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Briefly

Shop local it's good for you



CHESTERVILLE – Welcome to this special issue of *The Record*. In support of the shop local initiative, we have put together a shop local guide and are distributing an additional 6,500 complementary copies. Please have a look and enjoy the many opportunities in our region to make your Christmas shopping a truly local one.

Santa's visit to Chesterville cancelled

CHESTERVILLE – Christine Cross-Barkley, president of the Rotary Club of Chesterville, advised *The Chesterville Record* on Nov. 21 how "Given the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, Santa will not be visiting Chesterville on Dec. 5 as originally planned. Santa wants everyone to stay safe and be well for Christmas. He is limiting his visits this year so he can stay well to make his big trip on Dec. 24.

2020 Winchester Parade of Lights

WINCHESTER – On Dec. 4 and 5, enjoy 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 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 see their Facebook page for more information.



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Old General Store honoured for its generosity

The Old General Store in Crysler was recognized for its generous community efforts helping out residents in Crysler as they struggled with COVID-19 regulations and lockdowns. They were given 2nd place in a competition sponsored by McDougall Insurance and Grenville Mutual Insurance. The competition asked people and organizations to write about what they did to help their fellow community members survive the pandemic. Pictured here left to right are: store owners Philip Bissonnette, Mark Kenny, Caley Weese and Eric Hayes; from McDougall Insurance, Luc Emmell, local McDougall broker.

Morin Photo

Remembering their service

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—On Sat., Nov. 21, Rotary Club of Chesterville (RCC) president Christine Cross-Barkley and RCC secretary Betty Vanden Bosch were joined at the war memorial in Chesterville by winners and judges in the recent RCC Colouring Contest. Cross-Barkley explained the contest was held because of COVID-19 precautions as the public was unable to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies; RCC members felt this was a good way for children of all ages to remember the service of our men and women in times of peace and times of war.

Cross-Barkley told *The Chesterville Record* there were four age categories in the contest, those being children aged 10 to 12, 8 to 9, 6 to 7 and 4 to 5 years old. Adelaid Bradley took top honours in the 10-12 year category, with Barbara Brewer winning in the 8-9 year old category, JaeLyn Homer in the 6 to 7 year old category and Luke Guy in the 4-5 year old category.

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Crysler business rewarded for their community efforts

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CRYSLER – The pandemic created challenges for just about every aspect of daily life in Rural Ontario.

Leadership and help has come from many directions and one of them is from the Old General Store in Crysler.

The store has been awarded second place along with a \$3,000 prize in a contest called Big Grant for Small Business sponsored by the Grenville Mutual Insurance Company.

The theme of the competition was what individuals and businesses were doing to survive the emotional and financial hardship imposed on them by the pandemic.

Small business owners had the

opportunity to submit a short essay style submission to our Facebook contest page.

Mark Kenny and his partner Philip Bissonnette took over the Old General Store four years ago. It had been owned by Philip's family for the past 20 years and is a cornerstone business for residents in Crysler.

They submitted an essay about what they had been doing to help their community during the pandemic back in October.

"We do a lot here. Lots of baked goods, fresh food and soups. We bought it as a convenience store and turned it into a kind of store slash restaurant," said Kenny.

Their essay described how they had to reduce hours, and they had to diversify so they started to deliver to the elderly and people who were at home self-isolating.

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Chesterville resident back under the microscope for murder

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – They say the past is never really over and done with.

Jimmy Wise, formally a Chesterville resident, and now a resident of a Winchester nursing home, and confined to a wheelchair after a stroke, has been accused of first degree murder.

The remains of Chesterville resident, Ray Collison were found in 2014 in a culvert, in North Dundas near the Village of Morewood.

Collison had been missing since 2009.

This month, November 2020, Jimmy Wise finds himself on trial for the murder. The original court proceedings were to be in

Cornwall but were later moved to Ottawa.

Wise's trial began on Nov. 9 and the prosecution has said they can prove that Wise, who was an acquaintance of Collison shot him in the back of the head with a 22-caliber pistol.

Wise has been in the crosshairs of the police in the past.

In 1987, police were investigating a string of murders in the Ottawa Valley.

Wise was a suspect but was never charged.

Despite not being charged, Wise remained under police surveillance and had his phones tapped.

In 1989 he sued the Crown and the OPP for \$1-million and eventually

settled out of court.

At the same time he was a suspect in another case and accused of damaging a \$2.3 million communications tower south of Ottawa. The case lasted 11 years and ended

up in the Supreme Court, where Wise was found not guilty.

In the current case unfolding in Ottawa, Crown Attorney Jason Pilon claims he has 58 witnesses who can link Wise to the

Collison murder.

Apparently there is proof that Wise threatened Collison in the weeks before the murder.

Wise operated a garage in North Dundas and witnesses claim he threatened Collison and told him to stay away from his

garage.

Ian Carter, Defense attorney for Wise has said Wise insists he is not guilty; Jon Doody also represents Wise.

The trial held in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Ottawa is expected to last six weeks.

Opening libraries safely

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Curb-side pick-up is now available for SDG Library branches in Avonmore, South Mountain and Williamsburg according to a press release dated Nov. 17 by Todd Lihou, corporate communications coordinator. These three branches join Chesterville, Iroquois, Finch, Maxville, Long Sault and Williamstown who have been open for curb-side pickup since October.

