND recent grad & employee took a moment out of their day to meet with Delaney and Margot to accept on behalf of his staff. Thank you to all health-care services, big and small, for everything they have done during the pandemic.

As we enter the month of June, and the days get sunnier, getting outside is highly encouraged for everyone, especially our ND students. We started the celebration of the season with our Fun in the Sun Spirit Day last Fri., May 28. Getting some fresh air and soaking up that vitamin D (while wearing sun protection of course) can greatly improve your mood and productivity. It is important to maintain positive mental health and work habits even as we wrap up the last month of school for the year. Keep working hard; you can do this ND!



Left to right: Deanna Madore, Dave Summers, Margot Guy, and Delaney Johnston. Courtesy Photo

The Road Home

by Carolyn Thompson Goddard

While we all like things to remain the same as much as possible, change is as inevitable as the sun setting in the west or rising in the east. Having attained the grand old age of 65 years, I can't count the changes which have occurred during my lifetime. What is interesting is that most of these changes have occurred without my even noticing them, it was only when looking in the rear-view mirror that they become visible.

I moved with my family to the house on King Street in Chesterville when barely two years old from our family farm north of Morewood. There is very little memory of living on the farm and the move to Chesterville, but luckily, I had a talkative mother who told me about my pre-Chesterville life. She told of my brothers playing baseball with her on the front lawn, of newly washed diapers drying in the oversized kitchen in the wintertime and mother ducks leading their goslings through her vegetable garden on the road to somewhere.

Mom spoke of the move to Chesterville, how she told Harry Greer (think that is the right first name) to be at the farm at 8 o'clock in the morning for the first load. She and Aunt Bess (who was married to Allan Thompson

Dad's uncle) somehow got everything packed and unpacked in one day – an incredible accomplishment with seven children between 2 and 18 underfoot.

There are few memories of the early years in King Street, with one of the most vivid of Aunt Bess babysitting us on the few occasions Mom and Dad went out together. Somehow, she managed, while watching us to wallpaper the living room and the music room while they were out for a few hours. I can only imagine how surprised my parents were when they returned home from their evening out.

I recall the large kitchen table where many meal-time discussions were held, most without much controversy, but there were a few that got a bit heated at times. I remember Mom helping my oldest brother Stephen preparing lessons for his students during his first year of teaching at the table, discussions of current events between Mom and David where she played the "Devil's Advocate" and where a young girl enjoyed her favourite lunch of cooked ham sandwich, chocolate milk and tomato soup!

When Dad retired from Nestlé, we had to move out of the company house which had been our home for almost twenty years. For a time, they lived in

a wonderful apartment on Mary Street, before moving to the house in Winchester where my mom had grown up. While I was at university for the move, I remember the many family dinners and reunions held at the house, visiting Daddy while he was dying with cancer and through the years watching my children play on the yard where Mom had played when she was a youngster.

After getting married we seemed to flip back and forth between southwestern Ontario and my home area of eastern Ontario. I have packed up houses so many times, that it is providential my final relocation with my now ex-husband was to Cornwall, sending me back to my beloved Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and within half an hour of my beloved Chesterville. I am home and so glad that my heart overflows with gratitude each day.

When one looks back, one hardly notices the changes from child to teenager to mother to grandmother, but along the way there have been many who have travelled for a time. Without doubt the most important ones are close family members who remind us of where we were, where we are and help us get to where we are going and telling us the stories, we either have forgotten or never known.



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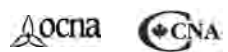
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South Dundas clerk says goodbye after 31 years

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative
Reporte

MORRISBURG – Municipality of South Dundas clerk Brenda Brunt officially retires this week.

Brunt received expressions of gratitude along with wishes for a happy retirement from every South Dundas politician during the May 25 council meeting. Brunt will officially retire on June 4 following decades of service to her community. Council voted to make deputy clerk Ethan Robert the new clerk beginning June 5.

“The municipality has been blessed with Brenda as our clerk and the years of dedication she has put into her job,” Coun. Archie Mellan said, adding it has been an honour and privilege to be working with her for the past 10 years. “Ethan, you have big shoes to fill. She’s one of the best, if not the best.”

Mayor Steven Byvelds, Deputy Mayor Kirsten

Gardner, along with councillors Lloyd Wells and Don Lewis each expressed their gratitude for Brunt’s personal and professional attention. They shared personal stories of her kindness and assistance during their introductions to council work.

