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NORTH DUNDAS – There is no curbside pick-up for trees in North Dundas.

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Skate and snowshoe rental at no charge

NORTH DUNDAS – For those that like to skate or snowshoe, look no further. The Recreation Lending Library is open and offering to rent snowshoes and skates at no charge. This is an option for those stuck inside during the pandemic. Activities such as this are safe and fun.

24 hours of notice is needed before rental pick up. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to reserve equipment, please contact bcousineau@northdundas.com or 613-774-2105.

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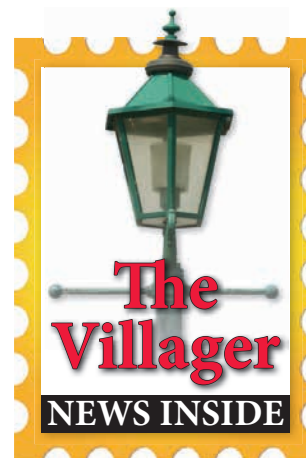
WINCHESTER – The DCP annual general meeting will be held on Sun., Jan 17 at 7:00 pm.

Due to Covid restrictions, the AGM will be held virtually through Zoom. Registration is mandatory. To register, please email JP by Jan. 15 using the following email address: jp@pineglen.net.



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Happy New Year

The New Year is always an exciting time, especially if you are celebrating with the arrival of a new family member. In the photo on the left is Dallas Fawcett who arrived on New Year's Day at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital at 5:41 p.m., after some great teamwork by Dr. Deeb, registered midwife Ashley, and registered nurses Stacey and Kristina – and of course Mom Shelby Fraser-Clouthier. In the photo on the right, Shawna Hare and Cam Hedge received a very special Christmas present with the arrival of Aubree May Sylvia Hedge on Christmas Day.

Courtesy Photos

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! New babies bring joy at WDMH!

WINCHESTER – Aubree May Sylvia Hedge was not going to let Christmas get in the way. She was born at 6:31 a.m. on Dec. 25 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH), weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces. Her parents Shawna Hare and Cam Hedge barely had time to make the drive from their home in Kemptville before her arrival.

"Things went really fast and I almost delivered in the car," says Shawna. "One of the emergency doctors had to come up and things moved quickly from there. Many of the nurses know me because I needed some extra care during my pregnancy. Everything was great."

Aubree is a little sister to her four-year-old brother Mason, and he was able to get in on the celebrations too. Shawna, Cam, and Aubree went home in the afternoon so everyone could open presents!

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Retirement homes in region are up to the pandemic challenge

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – While the pandemic swirls its way through Ontario, there are still places where feeling at home, being secure and enjoying a healthy lifestyle is still an everyday occurrence.

In this part of the world, retirement often means moving into a retirement home where you can continue to enjoy life in a comfortable and safe local setting, close to family and friends.

The pandemic, even with its rules, regulations and stringent protocols has done little to dampen the lifestyle of residents in retirement homes in the area.

Lynne Smith, the development manager for Garden Villa Retirement Residence said, "We have been very, very fortunate."

"We follow all the guidelines of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) and our health authorities. There is no doubt that everyone is doing the absolute best they can."

There are some restrictions on visitors to the Chesterville retirement residence.

"There is no in-door visitation, so no one other than staff are allowed in the building other than essential care providers," said Smith.

"Other than that," she said, "life remains the same inside the walls of Garden Villa. You always have someone to chat with and sit with and talk to."

Smith explained that the staff have been very diligent in monitoring residents and sanitizing since day one of the pandemic.

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Spreading holiday cheer throughout the area

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE — Over 2,000 years ago, a Child was born in Bethlehem. For centuries, people throughout the world have celebrated on Dec. 25 the birth of this Child known as Jesus the Christ. The Covid-19 pandemic certainly changed the way we celebrated the holiday season this year, but there was still plenty of spirit demonstrated throughout the local area.

Many houses were decorated for the season with numerous strands of lights or holiday inflatable lawn decorations such as Santa Claus or Snowmen. An old tradition of travelling around neighbourhoods to view the decorated houses seemed to be revived, with some municipalities offering community decorating challenges.

Organizations such as the Chesterville & District Agricultural Society provided those passing by the Chesterville Fairgrounds the opportunity to view four Christmas trees adjacent to the Exhibition Hall, lit up for our viewing enjoyment. Chesterville & District Agricultural Society president Carol Johnson explained that the trees were donated by Donna Lochnan, Sharyn Summers, Carol Johnson as well as Chris and Ashley DuPlessis.

Thanks to the work of volunteers with the Rotary Club of Chesterville & District, once again, snowflakes adorned Chesterville's Main Street, Queen Street, King Street and South Street with Rotary president Christine Barkley noting "there is a star at each of the churches." This year, the Municipality of North Dundas provided lights for the gazebo at the waterfront and Chesterville Park, which added to the festive nature in the community. It should be noted that the municipality provided Christmas lights to other communities in North Dundas.

Having visited South Mountain in early December, on Christmas Eve, Santa and Mrs. Claus visited North Dundas, Winchester and Morewood with the assistance of their respective community fire stations. The Christmas



The CDAS added a bit of festive fun when four Christmas lit Christmas trees were placed adjacent to the Exhibition Hall at the Fairgrounds in Chesterville. Thompson Goddard Photo

The North Pole couple, Santa, and Mrs. Claus, had a whirlwind tour throughout communities in North Dundas early on Christmas Eve. They are shown just moments before beginning their festive tour throughout Chesterville, atop a historic fire truck at the fire station.

Thompson Goddard Photo



couple could also be seen throughout Chesterville, waving happily from the community fire truck, escorted by firefighters during their drive through Chesterville.

The fire station in Ingleside is usually a scene of community spirit and togetherness during the annual tree lighting ceremony which includes refreshments, gifts for the youngsters and a visit with Santa; while the annual tree lighting ceremony had to be cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the evergreen tree outside the fire station was lit throughout the holiday period serving as a beacon of light and hope during the dark days of December.

At the Lost Villages Museum located in Ault Park on the outskirts of Long Sault, volunteers from the Lost Villages Historical Society (LVHS) provided floodlights and strings of lights to adorn many of the buildings at the site according to LVHS member Gloria Waldroff.

Thanks to the ingenuity of volunteers throughout the area who re-configured many holiday traditions such as Santa Claus parades, Christmas Eve visits by the beloved North Pole couple and holiday decorations at community locations and private homes, a bit of happiness and hope was added to this vastly different Christmas season.

