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**Parade of Lights' tradition continues**

The 25th anniversary of the North Dundas Display of Lights is a go. In light of the ongoing pandemic, and due to restrictions surrounding a traditional parade, organizers have decided to once again hold a stationary parade. It will be at the South Mountain Fairgrounds on Saturday, Dec. 4. It will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is free for spectators and float entries. To find the online float registration form and reserve your space, please visit:

<https://northdundasparadeoflights.ca/>

You can also check parade details out on Facebook at North Dundas Parade of Lights.

**Thrift shop open**

The Lions Club Thrift Shop is becoming a busy place. The next Saturday opening is Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the fun-filled Shop Crawl. Come for free hot chocolate and amazing deals on lots of items. Then we open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month for as long as they have volunteers and customers. Donation drop offs can occur then as well; seasonal, clean and all zippers functioning.

**New stop signs**

Seven new stop signs were recently installed in South Mountain and Winchester. The signs were installed to increase public safety on municipal roadways. Check out North Dundas on Facebook to see stop sign locations.

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**Holiday Quilted Hangings**

From the left: Vicky Johnston and Calyie Martine who run Hogaboam Stitchery had a wonderful selection of gift items for people of all ages at their booth during the McIntosh Park fundraiser. They are seen with some holiday hangings which were available to purchase at the event.

Thompson Goddard photo

**North Stormont divided on donating to local food banks**

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

BERWICK – “I’m all in favour of supporting food banks, and do it personally, but I’m not in favour of supporting it at the municipal level because we could be opening a can of worms,” Coun. Randy Douglas said during the township of North Stormont’s Oct. 19 council meeting.

Following a donation request from the C.C.S. (Casselman, Crysler, St. Albert) Food Bank, chief administrative officer Craig Calder presented local politicians with a recommendation to donate funds to each of the two local food banks, C.C.S. Food Bank and Community Food Share. After a lengthy discussion, council members voted to defer the decision until the next council meeting. Coun. Roxane Villeneuve was not in attendance for the vote.

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**Old Town Hall closer to HVAC retrofit**

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Winchester’s Old Town Hall is one step closer to getting an annoying distraction fixed.

For years and years, the Dundas County Players and the municipality have been trying to replace the existing HVAC system in the town hall, however, ensuring that funds are there to replace the system has taken some time; HVAC stands for heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

The North Dundas council has agreed to amend their budget to accommodate the Old Town Hall HVAC replacement costs at its Oct. 12 regular council meeting, “to recognize an additional \$5,500 in grant funding from the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, for a total of \$31,408 in funding

support,” and approve an increase of \$5,500 in project expenses.

The director of recreation and culture, Meaghan Meerburg presented the request to council.

She said, “We are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. We are very excited about this.”

“The current HVAC system in the old Town Hall theatre is quite loud. It is belt driven and whenever it is turned on there is a clunk and the air exchanger is quite loud.”

She said the new one, once installed, is expected to be very quiet.

The challenge for the Dundas County Players, for example has been putting on a performance with the air-conditioning on; it makes a great deal of noise which is

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## Food banks

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Speaking to the recommendation, Calder reminded council they had provided \$2,500 to each of the food banks in the past due to pandemic-related need. He said while there isn't anything allocated for a further donation in this year's budget, the finance department has identified a fund of \$7,500 for council functions that isn't being used. Calder suggested donating a further \$2,500 to each of the food banks using funds from that account.

"In my opinion, the 2020 allocation to the food bank was a one-time COVID-related issue," Douglas said. "There are many needy organizations

in not only North Stormont, but in the entire country, so we have a fine legacy of volunteering history in North Stormont, and we have the people who belong to volunteer groups. We need more community volunteers but to designate one organization over all the other organizations, I'm not in favour." Noting that the increased needs at the food bank are pandemic related, Deputy Mayor François Landry asked about using COVID-19 relief funds received from the province. He was told this wouldn't be possible, as the remaining funds are required to be used specifically for internal expenses. "For some, they flourished and were better than ever, but for others they've

suffered, and it's been a long two years," Landry said. "Regardless of where it comes [from]. So, if there's a GL (general ledger) with something, I fully want to make sure we fully support some of the funds, if we can, towards the food banks." Councillor Steve Densham said he had received a phone call earlier in the evening stating that Community Food Share is looking for other organizations like the Lions Club to help support the Christmas Food Basket Program this year. He said last year's response in North Stormont for food basket requests was "heavy." He suggested potentially deferring the decision until it could be determined which

organizations would be involved with the program, so that any funds being allocated could be done so appropriately.

"I agree. I think it's a good service. I know that people have been generous throughout COVID," Densham said. "Personally, I don't see a problem supporting them financially but again with that added complexity we may want to defer until we can get a bit more information on what's going to happen with the Lions Club." Mayor Jim Wert asked staff if the decision was time sensitive. Calder said it's not, that staff wanted to relay the request for council to consider. Wert reminded council that the food banks have not been getting their usual

donations from the CP Holiday Train due to the pandemic. In response, Densham said North Stormont's holiday Porch Tour collected a wagonful of food last year and that the plan is to do the same this year.

"I feel it's a small token. I feel giving, with the Christmas season coming on, would be a boost to the food banks," Landry said, noting again that due to the pandemic-induced increase in needs at local food banks, he'd like to see the municipality give a donation.