Lihou explained curb-side pick up "means that patrons may request materials to be picked up at any of these branches, although short stays and browsing are not yet available." Director of library services, Karen Franklin

commented "It has always been our goal to be able to re-open all our branches when it was safe for us to do." She praised the work of staff to "prepare these last three branches for re-opening, just as days are getting shorter and colder temperatures are upon us."

Currently, the SDG branches in Crysler, Winchester, Morrisburg, Ingleside, Lancaster and Alexandria "allow short stays of up to 30 minutes where patrons may browse the collections and borrow materials or use the public computers."

In addition to these services, "the SDG Library continues to offer a variety of digital resources (eBooks, eNewspapers, eMagazines, subject databases and online tutorials), and several "virtual" programs that can be accessed from the comfort of home." For more information, please visit www.sdglibrary.ca.

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South Dundas celebrates business community with second annual Awards of Excellence

SOUTH DUNDAS — The municipality of South Dundas is celebrating and shining a spotlight on the local business community by celebrating the Second Annual Awards of Excellence.

Due to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Second Annual Awards were presented virtually

and announced via the municipal Facebook page on Nov. 24.

“The pandemic may have changed how we can interact and celebrate, but it does not change the recognition that so many businesses and individuals in our community deserve,” said Rob Hunter, economic development officer.

- Agriculture Leadership Award: Upper Canada Creamery
- Innovation Award: Community Living, Laura Jarvis and Marianne Vanderlaan
- Green Award: Lakeshore Massage Therapy
- New Business Award: Eastern Ontario Fleet Parking and Power Restoration Inc.

“The resiliency shown by our business community during these difficult months has been inspiring,” said Mayor Steven Byvelds. “I would like to congratulate each of the award recipients and all of the businesses who were nominated. The municipality looks forward to celebrating more local businesses and people in 2021.”

The 2020 recipients are:

- Business of the Year Award: Morrisburg Leader
- Community Builder Award: John Ross
- Tourism Award: Stone Crop Acres Winery and Vineyard
- Young Professional Award: Matraca Villeneuve



Business of the Year Award: *Morrisburg Leader*.
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Community Builder Award: John Ross. Courtesy Photo



Tourism Award: Stone Crop Acres Winery and Vineyard. Courtesy Photo



Young Professional Award: Matraca Villeneuve. Courtesy Photo



Agriculture Leadership Award: Upper Canada Creamery. Courtesy Photo

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6 REASONS TO BUY LOCAL DURING THE HOLIDAYS

1. To protect the environment

Goods that are grown or produced nearby generate less pollution than merchandise that needs to be transported over a long distance. These products also tend to have less packaging. Plus, you don't have to travel far to visit local shops, which further reduces your carbon footprint.

2. To find one-of-a-kind gifts

If you really want to surprise a loved one on Christmas morning, check out the shops in your area. Small business owners work hard to offer their customers unique products that sets them apart from major retailers. Alternatively, you can select handcrafted pieces made by local artisans.

3. To enjoy delicious food

Local farmers and producers provide fresh ingredients that can help you create your holiday meal. Whether you want to serve ready-made dishes or cook everything from scratch, you can count on the bakeries, butcher shops and gourmet grocers in your region to have a variety of options to offer.



4. To boost the local economy

When you buy from local businesses, you help stimulate the region's economy and create more jobs for the people in your area. And since a thriving market is sure to attract other companies, the result is a dynamic and prosperous community.

5. To support a vibrant community

Plenty of local groups and establishments organize activities throughout the year, with many holiday-themed events hosted in December. Whether you attend story

hour with your kids or karaoke night with your friends, your support ensures these organizations can continue to make your community a fun place to live.

6. To enjoy top-quality service

Customer satisfaction is a priority for small business owners. You can count on the knowledgeable staff at local specialty shops to offer great suggestions and answer all of your questions. Plus, exchanges and returns are easier since you can take care of them in person.

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Briefly

Chesterville Historical Hunt

CHESTERVILLE – Chesterville & District Historical Society is planning a “Chesterville Historical Hunt” to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Chesterville.

There are two age categories for the Historical Hunt, those being 0-12 years and 13-100 years of age. People will be able to pick up question sheets at either the Chesterville Post Office or the Bank of Nova Scotia in Chesterville, starting Fri., Nov. 27, with entries dropped off in the mail slot at the northeast corner of the Chesterville Pharmacy between Dec. 5 and Dec. 8.

Truck Raffle

RUSSELL – Russell Agricultural Society (RAS) is holding a “Truck Raffle” to raise funds for the 2021 Russell Fair. According to RAS member Reean Slater, a truck raffle was held in 2019 and was a sell out, so they are hoping the same holds true this time around. The 2021 Ford F150 Silver Iconic from Embrun Ford will be the top prize with \$1000 for the second place winner. There will be two early bird draws on Dec. 31 and April 4, 2021 for \$1,000 each, with the final draw held at the Russell Fairgrounds on July 1. Tickets can be purchased for \$100 each and with only 1,000 tickets printed, best be sure to get yours soon! Tickets can be purchased at Russell Foodland or from the RAS website located at www.russellfair.com.

Self Sufficient, less dependent on imports

Statistics Canada says online sales are set to hit a record this year.

This year will be a little different, instead of spending hours in the stores, we may just take the time to look and see what ideas we can find online.

The impact of purchasing local reaches far beyond this one-time purchase.