New babies bring joy at WDMH!

Continued from the front

The first baby born at WDMH in 2021 took a little more time. Her parents Shelby Fraser-Clouthier and Josh Fawcett arrived at WDMH at 2:30 on New Year's Eve from Morrisburg. Dallas Fawcett arrived more than 24 hours later at 5:41 p.m. on Jan. 1. She weighed 6 lbs, 8 oz.

"I could not have done it without such an incredible team – every nurse, Dr. Deeb and Ashley, my midwife," says Shelby. "Thank you more than I can ever express!"

Dallas is lucky to have an older sister named Reagan who is 10. "She's such a great help," says Shelby. "Everything is awesome."

Congratulations from everyone at WDMH!



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SD&G OPP celebrate retirement

SD & G — This week, Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Detachment is celebrating a 33-year career for one of their constables.

Provincial Const. Paul Murphy has decided to hang up his belt and go off-duty for the last time.

PC Murphy began his career 33 years ago with the Hearst OPP Department, after 4 years serving with Hearst OPP, Murphy continued for another 29 years with SD&G OPP. PC Murphy had the opportunity to be a part of several



different units during his career, including community safety officer, Highway Safety Division, and court liaison officer.

PC Murphy has served with integrity, compassion and is a dedicated community member, committed to public safety and

security of its residents. PC Murphy stated: "It has been a wonderful 33-year career and I'm looking forward to enjoying extra time with my family and at the community church."

Congratulations on your 33-year career.



Courtesy Photo

JANUARY IS ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS Month



Tips for a healthy brain

Did you know that the best way to reduce your risk of developing a cognitive disease is to lead a healthy lifestyle? Since January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month, now is an ideal time to adopt or reinforce behaviours that keep your brain healthy. Here are some recommendations provided by the Alzheimer Society of Canada:

- **Challenge yourself.** Learn a new language or take on a task like writing with your non-dominant hand.
- **Play games.** There are brain-boosting benefits to solving crosswords, playing chess and completing puzzles.
- **Talk to people.** Engage in conversations about current events, books, music, sports and more.
- **Eat a balanced diet.** Make sure to follow the recommendations in Canada's Food Guide.
- **Exercise regularly.** Keep in mind that it's easier to stay motivated if you choose activities you enjoy.

- **Reduce your stress.** Explore a variety of strategies such as speaking with a psychologist, meditating, journaling and practising yoga.
 - **Prioritize sleep.** Get seven to nine hours of rest every night and avoid looking at screens before you go to bed.
 - **Protect your head.** Wear a helmet when cycling or skiing, and consider adapting your home to reduce the risk of falls.
 - **Quit unhealthy habits.** Regularly consuming alcohol, cigarettes and recreational drugs can negatively impact your brain health.
 - **Manage chronic illnesses.** Diabetes increases your risk of developing Alzheimer's disease, so make sure to manage your condition closely under the supervision of your doctor.
 - **Volunteer.** Giving back to your community can help prevent depression, reduce loneliness and increase self-esteem.
- For more tips on how to keep your brain healthy, visit alzheimer.ca.

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Letter

News in and around Crysler

To all residents of Crysler:

Since the month of March, the Community Centre activities have been put on hold. We sure miss seeing all of you and especially our dedicated volunteers. Despite everything, we have still managed to keep up with our renovation plans to refinish the hardwood floors, paint a section of the hall, and fix the walk-in cooler. Our community centre sign has been changed due to a grant and an accessible ramp has been added to TBO Place. We are thankful for the township of North Stormont council's decision that the utilities and snow removal are now covered by the township for all recreational facilities.

In the last six months, with the help of your empty bottle donations, personal donations, donations from associations and businesses, we have raised over \$18,000 to add new structures to our playground and a new mural with the names of the many donors. It should be noted that the mural has been created by our one and only local artist/muralist Jacques Meilleur. You will find this mural on the back wall of TBO place in the kids' park. All the safety surface cost has been covered by the township and the remainder of the park will receive the new safety surfacing this coming spring.

Stay tuned to our Crysler Community Centre Facebook page or Crysler Recreation Facebook page for updates on future activities, including the possibility of opening our covered outdoor rink. To our dedicated rink volunteers, we will need you more than ever. This is a great opportunity for the community residents to join our volunteer crew, share ideas and make new friends.

The team of volunteers are planning something special for everyone to be able to enjoy the outdoors right here in our John Crysler Park. Even though regulations from the Ministry of Health for enclosed spaces will limit some activities, we will be working with the ministry to see how we can do it safely.

To all new residents that have moved to Crysler in the last few months, you have moved to the most beautiful and active town in the area. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we have had to put on hold most of all our annual activities such as: ball hockey, pickleball, baseball, weekly bingos, monthly community dinners, craft shows, and so much more. These programs and activities are all organized by our amazing team of volunteers. We would like to invite you all to join us, to share your ideas and be part of our great family of volunteers once it is permitted and safe to do so.

Need to go out and exercise? The outdoor gym is always open beside the dome. Need to go for a nice long walk? The Crysler Citizen committee has built a walking trail for our community that starts behind the Home Hardware and continues around our town lagoon.

Rest assured, that the committee is looking to provide you and your family some activities during the new year. Every activity will need to be sanctioned by the Ministry of Health and have a safety plan in place.

On behalf of the Crysler Community Centre committee and association we want to thank all our volunteers and residents. Wishing you all a safe and happy year; stay healthy and strong.

*Pierre Thibault
President, Crysler Community Association*

International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021

AJ Al-Rajab, PhD
Record Staff

Fruit and vegetables have multiple health benefits. They strengthen the immune system, combat malnutrition, and help prevent non-communicable diseases. Worldwide, we consume less fruit and vegetables than the minimum total of 400 g recommended by WHO for a healthy diet. There is no relationship between scale of income at a regional level and the intake of fruit and vegetables. People in high-income Western Europe and Northern America consume only half of the recommended amount of fruit and vegetables, while those in North Africa and the Middle East consume larger quantities, even though income in these regions are generally lower.

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables (IYFV). This year is a once in a lifetime opportunity to raise global awareness on how fruit and vegetables contribute to

improved nutrition, dietary diversity, and health; impact society, economy, and the environment; and contribute to sustainable development.