“Thirty-one years in the same location is a long time. I’ve been blessed and

very fortunate that council has always supported my endeavours, right or wrong, and also supported education,” Brunt said. “The staff are second to none. They are my family, as you are, and I’ve been blessed over the years with some really good council members and family and friends, and coworkers to get me through. Everybody

was with me when I was sick, and I appreciated the support, and it means a lot to me that you were all there. Thank you very much. I know there’s lots for me to do in retirement, but you know I’ll always be around to answer the phone. Best of luck to everybody. Find your life-work balance because it’s very important.”



Art auction to benefit Community Food Share

In April 2021, Winchester artist Carrie Keller held a series of online art auctions in support of the Winchester & District Memorial Hospital Foundation which raised approximately \$1,700. Keller recently posted on her “Paintings to Order” Facebook page her decision to hold another auction of “one huge, glorious painting” which will be “bid on all the month of June,” with all proceeds going to Community Food Share. For more information on the bidding process and the painting being auctioned, you are encouraged to visit the Paintings to Order Facebook page.

Courtesy Photo

Statement from warden Frank Prevost

CORNWALL – The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, including its local municipalities, is expressing deep sadness, shock and sympathy following the discovery of the remains of 215 Indigenous children buried at a former residential school in British Columbia.

We are heart-broken, and the discovery of the remains should galvanize all Canadians in doubling our efforts to root out systemic racism and pay tribute to Indigenous children who lost their lives while being forced into a residential school system that should have never existed.

At least 3,200 children died amid abuse and neglect as part of the residential school system in this country. Not enough has been done to call attention to the cultural genocide this school system inflicted upon First Nations, and to acknowledge the pain experienced by Indigenous Peoples for generations.

Our friends, the Mohawks of Akwesasne, and all First Nations’ Peoples deserve more from us. A greater accounting of the terrible injustices inflicted upon all Indigenous Peoples in our country will lead to a better understanding of the culture and traditions that have been lost.

The flags at the County Administration Building, and municipal offices throughout SDG, have been lowered as a small sign of sympathy and respect. It is now up to all of us to ensure that gestures are followed with action in condemning the crimes of the past and putting into place measures that root out evil today and in the future.



Out for a stroll


Traffic stopped for a family of Canada Geese that crossed the highway near Newington during a long weekend walk. After a few minutes of watching for a clear path across the road, Papa Goose led his family from the long grass at the side of the road and made the crossing safely before disappearing into the tall grass on the other side.

Thompson Goddard Photo



Obituary JOHN HERFKENS

Suddenly at home on Saturday, May 29, 2021, John Herfkens of Crysler, age 92. Loving husband of Mien Herfkens (nee Peters). Loving father of Theo (Carolyn) of Crysler, Johnny (Monika) of Crysler, Trudy Johnson (Melvin) of Kanata, Albert (Jeanne) of Crysler, Henry (Debbie) of Berwick and Michael (April) of Crysler. Dear brother of Geer Herfkens and Marie Van Zuylen, both of the Netherlands. Grandpa will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Tara, Jodi (Rodney), Kaitlin (Tony), Jessica (Evan), Mikayla (Zac), Amber (Brandon), Jade (Mark), Adam, Zachary (Shelby), Paulina, John, Logan, Kyle and great-grandchildren Madison, Jacob, Owen, Brianna, Hailey, Mitchell, Maximus, Lauren, Olivia, Sadie, Lucy, Lewis, Ainslie and Duncan. He was predeceased by his parents Theodorus and Elisabeth Herfkens (nee Verploegen), his sister Dore Bruisten and his brother Theo Herfkens. He is also survived by nieces and nephews in the Netherlands. Due to Covid-19 restrictions a private family service will be held. Donations to Dundas County Hospice 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.



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Wanna make it farm: 1-Acre Challenge

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

MOOSE CREEK – Having a thorough understanding of the agriculture industry is usually the result of growing up on a farm. While the business side of agriculture often seems like a mystery to urban folks, even many people in rural communities are unaware of what actually goes on behind the scenes.

Wanna Make It Farm has come up with an unusual but interesting way to help share agricultural information, knowledge and hopefully enthusiasm for farming with younger people. The farm is hosting an event called the 1-Acre Challenge. The year-long challenge was designed to help young entrepreneurs explore ag-business without the typical barriers to entry like buying land and machinery. Erin Leduc, farm

owner, said, “There are certainly some high caliber youth in our communities that have great ideas but unfortunately they never get the chance to turn those ideas into reality; we want to help get those ideas off the ground.”

Not only will the participants have the opportunity to develop their business skills and make real money, they will also be competing for a prize of \$10,000 toward their post-secondary education.

“Young people that didn’t grow up on a farm often feel like they can’t break into agriculture and we want to change that. We want to help prove that the ag-space can provide great opportunities for entrepreneurial minded youth, regardless if they have a farm background or not.” said Alain Leduc, Wanna Make It Farms



founder. The idea behind the challenge is to find the most sustainable, unique, and profitable use of farmland. The farm has allocated one acre along McNeil Road in Moose Creek for the Challenge, where the four individuals or teams will each be allocated ¼ of an acre to use.