Those local business owners are here all year long supporting the viability and future interests of the community.

Look around at some of those areas where the community support is not there. You drive down the main street and the shop windows are closed up and for many there may not even be a local convenience store.

Your decision to take the time and purchase local versus jumping on the computer and ordering an item from anywhere in the world has a lasting economic impact.

My children and I have an ongoing joke about “je google.” Well, yes, you can find things quickly on Google and you do get a quick response to those intriguing questions.

On the other hand, you

are not sure what is factual and what is inaccurate. It is up to you to then decipher which opportunities are going to fulfill your needs.

Shopping local gives you that one-on-one, personal service.

If there is a problem, the ‘local’ owner is there to stand behind his or her products or assist with any

make an impact on your local community, and how even the smallest of purchases can make a profound impact on the area you have chosen to call home.

This pandemic has shown us how quickly each country will stand, to take care of itself.

In early 2020 you could

community know of events.

By providing local, supporting local and employing local we can keep the area knowledgeable on what is happening within the local community.

Yes, we are bombarded with national news and international news but you will be sure to find out what has impacted your local community through our publication.

Sure, there are times where there will be negative events to report on but overall we are able to provide this region with the hard cold facts and would like to believe we are a valuable media asset.

You may be in a position to give donations, which are greatly appreciated by the local organizations, and if you are not able to, just remember, that you are able to contribute with everyday purchases, when you spend your dollars locally.

Give the gift that keeps on giving; support the viability of your area while building Canada’s self-sufficiency and reduce our dependency on imports.

Linda Vogel

If there is a problem the local owner is there to stand behind his or her products or assist with any issues that could happen. Getting that one-of-a-kind gift or a gift certificate to help a family member through this time is a great idea.

issues that could happen. Getting that one-of-a-kind gift or a gift certificate to help a family member through this time is a great idea.

Many local businesses have adjusted the way they interact with their customers and have started advertising more, whether that be in print with your local paper or online through social media.

All have implemented additional steps to ensure your shopping experience is safe.

Consider how you can

often hear that you could purchase something from anywhere in the world for a fraction of the price here, but the delivery time might take a little longer.

Now, is our chance to show that we are a vibrant, resilient country and we will work together to keep our residents safe and provide as many opportunities to our communities as possible.

At *The Chesterville Record* we are not immune to these changing times. We are here to support local by letting the

The Road Home

By Carolyn Thompson Goddard

While driving my granddaughter to school today, we got to talking about Christmas and Christmas cookies. After a bit of discussion, I believe it was decided that she and her Mom would come over some Saturday to make some cookies for her and Winston (her cousin who lives in Ottawa) with her Uncle Graeme making a “car visit” to pick them up.

She seemed to enjoy the stories of when her Mom and two uncles were young and making Christmas cookies. While she insisted, we decorate them, she laughed when I told her I never really got the chance cause the cookies were usually eaten too quickly. After I dropped her off at school I

began thinking back to the days when I was a youngster and watched my Mom make her once a year Scottish Shortbread at Christmastime.

I recall watching Mom in the kitchen at the house on King Street getting the butter and smoothing the brown sugar into it before adding the flour.

She would mix it up and put the crumbly mixture into a 9x9 cake pan, pat it down, prick the top in many places with a fork and put it into a “slow” oven to bake. Awhile later it would come out of the oven, lightly browned and with a melt in your mouth texture. After cooling, came the cutting into squares and often she would keep two pieces of shortbread aside for “the cooks” and while I munched mine, she put the precious pieces in one of those holiday cookie

tins. Except for some pies and perhaps a fruitcake this was the only Christmas baking Mom would do.

For many years I had a copy of her recipe, but to be honest sometime over years – probably when I was busy cleaning clearing and didn’t keep an eye on the small piece of paper it is written on – I lost it. Luckily in this day and age, the world wide web came to my rescue and I could share with you a reasonable facsimile of her recipe, but in the interests of all that is wonderful about shortbread, will share it once I have baked and tasted it. I have a feeling though it might not taste the same as how I remember the shortbread on King Street tasted. I have an idea though – why not haul out that favourite recipe you have for Christmas sweet and bake up a storm this holiday season.

NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson
Student Council Communications
Creative Spirit Day for
Movember



This month is Movember, a month dedicated to raising awareness of men’s health issues such as prostate cancer and male mental health and suicide.

Due to the pandemic, we cannot see all our male teachers growing out their facial hair in support of the cause, but we have found a creative way to raise awareness.

Students have been asked to decorate masks with moustaches. On Friday, we will all be wearing our moustache masks for Moustache Day.

Last week was Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week; bullying and harassment can seriously impact a student’s learning, make them feel unsafe, and affect the school climate.

We would like to thank all the staff and students at our school who stand up against bullying and support our students.

As the end of November approaches, we are entering into the holiday season. ND is excited to continue working on our Covid-style Holiday show, as well as all our upcoming spirit days in December.



