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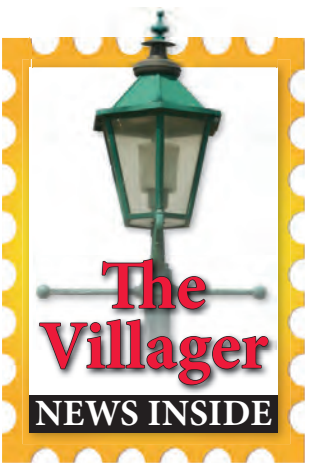
Agricultural society AGM
CHESTERVILLE – Chesterville & District Agricultural Society will be holding their 2022 AGM virtually on Jan. 30, beginning at 1 p.m. via Zoom. For more information and joining instructions, please visit the Chesterville Fair Facebook page.

Christ Church speaker series
CHESTERVILLE – The Christ Church United speaker series is open to all members of the community. Join them for one or all of the sessions below held each Wednesday from Feb. 2 to Feb. 23. The topics and speakers in this series are all relevant to what many are experiencing during this pandemic. To be sent the Zoom link or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Tina at tinagasser60@gmail.com.

- Feb. 2 at 1:30 p.m.: Alzheimer's Society "Caregiver Burnout" with Josee Derochers
- Feb. 9 at 10 a.m.: WDMH Foundation "New Dundas Manor" with Kristen Casselman
- Feb. 16 at 9:30 a.m.: Health Girl "Weekly Wellness Boost" with Meghann Lynnch; and
- Feb. 23 at 10 a.m.: Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) "Understanding Happiness" with Angele D'Alessio.

Paint & Pixels
VERNON – Osgoode Township Museum is hosting their free Zoom Paint & Pixels evening between 6 and 8 p.m. on Feb. 11. You will be guided by an artist in the creation of a birch tree painting. For more information contact the OTM.

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Always time to have some winter fun
Despite -20 temperatures in the area and the reality of a pandemic, some children continue to enjoy being outdoors and having fun. On Sat., Jan. 22, five-year old Liam Leplante and his grandfather had fun sliding behind the Sam Ault Arena, formally the Winchester Arena.
Morin Photo

MacLeod briefing outlines upcoming changes to pandemic regulations

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

TORONTO – There were roughly 1,700 people registered for Ontario Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries Lisa MacLeod's multi-sectoral technical briefing held virtually last week.

"I believe this is actually one of our largest yet with 1,700 folks registered," MacLeod said. "I do appreciate all of you taking your time today to walk through with our public health officials, as well as my officials from the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries, what the new easing of restrictions means for you."

Coordinated by MacLeod's Deputy Chief of Staff Derek Rowland, the Jan. 20 meeting included an introduction from MacLeod followed by a brief message from Ontario's

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Freedom convoy rolls toward Ottawa

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

OTTAWA – A convoy of truckers is headed toward Ottawa.

The purpose of their cross-country trek is to let politicians in Ottawa know: the recent vaccine mandates created by both the United States and Canadian government mandating vaccinations for drivers (commercial and otherwise) at the border between the two countries is wrong.

The convoy is now in Ontario and is expected to arrive in Ottawa late this week.

The vaccine mandate became the rule on Jan. 15.

The convoy, bolstered by a Go Fund Me page now totalling around \$4,488,670 of a goal of \$5 million, has been criticized for creating an issue where there is not one.

The Go Fund Me page states: "Money raised will be dispersed to our truckers to aid them with the cost of the journey, and funds will be spent to help cover the cost of fuel for our truckers first and foremost, [and] will be used to assist with food if needed and contribute to shelter if needed."

The GoFundMe page was started by Tamara Lich on Jan. 14. She is involved in the Maverick Party, a federal right-wing political party formerly called Wexit Canada.

Lich has been reported as saying, "This [convoy] is not about vax or anti-vax or Covid. It is about restoring Canada's rights and freedoms. Freedom to open businesses, freedom to hug your friends, go to restaurants and movies, etc."

Prime Minister Trudeau explained the purpose of the vaccine mandate at the borders saying getting vaccinated is the

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Upcoming changes to pandemic regulations

Continued from the front
 first Minister for Digital Government Kaleed Rasheed, who talked about the provincial vaccination and QR Code program. Then, Ontario associate chief medical officer of health Dr. Michelle Murti took over, presenting attendees with slides outlining the upcoming COVID-19 pandemic public health safety measures for the next three months. The roughly 40-minute meeting also included an extensive question and answer period, where it was noted that any questions left unanswered should be directed to MacLeod's office via email. (Minister.MacLeod@ontario.ca).

Murti's presentation

provided an overview of the government's plans to exit the Modified Step 2 of the "Roadmap to Reopen." She made sure to note that her presentation didn't cover everything, and that further details and regulations are still coming in.

"Details regarding the exact public health and workplace safety measures that will be part of reopening will be shared as the regulation is amended and approved by government," Murti said.

Due to early signals of stabilization of the healthcare sector, Murti said the provincial government released its "gradual and incremental" approach to exiting Modified Step 2 on Jan. 19. She listed five objectives for the approach. These include prioritizing the return of in-person learning, preventing mortality and morbidity associated with COVID-19, protecting healthcare system capacity, re-opening businesses that are currently

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— chief medical officer of health, Dr. Michelle Murti

closed and mitigating against further closures, and protecting public health capacity, which includes a need to support vaccination rollout.

For those wondering how the government decides when it's safe to reopen, Murti provided a brief note on metrics. She said an overall risk assessment includes public health and clinic judgement based on the metrics, the current pandemic situation, and the risk of resurgence. Some of the metrics used include a decline in the number of people testing positive, a decline in the number of outbreaks in high-risk settings, such as long-term care homes, and the

plateauing or decreasing of hospital and Intensive Care Unit admissions.

She outlined the three incremental steps, all of which are subject to ongoing risk assessment, with the first set for Jan. 31. The changes are set out in 21-day intervals with the second being not earlier than Feb. 21, and the third no earlier than March 14.

"The first tranche is no earlier than Jan. 31 of 2022 and that would be reopening to 50 per cent capacity for most indoor public settings," Murti said. "So, that will now include indoor dining and restaurants, casinos, cinemas, and other places where there's proof

of vaccination required in select settings."

Murti outlined the rest of the Jan. 31 changes before moving to those that may come later should things progress according to plan. Briefly, for example, the Feb. 21 changes include an increase to 100 per cent capacity for indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is required.

"The questions that you ask actually help inform the ministry and also assist with the public medical officer of health in considering some of the things we're up against," MacLeod said at the close of the meeting. "Today was good news for museums, for galleries, for science centres, for our gyms, for our restaurants, for our cinemas. I know it's the larger event spaces that are what we're concerned with and, so, if you do have any further questions, please make sure to contact me."

MacLeod said there were more than 300 questions

listed in the session's chat box. She said her team would try to get to those and relay the answers as soon as possible. She closed the meeting with two notes.

"We will be, in the next little bit, announcing the recipients of the Ontario Tourism Recovery Plan (OTRP). That was a \$100 million program, and we want to make sure that we're supporting those private for-profit companies that have been affected by the various shutdowns and restrictions," she said. "I encourage you to take advantage of the Staycation Tax Credit. If you're planning a hockey or basketball tournament or you're taking your gymnastics or dance group anywhere in the province, you will qualify. It is a \$270 million incentive."

"My team will continue to work with the Ministry of Health in bringing our stakeholders perspective to this conversation," MacLeod said.

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Wednesday, Feb. 9	Caregiver Café Support group at 1 p.m. Call for more information
Thursday, Feb. 10	Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Ham with Pineapple Glaze
Friday, Feb. 11	Health & Wellness Clinics – Call to make an appointment.
Tuesday, Feb. 15	Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Tuesday, Feb. 15	Chesterville Diners' Drive Thru – Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf
Wednesday, Feb. 16	Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Thursday, Feb. 17	Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf
Monday, Feb. 21	Office is CLOSED for Family Day
Tuesday, Feb. 22	Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Tuesday, Feb. 22	South Mountain Diners' Drive Thru – Chicken Alfredo Lasagna
Wednesday, Feb. 23	Footcare Clinic – Call to book your appointment.
Thursday, Feb. 24	Winchester Diners' Drive Thru – Chicken Alfredo Lasagna
Friday, Feb. 25	Health & Wellness Clinics – Call to make an appointment.

