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Briefly

Nestlé Tea cancelled
CHESTERVILLE - The Nestlé Tea planned for March 24 has been cancelled. The event was organized by the Chesterville and District Historical Society to share memories of the Nestlé plant in Chesterville. If you would instead like to write down your memories of the plant, please send them to Carolyn Goddard at carol.goddard@sympatico.ca.

Dinner dance cancelled

CHESTERVILLE - The Chesterville Rotary Club's Dutch Heritage Dinner and Dance planned for April 4 is cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. Tickets will be refunded by the organization.

Way to go!

CHESTERVILLE - Hat's off to local businesses that have found ways to better serve the community in this time of need. Foodland in Russell offered to do deliveries, and many community volunteers stepped forward to help. The Finch Market is collaborating with Fat Les's Chipstand to deliver orders. Another grocery store has set aside certain hours only for seniors. These are just a few examples; many others are quietly making similar accommodations.

- NOTICE - Temporarily suspending publication

Etcetera Publications is temporarily suspending publication of *The Chesterville Record* and *Villager News* due to concerns about the health and safety of our workers in the face of the COVID-19 outbreak. Our business brings us into contact with a large number of people, and we wish to minimize the risk for our team and the public. The office will be closed until further notice. Once health authorities provide guidance that we can return to business as usual, we will do so. We look forward to resuming operations in the near future.



Changes coming to long-term care home

There was a great deal to celebrate on March 13 with news that funding for an expansion of the Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home is going ahead. Here, Long-Term Care Minister Dr. Merilee Fullerton along with Winchester District Memorial Hospital CEO Cholly Boland sing "YMCA," specially repurposed with lyrics about Dundas Manor. The song was first sung at the manor's 40th anniversary. Morin photo

Stay home: Schools, events shut down in response to COVID-19 threat

Cindy Macdonald
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE - The overwhelming message from public health officials at the end of last week is: Stay home! Across Ontario, schools have been closed and residents have been advised to stay at home as much as possible and practice social distancing. Public health officials advise against large gatherings.

As these directives became widespread, the second half of last week was marked by panic-buying and a scramble to cancel or postpone events. On the weekend, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry recorded its first positive case of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus.

Public health guidelines are changing rapidly, and all
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Dundas Manor expansion gets green light

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER - The Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home has finally heard the news everyone has been waiting for.

The Minister of Long-Term Care, Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, arrived in North Dundas Fri., Mar. 13 and announced that funding was now available to add 30 new long-term care beds and redevelop the 98 existing beds at the facility.

The announcement was held in North Dundas council chambers rather than at Dundas Manor, as a precaution due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Dundas Manor board chair Bill Smirle served as the master of ceremonies for the announcement, saying: "We have the most kind, considerate, thoughtful, generous people in Ontario."

He pointed out that residents in Dundas Manor come from all over the region. "Eighty per cent of the residents come from North and South Dundas, the remainder are from North Stormont, North Grenville, Russell and Ottawa," he said.

Smirle noted that the manor, which was built in the 1970s, had 60 beds and has been expanded three times.

Dundas Manor resident Joan Dunlop had something to say as well.

"I speak on behalf of the residents of Dundas Manor who love this home and the people who live and work here. We have made the very best of an outdated physical structure, but we are very happy about today's announcement. This will provide each resident with a better living environment, so we sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts," she said.

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Dundas Manor

Continued from the front

The \$32-million renovation project will need a fundraising component to add to the already pledged dollars from government and municipalities. The Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) will be acting as the fundraising arm of the project in the community; the amount needed from the community is an estimated \$11 million.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2021. "We are very much looking forward to working with the community and the Dundas Manor team to raise the funds needed to make this long-awaited dream a reality," noted Kristen Casselman, managing director of the WDMH Foundation.

"We know a new building will be expensive but we also know that we can raise our share of the dollars," said Smirle.

Cholly Boland, the CEO of the WDMH, praised all those who have been advocating for a new Dundas Manor.

He said, "On behalf of the residents who call Dundas Manor home, and the staff, physicians, and volunteers who care for them, thank you to the ministry for this long-awaited announcement."



The announcement on March 13 involved all levels of government. Pictured here are: Dundas Manor board chair Bill Smirle, North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser, MPP Jim McDonnell, the Honourable Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Dundas Manor resident Joan Dunlop, Dundas Manor administrator Susan Poirier, Pastor Debbie Poirier and WDMH CEO Cholly Boland.

Boland added, "I also want to thank Rural Healthcare Integration (RHI) board chair Bill Smirle and the entire Dundas Manor board for their tireless efforts in planning and advocating for this much-needed new home."

Minister Fullerton applauded the Dundas community for being able to get things done in their community.

She said over the past 30 years she has had many opportunities to visit long-term care homes. "We have an aging population and long wait times. We have made it our mission as a dedicated ministry of long-term care to put residents front and center."

She said the manor is not a place where people just go to



Minister Fullerton (left) was presented with a special Dundas Manor t-shirt by manor resident Joan Dunlop along with the manor's administrator Susan Poirier.

stay but rather go to live.

In speaking of long-term care homes, she mentioned how her family, like many others, has had to deal with caring for an aging family member.

"We are all touched by long-term care," she said.

In closing Smirle declared, "Bring on the bulldozers. This has been a long process and there is still much to do, but today we will celebrate."

The preliminary plans for the renovated Dundas Manor have been completed; there will be more accessible space, wider halls and larger windows.

The current four-bed rooms will change to two residents per room.

COVID-19 response: What's open/closed in your area

Cindy Macdonald
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The response of businesses and community organizations to the public health threat of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus, has been swift. The Eastern Ontario Health Unit directed on March 13 that all community and sports complexes be closed, and libraries only open under certain conditions.

To stay up to date with cancellations and closures, social media and the websites of each organization are the best methods, but here is a partial list of the status of local events and groups, as of Mar. 16.

CANCELLED

Events at the Greely Legion are cancelled.

Metcalf Curling Club has cancelled the remainder

of its 2019-2020 season.

Matilda Memorial Recreation has cancelled this year's Easter Egg Hunt.

Chesterville & District Lions Club has cancelled the car rally scheduled for March 28.

Metcalf and District Lions Club has cancelled Thursday night euchre games until further notice.

All SDG library branches are closed until April 6. Due dates on materials currently checked out will be temporarily suspended. Residents can continue to use online services at www.sdglibrary.ca.

All movies at the North Dundas Theatre are cancelled until further notice.

Moose Creek Recreation has cancelled all events scheduled between March 13 and April 5 including Family Movie Night, the

Optimiste Club March Break day-out, Sunshine Club meetings, and the Club Optimiste Prime Rib supper.

POSTPONED

March 28: Celebrating Women event, Winchester

Courts: All *Provincial Offences Act* matters scheduled from March 16 through to and including April 3 will be adjourned and rescheduled to a later date. Check the notice at sdgcounties.ca for details.

CLOSED

The Cornwall Legion is closed until April 6.

