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Let's start a new tradition

This year, we are asking you, our readers, to be part of our annual Christmas Greetings' supplement.

We would like you to send in your favourite Christmas memory, whether it be drawings, poems, recipes, letters to Santa or anything related to the Christmas season.

In the past, we have reached out to area schools for children to submit to *The Record* their drawings, letters to Santa, etc. Unfortunately, this year, we have to do things a little bit different due to the pandemic, however children are still encouraged to submit their Christmas themed artwork, poems and letters; we will be more than happy to include their creations in this year's Christmas Greetings' supplement.

From the very young to seniors, we want to read your Christmas stories and include them in the holiday supplement. Help us start a new tradition!

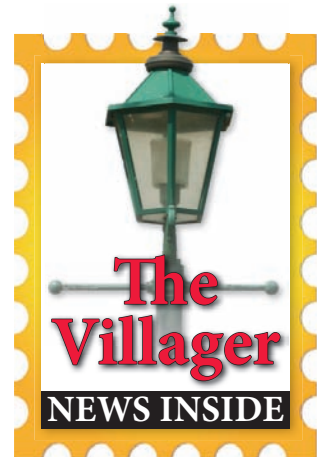
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We shall remember

Remembrance Day across Canada was affected by the pandemic. Services in most places were scaled back and social distancing discouraged large crowds from assembling and taking part in traditional Remembrance Day ceremonies. Nevertheless, the Royal Canadian Legion, and all of its branches across the country held their own services in a moving gesture capturing the meaning behind this annual moment of remembering. In Chesterville, members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 gathered at Veteran's Memorial Park to pay their respects to veterans and fellow soldiers. Here legion president Steve Grubb leads the group at the park for the ceremony.

Morin Photo

Giving back to the community

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Members of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) crew working in the Chesterville area held a pumpkin carving contest on Halloween and raised \$750. This money was presented to Karen Parker on Nov. 1 by Brandon Daynard and Gregory Montgomery, CPR production managers.

Montgomery told *The Chesterville Record* in an email that 15 pumpkins, provided to crew members after making a \$20 donation to the fund, were carved during the evening. Some crew members provided donations only while participating in the Halloween event.

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Sevita expansion plans paused

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER –The North Dundas council is doing what it can to help make Sevita's expansion plan a reality.

The municipality is discussing with Sevita how to move Sevita's expansion strategy forward.

Until they overcome some challenges the plans are paused.

Sevita has made plans to expand their facility at 11791 Sandy Row.

The new operation would feature a new soybean processing facility, offices and a warehouse adjacent to their existing building.

The seed company had submitted a draft site plan and zoning bylaw amendment request to pave the way for their expansion, while expanding the Sevita operation would prove to be a positive business move for the North Dundas community; there are rules that

have to be followed to ensure a successful zoning bylaw amendment application.

The application calls for the South Nation Conservation (SNC) to look at the proposed plan to see if it creates any safety concerns regarding the expansion plan on the location selected by Sevita.

As it turns out, the land Sevita wants to expand on is located on a flood plain. The land itself is not unlike a small island surrounded by lower land.

Ordinarily that would not create too big of an issue for construction and expansion of an existing facility, however in Sevita's case, the road running to it is low enough, according to the SNC, to create a problem should there be a one in a 100 year flood scenario. The road would be underwater and ambulance and fire trucks would not be able to get to Sevita in the case of an emergency.

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Spreading holiday cheer in North Stormont

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

AVONMORE – Looking forward to the holiday season, Adele Densham and Nancy Wert are spreading some Christmas cheer through the Touch of Christmas Porch Tour COVID Edition 2020, with twenty-five porches available for viewing and several businesses participating. This event will be held Dec. 3 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is a fundraiser for Avonmore Childrens' Community Park.

The year 2020 would have seen the fifteenth running of the successful Touch of Christmas House Tour but due to restrictions to help control the spread of COVID-19 Wert and Densham decided to hold the porch tour instead of cancelling the holiday event.

Wert commented in a recent email to *The Chesterville Record*, how "instead of doing

nothing, we decided to think 'outside' the box" and "have a Touch of Christmas Porch Tour COVID style instead" to "spread some Christmas cheer and give folks something to look forward to" as the holidays approach.

She explained people are encouraged to purchase their tickets through Eventbrite which will "help with the handling of money and tickets," commenting how if this is not possible to contact her "at 613-346-5493 for tickets to make alternative arrangements." Tickets are available at a cost of \$15 each for people 14 years and older, with children 13 years and under free. You can find the link to Eventbrite on their Facebook page A Touch of Christmas Porch Tour.

Participants will purchase and print their ticket from Eventbrite by Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. and bring it with them on the porch tour.

The ticket "includes drive-by visitation to all porches including those with laneways that will require a ticket to be shown for each person in a vehicle in order to gain entrance," a free cookie provided by "Swiss Farmer Bakery available for pick up at North Stormont Place Community Centre, local vendor specials and entry into "draws including a basket of local goodies" with winners announced after the porch tour.

Wert continued that organizers will email tour ticket holders with "the exact location of the porches and participating businesses for them to drive by" on Mon., Nov. 30. Wert explained that as the event is "a fundraiser for a childrens' park, and knowing that a lot of folks in our community have volunteered their time and own expense to bring this event," the information provided to participants will not be shared.