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Country Treasures to move to Kemptville

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Trish and Ken Boje have been operating the BMR hardware and lumber store in Winchester for the past 17 years.

Part of the store has been devoted to a gift section called Country Treasures.

Country Treasures has largely been Trish's idea. Country Treasures is a known country giftware boutique. The boutique features soy candles from The Scented Market, Joyful Home and 1803 candles, linens from Park Designs, and a large selection of unique country giftware and home décor.

Trish has decided to move Country Treasures to a new location and continue her tradition of offering the best selection of gifts and art in the area.

Her store is moving to Kemptville.

"We are going to Kemptville in the mall, where the Independent is," she said.

Trish will be moving into her space that used to house Business Strategies and Home and Beyond. They have since moved to the former North Dundas High School in the heart of Kemptville.

"The space has been empty for almost a year now so that is the space we will be going into. It has been completely gutted and re-done.

"I will be working there, it is my store," explained Trish.

The space the store used to fill at BMR will be taken

over by more BMR hardware products.

Selecting Kemptville as the location for the next chapter in the Country Treasures story was easy for Trish.

"Kemptville is a very busy area with lots of traffic and being right beside the grocery store, I think, is a good location.

The move from BMR was inevitable. Trish said Covid helped to accelerate her decision.

"It has been a very exhausting two years."

Her store will carry the same kind of products plus new ones.

"We are always looking for those treasures our customers enjoy and have come to expect in the store," she said.

"We will have a new look to our new store, there will be some of the old and some of the new."

In terms of merchandising and fixtures she said she will be trying out a few ideas she has not tried out before.

She said, "I am hoping that many of our customers will want to grab a coffee and make the 20 minute drive from here."

Trish said, "There are not too many stores like Country Treasures around anymore, and it is something that I really enjoy doing."

Kemptville was a good choice for the new location. The couple live in Chesterville and have no intention of moving.

There will be familiar faces at the new store. "I am taking the girls with me that work in the department. They are all excited about the move. Our daughter Jenna will be joining us in our new venture. She will be responsible for social media and the new website. We will be having an online platform for those who want to shop online.

The plan is to be in place in Kemptville by March.



Country Treasures has been offering great boutique gifts to the area for the past 17 years. Courtesy Photo

Trish will be letting her customers know about Country Treasures progress through Facebook.

Freedom convoy

Continued from the front

most important way to keep Canada's economy going; Trudeau, referring to an earlier statement about empty shelves in grocery stores made by Alberta Premier Jason Kenney. He accused the premier of fear mongering.

Many feel that the empty shelves crisis in some stores where it exists is the result of a number of issues including labour strikes in other countries, the unpredictable Canadian weather and a lack of manufacturing staff or staff out sick, due to Covid around the world.

All Canadians are well aware of how their economy has been negatively impacted by pandemic mandates about getting the vaccine.

A statement from the Canadian Trucking Alliance, (CTA) stated: "The vast majority of the Canadian trucking industry

is vaccinated with the overall industry vaccination rate among truck drivers closely mirroring that of the general public. Accordingly, most of our nation's hard-working truck drivers are continuing to move cross-border and domestic freight to ensure our economy continues to function.

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) does not support and strongly disapproves of any protests on public roadways, highways, and bridges. CTA believes such actions, especially those that interfere with public safety, are not how disagreements with government policies should be expressed.

Members of the trucking industry who want to publicly express displeasure over government policies can choose to hold an organized, lawful event on Parliament Hill or contact their local MP, what is not acceptable is disrupting the motoring public on

highways and commerce at the border."

Stephen Laskowski CTA president said, "The Government of Canada and the United States have now made being vaccinated a requirement to cross the border. This regulation is not changing so, as an industry, we must adapt and comply with this mandate." The only way to cross the border, in a commercial truck or any other vehicle, is to get vaccinated."

The Go Fund Me page states:

"Our current government is implementing rules and mandates that are destroying the foundation of our businesses, industries and livelihoods."

The message is clear: The liberal government is responsible for the economic woes because of its stand on the pandemic."

Some political observers have suggested that the situation has been exploited to be used as a cudgel to go after the Trudeau government and

that the protest is no longer about protecting Canadian consumers from an obvious blow to the country's supply chain."

The president of the Alberta Motor Transport

Association, Chris Nash said Alberta has more than their share of truck drivers with 10.2 per cent of the national population, but 14 per cent of all truck drivers. Nash said 70 per

cent of truckers are vaccinated.

A headcount of the number of truck drivers affected by the border vaccination policy is around 16,000 truckers.



NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BYLAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of North Dundas passed municipal wide Development Charges Bylaw No. 2022-02 on the 18th day of January, 2022 under the *Development Charges Act*.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or organization may appeal the bylaw to the Ontario Land Tribunal under Section 14 of the Act by filing with the Clerk of the Township of North Dundas not later than the 27th day of February 2022 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the bylaw and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee prescribed. <https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/fee-chart/>.

The bylaw applies to all lands, buildings and structures in the Township of North Dundas with certain exceptions, therefore a key map is not provided. The non-residential charge is pro-rated to account for economies of scale. The new development charges imposed under the bylaw are required to pay for the increased growth-related capital costs related to the increased need for municipal services arising from new development. A pumping station surcharge applies to the Thompson Subdivision in Chesterville. The development charges imposed under Bylaw No. 2022-02, which came into effect on January 18th, 2022, are as follows:

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Municipal Wide Services/Class of Service:							
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Services Related to a Highway	1,133	981	725	481	464	613	-
Parks and Recreation Services	130	112	83	50	53	70	0.16
Waste / Inversion Services	144	125	92	61	53	70	0.06
Growth-Related Studies	7,450	6,446	4,786	3,162	3,050	4,028	2.64
Total Municipal Wide Services/Class of Services							
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Pumping Station	748	647	479	319	305	405	-

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	0 to 2,500 sq. ft.	2,501 to 5,000 sq. ft.	5,001 to 30,000 sq. ft.	30,001 sq. ft. to 55,000 sq. ft.	55,001 sq. ft. +
Municipal Wide Services/Class of Service:					
Fire Protection Services	-	0.3163	0.2372	0.1581	0.0791
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Parks & Recreation Services Waste	0.0125	0.0083	0.0047	0.0031	0.0016
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Total Municipal Wide Services/Class of Services		0.68	0.33	0.2476	0.1660

The complete bylaw is available for inspection at the municipal office during regular business hours.

Dated in Winchester, this 27th day of January, 2022.

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Someone is paying attention

The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, (SD&G) is planning to take a look at an intersection, south of Chesterville, at County Road 43 and County Road 7.

SD&G has set aside up to \$10,000 in its 2022 budget for the study.

The decision to go ahead with a look at the intersection is reassuring.

Often residents complain about a lack of interest in what is happening at street level on the part of elected officials at every level of government, but in SD&G it seems that councillors, mayors and wardens are all paying attention to the concerns of their residents.

North Dundas Coun. Al Armstrong raised the issue of the intersection at the counties' last council meeting.

Armstrong went through statistics gathered by the North Dundas Fire Services that include information as far back as 2013. The history of the intersection features 17 major car accidents since 2013 including one fatality and 12 hospitalizations.

Earlier studies of the intersection did not point to any engineering flaws in its construction that could be a factor in the high number of accidents.

Armstrong hopes that the study will uncover a reason why the intersection is prone to accidents.

SD&G warden Carma Williams agreed that the study was a necessary one.

In 2021, Armstrong said the Chesterville Fire Station responded to several accidents at the intersection. In that recent accident eight people were sent to hospital.

In 2015, a motorcyclist was killed at the intersection, and a month later two tractor-trailers were involved in a second accident.

