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Briefly

North Dundas opens outdoor rinks

NORTH DUNDAS – The Morewood and Hallville outdoor rinks are open as well as the rinks in Inkerman and South Mountain. The following is a list of requirements that go along with rinks opening:

- Team sports or games where you cannot keep a 2m physical distance from others are not permitted;
- Do not share equipment with others;
- If the rink is busy, come back when there are fewer people;
- Consider wearing a mask;
- Maintain physical distance of at least 2m at all times;
- Respect the maximum capacity posted at each rink;
- Rink houses and accessory buildings will remain closed; and
- Stay home if you are sick or have been advised to self-isolate.

Bell Let's Talk

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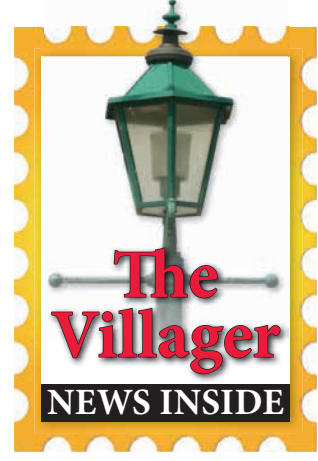
A virtual discussion is planned for Thurs., Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

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Even the foals have figured out social distancing

Embracing the cold weather and beautiful sunshine, there are things we can do to help escape the winter blues. “Look outside the box” and find those little things that can bring joy and peace during this cold weather. Kick up your heels and enjoy the simple beauty we have around us.

Vogel Photo

Million-dollar pumping station construction on horizon

Sandy Casselman
LJI Journalist

MORRISBURG – The pumping station for the new Dutch Meadows subdivision is moving forward with the tender going out in February.

Municipality of South Dundas politicians gave staff the go ahead for the project during a special council meeting on Jan. 25.

“Council decided to go ahead with the tender using the revised estimate from EVB Engineering,” Mayor Steven Byvelts said. “They brought the cost estimate from \$1.4-million to \$1.1-million and we have added a few provisional items like the generator and metering chamber. They will draft up the documents and get the tender out in February.”

The Jan. 25 meeting was held in response to EVB Engineering’s presentation during the regular Jan. 18

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Winchester Public School to acquire childcare facility

Joseph Morin
LJI Journalist

WINCHESTER – Plans for a new daycare centre attached to the Winchester Public School have been approved.

The North Dundas council entered into a site plan agreement with the Upper Canada School Board at the Jan. 19 council meeting, ending a years-long negotiation between the municipality and school board.

The site plans for the day care in the Winchester Public School were reviewed and approved by the Site Plan Control Group on Nov. 27, 2020.

Once the new addition to the school has been completed, the staff of Happy Face Nursery School Child Care Centre will move in.

Cheryl Firlotte the executive director of Happy Face was thrilled at the news.

A childcare centre in Winchester has been a long time coming.

She said, “Happy Face has been trying to get a fulltime centre built in Winchester for about 10 years, but this project has not been on the books for that long.”

Happy Face will be a third-party operator. The school board will build the addition on the school and Happy Face will lease it.

Firlotte said they would be licensing it for 10 infants, 15 toddlers and 24 pre-school children.

Happy Face currently has centres in Chesterville, Morrisburg and Nationview in South Mountain which are all full-time centres, and before and after school programs.

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Childcare facility

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They also have before and after school programs in Berwick and in Avonmore.

"They are already starting construction in Avonmore which will be a full day centre, and now we will have Winchester. Winchester is the one where we have had such a great need in this community for so long that when they put that shovel in the ground there will be fireworks," said Firlotte.

There have been issues regarding parking for residents around the school with the addition of the daycare centre.

"We are pretty excited that they have all been willing to work with others to come to a solution that feels like it will work for everyone," said Firlotte.

On Jan. 6, the Upper Canada District School Board submitted its final revised site plans. The revised plans included changes asked for by the municipality, paving the way for the site plan to be finally accepted.

Last March the council had agreed to accept in principle, the plans for the daycare but had several questions they wanted answers to before they felt comfortable giving their approval. The council was concerned about the affect on traffic patterns in the area around the school, but the school board assured them

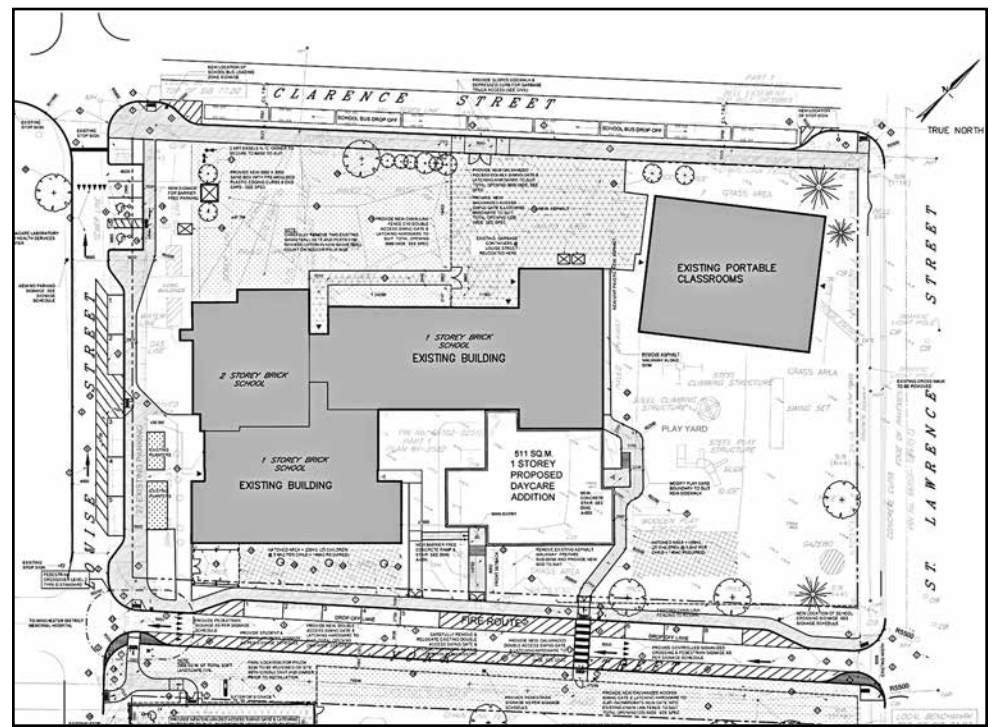
that they would do their best to ensure that good traffic flow was maintained around the school.