Several local businesses have been listed as a Stop of Interest and must provide a Porch Special," with "access to porch specials from local vendors" to begin at 4 p.m. on Dec. 3 and continuing until Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. Wert explained how "by stretching out the Porch Special to Saturday [it] will help with traffic flow, and if anyone wants to return to a business or run out of time on Dec. 3 they may do so." She mentioned "vendors are solely responsible for following the Covid-19 rules as dictated by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit."

When asked about special considerations due to COVID-19, Wert commented "We encourage everyone to BYOB (Bring Your Own Bubble)" with participants asked to remain in their car, and "if for any reason a person leaves the car, they will need to mask and distance." People are encouraged to visit their Facebook page at A Touch of Christmas Porch Tour for updates and sneak peeks of what's ahead.

Sevita expansion

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The approval of their application cannot come unless the potential flooding issue is addressed.

The solution is straightforward and that is to raise the road high enough above the existing flood plain should a flooding situation occur, then access to Sevita will not be threatened.

The projected cost of raising the road to a safe height including adding a few inches for safety's sake has been estimated at \$500,000.

Sevita is faced with several options to get their road upgraded to deal with flooding issues.

The council decided to help them out as much as they could. They have decided they will discuss with Sevita the many options open to Sevita and the municipality to come up with a shared financial plan to get the job done.

Rather than go for the \$500,000 road uplift, the council feels that sticking to the minimum increase in height, which would be 30 cm, would be enough and only cost \$200,000.

Mayor Tony Fraser instructed municipal staff to spend sometime with Sevita



to see what options could be adopted to fix the road and to pay for it. Fraser believes there are a number of ways the necessary work could be done.

The solutions range from a cost sharing arrangement between the municipality and Sevita to Sevita taking on the financial burden

themselves or some other way the two can come together to resolve the flooding issue.

Municipal staff have noted there may be government grants they can tap into that would help with the project should the municipality choose to share the cost.

THANK YOU!



We want to take this opportunity to thank our family, friends, neighbours, community and ag community (near and far) for the outpouring of support following the devastating fire which destroyed our dairy barn and resulted in the loss of some of our milking herd on October 4th. Our heartfelt thanks go out to local firefighters who battled the fire. To Evan Porteous who quickly worked to organize movement and relocation of our ladies...your acts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to our veterinarian, Heather Murray, who was on scene quickly to assist us in evaluating all animals. Thank you to our friends and neighbours who arrived at the scene for assistance in any way possible the day of the fire. Thank you to those who transported our ladies to barns. To those farms who took our ladies into their barns and treated them as if they were their own...a sincere thank you. We will never forget your generosity. On the very worst day of our lives, it means so much that our community supports us.

Please know how blessed we feel. You will never know how much your hugs, texts, phone calls, emails, cards, visits, prayers, meals, equipment, and financial support means to us. To those who helped us clean up in the following days, we are so grateful for your help. It was a very difficult task for us to do, but your assistance and support helped our family get through some very heartbreaking days.

Thank you Bruce and Sherri Cumming for organizing the GoFundMe initiative online. To Vanessa Durand, Lee Brien and team, the online auction to support us was absolutely phenomenal. To the donors of items and the buyers of items...thanks so much. We live in an amazing community. We are overwhelmingly humbled by everyone's support. All we have to offer is a simple, "Thank You." We are looking forward to the day we bring our ladies back home to their new facility.

All of us at Ayrpote Farms,
Ian, Tracy, Bruce, Cassidy and Felicity Porteous

Searching for Robbie

On Nov. 18, *The Chesterville Record* is kicking off a new contest.

Next week, Robbie, our new mascot, will explain all of the details.

So look forward to more fun mixed in with your community news and watch out for Robbie.





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It takes a village

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Record Staff

AVONMORE – Carmen Regneir and Al Russell were often seen in their horse drawn buggy pulled by Jazzy and Shiloh, a team of mini horses throughout Avonmore and area.

In the late afternoon of Nov. 4, an accident involving a truck and the horse drawn buggy resulted in the death of Jazzy, Shiloh being badly hurt and Regneir and Russell sustaining serious injuries.

Avonmore resident Carrie Couturier told *The Chesterville Record* in an email the many ways the community has rallied to support the couple. She explained how after the accident a Go Fund Me campaign was “set up by a friend in the horse community” and has surpassed its goal of \$5,000 “and is currently at \$7,375.” Another buggy driver and his family “have been monumental in caring for the other horses and pets as well as tending to the home.”

Many people have volunteered to help with barn chores as well as offering to help out by running errands or grocery shopping. Other residents have “rallied to put together frozen meals for them” with Cornerstone in Finch donating fried chicken, Fat Les’s offering “free delivery of a hot

meal” and Rock’n Ronda’s Diner and Pizzeria also offering to deliver a free hot meal to the couple. Couturier suggested if there are other people who would like to assist this couple as they recover from the accident, to contact her at carriecurry3@gmail.com.

According to Couturier, Regneir and Russell were expected to be released from hospital on Nov. 10, with 24-hour support being provided and are recovering from multiple broken bones and concussions. Couturier continued that “Shiloh is staying with friends at their farm five minutes from the vet but is recovering well from internal injuries to her right side.”

Couturier commented how the couple “are a valuable member of the Avonmore community” and can be seen touring “the town with their neighbour’s Terry and Jason who also have mini horses,” have brought “horses to seniors’ residences” serving as therapy animals; they are a source of joy to village residents. She continued how “On holidays they decorate the carts and tour the town and just this Halloween they handed candy to the kids as they passed in the streets.” She concluded by mentioning how “Jazzy will be greatly missed by all.”

