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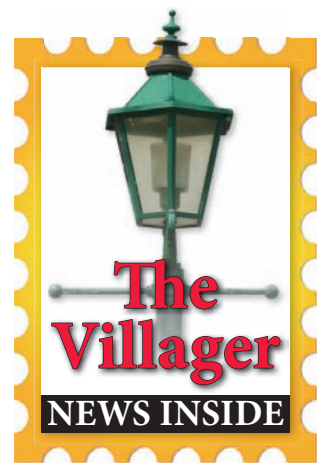
Christmas is coming fast
WINCHESTER – Simply Baked Catering is hosting a series of Christmas Pop Up Shops on Saturdays between Nov. 14 and Dec. 19 at their Main Street Winchester location. The events will feature artists and artisans in attendance from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Elegance in Wood being featured on Nov. 21. For more information visit their Facebook page.

A deliciously different barn raising
VERNON – Osgoode Township Museum is adding a bit of Christmas cheer and celebrating its rural roots with the Gingerbread Barn Raising Take Home Kit. For \$25 you will receive “everything you need and instructions to make and decorate your own gingerbread barn.” Don’t delay to get your kit, as limited quantities are available. For more information, please contact the Osgoode Township Museum or website at www.osgoodemuseum.ca.

2020 Winchester Parade of Lights
WINCHESTER – On Dec. 4 and 5, please join us in Winchester for this year’s Parade of Lights. The event will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Rideau Auctions in Winchester. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, this year’s event will look a bit different, the parade will shift to a stationary event at Rideau Auctions, just outside of Winchester. Spectators will drive by floats in their vehicles. Please watch their Facebook page for more information.



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Show ring named in honour of Allison Fawcett
Allison Fawcett has had a horse show ring at the South Mountain Fair grounds named after him. On Nov. 14, he was presented with a smaller version of what will be erected at the show ring in the spring. Left to right are: Carson Hill, Danny Johnstone, Anne MacDonald, Dermid O’Farrell, Bert Doornwaard, Allison Fawcett, daughter Myrna Doornwaard, Kirk Douglas and Richard Gilmer. Morin Photo

Compromise paves way for Sevita expansion

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Sevita and North Dundas have found a way to move forward with Sevita’s expansion project. Discussions between the international seed company and the municipality have resulted in an agreement where Sevita will pay up to \$100,000 as its share of an estimated cost of \$200,000 to upgrade Sandy Row. The road is an integral part of Sevita’s expansion plans and without the upgrade it would not be able to get approval for its expansion from North Dundas. Mayor Tony Fraser said the solution was the result of having healthy relationships between the private sector and the municipality. “We were very happy to have a compromise. Sevita is an important business in our community. We are an agricultural community and Sevita is a world-wide business located in North Dundas,” he said.

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MTAS names horse show ring after Allison Fawcett

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Allison Fawcett was honoured for his life-long love affair with South Mountain Fair with the naming of the horse show ring on the fairgrounds. The name of the ring is now the Fawcett Show Ring. The naming was made official on Sat., Nov. 14 with an official presentation in front of the Mountain Agricultural Hall. At the age of 95 years old, Fawcett was reminded of the 91 South Mountain fairs he has attended over the years. Dermid O’Farrell, the president of the Mountain Township Agricultural Society (MTAS), in his introduction of Fawcett to those assembled at the Hall, O’Farrell said,

“Cattle was his business and horses was his hobby. “Allison bought his first team of commercial horses in 1985. They were a Hackney Clydesdale cross purchased from Mr. Jim McKay who was a premier breeder and showman of commercial horses.” He showed his horses throughout the Ottawa Valley, Western Ontario and Quebec. “Allison was, and still is considered one of the best sportsman among his peers in the show world,” said O’Farrell. Carson Hill, a past president of the Metcalfe Fair board explained that he showed beef cattle in Metcalfe. “Over the last 15 years, I have gotten to know Allison and we have had some great talks. The thing that I enjoy so much about Allison, he is a living atlas and a living history book.”

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Ingenuity helps Legion poppy campaign

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The Winchester Branch 108 of the Royal Canadian Legion has benefited from the generosity and ingenuity of a Winchester resident.

On Wed., Nov. 11, Mike Erickson, owner of Erickson Graphics presented the Legion with a cheque for \$1,500. The funds came from selling his specially designed face masks with a Remembrance Day theme.

“About a month ago I had an idea to sell custom face masks for Remembrance Day. I went to the Legion’s Canada website and saw that they were selling custom made face masks with a poppy on it but they were sold out and back ordered until Nov. 9,” said Erickson.

He told Janine Fawcett, the first VP of the Winchester Legion of his idea to produce Remembrance Day themed face masks, and to return proceeds of the sales back to her Legion.

“Their whole campaign for face masks

was back ordered and there were very few poppy sales this year. People were not shopping in the malls anymore,” he said.

He felt that there had to be some way to help the Legion out, in case their poppy sales were slow because of the pandemic.

He did not expect to sell more than a few hundred dollars worth, if that.

“They took off like crazy, I had to order blanks from my supplier about four times to keep up with the demand. At the end of the day, we sold well over 300 masks.”

He said that even though Remembrance Day is over there are still some people asking for them. I hope to be able to make another donation.”

Mike is married to Dawn Erickson who is a nurse at the WDMH. “When COVID hit and the lockdown started a very successful t-shirt campaign back in March and April, we donated \$500 to the Community Food Share and the House of Lazarus.”

That success encouraged him to go ahead with the face mask project.

Erickson comes from a military family



Left to right are Janine Fawcett, first vice president of Winchester Legion Branch 108, Mike Erickson and Tina Asselin, second vice president. Courtesy Photo

and one of his children is currently serving.

“A great spin-off from the project was talking to people and finding out their connection to the military. It was really interesting to listen to the stories.”

This week he will be shipping out some

masks to Nova Scotia and British Columbia.

I have one and I wear it everyday and it is very comfortable.

Erickson says the entire Winchester community as well as communities across Canada supported his idea.

Tree planting for the future

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville and District Agricultural Society (CDAS) has plans to make the Chesterville fairgrounds a tree friendly place to be.

The idea of planting trees that you will never get to enjoy the shade of is helping to drive the project.

Several old and large trees have been lost from the fairgrounds over the past few years.

While replacing lost trees is a priority for the Agriculture Society, it decided to look into the future and add to their tree replacement program.

The long-range plan is to plant new trees whenever they can along the outside of the fairgrounds, and overtime replace the tree cover that has been common on the fairground for years.

President of the CDAS Carol Johnstone said, “It basically came about because we had some trees come down at the fairground.”

“We thought how could we replace those and still

make it engaging for the community.”

There are so many varieties that are native to this area and would be a benefit to the fairground landscape.

Johnstone explained that Pioneer Park has trees with plaques describing what kind of tree it is, and that would be a nice idea for the fairground. It would be educational and engaging,” she said.

As the trees are replaced, proper space will be maintained so that there will be no conflicts with the existing fence that runs around the grounds. “One of the problems we had was trees growing too close to the fence,” said Johnstone.

“Moving forward, we are keeping those kinds of things in mind as well.”

She said the project would take several years to complete.

Getting the trees to plant will be an ongoing challenge.

“We would probably still partner with the South Nation Conservation Authority and gradually build it up and replace those

trees that have to be taken down,” she said.

“We want to keep the perimeter of the grounds looking nice.”

“We have the two stately oaks on the fairgrounds. There is one at the front corner that everyone is familiar with and then there is another one in the back near the tracks. They have been there for a very long time.

The project is still in its early days and Johnstone said much more research will need to be done in order to plant the right trees for the fairground environment.

There have been several different plans discussed about how and where the trees could come from. Some trees from SNC could be planted every year, as well as trees that are planted in memory of someone.

Johnstone pointed out that sustainable cover for Dundas County is at 32 per cent while North Dundas is down to 13 per cent.

The tree program would hopefully help spread awareness about the importance of tree cover in the area.

Allison Fawcett

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He has told me so much about this community and fairs, what happened yesterday and what happened 90 years ago.”

“It has been a pleasure to know Allison,” he said.

“It has been a great pleasure over the years. There has not been a South Mountain Fair I didn’t enjoy,” said Fawcett.