The school board stated in their response to the township; "Currently there are only five buses and one van. The location of the childcare drop-off lane (York Street), school drop-off lane (Louise Street) and Bus Lane (Clarence Street) are conducive to improved traffic flows and were the objective/analysis of the Impact Traffic Study."

The plan calls for the daycare and school to use the same drop-off lanes in a staggered fashion. The school drop off times will be 9:15 a.m. and 3:35 p.m. while the childcare hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A concern about what parents can do when all of the parking spots are taken up as parents wait for their children to get out of school was answered with these comments from the school board. "The design is that a short-term pickup/drop-off is the intent of the lanes, and parents waiting longer or wanting to enter the school would use the parking lot. The lot is conceptually designed larger than the Traffic Impact Study recommendations to accommodate this and larger school functions."

The council wanted to know if parents would have access to the gated school parking lot. The school board said it would



Courtesy Photo

be looking at different ways to ease traffic flow and that the software used on the gate could be adjusted.

The school board has estimated an average of 30 to 40 children will be dropped off for the childcare facilities.

The UCDSB expects the Ministry of Education to announce funding and construction approval in early 2021 for the new day care.

The school board will be carrying the cost of modifications to York Street and Louise Street. This includes the York Street mid-street crosswalk, signaling, signage, and required street lighting changes. Sidewalk enhancements on Clarence Street would be a township responsibility and are included in the 2021 draft budget to align with construction of the new daycare.

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The Foot Care is still by appointment only, entering our back door entrance with the assistance of our Foot Care Nurse, Maureen.

The Health & Wellness Clinics are by appointment as well twice a month on a Friday. If you would like to see our nurse, Kathryn, please give the centre staff a call and they will book you for an appointment.

We have a Caregiver Support Teleconference on February 10th at 1 p.m. If you are a caregiver to someone and wish to be included in this Support Group, please call Caroline at ext. 4609.

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Iroquois Cenotaph Project gets a thumbs up from council

Sandy Casselman
LJI Journalist

MORRISBURG – Municipality of South Dundas politicians are unanimously in support of the Iroquois Cenotaph Project.

During the township’s Jan. 18 council meeting, Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Eric Duncan presented a written report along with a PowerPoint presentation outlining the South Dundas Cenotaph Modernization Project Committee’s plans for the village of Iroquois. MP Duncan said the group has an ambitious completion date of fall 2021, but should that not pan out, the committee is looking at spring 2022.

“I’m all for this project,” Coun. Lloyd Wells said. “I would love to see this go forward.”

The request to council included: approval of the project proposal and the conceptual design in principle; a \$15,000 financial commitment; allowance for the committee to do banking through the municipality so as to save on HST costs and ensure donors receive income tax receipts; allowance for service clubs and

large donors to pledge money over multiple years; and for South Dundas to be the lead applicant on the funding application to Veterans Affairs Canada’s Community War Memorial program.

“I think the project is outstanding,” said Coun. Don Lewis. “It’s well worth every penny.”

The Iroquois Cenotaph Project is the second such project to be undertaken by this committee with the first being the modernization of the Matilda Memorial located at Matilda Hall in Dixons Corners. While the Matilda project budget was estimated to be \$60,000 at the outset, the Iroquois budget is projected to be between \$100,000 and \$115,000. Although the estimated cost includes in-kind work, MP Duncan noted that there are opportunities for more in-kind work to bring down the cost.

The report to council included a landscape plan, 3D video, and a proposal from Keith Ardron of Ardron Landscapes, as well as a quote from Kevin Allen of Eastern Ontario Cemetery Memorials.

The Iroquois project involves taking a monument and plaques from two separate sites and creating a new, more accessible memorial in one location. The proposed location is the north side of the Iroquois Civic Centre. The Iroquois Cenotaph currently located on Elizabeth Drive South, and the bronze plaques currently affixed to the north side of the Civic Centre building will be removed and refurbished before

being installed at a new memorial on the north side of the Civic Centre. This will include the addition of pathways and lighting for better accessibility.

“This is something hopefully the residents will get behind,” Coun. Archie Mellan said, noting the need to show respect to area veterans and the Royal Canadian Legions. “By far, it’s one of the best projects we can do for Iroquois and the town.”

In its conclusion, the report, signed by MP Duncan, as well as Iroquois Branch Legion president Darlene Riddell, Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club member Jim Locke, South Dundas Coun. Archie Mellan, as well as South Dundas resident Cindy Peters, stated: “We believe these repairs, relocation/unification of the cenotaph and plaques, and the site enhancements at the new site in front of the Civic Centre will be well received by the community and be more visible to residents and visitors alike for decades to come.”

Mayor Steven Byvelts, who said he was quite impressed with the Dixons Corners’ project, and said “this makes a lot of sense,” and the financial ask is reasonable. Noting that all of council is behind the project, the mayor said it will be passed along to staff so things can move forward.

The project documents can be viewed in South Dundas’ Jan. 18 council agenda package. The 3D video of the proposed plan can be seen by watching the council meeting video.

Pumping station

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council meeting last week. During that presentation, Francois Lafleur presented council with a plan for a pumping station that would accommodate not only the Dutch Meadows project, but future growth as well. The cost estimate came in at roughly \$1.4-million.

In 2018, South Dundas council agreed to cover the cost of the pumping station for the new subdivision. At that time, the estimated

cost was roughly \$823,939.

Lafleur attributed the increase in cost to the fact that “the construction industry in Eastern Ontario has undergone unprecedented inflation since 2018, due to what contractors are calling a ‘price correction’ in the industry. This price increase has been exacerbated by the 2020 COVID pandemic, particularly on vertical infrastructure projects like this one.” He also noted that several cost-altering variables had been

unknown at the time of the first estimate.

With council members clearly opposed to the enormous cost increase, Lafleur and municipal staff were instructed to change the plan to accommodate the Dutch Meadows project only. This updated plan was presented to council on Jan. 25.

South Dundas CAO Shannon Geraghty, who has been working closely with EVB Engineering since the outset of the project, said the goal is to get the project out for

tender as soon as possible so that the pumping station completion date might align with the subdivision’s construction date of August or September.

“We’re relatively hopeful that we can meet those deadlines, but with COVID and other issues we don’t know if that will play a factor,” Geraghty told council.




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We are all in the same storm – different boats

Normally the tension between one human and another can be anticipated and predicted.

It seems there is a golden rule somewhere that creates a special ratio between population, how many people share a square kilometer and outside circumstances, like how human behaviour can shift because of something like a pandemic.

On the one hand we have access to more grocery products, travel destinations, leisure time, in Canada at least, clean water and snow and endless vistas of forests, mountains and river.