Giving back

Continued from the front

When asked how Montgomery and Daynard knew to contact her, Parker explained they had asked a staff member at Mike Dean Local Grocer and spoke to Andy Cotnam from TRU Hardware receiving the suggestion to contact her from both. Parker has been involved in several initiatives to raise funds for families facing emergency situations in the past.

Parker confirmed \$250 had been provided to Tracy and Ian Porteous who recently experienced a devastating barn fire, the Bryce Stuart Trust Fund received \$250 with Parker noting that Bryce had lost a foot in a lawnmower accident over a year ago, and the remaining \$250 to Jessica and Chris Brown for medical care for their son Ben.



From the Left: Back Row: Brandon Daynard, Karen Parker, Gregory Montgomery. Front Row: Bryce Stuart.
Thompson Goddard photo

Stuff a cruiser, help end hunger

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – With the holiday season fast approaching and the COVID-19 pandemic increasing the needs of vulnerable persons, the SD&G OPP Auxiliary Unit are once again holding their Stuff-A-Cruiser Food Drive in aid of Community Food Share (CFS).

This Saturday between 9 a.m. and

2 p.m., members of the OPP Auxiliary Unit and volunteers will be opening police cruiser doors in Winchester and Morrisburg and accepting both financial and food donations which will be provided to CFS. Mike Dean Local Grocer in Chesterville will have a food donation bin inside the store, with cashiers able to accept monetary donations to CFS at the check-outs.

Jane Schoones, CFS team leader, commented in an email to *The Chesterville Record* that all EOHU Covid-19 protocols will be followed. These include the use of hand sanitizer, social distancing, wearing of face coverings, gloves and “all OPP Auxiliary and volunteers must be outside, not inside the store.” She continued “All food donations will be placed in the cruiser or in food bins by donors, with monetary donations in collection boxes to limit contact.

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Local businesses are smaller, safer and closer to home, and they need your support more than ever this holiday season. Many of our local merchants have implemented services like curbside pickup, online shopping, contact-free payment and home delivery for your convenience, and enhanced cleaning protocols are in place for safer in-person shopping. See what your favourite local businesses have in store this Christmas by visiting them in person, online or on social media!

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Editorial

Embrace change

Have you noticed that you are now more aware of what is around you?

If a year ago someone would have told you that we would be in a worldwide pandemic and that our lives would change as you knew it, would you have believed it?

Yes, there definitely is a lot of negativity, stress, and anxiety around this pandemic that will remain with us but there is also a renewed sense of vulnerability.

Do you notice that you are paying more attention to the sunrise and sunset? We are all caught up in this movement of life, and for many we are just going through the motions.

Once the routine is set it is very hard to change that. It is fine to say take time for yourself, put yourself first but when you have obligations and commitments, that can be extremely difficult to do.

This pandemic has mandated that we stop and reset. By being forced to have our agenda revised we are re-evaluating things.

Before this life-altering event came in with such brute force and caused us to change, we here at *The Chesterville Record* worked at making sure to reach out to businesses to fund sponsor pages, allowing the community to be aware of local events and to have our editorial staff on site to cover those events.

With the cancelling of so many activities and businesses we had to take a look around us and figure out how we could contribute to the local community.

We have a heartfelt appreciation for community groups and their role in keeping the community vibrant. We searched to find the community associations and to highlight the businesses and volunteers that are the "glue" that holds our neighborhood together.

We have been honoured to offer new features to our publication such as the "Spotlight on Business" and recipes.

We hope you are enjoying our new features and encourage you to support the businesses and groups in our community that many of us were not aware of and who need our support.

Thank you to all of you who choose to live, work and play in this special piece of heaven on earth.

Let's continue to share our sense of community and continue to nourish the passion in our shared community.

Linda Vogel

Pull over and get out

With the end of the reign of Trump in the United States, also ends (hopefully) the addiction to the news section of the internet and of course your addiction to your cell phone.

Human beings tend to have a morbid curiosity of weird and usually bad things best exemplified by the amount of rubber necking that goes on as motorists parade by any kind of road side accident.

The fascination with the political drama south of the border accidentally exposed our primitive need to be watching all the time for the latest developments in this slow moving car crash.

Over the last four years, many of us have developed a permanent crick in our neck from constantly looking down at our phones, tablets and computers waiting for the other shoe to drop. The end result: now that the reason for most of the excitement is on its way out

the door, and away from the main stream media spotlight, is that many of us, or based on anecdotal evidence most of us news junkies are likely to keep checking our favourite news outlet for more news about our favourite mishap even when the screen is blank.

We have run out of the supply of the drug that fascinated us for four years but we go back to the street corner where we used to get it out of habit; that behaviour causes a problem.

Physiotherapists have already suggested that the current generation will have life-long neck problems because of their daily poor posture while they keep their necks bent over their cell phones. If that constant repetitive movement can leave you with a pain in the neck, imagine what all of the intellectual smoke and mirrors you have been consuming over the last few

years has done to your brain and even to your soul.

All information regardless of its truthfulness that seeps into your brain especially the kind that gives you a little jolt of excitement each time you absorb it, leaves some kind of chemical trace.

Negative news, listened to and viewed on a daily bases can create a stressful situation where your body and brain struggles between the natural urge to flee, fight or hold your ground.

We were not designed emotionally or even physically to be tested over and over again, yet we are drawn back to the car accident metaphor on a constant bases.