Wanna Make It Farm supplies the land at no cost, and will assist with funding some of the start up costs. Like a standard farm loan, the proceeds from the business will be used to pay back the amount borrowed for start-up costs and the rest is profit for the

participant. The individual or team with the most sustainable, unique, and profitable use of farmland will be granted the \$10,000 prize. Applications are being accepted from Nov. 1 – Dec. 1. Anyone from 13-18 years of age who lives in Eastern Ontario and has access to transportation to and from Moose Creek, Ont. can apply. You can also apply as an individual or as a team. The application process takes place online. More information can be found at www.wannamakeitfarm.com, 1acrechallenge.ca, or on Wanna Make It Farms’ Facebook page.

Rick Cauvier Memorial Park to feature Lions Club pavilion

Joseph Morin
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MOUNTAIN – The Mountain & District Lions Club is donating a park bench, two picnic tables, a sign, and flowers to the newly constructed pavilion that is situated in the newly named Rick Cauvier Memorial Park in South Mountain.

They will be calling the spot the Lions Club Pavilion.

The bench and picnic tables are being built locally and will be identical to the black steel benches that are located throughout the municipality.

The Lions Club is hoping to complete its project this summer.

The North Dundas Recreation & Culture Department has been working closely with a Lion member to provide information and support for this proposed community project.

Departmental team members will be moving the park bench that is located in front of the former Scotia Bank in South Mountain to the new pavilion, and will also be supplying a new steel garbage receptacle.

The recreation department has offered to provide transportation for the new fixtures, as well as placement and fastening.

The Lions Club will be paying for the proposed furnishings and flowers through funds previously raised by the Club. The Recreation & Culture Department will be providing assistance for transportation, labour, and minor incidentals, the expenses for which were included in the 2021 departmental budget as regular operating costs.

Spending COVID-19 funds in South Dundas

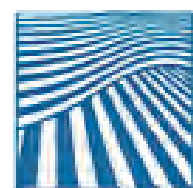
Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MORRISBURG – With seven months left in the year, the Municipality of South Dundas has roughly \$88,000 in COVID-19 funding in reserve for potential pandemic-related needs.

Treasurer Sarah McMillan provided an update on the township’s COVID-19 Safe Restart Funding during the May 25 council meeting. She provided council with numbers representing funding income and expenses.

Initially, South Dundas received \$299,600 in Safe Restart Program funding. To cover pandemic-related 2020 expenses, South Dundas spent \$199,521.28, leaving \$100,078.72. This year, the municipality has received an additional \$60,000 in Safe Restart Program money, as well as \$191,690 in COVID-19 Recovery Funding for a current total of \$351,768.72.

“Staff have prepared an estimate of funds to be utilized during 2021 and the estimated balance remaining,” McMillan said in her report. “As the



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situation with the COVID-19 pandemic evolves there may be more expenses or operating pressures that the municipality can utilize the funding for. The expenses provided in the report are estimated costs. Staff intend on bringing a report back to council on a regular basis.”

The estimated expenses in 2021 will include arena revenue loss, emergency management expenses, office expenses, and the summer student funding shortfall. It will also cover the cost of purchasing Bang the Table software, additional picnic tables and garbage cans, vehicle rentals from April to June, duct work cleaning at the municipal centre, leadership and resiliency training, COVID-19 billboards and signage, and the municipality’s website redevelopment. The estimated total of expenses is \$263,527, leaving \$88,241.72 left to cover the remainder of 2021.

“I really appreciate the report,” Mayor Steven

Byvelds said. “If things come along, having \$88,000 in the bank is a good place to start.”

The mayor’s council colleagues agreed that South Dundas should hold on to the remainder in case there are any more pandemic surprises, but should the money still be available at the end of the year, council members had ideas of how it might be spent. Deputy-Mayor Kirsten Gardner asked McMillan to find out if the money could be given to community groups retroactively for COVID-19-related expenses or losses, while Councillor Archie Mellan said he would like to see any remaining money to be used to improve accessibility at municipal facilities.

“The onus is on you to make sure the money is spent right,” Byvelds told McMillan, referring to the province’s funding guidelines. “Let us know if we’re going out of bounds.”

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Marvelville woman wins award for dairy calf research

Vanessa White
Special to the Record

MARVELVILLE – The Western Canadian Dairy Seminar Student Competition is an opportunity for top students in the agricultural industry to present their research to dairy producers. When speaking with Allison Welk, a M.Sc. student in the animal welfare program at the University of British Columbia, it is easy to see why she was the winner for her presentation. She researched the effect of individualized weaning methods and forage types on dairy calf behaviour and performance. She is enthusiastic, knowledgeable, practical, and quietly confident when speaking about her research. The winning presentation was selected by producers attending the conference and is available to view on YouTube.