On the other hand the provincial and federal governments have encouraged and even strongly suggested that they want all of us to stay at home for a few weeks, or months in order to block the COVID-19 virus from continuing its rampage.

The resulting stay at home orders have revealed just how fragile the veneer of civilization is.

When confronted by the pandemic, people have found themselves in an increasingly

stressful situation.

The reaction to all this stress has been overall interesting and inspiring.

Most people have taken their new stay at home circumstances in stride, coming up with clever ways not to go stir crazy, succumb to cabin fever and not hide in their basement from their children who of course are all at home as well.

You would think that over time, as the lockdown continues, tempers would become frayed, and disgruntled Canadians everywhere would be growling at one another and civilization as we know it would come apart in your local Walmart parking lot.

But patience and typically good Canadian manners have prevailed as consumers are still playing nice when it come to walking the correct direction up and down busy isles, wearing masks as required and being on their best behaviour when it comes to following the rules.

Still, just below the surface, there is sadness and disappointment and not a little fear that life will never

be the same again, that the virus will continue to threaten even with the arrival of a vaccine.

The resulting stress is not the best for maintaining good mental health.

Despite how people appear to be, happy and determined to beat the virus, many are struggling with their own loneliness, frustration and concerns.

Many people in Ontario for example are slowly running out of money and

energy but you would never know it as they politely go about what business they can during the pandemic.

So for those who are getting impatient with their fellow Canadians when they pick up on some of this frustration, be as kind as you

can be.

That person working in Walmart or at a gas station or grocery store has the same concerns that you do and are probably biting their tongue whenever someone behaves in a disrespectful way to them.

Letter

Re: Plant or Do Not Cut Trees?

As a retired farmer (no farm/forest ownership) my short answer, is to both: plant more and clear less. That is a personal valuation of forest in an agricultural land area. We (wife & I) owned farm properties with significant forest acreages, with no thought to clearing but more to crop use. Properties now have new owners. It is now their decision.

It does not automatically follow that landowners, in general, will feel the need to preserve their woodlot acreages. In fact, as time passes the economic pressure to turn woodlots to cropland acres is just going to increase. At present there is 'no' economic incentive for retaining a woodlot. As well, neither society itself, nor the provincial government (speaking for the general population) so much as whispers a word of thanks – let alone money- for maintaining our present inventory of farm woodlots.

Does the general population of Ontario value the retention (and even expansion) of woodlot cover?

If so, what we need is a public policy which places financial value on keeping and creating forest cover. The author of the December AgriNews article states it as "We cannot place the opportunity cost solely on individual farms to maintain forest cover." In other words, do not expect farmland owners to "save tree cover" at their own cost!

How could saving farm woodlots be promoted?
First, establish a provincial policy to express that clear intention.

Secondly, the cost of achieving that policy should be borne by the provincial government (At present the province is very much "hands off", leaving the local municipal government to enact and enforce "tree cutting bylaws"; the result, a mishmash of no rules to modestly restrictive rules, nothing approaching a provincial policy level.)

Third, the policy, to be effective, would then reward landowners annually for acreages kept in forest cover. It could be an actual payment to owner or, more likely, a cash offset against that owner's tax owing on crop acres.

The logic for such a proposal has been part of Ontario agriculture (and other provinces, as well) for decades. Over time, projects to benefit the whole population like transmission corridors, pipelines, ... get rights to 'use' farmland via agreements which pay the farmland owners adequately to allow the utility to "use" the land to bury their pipes, cables, to erect their structures, while the farm owner retains land title. A public benefit – a public cost!

Is retaining woodlots a public benefit? If yes, then public pressure needs to focus on a provincial policy that would put a real dollars and cents incentive to achieve that purpose.

Tough sell? Certainly! ... but... a good place to start would be a clear provincial statement that preservation of farm woodlots is a public benefit. Like the November AgriNews article points out, farm landowners alone cannot be expected to bear the total cost of woodlot preservation.

Gordon Garlough, Williamsburg

The Road Home

by Carolyn Thompson Goddard

There is nothing like getting outside in the winter and enjoying some of the many different winter sports.

When I was a youngster the outdoor skating rink in the Chesterville Park was a beehive of activity for the kids and adults alike. The weekend afternoons and evenings would see people of all ages and skating abilities having some fun and exercise at the rink. In addition to skating around and around, backwards and forwards or spinning around there were games such as Snap the whip ice game, British Bulldog or races around the rink.

There was a hut where you could put on or take off your skates and pop in to get warm if you got too cold.

After the arena was built it seemed like the world of winter sports exploded with skating, hockey, broomball and probably many other activities available. Of special interest to me was the well stocked canteen where you could get a bit to eat after expending all that energy either participating in a sport or watching a hockey game. I think the old, outdoor rink has been transformed into a tennis court and so far, as I recall, is still being used during the summer for racquet sports.

When I was in about Grade 9 or 10 at North Dundas, we had a few weeks

of snowshoeing as part of our gym class. It was a lot of fun to put the snowshoes on, walk around the track and even once we had snowshoe races.

Once or twice Laurie Chambers took a couple of us to a ski hill north of Ottawa and while I mastered the bunny hill and the "J" Bar, it was the one and only trip down a higher hill that almost finished my downhill skiing forever. While at university, Bev Dorman from Smith Falls took me skiing somewhere up the valley. I must have been more adventuresome because I made it up to a high hill in a chair lift but lost my nerve and convinced the ski patrol to take me safely down the hill in their toboggan. This was my last time downhill skiing and a few years later became involved in cross country skiing with my children.

In this area one of the best places to cross country ski is at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary. I remember the trails a few years ago being wonderful to ski along with friends which of course is fun, but as I would occasionally fall down and need some help getting up was absolutely necessary. For a couple of years there were a few of us who enjoyed the Moonlight Skis at the UCMBS, silently skiing through the trees, across the meadow and then back to the Visitors Centre for a treat before saying good-bye.

The last couple of years weather

had cancelled some of the Moonlight Skis and this year COVID-19 has necessitated the Friends of the Sanctuary to cancel their winter programming and the Visitors Centre. I checked with Ross Miller from the Friends of the Sanctuary (FOTS) and that COVID-19 regulations have put the winter programming on hold for now and the Visitors Centre is closed so there are no washroom facilities or equipment rentals. He told me how COVID-19 restrictions have to be followed if you use the trails, that trail use is done at your own risk and if you take something in, be sure to take it out with you to keep the area clean.