The Winchester Legion is closed until April 1. The March general meeting, scheduled for March 30, is also cancelled.

The Dundas County Archives is closed until further notice, and, by extension, the Loyalist Resource Centre.

Ontario Parks has cancelled all planned events until further notice and all public Ontario Parks buildings, such as visitor centres, will be closed. Outdoor recreational opportunities including camping and day use will still be available at operating parks.

ADAPTATIONS

Stanley's Old Maple Lane Farm: All attractions on the farm have been closed, including the Pancake House, but the gift shop will be open March 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sand Road Maple Farm: the restaurant is closed and sugar bush tours are cancelled, but the onsite store remains open.

Hydro One has announced a Pandemic Relief Fund to assist customers affected by the novel coronavirus. The utility will offer financial assistance as well as increased payment flexibility to customers experiencing hardship.

The Writing in 150

competition organized by A Bunch of People Arts and Events will proceed using an online format. The public reading of the finished works on March 28 has been cancelled.

Bell Canada is waiving extra usage fees for residential internet.

Rogers and Fido have temporarily removed data usage caps for customers on limited home internet plans.

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(FORMER GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMSBURG)

TAKE NOTICE that due to COVID-19, the Public Meetings for the above noted proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendments applications which were scheduled for the 16th of March, 2020 have been rescheduled.

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Dundas will be rescheduling both Public Meetings to the 6th day of April 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

DATED at the Municipality of South Dundas this 16th day of March 2020.

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St. Lawrence College student is region's first COVID-19 case

Cindy Macdonald
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The first local person to test positive for COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus, is a female in her 30s from the Prescott-Russell area. Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, medical officer of health at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU), provided more information about the case on Sunday evening.

The individual is a nursing student at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall, who returned home from a trip to New York on March 9. Following testing for COVID-19, the patient was discharged home where she remains in self-isolation and is improving.

Once the positive test was confirmed,

the health unit began the process of contact tracing to determine who might have been exposed to the woman. The EOHU's investigation determined that the positive student attended only one class at St. Lawrence College after returning from New York. This was on March 10, the day after her return. She also attended a group meeting with three people on this same date. At that time, she had no respiratory symptoms.

Out of an abundance of caution, the EOHU identified four potential close contacts of the woman, who are now being monitored and are self-isolating; one of which is a contact from the class the woman attended and the other three are the

students who were part of the group meeting.

The woman developed mild symptoms of cough as well as generalized aches and pain. On March 12, she presented herself to the emergency department at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital in Alexandria. EOHU says that the hospital took all necessary precautions and followed standard operating procedures, including infection control, testing, and assessment.

Late in the afternoon on March 14, the test came back confirming that the woman had COVID-19; to date, this is the only positive COVID-19 case in the EOHU region.

Beyond these contacts, EOHU determined there was no threat to the rest of

the campus, including residences. St. Lawrence College has made the decision to close the campus.

According to the EOHU statement on Mar. 15: "The EOHU does not feel that the college was at risk because of this single positive case, since we have been diligent in tracking down the contacts of this case and her exposure was limited. However, we do support the closing of the campus as part of our collective social distancing measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread in general."

For more information about COVID-19, please consult EOHU.ca/coronavirus and Ontario's website at Ontario.ca/coronavirus, where you'll find a new self-assessment tool.

Spring is on the way!

A sure sign of spring in the north country is the beginning of the maple syrup season. On March 7, maple syrup producers and local citizens attended the ceremonial first tap at Sand Road



Maple Farm in North Stormont. Angela Coleman, who, with husband Scott Coleman, owns Sand Road Maple Farm; told *The Chesterville Record* that the day was beautiful with an excellent turnout to witness the first tap placed by SDSG MP Eric Duncan, assisted by two children from the audience. Coleman explained that the first tap ceremony for the Eastern Ontario Maple Syrup Producers began in 2013 when the organization hosted the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers summer tour. This year the summer tour is being hosted by the Lanark Maple Syrup Producers and will be held July 15 to 17. Former Chesterville resident Doug Thompson is shown taking a peek at the sap collection following the first tap. Courtesy photo Doug Thompson

EOHU recommends temporary closure of bars, restaurants, churches

CORNWALL – In alignment with provincial and federal governments, Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, medical officer of health at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU), is strongly recommending the temporary closure of bars, churches, restaurants and theatres, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, effective as of March 18.

Also on the list of recommended shut-downs are daycare centres, libraries, private schools and recreation centres.

All the municipalities within SDG had already taken the precaution of closing recreation centres, and the SDG Library has closed its branches.

Businesses that provide food takeout and delivery options are encouraged to continue operation, as these services will help limit social interactions between people.

Along with these measures, the EOHU is advising people not to gather in groups larger than 50.

"These measures are an unprecedented step to protect the health and safety of all residents in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Prescott and Russell, and the City of Cornwall," says Dr. Roumeliotis. "Adopting social distancing measures will help limit the spread of COVID-19 in the

community, and protect the most vulnerable residents, including seniors and people with pre-existing health conditions."

The EOHU is also recommending that people stay home when possible and avoid non-essential outings. "Staying home will help protect your health and that of your loved ones," says Dr. Roumeliotis, adding that "it will also help ensure that healthcare professionals can focus their efforts on those who need it most."

WDMH implements temporary ban on visitors

WINCHESTER – To help prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), patient visits are not permitted at this time at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. The hospital announced the new policy on March 16. Exceptions may be made on compassionate grounds, and obstetrics patients may bring one support person with them.

"We know that family members are an important part of the healthcare team, but we want to ensure the safety and well-being of our patients and our staff," said Cholly Boland, CEO. "We look forward to welcoming visitors back to WDMH as soon as possible."

Everyone coming to WDMH will be required to use the main entrance of the hospital (between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.) or

the Emergency Department entrance (24/7 for emergencies). Mandatory screening will take place.

For now, regularly scheduled tests, clinics, rehabilitation and surgery will continue, but this policy will be reviewed daily, according to the WDMH statement. Clients will be notified if their scheduled appointment changes.

Each patient room has a telephone and there is no charge for local calls. As well, family and friends can send virtual cards through the WDMH website at <http://www.wdmh.on.ca/sendpatientecard>.

For the latest updates about coronavirus, please visit the Eastern Ontario Health Unit website at www.eohu.ca. For the latest updates on what WDMH is doing to keep patients safe, please visit the WDMH website at www.wdmh.on.ca/coronavirus.



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The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

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NDDHS Report

By Carley Milne-Servage
Student Council Communications

COVID-19 school cancellation



This week, March 16-20, is our March break, but it doesn't end there. Due to public health and safety concerns regarding the COVID-19 illness, North Dundas and all publicly funded schools in Ontario will be closed for two weeks after March break. Schools will hopefully be reopening on Mon., April 6.