When Welk was doing her undergraduate degree in environmental studies at Dalhousie University, it felt like she was heading in the opposite direction from where she grew up, on a hog farm in Marvelville, Ont. Her post-graduate studies, however, have brought her back to her roots in the agricultural industry, as she studies applied animal biology at the University of British Columbia.

As a teenager, Welk worked on dairy farms in the Russell and Metcalfe area where she gained practical knowledge of the dairy industry. And then after her undergrad she returned to work on dairy farms, but more in herd management than as a general labourer. During this time, she became more and more interested in how to



As a teenager, Welk worked on dairy farms in the Russell and Metcalfe area where she gained practical knowledge of the dairy industry. Courtesy Photo

improve methods in the industry and these experiences have shaped her education and research choices.

Welk chose to focus her research project on calf weaning and feeding because she had noticed that farmers often faced challenges in this area. The most common criterion for weaning calves is age and she pointed out that this can be problematic if calves are not consuming enough solid feed. Calf stress and poor weight gains can result from weaning too early or poor feeding practices. Welk summarized, “The point of intake based weaning is to only start weaning calves when they are actually consuming solid feed; it is a way to individualize weaning for each calf.”

During the project, several groups of calves were compared. The groups were given different treatments and one group was weaned based on solid feed intake

and another based on age. The group that was weaned based on intake instead of age had overall higher feed intake and weighed more at the end of the study period. According to Welk, “Overall I think weaning based on intake should result in better growth and better feed intakes compared to weaning calves based on age.”

A major challenge for producers wanting to implement this type of weaning is because many farmers manually feed and use individual housing for calves. Although automatic calf feeders that monitor calf milk and feed intake are used on some farms, currently there isn’t a software program developed to easily customize the milk ration according to solid feed intake.

The research also compared feeding different forage types to calves. Other recent research has indicated benefits to

feeding forage in addition to grain. The industry has not fully embraced this yet with some producers preferring to feed only grain.

In comparing the addition of grass hay versus silage based Total Mixed Ration (TMR), Welk’s research indicated that grass hay was better initially, with greater gains at weaning time because of increased dry matter intake. However, as the animals were followed for a five-month period, calves fed TMR bridged the growth gap and there was no difference between the two treatment groups.

Although she was careful to say that her findings are not definitive, Welk is confident there are several things that producers may find easy to implement. One is to increase milk volume (eight to 12 litres of milk) and offer forage as well as grain. Another is to delay weaning until at least eight to 10 weeks and then do it gradually over a two-week period using a step-down method.

One of the questions raised by the study is to find out why 10 per cent of the calves ‘failed.’ Several calves did not meet the required solid feed intake target before nine weeks and therefore were force-weaned instead. These calves weighed significantly less at the end of the ten-week period and further research is required to find out why they struggled so much. Monitoring feed intake is a method farmers can use to identify struggling calves.

As well as advocating for further improvements to calf feeding, Welk mentioned several times the positive changes already seen in the industry over the last few decades. Some producers are already weaning at 10 to 12 weeks and feeding higher quantities of milk. Welk has other ideas to further study this topic and the industry will certainly benefit from her keen and inquisitive mind.



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The year 1937, saw the establishment of Dairy Month, a campaign to help encourage people to strengthen bones and build a foundation of good health by drinking rich, creamy, healthful milk. Throughout the nation, dairy

farmers start preparing to share the wonderful things that are included in the long and broad range of dairy products.

These intrepid farmers are just the latest in a long line of dairy farmers going far back into history. Nomads originally used the milk from the animals that travelled with them as an important part of their nutrition. When we finally settled in rural communities we began agriculture, and with it we increased milk-production and it became even more a part of our lives and diet. Eventually, as the world expanded and became industrialized, we created commercial milk industries to ensure there was enough for everyone. Dairy Month celebrates everyone engaged in this industry and the influence it had stretching back through the centuries.

How to celebrate Dairy Month

Celebrating Dairy Month is simple and incredibly delicious! Go out today and make sure you buy and indulge in some of your favourite dairy products. Start your day with a great big bowl of cereal with ice cold milk poured on, in the middle of the day stop and have yourself a delicious fruit and yogurt cup for a healthy boost, and follow dinner with a creamy bowl of ice cream in your favourite flavour.

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More COVID-19 vaccination appointments: Now available for youth aged 12 to 17

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) is ready to book vaccination appointments for youths aged 12 to 17.