Down in my basement are my skis, boots and poles waiting to answer the call of a couple of my friends to join them at the UCMBS and get some exercise in the beautiful surroundings of this beautiful natural setting. I have seen pictures of the trails on Facebook and they look absolutely breathtaking.

I'm keeping an eye on FOTS in hopes there will soon be an announcement it will be re-opening due to lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions. I will have to take a drive out with my ski equipment and meet a couple of friends there so I can do some skiing. Hmmm, wondering if maybe I should rent some snowshoes so that I can enjoy the birds and scenery at a much slower pace and with less likelihood of falling down!

NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson

Student Council Communications

Bell Let's Talk Day is Jan. 28



Online classes are still going well, and the student council is continuing to motivate the students via morning announcements. This week started off with a groovy announcement from our minister of social activities who provided a fun dance playlist made up of the staff and student council's favourite songs to dance to.

We hope this inspires students to get their groove on and have some fun between classes!

Bell Let's Talk Day is Jan. 28. With COVID-19 affecting every aspect of our lives, Canadians are feeling the impact of the pandemic on their mental health. Everyone can take small actions such as recognizing stressors or being there for a loved one to help support mental health and strengthen our communities during this difficult time.

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Combining business with fun

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
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CHESTERVILLE—The 1st Annual Dundas County Players Awards were presented during the 2021 annual general meeting of the Dundas County Players Theatre Society (DCP) held virtually on Jan. 17, followed by the election of the 2021 executive committee.

The 2021 executive committee for DCP will see Matt Kelly serving as president, Elizabeth Barton as 1st vice president, Gabriele Thomas as 2nd vice president and Marie-Therese Robinson as past president. For the coming year, Doree Hickey will serve as secretary, Sharon Corkery as treasurer, patron and sponsor coordinator Joanne Ventrella, JP Leduc as webmaster. Caroline Zipfel and Brenda Windmill will serve the theatrical group as producers at large for 2021. Marie-Therese Robinson, who served as DCP president in 2020, explained in a recent email to *The Chesterville Record* the DCP Awards “were created for a variety of reasons” which included “a way to cheer people up, get them involved in something fun, encourage them to attend a virtual AGM” as well as having “them remember

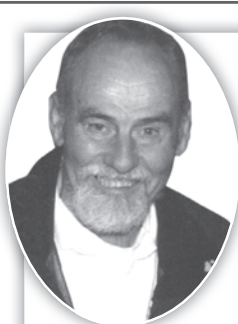
fondly all of the fun shows we’ve put on in the past.” Winners in the various categories are as follows: Dance, Fight Tableau Scene – Dance Scenes from *Aladdin*; Best Debut of an actor – Emma Bell; Actor- Most Prolific Stage Roles – Rick Ventrella; DCP Director – Most creative approach to a play – Tony Duncan, 39 Steps; Play with the best set – *The Importance of Being Earnest*; Show with the best use of lighting – *Bugsy Malone*; Most intricate stage managing job – Sabrina Ventrella for *Bugsy Malone*; Character (or actor) using the most ridiculous accent – Lynn Jolicoeur; Best overall back stage team – *Bugsy Malone*. The final category: Play with the best use of sound resulted in a tie with 29 Steps and *Aladdin* receiving an equal number of votes.

During the meeting, an overview of 2020 was provided by Robinson who mentioned DCP provided donations to Community Food Share, the Chesterville & District Historical Society which is updating the history of Chesterville as well as a North Dundas District High School bursary. While restrictions designed to curb the spread of COVID-19 had

reduced the plays performed by DCP in 2020, *The Black Albatross* and the *Treasure of Puffin McGuffin* was performed outdoors at Cannamore Orchard near Morewood on two October weekends.

Looking ahead to the 2021 theatrical season, the theatre troupe hope to perform Ken Ludwig’s *Sherwood*, perhaps at

Cannamore Orchard in the fall of 2021, with plans for the 2022 season already being considered. It is noted on their website, located at www.dcplayers.ca, “Dundas County Players will be making all decisions with the health and safety of our cast, crew, and audience members in mind, as well as following the directives of the relevant government authorities.”



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- OBITUARY - BEEHLER, RALPH

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing, of our beloved, father, brother, grandfather, great grandfather Ralph Beehler at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, on December 31, 2020 at the age of 90. Well known in the Berwick Ontario area as a good husband, carpenter, farmer and for several decades, he was the proud previous owner of Beehler Electric Motor Repair. Predeceased by his wife Rolande Eva (Benoit) Beehler. Loving father of Lorraine Nelson (Keith), Michael all of Crysler, Susan Lafleur (Leo), Estelle Beehler (Réal) all of Embrun, Denise Moore (John), Joanne Billingsley (Terry) all of Ottawa, and Marc (Stacey) of Berwick. Sadly missed by 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Predeceased by one great grandchild. He will also be remembered by his siblings. A celebration of his life will take place at a later date. An expression of sympathy, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be made at www.brownleefuneralhomes.com.

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Obituary

LIGHTFOOT, Adriana
“Sjenny” (Nee Heuff)

Peacefully at home on Sunday, January 17, 2021. Adriana Lightfoot, age 74, of Morewood. Loving mother of Terri Brugmans (Mike Cutler) of Kemptville and Chris Lightfoot of Chesterville. Dear sister of June Heuff (late Larry Marcellus) and Adriaan “Archie” Heuff (Marilyn). Will be fondly remembered as “Gam” by her grandchildren Reagan, Calla, and Nicholas Brugmans. She was predeceased by her parents Adriaan and Adriana Heuff and her husband Peter.

Private burial to take place at a later date. Donations can be made to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to the Byers Funeral Home, South Mountain (613-989-3836). Online condolences may be made at www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com.

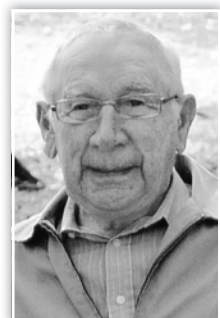


- Obituary -

STOODLEY, DEBORAH ELLEN
(Nee McDonald)

**Registered Nurse –
Winchester District Memorial Hospital**

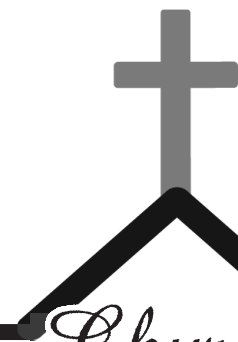
Peacefully surrounded by her loving family at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Friday, January 22, 2021. Debbie Stoodley age 62 of Winchester. Beloved wife of John. Loving Mom of Tim (Ashley), Melissa (Scott) Strban and Jonathan (Amber). Cherished Grandma of Elizabeth, Ellie, Emerson; Paisley, Weston, Adelyn; Slater, Lilah and Julie. Dearly loved sister of Carole (Freeman) Acres, John (Helen), Kenny, Glenn (Brenda), Larry (Nancy) and sister-in-law of Lois (Dale) Presley, Doris (Garry) Baker, and Darlene (Jeff) Broad. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. A private family funeral service will be held with a Celebration of Life to follow at a later date. Donations in Memory of Debbie may be made to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to the Byers Funeral Home, South Mountain (613-989-3836). Online condolences may be made at www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com.



