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**Briefly**

**New location for The Record**

The Chesterville Record/Villager and Eastern Ontario AgriNews is moving into its new home at the Chesterville Community Hall, 1 Mill St. in Chesterville. We will be across the hall from the Chesterville Branch of the SD&G Library.

We will be at our new home on Nov. 2 and are open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our phone number is 613-448-2321.

**Set clocks back**

Daylight Saving Time ends in 2020 at 2 a.m. on Sun., Nov. 1, marking the time when clocks "fall back" and we gain an extra hour of sleep.

**Poppy drive kick off at Sweets Corners**

WINCHESTER – The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108, will hold their Poppy Drive from Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. through Nov. 11. Regrettably for health and safety reasons, youth or more senior veterans cannot be involved, thus, they are calling on younger veterans or non-Legion volunteer members of the public to help. Please send an email to poppy.legion108@gmail.com, if you are interested in helping.

**Remembrance Day in N. Dundas**

For information about Remembrance Day events, please check out the next issue of *The Chesterville Record*.

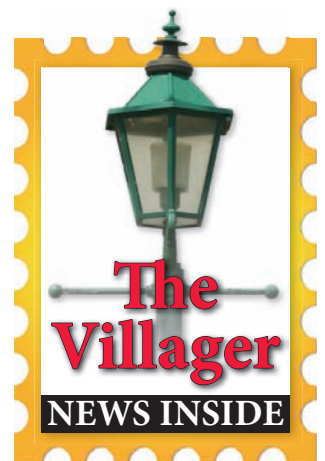
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**Community action results in Community Spirit Award**

The St. Paul's Community Garden volunteers and organizers were given a Spirit Award by Community Food Share and MPP McDonell. Left to right are Alison Summers, MPP Jim McDonell, Tom Clapp; front: Jane Schoones from Community Food Share, Avery Summers, Jameson Summers and Leslie Levere.

Morin photo

**Centennial celebrations at Payneside Farms**

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
 Record Staff

AVONMORE—On Oct. 14, 1920, J.J. MacKenzie and his wife Vern purchased Payneside Farms located on what is now County Road 43 in North Stormont between Avonmore and Finch. Just over 100 years later, on Oct. 23, SDSG MP Eric Duncan, SDSG MPP Jim McDonell and North Stormont Mayor Jim Wert joined Jill and Doug Robinson, their sons Dougie and Bobby, at the farm to congratulate this family-run agricultural business on its centennial.

Doug Robinson explained the MacKenzie family, including son Ralph "were successful farmers and had a love for their cattle and community supporting local fairs, especially Stormont County Fair." Jill continued that Payneside Farms has exhibited "at the Stormont County Fair for 98 consecutive years."

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**St. Paul's Community Garden closes out a year of growth**

Joseph Morin  
 Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The community garden at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Winchester is resting now to get ready for a busy spring.

Sun., Oct. 25 marked a special occasion for the community garden now in its third year.

MPP Jim McDonell presented the volunteer community garden group with a Spirit Award. The award recognizes all of the work a volunteer group does for its community. Jane Schoones from Community Food Share was also on hand to present the group with another Spirit Award.

The garden is a partnership between St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and Community Food Share, with St. Paul's providing the use of their land and water and Community Food Share benefiting from the harvest for food bank clients at their different locations.

The size of the garden was almost tripled this summer.

"With this increased size, in addition to Community Food Share, which received the lion's share of the harvest, we were also able to donate some of the vegetables to J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg for their Meals on Wheels program for seniors," said volunteer coordinator Leslie Levere.

The garden produced 535 pounds of fresh produce.

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# Sisters for Life focus on fundraising goal

FINCH – Sisters for Life is a small team of determined women from our local communities who have been fundraising to fight cancer since 2013. Over the years, the team has been graced with various talented and passionate members all focused on a common goal. The team's efforts and the immense generosity of community members and businesses have resulted in a total of \$131,632.38 being raised to date.

This year, the Sisters for



Sisters for Life Team Members: Joy Krol, Monique Rutley, Susan Casselman, Angie Beehler, Kim Casselman, Meghan-Tia Robertson, Kaitlyn Beehler, Natalie Dawson and Maureen Robertson. Courtesy photo

Life team has continued this mission despite the obstacles presented by Covid-19. Their main in-person event, the Ladies Christmas Gala, normally held in November each year in Finch, could not go forward in 2020 but that has not stopped this team. They are inviting you to join them as they embark on their first "virtual" gala hosted between Nov. 15 to Nov. 20 through Facebook Live. Gala 2.0 – "Home for the Holidays" offers participants a chance to continue with the Gala tradition from the comfort of their homes. You will connect with a wonderful community of cancer fighters; learn about leading edge research; and try your luck at contests, an online auction, and a chance to win an \$800 gift basket filled with treasures – all for a minimum donation of \$20 (tax receipt provided).

To join this Sisters for Life event or donate towards this fundraising effort please use the link provided: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=a\\_X1PA53f0-jkfwoe4d6WgrDDpvcv11CtB17vskiUNFUQ0NTVzhGTFc4SIAxSjJVvkUzSUNBNjNMOS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=a_X1PA53f0-jkfwoe4d6WgrDDpvcv11CtB17vskiUNFUQ0NTVzhGTFc4SIAxSjJVvkUzSUNBNjNMOS4u)

Sisters for Life are thrilled to announce that this year they have a one of a kind opportunity. Generous donors have stepped forward and pledged to match all funds raised. That's right – this is a chance to double the impact of your donation.

To learn more about Sisters for Life visit them on Facebook: Sisters for Life - Choose Hope and Anything is Possible & Sisters for Life: Shabby Chic Boutique

# St. Paul's Community Garden

Continued from the front

"The success of the garden was due to the many volunteers and donations of supplies and funds by local businesses," said Levere.

MPP McDonnell was impressed with the success of the garden.

He mentioned how the garden was helpful to those who did not have room for one of their own.

He felt getting outside during these COVID-19 restrictive times was important, and what could be more fun than working in a garden.

The idea of having more community gardens in every part of the township appealed to him. "We have lots of open space communities that could be used," said McDonnell.

In the New Year, the volunteers will start making their plans for another season.

They will be putting out a call for more volunteers.

Those interested can find out more by getting in touch with the team leader for Community Food Share at 613-898-0781; Email: [admin@communityfoodshare.ca](mailto:admin@communityfoodshare.ca)



Jane Schoones gave garden volunteers coordinator Leslie Revere some flowers to thank her for all of the work done to make the garden such a success. Left to right are: Jane Schoones and Leslie Revere. Morin photo

# OPP investigating a serious assault with a weapon in Chesterville

Young person charged

NORTH DUNDAS - The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Stormont Dundas and Glengarry (SD&G) Crime Unit is continuing to investigate a serious assault with a weapon at a residence on Queen Street in Chesterville.