In the past several years efforts have been made to make the intersection safer. In 2016 flashing lights were added to the intersection, but in 2017, despite the added lights, there was a two-car accident at the spot.

The response to residents' concerns has been for officials to listen and then take action.

It is nice to know someone is listening.



Editorial

Truckers in the slow lane

When Covid arrived, we were all a bit confused. Was this just another flu to deal with, and if it was, more than that what did that have to do with me? After all, I was immune to all kinds of disastrous events due to my irrational belief that nothing bad could ever happen to me.

The emotional journey from polite agreement that a vaccine and masks would do the job of saving us all from Covid craziness, to questioning the federal government's vaccine mandate at the border has been a bumpy one.

The latest area of contention, is the recent vaccine mandate by the Federal government in Canada and the mirror image of that decision by the American government. The only way to cross the border now in a commercial truck or any other vehicle, is to be vaccinated.

This regulation is not changing so, perhaps the truckers in the convoy should save their time and gas.

Frustrated, a concerned group of truckers have displayed their feelings in a

Canadian-wide convoy headed towards Ottawa to let the government know they are not happy.

That is all good. Farmers have done it with their tractors over other issues, people have done it with their feet from time to time and of course others have chosen to express themselves at the ballot box.

The concept of any kind of vaccine mandate is beset with ethical and economic challenges, and this one is a big one.

If people, young and old were dropping dead after getting Covid, I believe all of us would agree on some kind of forced vaccination policy in our many different sectors.

The fact that the death toll is less than 100 per cent has caused some to believe that a vaccine mandate is going too far in terms of taking away our rights.

It is a tricky question, with no good answer.

The trucks headed to Ottawa are carrying signs complaining about our rights being stripped away.

If you believe in science, you have to agree

with the government that the various Covid vaccines do make a difference. They help people have a better outcome when they get a serious reaction to Covid and they help keep the number of Covid patients down in our hospitals. Vaccine mandates could turn into a slippery slope scenario, and that is an argument for lawyers and philosophers. The arguments that truckers have made about why they should not be vaccinated have some valid points in terms of their contact with other people, and the low rate of infections in the trucker industry. But a convoy of angry truck drivers does not seem to be the most effective way to make their point.

The border vaccine mandate will slow down our food distribution for sure, and the government in all its wisdom must be aware of that.

I agree that the government mandates are uncomfortable decisions, and I also know they will most likely never be resolved, however forcing people to inject something they may or may not need into their bodies is never a

good look anywhere, and putting a kink in our food chain seems to be a nonsensical kind of decision.

Driving these vaccine mandates is a basic desire of modern-day society which is to try and do things that are for the common good. Look after your neighbour as you would yourself.

Of course the border vaccine mandate messes things up. I am sure the government does not need an eighteen wheeler to drive over its federal foot to understand that.

Covid is real. Everyone in the country will most likely get it and those who are unvaccinated will probably have a harder time shrugging it off; those are facts.

The idea that the government has a plan to subvert our freedom by imposing vaccine mandates is a fairy tale with not a fact in sight.

In any event, mandate, or no mandate I have been vaccinated. I and millions of other Canadians like me did not have to be ordered to get the vaccine. Getting it just made sense.

Joseph Morin

The Road Home

by Carolyn Thompson Goddard

On a cold winter's day there is nothing quite like curling up in a warm comfy chair, with an interesting book in one hand and a cup of hot chocolate in the other. I have often joked that Mom taught me to read before I started school and while I am not sure this is totally accurate, there is no doubt that reading has been a life-long pleasure.

Throughout our house on King Street there were all kinds of books to read. From books full of photographs from places all around the world, to a complete set of Collier's Encyclopedia for use to use for research. There were novels, comic books and in my room a bookcase full of children's books. I am not sure what has happened to many of those books, but some of them have travelled with me through the years joining those, which I have purchased throughout the years.

The other day, when it was cold and snowy outside, I decided it was

time to go through my bookcases and do book weeding. Now anyone who is attached as much as I am to books, will realize that the act of going through your collection and perhaps discarding some is a scary proposition.

To make it easier for me, I decided to start with my living room bookcase, which has two shelves full of books. The bottom shelf has a pretty good collection of picture books, many of which I have read to children in the schools where I worked and some to my grandchildren. It was very easy to go through that shelf, keeping my favourites, relocating the beginning reading books, and giving some to my grandchildren. The top shelf was a bit more difficult for in it was a book Mom had received for Christmas as a child in the early 1920's as well as some of my personal childhood favourite books which chronicled the adventures of a youngster named Maggie Muggins.

For a few years each Christmas I would get a Maggie Muggins book which were written by Mary Graham. Mom told me Maggie Muggins began as a radio show which my two oldest brothers had listened to as youngsters, and she thought I might enjoy reading them. Looking at them brought back recollections of Maggie, Mr. McGarrity and several of her animal friends. While I haven't read them for fifty years at least, when I look at the covers I can hear Maggie singing 'Tra la la lee, here comes Maggie Muggins me', the squeaky voice of FitzGerald Fieldmouse, and envision the tall Mr. McGarrity listening to Maggie telling of her adventures.

I couldn't bring myself to part with them and have relocated them to the end table near my comfy chair and maybe some cold wintery day, with get a cup of hot chocolate, sit in my comfy chair and read them once again!



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Roxborough Bus Lines acquires 417 Bus Line Ltd.

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

AVONMORE – Roxborough Bus Lines, an Ontario leader in passenger transportation, announced it has finalized its acquisition of 417 Bus Line Limited, a family owned and operated Ontario-based transportation business.

Nick McRae, president of Roxborough Bus Line Ltd. said, “417 Bus Line is an extraordinary company, with an amazing team and fleet of vehicles.” McRae believes the acquisition will result in a higher level of service and availability of services in the Ontario market.

“This strategic acquisition will bring added capabilities to our school bus division as well as add motor coaches to our product, offering, enabling our customers more options across our charter transportation services,” said McRae.

The decision is good for

both parties. Yvon Laplante, the president of, 417 Bus Lines Limited said, “Today marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for 417 Bus Line Ltd., one where we will be able to accelerate our mission and help more clients than ever with outstanding service. We are excited to be joining the Roxborough Bus Lines family that has shared values and philosophies.”

A press release announcing the acquisition stated, “Roxborough will be welcoming all existing 417 Bus Line staff, including bus and coach drivers, mechanics and technicians, operations staff, and leadership. The company will also take over operations of the cutting-edge facility in Casselman, Ontario.”

The acquisition of 417 Bus Line Limited will see Roxborough Bus Line Ltd. expand by 220 team members and 230 vehicles, including 25 coach buses.

Roxborough Bus Line Ltd. was founded in 1959 by Duncan McRae and Bernard Villeneuve. The two started out with just one school bus. The company has now grown to close to 900 buses and vans covering Eastern Ontario. Over the years it has remained a family operated business with each of Duncan and Bernard’s sons, Daryl McRae and George Villeneuve carrying on the company business. In 2008, Nick McRae and Blaine Filion joined the ownership group and have taken an aggressive approach to growing the business into new markets.

Roxborough Bus Lines has acquired numerous companies since its establishment and currently operates facilities in Avonmore, Alexandria, Clarence Creek, Greely, Madoc and now Casselman and has grown to over 820 employees covering Eastern Ontario and the City of Ottawa.

Roxborough Bus Lines is committed to providing safe, effective, efficient, and healthy home to school transportation to more than 170 schools in Ontario. The company not only provides school bus service to students but to adults as well for a wide variety of occasions.

417 Bus Line has a proud history as a family-owned and operated company. It was founded in 1958 by Jean-Paul Laplante. The company was first known as Laplante Bus Lines, then Casselman Bus Line, before incorporating in 1974 as 417 Bus Line Limited. Jean-Paul’s sons, Yvon, Marc, Mario, and Gilles took over leadership in 1993. They have built on their father’s legacy, further developing the family-centric culture. They offer a full range of passenger transportation options from school buses to 56 passenger motor coaches that operate across North America.