“I have enjoyed the progress the fair has made over the years,” he said.

“I came every year and my father came to every fair. He died in ‘57 and he never missed a fair,” said Fawcett. “I showed cattle for 60 years and horses for 35.”

He remembered that the thrill of

competing was all about the people he competed with.

I liked to win like anybody else and if they were not good enough one year, I spent the next years trying to make them better.”

Fawcett had many accomplishments throughout his showing career.

One of them was being named Champion Team at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto for two years.

“Allison’s horses were always turned out to perfection,” said O’Farell.

“The harness was made by one of the best in the business, Al Barrett and his shoeing by local blacksmith Gordon Nesbit. His show wagon was like a piece of furniture reconditioned by his son in law Bert Doornwaard,” he said.

The last time he was in the ring was in 2015.



Bill Smirle watches as South Nation Conservation staff Carley Hutchinson and Kelsey Smith dig a hole for the first of two butternut trees to be planted at the fairgrounds. Morin Photo

Let’s Start A New Tradition

This year, *The Chesterville Record/Villager* is 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 Chesterville Record/Villager* 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!

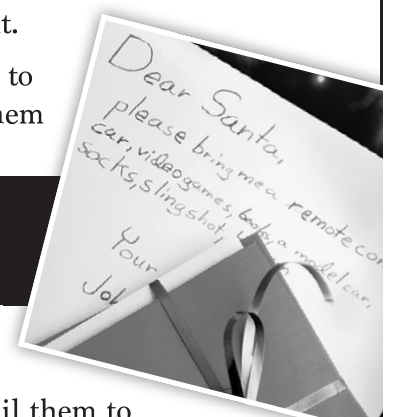
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You may also drop items off at our office at: 1 Mill St., Chesterville, Ont.

The Annual Christmas Greetings will be published on December 17th.



Heat for the holidays and Project Warmth kick-off

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

NORTH DUNDAS – With winter slowly creeping closer, some families in the area may have a tough time staying warm during the winter.

The North Dundas community is getting ready to help out once more with Project Warmth and Heat for the Holidays program.

Since 2017, the House of Lazarus along with their partner Community Food Share and the Winchester BMR have joined forces to make families a bit warmer.

Ken Boje owner and operator of the Winchester BMR went to the two community groups with the idea of creating the two



winter programs and it has become a mainstay for those wanting to help those less fortunate any way they can.

Project Warmth provides plastic window insulation kits for those in need, while Heat for the Holidays provides eco-energy compressed wood logs for people who can use them to keep warm this winter.

Boje said he expects to deliver to at least to 50 families this winter.

Ed Duncan of Jed Express has moved two large trailers to the BMR

parking lot to store the logs in. One has already been filled.

The project begins with people registering with Community Food Share and the House of Lazarus.

In 2019, the partnership of the House of Lazarus, Community Food Share and BMR delivered around 13 one-ton loads of Eco-Energy logs to 43 families.

Contributions to the two programs has come in from other community groups.

The 100 Men Who Care

in South Dundas has decided to give an amount to the two programs.

A \$75 donation will supply a week's worth of Eco-Energy Logs and a \$300 donation will supply a month's worth of Eco-Energy Logs to a family in need this winter. Tax receipts will be issued for this program. Your donation can be made by visiting the website for either Community Food Share or House of Lazarus. Here are the links:
www.communityfoodshare.ca/donate/ or
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Sevita expansion

Continued from the front

He explained that it was important to the municipality, to have leaders in the agricultural industry located in North Dundas.

"I look at this as an investment," he said. "This does more than just support Sevita's potential to grow, it also supports building up a road in North Dundas that belongs to North Dundas."

The mayor feels that Sevita is helping the municipality bring the road up to a better standard than it is now.

Municipal staff estimates that when Sevita has completed its expansion and the \$2-million new building, it will result in additional taxes to the municipality of around \$16,900 each year if the new expansion is classed as industrial.

Staff have also suggested applying for different grants that would offset the municipal share of the upgrade.

A small add-on to the road upgrade is an idea that Deputy Mayor Al Armstrong has been thinking about, and that is to include a four inch conduit along roads that are being worked on as part of a progressive plan to be ready for the future.

The conduit could handle fibre optics whenever it comes to the township.

The issue with Sandy Row came to the surface when Sevita, in order to have their expansion plans approved, had to have South Nation Conservation, (SNC) in for a look at the road and surrounding area. SNC found that the expansion area was located on land that was a kind of island elevated from the land around it. The land around it was located in the floodplain leaving the ground and the portion of Sandy Row running through it vulnerable to a one in 100-year flood scenario.

The answer was to build up the road at least 30 centimetres, so that, should such a flood situation occur, Sevita would still have access to emergency vehicles via Sandy Row.

Without the upgrade, the municipality could not give Sevita the go ahead for its expansion.



Railway crossing closures across SD&G

Chesterville residents were surprised to find Main Street North/County Road 7 running through Chesterville closed for the day on Wed., Nov. 18. CP rail is in the midst of a plan to remove portions of its north track all through SD&G. The result is that for a short time, while the tracks are removed from railway crossings, roads will have to be closed. The work usually takes one working day.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of North Dundas passed By-law No. 2020-52, on the 3rd day of November, 2020, under Section 38 of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE that Interim Control By-law No. 2020-52 will be in effect for a period of one year from the date of passing, lapsing November 3, 2021, but may be extended by Council for an additional one-year period in accordance with Section 38 of the Planning Act, or repealed by Council at an earlier date.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW
 The purpose of By-law No. 2020-52 is to provide the Township with the opportunity to undertake a study to review its land use planning policies pertaining to cannabis cultivation, processing and production; and to prohibit the use of lands within the Township of North Dundas for any new cannabis production land uses for a period of one (1) year.

The effect of Interim Control By-law No. 2020-52 is to place a moratorium on the establishment of new cannabis production facilities on all lands within the Township. Lands currently zoned Heavy Industrial (M2) (Zoning By-law No. 04-95) and cannabis production facilities legally existing on November 3, 2020 are exempt from By-law No. 2020-52.

The complete By-law is available for inspection during normal office hours at the Township office located at 636 St. Lawrence Street in Winchester.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Calvin Pol, Director of Planning, Building and Enforcement at 613-774 2105, ext. 234 or via email at cpol@northdundas.com.

Dated at the Township of North Dundas this 19th day of November, 2020.

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OPP investigating a serious assault with a weapon in Chesterville

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. SD&G OPP officers charged a 17-year old male on Oct. 24.

Further investigation revealed that following the initial incident, a vehicle fled the scene and struck a parked vehicle and a pedestrian at the location. The pedestrian suffered non-life threatening injuries. There was also a second, related confrontation on King Street involving a 45 year old female.

Further charges have been laid in relation to this incident:

The driver Jonathan Carnochan (age 33) of North Dundas was arrested on Nov. 4 and charged with;

- Dangerous operation Criminal Code sec. 320.13(2);
- Fail to stop at accident resulting in bodily harm CC sec. 320.16(2).

The accused was released and is scheduled to appear at Ontario Court of Justice in Morrisburg on Dec. 1.

The 45 year old female of North Dundas was arrested on Nov. 9 and charged under section 266 of the Criminal Code with assault. The accused was released and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Morrisburg on Dec. 1.

In addition, the 31 year old male stabbing victim has been charged under section 145(5)(a) of the Criminal Code with failure to comply with a release order-breach of curfew. The accused was released and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Morrisburg on Dec. 1.

Names of several accused cannot be released in order to protect the identity of the victim.

Anyone having information on the above incident 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.

NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson
Student Council Communications



Denim for Diabetes: A fun spirit day with a cause

It has now been a week since we started our second quadmester. It has been an adjustment for everyone to move so fast into our new courses, but students and teachers are transitioning well to the new routine.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month, so we are having Denim for Diabetes day this Fri., Nov. 20. This month is meant to bring attention to diabetes and to support the one in three Canadians currently living with diabetes or prediabetes. We are showing our support for those born with diabetes or who develop it in their lifetime with this fun spirit day.