Not only is this an extended break for students, but it is also a reminder for everyone to stay at home and avoid non-essential outings. This is to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading the virus. Additionally, this extra break is to prevent students who have recently travelled from attending school for 14 days following their return. Anyone, youth or adults, who have returned from a trip, must self-isolate for 14 days after they get home in order to make sure the virus is not transmitted to others undetected. This is a precaution put in place to keep COVID-19 from affecting our area and our older population.

Everyone is encouraged to stay home, avoid contact with others, and cancel large gatherings of people. We hope to be back in school soon, but the health and safety of our community is the most important thing right now. Stay safe, North Dundas!

Op/Ed

Uncertain times for small business owners

As a small business owner, I have certainly thought about the short- and long-term repercussions of the COVID-19 virus on my business. With more than three years under my belt as the sole proprietor of Coiffure Fusion Hair Studio located in the The Nation Township, I was finally seeing a rise in calls for hair appointments. I had always been told it takes three to five years to either "make it or break it" as a business owner.

I understand that worrying about the future of my business may seem trivial to some in this uncertain time, but without those calls, I have this slight (for the moment) pang of unease as to where my next paycheque will come from, especially long-term.

Even though most businesses, including myself, seem to be taking special precautions to ensure client safety, I still have clients cancelling their appointments due to their special event or outing being postponed. And, yes, it makes perfect sense for people staying at home to have little desire to get their hair done. I mean, what is the point of self-pampering when you are trapped in your house alone with only (in my case) your dog to impress.

In all seriousness though, as far as I know, a newer business owner doesn't have the luxury of being laid-off to possibly collect employment insurance, in the event the COVID situation becomes even more dire.

If this pandemic continues, the spread of the virus may not be the only crisis small business owners face. The dilemma may be finding the income that will afford a supply of food, medication and for some, continued shelter.

Hopefully we won't be an afterthought, and the government will think of us little businesses if they do decide to provide handouts to those that are most in need.

Maybe all this worry is for naught, and a vaccine is on the horizon.

Edith Landreville

CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

On a roll

As I hunker down in my apartment in Russell Village, my arms wrapped around my six-pack of Cashmere, the big question occurs to me once again: Do I have enough toilet paper to weather the almighty poop storm wafting across the land!

Then another question occurs to me: What's with this toilet paper obsession anyway? Did anybody know it existed before the COVID-19 emergency struck?

You have all seen the pictures by now of smug Walmart shoppers backed up to the loading doors, their carts overflowing with bundles of TP, a few cans of something edible barely visible, leaving behind shelves wiped clean and dismayed store clerks wondering why they need so much Charmin if they have nothing to eat.

The empty-shelf syndrome is striking everywhere, even at O'Reilly's Independent in Prescott where I spent the weekend, singing karaoke as usual at the local Legion and at Boomers Bar Friday night, and carrying on the modest party at two bars in Brockville on Saturday. Call me irresponsible if you will.

I hadn't been in to O'Reilly's lately because I don't like coughing, feverish crowds but I'm told the TP is gone, baby, gone! Congratulations to Chris O'Reilley for keeping customers updated on social media about restocking coveted paper supplies and plans to limit purchases per

customer, along with expanded store sanitation cycles and adding extra staffing to try to keep up with the mad rush.

That's an interesting sideline: While some jobs are being restricted during the COVID-19 hysteria, others are opening up due to manufacturing shortages and the mad rush on store shelves for TP and the odd food item.

Why is TP at the top of so many shopping lists when the end of the world (at least according to international media) may be upon us? I know there's a joke to fit that line but I can't say it in this space. Many jokes about the obsession have appeared on social media, most not repeatable in a family newspaper.

Many suggestions as to adequate alternates, such as Duct Tape and outhouse-style torn up newspaper, have also come up. Thanks, everybody, for not specifically mentioning the page on which my column appears in the *Chesterville Record/Villager*.

I have a Facebook friend, an old newspaper hand like me, whose main priority has been replenishing his stash of Molson Ex. When the food runs out, he suggests making a hearty soup of toilet paper, Purell and beer. In another Facebook joke, a mother is seen ordering her children at the dinner table to shut up and eat their toilet paper.

The gallows humour has definitely kicked in.

There is a serious side to this virus, with old folks being particularly vulnerable to the virus due

to breathing difficulties and the potential for pneumonia, just as they are to annual strains of garden-variety flu.

The fact is, just as with the flu, almost all who contract COVID-19 are going to recover. As of this writing on March 16, Canada had about 350 diagnosed cases of COVID-19 and four deaths; meanwhile, whatever flu strain is about in the land has infected thousands and registered dozens of deaths.

Also on the serious side, the hysteria is causing a lot of stress on our hard-working health care workers. So don't waste their time with irrational concerns and phantom symptoms. Do everyone a favour and self-isolate for two weeks. Make sure you have enough toilet paper.

Why the hysteria? Why worldwide closure of public places and services, including across Eastern Ontario? I suppose it's primarily about playing it



safe, which is among the essential duties of elected representatives.

And the TP fixation? I think I've figured it out after spotting an item on Facebook, the fount of all contemporary knowledge. It was about coloured TP...

yes, children, once upon a time the bathroom rolls came in pastel green, blue, yellow and pink, perfect for coordinating with your towel sets, mats, coloured toilets of the time, even with the wall paint.

Obviously, TP is more than just a practical solution to a natural, er, situation. TP brings us comfort. We're somehow more secure in the knowledge there's plenty of soft, strong thick two-ply, even three-ply, on hand... and at hand.

Warden of SDG in self-isolation

SDG – Frank Prevost, warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry is in self-isolation after returning from an eight-day cruise, he announced Sunday, March 15.

The warden is following the directions of health-care and government officials who have suggested anyone returning from vacations outside Canada should self-isolate.

"I was out of the country for eight days on a cruise with my family. I am in good health and show no signs or symptoms of COVID-19," said warden Prevost. "As a precautionary measure and following the advice of the federal government, I will be in isolation for a planned period of 14 days."

Prevost continued: "During the self-isolation period, I will continue working remotely and fulfilling my duties as best as possible as both the mayor of South Glengarry and warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry."

EOHU's Dr. Roumeliotis explains COVID-19 strategy

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The Eastern Ontario Health Unit in Cornwall, true to its aim to be as transparent as possible, held a meeting last week with journalists to discuss the strategy of dealing with the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU), hosted the information session.

Roumeliotis said, "We are still in what's called the containment phase of the potential pandemic. We have this first case only that has been imported. There are a lot of things we would like to do collectively, to work as a community to delay any spread into the community and to contain and isolate and identify any cases that are imported. This is what we have done with this case here."

The first case in EOHU's area is a female nursing student who attends St. Lawrence College in Cornwall. She

travelled to the U.S. prior to developing COVID-19 symptoms.

Roumeliotis went on to say, "I think the population should be aware that most of the people who have symptoms and most of the people we have seen across Ontario have had mild symptoms that have gone away on their own. I think that is important to know."

There is not yet a vaccine against this new virus and there is no medication for it.