On Oct. 24 at approximately 2:13 a.m., SD&G OPP responded to a report that an adult male had been attacked with an edged weapon by an individual who then fled the scene.

The victim (age 31) suffered multiple stab wounds and was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Officers later arrested a young male person (17 years old), who is being held in custody pending a bail hearing in Cornwall. He is charged with aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, possession of weapon for a dangerous purpose, assault and uttering threats. He was also treated for non-life-threatening injuries and released from hospital.

On Oct. 23 at 9:00 p.m SD&G OPP responded to an assault call in Winchester at a business. Investigation revealed that a

male youth had assaulted another male youth and threatened him. The accused then fled the scene and was not located. The victim was transported to hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

SD&G OPP officers have since charged a 17-year old male from North Dundas with:

- Aggravated Assault - Criminal Code Sec. 268
- Assault with a weapon - Criminal Code sec. 267
- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose - Criminal Code Sec. 88
- Assault - Criminal Code Sec. 266 - two counts
- Uttering threats - Criminal code Sec. 264.1(1)(a)

The accused, whose name cannot be released under the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*, was held in custody and is scheduled to appear for a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Cornwall Oct. 26.

The investigation continues.

Anyone having information on the above incidents or any other crime is asked to call SD&G OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477) or you can submit a TIP online at [www.seawayvalleycrimestoppers.ca](http://www.seawayvalleycrimestoppers.ca).

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Our Centre staff continue to work at developing ways to connect with our clients through programming. Over the last seven months we were able to introduce Drive-thru Diners, Take-out Tuesdays, outside coffee clubs and exercise classes.

The weather has changed and the restrictions remain. Please stay tuned and check our Facebook page for information on new programming available through a virtual platform.

On December 10th, 2020 at 7 p.m. Carefor Health & Community Services (Eastern Counties) will be holding a Virtual Gala with the goal of raising funds for our services in the area. Tickets will go on sale November 15, 2020. Please call the Centre for more information or visit [www.carefor.ca/gala2020-eastern](http://www.carefor.ca/gala2020-eastern).

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## Payneside Farms Inc.

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When Doug was around three years of age, his grandmother Isabell married Ralph MacKenzie, with Doug commenting in a social media post "this is how you could say I got hooked on farming." Ralph had attended college, "sold local dairy's, then in the late 50s, early 60s, he worked for Brampton Jerseys to run their dairy department." After Ralph returned home in 1965 "he purchased Payneside Farms from his parents," with Doug "showing cows with Ralph at the fairs and travelled many back roads with him buying cattle." Ralph also "sat on the committee to purchase bulls for artificial insemination, with purchases including Brightspot, Title, Jody and his favourite Beauty Doris Masters."

After completing high school, Doug moved permanently to Payneside Farms beginning his career as a full-time farmer. After a devastating barn fire in September 1994, Doug purchased the farm from Ralph and continues to farm at Payneside Farms with wife Jill and sons Dougie and Bobby.

Jill commented in an email to *The Chesterville Record* how they "have



### Jersey approved

A proud day for Jill and Doug Robinson of Payneside Farms. Their family farm received the Century recognition from the Junior Farmers of Ontario. From left to right is Doug, Dougie, Bobby, and Jill Robinson. Jill stated that once she could provide the background information showing when the ownership of the property came to the family, the remainder of the process for this recognition was fairly easy.

Vogel photo

always worked on the land as a family, even when the boys were little just bringing toy tractors to the field with them." She mentioned how the COVID-19 pandemic had resulted with the boys being able to be "a major part of cleaning up the land, preparing for seeding and then helping with the harvest" before noting how "It is very rewarding to work alongside your family."

Payneside Farms has provided support to many local cattle shows, as well as having bred "class winners at many National

Shows throughout Canada and the United States." The farm currently "owns the #2 type bull in Canada and "have owned the former #1 type bull in this country."

Commenting on the changes over the past hundred years on the farm, Doug mentioned the evolution from "hand/bucket milking to pipeline and now to Robotic milking. Jill mentioned how "when Doug purchased the farm from his grandparents there was 150 acres workable." She continued how they have "re-tiled and drained it all, cleared 25 acres of bush

which has become very productive land and have bought another 175 acres of land." In 2016, a "retrofit to the dairy barn" added on another 160 feet with a change from tie stall to free stall barn and equipped with two milking robots.

Commenting how "soil sampling every year has

been beneficial" in determining what nutrients are needed with Doug mentioning how "Ralph and good friend Roy Simmons were the first to introduce spreading lime on their fields" which assists in increasing soil productivity.

Payneside Farms' owners have had a history of volunteering and contributing to the agricultural community. Jill explained that J.J. had served as a past president of the Stormont County Agricultural Society and Ralph serving as councillor, reeve and warden, president of Finch Lions Club, past president of Jersey Canada, Roxborough Agricultural Society and secretary of the local Masonic Lodge as well as being a 4-H member and leader.

The Robinson family are very involved in 4-H as both Jill and Doug were 4-H members and currently are leaders/volunteers for this organization with their sons Dougie and Bobby both members of Stormont County 4-H.

"[We] feel the 4-H program played an

important role in our lives and want the same experience for our boys and other kids. We supply between six to 10 calves a year for members to compete, their dairy project and can often be seen at local fairs assisting in cattle competitions."

When asked about the future, Jill responded by saying "The future looks bright at Payneside. The kids live and breathe farming, working both on and off the farm for other farmers. They enjoy doing some custom work throughout the hay season." Doug took a moment to "thank everyone who has helped out Payneside Farms over these past 100 years, whether it be labour, custom work, calf training, local ag business, we deeply appreciate your support."

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### POPPY CAMPAIGN 2020

Poppies will be available this year from October 30 to November 11. The normal boxes will be dropped off at participating business locations on the morning of the 30th. Last year's Poppy campaign raised \$1,495.45 and those funds were used to provide prize awards to 39 students at St. Mary's Catholic School, Chesterville Public School and NDDHS. Funds are also used for Bursaries and to assist local Veterans. Last year's poster and poem/essay competitions had over 150 participants from the local schools and we hope that, in spite of the current restrictions, the schools will support the competitions again this year. There will be no public speaking competitions given the restrictions in the schools.





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## Letter To The Editor

### Bekings Poultry Farm

There has been talk in the media these past few months about fear around supply chains' issues and of potential food shortages, so I would like to speak a bit to this from our perspective.

Everyday at our farm we collect eggs from our hens and package them the same morning. The next day we load them in this delivery truck and get them to stores and restaurants and we are on the road five days a week, rain, snow or shine. The majority of our customers are within 100 km of our farm and we have been able to keep eggs on their shelves through this entire pandemic.