Last week, Grade 12 students here at ND got together at lunch to discuss the Holiday Show that they normally put on for the school. This year, the show will be done as a video to be played in the classes. Thankfully, there are many Grade 12s willing to help, and to safely put on the show, so we can keep this tradition alive despite the pandemic. NDDHS school clothing is available now. All orders must be in by Nov. 23.



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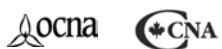
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Editorial

Talking helps but action is mandatory

Mental health is being talked about more and more but yet we still hear many stories of people needing and asking for help, but not getting it.

There are many ways we see mental health being advocated for in society today. Bell Let's Talk Day is a great example of a national campaign that seeks to raise funds and bring attention to those facing mental health issues. For those who do not know what Bell Let's Talk Day is, on one designated day every year Bell takes over social media with the hashtag #bellletstalk. This national campaign has allowed for a great dialogue to take place and for those

who might not understand mental health issues to take a step back and listen to what others have to say. This initiative was a great way to get the conversation started surrounding mental illness, however we, as a society need to do more.

With all of the initiatives, we are more aware of the different types of mental illness and how difficult it can be to live with a mental illness or with a family member that suffers from one. Although bringing light to mental health issues is a step in the right direction, more needs to be done.

The SD&G OPP department are now patrolling with a mental health nurse as

a new addition to their Mobile Crisis Response Team. A successful trial has been completed and it is a great way to combine two professions who are both working on the front lines helping those who are struggling with their mental health.

It is surprising how many people suffer from some sort of mental illness or another. So, with all the attention and education around these medical conditions, how is it that the medical field itself seems to be lightyears behind?

With having a registered nurse for a mother, I am well aware that sometimes the policies are not there. I

understand that many times medical staff are left in a situation and do not have a way of dealing with situations.

Please, let's not just talk about how you do not need to be ashamed if you suffer from PTSD, anxiety, or mood disorders. Let's actually have the medical system take those donations and put them to good use. Is it the policies that are the problem? Is it the accessibility of funds? Is it finding the right resources for training? Is it the general disconnect between the medical profession and the general public? Or does it stem from a wide range of intolerance that casts a thick fog around the ideas of mental health?

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The Road Home

by Carolyn Thompson Goddard

This time of year always makes me think about my Dad even more than usual, because he died on October 29 1983 and was born on November 5 1911. Dad was in his 40's when I was born, the last of seven children, and so my recollections of him are of a middle-aged man who was devoted to his family and his community in that order. He was a man who thought a lot and spoke little, so it was up to Mom to provide us with details of his life. Mom would often tell us how our Grandpa Thompson left his family when Daddy was about to enter high school, leaving behind Grandma and his four children. As the oldest my Dad, like many others of his generation, had to quit going to school and start making money for his family. Grandma, though suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, was able to secure a teaching position at the Gordonville School located down the road from their home while Aunt Elva, Aunt Myrtle and Uncle Jim were able to continue their education. Listening to Mom it would seem that Dad was able to maintain a sense of humour despite the curve balls life had sent him. He and his friends would on occasion play harmless jokes on unsuspecting neighbours such as knocking on their front window and ducking below said front window stifling laughs as they looked for who had made the noise. Of course, I can remember Dad replying to my plaintive plea that "I am hungry!" while on a long car drive with "Hello, I am Lorne", which to be honest was not met with a happy response from me. While my memories of life on the farm in Gordonville are slim for we moved to Chesterville when I was just over two, Mom described this stone building as Dad's "House of Dreams".



Dad's house of dreams

My brother Doug had a photograph of our Gordonville home restored to what it would have looked like in its glory days when we lived in it.

Courtesy Photo, Doug Thompson

From what I do recall when visiting the building before it was sold to my cousin, it was a simple floor plan with three main rooms on the first floor and perhaps three or four on the top floor but it had two staircases for youngsters to run up and down. She would often say how it was cool in the summer until the heat got into the stone and cold in the winter due to no insulation in the walls. Mom explained this was because wood, although it required a lot of physical labour to cut and cord, was still plentiful enough to ensure a warm house despite the lack of insulation. Mom would tell me of how when Dad was working at his Uncle George's farm, down the road and around the corner from their small home, he would walk by this house dreaming of a family of his living in it. After marrying Mom and living in a rented

home for a bit, the young couple purchased Dad's house of dreams next to the Gordonville school. I still have some of the papers, somewhere, of the purchase and while they tell of the legal story of my first home they only tell part of the story.

There is no mention of Isaac Johnson, the freed American slave, who built this and several houses as well as the United Church in Winchester of locally quarried stone. There is no mention of the births of my brothers, the baseball games Mom played with them instead of doing housework and a quiet man who at the end of the day was able to sit with the woman he loved in the house he dreamed of living in and feeling a sense of contentment never imagined when he was a young person. What a lucky man and what a lucky family we were!

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Stuff a Cruiser helps to drive away hunger

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—An amazing 4,028 pounds of non-perishable food was collected and \$2,139.85 donated during the “Stuff a Cruiser Food Drive 2020,” organized by the SDG OPP Auxiliary Unit on Nov. 14. Community Share team lead Schoones explained in a press release, the food drive collected “more than double the amount from last year’s event” and thanked the residents of Dundas County for their continued support.

The event was held in Morrisburg at Laura’s Valu-Mart in Morrisburg, Foodland Winchester and Mike Dean Local Grocer

Chesterville location. Schoones thanked the stores “for [their] amazing support in making this annual event such an amazing success.”

Schoones expressed her thanks to the “OPP for their donation of food valued at \$250,” the residents at Garden Villa Chesterville for “a cash donation of \$215, and Steve Merkley, a Canadian independent bread distributor, for his donation of 110 loaves of bread.

For more information on Community Food Share, which serves Dundas and Stormont Counties, please visit their website at www.communityfoodshare.ca or their Facebook page.



From the left: Const. Tylor Copeland, communications officer for the SDG OPP, is pictured with CFS team lead Jane Schoones, Mike Dean, meat manager Donald Jeaurond and Siena Dean, daughter of Gord and Pamela Dean, outside the Chesterville location of Mike Dean Local Grocer.
Thompson Goddard photo



From the left: Jason Schell, Wendy Weagant, Josh Baker and police auxiliary Const. James Brelsford, take a moment for a photo while loading a vehicle driven by volunteer Foodbank driver, Jason Legate at the Winchester Foodland location.
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The gifts which keep on giving

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

SOUTH STORMONT – South Stormont councillor and businessman David Smith has come up with an ingenious way to promote local businesses in South Stormont and say thank you at holiday time to some special people in your life.

In an initiative he calls “Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving,” Smith suggests buying a gift card from a participating South Stormont small business and using them as a holiday tip. In the promotional material, which lists the participating businesses, Smith suggests possible recipients as school teachers, hairstylists, essential workers or that special someone in your life.

The purchaser can fill in a ballot for each gift card purchase which will be entered into a grand prize draw which Smith describes as “a gift or gift card from every participating small business in South Stormont.” For a list of participating businesses, please visit his Facebook page. He commented, “Who in your life in 2020 deserves a little home-grown kindness?”



It’s hard to enjoy the magic of the season if you’re trying to navigate crowded stores or worried that your online purchases won’t arrive in time. If holiday shopping has become a dreaded chore, consider buying everything you need from the stores in your region. Here are a few reasons why.

Local entrepreneurs need your support
For years there’s been a growing interest in buying local goods, particularly during the holiday season. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, supporting local entrepreneurs is more important than ever. Small businesses rely on a loyal customer base to thrive, and your patronage during the holiday season is

crucial to their recovery from the current economic crisis.

Local shopping benefits everyone
Buying local stimulates your region’s economy. It helps create more jobs in your area and provides many families with a much-needed financial boost during the holidays.

What’s more, when you opt for locally made products, you’re helping to protect the environment because fewer greenhouse gases are emitted when transporting the merchandise. You also spend less time on the road when you shop locally. This further reduces your carbon footprint and allows you to check numerous items off your holiday shopping

list in just a few hours.

Local shops offer quality goods

From unique gifts and chic outfits to fresh ingredients and handcrafted decorations, local stores are stocked with everything you need for a memorable holiday season. And since small business owners prioritize well-made products, you’ll be sure to get your money’s worth. Plus, you’ll benefit from the friendly, personal service offered by knowledgeable employees.

