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Chesterville Farmers' Market

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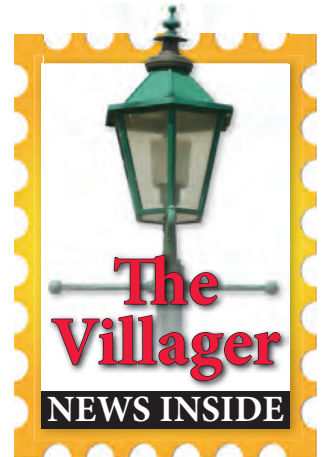
House of Lazarus temporarily halts donations

We are putting up the red light on donations for the time being as we have been overwhelmed with an amazing wave of generous donations. We are asking for people to hold back their donations for a few weeks. We will update soon.



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Artwork of remembrance donated to Chesterville's Royal Canadian Legion

Steve Grubb, president of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 in Chesterville, is shown holding the recently donated wood carving to the branch. He commented how this work of art will be in the members' room in a prominent location.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Remembering their service

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—On Jan. 17, the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Branch 434 in Chesterville received the donation of a wood carving from Branch Sgt-at-Arms Melony Malo. The carving depicts two soldiers on a hill which has poppies and white wooden crosses atop it and was created by Jason Vaughan of JV Woodworking in Ottawa. He explained that creating the carvings for organizations and individuals, allows him to express his creativity and, in this case, support a community organization such as the Chesterville Legion.

Vaughn, a retired member of the Canadian Armed Forces with service in Afghanistan, described how the piece provides a visual representation of the link between the soldiers of today, to the members of our Armed Forces in earlier generations. He commented how the silhouettes, a male and female in current military uniforms, represent how gender no longer plays a role in their service, with the crosses, poppies and barbed wire on the frame providing an indelible link to the warriors of the past.

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SD Council keeps budget 'lean' with 1.24 tax rate increase

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

MORRISBURG—The 2021 Municipality of South Dundas budget has been completed, ending with a 1.24 per cent tax rate increase and a 1.76 per cent tax levy increase.

The municipality's budget meetings were held in council chambers Feb. 23 and Feb. 25. At the start, the tax rate increase was at 2.94 per cent and by the end of the two-day deliberations council had managed to cut it back to a 1.24 per cent tax rate increase.

The process began at 9 a.m. last Tuesday with opening remarks from the mayor and council. It was noted at the outset that an increase or decrease of one per cent to the tax rate would equate to \$75,000.

"I will commend staff for coming back

with a budget that's at least reasonable to start," Mayor Steven Byvelds said. "In reading this budget, I think it's good. It's workable. My goal, if I was going to state a goal with staff starting at 2.94, would be two or less."

Deputy-Mayor Kirsten Gardner said setting the annual budget is one of council's most important responsibilities. She, along with Councillors Lloyd Wells, Don Lewis, and Archie Mellan agreed with the mayor.

"We are taking on some big projects that the residents really wanted to get done and, unfortunately, they do cost a lot of money," Gardner said. "I know it's been a really hard year for lots of our residents in South Dundas. The pandemic has not only had a huge toll on people financially, but also mentally and it's been draining."

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South Dundas takes National Economic Development Marketing Award top honours

MORRISBURG – The Municipality of South Dundas took top honours in the Promotional Item Marketing Award (Under \$200,000 Budget) as announced by the Economic Development Association of Canada (EDAC) Virtual Awards Ceremony held on Feb. 23.

The EDAC National Economic Development Marketing Awards honour economic development marketing efforts from across Canada. This is the second time South Dundas has received an award from EDAC.

The award was for the South Dundas ‘Welcoming

Facemask Project’ that saw free Welcoming Facemasks distributed during summer of 2020 to tourism and retail establishments in South Dundas. EDAC Award judges commented that the facemask project was, “a way to welcome versus a barrier to a welcoming smile and had a nice personal touch.”

“Given EDAC is a national association, the awards competition is extremely competitive,” explained economic development officer, Rob Hunter.

“Winning this award is a real honour for our municipality. I’d like to give special thanks to the artist of the

mask design, Margi Laurin.”

“Council is very proud that South Dundas won this National Economic Development Marketing Award. It would not have been possible without the efforts of the South Dundas Tourism Advisory Committee, municipal staff and Margi Laurin who helped with the facemask artwork. All of them pulled together during this project to help our businesses welcome residents and visitors,” added Mayor Byvelts.

EDAC is Canada’s national Economic Development Association with 1,000 members nationwide.



Pictured here are left to right are: Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner, Michael Burton and Ron Currie (Ron is a member of the Tourism Committee). Courtesy Photo

Bylaw amendments cause stir in South Dundas

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

MORRISBURG – Following public input, municipality of South Dundas politicians passed four Zoning ByLaw Amendments during the Feb. 22 council meeting. Amendments were made to the Cannabis, Short-Term Rentals, Signs, and Additional Residential Units Bylaws.

Mayor Steven Byvelts opened the discussion by referencing the online public meeting held Feb. 16, where residents had an opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns about each of the bylaw amendments. He said council had received several more comments from residents since the public forum.

“I’ve looked at the comments,” Deputy-Mayor Kirsten Gardner said in response to the Cannabis ByLaw

Amendment. “I think this is a good start. I think one of the things I would like to add is a pretty aggressive communication plan to the public, discussing what the roles are of different levels of government because I did hear loud and clear on that public discussion that lots of our residents think that we have this overriding power that can just make this stuff disappear, and we don’t.”

Since cannabis was legalized federally, it has become a crop and now falls under agricultural use. The amendment provides definitions and gives the municipality site control. However, it is Health Canada that controls and issues licences, not the municipality.

The Short-Term Rental Bylaw amendment caused the most controversy during the Feb. 16 meeting, as several residents raised concerns with “outsiders” coming into

villages and disregarding COVID-19 regulations and road safety laws. While council acknowledged the few in opposition to short-term rentals, they unanimously agreed with the majority and passed the bylaw amendment Feb. 22.

“I am in agreement with the majority of the public that’s in favour of Air B&Bs and the positive ways it can impact, not only tourism but economic development for all of South Dundas,” Gardener said. “I think this bylaw speaks to some of the safety concerns around buildings and structures and I think that it’s a good start.”

The Signs ByLaw Amendment, which underwent some changes between the Feb. 16 and Feb. 22 meeting due to public input, was passed unanimously and with little comment. The Additional Residential Units Bylaw amendment, which was changed to bring the bylaw in line with the *Municipal Planning Act*, passed without comment from the public or council. Both meetings are available for viewing on the municipality’s YouTube page.

Remembering them

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When asked, the artist provided an explanation of the steps taken from the conceptualization to the completion of this work of art. He mentioned how the piece was made from maple wood and created using a Computer Numeric Carver of CNC. He described how Malo provided him with the concept for the carving, with him creating a sketch which was then inputted into the computer program. After a computerized 3-D file is created and imported into a program such as VCarve, the router receives the computer commands and carves the wood, which in this case took approximately 60 hours. Vaughn

mentioned there are several hours of work for the woodworker creating the artwork, preparing the wood and then after carving putting the finishing touches such as painting, staining, and sealing on the piece. Steve Grubb, president of RCL Branch 434, commented that the carving will be in a prominent location in the members’ room “opposite the main entrance into the room.”

When asked about upcoming events at the Legion in Chesterville, Grubb mentioned at the present time there were none planned as “We are waiting to move into yellow, or hopefully green before we are likely to start having events again. We are available for meetings and small

gatherings.” The members’ lounge is “open for service” between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. (1500-1900 hrs) Wednesday to Saturday. He continued the members’ lounge has been temporarily relocated into the main hall of the Legion to ensure social distancing during the Orange-Restrict Zone. Wing Nights will be continued on the first and third Friday of each month, with the next Wing Night on Fri., March 5.

More information on the JV Woodworking can be found on their website located at www.jvwoodworking.com or on their Facebook page. To keep up to date with events and news from RCL Branch 434 in Chesterville, be sure to visit their Facebook page.



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Feel like a refill at Cup of Jo's?

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – This past week, Jo Ann and Cory Houle announced that they were selling their much beloved coffee shop in Winchester.

The final decision about what happens to Cup of Jo's in the future is still up in the air, but it is clear there will be changes coming to this successful and popular local business.

Cup of Jo's came into being in 2015.

"It was a house," said Jo Ann. Lots of changes had to be made. "It just had a regular stove and a regular fridge. People lived here. There was a family."

She said, "I wanted a place where the community could feel like it was home and welcome."

"We have such a bond of community around here, so I wanted that to be the

feel of the place."

