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Briefly

Tractor Parade in Winchester

WINCHESTER – The 17th Annual Farmer John and Gramma Linda tractor parade will take place (weather permitting) on Sun., Aug. 8. The parade will start at their Big Blue Shed at 1:15 p.m. Friends may join in when they go by the Country Kitchen Restaurant at approx. 1:30 p.m or the Winchester Arena at approx. 1:45 p.m. The goal is to reach and visit the Dundas Manor by 2 p.m. The parade will continue touring Winchester, past the Fire Hall and then the Lions Hall proceeding west on Main Street and finishing at the Winchester Arena.

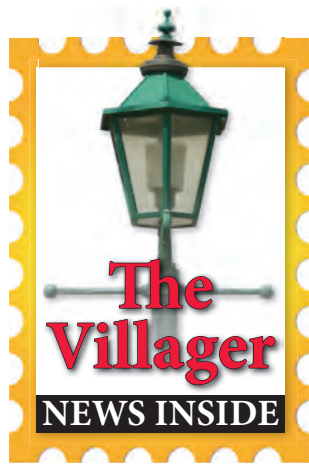
Annual Fish Fry Dinner

AVONMORE – Roxborough Agricultural Society (Avonmore Fair) is hosting a Fish Fry Dinner on Sun., Aug. 15. The meal is \$20, dine in or out. Must be booked online. For more information visit RAS Facebook page or www.avonmorefair.ca.

Walking Tours – Lost Villages Museum

LONG SAULT – Jim Brownell will be leading a guided tour through the buildings and archives at the Lost Villages Museum near Long Sault. Current dates available are Aug. 8, Aug. 22, Sept. 12 and Sept. 26. Visit the Lost Villages Historical Society Facebook page or website for more information.

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Kings Pizza destroyed in weekend fire

Firefighters from all four North Dundas stations plus a tanker and ladder truck from North Grenville spent Sat., July 31 working on this fire in South Mountain. A landmark business in the region, the former Kings Pizza building was destroyed. The owners of the building were away at the time of the fire which was called in at around 11:30 p.m. on the Saturday. When firefighters arrived, the building was completely engulfed. They remained at the scene until 7:30 a.m. the next morning. The Ontario Fire Marshal's office will be looking into the cause of the fire.

Photo on the left courtesy of Bretny Holmes Photography. Morin Photo on the right.

Celebrating 60 years at NDDHS

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Over the past 58 years, high school students from all corners of North Dundas, and for a few years from Russell Township, have attended North Dundas District High School located midway between Chesterville and Winchester on Maple Ridge. In 2023, 60 years will have passed since NDDHS opened its doors and planning is getting underway to celebrate that milestone with a school reunion.

SDSG MP Eric Duncan and Gina Jaquemet, both members of the class of 2005, are co-chairing NDDHS60 with a plan to hold the “biggest reunion yet.” Duncan recently told *The Chesterville Record* it is hoped the reunion committee will be able to meet in the fall and begin planning the “biggest reunion yet at a date yet to be determined with events for people to enjoy and raise some money for the school.

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Municipality gears up for more growth

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Growth of any kind anywhere in a community results in corresponding growth in other areas of the community.

In the case of the incredible recent growth in construction in North Dundas the municipality has hired an additional building inspector. The official title of the new position is applications expeditor/building inspector.

The request for the new position was brought up by the director of planning, building and bylaw enforcement, Calvin Pol.

“We do not have enough staff to accommodate that workload,” he said to councillors at their July 13 regular meeting.

“For the past 20 years, we have averaged

40 new houses a year. Currently we are projecting 400 new dwelling units in the next two years, based on the water allocation bylaw; this has begun, and we are running overtime with our existing employees and don't want them to burn out with this steep increase in construction. The Wellings project alone will require daily inspections, almost a full-time person,” said Pol.

Jacob Forget chief building official and supervisor of bylaw enforcement explained “Since 2006 the building permit code has changed tremendously.”

He explained that in order to be able to keep up with anticipated increase in building applications, the municipality has to be able to expedite each one as efficiently as possible.

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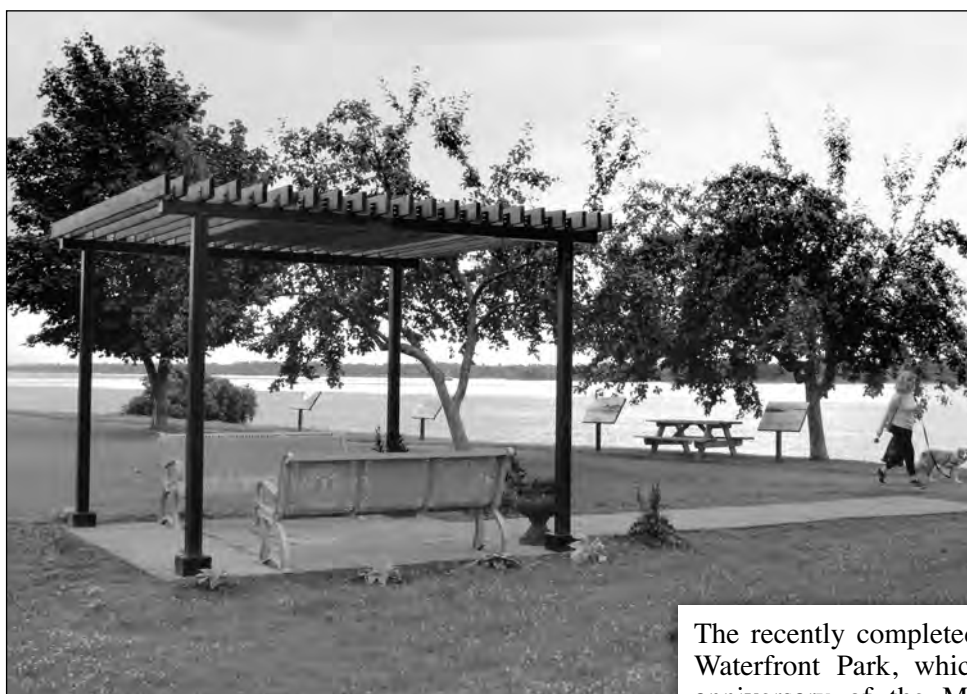
Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – To mark the 70th anniversary of the Morrisburg and District Lions Club in 1979, it was decided to erect a pergola in the Morrisburg Waterfront Park. Lion Keith Robinson, one of the pergola project members, explained that the pergola was built by members of the MDLC and completed in late June 2021.

President Randy Prevost and Robinson

both wished to thank Eastern Ontario Cemetery Memorials near Kemptville for the donation of a commemorative stone located in the centre of the pergola's patio base. Two metal benches, erected in memory of Hal Wagner and Blake Cruickshank, provide an area to rest while enjoying the views afforded by the St. Lawrence River.