This is your Canadian egg farmer story. Canada is so unique in our food supply chain as it is so resilient. By supporting local farms and companies you are ensuring your supply of food even through the highs and lows of a global pandemic. Thank you for supporting local.

*Bekings Poultry Farm*



## Around the courts

Donald R. Good, P.Ag.  
Record Staff

Percy Schmeiser is a farmer from Bruno, Saskatchewan.

In 1998 it was determined that nearly all of his 1,000 acres of canola crop included seed containing Monsanto's patented Roundup Ready\* gene. Thus began a journey through the courts until the Supreme Court of Canada finally settled the matter in May of 2004. The case is now the subject of a new movie starring one of my favourite actors, Christopher Walkin. The movie, entitled "Percy," should be in the theatres now but here in Ottawa theatres are closed due to Covid-19. I am limited to reviewing the trailer online, as well as media reviews.

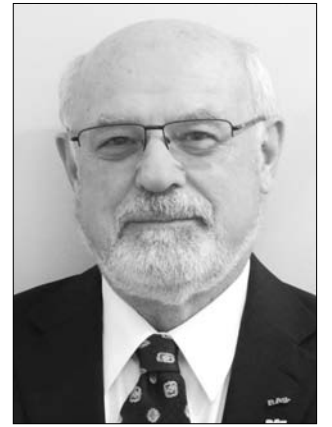
The amazing thing about the publicity related to this event is that the media would let you believe that in this David and Goliath struggle the big guy won. Actually the farmer won because a patent was involved, Monsanto sued Schmeiser in the Trial Division of the Federal Court of Canada for patent

infringement, claiming damages for infringement and chose disgorgement of profits as its damage claim. Monsanto was seeking any profit that Schmeiser made from using the patented seed. The trial judge found that Schmeiser, by saving and planting seed from a crop with the gene included, had infringed the patent, dismissed the argument that Schmeiser did not use the patent since he did not apply any glyphosate herbicide to the crop and found Schmeiser's profit was \$19,832. The Federal Court of Appeal upheld the trial decision.

The final court is the Supreme Court of Canada. The Supreme Court reviewed the various legal arguments of this case and was divided on a number of the issues. The validity of Monsanto's patent survived by one vote, splitting 5:4 on the right to patent components of a higher plant; although the majority quite rightly determined that the patent only covered the unique gene that created glyphosate resistance and not the whole Canola plant itself. The Supreme Court parted company with the

lower courts on whether Schmeiser had actually used the patent. The patented gene invoked glyphosate resistance to the crop and the farmer never applied glyphosate to the crop which is the only reason why you would plant such seeds. This argument, rejected by the trial judge, was adopted by the Supreme Court.

This brings me back to the movie. I reviewed the trailer and it is very ambiguous about the outcome. It pitches the movie as a battle about genetically modified (GMO) crops and the right for farmers to save seed. The court case itself never dealt directly with either of these issues. The first movie poster showed Walkin standing in a corn field but that was later changed to Canola. The CBC reported on the movie on Oct. 5, that Schmeiser "ultimately lost his fight with Monsanto." The reporter states "In the end, the Supreme Court sided with Monsanto in a landmark five-to-four decision, and concluded that Schmeiser was guilty of knowingly planting Monsanto seeds on his land and violating patent laws." That is true but even more



Donald R. Good, P.Ag.

importantly on a 5/4 split the court found that the farmer had not used the patent by not applying glyphosate herbicide to the crop and dismissed Monsanto's claim for damages. The majority of the Supreme Court ruled that due to mixed success, both parties would pay their own costs, however, at the end of the decision the dissenting opinion would have granted Schmeiser his costs throughout all court levels.

I want to see the movie and I hope Covid-19 gets out of the way. I recommend everyone see it but keep an open mind and don't believe everything you hear and see. Read the full Supreme Court decision before you see it.

\*Roundup Ready is a trade mark of Monsanto.

## NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson  
Student Council Communications



### Happy Halloween from North Dundas

Last Friday's Pink Day was very successful, two grades got to 50 per cent participation: Grade 9 had 51 per cent and Grade 12 had 52 per cent. Thank you to everyone who participated. It was wonderful to see so many students showing their support for breast cancer awareness.

It is the week of Halloween and our school loves getting into the spooky spirit! One of our ways to celebrate this spooky time of year is by reading Halloween themed jokes, facts, and pickup lines on the announcements this week.

Friday is the day to wear your costume to school! If students do not want to wear their costume to school, they can still participate in the spirit day by wearing orange and black. We cannot wait to see everyone's scary, clever, and creative costumes.

## The Road Home

### Traditions weather the COVID storm

Well the end of October is in sight, with celebrating a different Halloween this year thanks to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

I am thinking how resilient a bunch we humans are! We have navigated thus far through things which never in my wildest dreams would have thought would happen here in our country.

I recall being totally terrified when the pandemic began and hearing how if ventilators got in short supply, doctors would have to triage who would have access to them.

I could understand the triage concept easily enough having taken a medic course in the forces as a private in the Governor General's Food Guards but when they mentioned the possibility that no one over 60 would get a ventilator if they became in short supply; suddenly the

mechanics of triage became much more real and the seriousness of the situation became more apparent.

I survived spending Easter alone and was a bit sad I was not able to go to church on that most holy day, but the Easter Bunny, brave soul that he or she is, managed to hop down the bunny trail and leave behind some Easter treats for me.

The summer allowed a bit more freedom as the weather more or less cooperated, and despite not having a turkey for one at Thanksgiving it wasn't so bad after all.

I did mention a few times this was the first Thanksgiving in my 64 years that I didn't participate in a fall feast - but then there is always next year. So what about Halloween - will the ghosts and goblins be out trick or treating, one wonders?

I suspect in a few days we will find out but however this holiday

plays out, there are plenty of community organizations around our area doing their best to make sure children of all ages are able to have some safe fun and treats this Oct. 31.

If we aren't able to celebrate Halloween in the way we are used to - well, there is always next year. As for me, I will probably be spending all Hallow's Eve wrapping up the Christmas presents for my son and his family in Ottawa, for I'm not sure how we will be celebrating Christmas but I want to make sure they are ready for pickup in November.

One thing I know for sure is that Santa Claus is COVID-19 immune in my opinion, so in my books there is no problem with him using his magic key to bring my Santa gifts into the house.

If I spend Christmas alone, I will not be lonely, for there are many memories of wonderful Christmas' to recall and there is always next year!