- Obituary - William “Bill” Van Gorp

Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, January 21, 2021, Bill Van Gorp of Chesterville, age 95. Loving husband of the late Mary Van Gorp (nee Manshanden) for almost 60 years. Loving father of Tony (Betty), Gerty Tenbult, Peter (Bernadetta) and Gerry (Debbie). Cherished Opa of Angie (Kevin), Jenny (Lee), Stacey (Marty), Mark (Amanda), Amy, Scott (Jen), Matthew (Rebekah), Michael (Rebecca), Amie (Brad), Taylor, and Great-Opa of Hendrick, Ty, Thomas, Hallie, Herman, Charlotte, Mason, Patrick, Grady, Claire, Lochlan, Hudson, Ava, Iya, Audrey and Heath. Predeceased by his sisters Truus de Brouwer and Antonia Wientjes and his brothers Herman and Tinus Van Gorp. Also survived by many nieces and nephews in Holland.

Bill and Mary immigrated to Canada in 1955. After being a farm hand and a short stint in construction they purchased a farm on Boundary Road where they raised their family. Bill enjoyed working with cows, on the land, with his chickens, horses and birds. After selling the cows he enjoyed building feeder wagons for local farmers. He was always quick to make a joke with a friendly sense of humour and many stories to share. Bill especially enjoyed all the grandchildren and great grandchildren who always made him smile. Bill spent his last years at the Garden Villa in Chesterville which he enjoyed very much. We would like to thank everyone at the Garden Villa for taking such good care of Dad. He will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him. Due to Covid restrictions a private family funeral service will be held at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville. Interment will be at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to Winchester Hospital or Operation Smile would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.



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Britney Van Loon Awarded SFA Bursary

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

FINCH — North Stormont resident Britney Van Loon was awarded the Stormont Federation of Agriculture (SFA) Bursary during the organization's 2021 annual general meeting held virtually on Jan. 21.

SFA secretary-treasurer Barbara-Ann Glaude explained in an email to *The Chesterville Record*, "two bursaries of \$750" are "awarded to either a college or university student meeting the eligibility requirements. These awards are open to either SFA members or the daughter or son of a member who "have successfully completed at least the first year of a college/university program and must be enrolled in the following year(s)" and have provided a completed application to the SFA secretary "no later than Jan. 15." Glaude noted how "all applications will be welcomed and received" with higher priority given to agricultural programs.

In a recent interview, Van Loon explained that she had learned of the bursary through a notice "in the Stormont Federation of Agriculture's Newsletter [they received] at home." She described the application process as having to provide the school and program she is currently in "and write up about [her] experience on farms, participation in 4-H, educational and career goals and any other



SFA Bursary winner Britney Van Loon is shown here in a courtesy photo. Courtesy Photo: Britney Van Loon

leadership or volunteer experience [she has]."

Van Loon is currently in the second year of a three-year Architectural Technology program at Algonquin College in Ottawa and is studying online from her North Stormont home. In her application for the bursary, she described her growing up and working on the family-farm, being employed for "four summers at the Avonmore Berry Farm." She described how she completed several clubs as a member of Stormont County 4-H, held leadership positions in some of the clubs and attended the 4-H Ontario Youth Adventure camp one summer. She has had leadership training and opportunities while a student at Tagwi Secondary School and attended the Eastern Ontario Student Leadership Conference for three years. She has many interests including sports such as "hockey, broomball, basketball, and volleyball, entering items

in the local fairs," volunteering in both her home community and "in Russell where [her] grandparents are from."

The money from the award will be used "to help with [her] schooling and to buy specific tools to support [her] work in the Architecture program." And she was quite appreciative to receive the bursary. Van Loon explained she had received notification she would receive the bursary on Jan. 20 and a few days prior had received an invite from the SFA to attend the virtual AGM where the winners would be announced. As she had an evening class scheduled for that date, her parents attended the meeting and accepted the award and "thanked the committee on [her] behalf," and noted that she received a congratulatory email later that evening.

The SFA Bursary program is just one of the many ways this organization supports the aspirations and goals of the community it serves.

Council approves cost to address water service issue

Sandy Casselman
LJI Journalist

MORRISBURG — South Dundas municipal staff have been given the go ahead to move forward with water services work for the Lamplighter Motel and the Car Wash located next door.

At the Jan. 18 council meeting, elected officials approved staff's request for \$3,122.08 from the 2021 budget to cover the township's labour, equipment and material cost for its portion of the project.

According to the status report, "the project includes the relocation of the water and sanitary service for the Lamplighter Motel and the sanitary service for the Car Wash, which currently

runs diagonally across a vacant property owned by Benson along the north side of County Road 2 in Morrisburg."

With Benson looking to develop its property, it became necessary for water services for the motel and car wash to be moved. It was during the Dec. 21, 2020 council meeting that politicians initially approved municipal involvement.

South Dundas is assisting with the cost of the new water line from the initial connection located at the Car Wash, west to the valve of the motel. The Lamplighter owners will be responsible for the cost from the valve to their property. The township will cover the cost of an additional valve to be installed on the car washes' existing line.

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Empty Bowls serves soup to the community

WILLIAMSBURG – Empty Bowls is an annual Community Food Share event that serves 150 guests homemade soup in locally handcrafted bowls.

The event raises awareness about food insecurity in Dundas and Stormont counties and is one of our organization’s most important fundraisers.

We regret that, due to public health restrictions, the 5th annual event scheduled for Feb. 13 has been postponed until Feb. 12, 2022.

We cannot wait to share this meal with our community when it is safe to gather again. To avoid in-person ticket sales, our Cash Calendar (another successful fundraiser), has also been put on hold.

Instead, Community Food Share has started running a monthly online 50/50 raffle as a contact free fundraiser. The first draw is Mon., Feb. 1. Visit www.communityfoodshare.ca/5050 to play and spread the word for a chance to win even more! When you buy a ticket, you are helping feed your community.