For years the advertising industry has taken advantage of this natural behaviour and have used it to get our attention.

Our facility to notice strange and new information delivered in clever and shiny ways has left us open to industries,

(political and civil) who gladly take advantage of it.

So if you are exhausted after all of that daily news, watching, listening and thinking about it there is a simple solution.

When the internet first arrived, it was described for the lack of a better description, as the great and wonderful information highway. Imagine you are standing in the middle of a highway and all of that data is streaming by you, through and around you.

That is where you are now, and the constant data is making you sick.

The answer to streaming fatigue is simple, get off the highway and spend some time on a bench somewhere along the road.

Your addiction may insist that you must not look away from that tiny screen in your hand, but you must.

You will be surprised what you feel when you step out of the data stream.

Joseph Morin

The Road Home

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

There is nothing quite like learning about the history of this nation we call Canada. My Mom, who not only loved history but loved talking about it, would often say how if only we were able to learn the interesting parts of Canadian history then no one could ever say it was dull and boring. Together we would sit on the couch in our living room, with her telling me about things that happened during her childhood in Winchester, or while teaching in an area called Ireland (around Bancroft), during the war years on the farm in Gordonville and a multitude of historical happenings which were occurring during my early years.

I always found it most interesting learning about World War Two and the people she would talk about from the area who fought it here in Canada and overseas. For those who knew Mom she did not hesitate in letting her opinion, as she would say "in no uncertain terms" be known. One of her more interesting comments to me about the freedoms our men and women in uniform have fought for was importance of the freedom to speak. My memories are starting to fade but if I recall correctly she would say how, if it was her wish, she could stand in the town square (corner of Main and King Streets) and as long as she behaved herself could let everyone know what she thought of our prime minister without fear of being arrested.

Throughout these past sixty odd years I have often thought about the various freedoms which others have fought to defend on my behalf. Driving to work each day in Williamstown I pass a war memorial on which are listed the names of those from that area who paid the supreme sacrifice. When I drive by the Cenotaph in Morewood or the memorials in Chesterville my mind turns to the grandfathers, fathers and in some cases people I know personally who have served this country in times of peace and times of war.

I have had the privilege of speaking with veterans from World War One, World War Two, the Korean War and those who have served in "peaceful" times both here at home and abroad. I have watched a veteran tear up when recalling how he was following his officer on a night patrol holding a thin rope which was fastened to the young Lieutenant and after hearing a shot felt the rope slack as the young man fell to the ground dead. I have heard a veteran tell me how the sound of the bagpipes

had given him the strength to move forward into battle. While sitting in a military mess have seen the expressions of frustration and pain on a peacekeepers face describing the horrors he had observed during his tour in the Middle East. During the first Gulf War when my then husband was in the reserves, I felt the apprehension of not knowing if he would be sent overseas and the fear of my young children as they wondered what would happen to their Daddy. Volunteering at the Armoury in Cornwall, the home of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, I would see young men and women training and smile as I remembered a young woman who once tried, somewhat unsuccessfully, to march and fire a rifle.

I give thanks to those who have the skills, determination and strength to don the uniform, shoulder a firearm and march off into an unknown battlefield with a song in their hearts and a sense of duty in their step. What a price is paid by those who have served in our Armed Forces and what a debt of gratitude we owe them for the ability to be free.

NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson
Student Council Communications



We Remember

Fri., Nov. 6 was our Hawaiian Day spirit competition against Seaway HS. Over half of our students took part which brought us to a 53 per cent participation rate; however, we were not able to beat Seaway's impressive 63 per cent. We are proud of all the students who participated and are immensely proud of our staff at North Dundas who achieved a 100 per cent participation rate for the second time this year.

This friendly competition between our two schools was refreshing amidst the strange new reality of school during a pandemic. It brought back fond memories of cheering for our schools from the seats at the Dundas Cup hockey tournament. Congratulations to Seaway for their win; we hope to do this again soon!

This morning, student council conducted a simple Remembrance Day ceremony during the morning announcements since we were not able to have our annual Remembrance Day ceremony in the gymnasium. We talked about the importance of the day, read John McCrae's famous poem, "In Flanders Fields," and had our moment of silence to honour all the Canadian soldiers who have fought for our country.

Quadmester Two begins today, students will be adjusting to their new schedules this week as they start their next two classes. We wish students and teachers a smooth transition to their new schedules.

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Ensuring a Merry Christmas

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MOUNTAIN – In a recent press release, the House of Lazarus (HOL) announced the organization is looking for assistance in ensuring “local families, seniors and couples” can celebrate a happy holiday season.

HOL executive director Cathy Ashby noted how “over 100 food bank clients have signed up for the Christmas program to date, which provides gifts, treats and a meal to vulnerable members of the community.”

Ashby noted in the release how “the ongoing pandemic has put further strain on the food bank, which has seen an increase in new clients.” She continued how the Christmas program helps those who are “already struggling to cover basic expenses – like heating and groceries – so Christmas is just not something they can manage alone.”

For those wishing to “adopt” a family, senior or couple they are asked to contact Kim Merkley, HOL client services manager, by email at kmerkley@houseoflazarus.com and in Ingleside, Mark Healey at mhealey@houseoflazarus.com.

Ashby explained there are other ways to help in making the holidays merry for all by contributing “to other HOL Christmas programs, including the Reverse Advent Calendar, Angel Tree, Project Warmth and Heat for the Holidays. For more information about these programs, visit hol.community or follow the HOL on Facebook.”