Global production

In 2018, the world produced a total of 868 million tonnes of fruit and 1,089 million tonnes of vegetables (FAOSTAT). Worldwide, over 50 per cent of the fruit and vegetables are grown on farms smaller than 20 hectares (mostly family farms). Fruit and vegetables typically are more profitable than staple crops for a given area of land, but they require extensive management.

About 30,000 to 80,000 of the 400,000 plant species in the world are edible by humans. Some 7,000 species have been gathered and cultivated since the advent of agriculture. However, the world's food supply depends on only 200 plant species, and just 12 plant species provide three-quarters of the food we consume. International trade of fresh fruit and vegetables represents only around 8 per cent of total

global production (FAOSTAT), but it still ranks among the most valuable crop and livestock commodity groups.

Colour is the benefits' key

Consumption of fruit and vegetables help children's

growth and development, lowers risk of depression and anxiety, prevents cardiovascular disease, and lowers cancer risk. Also, people who eat more fruit and vegetables live longer than those who do not.

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NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson
Student Council Communications
ND welcomes a virtual start to the new year



Happy New Year to all at North Dundas and in our community! We hope you had a safe and relaxing holiday and were able to spend time Skyping or Facetiming with family and friends. Although we are not back in the classroom, we are back to work in our courses as of Mon., Jan. 4.

North Dundas students, please remember to log on each day to work online with your teachers, ask for assistance as needed, and put our best efforts forward to achieve our academic goals. If you need any academic or personal support, reach out to the school administration, guidance, your teachers, and your parents; they are all there to guide and assist you in any way they can. Virtual learning can be difficult but there is an excellent support network of students and staff at North Dundas who believe in you and are willing to help you through the next couple of weeks; we have done this before; we can do it again.

Let's ring in the new year with positivity and determination to do our best, be kind to ourselves and others, and support each other.

The Road Home

By Carolyn Thompson Goddard

Well, it is almost January 6, the twelfth day of Christmas, or as the Christian church refers to it Epiphany. This is the day which commemorates the arrival of the Magi, the Wisemen, in Bethlehem to present the Baby Jesus with gifts of frankincense, myrrh and gold.

Somewhere in my house there is a copy of a book Mom gave me years ago, called "The story of the Other Wiseman" by Henry Van Dyke, which tells the story of Artaban, a Persian Magus, who was to meet up with the Magi travelling to Bethlehem and having missed them, spent the rest of his life vainly searching for Christ. I often think about this story, which incidentally is one of my favourites, throughout the year but especially around Epiphany or Little Christmas.

Growing up, January 6 meant a small gift from Mom, as to her, this was "Little Christmas" and the day "My True Love Sent to Me ... 12 drummers drumming". She would talk about the different celebrations people observed on this day in different parts of the world. While studying

Shakespeare in high school she told me how the play "Twelfth Night" was written for "Little Christmas" or the Twelfth day of Christmas for the court of Queen Elizabeth I. I must admit this was interesting but not enough to have me read the play itself.

Now and again growing up she described an elusive dessert referred to as Twelfth Night Cake. Eventually she got the recipe from a friend of hers, Mrs. Piche, who had lived near our farm in Gordonville. She made it one time, more than likely to take to school, and explained how the cake was really a combination of ingredients which could be found in any kitchen - eggs, flour, brown sugar (or molasses) and raisins. I should have used the word "raisin" as there was only one raisin in the cake with the person receiving it in their piece becoming the "King" or "Queen" of the festivities following dinner.

Years later after my children were born, she re-instituted her "Little Christmas" gifts for them, maybe for my other nieces and nephews when they were young also, which of course made them happy and gave me a

chance to talk about the three Wisemen visiting Bethlehem and serve up Twelfth Night cake for dessert. Christians in the Ukraine celebrate Christmas on January 6 and this is of special interest to me because my grandson's maternal grandmother is from the Ukraine. I have spent the past few years learning a bit about Ukrainian Christmas traditions to my intense enjoyment which interestingly has led to my researching a bit more about holiday traditions which were observed by my ancestors.

This past December people were able to view a celestial event which some people felt demonstrated what the Star of Bethlehem may have looked like, the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter. It was cloudy in Cornwall the evening the "star" appeared but views from social media showed what perhaps the Magi followed over two millennia ago.

Somewhere in a cupboard there is Mom's, or rather Mrs. Piche's recipe, for Twelfth Night cake and I'm planning to take a bit of time today to look for it and maybe bake it up for dessert tomorrow night!



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South Stormont: Great community, great businesses

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

INGLESIDE—Over the past few years, gift cards have become a way of saying thank you, wishing someone a Happy Birthday or even as a holiday present.

South Stormont entrepreneur and resident Dave Smith organized the Give the Gift That Keeps on Giving™ gift card promotion in South Stormont this holiday season. Bill Fetterly was the lucky winner of a gift basket containing over \$700 in gift cards from the South Stormont businesses that participated in the program which ran between Dec. 1 and 20, 2020.

Fetterly's winning ticket, purchased by his daughter at O'Neill's Pub in Long Sault, was drawn by Smith at Jimmy's Restaurant in Ingleside on Dec. 22, 2020. Smith noted that "all the entries were checked to make sure the store name was on it and the draw held live."

The program was able to highlight the importance of supporting local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Smith mentioned that over \$15,000 in gift cards were sold. He continued how some companies also bought gift cards for their employees. He continued to say that this was an example of how small business owners can help local businesses. In a message to The Chesterville Record, Smith commented how there was "a great response from the businesses; they would like this to become an annual event."

Participating businesses in the "Give the Gift that keeps on Giving™" gift card promotion include: Jimmy's



Dave Smith holds the winning ticket shortly after it was drawn by Jimmy's Restaurant employee Rae Lewis on Dec. 22, 2020. Bill Fetterly won over \$700 in gift cards from businesses in South Stormont.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Restaurant, Mo's Diner, Butlers, Nautica Grill & Wine, Sol de Acapulco, The Village Green Flower Shop, O'Neill's Pub, Cornwall Healing Arts, Halo Salt Therapy, All New Restaurant, Waterview Restaurant, Ingleside Bakery, Foodland in Ingleside, City Limits, Fat Les's Chip Stand, Roma's Pizzeria, Subway in Long Sault, Fines Home Hardware, Relic Outfitters and the Lost Villages Historical Society.