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WDMH diabetes program finds new ways to care for patients during COVID-19

WINCHESTER – In the Eastern Counties, more than 11.5 per cent of the population is living with diabetes. At the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH), our Diabetes Education Team is working hard to help local residents manage this chronic condition – especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. A key part of that care is patient education. “This pandemic has presented some new challenges for our team to best serve people living with diabetes in the area. Diabetes doesn’t go away in a pandemic. For some people, the resulting changes in lifestyle has made it more difficult to live with diabetes,” notes Deirdre Cooke, registered dietician and founder of the WDMH program. The WDMH program is embracing technology to meet patient needs. Patients are being reached through phone calls and or virtual visits through the Ontario Telemedicine (OTN) or Zoom. The team has just completed a patient survey of past patients at the

WDMH program. “The results are encouraging and show 82.6 per cent of people who responded were interested to some degree in attending virtual classes,” adds Deirdre. WDMH’s Diabetes Education Program was created in 1998 and is free of charge. The team includes a registered nurse, two registered dietitians, an administrative clerk, and has an endocrinologist who is on site three times a month. The program provides education to people living with both type II and type I diabetes, gestational diabetes, as well as people on insulin pumps or diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Whether you have pre-diabetes, are newly diagnosed with diabetes or even if you’ve been living with diabetes for years, WDMH has an education program that will fit your needs. Physician referrals are not required to participate in the program. If you have questions, please call 613-774-2420, ext. 6765 or email diabetes@wdmh.on.ca. Diabetes Awareness Month



This pre-pandemic photo features the The WDMH Diabetes Education Team. Left to right are: Nancy Graham, Deirdre Cooke, Rachele Charlebois, and Rachel Westenbroek. (Missing: Dr. Clara Iorbi)
Courtesy Photo

is a time when communities across the country team up to bring awareness to diabetes and urge action to tackle the diabetes epidemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has created even more urgency as adults living with diabetes are at greater risk of developing serious symptoms and complications, like pneumonia, and they are almost three times more likely to die in hospital. Today, one in three Canadians has diabetes* or prediabetes, and those at age 20 now face a 50 per cent chance of developing the disease. That staggering number speaks to the epidemic that diabetes has become across Canada.

In Memoriam

BEAUDETTE, Derek Duncan

In loving memory of Derek, who passed away November 18, 2005.



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And who, though absent, is just as dear.

Love you always and forever in our hearts
Mom, Dad & family

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

Obituary

Claire Merkley



Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, Claire Merkley of Chesterville, age 79. Dear brother of Ivan Merkley of Chesterville, Stella McIntyre of Brockville and Barry Merkley of Chesterville. Dear uncle of Kim Merkley-Brown (Marc Dicaire), Vicki Merkley (Richard Taillefer), Corinne Merkley (Chris Kelly), Michael McIntyre (Penny), Jane Benson (Greg) and great-uncle of Nolan, Rylie, McKenna, Kaley, William, Karen, Troy and Samantha. Predeceased by his parents James and Helen Merkley (nee Taylor) and his brother Graham Merkley, his brother-in-law Bill McIntyre and his sister-in-law Betty Merkley. Due to Covid restrictions, a private family service will be held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville. Interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to Christ Church United in Chesterville or Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift “please notify the family”. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.

– Obituary –

Winston Ball



Our loss is immeasurable but so is the love he has left behind...

Winston Ball of Chesterville died suddenly at home on Friday, November 20, 2020, following a valiant battle with cancer at the age of 63. He will be dearly missed by his wife Lynn, his children Kelsey Lauzon (Corey), Shannon Ball (Colin), Courtney Durant (Cory), Evan Durant (Katrina), Justin Durant (Cassie) and his treasured grandchildren Jack, Kaden and Easton. He is survived by his sister Nancy Ball, his brother Alan Ball, his brother-in-law David Timmons and his mother-in-law Melanie Kelly. Winston was blessed with many nieces and nephews whom he held near and dear to his heart. He was predeceased by his parents Lorne and Irene Ball (nee Thompson) and his sister Lorna Timmons.

Our loss is resonating with Winston's many cherished friends who have shown him so much love and support during his journey this past year- we love you all!

There will be no visitation or funeral service. Donations to Dundas County Hospice or the Cornwall Hospice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift “please notify the family”. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.

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Jean Marion Byers (Smith)
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The families of Jean Byers wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our family, friends and neighbours for the many expressions of sympathy and kindness: food, flowers, cards, online condolences and generous donations, in the memory of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Special thanks to the doctors and nursing staff at the Ottawa Heart Institute and the WDMH for the special care given to Mom.

Thank you to all who attended the “Celebration of Life” service. Special thanks to Howard, Carl, and David for the eulogy, fond remembrances and poem. We will cherish the stories and memories of our mom that you shared with us.

We extend special appreciation to Rev. Debbie Poirier for her many words of comfort and for the beautiful service.

Finally, a sincere thank you to David Lapier and staff member, Donnie Wheeler of Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home for their professional care, respect and dignity shown to our family at this difficult time.

Although we are deeply saddened by our loss, we take comfort in knowing that she is reunited with our father, Stuart. She truly was one of a kind “A dear, sweet, generous, loving woman.”

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Gingerbread buildings in Osgoode

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

VERNON – The holiday season is warming up in Osgoode Township with both the Metcalfe Agricultural Society (MAS) and the Osgoode Township Museum (OTM) providing the opportunity for people to purchase gingerbread building kits.

The MAS is selling Gingerbread House Kits, while the OTM is selling “Gingerbread Barn Raising Take-Home Kits” as the holidays approach.