Serving through pandemic restrictions

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Community Food Share and House of Lazarus are continuing to serve their clients throughout the latest restrictions which were announced by the provincial government recently.

Cathy Ashby, executive director at the House of Lazarus explained the food bank at HOL’s Mountain location remains open, outreach programs continue including assisting clients with tax preparation, but donations cannot currently be accepted. Clients are asked to call 613-989-3830 to arrange an appointment to pick up food or receive information on programming. The Mountain Treasures store located in Mountain will remain closed until provincial restrictions allow it to be

reopened, with Ashby mentioning staff shortages are their main concern. When asked about the Ingleside Food Bank, she commented clients can make an appointment by calling either 613-989-3830 or 613-812-3830.

Jane Schoones, CFS team leader, explained the organization had planned to re-open in January but unfortunately Omicron, the highly contagious Covid-19 variant, necessitated the continuation of curbside pick up to ensure the safety of staff, volunteers and CFS clients. She continued CFS continues with all EOHU screening guidelines and grant programs have allowed for the purchase of “KN 95 masks worn by everyone inside our locations, hand sanitizer, antibacterial soap and disinfectant foggers for each food bank.”

Currently following a client choice model, CFS is now able to provide their clients with “seven to nine days of nutritious food versus the previous allotment of five to seven days by using the “individualized and personalized shopping lists for all clients” created by CFS staff. “Client update newsletters” are sent out to clients on a regular basis to provide them with “any information that may be beneficial to them.” When asked about the income tax program, Schoones explained the program, which begins at the end of February or early March and is not affected by any closures with the program handled like last year.

More information is available on the CFS Facebook page, website or by calling the Morrisburg site at 613-543-0065 or for the Winchester location at 613-774-0188.

Upcoming seed and forage shows

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – As spring approaches, many in the agricultural sector look forward to county seed, feed and forage shows, with winners at the county level proceeding to the Ottawa Valley Championship Seed, Feed and Forage Show. Winners from the OVCSFFS are announced and awards presented at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show are generally held in March, with both events organized by the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association.

This agricultural organization was formed in 1927 by farmers who began working together to promote the sale of their seeds at a time when limited options were available to them. The OVSGA is considered a unique organization, as it represents twelve counties in Eastern Ontario, with county representatives on the board of directors.

The 2022 Ottawa Valley Championship Seed, Feed and Forage Show is planned for Sat., March 12. The “judges and seed show committee members will be judging” the top entries from county shows, commented Arlene Ross, administrator for the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association, before explaining the awards’ presentation is usually held during the Ottawa Valley Farm Show.

Several county soil and crop improvement associations are in the process of planning their seed, feed and forage shows as March approaches. Ashley Knapton, secretary-treasurer of the Lanark Soil and Crop Improvement Association commented their seed show is planned for March 9, before continuing more details will be confirmed as “the Covid situation evolves.” Grenville Soil and Crops does not host an annual seed show according to information received from Bryan Cook of the Grenville SCIA.

The Stormont Seed and Forage Show is planned for Wed., March 2, with entries to be dropped off between 10 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chrysler Community Centre. There


will be no Chrysler Farm Show this year. More information can be obtained by emailing stormontscia@gmail.com.

Glengarry Soil and Crop will be holding their Seed and Forage Show on Wed., Feb. 9 between 1 and 3 p.m. at 17829 Strathmore Road, Monkland, and Marc Sumure, secretary-treasurer of the PSCIA commenting that the seed judging for the Prescott County SCIA will be on Feb. 23; with more details to follow.

As information becomes available for the shows in the various counties, it is recommended to visit either their website or Facebook page.


- OBITUARY -

DESORMEAUX, Cecile



It is with deep sorrow and love that we mourn the passing of Cecile Desormeaux of Chrysler. Peacefully passed away at the age of 73 years at the Winchester Hospital on January 15, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. She will be lovingly remembered and missed by her husband Jean Guy Desormeaux with 56 years of marriage and greatly missed by two sons Jean Marc (Natalie) and Sylvain, her grandson Joshua and she will be reunited with Joel. Predeceased by her parents Romeo and Maria Allaire. She will be missed by family members and friends. To honour Cecile's wishes, cremation has taken place. Services are on hold until a later date. Online condolences may be made at www.brownleefuneralhomes.com.


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Chesterville King Street Fire, 1909

Ashley Harper
Chesterville and District Historical Society

In the early hours of April 6, 1909, Chesterville residents were awoken to the alarm of fire and the smell of smoke. Within hours, an entire block of the village's business core was reduced to rubble. It would become known as the worst conflagration in the history of Chesterville.

It originated in a wooden-framed building on the north-east corner of King and Water Streets, which housed W. J. Nash's tailor shop on the first floor and the Masonic Hall on the second. The flames quickly spread east down Water Street to *The Chesterville Record* office, destroying the printing presses, then travelled north up King to Ralph Street.

Equipped with only one hand pump and pails for water, there was very little that could be done. The fire destroyed everything in its path, including Wilford Saucier's jewelry store, Isaac Pelletier's confectionary and fruit store, Gordon Robinson's blacksmith shop, Joseph Fisher and Colborne Robinson's butcher shop and the Sanders, Soule and Casselman general store.

The village was left rattled by this tragedy - it was not the first they had dealt with that spring. Exactly three weeks before this incident, the Temperance Hotel and Foster's Hall, situated at the north end of King Street, burned to the ground, and the train station and water tower narrowly escaped with minor damage.

In light of these incidents, steps were quickly taken to improve the village's fire protection. By May, the village council was preparing a new bylaw to mandate that only 'fireproof' (e. g. brick, stone) buildings could be erected in the business section. That summer, a steam pumper fire engine was purchased and a proper fire department was formed with Frank McCloskey as fire chief.

Meanwhile, life went on in the village. *The Chesterville Record* was back in print on May 6, operating from a temporary office in a blacksmith shop. By the end of the summer, bigger and better buildings replaced those that were lost. Sanders, Soule & Casselman rebuilt on their



Pictured, a postcard photo that shows people walking amongst the rubble of the Sanders, Soule & Casselman general store and Fisher & Robinson's butcher shop on King Street, with the newly constructed Trinity Methodist Church in the background.

Supplied by Ashley Harper.

former site (now Mike Dean's). The Fisher Block (burned in 1989, now the Mike Dean's parking lot) was erected, where Fisher and Pelletier carried on their businesses. The new *Record*

building (demolished in 2018) was constructed and Saucier rented part of the space for his jewelry store. Wesley Hamilton built the Hamilton Block on the corner of King and Water

Streets (now Louis' Restaurant).

The response to the King Street fire demonstrates the resilience of this village and its people - something that we continue to see today.

Controversial digital sign in Iroquois to be removed

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

IROQUOIS – In a release posted late last week, it was noted that the free-standing digital sign located along County Road 2 just east of Iroquois is to be removed no later than June 7.

"The municipality heard the concerns from our residents and has worked diligently to resolve the issue," Mayor Steven Byvelds said. "We are glad to be able to put this

matter to rest. We are pleased with the agreement that will see the sign removed this year."

The sign, which is located at 11141 County Road 2, has caused significant uproar from the community due to its size and flashing messages, which some neighbours said caused issues with light shining into bedrooms at night. It was discovered that the owners of the sign had not procured the required permits prior to the erection of the sign. When they later tried to apply for a rezoning of the property from

residential to highway commercial, which would permit the sign, it was denied. They then submitted an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in April 2021.

South Dundas staff have noted that the applicant has withdrawn their appeal. In addition, it was noted that they have settled the matter with the municipality.

Whodunit? We'll have to wait a little longer to find out

Jane Adams

Special to the Record

WINCHESTER – It will definitely be worth the wait! The WDMH Foundation Murder Mystery Night originally planned for Feb. 12 will be postponed until it is safe for everyone to meet and solve the mystery. Those who have already purchased tickets to the event will be contacted.