Year of Fruits and Vegetables

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The following list of fruit and vegetables are often linked to the nutrients and phytochemicals they contain:

Green: such as spinach, asparagus, green bean, broccoli, cabbage, cucumber, lettuce, avocado, and kiwifruit, contain phytochemicals with anti-cancer properties;

Orange/yellow: such as carrot, pumpkin, squash, apricot, grapefruit, lemon, mango, melon, orange, peach, and pineapple, contain carotenoids that help keep eyes healthy;

Purple/blue: such as Beetroot, red cabbage, eggplant, blackberry, blueberry, purple grape, and passionfruit, contain antioxidant properties that can reduce the risks of cancer, stroke, and heart disease;

Red: such as red capsicum, radish, tomato, red apple, cactus pear, cherry, red grape, red and pink grapefruit, raspberry, strawberry, watermelon, can help lower the risk of cancer and improve heart health;

Brown/white: such as cauliflower, garlic, ginger, leek, onion, banana, jackfruit, and brown pear, contain phytochemicals with antiviral and antibacterial properties as well as potassium.

Food waste

Fruit and vegetables are worth more than their price. Maintaining their quality and assuring their safety across the supply chain, from production to consumption, reduces loss and waste and increases their availability for consumption. While it

is not yet possible to estimate the percentage of food waste at the retail and consumption stage, the percentage of food loss after harvest on farm and at transport, storage and processing stages stands at 13.8 per cent globally, amounting to over 400-billion USD per year. In Canada, despite one in eight Canadians suffer from food insecurity, about 31 per cent of food in Canada is wasted, worth approximately \$49.5-billion. Different factors may result in food waste during the food production process, this can include over production, infrastructure and technological gaps in supply chain, environmental conditions, stringent aesthetic requirements, farm practices, financial and labour issues.

Food processing

Fruit and vegetables have undergone procedures such as washing, sorting, trimming, peeling, slicing or chopping that do not affect their fresh-like quality. Minimally processed food retains most of their inherent physical, chemical, sensory and nutritional properties. Many such foods are as nutritious as the food in its unprocessed form; examples include sliced fruit, bagged fruit, vegetable salads, and frozen and dried fruit and vegetables.

Unlike most other categories of food, fruit is normally eaten raw (uncooked form). Many types of vegetables are also often eaten uncooked, as in salads. Some (such as green beans) must be cooked before they are eaten. The International Year of Fruits and Vegetables focuses on fresh produce or minimally processed products. Some varieties are grown specifically to be sold as fresh

produce; others from the start are destined for the processing plant. Many types of fruit and vegetables are processed to increase their shelf-life, year-round availability, or to increase their value. Transforming the fruit and vegetable sector requires a holistic and comprehensive approach that looks at the interconnectivity between demand, supply, socio-economic development and fruit and vegetable prices.

Food-borne diseases

Outbreaks of food-borne diseases can result in catastrophic consequences for consumers and producers alike. Food-safety hazards can result in products being excluded from the market, causing major economic losses and cost for producers, processors, and traders. Food-borne diseases are estimated to cause some 600 million illnesses and 420,000 deaths around the globe every year. The World Bank estimates that diseases resulting from the consumption of unsafe food cost low- and middle-income countries alone 110-billion USD in lost productivity, lost trade, and medical expenses a year. Fresh produce containing excessive amounts of chemical residues or exposed to pollution or microbial contamination has been linked to a series of food-borne disease outbreaks around the world over the last few years. Fruit and vegetables that are eaten raw, and especially those that are not peeled or washed in clean water, can transmit pathogens and dangerous chemicals.

For more information about the IYFV 2021, visit the website: <http://www.fao.org/fruits-vegetables-2021/en/>.

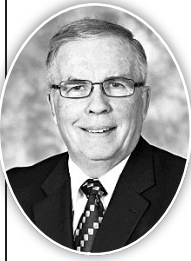


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OTM hits the mark with Rooted in Rural exhibition

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

VERNON — The permanent exhibit, Rooted in Rural: Cultivating Connections that opened recently at the Osgoode Township Museum (OTM) in Vernon, provides a look at the history of the local area from earliest times to the present. Located in the Elizabeth Stevens Stuart History Room, the exhibit “focus[es] on rural and agricultural aspects of life in Osgoode Township,” according to Jillian Jordan, OTM executive director.

Jordan explained that the exhibit took over a year of preparation which included major renovations, extensive research, and an examination of the artifacts already in the museum’s possession. She continued there were four members of the museum staff that worked on the project, as well as four Algonquin College student volunteers that assisted in the research and mount-making components. Jordan noted that “everyone came together” and worked seamlessly to get the job done. She expressed thanks to local graphic artists Andrea Tritton and Derek Brousseau of D.B. Custom Designs for their contributions to the project.

The exhibit is arranged in areas that highlight the Indigenous population pre- and post-European contact, military service, commercial activities, local personalities, transportation, and the role of agriculture in the area. Upon entering the exhibit, one immediately can see a 17-foot dugout canoe made from a single pine log by Sam Craig and Alex Kennedy in the 1890s, with the display text noting that “dugout canoes (...) were commonly used by Indigenous Peoples and early settlers.” Jordan explained the first Indigenous Peoples thought to be in the Osgoode area were Algonquin Anishinaabe with the “Indigenous lithic material in our exhibit dating to the late Archaic period, which is 6,000 to 3,000 before the present time.”

Those who have studied



Osgoode Township Museum executive director Jillian Jordan is shown in the Elizabeth Stevens Stuart History Room where the Rooted in Rural: Cultivating Connections permanent exhibition is located. A display detailing the community coming together to raise a barn is in front of Jordan with the 17-foot dugout canoe in view.

Thompson Goddard Photo

the life and times of European pioneers in this country, are well versed in the roles played by community members coming together to complete projects such as quilt making and barn raisings. In the centre of the display is located a cast bronze and wood replica of “an image of a 1922 barn raising on A.J. Kennedy’s property, just north of Vernon,” with Jordan continuing to say that the project was spearheaded by Gary Briggs, a former board member of the museum, and that he utilized the talents of several volunteers.

One of the interesting features of the exhibit was the utilization of two windows in the room used as picture frames for oversized photographs. In the military section, the window provides a frame for an enlarged photograph of three local soldiers, Duff Crerar, Elmo Sully and Bert Campbell from World War One.

Throughout Eastern Ontario, many homes are constructed of Boyd Blocks manufactured in the village of Osgoode. There is also one of the machines used to create the concrete Boyd Blocks by hand. Turning the corner into the final section of the display, is an approximately five-foot paper-mache Mr. Peanut,

once located in the grocery store operated by the Porteous family in Vernon. Mr. Peanut is located between memorabilia of singer/songwriter Orval Prophet from Edwards on one side, and items formerly belonging to National Hockey League player Larry Robinson from Marvelville on the other.