Remembering the television show *Cheers*, Jo Ann said she wanted Cup of Jo's to be like that imaginary place where everyone knows your name.

"That was my vision. That's what I wanted it to be and I feel that we got there," she said.

Creating a welcoming and positive atmosphere was the result of several factors coming together.

"It was a combination of everything. People around here wanted that. The home is very inviting."

Jo Ann's personality had a great deal to do with the atmosphere at Cup of Jo's.

She said, "I love people, I love to chat, so I think in combination it all worked."

Regular customers referred to Cup of Jo's as the hub of Winchester.

One customer told Jo Ann "If I'm looking for

somebody or want to tell somebody something, I can come here, and they will be here." said Jo Ann.

She is very positive about the future of Cup of Jo's admitting that anything can happen.

"I actually don't know if it has come to an end," she said. "We have had a ton of interest. I have had several proposals about managing it and one interested party wanted to run with it and even expand it. And maybe take it to places that maybe I couldn't. I can see the potential there to be so much more."

The success of Cup of Jo's means any future owner will be stepping into a well-branded operation supported and respected by the community.

The Houle family has enjoyed their business experience with the whole family working whenever



Jo Ann and Cory Houle have cooked up delicious home cooked food and a welcoming atmosphere at Cup of Jo's. Courtesy Photo

they could to help. Jo Ann's husband Cory is no stranger to weekend shifts in the kitchen and their two children have become very familiar with the art of

making change, bussing tables and serving customers.

From the Houle's point of view, the whole experience has been a

positive one and she expects the future will be just as positive for her family and for whoever wants to carry on with what she started.

SD council budget

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Mellan said he would rather "slim and trim" the budget, than "flash and burn." He said the first instinct is to cut as much as possible because of the financial strain of COVID-19, but this would be a mistake in the long run. Keeping tax increases low at the expense of needed municipal services, such as the Williamsburg Landfill, would be detrimental and foolish, he said.

CAO Shannon Geraghty said staff wanted to create a budget that would ensure residents continued receiving the same services, as well as allow the township to honour its commitments, maintain its facilities, and plan for long-term asset management. Treasurer Sarah McMillan provided an update and an overview of what to expect during the two-day budget deliberation process.

"The draft budget as presented is a 2.96 tax rate increase and 3.49 tax levy increase. Council should note the growth for 2021 was very minimal at .43 per cent, and this can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, so the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) postponed the 2020 assessment update and they essentially froze the assessment for the majority of properties in South Dundas," McMillan said.

At the outset of the meeting, McMillan noted that the budget included a 0.7 per cent CPI increase for staff wages,

amounting to \$23,500. Near the end of the second day of deliberations, council debated whether to give the raise. Both Gardner and Wells voted against the raise, noting concerns about residents who are suffering, as well as those without jobs. They did note that their decision was not a reflection on staff, but rather a reaction to the current circumstances.

On the opposing side, Lewis and Mellan voted for the raise increase. Lewis felt staff deserved the raise, while Mellan focused on the fact that not paying it this year would lead to paying more next year. In the end, with a tied vote, it was the mayor who made the decision to keep the pay raise in the budget.

"If we were coming at a rate of more than 1.83, then I would say no," Byvelds said, noting that even with the staff pay increase included, the tax rate increase is now at 1.24 per cent, which is lower than the goal at the outset of deliberations.

The tax levy increase is 1.76 per cent. Council eliminated \$126,470 from the budget. The average household increase will equate to \$13.41. Mayor Byvelds called it a "very lean budget."

Each council member gave closing comments, noting their hope that residents would approve the outcome. They each thanked staff for their hard work. The two budget meetings can be viewed in their entirety on the municipality's YouTube channel.

"If next year goes this smoothly, it will be a blessing," Wells said.




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Housekeeping Official Plan Amendment for the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG) will hold a Public Meeting as per Section 17 and Section 21(1) of the *Planning Act* on Monday March 29, 2021, commencing at 12:00 P.M. on **Webex**.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT – The purpose of the Public Meeting is to provide an opportunity for Council to receive input from the public and stakeholders in respect of the current proposed Housekeeping Amendment to the SDG Official Plan. The amendment is intended to correct technical errors and clarify policies for ease of use and interpretation. Additionally, it will formally recognize official plan amendments to the 2006 Official Plan that were adopted by Council but not incorporated during the final stages of the Province's approval of the 2018 Official Plan. The Official Plan applies to the entire geographical area of SDG; as such, no key map is provided.

Copies of the draft Official Plan Housekeeping Amendment and relevant studies can be found at: sdgcounties.ca.

TAKE NOTICE THAT the United Counties of SDG is now conducting all public meetings virtually through Webex. Members of the public will have the ability to watch meeting proceedings and participate, where appropriate, as detailed below.

All public meetings are livestreamed on the United Counties of SDG YouTube page. To watch the livestream, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_3kS_1PyhLSbTCCdpAUQeg

Members of the public who wish to participate in meetings will be able to do so by joining our Webex meeting on their device, or by dialing in from a phone (long distance charges may apply). **Registration is required in advance of the meeting at:** <https://unitedcountiesofsdg.my.webex.com/unitedcountiesofsdg.my/j.php?RGID=r373ed9f7efabf76e1dc8e26954f2c74e>

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the Housekeeping Amendment to the Official Plan is available on the SDG website and at the local township offices.

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If you can't say something nice

Linda Vogel

We teach children at a young age to play nice, and to be kind to others. What happens as we get older, life gets busy, things do not always go the way we plan and bazinga, this doesn't matter. Somehow, it becomes okay to be rude, quick with your tongue and judgemental of others.

Disney said it right, all those years ago when Thumper was told "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all". We can all learn from this.

It seems more and more that people are so wrapped up in themselves, they forget that there are so many other things going on.

How many times have you experienced someone yelling or being rude to you and then to come back and say, "just saying" or "I was having a bad day".

Well, believe it or not, you may have just ruined the day of the person you were so rude to.

Getting up in the morning, is a different experience for each person and sometimes, just maybe before saying something or being rude to that person beside you, on Facebook, on the other end of that email or phone call, think about how you would feel if they responded the way you were going to.

Learning to be able to think of others and realize that your comments may make you feel better for a short period of time, but being kind has more rewards in the end.

Step back, take a breath, think before you speak and remember you have no idea what it is like to be in someone else's shoes. Just be kind.

Rural Ontario is more than just a place

Joseph Morin

Just like the pillars that hold up a bridge, the Ontario farming community holds up a significant economic system that not only feeds urban areas of the province but also creates any number of agricultural jobs while doing so.

The provinces' agri-food sector is responsible for more than \$39 billion to Ontario's Gross Domestic Product or GDP. It generates around 822,000 jobs and generates \$8.1 billion in yearly wages.

If survival is all about having enough to eat, and some safe place to eat it, then farming as an industry does both those things.

Food and shelter are pretty basic commodities.

If a farmer could not sell his or her produce to a hungry urban citizen, that farmer might not have a great deal of income, but they sure would not go

hungry.

So, if the farming industry is the first link in the provinces' food chain, certain realities must be addressed.

A rural lifestyle looks great in books and movies but there is much more to a healthy rural community and industry than fairytale endings.

In real life, you need energy to make things happen. In rural areas of Ontario the issue of availability of natural gas is an issue.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) has come out on the side of promoting natural gas to lower energy costs right

across the province. The OFA has declared, "Rural Ontario needs affordable

energy. Natural gas is the single most important investment that will give farms, businesses and rural residents the competitive

edge to drive growth. If natural gas was available across the province, Ontario farmers, local businesses and rural residents could save more than \$1 billion in annual energy costs."

The rural infrastructure is always at risk with thousands of kilometres of rural roads, bridges, drainage ditches and institutions in need of constant repair and improvement. Rural roads are usually the biggest budget item on any rural municipality's budget list, not to mention snow removal costs during the winter months.

By now we can all agree that the internet is here to stay. That also means, if the internet is to be of any real use in rural Ontario it has to exist there in an efficient and effective way.

Wherever you find any kind of business activity,

you will also find the internet.

Keeping rural Ontario competitive with the rest of the province means having reliable and affordable internet.

Education is the key to everything. Planning for the future requires not just a forward-looking population. Rural families expect the same quality and availability of education you can find in an urban centre, and they should.

So, if you look at transportation, education, the internet and business and energy resources as individual pillars that not only support rural Ontario but the rest of the province, you should be ready to look after them.

Hopefully, the province, local government along with all the different agricultural organizations out there are on the same page when it comes to protecting an incredibly valuable resource, Ontario's rural community.