There are two benches at the Docksye erected



in memory of Lion Les Cruickshank and Lion Glen Cunningham and two benches on the dock donated in memory of Sue Woods and Tom Hutt by Lion Mike Thompson and Janet Hutt respectively.

Robinson mentioned the MDLC is hosting a golf tournament on Aug. 21 at the golf course in Morrisburg. If interested, people are invited to call Robinson at 613-543-3338 for more information.

The recently completed pergola at the Morrisburg Waterfront Park, which commemorates the 70th anniversary of the MDLC, provides a place to reflect and watch park activities, view the St. Lawrence River or to quietly rest and enjoy the natural world.
Thompson Goddard Photo

Municipality gears up

Continued from the front

Mayor Tony Fraser said he realized the municipality's efforts to encourage more growth has resulted in placing an increased burden on various municipal departments. "We have all expressed the desire to have the level of service in North Dundas kept at a high level, and I think the time has come that in order to keep delivering the expected high level of service we cannot be overwhelming staff and increasing the workload twofold, threefold and more," he said. Councillor Thompson said, "With the amount of development that we have and what we are seeing coming in over the next few years, it's a good problem to have."

Thompson added he believed adding someone to the department to help with inspections and keep the high level of service the municipality currently enjoys was a good idea.

Councillor Gary Annable said that from the public's perspective, adding to the department would give them a little bit more confidence to come in

and feel that there is somebody there to walk them through the process and expedite the whole thing.

Pol's report stated: "Since 2006, the Building Code has changed the way municipalities must conduct business. The number of inspections, the issuance of permits, the type and quality of inspections, the qualifications of its inspectors, liability insurance, and the reporting requirements have all evolved to have a significant impact on building departments. In 2020, the township issued a record-breaking number of building permits, far exceeding the years since amalgamation in 1998. Based on the current permits issued for 2021, it is estimated that 250 permits (excluding permit renewals) will be issued this year surpassing last year's total. Prior to 2019, an average of 150 permits (including permit renewals) were issued per year. In order to address the surge in the number of permits and applications received in 2021, the building division has been working overtime regularly."

North Dundas is anticipating continued growth including more construction over the next four to five years."

His report went on to say: "Based on the water/sewer allocations granted by council, it is expected that approximately 400 permits will be issued within the villages of Winchester and Chesterville over the next two years; this number does not include all other construction projects taking place outside of the two villages where water and sewer are not provided. The department also has developers waiting to apply for water and sewer allocations; thus, showing a sign that the current surge in construction will continue well beyond the next two years."

Current large-scale projects include Welling's of Winchester (423 units), Woods subdivision (132 units + apartments), Wylie Creek subdivision (26 lots), Silver Creek subdivision (35 lots), Parkview Homes (107 proposed units) and Winchester Meadows (36-48 Townhome units)."

The new position will improve customer service by expediting the intake of building permits and facilitating the exchange of information from applying residents and contractors. At the same time, applicants would have an opportunity to better understand the building code.

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WINCHESTER – In June of this year Community Food Share (CFS) received “75 pounds of fresh garden produce from Grow A Row donors” according to Jane Schoones, CFS team lead. She mentioned the fresh vegetables included “lettuce, onion, cucumbers, beans and garlic scapes.”

She continued that the produce from St. Paul’s Community Garden, a CFS project in Winchester, provides CFS all produce grown in the 47’ x 60’ garden plot. A team of dedicated volunteers care for the garden which will produce “beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, peas, peppers, radishes, spinach and tomatoes. Schoones mentioned that 26.5 pounds of fresh vegetables were provided to the CFS in June, in addition to the produce donated from the Grow a Row project.

For those who wish to donate fresh vegetables, please arrange a drop off time by calling the food bank in Winchester at 613-774-0188 or 613-543-0065 in Morrisburg. There is a CFS Depot for dropping off garden produce at Cooter’s Automotive in Berwick during their hours of operation.

Schoones discussed two programs for school age children, the Student

Nutrition Program (SNP), “funded through Upper Canada Leger Centre of Education and Training” and the “After the Bell” program. CFS serves as a depot for the SNP where “families with school age children and youth” can participate in the program by making an appointment every two weeks until the end of August. She mentioned the “After the Bell” program can

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be accessed by clients of the CFS in late summer, with school aged children receiving “a healthy food pack with a feedback evaluation for children to complete.”

There is a need for volunteers at the Winchester location of CFS to assist in “packing client choice orders and Student Nutrition Snack program bags.” For more information, please contact the CFS by email at coordinator@communityfoodshare.ca or by calling 613-774-0188.

Located at the Finchview Villa, this raised garden bed is one of ten such garden beds in Finch which are a part of an initiative of Finch Recreation to provide fresh vegetables to Community Food Share’s “Grow A Row” program.
Thompson Goddard Photo



60 years at NDDHS

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He commented “NDDHS60 is a great opportunity to bring together hundreds, if not thousands, of former students and staff for a big reunion and to raise some money for our high school.” The last reunion, which celebrated the school’s golden anniversary, was held in late June of 2013 and brought together approximately one thousand people from nine provinces and twelve states in the USA, with “all the years pretty well represented.” Duncan explained the 2013 reunion raised over \$20,000 for NDDHS which was used for school beautification projects. This included updating the school’s stage, cafeteria beautification and adding oversized photographs throughout the school.

He noted that during the 50th anniversary reunion there were memory rooms which were organized by decade and included memorabilia and yearbooks from the era as well as volunteers to speak about the history of the school at that time. When asked about NDDHS yearbooks, Duncan noted



Since its opening in September 1963, thousands of students have spent their high school years at NDDHS. NDDHS60 seeks to bring together former students and staff to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Thompson Goddard Photo

there are yearbooks at the school from each year since it opened as well as every newspaper article written about the school from *The Chesterville Record* and *The Winchester Press*.

Duncan commented “NDDHS is a great school, and we know many want to reconnect and help support the next generation of students,” adding “we are expecting alumni



from all across Canada and the US again, and even from Europe, so it will be a fun weekend for sure.”

If you are interested in assisting in the event planning, loaning some memorabilia from your time at NDDHS or would like more information, you are asked to contact the committee through their Facebook page or website at www.NDDHS60.ca

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Emancipation Day in Canada

Well, that was an interesting if understated new civic holiday we all enjoyed on Aug. 1.

Called Emancipation Day in Canada the special holiday recognizes the end of slavery in Canada in 1834. The enslavement of black and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada went on for close to 200 years until in 1883 the United Kingdom signed the *Slavery Abolition Act*. The act took a year to arrive to Canada.