Caitlyn McDougall, education officer for the OTM, in a recent email to *The Chesterville Record*, explained how over the past few years the museum has hosted “a Gingerbread Barn Raising” at the Museum, with young families coming to the museum to decorate a

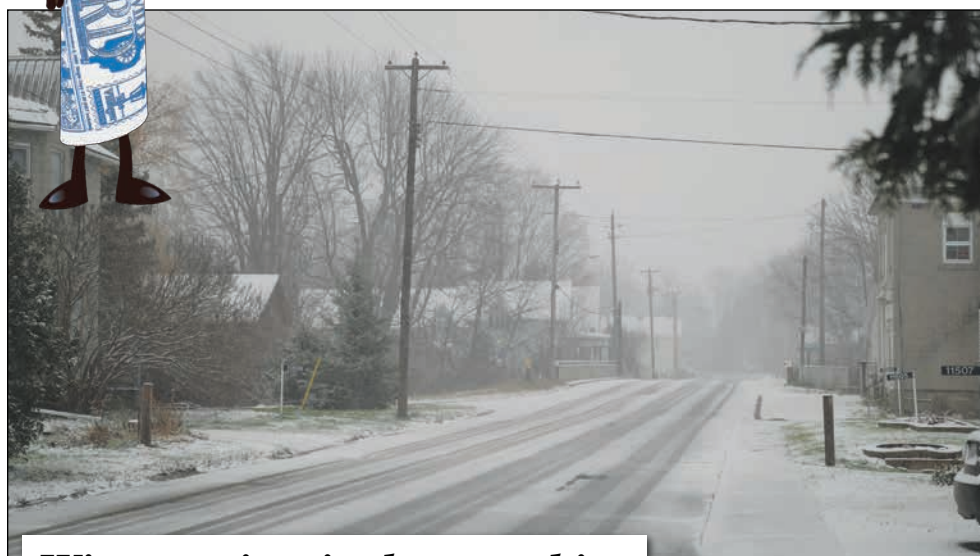
gingerbread barn together.” The event recognized the role of “bees” in agricultural history; McDougall commented that “bees” provided an opportunity for the community to gather and work together while clearing land, harvesting crops, making quilts and of course raising barns.

She continued how, because of COVID-19 precautions, it was decided to offer “Gingerbread Barn Raising Take-Home Kits” instead of holding a barn-raising bee at the museum. The kit, which costs \$25 each, includes everything needed to “make and decorate a gingerbread barn” with the proceeds used to support programming at the OTM. Kits can be ordered on the museum’s website, with a pickup date of Dec. 5 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. McDougall has asked people to confirm “you are able to pickup on this date

before ordering.” The MAS is selling Gingerbread House Kits for people to build “as a fun holiday activity or join in our competition for the best decorated house and win some prizes!” Jessica Wilson explained the kits are “on sale until Nov. 27” and cost \$45 per house.

The date to pick up your kit is Dec. 13, between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. and if unable to make it at that time, other arrangements can be made. When asked about the contest, Wilson replied each kit will include “guidelines to enter the contest,” explaining contestants will be asked to “email us a picture” of their house once it is built by Dec. 20 with the winner posted on social media that week.

More information on these two fundraising activities can be found on the organizations Facebook pages or websites.



Winter arrives in the township of North Dundas

Winter arrived right on time this year with a moderate overnight snowfall on Sun., Nov. 22. The storm served as a reminder to have your shovels at the ready. On Wednesday another storm arrived, this one dumped much more snow on the area. This photo was taken in Inkerman on Queen Street Sunday night.

Morin Photo

Crysler business rewarded

Continued from the front

“We did curbside pick up and delivery for everyone,” he said.

The store was not able to get any financial help from the government but was still having to pay for PPE, Plexiglass, sanitizer, masks and gloves.

“We wrote about how we have continued to support our community.”

People did not want to have to go to all the big box stores so Kenny and Bissonnette knew they could fill in that gap with the variety of products they sold

at the Old General Store.

“Luckily enough we had all of the essentials right here,” said Kenny. “We delivered them to the elderly. There was a lot of confusion and fear when this all started so we were able to help them out by delivering right to their door.

“Now we are starting to see the financial hit that we took,” he said.

The store will be using the prize money to pay for continued supplies of gloves, sanitizer and masks. “That is what we will be using the money for.”

First place was The Noshery in Brockville who took home \$5,000 and third place with \$2000, was the Country Diner in Smiths Falls.



Store owners: Philip Bissonnette, Mark Kenny and Caley Weese; and Eric Hayes from McDougall Insurance.

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

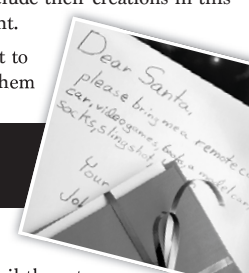
encouraged to submit their Christmas themed artwork, poems and letters; we will be more than happy to include their creations in this year's Christmas Greetings' supplement.

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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Christmas@etceterapublications.ca or mail them to *The Chesterville Record*, Box 368, Chesterville, Ont., K0C 1H0. 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.*



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The ZOOM exercise class continues to be held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Please call the Centre with your email address to join. We are hoping to introduce a new virtual program for caregivers in January of 2021.

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Fill a cruiser in Morrisburg

The Fill the Cruiser campaign could be spotted all over Dundas County in recent weeks. Last week the cruiser team was in Winchester, Chesterville and Morrisburg. In this photo, the Morrisburg team had a busy afternoon in the mall parking lot. Left to right are: OPP Auxiliary officers Justin Lalonde and Bryce Fournier, volunteers Katie and Jamie Wilson.