"We want to ensure our social distancing strategy will help in containing and preventing the spread of the virus and protect those who are most vulnerable," said Roumeliotis.

Once a person begins to show the symptoms, usually respiratory in nature, they are considered to be contagious.

When asked how small businesses should be behaving, the medical officer said it was important to remember that the more vulnerable people should be thinking twice about

where and when they go somewhere.

He suggested that individuals be aware of social distancing and working from home if that is an option. "Those are the kinds of things we should be doing," he said.

Roumeliotis was happy with how the strategy to slow the virus down was going.

At the time of the meeting on March 11, the doctor said between 55 and 60 people had been tested and only one was positive. The testing was done between the four hospitals in the area.

"I am satisfied that so far people have gotten the message. All of the cases in Canada have really been tracked down to travel. My goal is to delay person-to-person community-based transmission and decrease the number of people who get infected that way. I think we are on the right track. We are still in a containment phase. We still have a chance to slow down the rate that people get infected," he said.



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Agricultural group to pay more for space

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas council has decided that one of its regular tenants at the Nelson LaPrade Centre in Chesterville will have to pay the property taxes assessed on their space.

The Dundas Agriculture Community Group (DACG) has been leasing the lower level of the Nelson LaPrade Centre at 9 William Street since 2005. The group is made up of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Dundas Farm Safety, and the Chesterville and District Agricultural Society.

The group wanted to continue to lease the space but also wanted to have exclusive use of it. The group has been paying the municipality \$2,000 plus HST every year for the exclusive use of the space; the utilities are paid by the township and the lease amount has not changed since 2013.

The current three-year lease expires on Sept. 30. In a request to council, the DACG said they wanted to maintain exclusive use of the basement space when the new lease agreement commences in October. North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser said, “We decided to maintain the current rental of \$2,000 plus the property taxes. Whatever MPAC assess that portion of the building to be, is what the property tax will have to be paid by that group. It doesn't burden the taxpayer and it's a fair amount that needs to be collected.”

Most municipal property is tax exempt, however, land and structures owned by municipalities are not exempt if occupied exclusively by a tenant who would be taxable, if the tenant owned the land.

A recent Municipal Property Tax Assessment (MPAC), which is an assessment of the property, highlighted that the group uses the space exclusively; when that happens the tenant is alone responsible for the building's property tax.



Ha'Looney members Tony Glen, Rachele Eves and Harmony Koiter. It was an evening to remember as there was plenty of opportunity to listen to the music, visit with friends and enjoy some tasty treats. The treats included cookies from Simply Baked Catering in Winchester which were decorated with the logos of the performers. Chesterville resident Gabrielle Thomas is seen offering some cookies from Simply Baked Catering to harpist Marie Hamilton.

Thompson Goddard photo

Concert night in Morewood

There was a full house at the New Origins Retreat in Morewood, located in the former Morewood United Church, for the Intimate Concert of Traditional and Original Music on March 7. The concert, during which traditional music accompanied new musical compositions, was hosted by local folk music trio Ha'Looney. Montreal harpist Marie Hamilton performed during the event as did

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Spreading birthday cheer

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG – There was an air of excitement as members of a local guiding group gathered at their March 9 meeting to pack birthday boxes. Each of these is filled with various items needed to put together a child's birthday party. The 1st South Dundas troop has 31 members between the ages of 5-13 years and is described as a Rainbow Unit because there are Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders.

Leader Hannah Barkley explained this project has been going on for approximately a decade, with the birthday boxes being donated later to the Community Food Share organization which serves the Counties of Dundas and Stormont. This year the organization hoped to fill at least 40 birthday boxes for use in the community.

Barkley said Laura's ValueMart in Morrisburg and the Winchester Foodland donate cake mixes and cake icing



After spending an enjoyable evening putting together birthday boxes for Community Food Share, leaders and members of the 1st South Dundas Sparks, Brownies and Girl Guides gather for a photo with the boxes ready for distribution. Thompson Goddard photo

respectively and the Rainbow Unit members provide items such as candles, plates, serviettes, treat bag items, streamers and other party necessities.

Once the items were sorted, counted and organized on tables, the young ladies organized themselves into groups of three, collected a box and filled it with party supplies. Girl Guide Lauren Meharg explained she enjoyed putting together the birthday boxes because it helps those in the community. After less than an hour all the boxes were filled, checked by leaders and ready to be donated in a few weeks to Community Food Share. Jane Schoones,



From the left: Nadia Tibben, Lauren Meharg, Sophia Graham and Emma Winters from 1st South Dundas assemble a birthday box. Thompson Goddard photo

Community Food Share Team Leader, said "families to receive the bounty included in the birthday boxes."

Pin Tales

Monday Men's: Men's High Single, Frank Jerome 301; Men's High Triple, Frank Jerome 818. Team Standings: Alley Rats 13, Country Boys 12, Raiders 12, Alley Cats 12, East-Ont 8, A-Team 6.

Tuesday Mixed: Men's High Single, Ron Robinson 313; Men's High Triple, Ron Robinson 803; Ladies' High Single, Sandra Bloom 222; Ladies' High Triple, Sandra Bloom 565. Team Standings: Hope 201, Love 201, Faith 161.5, Charity 156.5.

Defenders: Men's High Single, Ossie Linton 260; Men's High Triple, Max Vanoers 605; Ladies' High Single, Laurie Lacombe 205; Ladies' High Triple, Gwen Clarke 508. Team Standings: Brian 248.5, Glendon 235, The Funny Bones 218, Gwen 215, CCB 208.5.5.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Janice Paquette 215; Ladies' High Triple, Dorothy Thomas 529. Team Standing: Lorna 316, Dorothy 300, Dianna 298, Mary 271, Pat 253.

Finch Mixed: Men's High Single, Noel Lalonde 248; Men's High Triple, Danny St. Pierre 661; Men's High Average, Danny St. Pierre 209; Ladies' High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 266; Ladies' High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 661; Ladies' High Average, Isabelle Bissonnette 222. Team Standings: 3 and 1 126, Team #4 85, Team #1 76.5, Kingpins 76.5, NADD 74, Oma's Team 64.

Matilda: Ladies' High Single, Donna Leach 242; Ladies' High Triple, Donna Leach 569; Men's High Single, Danny Scheuner 256; Men's High Triple, Danny Scheuner 646. Team Standings: Oh Danny Boy and the Pipes +162, Two C's and a K +129, Granny and the Grunts +82, The Ballers +9, Anarchy -6, The Happy Gang -16.

Thursday Seniors: Men's Single, Bas Vanwinden 177; Men's High Triple, John Muelenbroek 444 Ladies' High Single, Alida Scheepers 190; Ladies' High Triple, Alida Scheepers 462

Avonmore Mixed: Men's High Single, Frank Jerome 278; Men's High Triple, Frank Jerome 721; Ladies' High Single, Shelley Osborne 272; Ladies' High Triple, Shelley Osborne 585. Team Standings: Pomeranians 282.5, Akitas 277.5, Labradors 262, Chowchows 242.5, Poodles 233.5, Boxers 214.