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### Steak' on

It was the perfect fall evening for a steak barbecue and there was no shortage of people enjoying either an eat-in or take-out steak dinner on Oct. 24 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 370 in Iroquois. For \$18, diners were able to enjoy a full course steak dinner including baked potatoes, baked beans, two different kinds of salad as well as coffee, tea and dessert. Legion president, Darlene mentioned the Legion is planning a Christmas turkey take-out dinner

in December. She continued that the annual Poppy Campaign will be starting in local stores on Oct. 30, with scaled down but solemn services of remembrance to be held on Nov. 4 at the Cenotaph in Legion and on Nov. 11 at Matilda Hall. For more information on these services please contact the Legion. From the left Maurice Kolff, Shelley Cumberland, Legion president Darlene Riddell, Terry Riddell and Barry Stitt.

Thompson Goddard photo

## Lots of decisions for South Dundas

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

**MORRISBURG** – During the Oct. 19 South Dundas council meeting several issues were discussed and decisions made regarding the Municipality of South Dundas.

As the council meeting opened, Alex Hayman from FoodCycler provided information on a system which could help reduce the amount of vegetative waste to the landfill sites. Hayman explained how since 2011 FoodCycler has been entirely focused on finding food solutions for both residential and commercial entities. He discussed the financial impact on municipalities and environmental concerns regarding food waste in landfills with possible solution to this problem being green bins and backyard recyclers in addition to landfill sites. He discussed how the FoodCycler FC-30 could enhance the recycling of food waste and increase the production of nutrient rich soil from food waste in the machine, which can be used in gardens and backyards. After discussing a pilot project in British Columbia, he described how South

Dundas could participate in a pilot project with possible funding from the Green Municipal Fund to assist the cost to the municipality with some funding from FoodCycler. After receiving answers from Hayman on the proposal, Mayor Steven Byvelts suggested Hayman work with Danielle Watson, director of Environmental Services to determine next steps.

Council heard a number of Action Requests regarding HVAC at the Justice Building in Morrisburg deciding on Option 1 of the recommendations provided by administration and agreeing with the recommendation to sell the surplus docks removed from the Galop Canal Marina, with monies received from the sale allocated to the marina reserve fund. Council agreed to a two year extension to the Animal Control Agreement with Kevin Council, with Byvelts asking for a concentrated effort to get the agreement completed in this time frame. The bylaw to enter into an agreement with the Township of North Dundas and the United Counties of Stormont

Dundas and Glengarry regarding the dry hydrant was passed, as well as a bylaw to charge a fee for winter storage at the campgrounds in Iroquois. Other issues dealt with during the meeting included a draft code of conduct for municipal bylaw enforcement officers, a draft COVID-19 workplace safety policy and consultations on municipal compost sites.

Coun. Archie Mellan presented a report to council on a recent South Nation Conservation meeting during which it was announced there would be a 3.5 increase in the 2021 levy despite the fact SNC projects a 2020 surplus. A lively discussion ensued following this disclosure with Mellan asked to provide the SNC board with feedback from SD council regarding this increase.

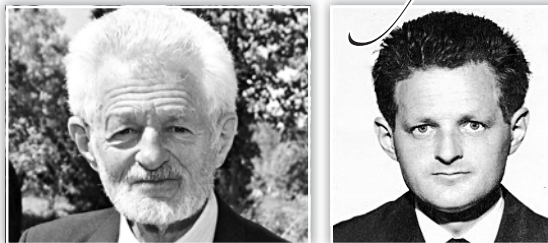


### – Obituary – Dorothy Jordan

At the Montfort Hospital in Ottawa on Monday, October 19, 2020, Dorothy Jordan (nee Darling) of Chesterville, age 99. Beloved wife of the late Lorne Jordan.

Loving mother of Garry Jordan (Susan) of Manotick, Wayne Jordan (Freida Coleman) of Chesterville and Linda Hess (Stephen) of Newmarket. Dorothy will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Stephanie (Dave), Sherry (Peter), Stacey (Ryan) Aaron (Jaclyn), Cory (Janey), Micheline (Vance), Erika, Chelsea and great-grandchildren Jordan, Shanel, Jayde, Brady, Dylan, Kai, Kady, Coulter, Madeline, Nash, Reese, Ayla, Harlow and Chase. Predeceased by her parents John and Myrtle Darling, her sisters Madeline McElheran, Luella Gilmer, Edith Johnson and her brother Roy Darling. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Due to Covid restrictions a family graveside service will be held at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville. Donations to Christ Church United in Chesterville would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).

### Obituary



#### William (Wybe) De Vries

86, of Morrisburg, ON, passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 12, after having struggled gracefully with the effects of dementia. Bill was the beloved husband for over 61 years of Titia (née van der Veen), loving father and father-in-law of Anna De Vries and Karl Dilcher of Halifax, Kathryn and Fred Vedder of Metcalfe, Duncan and Karin De Vries (née Reusser) of Finch, and Pake to 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his brothers Mel De Vries (Courtice), Gerrit De Vries (St. Catharines) and sister Frida Nauta (Bolsward, the Netherlands), their partners, as well as brothers- and sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces in both Canada and the Netherlands.

Bill was born in Oudkerk, the Netherlands on Oct. 25, 1933, oldest son of Jakob de Vries and Trijntje Algra. At the age of 18 he emigrated to Montague, PEI with the intention of becoming a farmer. Encouraged by his host family, he attended university, graduating with a degree in mathematics and education from Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB. His first jobs were teaching high school in Digby, and then New Germany, NS. In 1960 Bill accepted a position with the Department of Insurance in Ottawa to work on the new Canada Pension Plan, while simultaneously studying towards a degree in Actuarial Science. After the CPP was implemented in 1965, Bill chose to return to teaching, which he saw as his true calling and which became his lifelong passion. While Bill spent the majority of his career teaching at Algonquin College in Ottawa, teaching also took him and Titia to many parts of the world: three years in Ghana and later a year each in Australia, Malawi and South Korea.

Bill had a wide variety of interests. He and Titia lived many years on their hobby farm near Finch, ON with gardens and livestock. His love for music gave him great pleasure and over the years he attended concerts (baroque and bluegrass), sang in various choirs, and made music with friends and family.

Bill had a big heart for those less fortunate or who might need his help. He visited acquaintances who might be lonely, tutored anyone requiring help with math, supported a myriad of charities, and was actively involved in the NDP at the grass roots level.

Bill enjoyed the fellowship of friends at Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church, which he and Titia attended for many years.

His family is very grateful for the kind and considerate care shown to Bill during his brief stay at the Montfort hospital, and also grateful for his life well-lived. A private church service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to: Titia De Vries, 18 St. Lawrence Street, P.O. Box 1347, Morrisburg ON K0C 1X0.

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# Kemptville College retains an educational focus

KEMPTVILLE – Kemptville College had been an educational oasis for agriculture since 1917 until it closed its doors to skill training students in 2016.

Since then North Grenville has been working toward creating some kind of educational facility on the former college grounds.

Last week MPP Steve Clark announced the re-establishment of a youth apprenticeship program in the skilled trades at the Kemptville Campus.