The idea of slavery going on for that long and for that many people in Canada is news to most Canadians thanks to how history is written. We should not be surprised at all. Slavery, back in the day was an economic driver all around the world it seems.

The Canadian government website has a section on Canada's relationship with slavery. It stated: "In his

book *Canada's Forgotten Slaves: Two Hundred Years of Bondage*, the Quebec historian Marcel Trudel estimated that there were approximately 4,200 enslaved people in the area of Canada known as Nouvelle France, and later in Upper and Lower Canada, between 1671 and 1831. Initially, approximately two-thirds of these enslaved people were Indigenous, and one-third were of African descent."

All that is in the past, and the Canadian government's decision, after much lobbying, to have a special day commemorating the moment when slavery on paper at least became illegal in Canada is a worthwhile decision, and an historic moment for us all.

Modern day Canadians cannot even imagine even a little about embracing the concept of slavery, and that is a sign that our society is

moving along in the right direction, but even though slavery has been legislated out of our social fabric for the past century, bias and racism still exists in other forms against people, ideas, and just about anything you care to imagine.

For some reason we think changes in how we behave or believe as a race happen the moment our brains embrace a new way of thinking or modify an old one. But change does take time. For some the realization of a new idea is almost instantaneous for others it takes a generation or two.

We all experience the dawn of new ideas different ways and accept them at different rates.

I guess that must be typical for humans. I am sure grizzly bears and lions get the idea pretty quickly. Being guided by instinct, as the animal world is, does not leave much room for personal biases. Humans

have been graced with that magical attribute called "free will" and sometimes I am sure that "freewill" is the cause of problems from time to time.

Like choosing to discriminate someone based on their accent or the colour of their skin.

An animal probably cannot choose to discriminate against another animal unless it was going to eat them or was on the menu to be eaten.

So, it would seem that being able to be racist and therefore vulnerable to economic schemes like the slavery our distant ancestors embraced, is a uniquely human ability we have chosen not to continue. But the tendency is still there. It is one more choice we get to make.

Emancipation Day celebrates the end of slavery in Canada, but also the anniversary of choice.

Joseph Morin

Letter

Dairyfest needs your help

To our community,

Winchester Dairyfest has been a pivotal event in our town's history. Dairyfest started in 1988 by a small committee of merchants to celebrate Winchester's Centennial year. Joel Steele was one of the founding fathers of Dairyfest and passed the torch only after ensuring that Dairyfest was well rooted and would be an annual event that residents could look forward to every August.

Not only have lasting memories been made through Dairyfest but for over 30 years the funds raised during the event have gone on to contribute to well-needed local projects. Some of the projects include the addition and elevator at the Winchester Arena, purchase of picnic tables for the park, the replacement of the air conditioner at the Winchester Arena, contribution to the redevelopment of Sweet Corner Park and more.

Though the love and interest of Dairyfest still runs strong in our community, the last decade has become increasingly difficult to find committee members and dedicated community volunteers. Volunteers are the glue to the event. They come together to raise funds, seek out entertainment, collaborate with local businesses, and work toward making Winchester's only festival the place to be.

In 2020 the Dairyfest Committee knew the challenges they would face with not being able to source local volunteers. With that knowledge, the committee planned to host smaller, more manageable events. Nevertheless, a new challenge arose in the form of COVID. All planned events had to be cancelled due to the unknown and fluctuations of local and provincial restrictions.

Dairyfest is currently being carried on by a small committee of four members. With another year of uncertainty and the in and out of restrictions, the committee like many other events throughout the Ottawa and surrounding area have decided to once again not host a large event. Not only do the restrictions hinder the ability to plan a large event but Dairyfest runs on the sponsorship of our local community. Many local small businesses have been impacted by COVID and we as a committee do not believe it is a proper time to be requesting sponsorship from those who are facing uncertainty in their own business.

Dairyfest has brought so much joy to our community and allowed our community to celebrate their love of our vibrant local businesses and agriculture. The Dairyfest committee does not want to see Dairyfest go and the overwhelming response from the community have also said they don't want Dairyfest to end. However, unless Dairyfest can receive the support of the community through dedicated volunteers it will be forced to rebrand and host smaller events for as long as the funding is available and for as long as the four current volunteers can stay committed.

Even though we are faced with so much uncertainty, we as a committee are striving to provide the community with fun. We still are hosting roller skating every Friday until Aug. 27 from 6-9 p.m.

To our community - please see this announcement as our formal request for community support. Anyone interested in assisting with the potential 2022 Dairyfest reach out to info@winchesterdairyfest.com. First meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Mon., Jan. 10, 2022.

The committee welcomes all our community members to participate. There are many interesting positions for all skill sets including - site coordinator, music coordinator, volunteer to host events, volunteer coordinator, sponsorship coordinator and so forth. Most importantly the committee is seeking a volunteer for committee chair, a position that has sat empty for the last year.

Sincerely,
The Dairyfest Committee

The Road Home

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

Friends and family are the basis of one's life and if you are really fortunate in life there are friends who become like family. These are the people who walk along your journey being there to share your happiness, your sadness and your everyday. I have been very fortunate in that I have a wonderful family of six brothers and their families who through the ups and downs have been there to tell me what I needed to hear and for that I am very grateful. I also am thankful for the friends who I have gained along the way. There is a group of us who walked through public school and high school together but after high school we lost touch before reconnecting many years ago. I call them my golden friends, for some of us we have been friends for over 50 years.

Then, there are the people who I have met and worked with in some of the different organizations over the years. While I haven't known them for very long, they have made a significant mark in my life. I recall meeting Judy travelling to Toronto to witness the passage of the British Home Child Day in Ontario legislation just over 10

years ago. I remember listening as she read a passage from a book by Jean Little called *Orphan at my door: The Home Child Diary of Victoria Cope* and wondering who she was.

Over the past ten years, Judy has become a friend who was always there, ready to lend a helping hand, put others before her and work to give these forgotten little immigrants a voice. Many times, over the past decade I have watched as this beautiful woman worked long hours to prepare and organize the BHC Museum at the Aultsville Train Station along County Road 2, dinners, presentations and celebratory days in honour of BHC Day in Ontario and I listened as she made plans to increase the awareness of these children and their descendants and help people find their home child's story.

I have watched as Judy made presentation after presentation on this subject and inspired people to follow their dreams. She was there to assist me in various projects including the designation of the road leading into the Aultsville Station and Crysler Marina as "British Home Child Lane". I have seen the dedication of Judy and the support given to her by her beloved husband Alan. The support given to her surely assisted her in the journey she made in this lifetime.

As for putting people ahead of herself, I can only speak of the many times she came to my rescue, listened to me as I spoke of things which bothered me and when I was very ill from vertigo, she dropped everything to make sure I got to the hospital, called my children and made sure my dear dog Buddy was cared for by a neighbour. I know from chatting with people and seeing this gentle person at work I was not the only person which she dropped everything and rescued in a time of need.