From gift recommendations to easy in-person returns, shopping at stores in your region can lighten your load during the holiday season. This year, make it a point to buy local.

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Talking helps

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All things considered; continuous fundraising has definitely shed light on various degrees of mental health disorders. But, as a community and a general society, we all need to do more and be more comfortable talking about our health. Remember then, just because you cannot see the wound, that doesn't mean that this person is not hurting.

Although, as we approach the holiday season, many of us are being surrounded by family and friends and the time seems to go by all too quickly. The holidays are not a happy and joyous time of year for everyone, and taking the time to chat and reach out to your loved ones can have a profound impact on not only their day, but can sometimes change their lives! I would ask that we take some time to reach out to loved ones, friends or neighbours and really check in with them!



young children, one of whom, "Ben" has Hydrocephalus as well as Cerebral Palsy. Special supplies and equipment place great stress on the family. The Mountain Lions Club also recently provided a walker for Ben.

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Lending a helping hand

Winchester Lions Club president, Guy Belliveau, was pleased to deliver a cheque for \$1,000 to Chris and Jessica Brown of South Mountain. Chris and Jessica have two

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Bringing the menu into your home

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

BERWICK – Tom Manley, no stranger to agriculture, food, the consumer and how to bring them all together has taken up a new challenge.

He has been named as the new executive director of the Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network.

Raising awareness about the network is one of his mandates.

“As the volunteer board is too busy, they needed some leadership to regroup following the COVID impact on their activities in 2020: they had to cancel the Agri-Art tour and drop the project of the virtual Farmers Market. So my mandate is to get the Network back on track, re-establish communications with members and supporters, return to regional municipalities for core funding, apply provincial grants, redo the marketing plan and reset a series of activities for



Tom Manley at the Chesterville farmers market in the summer of 2019, his table of organic sourdough bread was sold out. Morin Photo

2021,” said Manley

“I have drafted a new market plan that will guide the Network in the new year.”

Part of his strategy is to present funding requests to the United Counties of SDG and the City of Cornwall. Funding from Prescott-

Russell is already in place.

He said, “I am working on an application to the Place to Grow program from OMAFRA. I overhauled the website <https://www.agro-on.ca/> and re-activated the local food asset map <https://www.agro-on.ca/pages/food-map>. I will rewrite the corporate bylaws to properly operate the Network throughout PR, SDG, Cornwall, and Akwesasne. And we are preparing for the AGM in December.”

Manley clearly is looking forward to the job and the various challenges that go with it.

“I am excited. I have been an advocate of local food since I moved back to my home town in 1997, and took over Homestead Organics. I was part of the first team that developed the logo and food asset map for local food in SDG in 2009. See the logo attached,” he said.

Consumers are looking

for safe and healthy alternatives when it comes to what they eat.

Manley believes focusing on the word local is crucial to informing consumers about where healthy food comes from.

“We trust that fresh local food is healthy,” he said. “There is a growing awareness in Canada about the value of local food in terms of the impact on the local economy, the amazing local flavours, and wonderful farms and artisans, and the relationship between farmers and consumers.”

The COVID pandemic has raised the public’s interest in local even more.

“Consumers faced some empty supermarket shelves in the spring of 2020 and became aware of the vulnerability of long distance concentrated supply chains. Farmers markets are seeing more traffic; Facebook and mainstream media and regularly conveying messages and stories about local food.

The Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network is not alone in its efforts in providing support to agri-food businesses and operations, increasing the production and marketing of local food products and connecting food producers and the local food chain in Prescott-Russell, Stormont Dundas & Glengarry, Cornwall, Akwesasne, Ottawa, and the Outaouais. Manley explained, “The Eastern Ontario Local Food Conference was held in Cornwall in the fall of 2019, just a year ago. It raised awareness and interest among municipal leaders, institutional food buyers and the public at large.”



Remembering their service forever

On Nov. 11, 1921, people gathered at the recently dedicated cenotaph in Morewood to recognize the supreme sacrifice paid by fifteen members of the local community during the First World War. On Nov. 11, 2020 people gathered to remember the fallen from the First World War, Second World War and the Korean War. Bill Smirle, chair of the Morewood Cenotaph committee, explained how this was the 100th Ceremony of Remembrance held at the cenotaph. Wreaths were laid prior to the service, people continued the tradition of pinning their poppy to the white cross located in front of the memorial following the ceremony.

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Not a day goes by that we don't think of you, Derek.



Obituary

EDWARDS, VIRLEY GWENDOLYN (NEE STUART)


October 21, 1931 – November 12, 2020

Virley passed away peacefully at the Bayfield Manor, Kemptonville, in her 90th year. The beloved wife of the late (Norman) Harold Edwards, she was predeceased by her parents, Robert Stuart and Sadie Nelson; her sisters, Pauline, Jean, Bessie and Fern; and brothers, Gerald, Ray, Alton, Sid and Gordon. She will be sadly missed by her sisters, Willa and Helen and her brother Ivan; her four daughters, Beverley, Linda (Carl Thompson), Dianne McIsaac-Edwards (Jonce Straklevski) and Sheila; her two grandchildren, David Nur and Sandi (Alexandra) Nur; and her sister-in-law, Marie Stuart McDonald.

Virley was a dedicated volunteer, contributing countless hours to various local community groups, including the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, the Women's Institute, the Chesterville Fair and Chesterville United Church. She also enjoyed knitting, gardening, playing bingo and bowling.


We wish to thank the staff at the Bayfield Manor, where she spent the last year of her life, and the Garden Villa (Chesterville), where she lived for several years. Final care and arrangements have been entrusted to the Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville. A private graveside service will be held at the Dale's Cemetery, Cumberland, at a date to be arranged.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated. Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](https://www.marsdenmclaughlin.com).




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From the left: Carley Hutchinson, Kelsey Smith, Wendy Trenholm, Shayla Fraser, Jocelyn Fraser and Linda Holland.
Courtesy Photo: Bryce Robinson, RAS

Trees Planted at Avonmore Fairgrounds

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

AVONMORE – On Sat., Oct. 24, four trees were planted at the fairgrounds in Avonmore, three of which were purchased with a grant from South Nation Conservation.

SNC employees delivered the trees to the fairgrounds and planted them, with Roxborough Agricultural Society (RAS) president Shayla Fraser thanking “the SNC for helping us get started on the beautification of the fairgrounds. We are looking forward to adding more trees in the new year.”

RAS director Bryce Robinson explained in an email to *The Chesterville Record* there were two butternut and two linden trees planted. He explained the linden trees were chosen because “we wanted a fast-growing tree, for shade and as a bonus it also flowers.”

Robinson continued a few individuals

have expressed an interest in purchasing “a tree in memory or honour of someone, so we will be doing more planting next year.” We have had a few people who offered to purchase a tree in memory or honour of someone, so we will be doing more planting next year.

North Stormont councillor, Steve Densham is pleased to report twenty trees that were recently planted at the baseball field in Berwick. Densham explained how as he sits “on the South Nation board and each year, each board can direct a \$300 South Nation Conservation grant to a public organization of their choice.” After consulting with the amalgamated recreation committee in North Stormont, Densham decided to direct the \$300 SNC grant to Berwick Recreation. Twenty trees of Burr Oak and Spruce species were planted on Nov. 4 by SNC staff, with the grant covering 16 trees and four trees purchased by Berwick Recreation.

Cardiogram for your electrical system

Linda Vogel
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Thurler Farms was the host to PrevTech Innovations Inc. on Nov 16. Faulty electrical systems are a leading cause of farm fires. Pierre-Andre Meunier, owner of PrevTech told *The Record* that he started this business in 2017 when he heard of how many fires occur every year in farm buildings. “The percentage of barn fires every year peaked my interest” said Meunier.

With the company’s home base in Saint-Hyacinthe, Que., this technology is now available in Ontario.

Nick Thurler has seven units on his farm. Nick stated that the cost of a unit is paid for with a motor or two in a year. Some insurance companies do offer programs, but Pierre-Andre feels that the insurance is not the driving force behind the demand for their system.

The initiative behind this system is having a unit that can be plugged in and work.

“Your electrician should not have to be an IT person to work with the system,” says Meunier, although there are definitely more electricians who like to

work with troubleshooting and not just wiring up a facility but it is such an easy system to install and operate that it is user friendly.”