NDDHS Report

By Jamie Wilson

Student Council Communications



Excitement this week

Something exciting is happening at North Dundas this week. On Fri., March 5, we are having a spirit day competition against Seaway DHS. In honour of our annual Dundas Cup, the theme of the competition is Jersey Day. Any jersey or school clothing will count toward our school's participation. Just like the Hawaiian Day competition we had in the fall, the school with the highest percentage of participation will be the winner. Every year, students both here at North Dundas and at Seaway look forward to the Dundas Cup. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we cannot carry out this tradition in the way that we normally would; however, we can keep our friendly rivalry alive with a fun spirit day. Devils, if we put the same enthusiasm into this spirit day as we do when we are supporting our team at the Dundas Cup, there is no way Seaway can beat us!

Grade 8 and Grade 12 graduation photos are coming up later this month. Grade 12 photos will be taken on March 23 and 24, and Grade 8 photos will be taken on the 25. All remote learners and all Grade 12 students must book an appointment; Grade 8 in-person learners do not need to do this. For Grade 12 photos, there is a \$30 sitting fee and some adjustments from previous years due to Covid-19. There will be no pets or group photos allowed. For more information about grad photos, see the school's Facebook page or your school email.

Thank you for



Good things tend to hang around

Joseph Morin

When word got out about Cup of Jo's in Winchester closing, the common reaction from people in the street was negative.

Some said it was a shame, that Covid-19 was responsible, and the closing was a sign of the times and what in the world was happening to the Winchester business community.

Well, before throwing up your arms in frustration about the state of the local business community, think about this news in a different way.

Cup of Jo's is closing but the business opportunity that made the popular restaurant and coffee shop the hub of Winchester is still there.

Nothing about the potential for business along Winchester's Main Street has changed.

A change of ownership of Cup of Jo's, if there eventually is one, is the other end of a remarkable success story made possible by a supportive

community, dedicated and imaginative ownership who was able to capture the spirit and taste of a small-town ambiance.

The fact the idea and vision of Jo Ann Houle was able to flourish and grow as much as it did, is proof that Winchester is a great place to do business whether it be a restaurant type business or any kind of retail establishment.

In so many ways this is a positive and more than encouraging situation. It means Winchester and North Dundas is a great place to do business and a great reason for the community to support businesses.

The idea that a business has been successful and its owners are ready for their next chapter to begin is a good thing.

Cup of Jo's has a great deal to offer, and the community has a great deal to enjoy when they embrace their business landscape.

It's not just about the slogan "Shop Locally" it's also about supporting your community which small business does.

Cup of Jo's was designed to be a positive place to walk into where you could share a bit of community spirit. It is the people as much as the place that makes a community hub.

Positivity is contagious. Whenever it is combined with passionate people you have the ingredients for inspiration and motivation, a recipe for life changing adventures.

The relationships that we develop in our communities help it sustain itself, and when necessary change it.

So, that a successful and well received business in the Winchester community may be changing hands should be good news. It means the idea behind the original vision, which contributed, to its success will continue to live at that location shared by everyone who brought that vision to life in the first place.



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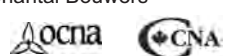
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Nation Rise to be operational mid-June

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

BERWICK – With most of the turbines fully erected, Nation Rise Wind Farm is expected to be operational by mid-June of this year. The sixth Nation Rise Wind Farm Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting was held online Feb. 24. Open to the public, the purpose of the meeting was for EDP Renewables (EDPR) to provide project updates and answer questions from the public.

EDPR associate director of planning Ken Little, along with several other EDPR staff, attended the online event, which began with a lengthy presentation before moving to a question period. Little said the project is in late-stage construction with 25 turbines already fully erect. The project's commercial operation date has been extended by the Ontario Independent Electric System Operator (IESO) to June 17. The Ontario Divisional Court ruled in favour of EDPR last May, allowing the company to maintain its Renewable Energy Approval (REA) following a Judicial Review the previous month focusing on the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks' decision to revoke the project's REA. Following the court's May 2020 ruling, construction began again.

Located in the township of North Stormont, Nation



Rise has been on the EDPR docket since 2015. In 2016, the project was granted a 20-year power purchase agreement from the IESO for 100MW of wind power generation through the large Renewable Procurement Program. The project originally received its REA on May 4, 2018. The first CLC meeting was held Jan. 29, 2019.

During the last CLC meeting, which was held in July 2020, it was decided that a one-time \$150,000 contribution from the project would be given to a home improvement fund for homes within 1.5 kilometres of Nation Rise wind turbines. Homeowners are permitted to apply once for up to \$5,000

to fund home improvements "that will mitigate the perceived noise or visual impacts from the operation of the project." More information on this can be found on the project website (nationrisewindfarm.com), along with background information and current updates.

At the time of the presentation, 25 of the 29 turbines had been fully erected. Permanent access roads, culvert installation, temporary road widenings, cable installation, conduit installation and junction box installation are all completed. Substation excavation, foundation installation, electrical house installation, and all

electrical work has been completed. All turbine parts are now on site.

The erection of the remaining four turbines, along with turbine inspections, commission, and retrofits, as well as site reclamation, are ongoing. The presentation outlined what is involved in turbine commissioning and stated that commissioning of all turbines is expected to be completed by May 2021.

Question topics ranged from the process itself to issues surrounding vibration monitoring, as well as how and where to submit complaints. The question of whether to continue the CLC, which has exceeded its mandated four meeting

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– North Stormont Councillor Steve Densham

requirement, was discussed with community input. North Stormont Councillor Steve Densham, who was appointed to sit on the committee via the municipal council, said he would like to see at least one more meeting to be scheduled following the start of operation.

“I think we are coming up to two very important milestone events that is the actual commissioning of the turbines and the introduction of the home improvement fund,” Densham said. “I think its important for this committee to see and hear what’s going on there, so I would be in favour of having at least one more meeting post commissioning and, ideally, at a point in time when the committee that will manage the home improvement process is in place and potentially invite them to the meeting as well.”

While Judy Tessier, another CLC member, agreed with Densham, CLC member Amy Sanders-Michaud remarked on the lack of interest by the public in attending the meetings, whether in person or virtual, and suggested they are no longer needed. However, should a need

arise, Sanders-Michaud said she would like to see the CLC reconvene.

CLC facilitator and chair, Gabriel Constantin of DNV GL, said a decision on next steps for the CLC did not have to be made that night. Members were encouraged to take their time and discuss it over the next few weeks. It was also emphasized that ongoing community engagement would be welcome with or without the CLC, as the company is committed to answering public inquiry.

Following a question from CLC member Blake Henderson, EDPR development project manager, Nathan Roscoe provided an update on where things stand with the home improvement fund initiative. Roscoe said EDPR is currently working with North Stormont on the terms of reference. They already have a list of eligible homes, those that fall within 1.5 kilometres of a turbine, and they are working diligently to ensure everything is in place when Nation Rise goes operational in June.

The CLC members include Densham, Sanders-Michaud, Tessier, Henderson, and Morgan McDonald.



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South Dundas considers BMX Bike Park

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

MORRISBURG – It looks as though the Municipality of South Dundas residents could be getting a BMX Bike Trail.

During the Feb. 22 council meeting, municipal politicians unanimously agreed to the idea, which was brought forward by resident Steve Morrow and his son Kai. Following the presentation and discussion, supervisor of parks and recreation Austin Marcellus was directed to bring a report to council before an official decision could be made.

“I concur with council,” Mayor Steven Byvelds said. “It’s something more tailored for the youth of our area instead of the adults, who we tend to focus on too much. It’s a good start. We look forward to seeing this in fruition sometime down the road.”

Kai, a Grade 7 student at St. Mary – St. Cecilia Catholic School in Morrisburg is the genius behind the idea, Morrow said. While the project started out with a pump track in

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– South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelds

town, it has since been simplified due to time and financial constraints, he said.

“Essentially, we’d like to build some trails to help facilitate non-motorized recreation in South Dundas,” Morrow said. “In and around Hosaic Creek, we’d like to build a loop or a series of loops for mountain biking that take advantage of the natural terrain down through the creek and up and around the forest that’s in that area.”

Although it would be starting small, Morrow said he would like to see the project grow larger each year. He suggested

the potential for branching out into Dupont Provincial Park, with requisite permission, and opening the trails up to other non-motorized leisure activities, such as snowshoeing, Nordic Skiing, and more.

“We really don’t need very much from council other than your blessing and permission to use the land,” Morrow said. “We’ve got a pretty solid team of volunteers that have all stepped forward with varying levels of expertise to help us execute the program. We’re not looking for money either. We’d like to do it on our own accord.”