The vaccination clinics will run throughout the weeks of June 14 and 21.

Vaccine appointments will also be available through regular mass immunization clinics and at select pharmacies administering the Pfizer vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine is currently the only COVID-19 vaccine that has been authorized

by Health Canada for use in youth aged 12 and over.

Youth and their family members who have not received their first dose are encouraged to visit our website to learn how to book an appointment. In some cases, there are multiple options for booking an appointment. Booking is also available directly through the provincial booking system at www.Ontario.ca/bookvaccine. For children who are turning 12 in the next few months, or if you require assistance with booking, please call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900 to find out how you can book an appointment.

Appointments can be made by an individual or with the help of someone. If you know someone who is eligible, please encourage them to get vaccinated. For individuals aged 12 to 17 who have barriers preventing them from physically going to a vaccination clinic, parents/guardians can call the Eastern Ontario Health Unit at 1 800 267-7120 (press 5) to discuss alternate arrangements.

For the latest updates about COVID-19 vaccines, including which population groups are eligible to receive it and how to access it, please regularly visit the Eastern Ontario Health Unit's website at www.EOHU.ca/vaccines.

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LUNENBURG – At the corner of County Roads 18 and 12 in Lunenburg is Krazy Dan’s Seafood and Meat Market which is developing a following stretch far beyond the borders of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

The market is run by Dan Shaver and his partner Yvonne Laub.

Inside the store is an eclectic selection of seafood, ranging from alligator, squid, swordfish to snappers, lobsters, and frog legs, as well cuts of AAA Western Beef and a selection of other grocery items. Shaver, a trained pilot, licensed mechanic and autobody technician, for many years, ran a take-out food business as well as selling cars, but with car auctions moving online only in response to COVID-19 the used car business became more problematic. It was soon after that Krazy Dan’s Seafood and Meat Market was formed and has become a favourite source for locals as well as customers from as far away as Brockville, Ottawa, and Rockland. Dan mentioned that restaurants are also purchasing seafood items from the store. Shaver and Laub work in the store providing a down-home welcome to all people entering the establishment and providing excellent customer service.

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Dan Shaver proudly displays his Dragons Den t-shirt near his Krazy Dan’s pickled wieners. Dan commented he and Yvonne were on the popular television show three times, commenting how they were the only entrepreneurs to have this honour.

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Laub commented the store was a one stop shopping experience where you can pick up grocery items, pellets, rubs and other smoker accessories and a delicious

cake, pie, or other baked goods for dessert. She continued there is a baker who creates the selection of dessert items and creates fresh pastries such as mille-feuille for the weekend. Shaver became known for the Krazy Dan’s pickled products line, which he said are now carried by 126 stores and features items such as pickled eggs, relish, sour dill pickles in addition to the infamous Krazy Dan’s pickled wieners. Shaver explained he and Laub have appeared three times on the popular television show Dragon’s Den which provides entrepreneurs with the opportunity to make a pitch for funding to investors. He commented how appearing on the show was a very good experience and provided good advertising to his product.

Dan explained the store usually has a steady stream of customers, with the weekends a bit busier than weekdays, with Yvonne mentioning the pandemic safety protocols are carefully followed. As long-time members of the local area, the couple are well known for their community service, assisting organizations by providing seafood and meat at cost for fundraising events and supporting other initiatives locally.

If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: editor@etceterapublications.ca or call us at 613-448-2321.

Joel Steele Arena slated for refrigeration repairs

Joseph Morin
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

WINCHESTER – The Joel Steele Arena is getting a new chiller.

A chiller is the name of the machine that makes all that ice possible along with the rest of the arena’s refrigeration system. The current one has been doing its job for almost 20 years.

Like every other piece of equipment it loses its effectiveness over time.

A new one will cost around \$72,450 plus HST.

The chiller is the part of the arena’s refrigeration system that recirculates brine, a part of the ice making process, that absorbs heat from the ice surface through a series of tubes embedded in the floor of the arena below the ice. Ammonia in tubes

imbedded in the chiller absorbs the heat from the brine and sends the cooled brine back to the rink.

The chiller is a self-contained unit that cannot be opened or repaired as it ages.

The need to replace the vital piece of arena equipment came after the contractor AC Mechanical Refrigeration Ltd. (AC), was at the Winchester Arena, performing annual end of ice season shutdown maintenance to the refrigeration system at the end of March.

The arena uses a salt water and brine process to maintain a good ice surface.

“During that service, our facilities lead hand notified AC that the brine level in the expansion tank, had been decreasing more than normal over the last month

of the ice season. The alert light had not gone on to indicate to staff that there was trouble with the refrigeration plant or in the brine lines. The ice on the slab was freezing well and there were no indications of any problems,” said Meaghan Meerburg the municipality’s director of recreation and culture.