Building a relationship between farmer and electrician is an important part of the success.

With the current clientele we are troubleshooting two critical situations a week. Sometimes clients will go for a year or more with no issues but when we are able to detect one it may not be for fire but it can also be a possible motor shutdown. The prevention of a breakdown is valuable to the owners as well.

The panel is a wireless connection to the clients cell phone but is also notifying PrevTech, and if desired, the electrician. “We have spent the last two years trouble shooting the nuisance warnings so that we can now come to the market with a trusted system, this is invaluable to the customer,” accounts Meunier.

Prevtech offers an annual service plan so that they are on site once a year to check all components. “Many times farmers will add something new or change something that affects the electrical

components, and it is not always considered as to how it will affect the monitoring system. With an onsite visit, Prevtech is able to watch for those potential situations and ensure the operation of the equipment is as promised.

“Farmers are busy and we are their backup. With our team monitoring the notifications we are able to identify with the producer if there is an urgent issue: says Meunier, “we also can provide the assistance to remotely troubleshoot and help diagnose what a specific issue could be.” This can prevent an expensive after hours service call.

Meunier compares the PrevTech’s Smart Sensor system as an electrocardiogram for the farm. “We are the push on the shoulder” to ensure your electrical system is working, and if there is an issue, to identify it so the repairs can be done in a timely fashion for the farmer and not because the system is down.

PrevTech currently has systems installed in dairy, poultry and hog operations in Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba with expansion into the maritimes and Alberta.



Pierre-Andre Meunier owner of PrevTech Innovations Inc. demonstrates the efficiency of his Smart Sensor System.
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Thompson Goddard photo

Armstrong Mills-the foundation of a community

By Murray Inch

George Hummel, John and Thomas Armstrong reached agreement in 1827 to develop part of the south bank of the “Petite Nation River” where it crossed lot 18, concession 4, (Hummel’s farm) in Winchester Township, Dundas County, Upper Canada.

The project was to build a grist mill and a sawmill to process the agricultural produce and convert the forest resources into building materials.

In 1823, George Hummel bought lot 18 from the successors to MariAnne Duncan UE, who had died young in 1815. She never benefited from her grant, which was compensation to her family for their losses from the American Rebellion. The prime parcel straddled the river, at a natural ford and the old slow moving stream could be dammed to harness the water power.

The nearest mills were out on the St. Lawrence Front, Lewis Grant’s mills west of the Dundas County boundary and some were planned in Mountain Township.

The Irish Armstrong family saw the opportunity. A deal was reached and the regional impact was instantaneous. Oxen appeared drawing squared timbers for building cribs to dam the river. Other timbers were cut by pit saw into lumber for the buildings and for the wooden mill machinery and equipment.

Oxen also hauled in stones to fill and anchor the cribs, to create the building foundations, and to form the spillways or raceways to direct the water to the shafts. Then the chains, ropes, rails, saws and other machine hardware followed.

By 1832, both mills were operating. Associated skills and trades were attracted in beginning with carpenters, coopers and blacksmiths. Mr. Hummel was selling lots on both sides of the river. Mr. Armstrong was producing lumber for houses and shops and grinding growing quantities of grain. Entrepreneurs like the Sharkey family established a Pearl Ashery and a tannery. As the community grew social institutions emerged. Churches were built, schools opened and a social structure emerged.

Beginning in 1842, Thomas Armstrong

took on substantial mortgages against the mills, whether to improve the mills and perhaps reduce his equity. The mortgagor was John Pliny Crysler, businessman, general fixer of land matters and later Land Registrar of Dundas County. During the depression of 1848 for a nominal sum of £50, Armstrong sold his remaining interest in the mills to Crysler.

Crysler operated the mills at arms-length employing or leasing to millers. They included John Montgomery, John Halliday and William Hillier.

In 1852, the works were valued at £2000 and producing £300 of flour annually. There were three run or sets of stones in the grist mills. There were 300 residents in Chesterville, many of them tradesman. In 1868 fire destroyed both mills. Crysler did not rebuild.

Crysler’s talks with Charles Casselman were unsuccessful. Casselman organized a joint stock company of local investors and built steam powered mills on a different site. This venture appears to have operated for only a few months before being destroyed by fire.

In 1879, Crysler sold the Armstrong mill site and the water rights to W.N. Barrie. Barrie, with partners or family members rebuilt the mills installing roller mills powered by steam. The family operated the business until 1962.

Over this period the farm economy changed greatly with the growth of dairy and the rise of corn and beans. The mill business declined and turned to production of feeds. The lack of trees led to many sawmill closures

The Barrie family sold the business to D.H.C. Smith who sold on to Allan Clement. He sold on to George E. Black who sold to Ritchie Feed and Seed. Ritchie whose last competitor was the United Cooperatives of Ontario feed mill, closed the Chesterville business and sold the property. This ended the property’s 180 plus years of association with grist milling and latterly with feed mills.

The river has flowed for 10,000 years and the community built upon it persists though everything else has changed. Through it all, the entrepreneurship of George Hummel and Thomas Armstrong remains.

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Kelly Coleman, the owner of Sweet Clover Flowers and Gifts has dreamed of doing what she is doing for a long time.

Born and raised on a dairy farm in Finch with her family still living here, Kelly from an early age was fascinated with flowers and floral design.

Following her dream, she went to Algonquin College to study Horticulture and Floral Design and loved every minute of it.

Back home in Finch, and tired of working for everyone else, she decided to make the leap from someone's employee to owner.

When the house and flower shop at 14812 County Rd 43 came up for sale in 2017, her and her husband Joey bought it and the couple along with their two young children soon to be three, moved in.

"I just fell in love with the floral part of the business," said Kelly.

Following a complete renovation of the store, a dozen feet from her new home, Sweet Clover Flowers and Gifts was open for business.

Dealing with COVID-19 regulations and the resulting drop in calls for flowers for weddings, she decided to diversify.

She always had gifts for sale in her shop complementing her flower

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Kelly Coleman and her one year-old daughter Harper surround themselves with local products from small local business owners from the area. She also offers a complete flower and floral design service.

Morin Photo

arrangement and design business. She decided to try and go to completely locally made gifts.

"This fall I switched over to 100 per cent local consignment in the shop," she said.

She has divided her shop into smaller sections, that have at the moment work from 15 different local crafters and small

businesses that do not have a storefront but have beautiful products to share.

"We did not have craft shows this year, so I decided to open up my space and give them a spot to sell their items," she said.

"I am still adding people. I am looking for vendors who are mostly unique with not too much overlapping."

Her shop is taking part in the upcoming Christmas Porch Tour in December. She believes several of the people who have been supplying her with their products may be at her shop that day to meet people and showcase their work.

"I want to support local, and people have the opportunity here to support 15 local people."

So far this year, her plans to rejuvenate her business has been successful despite the challenges created by the pandemic.

"This year the pandemic threw a wrench into some of my plans for growth," she said.

Despite the pandemic she still manages to hold virtual seasoned themed workshops.

She makes a video of what you have to do for a particular topic, create a kit people can pick up that has everything you need to complete the project.

She has also managed to hold some real time workshops following pandemic regulations.

It did not take very long for local artisans to offer to bring their work to her shop to help make her business a success.

Currently there are paintings, hand made clothing, sculptures, wooden gifts, gift bags, hair cleaning products just to name a few of the many items found in her store.

You can reach Kelly Coleman at Sweet Clover Flowers & Gifts at 613-362-8565, or go to <https://www.sweetcloverflowers.ca/>.

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.

North Stormont council fields questions and provides answers

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

BERWICK—During the Nov. 10 North Stormont council meeting, reports from several administrative departments were provided to the councillors.

These included reports from the Fire Department, the CAO, the Finance Department as well as from Nation Rise Wind Farm and the Municipal Law Enforcement Department for the month of October.

These monthly reports are included on the agenda of council meetings and provided to both the public and members of council on the work passed by council that was already carried out, and upcoming projects throughout the municipality. Council members are able to review the reports prior to the meeting, formulate questions to ask members of

the administrative staff with the answers from staff providing additional information to both the councillors and public.