Food Bank team members from the House of Lazarus are getting ready to spread some cheer during the upcoming Christmas season. From the left: Marianne Villemaire and Jacob Gagnon. Courtesy Photo, House of Lazarus

Showcasing South Dundas businesses - virtually

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MORRISBURG –Over 30 exhibitors have already signed up for the first virtual Fall Trade Show organized by the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce (SDCC). Geraldine Fitzsimmons, SDCC general manager told *The Chesterville Record* the show will run between Nov. 15 to 22. Commenting in an October press release, Fitzsimmons explained how the Spring Home & Trade Show was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the SDCC was “determined that it won’t side-line our Fall/Winter show.”

Fitzsimmons explained how the Virtual Trade Show is “designed to provide a publicly safe way for businesses to showcase and market their products and services.” In a press release last month Cindy Peters, chamber president commented how more than ever, “Our local businesses rely on your support”

encouraging people to “shop for a range of items like gift certificates, crafts, clothing, gifts and groceries.”

The Virtual SD Trade Show has advantages for both vendors and visitors alike. Fitzsimmons mentioned how business owners will “be able to reach thousands more existing and potential clients and customers” with a lower entry fee; the event will last for seven days instead of the “conventional 2-day show” and there will be additional cost savings associated with running the booth and promotional material.

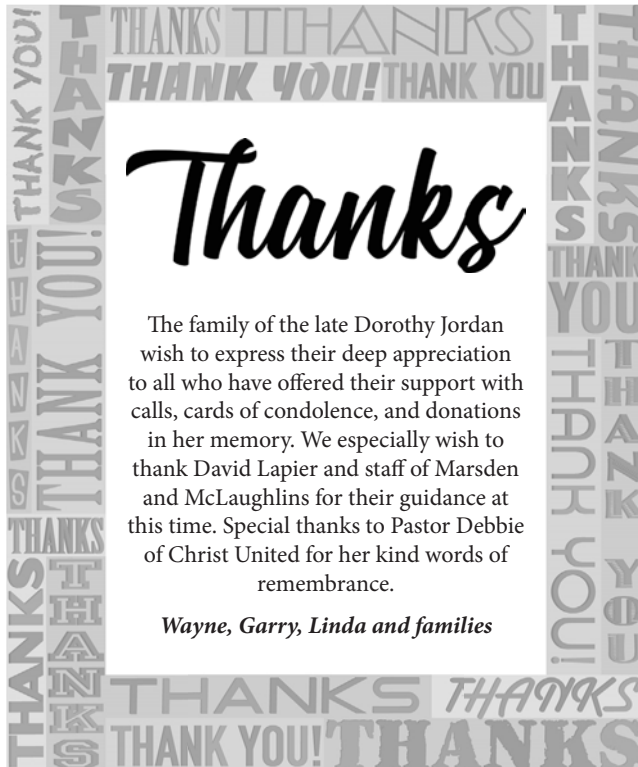
She continued how visitors to the event will “go to the Chamber’s Facebook page and/or website to sign into the trade show” with the opportunity to support local businesses while getting started on their holiday shopping.

Fitzsimmons extended her appreciation to Amy Kroeze the owner of Same As It Never WAS and

Barnfull O’Goodies owner Marguerite Baker for their “tremendous help” in organizing this event.

More information can be

obtained at either the SDCC Facebook page or website located at www.southdundaschamber.ca.



Obituary Ole Petersen

Passed away suddenly at the Ottawa Heart Institute on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, Ole Petersen of Kemptville, age 83. Loving husband of Phyllis Petersen (nee Durant). Loving father of Mike Petersen (Lisa) of Kemptville. Dear father-in-law of Donna Petersen of Kemptville. Dear brother of Dennis Petersen (Faye) of Ottawa, Walter Petersen (late Verna) of Ramsayville, Manley Petersen (Joan) of Charlo, New Brunswick, Amy Davis (John) of Dalhousie, New Brunswick and Esther Crandall (late Ernie) of Port William, Nova Scotia. Ole will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Shelby, Kyle (Chelsea), Brooke and 3 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his sons Jim and Douglas Petersen and his brothers Roger, Kenneth and John Petersen. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Due to Covid restrictions a celebration of Ole’s life will be held on August 15, 2021. Donations to the Ottawa Heart Institute 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.



Obituary JEAN MARION BYERS

Suddenly at home on Sunday, November 8, 2020, Jean Marion Byers (nee Smith) of Chesterville, age 83. Beloved wife of the late Stuart Byers. Loving mother of Lezlee Byers-Smith (Howard) of Ault Island, Patricia Fyke (Bill) of Chesterville, Judy Colleen Byers of Brockville and David Byers (Nathalie Sirois) of Iroquois. Dear sister of Erva Droppo (late Murray) of Chesterville, June McDermid (late Lyle) of Crysler, Carl Smith (Muriel) of Chesterville, Ann McMillan (Ronald) of Chesterville, Bill Smith (Beverly) of Morrisburg and Lyle Smith (Sandra) of Glen Walter. Dear sister-in-law of Lois Smith of Chesterville. Jean will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Scott (Courtney), Shelby (Will), Paige (Chris), Emily (Griffin), Kendrew and great-grandchildren Jorja and Delilah. She was predeceased by her parents Angus and Vera Smith (nee Merkley) and her brother Jack Smith. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Due to Covid restrictions, private family funeral arrangements will be held. Inurnment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville. Donations to Maple Ridge Cemetery would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift “please notify the family”. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmcLaughlin.com.