Due to current COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, people are unable to participate in an interactive market produce stand that a recent OTM press release describes as playing “homage to the hardworking agricultural families in our community, with the goal of connecting kids with the idea of where our food comes from.”

She mentioned how there are plans to have a temporary exhibit in an open area of the Elizabeth Stevens Stuart History Room during the off-season when the exhibits in the barn are closed. Some themes will include Women in Agriculture, LBGQT+ In Rural Communities and on the Effects of Climate Change to Crops.

Jordan mentioned how the OTM is dedicated to assisting in the education of the next generation. To facilitate this goal, the OTM has developed two virtual presentations, one on the local participation in the First World War and another on building with Boyd Blocks; these are tied to Grade 9 and 10 curriculum goals and there are more in the planning stages. She also mentioned that the different areas are colour-coded, so when in-person school visits can be held, teachers will be able to assign specific projects to specific colour-coded areas of the exhibit for their students.

Jordan explained in a recent email to The Chesterville Record, “the museum is closed to the public for the duration of

the lockdown as directed by the province.” For more information on the exhibit and other OTM initiatives including the Barn Quilt Virtual Tour, please visit their website at www.osgoodemuseum.ca.



Two windows in the Elizabeth Stevens Stuart History Room are now used to display oversized photographs of Osgoode Township history. This photograph of three local First World War soldiers appears as a framed photograph in one of the windows.

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National Hockey League defenceman Larry Robinson and singer/songwriter Orval Prophet have memorabilia displayed alongside Mr. Peanut who once graced the nearby Porteous grocery store in Vernon.

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SDG encourages residents to name our snow plow

SD&G—The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry is rolling out a fun program to add some colour to our winter maintenance activities.

Starting today, residents and other interested parties can help name each of the 16 snow plows the county owns that are used to keep our vast road system clean and safe during the winter months.

By following the link below, residents can open a short survey that asks for some options to be chosen, as well as an opportunity to submit their own name. The survey will remain live until Jan. 22. After that, the results will be tabulated, and the new names will be unveiled.

“This is a great way to add some fun in the dead of winter,” said Transportation and Planning Services director Benjamin de Haan.

“We’re hoping people enjoy this activity and help us to add some distinctiveness to our fleet.”

The county will add the names to the plows later this winter. Some of the more colourful options include:

- County Cleaver
- Bainsville Brawler
- Morewood Less Snow
- Sheila Dundela
- The Barber of Hanesville
- Eat Meat? Dun-Vegan
- Avonmore Ace
- Guardian O’Glengarry



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Retirement homes

Continued from the front

“There is active screening for all staff on arrival and departure from all shifts.”

She said this is the new normal that everyone has adapted to.

“We are fortunate to say we are a safe little bubble here.”

The Sunset Cove Retirement Residence in Long Sault has enjoyed a

Even with applying social distancing and mask wearing, residents can still enjoy the place they call home.

“The residents are fairly good at having all the rules laid out for them. We try our very best to make sure our residents are kept in the loop about what is going on,” she said.

The staff, through social media, also keep family members updated about what is going on at the

ways.

Regular testing and a positive attitude coupled with a committed staff have made the pandemic more bearable.

Eric Chartrand, a managing partner at the Kemptville facility said they are following all the local health regulations.

“The staff are very resilient, very high commitment. They are very impressive. I cannot say enough good things about



The Garden Villa Retirement Residence in Chesterville.

Courtesy Photo

similar experience with the pandemic.

The retirement residence has been informed by the EOHU that they are slated in the coming weeks to have the vaccine delivered to their residents and staff.

They have, as all retirement residences have, been adhering to the Eastern Ontario Health Units’ recommendations and regulations regarding the virus.

Angel Murray is the general manager of the residence.

Visits are restricted but staff offer other ways for residents to stay in touch with friends and family.

She said, “We do offer virtual visits and virtual tours.”

The pandemic has not caused a lack of interest in the residence.

“We are able to do activities,” she said.

retirement home.

Russell Meadows Retirement Community and its sister facility in Kemptville, called Kemptville Retirement Living are both dealing with the pandemic in positive

them. They are truly passionate about what they do,” said Chartrand.

With restrictions on visiting, residents have been using Facebook and virtual visits to connect with their families and friends.

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Meeting Notice: Natural Heritage Study

South Nation Conservation invites residents to attend online public information sessions on draft Natural Heritage System (NHS) study maps developed for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG), and Prescott and Russell (UCPR). Feedback will assist in updating Official Plan policies for both Counties.

Please join us online:

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 7:00pm (SDG)
Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 7:00pm (UCPR)
Stream live at www.youtube.com/SouthNationCA

To learn more about the NHS, access draft maps, frequently asked questions, and report keystone wildlife sightings, visit: www.nation.on.ca/nhs.



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Avis de réunion : Étude du patrimoine naturel

La Conservation de la Nation Sud invite les résidents à assister a des séances d’information publique en ligne sur les ébauches de cartes d’étude concernant le Système du patrimoine naturel (SPN) élaborés pour les Comtés unis de Stormont, Dundas et Glengarry (SDG), ainsi que pour Prescott et Russell (CUPR). Les commentaires recueillis aideront à mettre à jour les politiques du plan officiel pour les deux comtés.

Bien vouioir vous joinare à nous en ligne :

Mardi 9 février 2021, à 19h00 (SDG)
Mercredi 10 février 2021, à 19h00 (CUPR)
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2020 Year in Review

March 2020

Chesterville & District Historical Society ready for the future

CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville & District Historical Society held its 2020 annual general meeting on Tues., Feb. 18 at the Heritage Centre on

Victoria Street. Business items included a discussion of events throughout the past year including the very successful 35th anniversary dinner and the continuing work of the CDHS accessions committee. There was also a report on the recent Spin-In presented by organizer Nancy McMillan as well as discussing plans to hold a “Nestlé Tea” on March 24.

Shrove Tuesday in Stormont-Dundas

SDG – There was no need to mark the end of Shrovetide and the beginning of Lent by travelling to New Orleans and participating in the Mardi Gras celebrations, when throughout Stormont and Dundas counties, countless homes and communities enjoyed a pancake dinner on Pancake Tuesday.