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South Stormont resident killed in snowmobile accident

SOUTH STORMONT—Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry (SD&G) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers went to the scene of a fatal snowmobile accident on County Road 2, Ingleside in South Stormont Township.

On Sun., Jan. 24, shortly after 2:00 p.m., officers of the SDG OPP

responded to the collision involving a snowmobile and a passenger vehicle. The male driver of the snowmobile entered the roadway and was struck by an eastbound passenger vehicle.

The male driver, Yanick Tremblay (age 44) of South Stormont, was pronounced deceased at the scene of the collision.

The driver and passenger of the passenger vehicle were uninjured.

SD&G OPP continue to investigate the collision with the assistance of the OPP Traffic Collision Investigators (TCI).

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Community Watch comes to Winchester

WINCHESTER – A Community Watch Program has

been established in Winchester. Resident Stephanie Seaver is the watch chairperson. She has been working on the community watch concept for the past few months.

“A few community members and I were concerned about the recent increase in crimes in the area (break and enter, assault and theft).”

She said, “I work in the security industry and I am pursuing a career in law

enforcement – keeping people safe is just second nature to me. I thought a community watch program would be a great idea to help deter these recent crimes.”

Thompson appointed to Trillium Foundation

CHESTERVILLE – It was recently announced that Doug Thompson, a former resident of Chesterville, with 31 years of municipal government

experience in both Osgoode Township and the City of Ottawa, was appointed to the Champlain Grant Review Team of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

Thompson explained that he was approached in August of this year by the Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sports, Tourism and Culture Industries that his “name had been put forward” for an appointment to the OTF grant review team.

ND Parade of Lights Trade and Vendor Fair 2020

WINCHESTER – A companion piece to this year’s Parade of Lights in Winchester is the North Dundas Parade of Lights Trade and Vendor Fair at the Joel Steele Arena on Sat., Dec. 5.

Because of COVID there will be a limit of fifty people in the Joel Steele Community Hall

at a time, as well as numerous other safety protocols in place.

Butterfly Child Christmas Drive

RUSSELL – Canadian award-winning artist and songwriter, Tara Shannon, is once again demonstrating her true philanthropist’s heart, as she works in partnership with the Kin Club of Russell and Debra Canada for her dear late friend, Jonathan Pitre.

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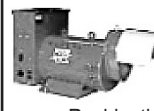
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Joseph Morin
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INKERMAN – Michael Marquette always had a flare for art, animation and photography.

Raised in the village of Inkerman and schooled at the former Inkerman Public School, Nationview, North Dundas District High School and then finally Algonquin College, he has stayed true to his first loves, animation and art.

He is a member of a team of animators who produced an award-winning cartoon from Atomic Cartoons called *The Last Kids On Earth*.

The story written by Max Brallier, is a New York Times bestselling book series and the first season premiered on Netflix in 2019. The second season premiered in April 2020. The 66-min launch special received a Daytime Emmy in July 2020, as well as winning four Leo Awards for Best

Animated Program, Best Art Direction, Best Direction and Musical Score.

The series follows Jack Sullivan and a group of zombie-fighting middle schoolers who live in a treehouse filled with video games and candy. Alongside the animated series, the successful series of books continue to be published by Penguin Random House and an extensive line of toys is being released by Jakks Pacific. Outright Games and Stage Clear Studios are also developing a video game based on the series.

Marquette went to work for an animation studio called Atomic Cartoons after he graduated from Algonquin College's animation program.

His role on the team was that of a background artist.

"I was a background layout artist. Anything you see behind the characters that is what I

contributed to," he said.

After high school he studied photography at the School of Photography Arts of Ottawa.

"That is where I got a visual sense of things and got a little bit of a path etched out for myself."

While photography has always been high on his list of things he loved to do, animation was his passion.

"I enrolled in the four years animation program at Algonquin College," he said.

"It was pretty labour intensive. In order for us to learn, we did not use computers for the first three years. We had to do everything by hand for the first three years.

When we had learned everything that you had to do on paper, then they let us touch the stuff on the computers," said Marquette.

"You maintain the same principals as you get from animation, you just apply them in the computer," he explained.

Each member of the team working on the cartoon would have a different role to play.

"I would not be drawing the main characters. For example, there is a scene where they are in a garage and they unleash this ball of light and it smashes a bunch of the jars. I had to draw the start and end positions for those and then the animators would take them and move them around however they needed."

"Certain people do certain kinds of props. It can get very complicated. If there is a scene where there is a door moving, I would draw the start and end position and the animators would make it swing," he said.



The series follows Jack Sullivan and a group of zombie fighting friends.

Courtesy Photo

"I set up a complete scene with camera moves, a complete layout and there would be camera moves for that layout."

The story begins with a storyboard that shows where everything takes place and is a rough look at what the finished product should look like.

"It gives us a sense of how it will look," he said.

"From there we will place things where they need to go."

Atomic Cartoons opened a studio in Ottawa in 2019.

Marquette and some of his fellow students were picked up by the studio right after they graduated.

They were invited to work on the *The Last Kids On Earth*.

"We were able to be part of the episodes that contributed to the daytime Emmy," said

Marquette.

Now that the show is into its third season on Netflix he is working on new and exciting projects.

He lives in Ottawa but still finds time to come to Inkerman to visit his parents on the weekend and go for a skate at the Inkerman rink.



Mike Marquette holds up the Daytime Emmy Award for *The Last Kids On Earth*.