While examining the chiller, a technician noticed the valve on the brine filter had split.

When changing the valve the technician smelled ammonia, indicating that there was an ammonia leak in the brine line. This meant that one or more of the tubes inside the chiller (a component of the refrigeration plant) was defective (leaking or broken). The technician then vacuumed the ammonia out of the chiller



The Joel Steele Arena in Winchester will be getting a new chiller, a crucial part of their ice making process.

File Photo

and sealed all of the valves in order to prevent any further ammonia from leaking into the brine piping under the arena slab.

Meerburg said, “The life expectancy of a chiller is 20-25 years. With our contracted regular maintenance program, which includes all required inspection, servicing, sampling and testing of the refrigeration system, at the beginning, middle, and end of each ice season, the Winchester Arena chiller

lasted 17 years.”

A chiller is not designed to be opened up so a leaking pipe inside a chiller cannot be repaired.

“Unfortunately, there is no way to repair defective tubing inside of a steel chiller, as the unit is welded and sealed together. As such, we were advised that the chiller will need to be replaced before the upcoming ice season,” said Meerburg.

The council approved the purchase of a new chiller at

their May 25 council meeting and the order has been placed. It takes 10 to 12 weeks for delivery.

Once it arrives at the arena it will take another two and half weeks to remove the defective chiller and replace it with the new one.

“The first ice booking is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 6, pending the slab is not being used by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit at that time,” said Meerburg.

Pandemic painting auction

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

OSGOODE—One of the several successful events hosted by the Osgoode Township Museum (OTM) since pandemic restrictions began in March 2020, has been the free Paint & Pixels virtual paint nights. In a May 28 press release, the OTM announced they will be holding a Virtual Charity Art Auction hosted on Sweet Peas Pantry Too; Vintage and Repurposed (SPPTVR) “well-established Facebook page.”

In support of the OTM, the auction will be held between June 9 and June 11 and will feature 35 pieces of handmade art. All instructions for participation, photographs, dimensions and medium of art pieces will be posted on the SPPTVR Facebook page.

SPPTVR is “a vintage and collectibles shop in Osgoode, with over 100 vendors, including 50 local artisans.” They have supported local charities such as the Osgoode Care Centre, the Kars Women’s Institute, and several other organizations through their proceeds.

The Osgoode Township Museum is located at 7814



Lawrence Street in Vernon and began in 1972 with a purpose “to do research, create interest, collect data, preserve and publish the history of Osgoode Township and the genealogy of it’s residents.” Since that time, the museum has held several annual events, hosted speakers and has created displays to highlight the rural and agricultural heritage of the area.

The institution of restrictions to control the spread of Covid-19 have necessitated the closing of the museum on several occasions, with the OTM continuing to serve its community by providing Camp Kits with themes such as Farm Festival, Inventors and Markers and holiday themed kits, virtual field trips, a virtual speakers’ series and virtual paint nights.

Upcoming events include a Paint & Pixels Night on June 11, a mural project at the OTM in partnership with O-YA and Emilie Darlington an Ottawa mural artist as well as a virtual OTM annual general meeting on June 26. For more information on this and other museum activities please visit their Facebook page, website, located at www.osgoodemuseum.ca, or contact the museum at 613-821-4062.

About Sweet Peas Pantry Too: Vintage and Repurposed is a vintage and collectibles shop in Osgoode with over 100 vendors, including 50 local artisans. They often support local charities through their proceeds such as The Osgoode Care Centre, The Gorgeous Grannies, Grannies All About Kids, The Kars Women’s Institute, Empties for Paws Pet Rescue, St. James United Church, Breast Cancer Action Resource Centre and other local charities.

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Russell mayor creates kerfuffle with motion

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EMBRUN – “I have difficulty [seeing] the purpose of this motion,” Coun. André Brisson said. “If you have a problem with this committee, why did you not just go to the committee and share your concerns?”

Brisson’s comments were aimed at township of Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux during the May 17 council meeting. Leroux put forth a motion, which was seconded by Coun. Jamie Laurin, to forward tree coverage and green space improvement ideas to the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and to encourage the EAC to “take a more proactive role in advising and making recommendations to council on environmental-related matters and practices within the township.

Brisson said with the motion directed at only one of council’s committees, it looks as though he is “trying to make trouble.” Leroux denied the accusation, noting that

he has made the request to council verbally many times in the past and he is now making it “on paper.” He also said the purpose of council committees has always been to make recommendations to council. In addition, both he and Laurin said they had received many resident concerns about tree coverage and felt it necessary to act by introducing the motion

“One of the main reasons why I seconded the notice of motion was specifically the comments that have been made over the last year,” Laurin said, listing the many times council has discussed various tree-related situations. “Comments that I’ve received over the last little bit is that council isn’t doing anything in regard to trees and obviously that’s not the case. We’re doing a lot right now, but we could be doing a little bit more.