All members of council applauded Kai on his ingenuity, expressing a desire to see the project happen. In addition to providing an activity more geared to South Dundas youth, the project would also offer safe space for outdoor activity away from motorized vehicles, such as ATVs, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles.

Deputy-Mayor Kirsten Gardner said it could be a great opportunity for a



SOUTH DUNDAS

partnership with Dupont Provincial Park. While Councillors Lloyd Wells, Don Lewis, and Archie Mellan were concerned with safety issues, they each offered enthusiastic support.

“There’s a lot of legal stuff we’d have to go through as far as insurances for municipal property and stuff like that,” Wells said. “If something like this will work, I’m all for it.”

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Dougie Robinson named 4-H Ontario ambassador

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

FINCH – For 16 years, the 4-H Ontario Ambassador Program has provided 4-H members between the ages of 18-21 years of age, with the opportunity to expand their leadership, public relations and communication skills while promoting the role 4-H plays in the community. It was recently announced by 4-H Ontario that Dougie Robinson from the Stormont 4-H Association will join Marissa Lester from the Lambton 4-H Association and Caitlyn Kolb of the Peel 4-H Association, as members of the 2021 4-H Ontario ambassador team with a one-year appointment to the team.

Dougie, his younger brother Bobby and parents Jill and Doug live near Finch, Ontario on their family farm, Payneside Farms Inc.

When asked, Robinson who has been actively involved in the Stormont County 4-H organization for nine years, explained he became involved “because both [his] parents are 4-H alumni” and he wished to experience the opportunities and fun that 4-H had offered to them.

Over the years, Robinson has completed numerous projects, mentioning he has attended the National Members Forum in Calgary Alberta, the Provincial Leadership Camp and was a member of the Stormont County Go for the Gold team, which won the provincial championship in 2020. He also won the 2019 Bertram and Hazel Stewart 4-H Dairy Youth Bursary and award.

When asked what his role will be as a 4-H Ontario Ambassador, Robinson explained he will be able to “educate and promote” the organization providing information on “the benefits of the 4-H Ontario program. He plans to use leadership and problem-



Dougie Robinson of Payneside Farms Inc. near Finch was recently named as a member of the 2021 4-H Ontario Ambassador Team. Robinson has been a member of Stormont County 4-H for nine years and has completed many clubs with the organization. He is shown here with the Payneside Premier Prize following the Stormont 4-H Dairy Club Achievement Day in 2019.

Courtesy Photo

solving skills when working with the other ambassadors to ensure the success of the team and the organization. One of his goals will be to have more opportunities for “virtual communication between our members and the ambassadors.”

When asked about the benefits of participating in 4-H to young people, Robinson explained how the opportunities for skill development and experiences offered by the program “are endless.” He mentioned how the “friendship and contact you will make will be for a lifetime” and how 4-H “offers something for each and every individual” before mentioning how “You just need to find your passion and run with it.” He continued how some of the benefits of a yearly 4-H membership including joining “as many clubs as you like,” receiving monthly newsletters and

“opportunities for unique programs, camps, conferences, national events, scholarships and so much more.”

Robinson is looking forward to beginning his role as a 4-H Ontario

ambassador and “to begin [his] public promotion of the 4-H program and its benefits.” More information on 4-H in Ontario can be found on their website, located at www.4-hontario.ca.

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The family of the late Lloyd Lystiuk wish to extend our gratitude and thanks for everyone's kindness and support during this difficult time.

Visits, calls, cards, online condolences, food and flowers, helped bring us comfort.

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Alex Beaudette, Saint Andrews West
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Reserve Champion Shelled Corn

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Champion Grain Corn

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Reserve Champion Grain Corn

Glaudale Farms Inc., Berwick
 National Bank \$25
 MacEwen Petroleum, grease, 10 tubes

Champion Corn silage processed

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Champion Soybeans

Glaudale Farms Inc., Berwick
 Harvex (Summit Seeds) Plaque
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 soybean seed

Reserve Soybeans

Alex Beaudette, Saint Andrews West
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Stormont county hosted their Seed and Forage Show on Wed., Feb. 24 at the Crysler Community Centre. A successful event, with 10 exhibitors and 91 entries. Courtesy photo

National Bank \$25 Champion Cereal Barley, 6 rows

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Picturing the past

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CHESTERVILLE — Throughout recorded history, people have used fine arts to record history, with artists providing a special way to see the past in an immediate and graphic manner. Nathan Gowsell, a graphic artist and former resident of Long Sault, has spent the past few years developing paintings which reflect the heritage of South Stormont as well as other places he has become acquainted with during his lifetime.

During an interview with *The Chesterville Record* recently, Gowsell explained he has been interested in drawing and art since childhood, mentioning he studied art from Mr. Madan while at CCVS and Graphic Design at Kingston's St. Lawrence College. He has worked as a graphic designer "for over 15 years," with drawing and digital art becoming a hobby.

Referring to his drawing and art as "a great hobby," Gowsell has taken the stories of the Lost Villages in Eastern Ontario which are an integral part of his family history and turned them into works of art providing a view into yesteryear and a time which is lost forever. He explained his great-grandmother, Katie Mullin, was a local historian from Moulinette, with his father George a resident of the lost village of Mille Roches and Mother Karen was from Moulinette. In addition to learning the stories of the Lost Villages from family members, he also credits Jim Brownell, president of the Lost Villages, with teaching him "much of the local history as well."

When asked how he chooses the scenes such as scenes on the river, street



Nathan Gowsell, who grew up in South Stormont, has created paintings which depict the lives of the people and the places of South Stormont. This building is in the Osnabruck Centre, just north of Ingleside, and Gowsell has given it life once again in this painting. Courtesy Photo

scenes in the lost villages or perhaps a group of young people swimming in the St. Lawrence River, Gowsell mentioned they originate from several different places.

He commented there are scenes he "always wanted to capture from the beginning such as "places that might have been forgotten." Other ideas may come from suggestions" or remembering places or people from his own personal story. He described how when listening to stories being told, he will try to capture images from them or be inspired by photographs sent to him by family or friends of "local landmarks."

Gowsell continued how while his parents were out for a drive, his father took a photo of a building in Osnabruck Centre which "had seen better days," but which held a special place in the hearts of many people and sent it to him. He agreed with his father how "it would make a nice drawing" and Nathan added a couple of musicians on the porch to bring the building back to life.

Like many of his recent works, this painting is an example of Gowsell's digital art techniques and

abilities. He described the process of digital art as beginning with the drawing the line art followed by scanning it and then digitally adding the colour. He described how "digital painting is quite amazing, and the colours are limitless."

He sees painting the places in South Stormont as a way to keep a connection with his home community as well as sharing its "stories through these pictures." He mentioned how it is "very rewarding to hear other's stories as a result of seeing the artwork." He suggests that if you have the desire to be an artist, one should "find what you like and work at it as much as you can." He continued it is not always easy, but you have to keep working to develop your skill and style.

Gowsell commented he would be interested in having an opportunity to show his work in the Cornwall area but until that time, people are welcome to visit his website located at www.nathangowsell.com to view his work or visit the Lost Villages Museum in South Stormont where his work is available for purchase.