But don't despair! The original play entitled "Clues Lead to Murder at the Downtown Abbey" © 2016 will

be back – with playwright Laurie McRae-Bingley and her amazing cast.

In fact, here's a message from one of the characters: <https://youtu.be/U1C9pMyirYY>

And here's some good news! The WDMH Foundation will still be hosting an online auction in early February. Funds raised will be directed to the Foundation's Family Care Fund – to support families just like yours. Watch for details on our Facebook page!

Hope to see you all soon!

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Government funding on the way to local initiatives

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The pandemic continues to create challenges to communities across the country.

Locally, food banks have had issues with keeping up with increasing demands.

In late December, the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced a \$30-million top-up for Emergency Food Security Fund, bringing total funding under the fund to \$330-million.

This additional investment is aimed at addressing the increased demand and fewer resources faced by food banks and local food organizations, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Food insecurity rates increased over the pandemic, with one in seven Canadian households experiencing food insecurity over a one-month period during the pandemic.

The funding will be divided between Food Banks Canada, Second Harvest, Breakfast Club of Canada, Community Food Centres Canada, The Salvation Army, and La Table des Chefs, who in turn will continue their work to distribute it to thousands of local food organizations across Canada.

Community Food Share in North Dundas and the House of Lazarus have been on the front line of helping those in need.

Jane Schoones the executive

director of Community Food Share is happy to hear that more funding may be available.

She said, “We have received funding in the past in particular because when Covid was really bad, we couldn’t do our major fundraising Fill-A-Bag campaign.”

Schoones said they will be applying for more funding, but that all depends on the criteria the government comes up with.

“We will be applying in the next round, it all depends on how things unfold,” she said.

The House of Lazarus is also waiting for when the details of the additional funding is announced.

Funding funnels down through Food Banks Canada, and they let their different agencies like Community Food Share, and the House of Lazarus know what the different categories are.

A press release from Agriculture and Agri-Food stated: “Funding will be divided between local food banks [and] organizations will use the funding to purchase and distribute food and other basic necessities to meet the emergency needs of the most vulnerable people. They may also hire temporary help to cope with volunteer shortages and adapt operations to help keep workers, volunteers and recipients safe.”

The Emergency Food Security Fund has supported more than 5,000 local food initiatives across Canada, with over 1,100 initiatives directly

supporting Indigenous organizations and communities. The Fund has helped to serve healthy, nutritious, and culturally diverse meals to millions of people in Canada.

Emergency Food Security Fund recipients will use a portion of the funds to purchase surplus PEI potatoes and redistribute them to local food serving organizations who have expressed the need for this commodity.

Bibeau said, “Canada’s food banks and local food organizations have done tremendous work over the past year, as the pandemic continues to worsen food insecurity across Canada. Our government is committed to making sure they receive our support, so they can continue to put more food on the table for vulnerable Canadians. This extra \$30-million investment will help these six vital organizations with established distribution networks to continue to improve access to food for Canadians in need, while also supporting PEI farmers by redirecting surplus potatoes to local food-serving organizations who need them.”

The new funding will be distributed to: Food Banks Canada (up to \$10-million), Second Harvest, (up to \$7.5-million), Breakfast Club of Canada, (up to \$7-million), Community Food Centres Canada, (up to \$3-million), The Salvation Army, (up to \$2-million) and La Table des Chefs, (up to \$500,000).

SFA holds AGM

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

STORMONT COUNTY – Stormont Federation of Agriculture held their 2022 annual general meeting virtually on Wed., Jan. 19.

The guest speaker for the event was OFA president Peggy Brekveld who spoke on leadership. The presentation examined several facets of leadership including the qualities of a leader, leadership styles and the role of leaders in organizations.

The interactive presentation provided an opportunity for people in attendance to describe qualities they feel are important for organization leaders and later discuss the reasons for their joining the Stormont Federation of Agriculture.

Following Brekveld’s presentation, the SFA announced the winner of the \$750 Stormont Federation of Agriculture’s Bursary Winner, Haleigh-Jo tePlate. The daughter of Henry and Kenda tePlate, who operate Paynebranch Farms; she is in the second year of the Business in Agriculture at the Perth Campus of Algonquin College.

After graduating from AC, she will be continuing her post secondary education next year at Olds College in Alberta, where she will be working toward earning a Bachelor of Applied Science – Agribusiness degree.

When asked about the future, she commented she plans to run the family farm and work in agricultural businesses. “Knowing what I am doing is helping to feed the world” as well as spending time caring for farm animals are just a few reasons for her interest in agriculture.



Haleigh Jo, daughter of Kendra and Henry tePlate, was awarded the 2022 SFA Bursary at the Stormont Federation of Agriculture annual general meeting. Courtesy Photo

South Stormont approves sale of three lots in Long Sault East Industrial Park

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – The township of South Stormont recently approved the sale of land in the Long Sault East Industrial Park to three separate buyers.

“It seems like they’re going pretty quickly,” Coun. Cindy Woods said.

The decisions were made during the Jan. 12 council meeting with three separate bylaws being passed to authorize the individual land sales. The buyers included Elysian Design and Build Limited, Abdullah Al-Saheb (Bubbly Shisha), and Christopher and Elizabeth Thompson.

“We’ve been working with our legal counsel and legal representatives for the purchasers to work both on closing the transaction and also a buy-back agreement,” director of planning and building Karl Doyle said.

The buy-back agreements state that South Stormont can repurchase the land at the same cost should the proposed construction projects fail to happen. The land is being sold at \$15,000 per acre with all proceeds earmarked for the township’s land development reserve. For each of the transactions, Doyle said the lands are subject to site plan approval and a draft functional site plan design is to be received within six months of finalizing the land sale.

The 4.35-acre property being purchased by Elysian Design and Build Limited is

expected to have a future supply chain terminal facility built on the site. The land is zoned general industrial, which fits with the intended use. The cost to the buyer is \$65,250 plus HST.

Doyle said Al-Saheb intends to build a new manufacturing and distribution plant on the 2.42-acre property he’s purchasing, which Doyle said is permitted under the current general industrial zoning designation. Al-Saheb’s purchase costs \$36,300 plus HST.

As for the Thompsons, they intend to construct a cannabis production and processing facility on their 2.59-acre parcel of land. Doyle said the facility will comply with all federal and municipal regulations and is permitted under the current general industrial zoning designation. The cost of the land they’re buying is \$38,850 plus HST.

All three were passed without discussion. The only remark made was by Woods, who commented on how quickly the lots are

being sold. She asked about the remaining number of lots currently available for

purchase. Doyle said staff will be looking at further expansion following the

receipt of studies that are expected to be completed in the next few months.

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Rural politicians ask province for healthcare support

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – “Access to healthcare has long been an issue in our region, and as our communities continue to grow, we must make strides toward improving the healthcare services our residents receive. To effectively do that, we need further support from all levels of government,” township of South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis said.

McGillis is a member of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee comprised of council and staff from both South Stormont and the Municipality of South Dundas.

The committee met with the Ministry of Health on Jan. 24 during the province’s annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference. Committee spokesperson, South Dundas Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner, highlighted some of the key issues facing both townships.

Gardner’s appeal focused on three things, beginning with support for doctor recruitment. She also discussed the need for equal opportunity healthcare in rural areas, as well as a more inclusive healthcare system that would bring specialty services closer to home. In addition, the committee advocated on the need for greater, and more

accessible, mental health services.

“We’re very proud of what the committee has been able to accomplish in the last two years and we will continue to work towards our goals, but we also need to be heard and supported by our provincial partners and that’s what we aimed to achieve today,” Gardner said. “Rural community residents deserve equal opportunity to the healthcare spectrum.”

The South Dundas and South Stormont Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee includes McGillis, Gardner, South Dundas Coun. Don Lewis, South Stormont Coun. Cindy Woods, South Dundas chief administrative officer (CAO) Shannon Geraghty, and South Stormont CAO Debi LucasSwitzer.