Morin Photo

Colouring the way to Christmas

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville and District Agricultural Society (CDAS), is helping to spread a bit of Christmas cheer this holiday season with their Christmas colouring contest; with the theme being Christmas on the Farm. CDAS director Cheyanne Vandelind explained the contest

runs from Nov. 18 to Dec. 15. The winner of a \$25 gift certificate to Dollarama will be announced on Dec. 16.

Vandelind continued, how the CDAS is hoping “that the colouring contest will give kids the creative break that they need, a reminder that even though things might be difficult right now Santa Claus is still coming to town.” For those who would like to enter the contest, you need to print off the picture provided on their Facebook page post or cut it out of *The Record*, colour the picture, include the child’s name and age with a photo sent to media@chestervillefair.com.



Remembering their Service

Continued from the front

Each winner was presented with a “Royal Canadian Mint Keepsake Coin Set commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War” by Cross-Barkley. When asked why they entered the contest, they all replied they liked to colour, with Bradley commenting she enjoys drawing and colouring.

Cross-Barkley continued that there were 84 entries in the contest, with judges Anita Schoch and Marian Henderson commenting on the difficulties in determining winners, as all entries were very well done. Schoch, an artist, mentioned how she enjoyed seeing the different mediums such as crayons, markers and pencil crayons used. Henderson, a retired teacher, commented she has seen a lot of children’s art over the years and enjoyed judging the contest entries.

A thank you was extended to all the children who participated in the colouring contest by judges and organizers who added how all the entries were wonderfully done.



Barbara Brewer, winner in the 8 to 9 year old category of the recent colouring contest organized by the Rotary Club of Chesterville, is shown receiving her prize, a Royal Canadian Mint Keepsake Coin Set” from RCC president Christine Cross-Barkley.

Thompson Goddard Photo

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Paid ticket holders will also receive a free Christmas cookie (additional cookies, for free ticket holders, will be

available for purchase at North Stormont Place).

An email will be sent Tuesday, December 1, to ticket purchaser with details regarding porch locations and other event information.

Please remember that this is a fundraiser for the Avonmore Children's Park and we ask that you do not share porch locations and other event details with non-ticket holders.

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South Dundas disappointed in SNC levy increase

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

SOUTH DUNDAS – This year's South Nation Conservation (SNC) 2021 budget has raised an eyebrow here and there but none higher than in South Dundas.

The 12 directors at the SNC board voted to approve the levy for 2021 in October.

On Nov. 19 they approved their 2021 budget.

Sixteen municipalities

are serviced by the SNC and they are facing a 3.5 per cent increase despite an estimated \$250,000 surplus for SNC, that some feel would be better spent offsetting the levy increase.

South Dundas will have an increase of \$2,477, bringing their total for the year to \$84,739. North Dundas will be billed an extra \$4,903, bringing their yearly total to \$95,241.

All of the directors voted for the increase except for

one director, and that was South Dundas councillor, Archie Mellan.

The negative vote by Mellan was based on his belief that during these times with so many sectors of the community having to show some financial restraint, SNC should do so as well.

The projected surplus should to some, have been spent on all of the levy increases for the 16 municipalities or at least

used to minimize the impact of any increase. "The negative vote that I brought up was at the Levy meeting before the budget meeting," he said. "I strongly encouraged the other board of directors not to support the levy as submitted, which was approximately 3.5 per cent over the year before, with the fact there was almost a \$250,000 surplus that would carry over into 2021," said Mellan.

"I just felt that with everything that was going on this year with COVID-

19, now was the time to show a little bit of restraint and keep that levy back to zero or at least bring it back to one or 1.5 per cent increase. I did not get very far," he said.

A letter from South Dundas to the SNC chair, Ottawa Coun. George Darouze, stated: "This council supports Coun. Mellan's attempt to keep the levy increase to zero for 2021.

South Dundas appreciates the impact SNC has had on environmental

issues; however, due to the impact SNC has on all residents and municipalities, if there ever was a time to keep things at par and do with a bit less, this is it."

The letter went on to express that they were not pleased that there was no attempt to use the projected surplus of \$250,000 to keep the levy down.

Darouze stated: "To balance the needs of 16 municipalities compromise is needed; that is how we have generally arrived at the two per cent increase."

South Dundas celebrates business community with Awards of Excellence

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Innovation Award: Community Living, Laura Jarvis and Marianne Vanderlaan. Courtesy Photo



Green Award: Lakeshore Massage Therapy. Courtesy Photo



New Business Award: Eastern Ontario Fleet Parking and Power Restoration Inc. Courtesy Photo

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What a year it has been! 2020 started off with our Centre busily preparing for the months ahead. January we were preparing ahead with plans for the upcoming months. We were excited about promoting our March for Meals Campaign, celebrating with a volunteer appreciation evening for our volunteers, and providing services to our client at the centre and satellite locations.

Then things changed with the pandemic in March. We have continually worked to support our clients & families during an ever-changing time! Our staff have worked diligently to provide our essential Meals Delivery Program with the help of our volunteers. Our staff made reassurance calls to support our clients. As the months continued, we slowly introduced some of our smaller numbered programs outside our Centre. We were very fortunate to have Marleen Fawcett entertain at some of the housing buildings to bring cheer. Staff and volunteers delivered food hampers. We did some drive-by visits to our clients in North Dundas delivering newsletters. The Drive Thru Diners have been a great idea in being able to see many of you while seeing your smiles! Our caregivers have gone from their outdoor support group to having their support group over the phone. As our year comes to a close, we are thankful for your support over this past year! We look forward to serving you in 2021.