I was very sad when I learned the cancer had returned with Judy becoming ill. I knew she wouldn't have long before she would journey home to our heavenly Father. We texted a few times, with her saying on occasion she wasn't afraid and that I shouldn't be sad. When I learned of her passing my thoughts went to those closest to her must be suffering with grief, but the spoken word escaped me in my sadness. I had wanted to write her and tell her how important and inspirational she had been in my life, but never got around to it.

The day before she passed, instead of hearing the beep, beep of my iPhone's alarm, I was awakened by a song called "I Believe There Are Angels Among Us" sung by Alabama. After receiving the news of Judy's passing, I couldn't help but believe an angel had returned to her heavenly home. God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again.



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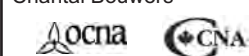
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Preserving our Local Heritage

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – Over 200 years since the important victory of outnumbered British, Canadian and Indigenous combatants over American invaders during the Battle of Crysler’s Farm on Nov. 11, 1813; the Friends of the Crysler Farm Battlefield (FCFB) continue to preserve the memory and educate the public about the important battle of 1812.

On July 23, members of the FCFB held their annual general meeting at the Iroquois Locks, with reports and information on several subjects provided to those in attendance. The 2022 Battle of Crysler’s Farm re-enactment will be the first since the COVID-19 pandemic. Kim McInnis, FCFB secretary, mentioned the plans are moving ahead and an announcement will be

made later regarding this event. It is anticipated there will be another Service of Remembrance held on Nov. 11 at the site of the memorial adjacent to Upper Canada Village, but of course all planning will consider any pandemic restrictions.

The new FCFB board of directors include Patrick Burger, Phil Bury, Carol Goddard and Ashley Harper. Mark Stubbs will continue as FCFB president, Jim Mullin as vice president, Gabrielle



In 1895, a monument in recognition of the Battle of Crysler’s Farm was erected on the battlefield by the Canadian Department of Militia and Defence. During the construction phase of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project the monument was relocated to its present site in 1955; it rests atop a grassy, sloping mound made from earth taken from the original battlefield.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Thomas as treasurer and Kim McInnis as secretary.

The FCFB are always looking for new members and McInnis suggested if

anyone is interested in joining the organization or serving on the board of directors, please contact the organization through its Facebook page.

South Dundas Chamber of Commerce embraces change

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – While the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce has seen a lot of change due to the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the biggest changes is the hiring of a new office manager.

With the retirement of long-time office manager Geraldine Fitzsimmons, the Chamber has named local business owner Tracy McMillan to the management role. Originally from the township of North Dundas, McMillan now lives in Williamsburg, which according to her online profile is where she has most felt at home.

“When a business is a member of the chamber, they have access to many cost-savings programs through us,” she said, pointing to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce

and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

McMillan started in her part-time role as the chamber’s office manager on June 7. Owner of Sassy’s Nail Studio, McMillan joined the chamber as a member earlier this year. In addition to becoming secretary on the board of directors, McMillan has been volunteering in the office since joining the local organization.

“Tracy has been kept very busy managing the chamber’s eight summer students, meeting with local members, managing the rollout of the free COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits, and planning the annual Fall Trade Show,” the Chamber’s board of directors president Cindy Ault Peters said in a Facebook post. “We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Geraldine Fitzsimmons on the many, many hours of time, work, and

energy that she has put into the chamber over the years. We wish her a long, healthy, and happy retirement.”

To find out more about joining the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce, visit their website at southdundaschamber.ca. In addition to a downloadable application form, there is a list of member benefits, networking opportunities, and a list of costs geared to business size.

Coming up, the Chamber is hosting a Summer Scavenger Hunt this Sat., Aug. 7. The event offers participants an opportunity to visit several landmarks and businesses throughout the township with the potential for winning one or more prizes from participating local businesses. To register and to learn more, email sd.scavengerhunt2021@gmail.com.

South Dundas looks for new firefighters

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – In an effort to recruit more firefighters, the Municipality of South Dundas Fire and Emergency Services (SDFES) is inviting interested residents to be a firefighter for a day.

“Have you ever considered joining the fire department? Are you interested in trying it out first without commitment or obligation? Now you can!” The recent SDFES event poster said.

The “Be a Firefighter for the Day” event is set to take place on Aug. 21. Participants must be at least 18 years old, and they should live or work in South Dundas. This free event includes lunch and a t-shirt, as well as the opportunity to don some firefighting gear and find

out what it takes to be a South Dundas firefighter.

“Firefighters are essential to the emergency response network and play a key role in protecting our people,” an SDFES recruiting video stated. “There is no experience required. We provide the training.”

South Dundas has three fire departments. One each in Iroquois, Morrisburg, and Williamsburg. South Dundas director of fire and emergency services Cameron Morehouse oversees all three stations with the assistance of a deputy chief at each, as well as an assistant coordinator. At any one time, SDFES can have up to 66 paid on-call firefighters who are ready and able to respond to emergencies anywhere within the township’s 537 square kilometres.

The municipality’s 13-

page SDFES Recruitment and Orientation Package includes information about what it’s like to be a firefighter, what is needed to become a firefighter, the extent of the probationary period, requirements, the step-by-step process, as well as relevant forms. These forms include a medical examination report, the four-page application to become a probationary firefighter, and a consent waiver and release form.

SDFES firefighters are expected to respond to a variety of emergency situations, including fires, medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, water or ice rescue, hazardous material incidents, and natural disasters. To become a firefighter, there is an initial 40-hour recruitment training course. In addition,

firefighters are expected to attend at least two-to-six hours of training each month, as well as any specialty training courses that come up throughout the year. The probation period lasts for one year from the hire-date.



Something for everyone to share

The Green Action Gang in Chesterville has been busy. This flower display on Chesterville's waterfront along with all the other fine flower beds planted along the Waterfront and in flower baskets in the area, make the downtown core of the village colourful and fragrant. The Green Action Gang has been looking after the flowers in the village since the ice storm in 1998. The community group began with planting new trees in the area after the storm had destroyed many of them. The group eventually included planting flowers in the village and planting beautiful flower beds along the waterfront.

Morin Photos

RRCA offering free workshop on benefits of buffers, windbreaks and wetlands for farmers

SOUTH GLENGARRY – Farmers in the Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA)'s watershed jurisdiction in eastern Ontario are invited to attend a free "lunch and learn" virtual workshop about agricultural best management practices (BMPs) on Wed., Aug. 11, from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

The event will provide participants with an accessible introduction to the methods and advantages of incorporating green infrastructure on their farm.