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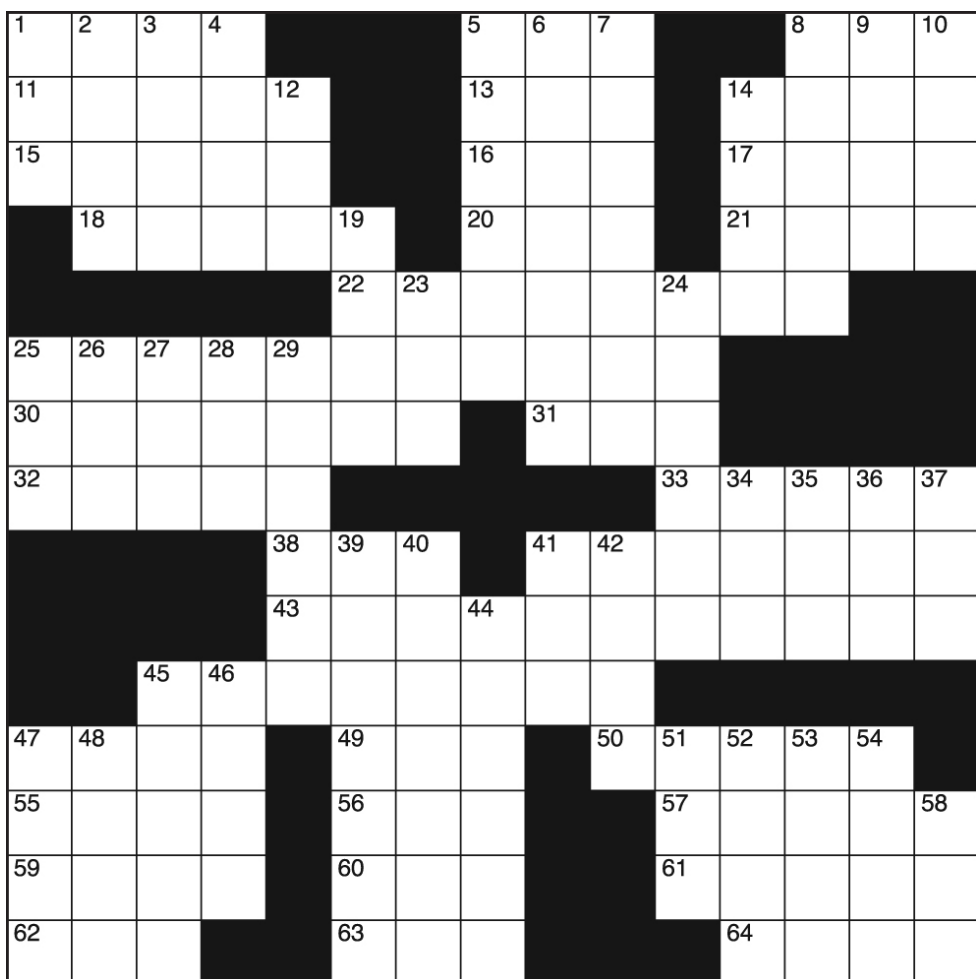
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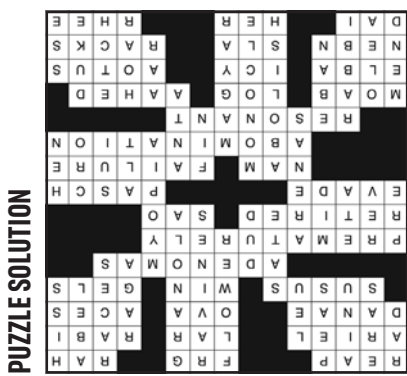
1. Gather a harvest
5. Federal Republic of Germany
8. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
11. "The Little Mermaid"
13. The common gibbon
14. Volcanic island in Fiji
15. Mother of Perseus
16. Egg cells
17. Teams' best pitchers
18. Credit associations
20. Advance
21. Hair styling products
22. Benign tumors
25. Arriving early
30. Called it a career
31. _ Paulo, city
32. Avoid with trickery

33. Easter egg
38. Veterans battleground
41. Lack of success
43. Thing that causes disgust
45. Deep, continuing sound
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. You might put it in a fire
50. Partner to "ooohed"
55. Actor Idris
56. Slippery
57. Plant of the bean family
59. One point north of northeast
60. Patti Hearst's captors
61. Places to hang clothes
62. Midwife
63. Of she
64. S. Korean statesman

CLUES DOWN

1. Cool!
2. Amounts of time
3. Aboriginal people of Japan
4. Popular veggies
5. Wedding accessory
6. Deep, narrow gorges
7. Dry cereal
8. Competitions that require speed
9. Cain and _
10. Snake sound
12. Type of amino acid (abbr.)
14. Pattern of notes in Indian music
19. Satisfy
23. Misfire
24. Nearsightedness
25. Indicates before
26. Increase motor speed
27. When you hope to get there
28. Indicates position
29. Where rockers perform

34. Substitute
35. _ juris: of one's own right
36. Earliest form of modern human in Europe: _-magnon
37. Adult female bird
39. Do away with
40. Lens
41. Flattened appendage
42. Post or pillar in Greek temple
44. A medieval citizen of Hungary
45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
46. Abba _ , Israeli politician
47. Sew
48. Evergreen trees and shrubs having oily one-seeded fruits
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish-white
53. A way to illustrate
54. College basketball superpower
58. Midway between south and southeast



THE BENEFITS OF CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Even though crossword puzzles have been entertaining and helping people pass the time for more than 100 years, the benefits of crosswords go beyond boredom-busting. Various studies have shown the positive effects crossword puzzles can have on a person's brain and capacity to learn.

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- Help relieve stress
- May help prevent brain diseases

Crossword puzzles can fill empty hours with an entertaining and educational activity. However, there are many other benefits to doing crossword puzzles that may surprise even the most ardent puzzle enthusiasts.

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

Loughlin's Motors is a Hallville landmark

HALLVILLE – Loughlin's Motors in Hallville has been looking after its customers with great service, honesty and accountability since 1991.

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The Loughlin name has been associated with Hallville for years.

The name is connected to the Loughlin's Country Store, B&G Loughlin Tractors sales and service and Loughlin's Motors.

Truly a family business, it consists of Brett Loughlin and his wife Jennifer looking after the automotive and tractor side and his mother Margaret looking after the store operation.

The late Gerald Loughlin and his wife Margaret started the dynasty that has resulted in putting the tiny hamlet of Hallville on the map.

Gerald operated a farm. Always quick to take advantage of an entrepreneur opportunity, he ran a trucking company as well as his farm, helping farmers with their crops.

One thing led to another and he realized he needed a building to do maintenance on his equipment.

He bought the garage in the centre of Hallville. Soon people came to him asking to have their equipment looked after as well, and Gerald's attempt to keep his own



Brett's family has touched the Hallville community in so many ways. Looking after vehicles and farmers' tractors, selling equipment and making sure all of the community's driving concerns are met is all part of the legacy his parents began so long ago and continues to be a lasting part of Hallville today. *Morin photo*

equipment running became Loughlin's Motors.

He started up B&G Loughlin Tractors with his son Brett.

Brett said he always worked with his father on the farm or in the garage. When he finished school, he came back to Hallville to be part of the Loughlin story.

The local hardware store next to their garage was up for sale when the owner retired, so Gerald and Margaret took over the store eventually turning it into the popular Loughlin's Country Store.

Brett still works the farm and manages to work at the garage as well. "We have some help with the farming.

It's a lot of work but we will do harvesting in the fall and planting in the spring." He said it means a lot of early mornings and late nights. "You try to juggle everything."

"I have pretty good staff here," he said. "We could not do it without them."

"In the automotive section we do everything," he said.

The garage has several bays for cars, in the tractor section there is more than enough room to get tractors quickly in and out.