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Following the Ingleside Remembrance Day ceremony on Sun., Nov. 8, SDSG MP Eric Duncan, RCL branch president Randy Robertson, South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis, SDSG MPP Jim McDonell are shown in front of the War Memorial. Thompson Goddard Photo

South Stormont Remembers

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

SOUTH STORMONT – The sun was shining over South Stormont on Sun., Nov. 8 when Remembrance Day services were held at the war memorials in Ingleside and Long Sault. Organized by Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Branch 569 in Long Sault, they were in keeping with the recommendations provided by Dominion Command of the RCL.

While the solemn Ceremonies of Remembrance were shorter in duration than usual, there was an abundance of appreciation for the service of Canadians during times of peace and times of war.

A socially distanced and smaller crowd than usual watched as the ceremony acknowledged the sacrifices made by veterans listening as the words of “In Flanders Fields” was read, a moment of silence observed, five wreaths laid near the earlier pre-laid wreaths.

During the ceremony, MP Eric Duncan, MPP Jim McDonell, South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis and RCL Branch 569 president Randy Robertson as well as representatives from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Ontario Provincial Police laid wreaths, with the several laid before the service began.



Cpl. Terry Hamelin from the Cornwall Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police pays respect to the fallen during the Ceremony of Remembrance at the Long Sault Cenotaph located in Ault Park. Thompson Goddard Photo

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The personal touch

The Rev. Bruce Kemp, a military chaplain spoke at the Winchester Remembrance Day ceremony on Sun., Nov. 8. He was also the first to place his poppy on the cenotaph after the ceremony. Morin Photo



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From the left, front Row: Adelia Bretzler, Lyla Bretzler, Noran Poirier, Serenity Last. Back Row: Haleigh Jo tePlate, Rylan Bretzler, Vanessa Landreault and Calum Bretzler.

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Recognizing achievements

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

AVONMORE – On Oct. 31, members of the Happy Holidays Club (HHC) from Stormont County 4-H held their achievement day at North Stormont Place in Avonmore. As part of their Achievement Day events, each member received a pumpkin, delivered to their home, which they carved and brought to North Stormont Place (NSP) on the 31st.

HHC members were busy assisting the Cloverbud leaders with the drive-through event at the rear of NSP. Neil Robinson, one of the Cloverbud leaders, explained that youngsters received “their

award from 4-H Ontario, a goodie bag from the Happy Holidays club and had their photo taken in front of a display created by the Happy Holidays Club,” and mentioned participants were “invited to come dressed up for Halloween, for the event.”

Organizers would like to thank Tanya and Kevin Carruthers for the donation of pumpkins to the Happy Holiday Club, Kenda tePlate for the donation of hand sanitizer and the Stormont Milk Producers who donated the chocolate milk for the event.

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Community support for burn victims

BRINSTON – A silent auction has been arranged to raise funds for two local women who suffered burns at a campfire last month in Brinston. A fun night out around a campfire ended in severe burns for the two young ladies.

At one point in the evening the bonfire exploded outward and the girls who were standing right next to the fire were engulfed in flames. The two girls are Cassandra Young and Jessica Goodenough.

A Facebook post by one of their friends Barbi Dowell described what happened next.

She wrote, "As the flames were extinguished from their flesh, hair, clothing it was realized that an ambulance would not be able to get to them. Cassandra (one of the victims) got all the other victims and herself into her truck and

drove them to the nearest hospital (Winchester District Memorial Hospital).

Her body remained in shock masking her from the pain long enough to get everyone to the hospital.

There Jessica Goodenough was treated for second degree burns to her face, hand, arm and was discharged in the morning. Cassandra was treated for third degree burns on her face, scalp, and was discharged later that day.

The girls travel to and from Ottawa to see a cosmetic surgeon who specializes in trauma burn victims at least once per week. They will be seeing this specialist at least once per week for the foreseeable future.

As of today there aren't any operations scheduled and the specialist will be continuing to

monitor the girls as to when or if surgeries are required.

Physiotherapy will not be happening until they have healed further and the swelling has subsided.

The girls will need support and therapy to process the trauma they have and will be enduring.

PTSD, anxiety, stress, pain, and depression are all issues we do not want these girls to have to face.

We are hoping by getting the message out there, that one reward will be getting a strong support network set up for the girls for the hard years ahead.

Both girls are off of work and there is no way to guess when they will be able to go back to work. They both have family members taking time off of work to take them to appointments, and to help with the round the clock care they both require due to their injuries.

Cassandra Young is an alumni

of North Dundas District High School and has been working at Parmalat in Winchester up until this incident.

She has lived all her life in Chesterville. Her and her family are always out in support of our communities.

Her parents both have small businesses in Chesterville and Winchester.

Jessica Goodenough is an alumni of Seaway District High School and Algonquin College for Office Administration. She was working at Tippen Richardson in Ottawa in their head office. Jess grew up in Williamsburg and Morrisburg.

She is currently living in Osgoode with her dad to be closer to her numerous appointments.

Travel, parking, meals, medication, bandages, loss of income, etc are all expenses that are piling up and becoming daunting for the girls and their

families.

At a time such as this, expenses like this should be the last thing they should have to worry about.

Hopefully you will be willing to donate an item to the silent auction to raise funds to help these beautiful souls.

We are also hoping that getting the word out will raise awareness so that an incident such as this never happens to any other person or family.