"Green infrastructure BMPs can provide a variety of benefits to farms," says Brendan Jacobs, the RRCA's Stewardship Specialist. "Buffers and windbreaks, which are areas of permanent vegetation on the edges of farm fields or water courses, can reduce wind and water erosion, stabilize stream banks, slow runoff, and enhance infiltration, while constructed wetlands and ponds can harness the natural functions of vegetation, soil and other organisms to improve water quality, store nutrients, and reduce erosion of stream banks."

While these practices can offer economic advantages, such as nutrient retention and increased average yield, Jacobs says that green infrastructure BMPs also



contribute to the health of the local watershed and surrounding environment.

"Buffers zones and wetlands can reduce and trap sediments, pesticides, pathogens and heavy metals and provide a source of both food and cover for wildlife," he says, adding that "windbreaks also help to reduce habitat fragmentation by providing connecting corridors that allow wildlife to safely move from one habitat to another."

Presenters for the workshop include University of Ottawa Department of Civil Engineering professor, Dr. Chris Kinsley, who will speak about wetlands and settling ponds, Forests

Ontario's forestry operations Coordinator, Haylee Murray, presenting on buffers and windbreaks, and the RRCA's Brendan Jacobs, also the Ontario East coordinator for ALUS CANADA, who will provide an introduction to the ALUS program, a community developed, farmer-delivered program working with farmers to produce valuable ecological services on Canadian farmland. Participants will

be able to interact virtually with the presenters through a dedicated Q and A session during the event.

This workshop is the second in a three-part series which, Jacobs says, "is a chance for participants to interact virtually with experts and consultants who work in their region, to be introduced to some of the BMPs which could benefit their own farms, and to discover concrete steps to get these projects

implemented." Those interested in attending can register for free at rrca.on.ca/BMP. "For those wanting to take action towards BMP implementation, the Agri-Action Workshop Series pairs well with the RRCA's

Agri-Action Advisory Service, where farmers can receive funding for individual, on-site advisory services from a list of local BMP implementation experts" adds Jacob, who says the RRCA has extended the application period for the service to Aug. 16, 2021. Application forms are available online at rrca.on.ca/BMP.

The RRCA's Agri-Action Workshop Series is supported by the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year federal-provincial-territorial initiative, and by ALUS Canada, a community developed, farmer led program that works with farmers to produce valuable ecological services on Canadian farmland.

For more information, please visit rrca.on.ca/BMP or contact (613) 938-3611 or info@rrca.on.ca.

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SNC spends summer monitoring watershed health

FINCH – For many, the summer is a time for holidays, relaxation, and downtime; a time to get outdoors and explore the beauty of the local landscapes found across South Nation Conservation's (SNC) 4,441 square-kilometre jurisdiction in Eastern Ontario.

For SNC, it's time to take advantage of the warm weather and monitor local streams and waterways to take a snapshot of watershed health and guide future development and stewardship projects.



These long-term monitoring programs help assess the health of the watershed and estimate the impact of land-use changes over time.

Courtesy Photo

This summer SNC monitored the waterways and wetlands of the South Bear Brook Subwatershed in the City of Ottawa, which comprises parts of

the urban and rural east end of the City of Ottawa. Staff collected water samples to identify important areas of groundwater input, assessed water quality, and collected information on fish species and aquatic habitat.

"Monitoring the health of our watershed's natural resources allows us to better understand the issues facing the local environment," says

Katherine Watson, SNC's water resources specialist. "We use data to focus our actions where they are needed most, and track progress over time." A portion of this baseline environmental monitoring is funded by the city and supports environmental planning review, stewardship programs, and habitat conservation.

The SNC also conducts ground and surface water

quality sampling on behalf of the province. These long-term monitoring programs help assess the health of the watershed and estimate the impact of land-use changes over time. SNC supports subwatershed planning through the development of catchment studies for selected areas across the jurisdiction.

Data also contributes to Subwatershed Report Cards, reporting on local surface water and groundwater quality along with forest and wetland cover. "We are looking forward to using this year's monitoring data to make science-based decisions that will protect and enhance the local environment," added Watson. For more information on SNC's watershed monitoring programs visit: www.nation.on.ca/water/watershed-monitoring.



What should we do next dad?

Three-year old Mackenzie Hennessy has a chat with her father Will about whether or not to have some fun on the slide at the play structure at the Chesterville Park.

Morin Photo

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Russell's 'Go Fund Me' sits far from \$100k goal

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell's Go Fund Me project has a long way to go to meet its \$100,000 goal.

The online fundraiser kicked off last month and is set to run until Sept. 5. Currently at its halfway mark, the initiative has raised \$5,055 as of Aug. 2. With 43 donors so far, the municipality will need to see hundreds more if they want to raise the remaining \$95,000.

This is the first time Russell has utilized the online fundraising platform. The idea was introduced

during the final council meeting in June when Director of Parks and Recreation Céline Guitard said fundraising has taken a huge hit since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her hope was to raise as much money as possible to aid in the construction of the municipality's Jonathan Pitre Park project.

A former resident of Russell, Pitre "fought a difficult and long battle with Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) and unfortunately passed April 8, 2018. He is known as the Butterfly Child due to his disease, which made his skin as fragile as butterfly wings. His

strength, courage, and determination during his fight inspired us all to thrive, no matter the different barriers we may face."

The township's Go Fund Me page provided a brief history of both Pitre and the accessible park that's being named for him: "The Jonathan Pitre Park will be a one-of-a-kind destination and represents an investment of \$292,000. A project of this magnitude would not be possible without the support of our community. All contributions, large or small, are appreciated. Help us bring this project to new heights."

Russell's Citizen Satisfaction Survey closes August 15

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – There's not much time left for the township of Russell's residents to make their opinions known by way of this year's Citizen Satisfaction Survey.

The last day to complete the survey is Aug. 15. The link to the survey can be found on the township's website (SurveyMonkey.com/r/MunRussellTwp2021) or, to receive a paper copy, email info@russell.ca or phone 613-443-3066 extension 2342.

Available in English or French, the survey is 12 questions long and takes roughly five minutes to complete. Russell's annual Citizen Satisfaction Survey was first introduced in 2016. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was no survey in 2020, making this year's survey the first in two years.

The survey is intended to give residents an opportunity to inform staff of what works or what doesn't work from a service perspective. While the survey is voluntary, the more residents who participate, the greater the opportunity for municipal staff to adjust services accordingly.

Pride Flag raising ceremony set for August 21

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell is set to recognize Pride Week later this month.

Earlier this summer, on June 21, council authorized staff to raise the Pride Flag "in recognition of the diverse community residing in our villages."

The flag will be raised during a special ceremony at the Russell Townhall on Aug. 21 at 10 a.m.

Following Ottawa's Capital Pride Week schedule,

the flag will be raised from Aug. 21 to Aug. 30.