Brett believes a customer's trust means everything.

"When people come in we are honest with them. We show them what the problem is and explain it to them so that they understand how their vehicle works and why they should get it fixed," said Brett. "Your car has to be safe," he said. "Many of our customers are elderly and we like to cater to them."

Loughlin's works on trucks as well. Brett has a staff of seven including office staff so there is no problem getting cars in and out of his shop efficiently and effectively.

Loughlin's Motors is part of the successful Loughlin family business empire in Hallville, as Brett laughingly calls it.

Brett's family has touched the Hallville community in so many ways. Looking after vehicles and farmers' tractors, selling equipment and making sure all of the community's driving concerns are met is all part of the legacy his parents began so long ago and continues to be a lasting part of Hallville today.

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OPP enforcement under the stay-at-home order

ORILLIA – The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is requesting that Ontarians voluntarily comply with the new Stay-at-Home Order to limit mobility outside their homes, except for essential reasons, to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

OPP officers will enforce the Stay-at-Home Order, under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA)*, and the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA) by focusing on non-compliance in businesses and restaurants, complaints from the public and outdoor gatherings of more than five (5) people. Officers can disperse and ticket individuals found to be

non-compliant with the acts.

Fines are \$750 for failing to comply with an order and/or \$1,000 for preventing others (including individuals, employees or other workers) from following an order. Maximum fines for individuals are up to \$100,000 and \$10-million for a corporation. Failure to follow the rules can result in prosecution or jail time.

As a reminder, in the absence of a complaint or other grounds, officers will not arbitrarily stop an individual or a vehicle or enter a dwelling for the singular purpose of checking compliance with the order. Individuals are not expected to provide proof of essential

work. Officers can ask an individual to identify themselves if they have reasonable grounds to believe the individual is violating an act.

The OPP asks that 9-1-1

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Municipality looking into cost of cancelled bus service

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

EMBRUN – Township of Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux asked council and staff to revisit the numbers behind council’s December 2020 bus service decision.

During the Jan. 18 council meeting, the mayor opened a discussion about the decision made with respect to the contract between the municipality and 417 Bus Line Limited. He made it clear that he was not looking to change the decision. His concern was with the amount of compensation agreed to if no service is being provided.

It should be noted a decision was made during the 2021 budget sessions last fall to discontinue the Russell Transpo Service, which is provided via a contract with 417 Bus Line Limited for four buses in the morning and four in the afternoon. Also, in 2020, staff

Municipalité de RUSSELL Township

negotiated a rebate with the bus line for a discount of 50 per cent for buses not running due to COVID-19.

At the Dec. 7, 2020 council meeting, politicians were presented with four scenarios to address the current issue of bus service cost versus lack of usage due to COVID-19. The first two scenarios included a one-year suspension of service followed by a restart in 2022, while the final two scenarios would see an end to the service with no plan for return.

In the end, with a recorded vote requested by Coun. Cindy Saucier,

the vote landed 3-2 in favour of scenario four. Mayor Leroux and councillors Mike Tarnowski and Jamie Laurin voted in favour, while councillors Saucier and André Brisson voted against.

Scenario four included cancelling the contract with 417 Bus Line Limited without suspension of service during the six-month notice period of Dec. 22, 2020 to June 22. This scenario also included the municipality’s option to remove the fourth bus with only 30-days-notice. The cost of this scenario was the lowest of the four,

coming in at \$274,576. With potential money from provincial and federal government funding, the portion paid by the municipality could be considerably less.

The mayor’s concern during the Jan. 18 meeting was with paying full price for no service. With respect to the contract, Mayor Leroux said he felt it made sense to pay only 50 per cent of the cost if no service is being provided. After some discussion, the matter was taken in camera. In the end, Mayor Leroux reported that staff is expected to come back to council with more information in February 2021.

Mayor encourages residents to reach out

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

EMBRUN – Township of Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux invites residents to reach out to council and staff with questions and concerns.

During the virtual council meeting on Jan. 18, Mayor Leroux pointed out that the opportunity to ask questions during the regular meeting is strictly for inquiries related to items on that evening’s agenda.

Russell’s council meetings currently provide time and space for residents to participate in the political process through a question period, which is included in the meeting agenda. The only stipulation is that the questions pertain to items or discussions outlined in that same agenda.

All other inquiries, Mayor Leroux noted, can be addressed outside council meetings. He invited residents to email council members or to contact staff directly.

He also noted the public consultation meeting held in September, where residents are invited to attend and discuss topics such as the budget, roads, and more.

Trieste Barber Shop moves to Russell

Joseph Morin
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – It has been a few years since Cristoforo Roman established his Trieste Barber Shop in Winchester in a space on the town’s Main Street.

Now, because of the pandemic and a lack of customers he is getting ready to pack up and take his business to Russell.

Russell has a bigger population and they do not have a male barber so I have a better chance of surviving there,” said Roman.

He said the new shop at 85 Mill St. in Russell will be about the same size as the shop he is leaving in Winchester.

In an announcement on Facebook he stated: “After the non-essential business lockdown is over, Trieste Barber Shop will be reopening in downtown Russell, Ontario.

Just this year, Roman made the move to a storefront location on Winchester’s Main Street, giving him more visibility and access than his old shop had.

His one barber operation was a good fit in the downtown Winchester business landscape.

The pandemic came along and made surviving difficult for his business as

well as all the other small businesses in the area. He said he has lost about 50 per cent of his clients during the first lockdown and expects he will lose more as the second lockdown continues.

“It is just not working out there. Before COVID-19 hit, business was good but now who knows if the numbers will ever come back,” he said.

The new Trieste Barber Shop is five minutes from Metcalfe, 10 minutes from Morewood, 15 minutes from Chesterville and 18 minutes from Greely and 20 minutes from Winchester and Vernon.

Roman is hoping that his established customer base from Winchester and Chesterville will follow him to Russell.



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Township of Russell residential areas to see drop in speed limits

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

EMBRUN – Residential areas in the township of Russell will have speed limits reduced to 40 km/hr over a six-month period.

Russell’s politicians agreed to the recommendation during the Jan. 18 council meeting. In addition to the 40 km/hr residential zones, school zones will drop to 30 km/hr. The new speed limits will be in effect once the signs have been installed.

Mayor Pierre Leroux suggested staff contact the Ontario Provincial Police beforehand to discuss the changes. He said enforcement will be needed or changing the signs will not work.

According to the report, installation of signs will begin in Limoges and finish in Marionville, following an east-to-west implementation process. It is estimated that 156 new signs are to be installed.

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