Generous community made Christmas 2019 special

NORTH DUNDAS – North Dundas residents once again rose to the challenge of ensuring those

in need were able to enjoy a Merry Christmas this past year, thanks to the efforts of the North Dundas Christmas Fund committee and the support of area organizations and residents.

“The community came through and those in need were helped,” said Bob Weagant, NDCFC chair. NDCFC also expressed thanks to all those who assisted in the 2019 campaign.

ATV ride raises \$21,000 for Camp Erin

NORTH DUNDAS – A steady stream of ATV’s left the parking lot at North Dundas District High School shortly after 10 a.m. on Sat., March 7 as the Nation Valley ATV Spring

Ride for Camp Erin got underway. Charlotte Coons, co-chair of the organizing committee, said the 192 participants raised more than \$21,000 for Camp Erin.

Camp Erin Eastern Ontario began a few years ago and is hosted by Carefor Health and Community Services. Carolyn Bourassa, Camp Erin director, said it “is an amazing experience for the children,” with no cost to camp participants.

Winchester Public School concept plan sent back to UCDSB

WINCHESTER – Progress on the Winchester Childcare Development plan has been slow but

steady. Last week, the North Dundas council deferred the latest concept plan for the project from the Upper Canada District School Board.

Councillors had a lengthy discussion about the plan at the council meeting on Tues., Mar. 3.

The issue seems to be a concern by the council over the consequences of increased car, school bus and foot traffic around the school once the daycare has been added.

The plan was first proposed in 2019 by the school board. There have been several meetings between the school board and the council and each time the concept plan becomes more clearly defined.

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Ladies Night picks Camp Erin as 2020 beneficiary

RUSSELL – For the past 17 years, Judy McFaul has been organizing Ladies Night in Russell. For the past 16 years, Lynne Rochon has been right there beside her. Together, along with dozens of volunteers, the women have raised \$400,000 for a wide variety of charitable causes, most of them healthcare related.

Along with members of the Russell Agricultural Society Ladies Night committee, McFaul and Rochon are back at it, with the 2020 edition of Ladies Night set for May 8 at the Russell Arena. Although it seems like an odd fit, the high-fashion Ladies Night has always been sponsored by the agricultural society.

Embrun entrepreneurs receive start-up grant

L'ORIGINAL – Eight entrepreneurs from the region have received total grant funding of \$40,000 under the Starter Company Plus program for their respective businesses.

The recipients each received a grant funding of \$5,000:

Chantale and Nathalie Deslauriers – Académie Shanthaly – Embrun

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Justin Fisher – Covenant Springs Farm – Curran (Pendleton)

CDSBEO using virtual reality to introduce skilled trades

KEMPTVILLE – Virtual reality and specialized job

skills were discussed at the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario board meeting on Tues., March 3. The board heard an update on the Specialist High Skills Major Program and virtual reality learning experiences.

CDSBEO is taking career exploration to a new level in its Grade 10 Careers' classes. This year, students have the opportunity to use CareerLabs VR, a virtual reality program, to explore the skilled trades in an immersive, virtual environment.

Pilot project aims to achieve parity in municipal politics

RUSSELL – A project to encourage women in the United Counties of Prescott-Russell to become more involved in municipal politics has received support from the Russell council.

The pilot project, called Towards Parity in Prescott-Russell, was presented to the Russell council at the March 2 meeting by project leader Marie-Noëlle Lanthier.

"We are encouraging women from all municipalities to participate," said Lanthier.

Councillor calls for vigilance when Hydro One trims trees

RUSSELL – Residents of Russell Township's most scenic, stately thoroughfare have been notified by Hydro One that tree

trimming is planned where there's interference with power lines.

The utility is permitted by law to undertake such work along the road allowance but residents and township Coun. Cindy Saucier hope cutting and trimming is done carefully.

"Our neighbours are very proud of the tree-lined street and very protective of the few remaining trees along it," Forced Road resident Harry Baker wrote to Hydro One forestry technician David Fortin. Noting that five trees on his property are marked for trimming, he asked to be notified when the work is to be done "so I can arrange to be at home to observe."

Farming has changed, but the Crysler Farm Show endures

CRYSLER – This year's Crysler Farm Show is in its 50th year and it is still a great event for local farmers.

The show on March 5 and 6 had 30 vendors and a full house of interested visitors and enthusiastic competitors.

The farm show was started by Alphonse Lafrance and his late brother Marcel in 1970.

"In the first year we had five vendors," said Lafrance.

Farmers from the area had to travel to Ottawa for the Ottawa Valley Farm Show as there was nowhere else for them to go back then.

Now, villages across the region have their own farm shows with the top award-winners going to Ottawa to compete in the larger show.

June 2020

Township starts the clock on penalties and interest charges

NORTH DUNDAS – As the province gradually begins to revert to a new normal, so too must municipalities. On July 1,



Good morning at Iron Forge Pizza

Breakfast was served at the outdoor patio of the Iron Forge Pizza restaurant in Winchester on Sat., June 20. The patio had opened the week before on June 13 in the midst of a cold snap. The past weekend was perfect with Saturday morning temperatures reaching 24 degrees. Here, enjoying breakfast in downtown Winchester are, left to right: Kaitlin Robichaud and Aly Pringle.

Morin Photo

North Dundas will be ending their waiver on the interest and penalties, if any, on unpaid taxes. On that day, the clock will once again begin ticking for residents who have been spared paying the interest owed on their unpaid taxes.

The council made the decision at their June 16 meeting.

Serving their community

BERWICK – The June 9 North Stormont council meeting got off to a shaky start when Coun. Roxane Villeneuve requested the postponement of the meeting to Thurs., June 11 due to incorrect information to join the teleconference being provided on the municipal Facebook page. Her concern was people would be unable to attend the public meeting due to the wrong dial-in number provided. The correct phone number and access code had been provided for posting on the municipality's website on Tues., June 4 according to CAO Calder, who advised council the correct login information had been posted on the Facebook page when the error was discovered. Calder continued that he was advised by the IT department of the United

Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry that 23 people were on the call-in number and approximately 30 were listening on a livestream

from another news service. A motion was put forth and after a discussion on the matter, council voted to continue the meeting.

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June 2020

Landfill site prepares for Phase 2 of getting back to normal

NORTH DUNDAS – The Covid-19 restrictions have impacted on every aspect of life for North Dundas residents and on municipal operations including the landfill site.