In the CAO's report to council, CAO Craig Calder reported he had contacted Fairtax as a "potential grant source identified for the Moose Creek Rec project, and potentially for the Chrysler Fire Hall Project."

In response to a question from Coun. Roxane Villeneuve, bylaw enforcement officer Nancy-Ann Gauthier attributed a rise in the number of complaints to factors which could include an increase in the number of people working from home. Villeneuve also asked about the status of a review of stop and yield signs, with Blake Henderson, Public Works superintendent, providing a detailed account of the process, before commenting the review has yet to be started.

Council agreed to support a request from the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario to the provincial government, for an extension to the time required for the completion of asset management planning for municipal infrastructure, due to staffing concerns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

North Stormont council offered support to the township of Oro-Medonte in their request for the Government of Ontario consult "with the ski industry through the Ontario Resorts Association" and review reopening policy considerations as the ski season approaches. North Stormont treasurer Carly Wheeler advised council that there would be a reduction in funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund in response to a question from Coun. Roxane Villeneuve. The municipal website, located at www.northstormont.ca, provides a wealth of information on council meetings, administrative notices and other items of importance in North Stormont.

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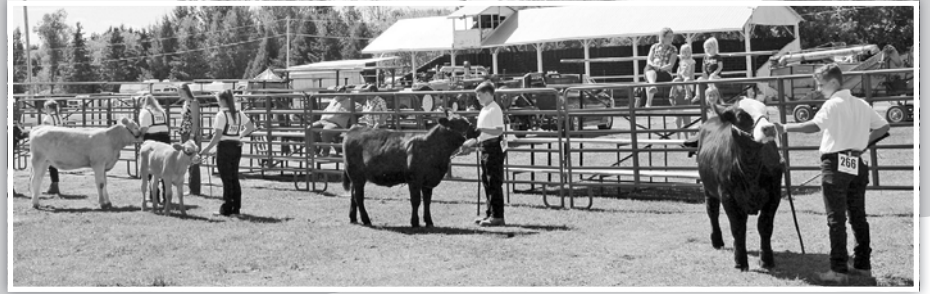
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have been increasing home improvement activities so home renovators are having their best year ever. Construction is booming, so the companies that support construction are booming. In fact, roughly 30% of small Canadian businesses are having a great year. Truckers and distribution companies are struggling to keep up with demand. Online retailers and online wholesalers are thriving. So what about the other 40% of Canadian small businesses – We were hit with a downturn based upon uncertainty from March to July, however things recovered and many are now running at about the same revenue they had in the past. Costs have gone up a bit as we made adjustments to customer service

procedures and as we adjusted to most of our staff working from home but things are returning to normal for many.

The federal government programs have kept many small businesses alive. The loans (\$40,000 with \$30,000 repayable next year), the rent support programs (50% of eligible rent with the landlord covering 25%), and the wage support programs, have allowed some of businesses that were hard hit to make it through. We are not out of it yet, and heaven forbid that we should lose so many businesses, however with the programs announced and hopefully functional this month, my guess is that we will lose around 15% of the small businesses in Canada.

What does this mean to the country and to us. We will see friends and neighbours who have invested all they have and many years of their lives going broke. Fifteen per cent may not sound like a lot but with roughly 1 million small businesses in Canada, that is 150,000 families losing their job, their business and perhaps their home.

What does this mean for business owners who want to sell? Twenty years ago, when I started Sunbelt Business Brokers, the #1 reason for selling was burn out. The owners had lost the passion and were tired. Health was the #2 reason and retirement was #6. Today retirement is #1 and burn out is #2. There is still a good market for businesses that

are performing well. We have a significant increase in the number of buyers because of layoffs, downsizing, etc. It used to be that having a good job provided security. Not any more. Owning a good business provides much more security today. Good businesses are selling at a premium because of increased demand, so the 30% that are prospering and the 40% that are back to normal are all saleable. The business owners can retire and those that are tired or have lost the passion can turn their business into cash. Unfortunately for the owners of the 30% that are struggling, the market is not good. Even with price reductions and favourable terms it is difficult to find buyers for these. If you can hold on and you can

see better times ahead just keep on working. Next year things may be much better, and you will have the opportunity to exit your business on reasonable terms. The agriculture industry is down around 30% in terms of prices being paid for businesses, however the economic forecast is for a recovery next year which will not only make up the 30% lost but will exceed that and keep climbing in the years following; so if you can hang on for a couple of years you will be in good shape.

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The Lost Villages of the St. Lawrence

By Jim Brownell

Between Aug. 10, 1954 and July 1, 1958, the greatest engineering feat in the world was taking place in the St. Lawrence Valley, between Montreal and Iroquois, Ontario, on lands first inhabited by the Point Peninsula People, Mohawk families, then the United Empire Loyalists.

The St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Projects were taking place, and it would culminate in the inundation of over 8,000 hectares of land and the displacement of 6,500 citizens, on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River.

Six villages and three hamlets, as well as two farming islands, were destroyed, and these villages became known as the "Lost Villages".

Ontario Hydro contracted the Hartshorne brothers from Moorestown, New Jersey, to move approximately 530 homes from the villages of Mille Roches, Moulinette, Wales, Dickinson's Landing, Farran's Point, and Aultsville, and from the hamlets of Maple Grove, Santa Cruz and Woodlands. These homes formed the nucleus of Townsites #1 and #2, Ingleside and Long Sault respectively.

New homes were built in these "planned" townsites for those wishing new ones, or for those who lived in homes not structurally sound enough to move.

Besides the relocation of the citizens, it was necessary to build other

structures in the new communities, where municipal water and sewer pipes were being installed. New schools and churches were built, as well as shopping plazas.

An arena was built in Townsite #2 (Long Sault) to replace the Mille Roches Arena, and Osnabruck High School was constructed to replace the Aultsville Continuation/High School.

For almost four years, Ontario Hydro work feverishly to have the relocation project completed by Dominion Day, 1958.

Huge infrastructure projects were undertaken along the St. Lawrence River, so as to complete the two projects, power development with the creation of the man-made Lake St. Lawrence and a new deep-waterway, so that ships could bypass the Lachine Rapids near Montreal, and the Long Sault Rapids, just east of Dickinson's Landing. At the international boundary between Canada and the USA, just west of Cornwall, the Robert Moses-Robert Saunders Generating Station was constructed, along with two control dams, the Long Sault and Iroquois Control Dams. The seaway part of the project required massive dredging and land excavation projects, as well as the construction of the Snell, Eisenhower and Iroquois Locks in Eastern Ontario/USA. Other locks were built near Montreal.

At 8:00 am on Inundation Day, the



The Zina Hill Barbershop was located in Moulinette and relocated to a farm north of Moulinette prior to Inundation Day July 1, 1958 when the flooding for the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project began. It was donated to the Lost Villages Historical Society in 1997 by Bob and Sherry Lyons. The Manson/Lapierre Store, commonly known presently as the General Store, was located in the lost village of Mille Roches. It was opened to the public on July 1, 1998.

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last cofferdam holding back the water of the St. Lawrence River was blown, and for three days the water flowed into the head pond,

creating Lake St. Lawrence.

The lives of many citizens from the Seaway Valley were altered forever, but the memories of the Lost Villages live on at the Lost Villages Museum.

In February 1977, the vision for the

creation of the Lost Villages Historical Society was put forth by Fran Laflamme, a school teacher.

She and the charter members were successful with applications for incorporation and a business number, and the Lost Villages Museum was opened in 1992. Since then, an archive has developed at the museum site. Visit www.lostvillages.ca.

A tale of no mountains

By Kimberley Baldwin McInnis

In the late 1960s when Mountain District High School in South Mountain was still churning out scholars, two teachers newly hired, pulled into South Mountain with skis firmly strapped to the roof of the car.

The two, having applied for the positions based on the school crest which boasted three snow capped mountains, must have been expecting to spend the long winters skiing on, the mountains in Mountain Township.

With nary a mountain or hillock in sight, it has been asked countless times by passers-by, why in an area which is more flat than the prairies would one want to call such an area umm Mountain?

The somewhat outspoken historian James Croil in his 1861 history Dundas or a Sketch of History makes note that (in regards to the 1851 Census) "If we are not wise in Dundas, the same authority tells us, that few of us are really "daft".