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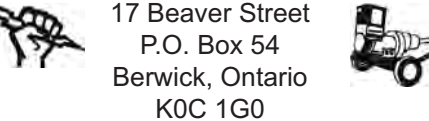
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2021 Year in Review

October

Open the gates & celebrate: 2021 Metcalfe Fair

METCALFE—The sun shone brightly as people entered through the gates on opening night of the 165th Metcalfe Fair which ran between Sept. 30 and Oct. 3. For four days, there was plenty to see and do at the fair as the midway returned; cattle and horse competitions returned to the fairgrounds and people were able to view prize winners in various competitions.

Competitors flock to plowing match in Stormont

BERWICK—The sun was shining all day when the Stormont County Plowmens Association held their 2021 Stormont County Plowing Match (SCON) on Sat., Oct. 9 at Rosevine Farms owned by Barrie, Lill, Kelsey and Cassidy Smith and located at 2558 Goldfield Road in North Stormont. Lill explained the plowing match was held on a 22-acre portion of their farm and throughout the day visitors were able to watch as competitors plowed as straight a furrow as possible.



Community builder recognized

Bob Porteous was awarded the North Dundas Community Builder Award on Sat., Oct. 16 at the Lions' Pavilion in Winchester. He also received the Lions Club Helen Keller Award. Left to right are: North Dundas Coun. John Thompson, Mayor Tony Fraser, Bob and Jean Porteous. Morin Photo

Russell celebrates century-long history of scouting

EMBRUN – While Scouting celebrated its 100th anniversary nationally and internationally in 2007, the 2nd Russell Scouting Troop is set to hit the same milestone at the end of this month.

On Oct. 23, the 2nd Russell Scouting Troop will be taking part in a special dedication hosted by the South Nation Conservation, SNC) at the J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area. The SNC will be honouring the anniversary of the scouting movement in Russell and at the same time explaining their winter tree management plan to visitors.

Randy Miller, also known as Old Wolf, is one of the group's longest serving members, having put in 37 years working with the Russell scouting movement at every level.

The movement in Russell involves a Beaver colony, a Cub pack, a Scout troop, a Venture company, and a Rover troop.

Proof of vaccination mandatory for North Dundas employees

WINCHESTER – North Dundas has chosen a straightforward solution to vaccination issues for its municipal employees. If they do not have proof of their two vaccination shots by Oct. 25 they will be asked to leave. For those employees who have had just the first shot, they will have until Nov. 30 to get the second one. The decision to implement the vaccination policy was made at the council's special meeting on Mon., Oct. 18.

North Stormont divided on donating to local food bank

BERWICK – "I'm all in favour of supporting food banks, and do it personally, but I'm not in favour of supporting it at the municipal level because we could be opening a can of worms," Coun. Randy Douglas said during the township of North Stormont's Oct. 19 council meeting. Following a donation request from the C.C.S. (Casselman, Crysler, St-Albert) Food Bank, chief administrative officer Craig Calder presented local politicians with a recommendation to donate funds to each of the two local food banks, C.C.S. Food Bank and Community FoodShare. After a lengthy discussion, council members voted to defer the decision until the next council meeting.

November

South Dundas to have roughly \$100k of COVID-19 funding left at year end

MORRISBURG – Municipality of South Dundas finance staff are predicting the township will have a significant amount of COVID-19 funding money remaining at the end of the year. "This is a rough estimate," treasurer Sarah McMillan said. "We are still expecting more expenses to be incurred by year end. However, the expenses are expected to be minimal and any major purchases using the funding does come to council first for

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approval. So, I'm estimating that we'll have around \$100,000 remaining at year end. It's unclear at this time if we'll have to return any unspent funding. We're trying to be creative with how we utilize the funds.

Rural Ontario braces for propane price increase

WINCHESTER – For years, natural gas and propane have been the less expensive option for home and industry including various farming processes such as drying a harvest of corn, soybeans, or wheat. The recent headlines that Canadian propane prices could increase by 300 percent are alarming. Up until now the price for propane for home and farm use was stable and predictable. Like so many other industry standards that may have just changed.

Villeneuve calls for public consultations prior to budget talks

BERWICK – Township of North Stormont is hoping to have the first draft of the 2022 budget ready by the end of January 2022, as deliberations are set to begin in February. During the Nov. 2 council meeting, Coun. Roxane Villeneuve asked about the procedure for the upcoming 2022 budget deliberations. She noted that director of finance Carly Wheeler is on leave until mid-December and with deputy director of finance Amanda Alexander filling in for her during that time, Villeneuve wanted to know if anything would be done in the next six weeks. She also wanted to know if residents would have a chance to speak and ask questions earlier in the process

Morrisburg's Santa Claus Parade is set for Dec. 4

MORRISBURG – Santa Claus is returning to South Dundas sooner than expected. He'll be making his way to Morrisburg for the annual Santa Claus Parade on Sat., Dec. 4. While it will look a little different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, unlike last year, it will go ahead. The Davies family is already hard at work pulling things together for the holiday event.

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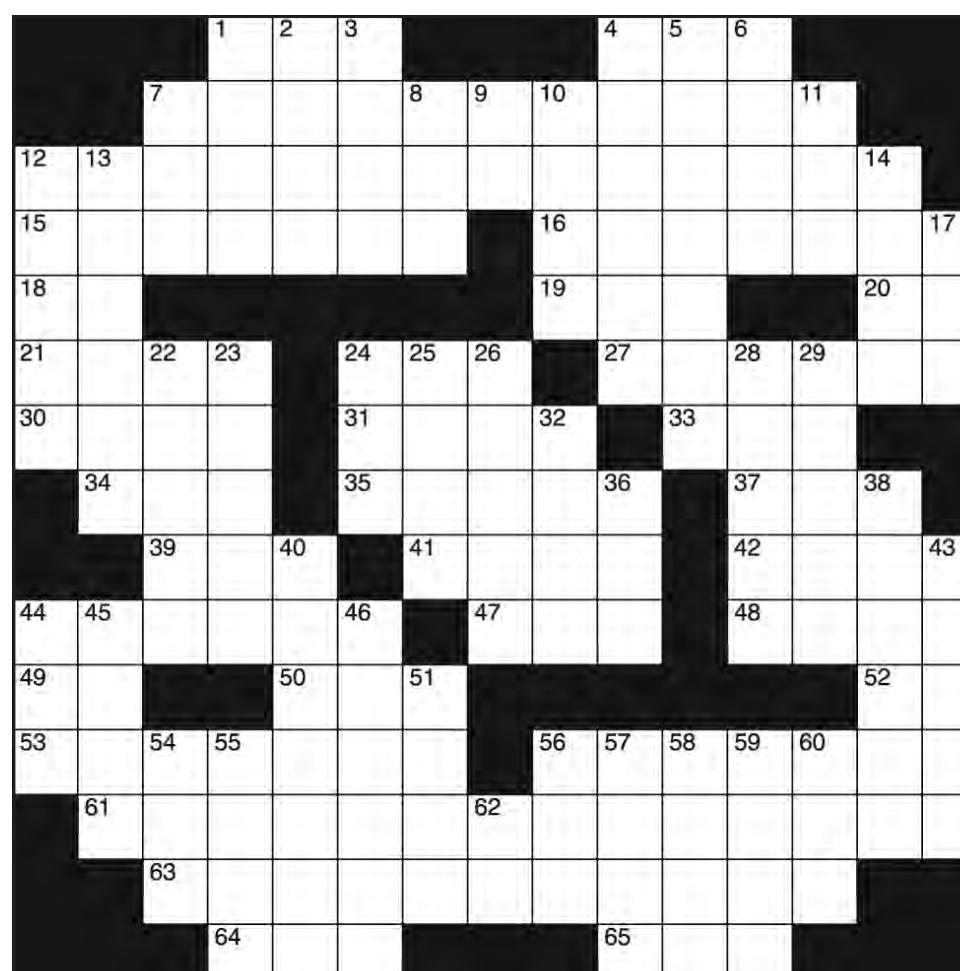
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CLUES ACROSS

- Brew
- NY ballplayer
- Rigid external covering in some animals
- Promotional materials
- More high-pitched
- Widely cultivated cereal
- Dormitory employee
- Bad act
- One's mother
- Scored perfectly
- Space station
- Exchange for money
- Edible seaweed
- Iranian city
- Lakers' crosstown rivals
- Nothing
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation


- student, learns healing
- Military official (abbr.)
- Matchstick games
- Gasteyer and De Armas are two
- Distant planet
- A type of residue
- Punk art icon Jimmy De_
- Millihenry
- Canadian media firm
- Type of withdrawal
- Spicy
- Dish of minced meat or fish
- Noted previously
- Happily
- "Partridge" actress Susan
- Not present

CLUES DOWN

- In a way, brought to an end
- Scandalized actress Loughlin
- This (Spanish)
- Essay
- Continuing indefinitely
- Tool for lifting food
- Partner to Adam
- Dry white wine drink
- Spanish be
- Smaller quantity
- Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- (Scottish) island
- Church officer
- Large wrestler
- Polite address for women
- Famed Susan Lucci character " _ Kane"
- Mason _ Line
- Disfigure
- Asian nation
- Rage (Span.)