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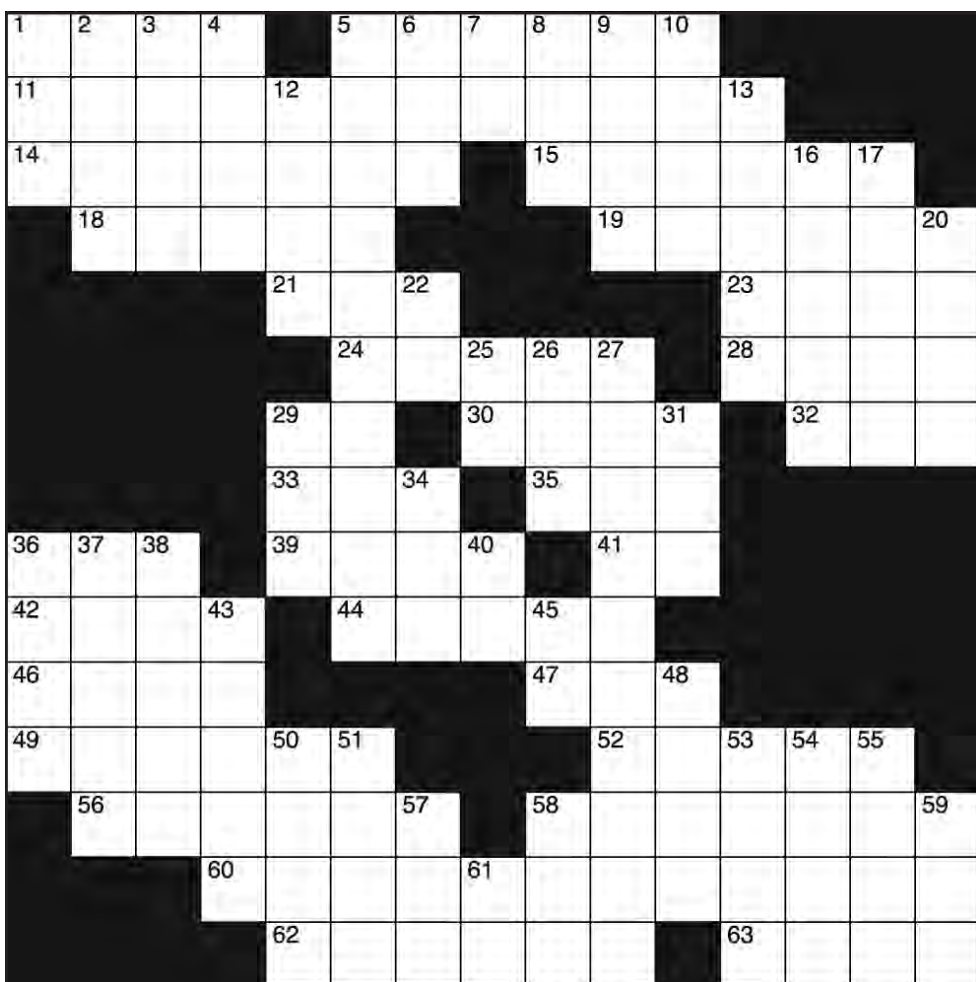
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2021

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One of Noah's sons
5. Openings
11. Rising from the dead
14. Expressions for humorous effect
15. North American country
18. Flowed over
19. Tags
21. Long-lasting light bulb
23. Off-Broadway theater award
24. Khoikhoi peoples
28. Beloved movie pig
29. South Dakota
30. Tai language
32. Get free of
33. Afflict

- 35. Transmits genetic information from DNA
36. Commercials
39. Digits
41. Expression of sympathy
42. Bleats
44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
46. Vegetable
47. Turf
49. Disorganized in character
52. Takes
56. Rules over
58. More fervid
60. Sweet drink
62. Cry loudly
63. A friendly nation

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A title of respect in India
2. His and _
3. Employee stock ownership plan
4. A type of bond (abbr.)
5. Acting as if you are
6. Affirmative
7. Not caps
8. Type of medication
9. Monetary unit
10. Private school in New York
12. Small stream
13. A person of wealth
16. Exclude
17. Someone who vouches for you
20. Vegetable part
22. Gov't lawyer
25. Term to address a woman
26. Swiss river
27. About senator

- 29. _ Paulo, city
31. Native American tribe
34. "Titanic" actor
36. Campaign for students' rights (abbr.)
37. Capital of Senegal
38. Slang for military leader
40. Football's big game
43. Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres
45. Equally
48. Forest animal
50. Heavy stoves
51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
53. Song
54. Type of pickle
55. Offer in return for money
57. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Burns wood (abbr.)
59. Beloved singer Charles
61. Three-toed sloth



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.

Help for local businesses during COVID-19

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

WINCHESTER – The COVID-19 pandemic has had an undeniable impact on many local businesses and the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the township of North Dundas, wants area business owners to know they are not alone.

The two came together to host an online information session specifically aimed at helping businesses understand the various COVID-19 relief programs available to them. The “Bring Your Own Breakfast” virtual meeting was held Feb.26 and featured presentations from Andrew Seguin of Seguin Financial and Doreen Ashton Wagner of Cornwall and The Counties Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC).

There has been a plethora of COVID-19 relief programs over the past year, North Dundas economic development and communications officer Stephen Mann said. The programs are constantly evolving, and it is hard to stay current on what is available and who is eligible.

Seguin and Wagner were invited to help clarify things and hopefully help some businesses find their way through the maze of red tape and regulations. Seguin spoke specifically about three of the federal relief

programs available, including the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), the Canada Emergency Benefit Account (CEBA), and the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS).

“These are the three major ones still occurring,” Seguin said. “Some have come and gone, but these three are still here and still available.”

Wagner discussed an assortment of federal, provincial and regional programs, including the CFDC’s Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF), Ontario Small Business Support, COVID Business Strategy Advice (CREATE), the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)’s Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program (HASCAP), Digital Consult, the CFDC’s Technology Innovation Program (TIP), and the CFDC’s ongoing loan program. As the CFDC’s COVID-19 Business Relief Advisor, Wagner’s job is to specifically focus on helping businesses through the pandemic.

“Our job is to be there for rural entrepreneurs,” Wagner said, noting that she is available to listen and provide advice for which programs a business might be eligible to apply. “We have a wide array of services here to help you.”

While the business breakfast events are generally held in person four times a year, they were

cancelled last year due to COVID-19. This year, the township and the chamber wanted to ensure business owners did not miss out on valuable information that could help them through the pandemic and so the virtual meeting was planned.

Chamber president Nelson Zandbergen said for some businesses these have been strangely good times, but for many others, it has been difficult. He noted that the chamber itself has been negatively impacted by COVID-19, as roughly 50 per cent of its membership has been lost.

“We have an empathetic ear for businesses,” he said, noting the chamber’s ability to connect businesses with the people, services, and information they might need.

Seguin agreed with Zandbergen, remarking on the importance of local chambers of commerce.

“We need to be supporting these organizations,” he said. “They’ll just listen to you and talk to you. You’re really supporting small businesses at the end of the day.”

Roughly 28 people joined the free online event. It was noted by several in attendance that the new online format was a welcome change, as it gives everyone an opportunity to attend and for those unable to make the 8:30 a.m. start time, the meeting was recorded for later viewing. In fact, for those who attended or requested the

information, Mann provided a link to the recorded session, as well as copies of both PowerPoint presentations via email.

“My services are free to anyone who calls me in the region,” Wagner said. “Sometimes we feel overwhelmed. Sometimes you just need someone to talk you through it or talk you off the ledge.”

Chamber member Nanda Wubs announced a new website specifically for businesses in North Dundas to post updates about business hours and pandemic-related notices. She said it is a free service and she invites all North Dundas businesses to use it. There have already been more than 50,000 visits to the new website (myshoplocal.ca), she said.

Another chamber member in attendance was Paul “Smokie” LeBlanc, owner of Smokie Ridge Vineyard, who had a lot to say about the chamber and shopping local.

“If you’re not a member of the Chamber of Commerce, then you should be,” he said, noting that the more businesses that join, the better it is for all North Dundas businesses.

It was noted that, currently, the \$120 chamber membership fee can be paid in two \$60 installments. Mann said membership in the chamber “will definitely help your business.”

“If you’re not shopping local, then you should be shopping local,” Smokie said. “If you’re not buying local, then you should be buying local.”

Online reservations open March 1 for RRCA’s Charlottenburgh Park Campground

CORNWALL – Ready, set, camp! Online reservations for the Charlottenburgh Park campground open March 1 for the 2021 camping season.

Managed by the Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA), Charlottenburgh Park is located on the St. Lawrence River near Summerstown, just a few kilometres east of Cornwall. The park offers a beach, boat launch, nature trails, campground, and more. Surrounded by trees and wildlife, unserviced and serviced lots offer campers an opportunity to relax and connect with nature.

Despite a late start to the camping season last year due the COVID-19 pandemic, the RRCA hosted over 14,000 campers, twice the amount seen in 2019. Returning campers will notice many enhancements completed by the RRCA such as new camping gravel pads and grading.

“We look forward to welcoming campers and day-use visitors when the Park opens Victoria Day weekend in May. COVID-19 precautionary measures will continue to be in place as directed by public health,” says Josianne Sabourin, RRCA administrative assistant responsible for the park administration.

Throughout the winter, RRCA staff updated the online booking to a new, user-friendly system available at <https://letscamp.ca/camps/charlottenburgh-park>. Daily, weekend, and monthly campsites can be reserved online. Seasonal campsites have already been reserved for 2021.

To be added to the Charlottenburgh Park seasonal camping waiting list or for online booking support, please contact Josianne Sabourin at Josianne.Sabourin@rrca.on.ca or (613) 938-3611 ext. 221.

“The RRCA encourages campers to book their sites early to avoid disappointment. We are expecting another busy camping season, as families plan their staycation activities this summer,” adds Sabourin.