This request for action was received from Richard Thain and the Kin Club of Russell.

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Duncan to host five local passport clinics

CORNWALL – Local Member of Parliament Eric Duncan (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) will resume hosting a series of local passport clinics during the week of Aug. 9 to Aug. 13. The clinics, organized by appointment only, is an opportunity for residents to apply for, or renew, their Canadian passports in one-stop with a photographer on site.

“We have seen an increased demand for passports over the past month as more residents consider making winter vacation arrangements and want to travel to see their families again,” said MP Duncan. “These clinics are a quick and easy way to submit their application and have their

‘One-stop shop’ for local residents to complete or renew passport applications

new passport ready for when the time comes.”

The five clinics will take place in Morrisburg, Lancaster, Bonville, Chesterville, and Cornwall. Those interested can call MP Duncan’s Cornwall Constituency Office toll-free

at 1-888-805-2513 to book an appointment and receive the details.

Attendees must also review the requirements of what documents to bring, and to print the necessary forms off in advance, at www.EricDuncanMP.ca/Passports. If required, paper copies of applications can be mailed to attendees.

“We pride ourselves on offering great customer service, and these clinics are one more way we can help hundreds of residents with an important federal service,” said MP Duncan. Duncan’s office, and his predecessor Guy Lauzon, have completed over 100,000 passport applications since 2004.

Blue Box Program transition date advances to 2023

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – With an eye toward saving money and helping the environment, the township of Russell staff is preparing a schedule of steps for the potential implementation of an organic program.

The recommendation was presented to council on June 21 as part of an update on the blue box transition initiative, whose timeframe has been accelerated by two years for Russell. In a report presented during the final meeting before summer break, director of finances and treasurer Richard Godin said “when the transition of responsibility to the producer happens, the township will save \$436,000 based on the 2021 budget. This could represent a reduction of the user fee of \$61 annually when the township will transition [to] the new blue box program.”

Prepared by executive director of infrastructure services Jonathan Bourgon, the report provided a brief history, as well as relevant letters and schedules. Council was first presented with the draft regulation for the transition of the blue box program on Nov. 16. On June 3, Bourgon said the final regulation of the blue box program was filled and



the transition grouping had been modified, allowing the municipality to transition in July of 2023 rather than 2025, along with Russell’s neighbouring townships in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR).

“Council, last year, did give me direction to send comments to the ministry to get the date changed,” Bourgon said during the June 21 meeting. “It worked. We’re now doing our transition two years earlier, so that’s good news.”

The change comes in response to a provincial edict

for improving Ontario Blue Box Program by transitioning costs away from municipal taxpayers and onto the producers of products and packaging. While the initial provincial timeline suggested a 2025 implementation, Russell was able to move the date forward to 2023. The report included a list of Ontario municipalities and the dates of implementation with some transitioning in 2023, 2024, or 2025.

Bourgon said Russell would soon need to start the tender process for the Green Bin initiative, as well as an education program. He said he will bring a timeline forward to council soon.

On a related note, Russell’s staff have notified residents of the availability of large blue bins for purchase through the township. A social media post provided a link to a webpage outlining the details. Russell has 100 bins available. Each has a capacity of 121 litres, comes with a lid, and has wheels. The bins are being sold at-cost to residents for \$31. Further instructions can be found on Russell’s website or by contacting the Infrastructure Department.

Posted in early June, the webpage states: “Following the removal of plastic bags to collect recyclables, residents were reporting issues with overflowing bins and keeping recyclable items inside their bins on windy days. Council directed staff to purchase larger recycling bins and to sell them at cost to residents.”

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Obituary

HESS, MARJORIE MAXINE

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DAVIS, KENNETH LLEWELLYN

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Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 Ken Davis age 97 of Winchester formally of Ingleside. Beloved husband of Vera Stilwell. Loving Dad of Valerie Carruthers (Deceased), Terry Davis and Denise (Gord) Fetterly. Cherished Grandpa and G.G. of Tanya (Shannon) Zwartz and great-granddaughter Teegan Zwartz. Dear brother of Betty Borup and predeceased by his parents Percy and Minerva Davis and his 9 siblings. A Funeral Service will be held at Trinity Anglican Church, 105 Second Street West, Cornwall on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 12 noon with a Committal to follow at St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery. Please be advised masks must be worn & pre-registration is required by calling the funeral home at 613-989-3836. By family request donations may be made to the Trinity Anglican Church, (where Ken was a member for many years), Winchester District Memorial Hospital or Carefor Nor-Dun Seniors' Centre. Arrangements entrusted to the Byers Funeral Home, South Mountain. Online condolences may be made to www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com



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Tractors: New Holland T8.275 4WD Tractor; Bought new on farm in 2012 (2011 model); Ecotuned; 18 Speed full powershift; 40Kmh trans; auto steer ready (guidance box, no beacon); 4 sets of remotes; Large 1000PTO; Firestone 18.4 46 Rear tires w/ axle duals; 380/85R34 Fronts (ONLY 1741hrs. One owner/operator unit!); Case Magnum 190 4WD; Bought new on farm in 2010 w/ 19 speed full powershift; 50kmh trans; full suspension; 4 sets of remotes; 3PTO's; sells with 8 tires; Michelin 18.4R46 rears w/ axle duals; Michelin 320/85R34 fronts & a set of Michelin 420-90R30's (This tractor was used only to pull Buggy & Sprayer - 1 owner/operator unit - 2720hrs!); Case IH Puma 155 4WD w/ Case IH self-leveling L70 loader; 18 speed full powershift trans; 3 sets of remotes; Firestone 18.4R42 rears; Firestone 380/85R30 fronts (Only 2839hrs.); 2011 John Deere 6230 4WD Tractor w/ Cab; A-F Gears; 40kmh trans; Firestone 460/85R34 Rears; Firestone 380/85R24 Fronts; 2 sets of remotes (only 2146hrs.); 2014 Kubota M126GX 4WD Tractor w/ Cab; 3 speed Forward Reverse shuttle shift (only 3043 hours). Equipment: Kinze 3600 16 row finger planter - full set of corn and bean boxes; bin extensions on seed and fert boxes; cross auger; markers; front row seed coulters; single disc openers; closing wheels; corn units have all been switched to precision - sells with 20/20 Seed Sense monitor (Unit purchased new on farm for 2011 season; has under 10,000 acres; used on the farm only - no custom work; 1 owner/operator unit); 6meter 2PTH Lemken Ruben - less than 500acres on all new blades; large tires (unit was professionally refurbished at dealership with all necessary bearings replaced less than 500acres ago); 2014 Kilbros 1175 Grain Buggy - bought new on farm with large 1000 PTO and ordered with new Goodyear 30.5L-32 tires (very nice - like new); 2015 Kilbros 1175 Grain Buggy - bought new on farm with large 1000 PTO and ordered with new Goodyear 30.5L-32 tires (very nice - like new, used as secondary unit to the 2014 unit); Kilbros model 260 Seedveyor with Honda GX160 Elec start engine; 19' belt conveyor ; mounted on 18' tandem axle trailer (unit is as new); NH Flexicoil S1070 Crop sprayer; 100' boom' 1600Gal tank; Chemical induction tank; Brush wand; Twin nozzles; Hyd driven 4 section shutoff; NH monitor; Goodyear 320/90R46 tires (Bought new on farm in 2014 - one owner/operator - no custom work); 2 - J&M 760 Gravity Boxes on Horst double reach 24ton rocking bolster running gears & light package (1 with 445/65R22.5's all around and one with 2-44/65R22.5's and 2 425/65R22.5's - Both units in excellent as new condition); Bruns 4500 Gravity box w/ Michel tarp; light package; Horst 12ton double reach running gear & 12' Market fert/seed auger; 45/65R22.5 tires (no welds; no blisters; no cracks - always oiled after use!); Westfield TF80-36 grain auger (like new); White 6100 6-row corn planter; dry fert; single fert openers; fert box extensions; trash whippers w/ gauge wheels; PTO pump & corn/bean plates (nice unit - very low acres); 2 Sets HLA QA Pallet Forks; Case IH 7500 6-furrow semi-mount plough; Pronovost