- Khoikhoi peoples
- Opera solo
- Database management system
- Similar
- Move up and down playfully
- Alfalfa
- Satisfied
- Baseball official
- Large, flightless bird of S. America
- Money given in support
- Flower cluster
- Beginning military rank
- Russian weight measurement
- Explosive
- An individual unit
- Midskirt
- Weapon featuring balls
- Used of a number or amount not specified
- Unit of measurement

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- 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.

Ye Old Bargain Shoppe

CHESTERVILLE – Although heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Chesterville remains focused on serving the community.

"On an average year, pre-COVID, we manage to give to anyone who needs it, like the fire department, local schools, Naomi's Family Resource Centre, the Dundas Food Bank, Dundas County Hospice, and to people in the community who find themselves in a sudden bind. If someone suffers a catastrophe like a fire, they can also come in and get clothes, bedding, housewares, etc., for free," congregant Gaenor Howe said.

In addition to regular church services, in pre-pandemic times, the local church raised funds through the operation of a thrift store called Ye Olde Bargain Shoppe. Congregants also baked and sold homemade pies, and they provided a weekly community luncheon. Unfortunately, the latter two have all but ceased since the pandemic began and Ye Olde Bargain Shoppe, due to current provincial regulations and illness, is closed until further notice.

"Due to the renewed COVID restrictions, it would be too difficult to have the shop open," Howe said. "We would need extra volunteers to control the number of people entering the store at one time. As well, some of our volunteers have come down with COVID recently, and some have health vulnerabilities that make them unable to volunteer right now."

Ye Olde Bargain Shoppe, which is in the church basement, is completely run by volunteers from the congregation or the community. Items sold in the store are donations contributed by community

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, located at 30 Mill Street in Chesterville, hopes to have its fundraisers back in play sooner than later, including the church's thrift store, Ye Olde Bargain Shoppe. Courtesy Photo

members. The volunteers who do the sorting said they're thankful to all those who donate such beautiful things for the store's inventory.

The Chesterville thrift shop carries shoes and boots, clothing for all ages from coats to pyjamas, small appliances (hand mixers, electric kettles, and the like), toys, bedding, knickknacks, art, CDs, records, DVDs, craft supplies, purses and luggage, baskets, puzzles, picture frames, dishes,

pots and pans, skates, and more. All proceeds beyond infrastructure costs go to various charities, local groups, or people struggling in the community.

While Ye Olde Bargain Shoppe is currently closed, the group is considering extending its current hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays to include at least one Saturday per month. This will ensure that those who are unable to attend during the week still can shop at the thrift

store as well. The store is expected to re-open when the province's safety mandates allow and when staff can safely return.

While the store itself doesn't have a website or Facebook page, the church advertises in local newspapers when possible. Otherwise, the store's status is posted on the door and, when possible, poster notices are posted around town. In addition to the thrift store, St. Andrew's has raised funds through pie making and weekly community luncheons, both of which have been put on hold due to the pandemic.

"Our pies are local favourites. We make them by hand from our own recipes and sell them frozen, so you can just pop them into the oven frozen," Howe said. "It's been very difficult not making the pies because it's our major fundraiser, but the rules about spacing, additional food safety protocols, and the number of people who can gather in one place have made it impossible."

The luncheons, which are an outreach initiative, have been missed. The St. Andrew's Ladies, congregants who cook and serve the meals, have heard from regular attendees who formerly enjoyed the delicious meal and socializing opportunity provided on the last Wednesday of every month from January to June and September to November.

St. Andrew's is located at 30 Mill Street in Chesterville. The fully accessible facility, originally built in 1898, continues to provide Sunday services beginning at 9 a.m. while also following provincial pandemic protocols. To find out what items are accepted for donation, visit Ye Olde Bargain Shoppe when the store re-opens, which, if all goes well, will hopefully be early in February.

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.

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Russell council favours two-branch library system

EMBRUN – It looks like the township of Russell could see a new library in Embrun sooner than later.

"Libraries are so much more than just a place to go get books, so I'm happy with the two-branch idea," Coun. Mike Tarnowski said; several of his council colleagues agreed.

In a presentation to local politicians during the Nov. 15 council meeting, township of Russell Public Library Board's Isabelle St. Amour recommended a two-branch library system, which included keeping the current Russell branch and adding a 7,500 square foot ground floor branch in the new recreation complex in Embrun. Following a lengthy conversation, council was on board with the two-branch system, but with potential costs and timing leaving things undecided.

South Stormont gets overview of Long Sault's Logistics Village project

LONG SAULT – Township of South Stormont politicians were recently presented with an overview of the Long Sault's Logistics Village Development project. "We were waiting for this presentation for a while and we're very excited to hear what's in this presentation this evening," Mayor Bryan McGillis said, welcoming the Camino LVS Inc. team's delegation. The company was exempted from the township's procedural bylaw restricting delegations to no more than 10 minutes. "I want to make sure that council and everybody has enough time to ask the questions and any comments they want to make."

MPP Jim McDonell announces retirement on June 1, 2022

WILLIAMSTOWN – Jim McDonell, a familiar face in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and the local member of provincial parliament is retiring. He made the announcement on Tues., Nov. 23. McDonell has been an MPP since 2011.

Before being elected to the Ontario legislature, McDonell was elected to municipal council in 1994 and served as Mayor of South Glengarry (2003-2011) and as warden of the United Counties of Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry (2006). His official retirement date has been set for June 1, 2022.

December

Margaret Atwood: 'Hooray for libraries'!

CORNWALL – To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the SDG Library, renowned Canadian author Margaret Atwood joined CBC Radio One's Alan Neal for a live but virtual interview last week. "Hooray for libraries. Where would we be without them?" Atwood said. On Nov. 17, the day before Atwood's 82nd birthday, registered guests signed into the Zoom webinar, which began with a little live music by Nicholas Seguin. Organized by SDG Librarian Charlotte Halstead, it was director of library services Karen Franklin who welcomed viewers to the momentous event.

Approval for Boyne Road landfill expansion moves closer

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas landfill site located at Boyne Road is slowly coming to an end. The site is slated for expansion and before that can happen an environmental survey has to be completed. Golder and Associates were brought onboard to do the environmental assessment and at the last North Dundas council meeting on Nov. 23 presented an update about the project and a request to increase the budget for the assessment.

North Dundas council considers process to replace councillor

WINCHESTER – The Dec. 1 resignation of North Dundas Coun. Tyler Hoy presents an interesting dilemma for fellow councillors. How Hoy's seat at the table will be filled, will have to wait until the next council meeting on Dec. 14. The council has 60 days to fill the position. At a special meeting on Tues., Dec. 7, North Dundas councillors officially accepted Hoy's resignation and discussed what their next steps would be to replace him. Hoy was elected in 2018 and this was his first and only term. His resignation letter did not explain his reasons for resigning.