We would like to thank you on behalf of Cassandra Young, Jessica Goodenough and their families.

Janet MacLean Smith, Andia Dejong, and Barbi Ménard are the organizers for the silent auction. They can be reached at janetsmith1078@gmail.com, 613-880-0352 or

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Farran Footwear: Where customer service is a priority

INGLESIDE – Since opening Farran Footwear in 2012, Carol Delorme has made it a priority to ensure her customers are provided with the “strong and dedicated” customer service and access to high quality merchandise.

When asked about the origin of her store’s name during an interview with *The Chesterville Record*, Delorme explained the name was chosen in part because the area is linked to the Lost Village of Farran’s Point, before continuing with a smile on her face how her dog’s name is Farran.

When entering the store, there is a relaxed atmosphere and unhurried approach to the clientele with displays designed to provide the customer with an opportunity to easily see the merchandise and friendly staff available for assistance if required.

Throughout the store are a variety of men’s and women’s footwear, including boots, shoes, CSA approved work boots, and Blundstone boots, a well known and popular brand. Delorme explained sales of hiking shoes and boots have recently increased, which she attributes in part due to people exercising in natural settings for exercise during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to footwear, the store has accessories such as purses, wallets, gloves

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From the left: Carol Delorme and Denise Couillard take a moment to pose in front of a Blundstone display at the front of the store. Thompson Goddard Photo

and slippers. Throughout the store are displays of fun-type seasonal themed socks as well as hiking socks which include merino wool socks which are machine

washable and dryable.

Delorme has worked in the retail shoe business since 21 years of age, mentioning there have been many changes in the

industry over the years. According to her, one of the most significant changes was the move from Canadian made footwear to mainly European produced products.

She described how the European influence is quite strong with sizing being most influenced. Delorme explained in the past, to get a size run for a shoe store, which included full and half sizes with three widths, the merchant would have to purchase 27 pairs but now, with European sizes a size run only requires the purchase of six pairs of shoes.

She continued how every manufacturer has different lasts (the mechanical foot shaped device on which shoes are made) for the same size of shoe which could lead to small, but significant variations in the shoe’s size. Denise Couillard, who works at Farran Footwear, commented how Delorme is able to access the needs of clients and find the shoes best suited for their specific needs as a result of her extensive experience in this field.

Delorme is currently president of the South Stormont Chamber of Commerce and a participant in the SDG Counties Buy Local Campaign. As the interview concluded, she wished to thank those who have continued to shop locally, commenting how the COVID-19 pandemic appears to have resulted in more people shopping locally.

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.

Job Zone d’emploi celebrates 35 years of community service

CORNWALL –Thirty five years ago, the provincial government decided that they needed a service for young people, aged 16 to 24, who were searching for employment in Ontario. At that time, the local Chamber of Commerce and SD&G Public School Board; TR Leger School of Alternative Studies, formed a partnership and submitted an application for funding for what would later be known as the Youth Employment Counselling Centre in the city of Cornwall; servicing the counties of Stormont and Dundas; fortunately the partners were successful and in November 1985, the local Youth Employment Centre opened its doors. The office was located at 16 Second St East; Domino’s Pizza currently occupies that space. In that first year of operation, the agency’s initial team of three, provided over 1,000 local youth and employers with a variety of employment supports; increased demand for service very quickly necessitated additional staffing and larger facilities, so the Youth Employment Centre relocated to a suite of offices; just above Schnitzels European Flavours. Shortly after, the agency employed an additional 14 team members, to provide a host of bilingual, all

inclusive federal and provincially funded employment programs for youth.

Some may recall that it was in 1990 that the City of Cornwall experienced significant economic challenges and many local manufacturing firms were forced to close or downsize, so the centre expanded its mandate and became an incorporated entity, known as the Employment and Education Resource Centre, secured funding to provide employment services to all residents, over the age of 24 in the counties of Stormont and Dundas and once again, the agency now known as Job Zone d’emploi relocated their office to a larger storefront location 144 Pitt; many may remember this building as the old People’s Department store. Over the years, Job Zone d’emploi has continued to increase the size of the team to its current employ of 42; thousands of local residents and employers have accessed a variety of employment related programs and services, many of whom have secured employment and/or successfully completed training programs.

Over the years, clients have indicated that the Job Zone d’emploi team is very knowledgeable, provides great job

search advice and is friendly and caring in their approach, while local employers say that the team is very familiar with the labour market, provides extensive supports and is very committed to the community and the work that they do.

In November of this year Job Zone d’emploi is proud to be celebrating 35 years of service in the community. At the same time, the agency’s former executive director; Wendy Woods-Fontaine, has retired and has been replaced by Kim Greggain. Kim is very fortunate to be working under the direction of a very dedicated, community based board of directors and alongside a highly motivated management team; Kim Arbic, the agency’s director of community relations, Marie Longtin Scott; manager of finance, Julie Samson; human resource manager, Carine MacMillan and Julie Sullivan; program supervisors along with a very professional and service oriented front line team.

For additional information re: the agency, visit jobzonedemploi.ca, facebook.com/jobzonecornwall, twitter.com/JobZonedemploi and instagram.com/jobzonedemploi/ Job Zone d’emploi is an Employment Ontario site.

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SNC's online art auction raises \$6,500 for tree planting

South Nation Conservation's (SNC) first ever Art for Trees online silent art auction has raised nearly \$6,500 for the Conservation Authority's spring 2021 tree planting season.