The HHW facility would be open by appointment only. “Then we would be able to maintain that distance between individuals utilizing it and we could also ask those people what they are actually bringing so that we can gauge how we can package the materials,” Doug Frosts said.

He added that some changes were necessary at the HHW facility before they could open it. “If everything is ready, we would be able to hold our first Saturday HHW day as previously advertised, on July 18 from 8 a.m. to noon, but by appointment only.”

Fees waived for local businesses

Many area businesses have been closed since mid-March because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit announced on June 8 that June 12 would mark the beginning of Phase 2 of the COVID-19 recovery process.

The North Dundas council received a request from its director of Planning Building and Enforcement, Calvin Pol. He asked the council at their June 16 meeting to waive certain fees.

“I would like to help our local businesses by waiving the costs for applications fees for our street-side patios as well as for our tent permits,” said Pol.

Russell township kicks off rededicating process

RUSSELL – Russell Township Coun. Mike Tarnowski tabled a suggestion at the township’s June 15 meeting that complements Mayor Pierre

Leroux’s drive to replace the person behind the Russell name.

Tarnowski would like to see the township look for terms of reference for the creation of a community based committee that would review what the township does, and look for ways to improve diversity, equity and inclusion.

The Emily Project takes root in North Dundas

NORTH DUNDAS – A farm accident can happen anytime and anywhere.

The rural landscape can make locating an accident victim difficult.

The Farm 911 Emily Project hopes to address that issue.

Emily Trudeau, 7, died after she fell from, and was struck by a moving tractor, on her parents’ beef farm near Tweed in 2014. First responders could not immediately find the location of the field where the accident happened. Time is everything in an emergency, and a civic address at the entrance to a vacant farm field could make all the difference. The new civic address sign on Jim Shaw’s land was a great opportunity to introduce the Emily Project to the township. The field is on Shaw Road.

Lucky Dollar reopens in Morewood

MOREWOOD – The Lucky Dollar convenience store in Morewood, located at 98 Main St. has been serving the community for more than 50 years.

The popular store has had a roller coaster ride in the last few years with a new owner, then a sale, then another new owner.

The new operators of the Lucky Dollar are John and Jane Park.

The couple purchased the store last year, and after months of renovations are finally happy to announce their store is open and ready for business.

On Fri., June 26 the North Dundas council stopped by the store to take part in its official opening.

Metcalf Farmers’ Market opens

METCALFE – The Metcalfe Farmers Market is up and running for another year.

The market has been in operation for the past 27 years, so having opening day on Sat., June 27 was appropriate.

Thirty vendors signed up for this first day at the market.

The COVID-19 restrictions meant that some vendors had to set up outside and the building next to the market was held in reserve in case of bad weather.

Market manager Melanie Anderson said putting some vendors outside ensured social distancing measures were adhered to.

July 2020

Parking problems at Morrisburg waterfront

MORRISBURG – During the June 1 council meeting, a report provided to council by Danielle Watson, director of Environmental Services recommended the installation of barricades “along the east side of the parking lot, to the east of the Dockside Grill and along the south side of the existing ball diamond.”

After a discussion which included council members suggesting the need to investigate other solutions to the problem of motorized vehicles using the pathway and raising concerns over limiting access to the park, council decided to install the barricades as suggested in Watson’s report.

Mandatory masks in Eastern Ontario

CHESTERVILLE – Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, many people have been voluntarily wearing a mask to lessen the transmission of the disease, especially when worn in an enclosed public space. The phrase “I wear a mask, I protect you. You wear a mask, you protect me. We all wear a mask means everyone is protected” has been heard throughout the pandemic period as a reason for the public wearing a non-medical mask in public.

While previously face coverings has been on a voluntary basis, on Mon., July 6, Medical Officer of Health (MOH) from Ottawa Public Health, Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Health Unit, Renfrew County and District Health Unit and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit announced a directive making the wearing of face masks mandatory in certain enclosed public spaces. This



Emily Project

Introducing the new Farm 911 sign in North Dundas were, left to right: Jacqueline Pemberton, Zone 11 director for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Mayor Tony Fraser, Marty Derks, president of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, Coun. Tyler Hoy, Coun. Gary Annable, Coun. John Thompson and Deputy Mayor Al Armstrong. Standing in the centre is landowner Jim Shaw.

Morin Photo

came into effect on July 7.

Drive-in movies come to South Mountain

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Break out the popcorn and blankets.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on just about every aspect of daily life.

Getting back to normal in the workplace, and having some fun outside of it has been and continues to be littered with challenges.

The Mountain Township Agricultural Society (MTAS) has come up with an idea they hope will address some of those challenges. The fair board had to cancel the 2020 South Mountain fair but that did not stop them from coming up with other ideas for community events.

With the help of North Dundas they are going ahead with the idea of holding drive-in movie nights at the fairgrounds.

Protecting our rights

CHESTERVILLE – On June 18, Bill 156, “Security from Trespass and Protect Food Safety Act, 2020,” received Royal Assent after being “carried on division” on June 17 in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

A press release on June 18 by Jim McDonell, Stormont Dundas and South Glengarry Member of Provincial Parliament, describes this bill as designed “to balance the safety and security of farmers, their families and the provincial food supply, with protecting the right for people to participate in lawful protests on public property.”

Capital City Cowgirls dust off moves at the

Circle J Ranch

METCALFE – The Capital City Cowgirls are back in the saddle.

The synchronized all-girl equestrian team held their first practice at the Circle J Ranch just north of Metcalfe on Fri., July 17.

The team is made up of 21 members. Last year they performed their specialized brand of Choreography on the Hoof at such equine events as Rawhide Rodeo, Wesley Clover Park, Upper Canada Village and local fairs to name a few.

Barbara Ann Glaude receives 2020 4-H Ontario Arbor Award

STORMONT COUNTY – Stormont County 4-H was pleased to announce that Barbara Ann Glaude, longtime volunteer and supporter of 4-H in the Stormont County organization was one of three recipients of the 2020 4-H Ontario Arbor Awards. This prestigious honour was sponsored by Bayer Crop Science and recognizes “exemplary volunteer service with 4-H in Ontario and the community.

GFL Provides \$614,000 cheque to North Stormont Township

BERWICK – North Stormont Township received a significant financial boost today in the form of a contribution of \$614,000 from Green for Life (GFL) Environmental Inc. as part of a long-standing host agreement with the municipality.