There are four school boards in the region that will work in partnership to make skills training a reality.

The program will be offered in English and French, and will enable hands-on training and practicum placements for a select number secondary and adult education students.

The province is providing funding to allow the campus to offer approximately 20 seats in the programs," said Clark.

"This announcement represents a significant evolution in the role that Kemptville Campus will play in the education and economic development sectors in our region," said North Grenville Mayor Nancy Peckford.

"We've been working closely with Minister Clark's office and would like to recognize the province's commitment to advancing this goal. Deputy Mayor Jim McManaman and I want to also sincerely thank all four school boards for their collaboration and enthusiasm to work together on this initiative. With strong relationships –

and the support of industry partners – we will once again be able to deliver much needed skills training to our youth from Eastern Ontario right here at the Kemptville Campus," Peckford said.

Offered next year will be training in: truck and coach technician, heavy duty technician and agricultural technician.

The province has set aside funding that will allow for 20 seats in the various programs.

North Grenville purchased the Kemptville Campus from the province in 2018. Their plan was to find a way to promote innovation and business incubation, along sustaining and growing opportunities for agricultural education.

"Today is another big step forward in the revitalization of the Kemptville Campus. I'm so pleased that our government has recognized the need to give students from Eastern Ontario the opportunity to train for a career in the trades close to home – as they have done here for generations," said Clark.

"I want to thank Mayor Peckford and the Municipality of North Grenville for their advocacy to deliver these important programs and to Minister McNaughton for his support. This is not only great news for students looking to chart a path in a rewarding career, but for local employers desperate for skilled workers."

The programs are scheduled to begin in September 2021 under the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).



North Grenville Mayor Nancy Peckford and MPP Steve Clark. Courtesy photo

## Letters To The Editor

### Strong Community

We are Bruce and Sherri Cumming from Winchester, Ontario, and are friends of Ian and Tracy Porteous.

On Sun., Oct. 4, Ian & Tracy lost their barn and half of their milking herd of cattle to a devastating fire.

Pre-Covid, we would have gathered at the Joel Steele Community Centre, had a few drinks and raised money to help them rebuild. Given the situation we are living, we are asking all of you to raise a glass and make a donation to help this deserving family from our area.

The foundation is the strongest part of any structure and we think it would be an amazing gesture if our generosity could raise enough money for them to rebuild the foundation for their future.

Thank you all again for your awesome support.

Whether or not you missed out on your favourite lots, you were part of us helping to raise more than \$28,000 to help rebuild the barn.

We could not have done this without all our amazing donators & bidders.

The Porteous girls drew our raffle tickets and a congratulations goes to Dan Gasser for winning the charcuterie board!

They've also picked out the Payneside Twin Calves names, so please welcome:

Payneside Baby Bell Cheese (submitted by Pat Wood);

Payneside Gimme Some Cheese (submitted by Lincoln Booth);

Thank you for your creative and fun names. Jill and Doug Robinson have quite a few ideas for future calf names.

If you've paid your invoice you should have received an email from me (from PorteousFundraiser@gmail.com) with instructions on how to get your lots.

Thanks to everyone for your patience while we get all the lots out, though we live in trying times, you've all been wonderful.

If you don't have your email or have not yet paid your invoice and need some assistance in how to do that, please contact me at: PorteousFundraiser@gmail.com

Last, but certainly not least, a huge thank you to Port Support Donations Crew: Karen Parker, Leslie Johnson, Kelsey Banks,

Colleen Acres, Brandi Lousie, Stephanie St. Pierre and Tanya Soublier. These ladies have put in some huge hours gathering donations and helping behind the scenes to make this thing go.

The Go Fund Me is still live so you can still donate here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/rebuild-ian-amp-tracy-porteous-barn>

The auction is closed but still up, there are many incredible local small businesses who supported our efforts, so this holiday season please consider supporting them. Simply locate the lot you're interested in, click on the donator's name, and it should take you to their website. If there is anyone you need help in contacting, just send me an email and I'll get you connected.

<https://www.32auctions.com/PortSupport>

I'm also going to run a smaller fundraiser with fabric masks and a couple left-over or donated back lots in about a month. These style masks have been a huge hit with our sheep district, and a donation from each purchase will not only go to the family, the seamstress donates all her

proceeds to local food banks. They'll be available in mens/xlarge, womens/teens, kids 7-12, kids 3-6 and will be \$10 each with shipping available at very reasonable pricing.

*Bruce and Sherri Cumming*

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# EOHU recommends safer alternatives to celebrate halloween this year

CORNWALL – Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and recent significant increase in case counts, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) is strongly recommending that local residents avoid traditional ways (including trick-or-treating) of celebrating Halloween this year but rather, to choose safer alternatives instead.

Going out trick-or-treating or handing out treats increases your family’s risk of getting or spreading COVID-19 because it exposes you to many other people.

“I understand that kids as well as many adults look forward to Halloween at this time of year but we want everyone to remain safe,” states Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, medical officer of health. “With COVID-19 cases on the rise, this means finding ways to celebrate that do

not increase the risk of spreading the virus.”

The EOHU is also strongly recommending the cancellation of traditional organized community/municipal Halloween events where many people gather. Gatherings, big or small, put people at higher risk of getting COVID-19. Instead, the EOHU is encouraging Halloween parties or events to be moved online, where residents can participate safely from home.

If you’re handing out treats, keep at least two metres distance from trick-or-treaters and wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer. Make candy bundles/bags using prepackaged (not homemade) treats. Space them out on a table or blanket outside for trick-or-treaters to take, or find other creative ways to hand out treats while maintaining a distance.



## Halloween celebrated in Newington

There was a good turnout at “It’s the Great Pumpkin Newington” event held at the Newington Wesleyan Church during the afternoon of Oct. 25. Pastor Dan Phillips explained the plans were approved by the Eastern Ontario

Health Unit and were designed to provide a free, safe and happy Halloween experience for children of all ages. The spacious yard located next to the church provided youngsters (many in costume) with the opportunity to pick a treat from the trunk of several vehicles, some decorated for the occasion, while enjoying an afternoon in the fall fresh air. After working up an appetite, visitors were able to enjoy some delicious hot dogs, provided courtesy of The Country Corner Convenience Store in Newington, owned by Dawn and Dale Glover, as well as other treats. Each child was able to choose a free pumpkin, which was picked at Avonmore Berry Farm.

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## Halloween is coming up

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT -While Covid-19 restrictions may change the nature of Halloween celebrations this year, there are plenty of seasonal decorations popping up all over the area with organizations planning safe ways to celebrate.

Children in Long Sault will be able to pick up treats from either Royal Canadian Legion Branch 569 on Frost Street or on the patio at O’Neill’s Pub in Long Sault. For more information please contact the Legion or O’Neill’s Pub.