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS NOTICE OF THE PASSING CONCERNING A PROPOSED MUNICIPAL-WIDE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING FACILITIES

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The proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment will provide provisions for Cannabis Cultivation and Processing Facilities in Zoning By-Law No. 2010-48. All lands found within the Municipality of South Dundas are subject to this Amendment.

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DATED at the Municipality of South Dundas this 24th day of February 2021.

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Jackie and Steven Pemberton win TELSA Award

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INKERMAN – Jacqueline Kelly (Jackie) and Steven Pemberton of PemDale Farms have been recognized with the 2021 TELSA Award from the Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO), for their efforts to find that elusive balance between the health of the land and the farm they operate on it. The award is sponsored by the RBC Royal Bank.

The couple own and manage a small beef farm in North Dundas.

Their nomination was submitted by Ron Wilson from the Dundas Cattlemen's Association.

The award, formally called The Environmental Stewardship Award, was handed out to the Pembertons at the Beef Farmers of Ontario annual general meeting. This year, the meeting was held as a virtual event on Feb. 17 and 18.

The award acknowledges the efforts of producers to take that extra step beyond standard industry conservation practices. Their work, looking after the land, sets positive examples for other cattle producers and the public.

A press release from the BFO stated: "Each nominee demonstrates innovation and attention to a wide range of environmental stewardship aspects in their farm operation. Such

innovations extend beneficially to areas far beyond their land, including water, wildlife and air.

The nomination for the award began with the Dundas Cattlemen's Association and was looked after by the association's secretary Ron Wilson.

Jackie and Steven were thrilled to be singled out for the award.

Pemdale Farm is a 200-acre third generation farm.

Jackie serves as the Zone 11 director on the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) board of directors representing the counties of Dundas, Frontenac, Grenville and Leeds.

"I knew we had been nominated but we were surprised to be selected."

The farm started out as a dairy operation then became a beef farm.

"In the farming world there are best management practices," said Jackie. "They are scientifically recorded, and there are recommendations on how to improve the habitat, fertility, and diversity of farms."

"Steven and I agreed that we liked the diversity that pasture lands and grazing lands bring. We wanted to ensure that we were managing our on-farm nutrients the best way we could," she said.

Pemdale Farm is small enough to not be regulated by the province when it comes to the nutrient

management act, but the couple went ahead anyway to make sure the farm environment was safe and healthy.

"We decided that even in our small-scale operation we would look at managing the nutrients of our cattle," she said.

Jackie and Steven have been involved in several research projects designed to look at the balance between different activities on farms and their by-products, for example, manure and wetlands diversity.

One project described in her nomination papers was the design, construction, implementation and operation of a system of controlled runoff from the cattle exercise yard, which includes a manure storage area on a concrete pad adjacent to the barn.

The papers stated: "The project would need to generate value to the community as well as serve to improve the on-farm situation – and the final result must be science based. This was accomplished by creating a "research project" involving other participants. For this project, these organizations became participants: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Farm and Food Care Ontario, Agricultural Adaptation Council, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, South Nation

Conservation, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the University of Ottawa (U of O). The fact that all these organizations participated in this project indicates that a wide variety of people from differing disciplines have evaluated it and found merit in it. The final analysis of that study was that both systems in the "runoff" control project were very effective at increasing total removal rates from 94-97 per cent, with groundwater quality only marginally impacted directly below the vegetated filter strip.

In conclusion, a combination of a pond-wetland-pond technology followed by either a natural flow path or vegetated filter strip is a promising solution for beef producers to achieve excellent treatment at low cost."

Steven said, "It was a great learning experience." One of the challenges he enjoyed taking on was educating urban researchers about the reality of working on a farm and dealing with all the environmental challenges found there.

Steven looked at some of the ideas that made his farm better with a sense of humour.



Courtesy Photo

He said, "The electric fence is a great solution for cattle. It keeps predators out, cattle in and knocks down anything that touched it, including me."

Jackie said the effort to manage their nutrients paid off and was an example to other small operations that nutrient management was a good idea.

"It can work on a small farm with a small footprint," at low cost.

She said, "I hope it encourages other farmers with small footprints."

A press release from the BFO in Dundas County stated: "The Pemberton's

have developed their farming strategies successfully by incorporating research and innovation to further the sustainability of their operation, as well as actively engaging with the community around them. The couple, Jackie and Steven have demonstrated their commitment to the environment by focusing on development of research, effective nutrient management, and caring for waterways.

Making decisions based on science has always been integral in the environmental management of the Pemberton's farm.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – St. Patrick's Day is coming up and the Ingleside-Long Sault-Lost Villages Lions Club (ILSLVLC) is holding a drive-thru Irish Stew dinner to celebrate March 17.

Lion Sharon Potvin, president of the ILSLVLC, explained that the meal will include a generous helping of Irish stew, a roll, and a slice of apple pie for dessert – all for \$12 per person. Potvin explained that the meal must be pre-ordered before March 12 and if

interested, to contact her at 613-577-0818 for more information or to reserve a meal.

Meal pick up time is between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on March 17 at the South Stormont Community Hall in Long Sault.



Hello everyone!

It's just another normal week at RHS. We are all working hard on our schoolwork here in the middle of our third quadmester.

Although there is a piece of school news I never knew about until last week! So, to graduate high school, you need to have 40 hours of community service. Due to COVID, requirements have changed annually. The graduates

from last year (class of 2020) didn't need any community service hours, this year's graduates (class of 2021), will only need 20 hours. Then for me, the class of 2022, its uncertain how many hours I will need to graduate. But the news is that we can earn hours at home if we do things like shoveling the driveway or emptying the dishwasher- but only if our parents sign the form. In previous years, we were never allowed to get hours at home. Looks like COVID is changing

everything! During these difficult times, it's been hard to connect with people, especially your friends and peers within the classroom. Within my classes, we've all be re-downloading old games that we all remember playing when we were young kids. Games like Subway Surfers, Crossy Road, HayDay, and Candy Crush- it's been very nostalgic! Anyway, that's it for today! Until next time! Have a great rest of your week!



Environmental Assessment of the Township of North Dundas Waste Management Plan Technical Bulletin #2 – 'Alternatives To'

The Township of North Dundas (Township) is undergoing an environmental assessment (EA) for the Township's Waste Management Plan under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The EA Study will evaluate long-term solid waste management options for a 25-year planning period.

As part of the EA Study, the Township will: evaluate 'Alternatives To' the Waste Management Plan (WMP), identify the preferred WMP, characterize the existing environmental conditions, identify and develop 'Alternative Methods' of waste management, compare the 'Alternative Methods', identify mitigation measures and determine net environmental effects.

The Township has prepared a new Technical Bulletin (#2) presenting the different 'Alternatives To', the environmental components and corresponding evaluation criteria considered, as well as the preliminary results of this evaluation.

This Technical Bulletin #2 has been published on the project website for review by the public and a feedback form is also available to provide comments to the EA Study team. Both files can be accessed at <https://northdundas.com/landfilllea/>. A hardcopy or an electronic copy of these documents on a USB drive can be made available upon request.

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WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE

How to claim your seat at the table

There are a variety of obstacles that can prevent women from achieving their career goals, whether it's assumptions about their leadership potential or a lack of support for work-life balance. Here's some advice to help women thrive in male-dominated fields and claim their seat at decision-making tables.


Adopting these attitudes in the workplace can help you achieve your career goals and empower other women to do the same.

• **Redefine expectations.** The bias about "bossy" women persists, but pushing yourself to be assertive and not hold back in discussions can boost your self-confidence and change how these traits are perceived in female employees.

• **Find your own voice.** While it's important to be confident, women should avoid trying to emulate "masculine" leadership traits if that isn't who they are. Instead, recognize the value in the unique strengths and perspectives you bring to the table.

• **Forget about perfection.** Women have a tendency to only apply for a job if they think they meet all the criteria for the position. Don't be afraid to take risks and seek opportunities where you can learn as you go.

• **Build a support system.** Women can benefit from finding a mentor as well as sharing resources and knowledge with other women in their field. In addition, having a supportive partner who takes on an equal amount of responsibility at home is key.

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Chesterville building subject of zoning change debate

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – A request for a zoning amendment to allow the owner of a commercial building in Chesterville on the village’s Main Street has hit a bump.

The amendment was up for discussion at a special North Dundas public meeting held at the Joel Steel Community Centre on Feb. 23 in Winchester.

The owner of the building at 29 Main Street in Chesterville wants to convert a section of the ground floor in the building into an apartment, leaving the rest of the ground floor area to be used as a commercial laundromat.

The ground floor area is about 3,000 sq. ft. and the owner of the building wants to take away a space less than 50 per cent of the commercial area.