'Live with Leroux' focuses on 2022 budget

EMBRUN – Last week, township of Russell residents were given an opportunity to discuss the 2022 budget with both the mayor and the municipality's financial expert.

"This is, hopefully, an interactive discussion," Mayor Pierre Leroux said. "We're going to be providing

information. So, please feel free to ask questions and we'll try and answer them as much as possible."

On Nov. 24, Leroux was joined by director of finance and treasurer Richard Godin for the online Live with Leroux event. The 30-minute information-sharing session can be found on Russell's Facebook and YouTube pages.

"The municipal process is not an easy process," Leroux said. "There's a lot of discussions and a lot of topics that we have to take into consideration."

South Dundas public, business speak against cannabis processing plants

MORRISBURG – During a public meeting late last month, several Municipality of South Dundas residents took a stand against the installation of cannabis-production plants in both Morrisburg and Riverside Heights.

NS awards contracts for Crysler Firehall

BERWICK – With the awarding of both a building contract and a demolition contract, the township of North Stormont is getting closer to seeing the erection of a new firehall in Crysler.

During the Dec. 7 council meeting, politicians approved staff's recommendation to hire Brian Shane Construction for the building contract, and to EC Carruthers and Sons Utilities Construction Ltd. for the demolition contract. The work is set to begin in the spring of 2022 with an expected completion date in the fall.



A Christmas chat with Santa

Eleven-month-old Charlotte Letcher had a close-up chat with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Matilda Memorial Recreation's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sat., Dec. 4. The event took place at Matilda Memorial Park.

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Russell endorses employment services centre as lead for Municipal Nominee Program

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – Township of Russell politicians recently showed their support for bringing more economic immigrants to rural Canada to fill specific positions.

Local municipal representatives showed their support by approving a request made during the Jan. 17 council meeting. In addition to acknowledging receipt of a presentation made by Caroline Arcand on behalf of Employment Services Centre Prescott-Russell (ESCPR) at its Dec. 20, 2021 meeting, council also endorsed the plan giving ESCPR the lead to respond to the possible call for proposals of the Ministry of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), under the Municipal Nominee Program (MNP).

“The current [IRCC’s immigration] plan is designed to contribute to an immigration system that fosters economic growth, supports diversity, and helps build vibrant, dynamic, and inclusive communities, while maintaining border integrity to preserve the safety and security of Canadians,” the IRCC stated in its report on the IRCC Consultation on Immigration Levels and MNP, which is available at Canada.ca.

The objective of MNP is to target candidates with specific skills which have been identified as a need in various regions throughout the country. With needs being different from one region to the next, the government will require community involvement in identifying needs.

The ESCPR presentation made to the township of Russell’s politicians late last year can be accessed in French only by visiting the Dec. 20, 2021, council agenda package. More information about this and other employment services can be found on ESCPR’s website (csepr.ca). Further information can be found by emailing (info@csepr.ca) or calling (1-800-668-5950).

Russell matches SNC tree giveaway grant of \$500

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – Politicians with the township of Russell have once again voted to direct an additional \$500 in matching support to the South Nation Conservation (SNC)’s Community Free Tree Campaign grant of the same amount.

“We’ve been doing this small event for the last five years,” director of infrastructure services Jonathan Bourgon said. “So, again this year, if approved by

council, we’ll match that grant and try to give as much trees as possible.”

The decision was made during the Jan. 17 council meeting. The \$500 is to come from the township’s Public Works’ operational budget. Staff noted that the extra funds would double the number of seedlings and trees in pots available to Russell residents.

“The program or event is going to be led by SNC, so you’ll have to register for it through their website to select the type of trees that you would like to receive, and

Russell passes Fleet Management Policy

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – Township of Russell politicians recently approved a municipal fleet management policy.

“This policy gives direction on how to manage the fleet, and how replacement or addition to the fleet will be managed and presented to council,” director of infrastructure services Jonathan Bourgon said in his report. “The policy also addresses the standardization of the fleet.”

During the first council meeting of the year on Jan. 17, council members received the township’s Fleet Management Policy report and approved the policy itself, which incorporated changes suggested during the Dec. 20, 2021, council meeting. Mayor Pierre Leroux invited Bourgon to speak to some changes to the report.

“From the last document that council signed in December, there’s a small change in Section 3.6 for the colour of the fire trucks,” Bourgon said, noting the addition of a statement allowing for updates according to potentially changing National Products Association standards.

Leroux asked if council’s suggestion to add environmental sustainability to the policy’s mission was included. Bourgon confirmed that it had.

RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen
Student Reporter

Hey everyone!



It’s officially the last week before our very first semester in two school years! I’m stoked that we are returning somewhat back to “normal”, but for all of us, it’s something we haven’t done in a while (or ever). Personally, I’m excited- but also nervous- because with the quadmester system and only two classes, school is a lot more relaxed. But since we are going back to the semester system and have up to four classes, the halls will have a lot more traffic. But hey, I believe this will be a nice change! “The schedule seems so confusing!” says one student, “We have 5.1, 2, 3 and 4?? Oh well, I’ll learn.”

Now, on a more serious note, with us being back at school, I think it’s fair to assume that people are antsy. At school we are in contact with so many people a day and it can be quite dangerous. The transmission rate is so much higher. So, I implore you, please be safe, take precautions, and be mindful while you’re in public. We as an entire society want all this nonsense to be over, but we must work together for that to happen. It’s devastating the things I won’t be able to experience because of Covid. I might not have a formal graduation, or a prom. At the moment, we can’t even get proper graduation photos. So, from a mere Grade 12 student at Russell High School, I ask and encourage you to help in this fight. Too much has been taken away from us- and the faster we fight, the faster we can get back to what we consider more normal. Have a great rest of your week. Stay safe.

Mayor’s statement on the sale of the Township Building currently leased to Brasserie Étienne Brulée

Office of the Mayor

January 25, 2022

Dear Residents,

I could go into in-depth details regarding the current situation of the Township owned building. However, I will keep my comments relatively short. Contrary to the one-sided article in the Review Newspaper, township staff have been discussing in good faith with the tenant since the beginning of 2020 the different scenarios that could occur at the end of the December 31, 2020, lease; this is not new. Even though the lease ended, the township has maintained the current significant below rental

market-rate and accepted the ongoing issue of missed rent payments in hopes of finding a solution.

The township offered multiple options to the tenant, even offering to trade the building for a portion of the approximate 100 acres of land owned by the tenant on St-Guillaume Road near our industrial park.

Unfortunately, no offers discussed by either party have been acceptable to the other thus far.

In our 2022 budget, the sale of this property will help considerably reduce the financing costs to rehabilitate a municipal

bridge; without these funds, it would have necessitated a tax increase. We are always willing to work with the tenant in finding a solution that is beneficial to both parties; however, council does have a responsibility to all businesses and residents, not only one.

I wish to thank the community for their passionate response to this news article; this only shows our caring nature. I encourage everyone to continue supporting each other and our local businesses whenever we can.

Sincerely,
Pierre Leroux, Mayor

then the pick-up will happen here at our municipal garage,” Bourgon said. “So, really, our involvement will be to assist during the giveaway and to share their communication.”

The Tree Giveaway event, which falls under SNC’s Forestry Program, is expected to take place during the first week of May. The request to council was coupled with a letter from SNC updating the municipality on last year’s accomplishments.

“In 2021, SNC was able to help plant 130,000 trees and provide grants and free woodlot visits to 18 private forests within Prescott-Russell and Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry,” SNC forester Caroline Goulet said. “In Russell, we delivered the 50

Million Tree Program, the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, and our Woodlot Advisory Service.”

Goulet’s letter noted that the deadline to apply for SNC’s Over-the-Counter Program, where property owners are responsible for planting trees on their own, is Feb. 1. She also noted that the 50 Million Tree Program is fully booked for 2022 and that future site visits for reforestation projects will be for spring 2023 planting projects.

For more information on SNC and its programs, projects, and initiatives, visit the website (nation.on.ca). Further updates on the SNC’s Community Free Tree Campaign event will be shared on Russell’s social media pages.

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