The Morrisburg and District Lions Club and the Riverside Recreation are working together to provide local youngsters the opportunity to have a bit of fun and collect a few treats on Oct. 31. Between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., the first 300 people to attend the Trunk Halloween event will receive a bag of treats. More information is available on the Facebook page of the Morrisburg and District Lions Club.

Information on the

website of the Municipality of South Dundas provides information on “an outdoor, trick or treat themed scavenger hunt” that will have you searching for treats throughout the municipality. More information is available at <https://southdundas.com/event/outdoor-halloween-scavenger-hunt>.

Carving a Halloween jack-o-lantern is a long-standing tradition. Morewood Recreation is sponsoring a pumpkin carving contest with judging on Oct. 31 at Veterans View Park with prizes available. More information is available on

their Facebook page. Just down the road in Avonmore, the Avonmore Community Athletic Association is sponsoring a virtual pumpkin carving contest with more information on their Facebook page.

Do not forget to drive around Chesterville taking in all the beautiful Halloween decorations at homes throughout the community during Chesterville’s Great Pumpkin event.

For information on safe Halloween activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, be sure to visit the Eastern Ontario Health Unit for up to date information at [eohu.ca](http://eohu.ca). Have a safe and spooktacular Halloween!



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# Ontario invests \$2.5-million in Greenfield Global Johnstown Plant

JOHNSTOWN — The Ontario government is providing \$2.5-million through the Ontario Together Fund to support Greenfield Global's \$75-million investment in their Johnstown plant to produce medical-grade alcohol critical to making hand sanitizers for Ontario individuals, families and frontline workers.

The announcement was made last week by Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes MPP Steve Clark on behalf of the Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

"I am pleased to announce our government's support for Greenfield Global as they upgrade their facilities to provide critical PPE for Ontarians. This is a great investment in producing made-in-Ontario solutions in the Johnstown community as we work

together to get Ontario back on track," said Clark.

"Ontario is supporting companies like Greenfield Global so they can continue to provide made-in-Ontario solutions to reduce our dependence on foreign supply chains and strengthen our domestic capacity," said Minister Fedeli. "By working together with these innovative businesses, we are ensuring we are well-prepared for the future as we continue our fight against COVID-19."

With Ontario's support, Greenfield will undertake a major upgrade of the Johnstown facility's distillation technology to produce over 114 million litres of specialty medical-grade alcohol annually, which will be used in hand sanitizers and other applications that rely on high purity alcohol. This amount would make over



From left Greenfield investment: Hon. Steve Clark, Member of Provincial Parliament for Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Patrick (Pat) Sayeau, Mayor Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council, Kenneth Field, founder and chairman of Greenfield Global, Brendan Bland, director of operations, Greenfield Global, Michael Barrett, Member of Parliament for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes.

Courtesy photo

150 million, one litre bottles of hand sanitizers if all of the output was used for the product. The project will help reduce Ontario's dependency on other

jurisdictions as a source of high-grade alcohols and will strengthen the province's position as a leader in PPE production, while creating eight new jobs.

"Expansion of our Johnstown facility is an exciting considerable step forward in our domestic supply capacity. This will greatly enhance our capabilities to serve our customers, including life science and pharmaceutical companies, that are experiencing unprecedented demand for their products needed to protect citizens and help keep us safe and healthy amid the COVID-19 pandemic," said Greenfield president and CEO, Howard Field.

Clark noted it's the second major investment by the government in the riding for PPE production after the federal and provincial governments each committed \$23.3-million for 3M Canada's new N-95 respirator mask plant.

"Residents of Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes can take

pride in the fact that we're playing a leading role in ensuring we have a made-in-Ontario source to strengthen our PPE supply," said Clark.

Through the Ontario Together Fund, the government is delivering targeted investments that will increase the province's stockpile of Ontario-made products and PPE. This new manufacturing capacity will help the province to combat the current COVID-19 outbreak and prepare for potential challenges in the future, while supporting local businesses during the safe and gradual reopening of the province.

The government launched the \$50-million Ontario Together Fund to help businesses retool their operations to produce PPE and develop technology-driven solutions and services for businesses to reopen safely.

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Our Caregiver Group, which is held on the first Wednesday of the month, November 4th at 1 p.m. is continuing by telephone conferencing. If you are a caregiver, or know of someone that is a caregiver, please give the Centre a call as we would like to assist you. Our Foot Care and Wellness programs are continuing by appointment only on very strict guidelines in our professional room using the back door entrance.

We were happy to have seen 142 of our clients in Chesterville, South Mountain and Winchester for the Drive Thru Diners. We are going to continue the Drive Thru Diners for the upcoming months. For the month of November, the Roast Beef meal will be held on Thursday, November 5th, in Winchester in the back of our Centre, Thursday, November 12th in South Mountain at the Ag Hall parking lot and Tuesday, November 17th in Chesterville at the Nelson LaPrade Centre parking lot. If you wish to sign up for one of the Drive Thru Diners, or have any questions, please give us a call. Again, there will be criteria in place on how our Drive Thru Diners Program will be carried out and a limit of 50 diners for each of these events will be put in place.

Our outdoor walking group, "Walk the Block", has 7 participants with room for more walkers. The walkers start out with stretching and then proceed to walk around the block, physically distancing by forming a single file. Each session will start at Nor-Dun Centre by the carport, weather permitting every Monday and Friday at 1:30 p.m.

On December 10th, 2020 at 7 p.m., Carefor Health & Community Services (Eastern Counties) will be holding a Virtual Gala with the goal of raising funds for programming in the area. Tickets will go on sale November 15, 2020. Please call the Centre for more information or visit [www.carefor.ca/gala2020-eastern](http://www.carefor.ca/gala2020-eastern).

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# Interim bylaw gives council time to sort out zoning for cannabis operators

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**NORTH DUNDAS** – North Dundas has called time out for a year as they work toward creating zoning for cannabis operations.

At their Oct. 20 council meeting they passed an interim control bylaw about cannabis production.

While the growing and selling of cannabis has been legal since 2018 in Canada, there are still some wrinkles to be smoothed out when it comes to a municipality allowing a cannabis grower to have crops in North Dundas. Mayor Tony Fraser said,

“We just want to make sure that we have those operations in appropriate locations in our municipalities.”

“They are legal operations so it’s all about finding an appropriate place for them.” There have been inquiries from cannabis operators about setting up production in the municipality on rural, agricultural, commercial and industrial lands.

A report from the township’s Planning and Enforcement department stated: “The four zoning bylaws for North Dundas are older and do not address all of the new types of cannabis operations

authorized by Health Canada.

As it is a recently legalized land use, there are no formal definitions, standards, or dedicated permitted use for cannabis production.”