Les Dynamiques: Men's High Single, Pierre Briere 149; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 414; Ladies' High Single, Rejeanne Lafebvre 239; Ladies' High Triple, Rejeanne Lafebvre 508.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men's High Single, Danny Holmes 294; Men's High Triple, Ted Vanderzweep 692; Ladies' High Single, Leslie Vanbruijssen 266; Ladies' High Triple, Leslie Vanbruijssen 656. Team Standings: Corner Pins +337, Fuzzy Leprechaun's +306, George's Gang +106, Strugler's +79, Wow Team -90, Garry's Angels -104.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men's High Single, Darryl Britton 261; Men's High Triple, Darryl Britton 681; Men's High Average, Matt Hartle/Darryl Britton 211; Ladies' High Single, Lori Mosiuk 220; Ladies' High Triple, Pat Middleton 550; Ladies' High Average, Pat Middleton 170. Team Standings: Mental Mishaps 283.5, King Henry's Court 270.5, Pin Pluckers 269.5, The Morrisburg Sandbaggers 267, Harley 255.5, The Chickipoos 254.

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YBC Bantams: Girl's High Single, Paige Michaud 167; Girl's High Double, Kamryn Hartle 278; Boy's High Single, Luke Bradley 151; Boy's High Double, Clark Sanders 271. Team Standings: Coyotes 240.5, Avalanche 220, Flames 207.5, Rangers 207.5, Jets 199.5, Red Wings 190.5, Blackhawks 174.5.

YBC Juniors: Girl's High Single, Caroline Sanders 203; Girl's High Triple, Annika Michaud 494; Boy's High Single, Sylvain Gagne 201; Boy's High Triple, Sylvain Gagne 512. Team Standings: Sabers 163, Senators 157.5, Ducks 147.5.

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Winchester farm equipment dealer continues under new owner

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – A long-standing business that has been part of the region's agricultural sector for the past 30 years is changing hands.

On Aug. 1, Weagant Farm Supplies New Holland in Winchester and its team will join Delta Power Equipment's network of agricultural equipment stores across Ontario. This will be Delta Power Equipment's first store in Eastern Ontario and its fifth New Holland store in the province.

In a press release, Josie Sisler, Delta Power Equipment CEO, announced the change of ownership: "We are excited to make this special announcement and look forward to building on the strong reputation Weagant Farm Supplies has built." She went on to say, "For more than sixty years, this store's staff and progressive customer base have been the ones to watch in the New Holland community. We are pleased to begin working together."

Since its beginning in 1953, the respected and knowledgeable staff at Weagant Farm Supplies have worked to make the company grow to be one of New Holland's largest independent dealerships in Canada.

The farm equipment company operates three stores: the New Holland store in Winchester, and two Kubota Canada dealerships in Winchester (Topline Trailer and Equipment Sales) and in Brockville (Weagant Farm Supplies).

"We will be a good fit for [Delta]," said Stacey Weagant, who will take on the role of general manager at the Winchester location when the transition is complete this summer.

The new owner offers resources that will make the customer experience better than ever, she explained.

"It is a different way forward and nothing is really lost," said Weagant. "There will be the same products and the same staff that people have come to trust."

Positioning your business for the future is always a crucial decision.

Stacey said Weagant was always planning for the future and considering different strategies. When Delta approached them, the timing was perfect. "This was the perfect opportunity at the right time," said Weagant. "It was very carefully thought through."

She is looking forward to the transition. "It will be new and different even though there will be challenges."

When all is said and done, she believes the change will be good for staff. For customers, she said, "The comfort level of our clients will be the same."

In a press release announcing the change in ownership, Julie Black, part owner, stated: "We are proud of our legacy as a New Holland dealership in Canada and feel very optimistic about our future. The ownership of Weagant Farm Supplies wishes Delta Power Equipment well as they carry this store, its staff and customers into the next 70 years."

Following the acquisition, Weagant Farm



Weagant Farm Supplies has been operating in the Winchester area for more than 50 years. The new owner commends the region's "progressive customer base."

Morin Photo

Supplies will continue to own and operate its remaining two stores (Kubota stores in Brockville and Topline Trailers in Winchester).

Delta Power Equipment is a Case IH and New Holland dealership operating in nine locations across Ontario. In addition to agricultural equipment, Delta Power Equipment's approximately 250 employees also include teams focused on construction and powersports equipment.

Stay home

Continued from the front

levels of government are responding with measures to minimize the spread of this virus and minimize the economic damage of this public health crisis.

Parents of school-age children face the challenge of schools being closed for three weeks for an extended March break coupled with the cancellation of recreational programs.

At the municipal level, the Township of North Dundas has closed all recreation facilities including arenas, community halls and SDG libraries; the municipal office is closed to the public.

To reduce the risks within South Dundas, the municipality cancelled all March Break activities. Additionally, all recreation programming is cancelled until April 6.

"The municipality is taking this issue seriously and is working to ensure we do everything we can to keep our residents safe," said Mayor Steven Byvelts. "Our team is working closely with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit and implementing safety measures based on their recommendations. I encourage everyone to stay informed and follow the Health Unit's steps for protecting yourself and loved ones. We will keep our community informed as the situation develops."

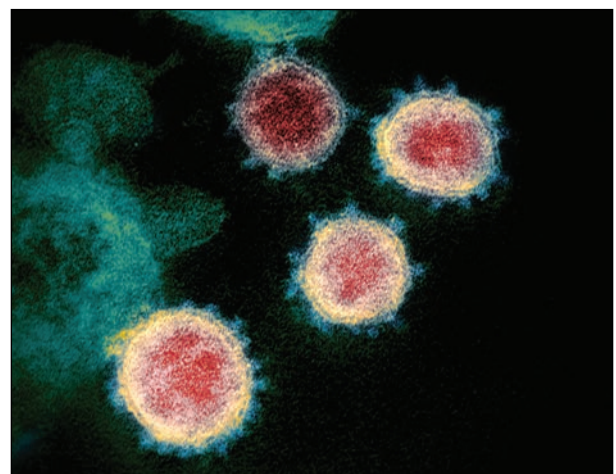
The Township of South Stormont has cancelled all recreation programming and facility rentals until at least April 5. The township is also asking residents to schedule appointments with staff instead of drop-in visits.

In North Stormont, all recreation facilities and township buildings are closed until April 5. In addition, the township is implementing extensions for tax payments. The tax payment deadline has been extended to April 29 (with no penalties and waiving of any interest). Monthly tax payments are not affected.

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit suggests the following measures to protect against infection:

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer;
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- 1. Identify the jobs.** The first step is to have the farm management team make a clear list of all the jobs that need to be performed. What's on the list will depend on the type and scale of your production.
- 2. Break jobs down into tasks.** Each job on your list should be broken down into its component tasks. This will sometimes shed light on potential inefficiencies and hazards that previously weren't well understood.
- 3. Analyze the tasks.** Once each task is identified, determine

the minimal physical requirements to perform each of them safely. This is also the step where potential hazards and individual risk factors should be identified.