During the same year there were lunatics and idiots, in Kent 16, in Addington 13 and in Dundas but 4, and these may have been on visit from our western neighbour Grenville, which was notorious in this way, returning 25."

It might be construed that almost 80 years earlier the naming of Mountain Township was done by an outright idiot or at the very least someone "daft"... so some clarification is needed...

Jacob Mountain born in 1749 in

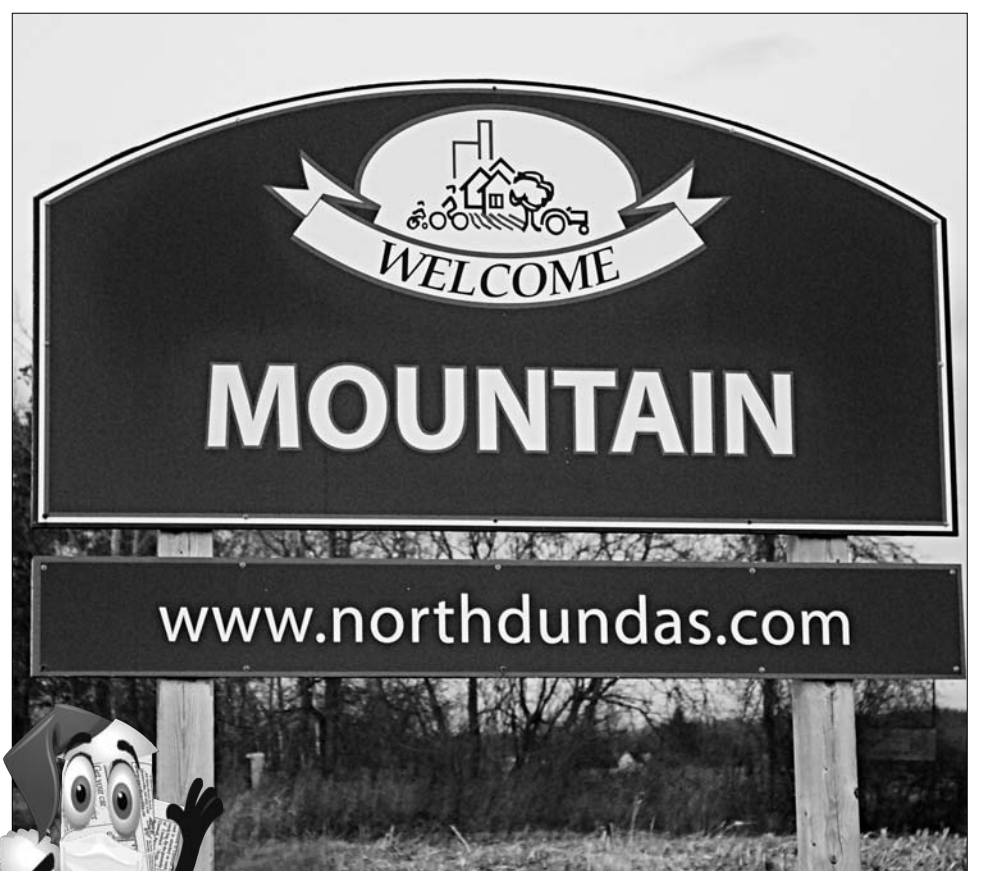
England, was the first Anglican Bishop of Lower Canada from 1793 until dying in office in 1825 in Lower Canada and a close friend of British Prime Minister William Pitt the Younger, who came into office in 1783. 1783 saw the conclusion of the American Revolution and the British government generally ignoring the effects of this on the plundered and homeless United Empire Loyalists who made their way into the Canadian wilds with not much but the clothes on their back. Pitt, on the advice of his private secretary Bishop George Pretyman Tomline, would use his influence to name some of the wilderness set aside for the refugees after his good friend, Jacob Mountain.

The earliest record of land ownership was granted to military man and statesman Thomas Fraser registering all of Lot 3 Concession 1 in 1799.

Remaining largely unsettled until post War of 1812-14, the original land patentees prior to that were by and large coming of age land grants of the offspring of the UEL, migrating north from The Front townships. It needs to be noted however, by 1911 almost half of the township claimed Irish origins.

Alas, from the 1861 census, Croil reports that in the township of Mountain the Wesleyan Methodists had outstripped the namesake's Anglican faithful by 1,103 to 515.

This out of an apparent population of 3,683. In regards to commerce, there were 7 shops that took in some



Mountain and South Mountain have a long and colourful history in present day North Dundas. The South Mountain Fair has remained one of the rural fairs that has managed to keep its agricultural heritage intact. The Mountain Township Agricultural Hall is the centrepiece for the Mountain and South Mountain community.

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\$13,875 in trade.

By the 1860s through 80s the township saw an exodus of young area families to North Dakota and Iowa in search of land. In 1887 the Ontario and Quebec Railway (later the Canadian Pacific Railway) steamed through, its flat terrain making it ideal for train travel.

The township was linked with Montreal at stations in Mountain and north of Inkerman.

Today the stations are long gone; part of Mountain burned; the high school closed in 1970, taking with it the vibrancy of the village of South Mountain and the township lost to amalgamation but at least two of the three "Mountains" remain.



Celebrating HISTORY WEEK

Avonmore, a luxurious past and a healthy future

By Murray Barkley

AVONMORE

Avonmore is a pleasant, scenic village of around 330 inhabitants nestled in the heart of North Stormont. Long famous for its large and well-kept Victorian homes on maple-canopied streets, it still retains much of its early charm, especially along the leafy, tree-lined Main Street, stretching for over a kilometre between Highway 43 and the Montreal-Toronto mainline of the CPR. "The loveliest village of the plain" is 15 minutes north of Ontario's Main Street, Highway 401, and 15 minutes south of the Trans-Canada Highway (417). The community was founded by John Hough in the spring of 1842. The town's founding father built a log homestead near the banks of the Payne River and named the little clearing "Hough's Corners." Just prior to 1850, he erected the first sawmill on the banks of the Payne and soon came up with the imposing "Hough's Mills" as a more fitting name for his settlement. The village's founder was a versatile



A stately home on Avonmore's Main Street reminds us of its grand past.

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jack-of-all-trades, serving as doctor, undertaker, justice of the peace, lay preacher, storekeeper, and house builder. By 1854, regular stagecoach service to Moulinette and Moose Creek had been established and on April 1, 1864, the settlement received its first Post Office, and with its first officially recognized name, Avonmore (Gaelic for "Great River"). The first Postmaster was Elias Shaver, the community's other renaissance man, who

was also a farmer, blacksmith, tanner, carriage manufacturer, and rival Justice of the Peace. Avonmore grew slowly during the early years following Confederation, but the arrival of the O&Q (Ontario and Quebec) Montreal-Toronto branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1886, turned the sleepy settlement into a boomtown overnight. By 1908 the town boasted sixty-two businesses and the building surged unabated until the First World War. By 1913 Avonmore's first Community IOOF Hall had been completed, and in that same year the renowned Avonmore High School opened its doors.

The school's Cadet Corps was legendary: in 1948 alone it was the best in Ontario, Canada, and the

British Commonwealth marksmanship.

The Avonmore of a century ago, was right out of a Norman Rockwell painting — the Golden Age of small-town Ontario between the wars: a bygone era of small farmers and independent businesses. During the early 1920s, the advantages of "progress" were appearing: automobiles, radios, telephones, and rural electrification (which arrived in Avonmore in 1917). And these co-existed with more traditional ways of life: garages side-by-side with blacksmith shops, ice cream parlours, clothing and shoe stores, hotels, restaurants, bakeries, butcher shops, lodges, and local mills. In more recent years, with the appearance of television, computers, social media, and the

domination of the digital world, as in every other town and village, our local institutions have been challenged increasingly by "the global village". But over the past thirty years, Avonmore has fought back. In 1991, following a community struggle that gained national attention, Avonmore residents not only saved their Post Office, but in 1996 received Canada's first self-service Post Office.