The report pointed out that many municipalities in Ontario have decided to approach the cannabis issues by taking some time to decide how they will fit cannabis production into their zoning bylaws.

Cannabis is considered to be a crop like any other, however there may be compatibility issues and mitigating issues such as noise, odour, light and security to consider.

The report stated: “The licensing and certification

of cannabis production facilities is the responsibility of the federal government; however, municipalities can regulate these facilities through zoning bylaws and site plan controls.”

The mayor cautioned that while other municipalities were faced with the same kind of zoning issue regarding cannabis, each municipality might have different concerns, so waiting for another municipality to come up with a plan may not work for North Dundas’ needs.

“I do not think there is a template to follow,” said Fraser.

Currently residents are allowed to grow up to four plants for personal use on their own property.

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Appointments at the EOHU will be available as of Nov. 2 and will be open to everyone. However, priority will be given to people with young children, physical limitations, medical considerations, or special needs. Residents must bring a piece of identification to their appointment. To find out more about where you can get the flu shot, visit EOHU.ca.

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# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

## A treasure chest of treats

FINCH – For over twenty years, Gloria Logtens has been helping people find the perfect something for that special someone at her Treats and Treasures Gift Shop on Front Street in the small North Stormont community of Finch.

When entering the store, it is like walking into a treasure trove of gift ideas with paintings, craft items, ornaments, clothing, jewelry and pottery, just a few examples of the selections available in the store. When asked about why she started Treats and Treasures Gift Shop, Gloria replied she enjoyed working with people, helping people with gift selection and after retiring from her nursing career, the store would enable her with some flexibility in work hours, while allowing her to continue to contribute to her community. She added that what she enjoys most is meeting people and helping them with their gift selections. She mentioned how arrangements can be made to have a private visit of the gift shop if needed. Gloria commented “I would like to thank people for shopping local and supporting my business during COVID. I think that the pandemic has reinforced the importance and strength of community and hopefully this will continue when COVID is over.” Her store gift bags reiterate the message with an image of a heart followed by “local” printed on the bag. She recently became involved in an initiative designed



It’s a special time of year; Gloria is shown in front of a painting of that Jolly Old Elf himself, located in the main room as you enter the store. She is shown holding one of the gift bags that promotes buying local. Thompson Goddard photo

to support local businesses called “Made in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.”

With the fall season almost over and winter holidays coming closer, the store has been turned into what Gloria refers to as “Christmasland.”

Throughout the store, there are five decorated Christmas trees with each one having a different decoration theme. Perhaps the most interesting one is the upside-down Christmas tree; it is beautifully decorated in a variety of ornaments with some resembling those glass ornaments that the older generation will remember with fondness.

She explained that the tree is narrow at the bottom with the widest part at the top, which allows more space for ease of movement by customers in the store. For several years, the Treats and Treasures Gift Shop has been a stop on the “A Touch of Christmas Country House Tour,” with Gloria mentioning the store will be a stop on the “A Touch of Christmas “Porch Tour” – Covid Edition 2020.”

This fundraiser for the Avonmore Kids Park is planned for Dec. 3 between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.

More information about the Treats and Treasures Gift Shop can be found on their Facebook page.

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

## Worth the wait

WINCHESTER – COVID-19 may have delayed the announcement of the latest Commitment Award honorees – but it has also heightened the important role that each of the recipients play at WDMH. The Commitment Awards shine a light on individuals or teams that demonstrate the values that result in compassionate excellence. Recently, the awards were presented to Dr. Maren Hamilton and Frida Plourde; Ahmed Aly; and the Information Desk volunteers.

COVID-19 has highlighted the

importance of safe care, and Dr. Maren Hamilton and registered nurse and infection control coordinator Frida Plourde have helped to lead the way as one team that ensures the well-being of all patients, staff, physicians, visitors, and volunteers. “They have worked diligently behind the scenes to inform and protect all of us. They make a wonderful team,” noted their nominators.

Pharmacist Ahmed Aly’s colleagues would like to clone him. He is described as kind, compassionate, humble, and someone who always looks out for his patients and colleagues. “He goes above and beyond. His focus on patient care and his dedication to this hospital is second to

none,” say his nominators. “He is the personification of what all health care professionals should strive to be.”

We’ve missed the final group of honorees over the past few months due to COVID-19, and are excited to be slowly welcoming them back. Kudos to the Information Desk volunteers who are the first point of contact for patients and visitors. Their welcoming smiles mean a lot, but their nominators say their contributions are much more than that: “They ensure there is always a wheelchair available. They sometimes play soft music to support a more relaxing atmosphere for those waiting in the lobby. They can assist clients with the parking



The latest Commitment Award recipients are (l-r): Dr. Maren Hamilton, family physician; Frida Plourde, RN, infection control coordinator; Ahmed Aly, pharmacist; and the information desk volunteers, represented at the presentation by Mary Fairbairn, Brenda Pascoe, Ross Bennett, Paulette Poulin and Linda Foster. Courtesy photo

machines. The list goes on. Their knowledge about what is going on in the organization is over

and above many, and what they don’t know they will find out to make the patients’ and visitors’

experience more pleasant.” Congratulations to all the nominees!

# Thank You

**Douglas Cheney**

The Cheney family wish to sincerely thank our relatives, friends and neighbours for all your words of comfort, cards, flowers, food, and support during the sad and sudden loss of our beloved Doug. Special thanks to O.P.P. officers Prieur, Moores, and Evans, your compassion and professionalism will never be forgotten, please be safe. To Reverend Blair Paterson, your loving guidance and message of legacy meant so much to our family. To Vicky Byers and Ken Guy at Byers Funeral Home, you went above and beyond to take care of our every need. To Cheryl Millard, and Carol Ace, you are angels on this earth. We are truly blessed.

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## SNC awards \$10,000 in grants to community groups for fall planting projects

RUSSELL – South Nation Conservation (SNC) has awarded \$10,000 to 28 local community groups and municipalities through its Community Environmental Grants Program to help support tree and shrub planting and community garden projects this fall.

Grant recipients include the Chesterville Green Gang, the Rotary Club of Chesterville, the Osgoode Township Museum, Tagwi Secondary School, the Mountain Agricultural Society, the Kenyon Agricultural Society, the Greely Community Association, the Lefavre Lions Club, the Russell Public Library, and the Townships of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, Augusta, Alfred and Plantagenet, Russell and the City of Clarence-Rockland.

SNC's Community Environmental Grants Program has traditionally encouraged and supported community events across the Conservation Authority's watershed jurisdiction that promote recreational use of our rivers and the local environment.

SNC's Communications Committee allocated \$10,000 in funding to be distributed through the popular Grants Program this year; but community events were largely cancelled due to the pandemic, and available grant funding could have gone unallocated.