- 4. Create a safety plan.** It's likely that some of the tasks identified will present hazards for anyone performing them. Or, it may be the case that the task, the equipment used to complete it or the environment where it's carried out will need to be changed to ensure everyone's safety.
- 5. Implement changes.** This is when any changes deemed necessary in the previous steps need to be implemented. It's also crucial to follow up with workers to confirm that the changes are effective.

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COVID-19 shuts down hockey, sports and more

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CALGARY—Hockey Canada and 13 districts including Hockey Eastern Ontario have decided to suspend all minor hockey in Canada due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision came after a day-long conference call with the districts and Health Canada.

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on Tues., March 10, which forced the major leagues – NHL, MLB and the NBA – to postpone their games due to the virus after one player in the NBA tested positive for the virus.

Hockey Canada, along with other minor sports associations, followed suit on Thurs., March 12. The word came down around 7 p.m. when teams were already in the arenas getting prepped to play

their games.

The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Barbara Ann Scott Arena in Ottawa and the Embrun Panthers welcomed the Ottawa Jr. Canadians. All were in the process of getting dressed for the game when they were told to undress and go straight home. The North Dundas Rockets and the Bytown Royals series was on an off-day when they were told their games for the next 72 hours were suspended and would have to be postponed.

The next day Hockey Canada decided it would be better to shut down the whole season. This was devastating news to the teams still in the playoffs and especially to the over-age junior players who unknowingly played their last game in their previous outing.

Owners of teams that remained in the playoffs

are losing out on the gate revenue, which is one way they could make their money back with the larger crowds for the playoffs. Hockey Canada did say there may be compensation going into next season but were unclear what it would look like.

By the end of the weekend, almost every event planned with more than 100 people was cancelled or postponed. Gyms, parties, casinos and other businesses have been shut down due to the threat of COVID-19. Some businesses were asking employees to work from home and some set up stations for washing hands and did extra cleaning to be allowed to remain open. It is clear however, that

the hockey season is now over, without the declaration of championships and hype. The latest letter sent from Hockey Canada and Hockey Eastern Ontario said the following: “With respect to the COVID-19 pandemic HEO wants to make sure that we communicate with our members on what we have learned in the last 48 hours. As reported, the Hockey Canada board of directors, with the support of the 13 members across Canada made a decision to cancel the 2019-20 season. Further to this decision HEO would like to clarify that this cancellation may extend beyond the 2019-20 season and it will be up to the Hockey Canada board

to decide when sanctioned hockey activities resume.”

The letter continued, “The activities that are cancelled include all games, playoffs, try-outs, practices, camps, team activities including banquets and team parties, programs, provincial, regional, national championships and any type of board, team, committee meeting as well as AGMs until further notice. HEO will be required to sanction anyone who does not comply with the Hockey Canada decision.

We realize that this situation is unprecedented so HEO will continue to monitor and remain available to deal with any questions and issues that arise. If you have questions, please direct them to info@hockeyeasternontario.ca and your enquiries will be

responded to as quickly as possible. We will keep our members apprised of any new information as it comes forward.

We appreciate everyone’s patience and assistance these past few days and although the decision to cancel the season came upon us very quickly, we are very happy to see the hockey community support the decision for the health and well-being of our membership.

Please note that the HEO offices will be closed for the next two weeks and will evaluate later to see if there is a need to extend. The staff will be working from home but will be available by email or by message on the office phone. Please do not hesitate to contact the HEO staff if you require any assistance.”



Rockets take 2-0 series lead, close out season with a victory

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

OTTAWA — The Rockets were to have played four games this past week but ended up just playing one as they travelled to Ottawa on Wednesday night to take on the Bytown Royals. The season was called off the following day after Hockey Canada suspended the hockey season on Thursday due to COVID-19.

Rockets 7 Royals 5

The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Bernard Gandmâitre Arena in Ottawa on Wed., March 11, to take on the Bytown Royals for game two of the best-of-seven NCJHL semifinal. The Rockets took the first game of the series 4-1 and looked to take a 2-0 series lead with a victory on the road. The big line of Justin Lefebvre, Joel Hunt and Nicholas Carroll was held fairly

quiet in game one as Hunt was away but he returned for game two.

The Rockets opened the scoring when Hunt snapped one home from Lefebvre and Cameron Brown on the power play at 8:55 taking a 1-0 lead. The Rockets made it 2-0 when Hunt scored his second of the game from Lefebvre and Carroll at 11:23 but the Royals got one back at 12:44 as William Lachapelle scored from Sam Paquette and Nicolas Loyer.

The Rockets retook a two-goal lead when Will Watson slammed one home from Xavier Langevin and Brown with just 28 seconds remaining in the opening frame. The Rockets took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission.

The Rockets took a three-goal advantage as Hunt completed his hat trick, slipping the puck between the Royals’ goaltender’s wickets on a breakaway just 1:07 into the second period from Brown and Drew Holmes.

The Royals got back to within two as Paquette scored from Gino Peloso and Mickey George on the power play at 6:24. The Rockets restored a three-



The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Bernard Gandmâitre Arena in Ottawa on Wed., March 11, to take on the Bytown Royals for game two of the best-of-seven NCJHL semi-final. The Rockets’ defenseman, Evan Barroso (20) got enough of the puck here while falling to the ice, beating the Royals’ goalie, Zachary Bourassa. Barroso scored the game-winning goal with 2:48 and an insurance marker with just 16 seconds remaining. The Rockets took the game 7-5 and a 2-0 series lead. Moore photo



The Rockets’ star forward, Joel Hunt (22) battles the Bytown Royals’ defender, Josh Renaud in front of goalie, Danik Gervais in the second period. Hunt missed game one but came back with a vengeance scoring a hat trick and helping the Rockets to a 7-5 victory. Moore photo

goal lead when Carroll ripped one to the back of the net from Matt Pietrkiewicz and Cole Hodges at 11:04.

The Royals would not go away, scoring another goal at 12:21 as Lachapelle scored his second of the game from Paquette and Loyer. They got back to within one as Peloso slapped one home from Lucas Prud’homme at 13:28. The Rockets returned fire as Evan Barroso scored a diving goal at 1:12 from Devon Thompson and Langevin. The Rockets took a 6-4 lead into the second intermission.

The teams remained

scoreless in the third until the Royals pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker with less than one minute to go; the move paid off as Peloso scored his second of the game from Josh Renaud and Paquette with just 24 seconds remaining in regulation, closing the gap to one.

The Royals pulled their goalie for a second time hoping to tie the game but this time it backfired as the Rockets’ Barroso closed out the scoring into an empty goal from Lefebvre with just 16 seconds remaining.