They were similarly successful in preserving Roxmore Public School and Tagwi Secondary School, and with the building of North Stormont Place in 2009, preserved the Avonmore Branch of the United Counties Library system; created a new community hall with kitchen, banquet, and bar facilities; restored the North

Stormont Medical Centre in an expanded modern setting; and designed a new boardroom for the community's many groups. Our Scotiabank was reduced to the size of an ATM, but its former location now boasts the Avonmore Pharmacy, while most banking is becoming virtual in any case. And we still have the Avonmore Fairgrounds, site of the Roxborough Agricultural Society's annual exhibition, Avonmore Fair, whose grounds boast a huge new coverall, a lighted ball diamond, soccer field, and indoor skating in winter. Avonmore takes pride as well in its two Churches, St. James United and St. Andrew's Presbyterian, the ancestral home of K.D. Lang on Fairview Drive, the fully heated Avonmore Community Pool and soon to be renovated community park, operated by the Avonmore Community Athletic Association, the Avonmore Veterinary Clinic, presided over by Dr. Jim Wood and Dr. Brian Harrison, Dale Coleman Construction, the new Avonmore Fire Station on Hwy 43, Rockin' Ronda's, and last but by no means least, Barkley's Store, with its tradition of old-fashioned friendly service in a heritage setting since 1908, featuring a fully equipped LCBO Agency Store. To paraphrase "The Man from Avonmore" from 1923, all of the above are "surely a sign of prosperity!"

A stone mason's North Dundas legacy

By Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—Dotted throughout the landscape in Dundas County are several stone buildings constructed under the direction of master stonemason Isaac Johnson. They include the Winchester United Church, St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg and several homes in North Dundas.

The life of Isaac Johnson is well documented in historical books and online information sources. He was born near Green River Kentucky in 1844 and lived with his biracial parents until about the age of seven, when his father left the family resulting in his mother, himself and siblings being sold into slavery and separated. During the Civil War he escaped to a Union Army encampment near Green River and served in the 102nd United States Coloured Infantry Regiment. He worked as a sailor on the Great Lakes before settling in the Morrisburg-Waddington area and starting his own construction company which built several buildings in both Canada and the United States.

Keith and Judy Baker, who live on the outskirts of Winchester, were visited during a tour hosted by Adirondack Architectural Heritage and included several local historical enthusiasts. Keith explained to the group that his grandfather had told him how stone from a quarry next to their home had been used by Johnson in the construction of buildings in the Winchester area, including their home. It is speculated that quarries located near Morewood and west of Winchester were also used by Johnson as a source of building materials.

There are several houses throughout North Dundas that bear testament to the skill of Johnson with their distinctive stonework and many which only as memories, to those who have called them home.

The Indigenous prehistory of Dundas County

By Susan Peters

Dundas County Archives

DUNDAS COUNTY – The history of Dundas County did not begin with the Loyalist settlers in 1784.

The rich natural resources here attracted First nations. In the era before roads, travel was mostly done by canoe on, and portage between rivers. These rivers were of importance for trade and travel.

It is noteworthy that many of the tributaries between these rivers were very different pre-historically. Agricultural practices and settlement over the years have changed the nature of many creeks and rivers. For example, Stata Creek in Morrisburg was once navigable. Today, it is not much more than a ditch. The once mighty South Nation is today reduced to a creek in many places. Pre-historically it was much more significant as a means of travel between the St. Lawrence and the Ottawa River.

We have archaeological evidence that the St Lawrence Iroquois settled in what is now Williamsburg.

This is not a group associated with the Mohawks of Akwesasne, who came to the area along with the Loyalists in 1784. The St Lawrence Iroquois are a separate culture. In 1535, the explorer Jacques Cartier encountered these people in the Village of Hochelaga.

By the time the explorer Samuel de Champlain arrived in the region in 1608 the village and the St Lawrence Iroquois were nowhere to be seen. It is not known whether their demise was caused by disease, warfare or absorption into other groups.

There are two archaeological sites associated with the St. Lawrence Iroquois in Dundas County.

One was known as the Beckstead site in Williamsburg, excavated in 1977. It was noted by early settlers in the region as early as 1800s. There were several reports in the early 1800s of burial mounds containing grave goods and human remains. The Smithsonian even reported on this site. The 1977 dig was conducted prior to the widening of Highway 31.

It noted the typical palisade around a farming village site with several longhouses. There was evidence of the cultivation of maize, squash and beans.

An associated site was in Morrisburg on the Stata's Creek. The Steward site was a seasonal resource centre for fishing and marine resources. Both were dated to the early and mid 1500s.

The Algonquin people also inhabited Dundas County, especially after the St. Lawrence Iroquois had disappeared. They were nomadic hunters and fishers, so there is less archaeological evidence of their hundreds of years of occupation of these lands.

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Navan market hits the spot

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NAVAN – The original Navan Market is a breath of fresh air in an otherwise dismal season of craft show cancellations.

The market located this year on the Navan fairgrounds tentatively ended their summer long season with more than 3,000 visitors to their market on Sun., Nov. 15.

There has been some take from market owners about squeezing in one more market day before Christmas but those plans are still waiting to be confirmed.

The market was founded by Amanda Watson, the owner of Country Moments Spa and Wellness Centre in 2017.

Her market in the parking lot beside her business in its first year had 20 vendors.

She moved the market to the Navan Fairgrounds this past July.

“When COVID hit, we were not sure what was going to happen.”

Watson said the original



The photo above is of the market team and a local farmer (who lost his arm in a farm accident) in front of the Community Cares booth, which is raising money for the October Market. From left to right: Will and Amanda Watson, Justin Birch (farmer), Maria Hill - market manager, Amanda and Al Brazeau.

Courtesy Photo

plan was to have the market open from May until December.

“We had planned to have indoor and outdoor space but because of COVID we only had outdoor vendors this year,” she said.

The original Navan Market was the first of its kind to open in the area this year.

“We were the first farmers market to open this year,” said Watson. “We led the way for others to follow and showed it could be done safely.”

The market ran once a month for July, August, September, October and November, running on Sundays. Watson said the

market seems to grow a little every month. “This last one that we just had, I think our total was 167 vendors.”

There are farmers and crafters showcasing their products. The market can honestly claim to have something for everyone, from pies to pottery to farmers’ produce and jewelry.

She said she could have more vendors than that.

The market has attracted attention from across the region.

Organizers have been talking to other market organizers in Cumberland, and Richmond.

“We have the Canadian Association of Fairs and

Exhibitions reach out to us to help them safely open and operate fairs and exhibitions in 2021 all across Canada. Our little market has had a bigger impact across Canada,” she said.

Watson said everyone was a little bit hesitant nobody knew how to really get in there and navigate all of this.

“I have always been someone who when I have something on my mind, I work hard to make it happen and I knew I wanted to run the market this year even during the pandemic and that we would do it as safely as possible.”

“It has kind of been nice knowing we have led the way for others. To know it is safe to run something like this during this time.”

Watson said the market has been running from July through to November and has not had one case of COVID-19 from the market.

“We have seen anywhere from 3,000 to 4,500 walk through our doors.”

There is no admission to the market.

“Our plan is to be back here next year,” said Watson.

“It can only get bigger and better from here. We are excited to see where this will go once COVID is over,” she said.

Good neighbours

EMBRUN – As we head into the busy holiday season, food banks across our communities are experiencing unique challenges. This year, the team in store 052 (Embrun, ON) opted for a round-up campaign to give their local food bank more flexibility.

Team Tiger was extremely motivated and determined to reach their goal of \$4,000. Through this commitment, coupled with the generosity of the community, the team crushed their goal with a grand total of over \$5,000! The funds were donated in the form of Giant Tiger gift cards, which are being placed in gift baskets for families in the community. #GTcommunityPROUD

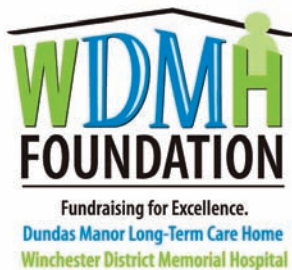
“The generosity and support from our amazing community was beyond our expectations. I couldn’t be more proud of my entire staff, who always step up and deliver such amazing results! GO TEAM TIGER 52!!”

– Rod Fleming (Owner, Giant Tiger 052)



Left to right are: Jean Francis, food bank, Rod Fleming, store owner. Giant Tiger in Embrun.

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