Our Meals Delivery both At Home and Drive Thru Diners will continue in January. Health & Wellness and Footcare programs will be by appointment. If you would like more information, give us a call. The Drive Thru Diners protocol will be the same with a turkey dinner in Winchester December 10th, South Mountain December 17th, and Chesterville December 22nd.

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Winchester Print & Stationery – a local landmark business

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas business landscape would not be complete without the enduring presence of Winchester Print & Stationery, located on Winchester's Main Street.

Where many other similar printing operations have floundered in the last decade or so, Winchester Print & Stationery has thrived. There was a time when there were more than a dozen newspaper presses between Kingston and the Quebec border. With the recent closures of the last remaining competing local commercial newspaper presses (Performance Printing and Qualimax), Winchester Print & Stationery is the 'last man standing'.

A family run business, the company offers a broad range of printed products, in-house design services, and a 'stationery' store that sells office supplies and educational toys, games and crafts.

Several years ago, Kent and Kreg Raistrick purchased the company from their parents, Brian (Bud) and Heather Raistrick, who took over the business in 1981. The brothers manage the company which employs seven staff members.

Heather and Bud are still active in the company and believe that this is why they are enjoying excellent health in their later years. "Nine times out of 10 it is one of us who serves the customer," said Kreg, referring to the fact that he, Kent or Heather are almost always available to help clients.

For more than 20 years, the printing plant has quietly turned out miles of newspapers, magazines, catalogues and just about any other kind of publication

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Kreg and Kent Raistrick stand on a catwalk running along their printing press.

Morin Photo

you can imagine. The company currently prints 40 different newspapers, one of which they own (*The Mural*) and whose editor is Kent's wife. "We are very proud of that paper," said Kent.

When asked to detail the different kinds of products they print, Kreg simply said, "We print everything," as there are simply too many to list. From business cards to flyers, invoices to menus, calendars to books, and posters to specialty publications, their breadth of expertise is impressive.

In recent years, the company has also embraced the wide format industry. Its

wide format printers can print on just about anything, even doors. Kreg said, "One of the things we are doing a lot more of is vinyl work designs, vehicle lettering, and local signage."

The company recently designed, printed and installed adhesive vinyl on the dressing room walls at the Chesterville Arena, in the black and red colours of the North Dundas Rockets.

Clients of Winchester Print & Stationery range from local residents and businesses to international giants such as Facebook and Postmedia, as well as federal and provincial government.

Excellent service that is catered to the unique needs of their clients, and durable, professional grade products have been their mainstay over the years.

Adults and children alike enjoy the quality items sold in their store. Heather was an elementary school teacher before she opened the store. This is apparent in the variety of educational and engaging toys, games and crafts offered. "She wanted to have items you could not readily get in a big box store," said Kreg. The store is a go-to place for birthday gifts, and grandparents love the old fashioned toys that bring back happy memories of their own childhoods. Kreg said, "There are popular toys from the 50s and 60s and the older population buys them for their grandchildren." The store also carries a good selection of office supplies, and is always willing to place a special order for its clients.

Winchester Print & Stationery has also been a supporter of community initiatives over the years. Most recently it provided the stickers for hundreds of buoys sold by a Kemptville resident to raise funds for the victims of the Nova Scotia shootings. They have also supported local fundraisers, charity events and fairs over the years.

The Raistrick family is grateful for the support of the local community and looks forward to serving its clients for many years to come.

For more information please go to www.winchesterprint.com, call 613-774-3186, or email.

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100 Men of South Dundas 2020

SOUTH DUNDAS – Although their in-person event was shelved for 2020 due to COVID, the needs of the community are still.

As we approach the holiday season and what promises to be a miserable winter for many, the 100 Men of South Dundas wanted to raise awareness about two worthwhile charities that could use your support.

"The South Dundas Christmas Exchange, in operation for many years in the community is doing

their best to provide the makings for a hearty Christmas dinner and clothing and gifts for vulnerable children.

As you can imagine, they are unable to access some of their usual fundraising efforts this year and need our help to 'make the magic happen,'" said a post on the 100 Men of South Dundas Facebook page.

The Christmas Exchange is a registered charity and is able to issue a receipt for income tax purposes.

To donate to the

exchange, you can mail a cheque to Bonnie McNairn, PO Box 1389, Morrisburg and payable to the South Dundas Christmas Exchange.

The post went on to state: "The other activity that we feel warrants your consideration is a joint effort by Community Food Share (CFS) and House of Lazarus (HOL) who, along with Winchester BMR want to make homes a little warmer for their clients this winter."

In 2019, the trio joined forces to deliver to Dundas

County's vulnerable sector through supplying 43 families with 13 one-ton loads of Eco-Energy Logs through Heat for the Holidays.

The response to this program last winter was overwhelming. This year, they anticipate doing more in particular due to the impact that COVID-19 has had on families in Dundas County.

During last year's Heat for the Holidays program, every house they delivered to, they could see a clear need for assistance. In past

years, many residents were using blankets to close off parts of their home in an effort to conserve heat.

More than one family, who had spent the winter without heat, was forced to wear their outdoor coats, hats, and mitts indoors. This should not be happening. No one should have to live this way.