The Rockets took the game 7-5 and took a 2-0

series lead heading back to home ice. The Rockets outshot the Royals 35-32. Picking up the win in the Rockets’ goal was Anthony Kerwin making 27 saves and suffering the loss in the Royals’ goal was Zachary Bourassa who replaced starting goalie, Danik Gervais, stopping a combined 28 shots.

Up next

Unfortunately, Hockey Eastern Ontario and Hockey Canada have cancelled the rest of the season. As of Thurs., March 12 there will be no more hockey for the remainder of the season due to fears of COVID-19.

Vikings end season with a 6-5 victory

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CASSELMAN — The Casselman Vikings played their final game of the season against the Golden Knights on Tuesday night without knowing it would be their last. The Vikings hosted the Golden Knights and returned the favour on Thursday night but while at the Barbara Ann Scott Arena they received news that Hockey Canada had suspended all minor hockey due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Vikings 6 Golden Knights 5

The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Ottawa West

Golden Knights to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Tues., March 10, for game two of the best-of-seven CCHL2 Martin Division semi-final. The Golden Knights took the first game with a 2-1 victory as the Vikings looked to even the series heading back to Ottawa.

The Golden Knights opened the scoring when Keon Troccoli-Roik scored his first of the post-season from Clay Byers at 4:05 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Vikings knotted the affair at one as Adam Paquette snuck in off the blue line and finessed one past the Golden Knights'

goalie for his first of the playoffs from Xavier Léveillé on the power play at 11:26.

Léveillé gave the Vikings their first lead of the game scoring his third of the post-season from Brendon Watson on the power play at 14:32. The Golden Knights tied the game for a second time as Nicholas McFarlane scored his first of the playoffs from Sean Kearns with just 43 seconds remaining in the opening frame. The teams took a two-all draw into the first intermission.

The Vikings retook the lead as Léveillé scored his second of the game and third of the post-season from Alexandre Charlebois and Nicolas Chartrand at 10:34 on the power play.

The Vikings took a two-goal lead when Mathieu Talbot snapped home for his first of the post-season from François Drouin at 11:58. The Golden Knights got back to within one as Sam Edwards scored his first of the playoffs from Sam Brown and Jack Haymes on the power play at 13:53.

The Golden Knights tied the game again when Troccoli-Roik scored his



The Vikings' forward, Nicolas Chartrand battles for the puck with the Golden Knights' defenseman, Justin Graham (6) in front of goalie, Brent Pledge-Dickson. The Vikings' crafty forward picked up an assist just seconds later tying the game at three early in the second period. The Vikings went on to take the game 6-5.

Moore photo



The Vikings forward, Frédéric Gagnier (12) became the over-time hero with just 15 seconds remaining in regulation to give the Vikings a 6-5 victory, tying the series at one game each.

Moore photo

second of the game and post-season from Brown and Haymes on the power play with 1:21 remaining in the middle frame. The Vikings retook the lead when Talbot scored his second of the game and post-season with just 13 seconds remaining from affiliated player Brennan Atkins. The Vikings took a 5-4 lead into the second intermission.

The Golden Knights tied the game as Byers scored his second of the playoffs from Troccoli-Roik at 4:36. As the

game looked to be heading to overtime for the second game in a row, the Vikings' Frédéric Gagnier ripped home his second of the post-season with just 15 seconds remaining from Samuel Labre and Zachary Fournier.

The Golden Knights had no time remaining to pull their goalie as the Vikings hung on for a 6-5 victory. With the win, the Vikings evened the series at one game apiece. The Vikings outshot the Golden Knights 37-32.

Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nicholas Campbell, making 32 saves and suffering the loss in the Golden Knights' goal was Brent Pledge-Dickson, making 31 saves.

Up next

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Panthers' season ends abruptly with a loss

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

OTTAWA — The Panthers opened the playoffs on the road as they travelled to Ottawa on March 10 to take on the Ottawa Junior Canadians. The Panthers were unaware that game would be their final game of the season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Canadians 2 Panthers 1

The Embrun Panthers travelled to the Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa on Tues., March 10 to take on the Ottawa Jr. Canadians for game one of the best-of-seven CCHL2 Martin Division semi-final. The Canadians earned home ice advantage with a win in their final game of the regular

season, finishing just one point ahead of the Panthers.

The series shaped up to be close with the teams mirroring each other and it proved to be the case in the opening frame as both teams pounded nine shots each on goal but neither was able to score. The teams took a scoreless draw into the first intermission.

The Panthers opened the scoring when Tristan Taillefer scored his first goal of the preseason from Marshal Drevniok at the five-minute mark of the first period, taking a 1-0 lead. The Canadians tied the game at 6:31 as Griffin McGregor scored his first of the post-season from Mike Hall and Nicolas Seguin on the power play. The teams took a one-all deadlock into the second intermission with the

Panthers outshooting the Canadians 13-10 in period two.

The Canadians took their first lead of the game as Chazka Bush scored his first of the playoffs from William Fitzsimmons and George Daher at 11:50 of the third period.

With over a minute and a half remaining, the Panthers pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker; with 55 seconds left in the period, the Canadians took a penalty putting the Panthers up two men. The Panthers tried to tie the game but the clock was not their friend as the buzzer sounded before they could draw even.

The Canadians took the game 2-1 and took a 1-0 series lead heading back to Embrun. The Panthers outshot the Canadians 22-20. Picking up the win in the Canadians' goal was Ryan Whitehurst making 20 saves and suffering the loss in the Panthers' goal was William Nguyen making 18 saves.

Up next

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Rockets too much for Storm

Jeff Moore
Villager Staff

RUSSELL — The Prescott-Russell Rockets

played a single game this past week as they welcomed the Smiths Falls Storm on Thursday night.

Rockets 82 Storm 63

The Prescott-Russell Rockets welcomed the Smiths Falls Storm to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School on Thurs., March 12, in the Eastern Ontario Basketball League-East. The Rockets' roster consists of players from Prescott-Russell, Casselman, Embrun, Russell, Hammond and other locales. The Rockets owned a 2-1 record and looked to move up the ladder.

This was the Rockets' fourth game of the spring season and they were looking for another win. The Storm came out of the starting gate on fire scoring 19 first-quarter points and allowing the Rockets to put up just 13.

The Rockets exploded in the second quarter dropping 24 points on the Storm holding them to just

13 points offensively. The Rockets took a 35-32 lead into the break at halftime. The Rockets kept the pressure on the Storm scoring 21 more points in the third quarter allowing just 13 points against, taking a 56-45 lead into the fourth quarter.

Storm had their best quarter in the final 10 minutes putting 24 points on the board, but their defence was unable to hold the powerful Rockets offence allowing 18 points. The Rockets took the game 82-63.

Scoring for the Rockets were Matt Laframboise with 21 points, Luc Cantin with 16, Macen Birch with 12, Dominic Gott with eight, Matt Pietrkiewicz and Aidan McPhail with seven each, Dylan Clune with five, Noah Picnic with three, Callum Tait with a deuce and Samuel Cantin with a single.