There were no questions or complaints about the amendment request from the public at the meeting but some councillors had concerns about maintaining United Counties rules regarding the coexistence of residential and commercial spaces in a downtown area.

Councillor John Thompson said, “There are a couple of questions and concerns that I have.” He mentioned that there are other examples in Chesterville’s downtown area of residential and commercial buildings coexisting, but these were done years ago.

He said he would like to see a minimum of 50 per cent of the buildings in a downtown area devoted to commercial businesses if possible.

This desire, mirrors the official plan of the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry.

The official plan states: “Communities shall be designed to create distinctive downtowns or main streets characterized by mixed-use development (i.e., residential, commercial and public service facilities). These areas

will be the primary commercial area of the community. Mixed-use commercial/residential buildings will be encouraged with development, generally at a higher density. The spread of commercial uses into established or planned residential neighbourhoods shall not be permitted, except for neighbourhood serving uses. Similarly, local municipalities should discourage the conversion of commercial areas to residential only on main streets and within the core commercial areas.”

Basically the counties’ plan is saying you can have a mixed residential and commercial area in your downtown core, but a municipality must try and maintain a healthy ratio of business space versus residential space.

According to Councillor Thompson the issue becomes one of how much residential space can you take away from an existing commercial space in a downtown core without going against the intentions of the official plan regarding keeping core downtown areas predominantly commercial.

Thompson said, “You do not want to lose the commercial in a downtown. Once it’s gone it never comes back so my preference would be two thirds and a third in a building.”

Councillor Gary Annabel said, “There is nothing worse than driving through villages and seeing windows covered with paper and not utilized.”

He agreed that the minimum split between commercial and residential space in a building in this case should not be greater than 50-50, however he thought the two thirds to a third split would be a better choice.

He suggested the allotted residential space in the building be much less than 50 per cent and wanted the director of planning, building and enforcement, Calvin Pol to go back to the owner and ask if they could reduce the size

of the planned residential area in their request and increase the area left for the laundromat.

Pol had read the amendment request to the council before they discussed it.

He said, “The purpose is to rezone the commercial property to permit one accessory residential apartment unit, occupying less than 50 per cent of the ground floor of a commercial building. If approved, the effect would be that the owner can apply for building permits to convert a portion of the ground floor of the existing building into residential units.

The current owner is proposing a change of use that would see less than half of the ground floor converted into one apartment unit, with the remainder of the ground floor being used as a commercial use (laundromat) for the general public.

The existing residential use on the second floor will not be affected by the proposed zoning amendment.”

In the past the commercial space on the ground floor of the building was used for the Harmony Drop-in Centre.

Pol wrote in his report to council about the request, “The subject property is located in Chesterville’s Village Core area, a prime commercial shopping and personal services district for the village that contains most of the businesses and restaurants that serve the area. Should the proposed amendment be successful it would make the subject land the first to get approval for ground floor residential use in the village core and potentially set a precedent for the future.”

Pol said that applicants in the past have been refused requests to change the ground floor of a commercial building into residential apartments.

However, in his request to council he wrote: “In this case, the applicant is moving forward since the proposed residential dwellings will not



The North Dundas Council is working on a rezoning amendment for 29 Main St. in Chesterville. If the amendment is approved the owner of the building will be allowed to build a residence at the back of the building and the ground floor front of the building would be reserved for a Laundromat.

Courtesy Photo

occupy the entire ground floor and a commercial business will still be located at the street-level entrance. While the proposed commercial laundromat on the first floor is ideally suited for a reduced floor area due to its lack of staffing and floor space, any future businesses that wish to occupy the ground floor may have challenges adjusting their floor plans to meet the

reduced square footage available for commercial uses.”

Pol has received information about the request he will bring to the council at their next meeting.

He said, “We have obtained the size of the two-bedroom apartment the applicants are asking to put in the rear portion of the commercial building, and it is less than the 50 per cent con-

tained in the draft bylaw. A separate bylaw with revised percentages will be brought to council at the March 9 meeting for their consideration,” he said.

The final solution is to have the commercial space at 58 per cent and the residential space at 42 per cent, which is close to the two-third to a third split councillors were hoping for.

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6. County Road No. 2 from Leeds & Grenville boundary to the City of Cornwall boundary and from the City of Cornwall boundary to the Ontario/Quebec boundary.

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Cakes and cupcakes and so much more

FINCH – Since 2013, Beth Reid has operated Cakes by Beth, located at 32 Front Street in Finch, which she provides a selection of cakes, cupcakes, and cookies for her customers.

Beth explained during a recent interview with *The Chesterville Record*, that she had enjoyed baking from a young age, with her first specialty cakes created for family and friends. Encouraged by their positive response, she began taking courses in cake decorating, researching recipes and techniques to develop her baking skills.

Whether you are looking for a specialty flavour or a more traditional tasting cake, Reid explained there is a wide range of flavours available for Cakes by Beth customers; these include cotton candy, carrot, vanilla, Oreo, Turtle, or her personal favourite chocolate. Beth's face lit up as she described her favourite chocolate cake recipe which she found in an old church cookbook and that always seems to turn out perfectly wonderful. Some of the aspects of her profession that she enjoys is trying something new or searching out recipes and decorating ideas. Beth mentioned that many of the decorations are made in-house as are the cakes and icing.

During the interview, she produced a folio of some of the different specialty cakes she has created for her clients. Photos of beautifully decorated cakes filled the pages demonstrating the wide

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Beth Reid, proprietor of Cakes by Beth, takes a moment to enjoy a quiet moment in the sunshine, with one of her cake creations ready to be enjoyed.

Thompson Goddard Photo

range of her creative baking abilities. One of the photos was of a cake decorated with a realistic Muskoka chair made from fondant, while others featured animals or celebratory messages, but they all demonstrated the artistic abilities of this

baker. Beth commented how it is wonderful to see the cake come to life and see the customer's reaction when they view their cake for the first time. Over the past year, cookie kits which contain six cookies, three packets of different

coloured icing and a container of sprinkles have become a big seller at her shop; these were developed by Reid to provide something fun for children to do for a holiday or birthday get together. And just recently there was a Valentine's Day cookie kit which proved quite popular, and plans are in the works for an Easter themed cookie kit. Cakes by Beth also provides specially prepared cookie kits for classes in a local school, with the students enjoying the cookie decorating activity.

When asked about the challenges that face a baking company, she mentioned there are many long hours spent preparing and baking the cookies, cakes, and other tasty treats especially around the holidays; however, Beth mentioned that the time spent was all worth it when seeing the happiness in the faces of her customers. She cited participation in community events such as "A Touch of Christmas Porch Tour – Covid Edition 2020, held in early December of last year as being an enjoyable part of the business. Looking forward, she mentioned how her business had participated in the Long Sault Farmers' Market as well as the Kinsman Farmers' Market in Cornwall, as she plans a different approach to serving clients in 2021.

For more information on Cakes by Beth, please visit her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/544996478909098>.

If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: editor@etceterapublications.ca or call us at 613-448-2321.

Equine virus infects horses on west Quebec farm

QUEBEC – An equestrian farm in Western Quebec has been struck by a highly contagious virus.

The virus is called EHV-1, and so far, has proved to be extremely deadly having killed two horses at the farm and infected another 19 of the horses that are boarded there. Staff at the farm are working to keep the remaining horses away from the virus.

The virus is also called the equine herpes virus. It cannot be spread to humans.

It is not unusual to have the virus turn up from time to time as it is found worldwide. The two most common kinds of the virus are EHV-1, which can cause abortion, respiratory disease and neurologic disease; and EHV-4, which usually causes respiratory disease only. However, EHV-4 has been known to cause abortion and rarely neurological disease.

The staff at the farm now have to guard against the virus with much the same mindset they have to maintain, when they are dealing with the pandemic.

In early February, the virus first appeared in one horse. The healthy horse began to get increasingly ill. After a few hours of battling the virus the horse had to be euthanized. The next horse to catch the virus and to succumb to it was just two weeks later.

In media reports the owner of the horse said there was no warning or symptoms that would have alerted anyone.

The mortality rate of horses that become infected with the virus is between 30 and 50 per cent. The virus is normally spread through secretions from a horse's nasal passage when they sneeze; to catch it, the horse has to be in direct contact with the virus which is why farm staff have to make sure the horses are separated, and all tools and equipment are kept clean.

Staying ahead of the virus and keeping healthy horses healthy is quite a task.

Just like the COVID-19 restrictions for humans, staff must make sure they do not carry the virus from one horse to another on their clothing or hands.