Protecting Morrisburg waterfront

MORRISBURG – The hot temperatures has

resulted in many people seeking relief from the heat and humidity along the St. Lawrence waterfront. On July 2 the Municipality of South Dundas announced the temporary closure of the beach areas in Morrisburg and Iroquois on weekends commencing on July 4 until further notice, with the beaches remaining open through the week.

2020 Great Canadian Cow Race - A different kind of race!

WINCHESTER – Though the Covid-19 pandemic has changed more than a few things this year, the annual Great Canadian Cow Race (GCCR) sponsored by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108 in Winchester is moving ahead with a virtual edition of this Dairyfest favourite!

According to Janine Fawcett of the Winchester Legion, the 2020 GCCR will be a virtual event scheduled to be live-streamed on Aug. 8 at 3 p.m. There will be six cows in the race, each running for a different charity.

Volunteers make the difference at arena upgrade

CHESTERVILLE – Communities that work together, do well together.

Looking after municipal infrastructure can be a never-ending challenge to small municipalities. The Chesterville Arena is getting new dressing rooms thanks to the generosity of community minded residents and leadership from the council.

Deputy mayor Al Armstrong helped out a work crew of volunteers as they laboured to build new dressing rooms for all of the players who use the arena.

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Project Safe Trade

EMBRUN—The Russell County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to inform members of the public about a program launched in an effort to make online transactions safer for buyers and sellers.

The purpose of Project Safe Trade is to create a 'community safe zone' at the OPP detachment parking lot, in which online property transactions can be conducted. Creating a 'community safe zone' is about moving online transactions away from secluded parking lots, personal residences or other areas and bringing them to a public place. We are inviting everyone to use the OPP 'Safe Trade' designated parking spaces at our detachment. These Safe Trade parking spots are always available with no appointment necessary. The OPP does not monitor or mediate the use of these premises for these purposes.

Online transaction safety tips:

- Meet in a busy public place;
- Bring a trusted friend or family member along as a witness;
- Keep transactions during daylight hours; and
- Do not erase emails, texts or voicemails between yourself and the seller/buyer.

What is Project Safe Trade?

Online classified and auction sites are often used as tools to sell stolen property to unknowing victims and can present a safety threat. To increase public safety and

reduce crime, the Ontario Provincial Police is inviting members of the public to use their OPP detachment parking lot to facilitate property transactions arranged online.

The numbers...

Statistics tell us that only 5 per cent of internet or telephone scams/frauds/thefts are reported. Many incidents go unreported due to shame or embarrassment on the part of the victim.

How can the community help?

We need community partners, citizens and neighbours, agencies, and police to mobilize for community safety and well-being. Collaborative approaches reduce harm and victimization with the goal of developing long-term sustainable solutions.

How can Project Safe Trade help?

Creating a "community safe zone" in police detachment parking lots is about moving online marketplace transactions away from secluded parking lots or private residences and bringing them into public places.

Please contact your local OPP detachment or local police service to see if there is a Safe Trade Zone or similar online transaction program near you.



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Catch the Ace jackpot skyrockets to over \$163,000!

RUSSELL – The Kin Club of Russell's Catch the Ace jackpot now exceeds \$163,000 and yesterday's (Sun., Jan. 3) weekly winner, Paul Villeneuve, won \$8,114, however, he drew the Three of Clubs (envelope #31). Paul smiled when asked what he had planned for his winnings, "A new lawn tractor" he beamed!

The Kin Club of Russell's 3rd Catch the Ace lottery just surpassed over \$250,000 in profits to be donated back to their community. The funds, now growing over \$20,000 per week and increasing, will be directed to; Breast Cancer Action, Cystic Fibrosis Canada, Osgoode Senior Care Centre, Valoris Foundation, Russell Minor Hockey Association and Winchester District



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Memorial Hospital Foundation once the lottery has concluded.

There are now only 16 envelopes remaining and Catch the Ace ticket sales, thanks to online ticket purchases (\$5.00 each ticket) at www.kinclubofrussell.ca/catch-the-ace have already set sales records and has purchasers from 185 communities across Ontario.

Due to COVID restrictions and the lockdown, the next several draws will not be held at Étienne Brûlé Brewery but privately. Next draw is Sun., Jan. 10 and paper ticket sales close at all retail locations (see our website above for retail locations) at noon or earlier Sunday before the draw. Online ticket sales closed at 11:59 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 2.

Russell County OPP lays drug and firearm charges

RUSSELL—On Dec. 30, 2020, shortly after 4:30 a.m., a Russell County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer stopped a vehicle on Highway 417 eastbound near the Limoges exit.

The investigation revealed that the driver was in contravention of the Ontario Cannabis Act, resulting in a search of the vehicle. The search uncovered nearly 160 grams of suspected fentanyl and 110 grams of crack cocaine and cocaine combined. The drugs seized had a total value of nearly \$27,000.

As a result of the investigation, David Ivan Trombley, 22-years-old, from Windsor was arrested and charged with:

Failure to Comply with release order -Criminal Code 145(5)(a);

Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of



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Trafficking - Cocaine Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) 5(2);

Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Heroin CDSA 5(2);

Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Opioid (other

than heroin) CDSA 5(2); and Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm CC 91(1).

The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario

Court of Justice in L'Orignal at a later date.

A second individual fled from the scene on foot and an arrest warrant has been issued.



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The Metcalfe Agricultural Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

All members are cordially invited to attend. Please e-mail office@metcalfefair.com to register.

Proposed changes to the Constitution of the Society will be considered at this meeting. Such proposed changes are available for viewing by e-mail request to office@metcalfefair.com or at www.metcalfefair.com.

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved brother, Gerard (Dodo) Ouellette of Russell, Ontario, on Friday, December 18, 2020, at the age of 65. Gerard was a proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion in Russell for many years.
Son of the late Lucien Ouellette and the late Pauline (née Kelly) Ouellette. He will be lovingly remembered by his siblings Elaine (Allan), Denis (Sylvia), Diane (Jeff), Lorraine (Dale), the late Francis, Louise (Dan), Gisele (Jacques), Michelle, Mary Jane (Matthew), Cathy (Bryan) and Nicole (Michael). Gerard will be forever missed by his many nieces, nephews, Godchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.
Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private family funeral service will be held at the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Russell.
Donations to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church and the Royal Canadian Legion would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you wish to make your donation online or by cheque directly to these organizations, please include the following note with your donation: "Please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at Lamarche & Hill Funeral Home in Embrun, Ontario.
An Interment Service will be held at a later date.