Councillor Cindy Saucier, the council representative chairing the EAC, listed the group’s projects and activities. She said she

has only been on the committee since 2015 and in the past year it has been difficult to meet or do anything due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The group is working on a tree bylaw, she said, but it is not ready for council approval. She said other recommendations have been made to council but were denied

“I understand some recommendations have come to council. Some were approved, some were not. But the reason we’re looking for recommendations is because if we simply talked about stuff at this level and never approved stuff, then we’d never get anywhere,” Leroux said. “I know there’s often the sentiment that we can’t recommend that because council won’t approve it, but that’s council’s decision. The role of the committees is to provide recommendations to council. That’s why in 2019 I asked all committees to review their Terms of Reference; tree coverage is a topic dear to a lot of us.

Leroux said the bylaw Saucier and the

EAC have been working on is for tree cutting, not tree coverage, which are two separate issues. He said staff is working on a tree coverage bylaw. He also said staff activity doesn’t count as committee activity. Leroux suggested the committee review all recommendations made in the last 10 years to see what staff is doing versus what the committee is doing.

CAO Jean Leduc said staff had discussed this notice of motion prior to the meeting. In response, he said staff is compiling a report for council outlining all activities, projects, and monies spent in relation to environmental concerns. It was noted the report could be beneficial for the committee.

The motion was unanimously approved, but with a side note from Brisson saying he felt it was inappropriate. Council members recognized the many contributions of every council committee’s resident volunteers.

“Hopefully, everyone goes back to their committees and starts implementing this to make recommendations,” Laurin said.

Russell approves new pilot program

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EMBRUN – In addition to the successful Pop-up Patio Program, the township of Russell is set to see the implementation of a Community Parklets’ Program this summer.

In economic development

director Dominique Tremblay’s recommendation to council during the May 17 meeting, she suggested the zoning bylaw be amended to allow both the Pop-up Patio Program and the Community Parklets’ Program. The recommendation included direction to proceed with the Parklets’ initiative as a pilot

project, which would include the purchase of two parklets from Xpertek in the amount of roughly \$15,000 each, as well as the installation of the two parklets in two municipally owned locations. It was noted there is no additional cost for the Pop-up Patio Program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tremblay said the Parklets’ pilot project is based on research done in other municipalities already implementing the program, including Toronto and Vancouver. She said the idea is to ensure that Main Street is attracting new business and retaining existing business. She said staff had gotten quotes from three different vendors and they would like to purchase two parklets, one each for Embrun and Russell.

“The main purpose of this placemaking is to utilize a community’s assets, inspiration, and potential to create quality public spaces that contribute to health, happiness, and well-being,” Tremblay said during her presentation. She said the project would expand public space giving residents and visitors more places to sit, relax, and enjoy the community, it would foster social life, and it would support local business by attracting people with unique seating, art, and community activities.

While all members of council were on board with

the Pop-up Patio Program, not all were convinced of the Community Parklets’ Program’s merit. Some council members questioned the township’s involvement considering the program is designed to benefit local business rather than residents in general. Mayor Pierre Leroux pointed out that the two programs are serving different interests, one being parks’ development and the other economic development.

“I love the idea,” Coun. Cindy Saucier said, adding her only concerns are with social distancing requirements due to COVID-19, as well as the proposed locations. “We really shouldn’t be encouraging people to sit together like this right now because of COVID-19.”

Coun. Mike Tarnowski had suggested separating the two programs so council could vote on them separately. He, along with councillors Jamie Laurin and André Brisson, were immediately on board with continuing the Pop-up Program during and after the pandemic.

Tremblay said it would take five weeks to construct and install the parklets and by that time the stay-at-home order could be lifted. She said the Parklet could be used by families if the social distancing is still a requirement later in the summer. She also noted the parklet additions could be helpful in providing more sit-

ting options for those businesses with inadequate space for social distancing. Each parklet can fit roughly 10 people. The idea, she said, is to try it to see if it helps and, if so, to encourage local businesses to purchase their own in the future.

“I think it’s an interesting concept. I think if we have two available, and yes it would be in front of the businesses we choose, but we can rotate each year. It’s a tool that would allow us to promote this project,” Leroux said. The parklets are not moveable throughout the season but will be set up in the spring and taken down in the fall.