Prestigious Pedigreed Seed Auction will be online this year

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

OTTAWA – The Ottawa Valley Farm Show, has donated more than \$178,000 to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, (CHEO) through its first Prestigious Pedigreed Seed Auction in 1992.

In 2021, faced with the challenges brought on by the pandemic, the organizers of the annual seed show are determined to continue the auction tradition.

This year, the event will be held online from March 22 to March 27.

All you have to do is go to the Ottawa Valley Farm Show website page, and from there click the link to register for the auction. After you have registered, you can look at the many

excellent auction items, make a bid and check from time to time during the bidding period to see if your bid has won.

Kathy Hardy is a director with the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association, (OVSGA) and co-organizer of the seed auction.

She said, "It has been a regular event at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show for a number of years. It was instigated by a past president and lifetime member of our organization. His name was Jim Arbuckle. He was able to get the support of a number of pedigree seed growers in Eastern Ontario and they donated the product."

The event started out auctioning lots of feed but

over time more items and ideas were added.

"They would add white beans and bales of hay that had been in the seed show as well. Now we have other donations from antique groups, and agricultural organizations, and individuals and from some of the farm show exhibitors we would have at the farm show."

According to Hardy, there has never been a shortage of support from donors to the auction and buyers who take part.

"We have been well supported over the years," said Hardy.

The spirit of generosity that has made the auction such a success does not stop with the event itself.

Bidders on seeds take what they have won and

pass it along to the Canadian Food Grain Bank.

The event is online and demonstrates the commitment organizers have to continue to donate to CHEO, regardless of whatever challenges come their way.

Hardy said, "This year, the proceeds will be directed to the mental health section at CHEO."

There is a great deal more to bid on than seeds at the auction.

There are items from the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers, HGV Equipment, items from some of the local soil and crop associations.

"Vintage Iron and Traditions of Eastern Ontario is donating a cast iron tractor seat and a collectable model tractor,"

said Hardy. "This is number 100 of the series, [someone] had actually ordered for the show last year."

There is one featured item that organizers are thrilled to have.

It is a stained-glass panel called Harvest Grain, and it is 16 by 20 inches.

"It is crafted by a local artist Jim Locke of Iroquois," said Hardy.

The piece is sponsored by SeCan Association of Ottawa.

Organizers also have two farm scene prints on canvas by local photographer Lisa Flewellyn who lives on a dairy farm near Kinburn. The framing for the prints is donated by the OVSGA and there is a President's Choice gift basket as well from the organization.



The feature item of the auction is this 16 X 20-inch glass panel called Harvest Grain by Jim Locke of Iroquois.

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There is also a gift basket donated by St. Albert Cheese.

The auction will feature six to eight lots of feed and 20 additional items and some quilted items.

"We have quite a variety of items," said Hardy.

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Russell rec complex 'closest we've ever been'

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

EMBRUN – More than 1,200 people have viewed last week's township of Russell "Live with Leroux" online question and answer session about the municipality's future recreation complex.

"I was very pleased with Wednesday's virtual discussion," Mayor Pierre Leroux said of the Feb. 24 event, which can be found on the township's Facebook and YouTube pages. "A recreational complex project has been talked about for over 20 years and now council has taken concrete steps to move it forward."

The half-hour Q&A provided residents with an opportunity to ask questions about the process and timelines for the project, the public survey, and the upcoming online public consultations. Using the comments section, someone asked if the project would be competing for funding with the 417 Industrial Park. Leroux reminded viewers the Q&A was specifically for questions related to the consultation process but did say that he is "not too worried about that one."

In response to a question about how community input would be analyzed, director of parks and recreation Céline

Guitard said, "every comment will be looked at."

Viewer comments included gratitude for the online format, which was arranged in response to COVID-19 regulations. Those who normally would not be able to attend in person due to disability were able to watch and interact from the comfort of their home, while those who were unable to make the 7 p.m. start time can go back and watch at their leisure.

One viewer was concerned about the reality of the project, commenting on past failed attempts at building a recreation complex in Russell. Leroux said he could not speak to the project from the early 2000s, as he was not on council at that time, but he did offer some reassurance.

"The closest we've ever been, is right now," he said.

The current project is in its initial phase, Leroux noted, adding that the township has hired Colliers Group as project management for the first phase, the design of the following phase, and the public consultation process. For more information, the municipal website has a page devoted to the project, complete with history, updates, concept plan, and project phases.

Another viewer asked about the possibility of "big draw" items, such as diving boards. Leroux encouraged

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residents to share their ideas via the online survey, while earlier in the discussion the Colliers Group representative said this is the time to think and dream big.

"That's a comment you want to see on a survey," Leroux said. "Be sure to share that with us."

In addition to last week's online Q&A, the municipality is offering a few other opportunities for community engagement, including two online public consultations, one in English (March 3) and one in French (March 10). Roughly 450 people have already completed the online survey, which closes March 12.

"I look forward to hearing all the community feedback on what they would like to see included," Leroux said.

Russell county OPP lays drug and impaired charges

RUSSELL – On Feb. 26, 2021, at approximately 5:45 a.m., Russell County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers responded to an ambulance assistance call at a business on Burton Road in Vars.

During the investigation, the officer determined that the motorist had been consuming drugs and was impaired.

The driver was transported to detachment for further testing with a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

The investigation revealed that the driver was in contravention of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA), resulting in a search of the vehicle.

The search uncovered a quantity of suspected crack cocaine, cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, methamphetamine pills, psilocybin (mushrooms), oxycodone pills, ecstasy and cannabis. The drugs seized had a total value of nearly



\$18,500. An amount of nearly \$6,800 of Canadian currency was also seized.

As a result of the investigation, Tawnya Brunette, 33-years-old, from Cornwall was arrested and charged with:

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

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

Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Other Drugs

CDSA 5(2);

Possession of a Schedule III substance for the purpose of Trafficking CDSA 5(2);

Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Other Drugs CDSA 4(1);

Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 CC 355(a);

Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs CC 320.14(1)(a) and

Failure or refusal to comply with demand CC 320.15(1).

The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in L'Orignal at a later date.

St-Albert Cheese reopens

ST-ALBERT – The St-Albert Cheese Cooperative is up and running after two employees were diagnosed with COVID-19 last week.

When management received the news of the positive test results, they immediately shut their operation down and had all their staff tested, but they got the green light to reopen on Sat., Feb. 27 from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

In the end, a third employee tested positive, but that employee was already isolating themselves at home. As of Tues., March 2, St-Albert was back up and running.

A spokesperson at St-Albert said they take the virus very seriously and

have stringent restrictions to prevent a recurrence of the virus.

For more information about St-Albert Cheese Cooperative please call 1-800-465-1553.



UCPR tackles food insecurity

Sandy Casselman
LJI Reporter

RUSSELL – The township of Russell has joined the call to raise awareness about food insecurity.

In addition to sharing information via social media, the municipality is ready to help in any way it can with the four projects being funded by the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) through the Ontario Social Services Relief Fund.

"The food hub is a UCPR project, and Russell Township would help in any way that would be beneficial to both parties should such a request be brought forward by the UCPR," Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux said.

The projects being supported by the \$180,917 funding include: meal distribution program; garden in Embrun to supply fresh produce to local food banks; "Strong Community Begins with a Good Meal" communications campaign; and expansion of food delivery services from food banks to those in need throughout UCPR.

"Ontario is proud to support Prescott and Russell's innovative program that has been putting food on the tables of those in need," Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonnell said.

In the fall of 2020, more than 20 regional partners came together to find ways to strengthen community food programs during and beyond the pandemic.

These partners include businesses, service clubs, organizations, and the

United Way of Eastern Ontario, as well as UCPR.

An expansion of a model created in 2020 by the Rotary Club of Hawkesbury, the meal distribution program, aims to prepare and deliver more than 10,000 meals through several regional food banks across UCPR.

The meals are professionally prepared and frozen by three local caterers: Vankleek Hill's, A Catered Affair; Groupe Convex in Hawkesbury; and Académie du gourmet in Embrun. Meals are transported to participating food banks by Prescott and Russell Community Services.

The impact of food insecurity on the physical and mental health and well-being of our community is very concerning," Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) Health Promotion Specialist Lynne Giroux said. "Children and adults living in households where there is not enough money for food are more likely to develop or suffer from conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart disease, depression, and anxiety."

It is estimated that one in seven Ontario families are in a situation of food insecurity and that only one in five food insecure households access food banks for help.

These challenges are even greater during the pandemic, with many people having to turn to food aid for the first time.

According to the EOHU, without good food, communities suffer in lost potential and additional burdens on the healthcare system.

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