The Prescott-Russell Rockets welcomed the Smiths Falls Storm to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School on Thurs., March 12, in the Eastern Ontario Basketball League-East. The Rockets' Matt Laframboise breaks past the Storm's defense. Laframboise scored a game high 21 points helping the Rockets to an 82-63 win.

Moore photo



The Embrun Panthers travelled to the Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa on Tues., March 10, to take on the Ottawa Jr. Canadians for game one of the best-of-seven CCHL2 Martin Division semi-final. The Panthers' captain, Tristan Taillefer (16) scored the lone goal for the Panthers in a hard-fought defensive game. Taillefer lead the Panthers in the regular season with 33 goals, 20 assists for 53 points in 44 games.

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New farm and art tour planned for Eastern Ontario

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L'ORIGINAL – The Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network is getting a head start on its new September attraction by promoting its 2020 Agri-Art Tour at various events this winter.

Based in l'Original, the Prescott-Russell counties seat, the network has decided to combine past independent farm and art tours into one big production covering Prescott-Russell, Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry, Ottawa, Cornwall and the Mohawk Community of Akwesasne. The event is set for Sept. 5, 6 and 7.

The objective at this stage, said network staff member Alain D'Aoust, is to search out and sign up farm and food business hosts for the tour at a registration fee of \$150 each. D'Aoust described the network and tour concept while manning a booth at the recent Eco Farm Day in Cornwall.

The agri-food network is a non-profit organization dedicated to coordinating development of the agri-food sector in the eastern region while fostering dialogue between members and partners and increasing marketing of their products.

Tour hosts must be prepared to greet visitors for the long-weekend event, including offering activities resulting in an "unforgettable experience that will serve to promote the

region's food assets." In partnership with hosts, vendors and artists will set up in the various sites to form a "market-style" experience.

A tour map will be published identifying each destination and products available at each. The agri-food network will act as marketing coordinator and, in conjunction with tourism agencies, will work to attract visitors from outside the immediate area.

The network has set down criteria for hosts, vendors and artists. Along with farms, suggested compatible hosting businesses are craft breweries and restaurants. Participating hosts will receive visitors at no charge, act as primary liaison with the network, be listed on the map, erect roadside signs, recruit vendors, artists and volunteers, provide bathrooms and an entrance kiosk, and donate a \$20 gift certificate for a series of draws.

Meanwhile, vendors will be responsible for equipment required for their stations, work under direction of their host, and provide a \$20 gift certificate. Participating artists – including musicians and actors – will also provide the gift certificate, display and sell their products, engage in live art and music demonstrations, and work under direction of their host.

D'Aoust said the network is hoping the tour is well received and becomes a major promotional tool for members.



Alain D'Aoust is seeking businesses to join the Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network's summer farm and art tour, scheduled for Sept. 5 to 7. Van Dusen photo

RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen
Student Reporter



Extended March break

Well, school isn't happening for a while. If you haven't heard, due to the pandemic of COVID-19, schools all across

Ontario are closing for two weeks after the March break as a precaution. For students, this break could be an advantage. Students

can catch up on work and get ahead on schoolwork! Teachers will be working from home, so you can still email them if you have any questions.

We all know this is a desperate and uncertain time, but in situations like these it's important to take whatever we can get and turn it into something positive. Last Friday, inspired by Saturday Night Live cast member Heidi

Gardner, Mr. Kennedy's drama class wrote cards to the residents of Russell Meadows – to say hello and to let them know we'll come and visit when it's safe to do so. Gardner thanked them on Instagram and even posted a picture of their cards on her account (@heidilgardner).

Last Thursday night, we held our annual Oscars ceremony, and it was amazing and so much fun!

There were gold balloons, disco lights and toe-tappin' music. Everyone had a blast – not only dancing but congratulating their classmates and friends on awards they won. Congrats to the Oscar winners!

Looking ahead, if you like to participate in Relay for Life annually, mark it in your calendar for May 28.

A reminder: It's important to be cautious in

times like these to minimize the coronavirus outbreak. There have been more than 150,000 cases worldwide. One simple thing to do to help this situation is to try to stay inside and don't travel unless need be. But, if you need to go anywhere, wash your hands properly and frequently.

Have a great week and wash your hands! See you in April.

COVID-19 response: What's open/closed

RUSSELL – Businesses and local organizations have responded quickly and decisively to the public health threat of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus. The Eastern Ontario Health Unit directed on March 13 that all community and sports complexes be closed, and libraries only open under certain conditions.

Social media and the websites of each organization are the best methods to stay up to date on closures and cancellations, but here is a partial list of the status of local events and groups, as of Mar. 16.

Trivia Night for 5 Cyclone Air Cadets on March 18 is cancelled. Contact the Air Cadets regarding ticket refunds.

Russell Minor Hockey games and practices are postponed.

Russell Township arenas, sports dome, bowling alley, and libraries are closed until further notice.

The Russell Legion will be closed until March 30.

The Russell Curling Club is closed to all activities until further notice.

Russell Township is asking residents to avoid doing business in person at the Town Hall and/or other satellite offices if your visit is non-urgent. The municipality encourages residents to use its online payment services for parking ticket payments, dog tag renewal, etc. Dog tag renewals have been extended until May 31.

The PharmaChoice pharmacy in

Russell will offer delivery of medications for those who are unable to leave the house, and may be able to fill prescriptions for up to three months.

Russell Foodland is also offering delivery, in cooperation with the Kin Club of Russell.

Russell Transpo will continue to operate and the operator will be undertaking additional measures to sanitize buses. The township has extended the expiration date of the 10-ticket yellow booklets to May 31, 2020.

If you have family or friends in the Prescott and Russell Residence, be aware that the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) has restricted access to the 146-bed long-term care home located in Hawkesbury. The Ministry of Health has strongly recommended that long-term care homes only allow essential visitors until further notice. "Essential" visitors are those visiting residents who are very ill or requiring end-of-life care.

South Nation Conservation has closed its offices until further notice, but staff are available by phone or email. Also, some Conservation Areas remain open and maintained for passive winter recreation, including: Two Creek Forest Conservation Area, Robert Graham Conservation Area, Warwick Forest Conservation Area, J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area, W. E. Burton

Conservation Area, Russell Recreational Trail and Nokomis Park. Group reservations and events have been cancelled.

All Provincial Offences Act matters

scheduled from March 16 to April 3 will be adjourned and rescheduled to a later date. If you have a matter scheduled during this time, you do not need to attend court.

UCPR limits access to its offices

L'ORIGINAL – The United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) is restricting access to its offices for health and safety reasons related to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Access will be limited to specific entrances, as indicated, at both the main office in L'Original as well as the EarlyON Centre and the Ontario Works office in Rockland. A questionnaire and screening test are mandatory for each person (employees and visitors) each time they arrive on the premises.

Visitor access will be limited to urgent cases only. The UCPR requests that visitors call ahead to make alternate arrangements.

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