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 www.hol.community/donate/.

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Rooted in Rural: Cultivating connections permanent exhibition

VERNON – The Osgoode Township Museum is very excited to announce its confirmed opening date – Dec. 16 - for the brand-new permanent exhibition Rooted in Rural.

This exhibition explores the incredibly resilient spirit of the people living in Osgoode Township.

Visitors to the exhibit can expect to discover how Indigenous Peoples and the first European settlers paved a path for our

current-day rural community members, and how these residents are cultivating their connections with the past, present and future.

Exhibition highlights include a 17 foot dugout canoe, a Boyd Block machine, and items that once belonged to local legends like hockey star Larry Robinson and Orval Prophet.

An exciting new portion of the exhibition is an interactive space for

families. This area is a market produce stand made to look like the bed of a pickup truck, and pays homage to the hardworking agricultural families in our community, with the goal of connecting kids with the idea of where our food comes from!

The space will be closely monitored and sanitized after each visit to ensure kids can still experience hands-on learning in a museum setting.

Staff updated the museum site with new protocols in place when it reopened in July; to maintain social distancing, with a limited number of visitors allowed in the museum space at one time.

Booking a free visit in advance is highly encouraged and the form is available on our website.

Please note that our exhibition opening date will evolve with a close eye on the Covid-19 pandemic.

The safety of our staff and visitors is our top priority.

The Osgoode Township Museum traces its founding back to 1972 when the first meeting to organize “The New Horizons Historical Group” was held.

Their purpose in establishing this group was to do research, create interest, collect data, preserve and publish the history of

Osgoode Township and the genealogy of its residents.

The Museum tells the story of Ottawa’s rural and agricultural heritage.

For more information on Rooted in Rural, please check out our website, or contact the Osgoode Township Museum at manager@osgoodemuseum.ca or visit our Facebook page.

The Christmas spirit in Greely

GREELY – The Metcalfe Farmers’ Market Christmas Farmers Market held at the Greely Community Centre on Sat., Nov. 21 went off without a hitch despite the COVID-19 restrictions. Organizers were happy to see great community support, as there was a lineup early Saturday morning to get into the market. There were six vendors outside the community centre and about 14 inside. This was the first of two markets to be held. The next one will be on Dec. 19.



On the left: Sigute Zitikyte and Miguel Dasilva chat with Serena Weinholdt of Sunsational Soaps and Lotions. Above, Vicki Bergeron of Wreaths by Bergeron had her booth outside the community centre and had a busy day.

Morin Photos



A taste of summer in November

Paige Buma and Ron Herweyer of the Russell Farmers’ Market had a full table of delicious produce for visitors at the Christmas Farmers’ Market held at the Greely Community Centre on Nov. 21.

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Notice of Thanks

The Royal Canadian Legion, Russell Branch 372 wish to thank the faithful schools, businesses and patrons of Russell, Embrun, Limoges, Vars and Casselman who support our Poppy Campaign each year. With your help and the support of our dedicated volunteers we raised in 2020 the amount of \$12,605.

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RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen
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Have your cake and eat it too

Hey everyone!

This week has been a quieter one at RHS, as most of the T-Wolves are keeping busy transitioning into our second quadmester! So, for this week’s report, I’d like to start with a fun fact to add a bit of sugar and spice to your day.

Today is National Cake Day. Now, it’s not every day that you meet someone that isn’t a fan but nonetheless today is a day to honour the classic treat brought around during celebratory events, to recognize accomplishments, or just for fun.

Did you know that it’s Thanksgiving Day in the US right now? It is deemed that every fourth Thursday of November is US’s Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving to our neighbours to the south. As a history lesson for the US, Thanksgiving has been a holiday since 1863 and was made official by Abraham Lincoln. For Canada, the first official Canadian Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1578 with English explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew. They gave thanks for their safe arrival to what is now Newfoundland. You may or may not know this, but Canadian Thanksgiving used to be in November as well, specifically Nov. 6. It was later changed due to the world wars that we remember annually on Nov. 11.

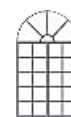
Finally, report cards go home today, so hopefully you’re proud of your accomplishments from Quadmester #1! Happy Thursday, Happy American Thanksgiving, and have a great day off tomorrow T-Wolves, because it’s a P.A. Day.



Obituary

Cannons F. Josephine (Gwilliam) B Ed

Peacefully in hospital on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020, Jo Cannons at the age of 79. Loving wife of Tony Cannons. Proud mother of Jennifer (Ken) and Andrew (Sarah). Cherished grandmother to Addy. Born in Nuneaton, U.K., Jo emigrated to Canada in 1948 with her parents Percy and Edith. They settled in B.C. where Jo attended U.B.C. earning a degree in early childhood education and taught for several years in B.C. In 1957 Jo went to Hemer, West Germany to teach Canadian children. There she met her future husband, Tony. Upon her return to Canada in 1960, Jo and Tony were posted to C.F.B. Borden; served several postings in Canada and overseas including Cyprus and a return to Germany (Lahr). Jo was very active in figure skating with the Minto Skating club. She enjoyed camping and visiting out of the way places. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, services will be held at a later date.



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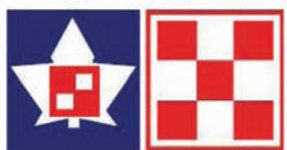


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