In total, 125 participants placed 244 bids on 33 items donated by local artists, photographers, and artisans. The silent auction ran entirely online from Oct. 8 to 29 using the website www.32auctions.com.

All funds raised are going toward helping SNC reach a record-setting goal for 2021: planting 200,000 native trees across its Eastern Ontario watershed in a single year.

"We couldn't be happier with our fundraising total which will help to buy and plant thousands of additional trees to support next year's ambitious planting target," says Taylor Campbell, SNC's communications

specialist.

"We would like to thank residents for participating and placing bids, and the artists and photographers who donated items," he added.

Since 1990, SNC has planted more than 3.4 million trees across its watershed thanks to community and municipal partnerships and annual fundraising initiatives to enhance local forest cover.

The Conservation Authority had its eyes on a record-setting planting season next spring when the pandemic forced SNC to cancel and rethink its traditional in-person fundraising events.

The Art for Trees auction is yet another example of how SNC has adapted to working, fundraising, and engaging with its partner municipalities and area residents during these times.

"We will continue to find new and innovative ways to raise money and offer cost effective programs that protect and restore the local environment on behalf of our partner municipalities and local residents," added Campbell.

Donations to SNC can be made online at www.nation.on.ca/donate or by contacting the Conservation Authority's head office in Finch at 1-877-984-2948 or info@nation.on.ca. SNC is a registered charity with the Canadian Revenue Agency and may issue donation receipts for tax return purposes.

Olivia Wright of Brinston, donated her water colourpainting of a Redheaded Woodpecker to help SNC raise funds for tree planting.

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SD&G launches mobile community response team

SD&G – The Stormont Dundas and Glengarry (SD&G) Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Cornwall Community Hospital and the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry have launched an innovative partnership to provide mental health expertise and responsive care.

Mental health-related calls continue to rise in SD&G and the severity of the mental health concerns that police encounter are increasingly more complex.

The new Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) will provide early intervention for those who need it. People, not knowing who else to turn to in a mental health crisis, have typically called the police. Previously, police had few options in this type of call.

Now police and a trained medical professional, working together, have options. SD&G OPP community mobilization officer, Jim Blanchette stated that "he is thrilled to see the



Don Depratto and A/Sgt. Blanchette in a cruiser.

Courtesy Photo

program underway after two years of hard work, and that after only a couple of weeks there has already been some great work done by the team."

Since Sept. 28, members of the OPP have been patrolling with mental health nurse Don Depratto from the Cornwall Community Hospital.

The team responds to calls where

mental health is a factor. Nurse Depratto, with advanced mental health training and experience, is able to screen for serious mental illnesses or substance use, complete a mental and basic physical health assessment, advocate for client care, review medications, complete a suicide risk assessment and provide health information for family members and caregivers. Don describes this partnership as "the perfect blend of two professions working together for the community."

From 2007 to 2018, mental health related calls for service to the OPP increased by 42 per cent. During the same period, the time officers spent responding to these incidents increased by 65 per cent.

The new SD&G MCRT will improve the experience of residents and their families by providing a less intrusive service, on an immediate basis, with no lengthy wait and should lead to a reduction in traumatic mental health apprehensions.

Staff Sergeant Simon Hardy of the SD&G OPP says he "extremely proud of the collaborative efforts and common vision demonstrated by our OPP members, our partners, especially the Cornwall Community Hospital and the United Counties of SD&G to provide an alternate approach of service delivery, thus increasing our service excellence to the community we serve, especially for some of its most vulnerable members."

Catch the Ace tickets are available and on sale now

RUSSELL – With an estimated, massive jackpot of over \$90,000.00, only 23 envelopes left and all proceeds going to great local charities, it's the perfect time to play Catch the Ace!

It started on Nov. 1. Now you can safely purchase your tickets online (\$5 each ticket) at www.kinclubofrussell.ca/catch-the-ace with the first draw being held at 3:15 p.m., on Sun., Nov. 22.

Tickets are also available at a number of retail locations, please check our website page above to see the updated

lists of locations. Paper ticket sales close at all retail locations at noon Sunday before the draw. Online ticket sales close at 11:59 p.m. Sat., Nov. 21.

If you need help learning/remembering how to purchase online, watch our two minute tutorial at . This is the resumption of our Catch the Ace lottery which was suspended due to COVID-19 on March

22. Please share these details with friends, family and colleagues to assist our very worthy charities. For further details, please contact us at . Thank you for supporting your local charities.

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Russell county OPP investigating home invasion

CLARENCE-ROCKLAND – The Russell County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a home invasion robbery in Clarence-Rockland.

On Nov. 4, shortly after 2:00 a.m., the OPP responded to a residence on County Road-8, north of Casselman. It was reported that two unknown males had entered the home and assaulted the 31-year old male resident. The victim was treated in hospital for injuries suffered in the attack. The female resident was not seriously injured. A handgun was seen during the incident and a shot was fired within the home. The culprits fled the scene, taking a small quantity of cash and other items. No vehicle was seen.

The individuals involved are described as:

Subject #1

- White male
- Approximately 183 cms (6') tall
- Dressed in black clothing, carrying a grey gym bag with white writing

Subject #2

- 165 cms (5'5") tall
- Brown eyes and a thin beard
- Dressed in black

The OPP Forensic Identification Services Unit is assisting Russell County OPP and Russell OPP Crime Unit with the investigation.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Russell County OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222- 8477, where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.



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