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single auger #860 86" snowblower w/ fully Hyd chute; 21' Wooden top hay wagon on 10ton Martin running gear; 12' Front mount C-tine cultivator off a JD 3255; 7' Arps 3PTH Blade. Truck: 1948 International KB2 Truck - Flathead 6-cylinder engine; 4 Speed on floor trans.; Front crank out window - This truck has had a professional full rotisserie restoration to better than new condition - must be seen to be appreciated! ATV, Lawn Mower & Bike: 2014 Polaris 4WD Sportsman Ace - Bought new on farm; Unit is like new; Hustler Raptor 52" Zero Turn Lawnmower w/ 23hp. Kawasaki engine - Purchased new on farm in 2016; under 200hrs.; 1983 Honda XL 100S Trail bike - Starts, Runs & Drives! Farm Related Items & Parts: Set of 320/90R50 Michelin tires on rims (used on Magnum 190 as Spray tires - As New Condition); Set of 445/50R22.5 Michelin tires on 8 bolt rims; Set of 18.4-38 rims (fit NH sprayer in auction); Set of 18.4-34 Duals off Magnum 285 (sell w/ hubs); Brand new in box Case IH Sprayer Pump (fits NH sprayer in auction - Owner Pd. Over \$1600.00 New); Set of Firestone 18.4-46 Tires; Original Kinze monitor for Kinze 3600 planter; Outback GPS guidance system; Small 1000 PTO shaft (Purchased to fit KilBros Buggys); Large assortment of new and used Kinze 3600 planter parts (see auction catalog for full details); Several parts for Lemken Ruben; New Orbit motor for Market cross auger (Owner Pd. Over \$800.00 New); 12' Bristle auger for Market auger; 12' poly auger for Market auger; Unused NH 35' flex head knife - fits NH CF740 combine; Dickie John CAC500XT grain moisture tester (calibrated Oct 2020); Qty of hand and power tools; Honda gas powered weed trimmer w/ attachments & more. Collectibles & Misc.: Toy Tractors, Trucks, Cars; Coca-Cola memorabilia; Signed Hockey Sticks; Hockey Jerseys (1 Signed); Several nice repro signs; some household effects and many many other articles too numerous to mention - see Hibid catalog for full details! Pickup: Thursday, August 19th 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Friday, August 20th 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday, August 21st 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-68 indicating starting points for clues.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5, 2021

- CLUES ACROSS 1. Ponds 6. "Unbelievable" musicians 9. Invests in little enterprises 13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach 14. Small sailboat 15. "Luther" actor 16. Round Dutch cheese 17. Detects underwater objects 18. Harsh, grating noise 19. Steward 21. Fencing sword 22. Painful places on the body 23. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan 24. Sodium 25. Engineering degree (abbr.) 28. Small lump 29. African antelope 31. Electronic point of sale 33. Carefully chooses 36. Ringworm 38. Unrefined 39. Drenches 41. Type of pants 44. Son of Noah 45. Spiritual being 46. Upton Sinclair novel 48. Journalist Tarbell 49. Atomic #21 (abbr.) 51. Born of 52. Rich tapestry 54. S. China seaport 56. Being without clothes 60. Surrounded by 61. Remains 62. Away from wind 63. Dried-up 64. One who can see the future 65. A very large body of water 66. Digs up earth 67. Type of screen 68. Old Norse poet CLUES DOWN 1. Millisecond 11. "A Doll's House" playwright 12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director 14. Poisonous perennial 17. Gulf in the Aegean 20. Clothes 21. Chairs 23. Family of regulator genes 26. NY ballplayer 27. Impressive in size or scope 27. Jacques _ Fr. biologist 29. Manhattanite 30. Genus of lemurs 32. Sings to 34. River in southern Italy 35. Supplemented with difficulty 37. Farewell 40. Senior officer 42. Utah resident 43. Begets 47. Boy 49. Violently break 50. Brief appearance 52. Expressed pleasure 53. A light informal meal 55. Fabric with smooth finish 56. One billionth of a second (abbr.) 57. Ancient Greek City 58. Close tightly 59. Commit 61. A way to communicate (abbr.) 65. Heavy metal

PUZZLE SOLUTION grid showing the completed crossword puzzle with words filled in.

THE BENEFITS OF CROSSWORD PUZZLES Even though crossword puzzles have been entertaining and helping people pass the time for more than 100 years, the benefits of crosswords go beyond boredom-busting. Various studies have shown the positive effects crossword puzzles can have on a person's brain and capacity to learn. - Improve vocabulary - Strengthens memory - Improve socialization - Help relieve stress - May help prevent brain diseases Crossword puzzles can fill empty hours with an entertaining and educational activity. However, there are many other benefits to doing crossword puzzles that may surprise even the most ardent puzzle enthusiasts.

Local family, local food

WINCHESTER—For many people there is nothing that says summer like the taste of freshly picked local fruit and vegetables. For almost 35 years Ed and Mary Gibson have operated Gibson's Produce and Berry Farm on Country 31 near Winchester.

Ed explained that over the years he has provided clients with the opportunity to pick their own vegetables and berries or to purchase already picked produce during the short summer season. He mentioned they have grown tomatoes, green peppers, broccoli, cauliflower, cucumbers and eggplant as well as strawberries and raspberries.