In this photo SNC staff, Coun. Cindy Saucier, and members of the Russell Horticultural Society, planting caliper Hackberry trees at the Russell Sports Dome in Embrun on Oct. 6.

Courtesy photo

In response, SNC amended the program to temporarily include tree and shrub planting and community garden projects to help local groups and non-profit organizations safely access these funds to plant more trees before the year's end.

The Conservation Authority's program amendments were a resounding success: nine grants were awarded earlier this year, and 19 additional applications were recently approved, allocating all of this year's funding and helping to support community gardens and plant more

than 60 large native trees on public property.

"We couldn't be more thrilled to support our local community partners in their efforts to enhance our local environment and do some environmental good in their communities, especially during these times," said John Mesman, SNC's communications lead.

SNC has awarded \$35,000 through its Community Environmental Grants Program since 2015 and hopes to allocate funding for environmental events or projects in 2021.

## RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen  
Student Reporter



### Purple and chocolate go together

Hello everyone!

This week, we wore purple on Tues., Oct. 27. Why, you may ask? Purple shirt day represents us raising awareness for children, youth and families that are dealing with any difficulties from financial stress to trauma or abuse of any kind. Wearing your purple shirt or just wearing purple itself will show that the people affected are not alone, that we stand with them through their challenges. Good on you if you did.

Today is National Chocolate Day. Indulge in one of your favourite treats today- or you can wait until Halloween! Did you know that chocolate is made from the tropical Theobroma cacao tree and that the earliest known documentation of them being used is in 1100 BC?

Speaking of Halloween, we're currently in the middle of the Link Crew "Halloweek"- a week of Halloween themed activities for the Grade 7/8 classes. Activities like Spooky Bingo, a Scary Scavenger Hunt, and a giant game of Kahoot- plus a costume contest on Friday, of course!

Finally, some exciting news from a few weeks ago- one of our staff from RHS was a recipient of an award from the Upper Canada District School Board. It was one of six Trustee Innovation Awards for 2019/2020 and it was given to Kevin Kennedy. When schools were closed last year, Mr. Kennedy posted 66 daily interviews on the school Instagram and Facebook pages to help us stay connected while we were all quarantining at home. Congrats!

Have a great week T-Wolves!

## Local musician strikes the right chord

RUSSELL – Sixteen year-old William Meisner of Russell received some exciting news this past week when he found out he will be receiving Conservatory Canada's Medal of Excellence. Awarded to the piano student that achieves the highest exam mark in the Province of Ontario, William earned the recognition upon completing his Grade 5 piano exam (contemporary idioms).

What makes this even more of an accomplishment is that

William did everything virtually. His weekly piano lessons are done via FaceTime with former Russell piano teacher Heather Koss-Huisman, who now lives in Kelowna, BC.

His exam was conducted online via Zoom with an examiner in Ontario.

William, who has been playing piano since he was 7, began preparing for this exam in January.

When his summer plans were cancelled due to COVID-19, he continued practicing and taking piano

lessons throughout the summer.

He completed all the requirements, which include repertoire, technique, improvisation, viva voce (facts and history), sight reading and ear training in August and he has already begun working on his Grade 6.

Due to the pandemic, Conservatory Canada is unable to hold their annual convocation ceremony in London, ON, so William will receive his award by mail in the coming weeks.

Congratulations William!



William Meisner from Russell has won the Conservatory Canada's Medal of Excellence.

Courtesy photo

## Chunky Beef Chili

Cook large batches of this chili recipe and freeze in family-sized portions for use within 2 or 3 months. For a quick meal, defrost and reheat on the stove or in the microwave for a hearty beef chili in minutes.

**Yields: 10 Servings**  
**Prep Time: 10 mins**  
**Cook Time: 1 hr 30 mins**  
**Total Time: 1 hr 40 mins**

1 ½ cup (375 mL) rice  
2 tbsp (30 mL) cocoa powder

### Cooking Instructions:

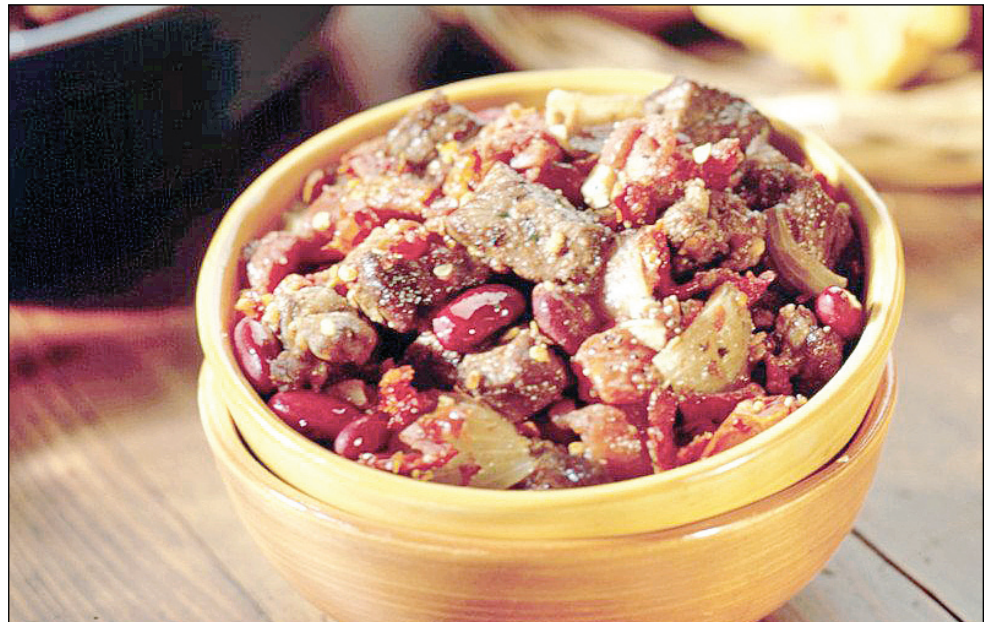
1. Brown beef in batches in lightly oiled Dutch oven or large heavy pot. Add onions and peppers to pot and cook for 5 minutes or until softened, adding more oil if necessary.

### Ingredients:

2 lb (1 kg) Beef Cross Rib or Blade Simmering Steak, Stewing Cubes or Sirloin Tip or Round Marinating Steak, cut into ¾ inch (2 cm) cubes  
2 onions, chopped  
2 sweet green peppers, chopped  
4 14 oz (398 mL) cans chili-style stewed tomatoes  
2 14 oz (398 mL) cans kidney beans, drained and rinsed

2. Add 3 cups (750 mL) water, tomatoes, beans, rice and cocoa powder to the pot; return meat to the pot. Bring to a simmer.

3. Cover and simmer over low heat for 1-1/2 hours or until meat is tender.



Recipe and photo provided by Canada Beef.