When it came time to vote, Laurin said he would like the specified locations removed from the motion to allow council to weigh-in on where the parklets should be located. Tarnowski and Brisson continued to question the cost, as well as the township’s role in the Parklets’ Program. Saucier maintained skepticism in the timing due to Covid, saying she is concerned the township will purchase the parklets and not be able to use them this summer.

“You have to remember that our businesses have been absolutely decimated in the

last 14 months. If this can bring traffic to those locations, I think the investment far outweighs the concerns about the cost. It’s a cost we would pay one time and then be used year over year,” Laurin said. He reminded council that Russell’s business owners support local fundraising efforts, employ local youth, and provide jobs for residents.

Tremblay agreed with Laurin. She suggested businesses would be sure to “jump on board” once they see the program is working. She said Russell needs long-term out of the box thinking. She said Russell would be the first township in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell to do this program and it would show businesses that Russell cares.

“I definitely want to support our businesses and I think by not voting for this it doesn’t mean we’re not supporting our businesses,” Tarnowski said.

In a 3-2 vote, the recommendation was passed. While Tarnowski and Brisson voted against the new initiative, Laurin, Leroux, and Saucier voted in favour. At the time of the vote, it was not yet decided where the parklets would be located.

Apartments coming to North Russell Road

Sandy Casselman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EMBRUN – North Russell Road is set to see new apartments available in the not-too-distant future.

Owned by the Russell Reformed Presbyterian Church, the property was zoned for commercial, allowing for mixed use (commercial/residential) buildings, but an amendment was needed to allow for the construction of a second building that would be solely residential. The zoning amendment was approved in a 4-1 recorded vote during the township of Russell’s May 17 council meeting. Coun. Cindy Saucier voted against the recommendation.

“The current proposed development is for a mixed-use building with commercial uses on the main floor and apartment dwellings above and a separate three-storey apartment building,” planner Alix Jolicoeur said in her report. She also noted the Block 121 property was part of the Sunset Flats subdivision application granted in January 2018. In October 2017, an amendment to the Official Plan had been approved to change the zoning from residential to commercial.

Director of planning, building and economic development Dominique Tremblay said notice of the amendment was posted on the property. She said the notice was sent April 6 by ordinary mail to all property owners within 120 metres of the property. Another notice was sent April 27, as the planned public meeting for April 26 did not take place due to technical issues. Instead, due to time sensitive requirements, the public meeting was held at the start of the May 17 council meeting.

A few residents posed questions during the public meeting, voicing concerns with the number of rental units, the height of the buildings, parking, and the potential for traffic and infrastructure issues. Staff explained that the township cannot dictate whether units will be sold or rented. While developers can build up to five-storeys, they have stated an interest in only three-storeys. Number of units, parking spots, and traffic issues are provincially regulated, Tremblay said, adding that these items are addressed during site planning.

Councillor Jamie Laurin asked why both buildings are not mixed commercial/residential. If this were the case, a zoning amendment would not be needed. Tremblay said commercial residents are harder to find and with the second building hidden from the street by the first building, it is unlikely that businesses would choose those units.

There was no indication as to when the project would get underway or when the apartments would become available.

- OBITUARY -

JOAN BEVERLY SAVAGE

Peacefully at the Ottawa General Hospital on May 22, 2021, Joan Beverly Savage of Russell, Ont. passed away in her 82nd year. Dedicated and loving mother to her daughter Sandra Savage, also of Russell.

Joan is predeceased by her parents Arthur and Evelyn Savage and her dear brother Jack Savage (Giselle). She is survived by her brother David Savage (Joan) and her sister Connie Bolton (John) and her nieces and nephews.

We wish to send a special thank you to the General Hospital for the loving care they provided to Joan and her family.

Due to Covid restrictions, the family will have a Celebration of Life at a later date.



- Obituary -

BARRINGTON, LEANNA ELIZABETH (Carruthers)

Peacefully at Russell Meadows on Saturday, May 22, 2021, Leanna Barrington at the age of 92. Loving

wife of the late Harold Barrington. Beloved mother of Ron (late Ginette), Bonnie (Dan Thibodeau) Crystal (Mark White) and Tom. Cherished grandmother of Wade and Russell Barrington, Derek Thibodeau, Makena White and great-grandmother of Wesley, Jared, Avery and Ella. Dear sister of Jean (late Robert Walker), Stewart (Muriel, late Isobel) and the late Hector (late Shirley), Bruce (late Eunice) and Kenneth (Marilyn). Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Due to Covid restrictions funeral services will be held privately. If desired, donations made to the Elizabeth Bruyere Hospital, Brain Health and Memory Clinic, 43 Bruyere, Ottawa, ON K1N 5C8 would be appreciated. The funeral service will be streamed on the Daley Family Funeral Home Facebook page on Friday, May 28 at 12:30 p.m.



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