The business began about 40 years ago when he and Mary created a half acre garden into which was planted corn and tomatoes which they later sold at a vegetable stand. A smile came over his face as he recounted the vegetable business had begun as an opportunity to provide his children, daughters Mary Sue and Allison as well as son Dan with work experience during their summer and fall seasons.

The corn and tomatoes were quickly sold, and the couple decided to rent a farm near Winchester Cheese the following year and plant a larger garden with a greater selection of vegetables to sell. The business grew, with Mary and Ed deciding to purchase the current location about 35 years ago which provided the opportunity to expand food production further.

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Ed Gibson took a moment to examine some of the tomatoes growing inside the one of two buildings used as greenhouses. Thompson Goddard Photo

They built a building on the farm soon after the purchase and over the years have added other structures including two greenhouses. The pick your own vegetable business was just beginning then, with Ed commenting they were one of the first companies to offer this option, before

noting how this business has always been a very competitive one.

Ed mentioned how several years ago he would have planted close to 25,000 tomato plants, he noted back in the day it was not uncommon to see 75 bushels of tomato plants sold in one day. Some of his biggest customers

in the early days came from Ottawa, with the customers picking many bushels of tomatoes during a visit, before commenting over the years the number of Ottawa customers to the market garden had declined. In addition to people visiting the market garden to purchase vegetables, he has expanded the business to supply local restaurants and businesses with fresh vegetables.

When asked about his fondest memories of working in the market garden business, he mentioned it was meeting people who came to the storefront and having the opportunity to visit with them while serving them. He also spoke for a moment about the summer students who worked at the farm over the years, mentioning they were good workers and they have grown into successful and good citizens of this country. The days working at the market garden were long, he commented, but they worked hard, got paid and with their own money were able to purchase wanted items that led to the understanding the old axiom of hard work having its reward.

Looking ahead, Ed and Mary are planning to "refocus attention to the cash crop side of the farm" which will allow them to spend more time with family, with a hint that there may still be some vegetables grown for sale at the market.

There is no shortage of good vegetables and good service as well as the opportunity to visit with Ed and Mary at Gibson's Produce and Farm Market. More information can be found on their Facebook page.

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.

South Stormont donates Lakeview Marsh to RRCA

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – On July 30, the township of South Stormont (TSS) and the Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA) issued a joint press release announcing the donation of "over 100 acres of wetland and forest, in the area known as Lakeview Marsh" by the TSS to the RRCA. The area is located north of Guindon Park and is home to "many different species of plants and animals" and described as "already a popular birding spot".

South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis, who currently serves as RRCA chair, mentioned the TSS recognizes the importance of "preserving natural spaces in the community" and commented in the



Wetland Donation

Donation of over 100 acres of wetland and forest known as Lakeview Marsh.
Courtesy Photo

release the donation of the land to the RRCA will ensure "this wetland and forest will be preserved and protected in perpetuity." The RRCA expressed their

appreciation to the TSS for the donation of the property, with RRCA general manager Richard Pilon commenting they are looking "forward to engaging with the general public and neighbours about the site."

Opportunities will be provided to local stakeholders and the public with both the TSS and the RRCA to discuss any

"potential plans for the property, including giving the site an official name."

More information on the RRCA can be found on their Facebook page or website located at www.rrca.on.ca, with more information on the township of South Stormont available on their website, www.southstormont.ca or the township's Facebook page.



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Any questions contact:
Doug Froats, Waste Coordinator at 613-774-5157.



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- Monday to Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Someone that is a self-starter and able to try and jump in and go
- Customer service experience required, retail experience would be an added bonus
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Letter

Planning ahead for conservation

For the past 5 years, Russell Township's Planning Department has been proposing a Heritage Conservation District (HCD) in the Russell Village core. The intent was not to prevent change or development in the HCD area but to provide the township with a planning tool to help manage change and to preserve the heritage look and feel of the older buildings and the majestic streetscapes. They hired MTBA heritage consultants and brought forward many excellent reports on the significant heritage value of each of the buildings in the proposed district. There were approximately 180 properties in the study area and were categorized based on their contribution to the heritage value of the façade of the buildings.

The final study was available in March 2019 and the Final Plan and Guidelines were completed in May 2020. There were three in-person public meetings (2018-2019), and due to COVID restrictions an online public meeting in May 2020 and an online survey with many opportunities for the residents to provide comments. Several letters were sent to each of the residences involved in the proposed HCD during this time with very few responses.

In June 2021, after many thousands of taxpayer dollars were spent on the



consultants and the staff time, a resolution was proposed to township council to accept the final plan and guidelines and to add this tool to the township planning process. It was obvious during the discussion that at least three of the four councillors were not going to pass it and the resolution was tabled to the next council meeting in August.

So, what happened in the past 5 years? Some of the properties have changed hands and the new owners said they were not notified of this proposal. The councillors who are now hesitant to pass the final resolution, voted to fund the study during each of the annual budget meetings and are now ready to pull the plug on this project at the last minute. There are rumours that developers are planning to

tear down and construct condos within or adjacent to the village core and these new regulations will affect their plans.

On Sat., Sept 11 at the 2021 Heritage Festival, the Russell Historical Society is planning an historical walking tour through the Russell Village core to highlight some of the heritage homes and to tell the rich history of our village. There is a rumour that there may be some historical characters roaming the streets on that day!

What a shame if the HCD is not implemented and we lose the heritage value of our beautiful village core!

The reports on the proposed HCD can all be found on the township website: <https://www.russell.ca/en/you-r-township/heritage-conservation-district.aspx>.

Harry Baker

Russell begins 2022 budget process

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – With the advent of fall, it's time, once again, for the township of Russell to begin working on developing its budget for the coming year.

Late last month, the municipality sent out an email notification outlining a list of public input opportunity dates for residents to remember. The memo invites residents to begin thinking about what they might like to see in this year's budget, as it is "the municipal budget sets goals and guides decision on what to purchase, build, and repair."

The formal process begins with the public consultation, which is set for Sept. 13. After this, it is municipal staff, with direct input from council, who draft the budget from its preliminary output to its final draft.

Staff is set to present the draft budget to council on Oct. 4. Then, two working sessions have been set where staff and council will work together to tighten the numbers wherever possible. These are set for Oct. 20 and Oct. 21. While residents are permitted to sit in on the sessions, there will be no opportunity for input at this point. The final draft will be presented to council for final approval on Nov. 1.

At this point, there is limited information on the meeting format. It is unknown whether residents will have a choice between in-person or an online broadcast or whether there will be a single method. Those unable to attend the Sept. 13 public meeting are invited to send their comments or concerns to clerk.greffe@russell.ca or by mail to 717 Notre Dame Street, Embrun ON K0A 1W1. For all things budget related, visit the township's website, and look for their "budget and finances" page.



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