Douglas asked what relief has been given in other variations by the municipality. He was told that while some tax relief was given in 2020, there had been none given in

2021. Wert said he felt the discussion was going "sideways," which led to a rebuttal from Douglas. "We're talking about services provided by the township. If the municipality is going to start supporting individual charities one by one, how far do you want to go," Douglas said. "Where I was going was that the municipality was already providing relief during Covid by giving relief on late payments of taxes, so that in its own way is being charitable."

Council's options were to vote in favour of the motion, against the motion, or to defer the motion. In the end, they decided to defer until the next council meeting.

## HSSD gets greenlight to make minor improvements to Forward House

Sandy Casselman  
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – During a recent discussion on short-term repairs for Iroquois' Forward House, the Municipality of South Dundas politicians learned that members of the Historical Society of South Dundas (HSSD) are planning to present their long-term plans for the museum's future some time next month. During the Oct. 25 council meeting, manager of facilities David Jansen recommended that council authorize the HSSD to retain a contractor to complete minor repairs on the Forward House. In addition to covering the cost, HSSD will be responsible for coordinating repairs with municipal staff, including building access, retaining insured contractors, and scheduling. Local politicians unanimously voted in favour of the recommendation. HSSD is looking at completing two minor repairs, including the installation of eavestrough on the east side of the

building, as there is none there now, and installation of a tarp with strapping on the roof of the Forward House addition, which should provide additional protection from the upcoming winter weather. "HSSD is aware that these are short-term repairs and are being done prior to council's review of any long-term plans for the Forward House," Jansen said in his report. Jansen's report included photos of Forward House both inside and outside. In addition to peeling paint on the ceiling of the annex, there were photos of the missing eavestrough, as well as the roof of the building's addition. "Just to update council a bit, I did speak to the vice chair of the historical society Stephen McDonald yesterday and he is aware of the short-term repair and will be coming to council for the long-term plan," Mayor Steven Byvelts said. "He did send a long-term plan to staff and myself today, so that will be coming Nov. 22 I believe to council, [or] somewhere before the end of the year."

## Great Day, Great Event

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

BERWICK - The sun shone down on McIntosh Park for the McIntosh Park held their Community Craft, Yard and Food Sale on Saturday October 23. The event was organized by the McIntosh Park Committee as a fundraiser for the maintenance of this community park.

Ernie Coumont, a member of the organizing team, explained there were 10 vendors on site with a selection of items for every age group. Coumont explained how Linda Carruthers had come up with the idea of having a fundraising event which would allow for a good selection of vendors to participate.

Coumont continued how there had been a steady stream of people

coming to the sale throughout the day and provided all an opportunity to spend some time in the outdoors.

He mentioned there are plans to hold another event similar to this in an indoors location once pandemic restrictions are lifted.

McIntosh Park is located near

Berwick Ontario and provides visitors with walking trails, geocaching, an opportunity to enjoy some time out of doors and perhaps have a picnic. South Nation Conservation and the McIntosh Park committee work together to ensure this beautiful location is maintained.



### McIntosh Park Fundraiser

There was a steady stream of people attending the McIntosh Park fundraiser on Saturday October 23 at the park in Berwick.

Thompson Goddard photo

## Correction

The Oct. 21 edition of the Chesterville Record featured a story about the North Dundas Community Builder Award winner Bob Porteous. There is an error in the story. His wife Jean Porteous worked for the WDMH for 37, not 47 years, primarily as a RPN and she also volunteered in the WDMH Gift Shop for six years after retiring.

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## HVAC refit

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distracting for an audience. The theatre portion of the town hall seats about 100 people. Depending on the season, in a room that size, heat or air conditioning is often necessary. As a result of the noise generated by the system, turning it off during a performance and then on for a short time during an intermission has been the only way to avoid the noise.

Aaron Dallah, the former treasurer for the Dundas County Players and stage technician for the group said, "We have to turn it off during live performances, and then after about 30 minutes of 100 people all being stuffed in that room with no ventilation and the theatre lights on, the place is like an oven."

He said that was what they have had to work with.

The existing heating and air-conditioning system dates to when the town hall housed the Ontario

Provincial Police office and jail, along with a courthouse and a municipal office; the current theatre section used to be a garage.

The renovations to the town hall took place about 20 years ago and the heating and air-conditioning system would have been put in then.

At the time the system was considered to be oversized for the space it had to work in.

Dallah said, "The new system will be smaller and more efficient and quieter."

The Dundas County Players have asked that while the new system is installed, that ductwork located right above the stage be removed.

The ducts above the stage area have made putting up curtains or stage lighting a challenge.

The rest of the building has a separate heating and air-conditioning system.

Meerburg's council report stated: "The Recreation & Culture Department applied for

\$25,908 in grant funding from the Canada Cultural Spaces' Fund, for the replacement of the HVAC system in the Old Town Hall theatre. This anticipated funding amount was included in the 2021 budget. Due to the pandemic, the cost of materials and project related expenses has increased. The funding committee also requested that an additional component be added to the system, which would help to eliminate any airborne viruses that pass through it. The additional costs are anticipated to be \$5,500."

The total cost of the project is \$53,558. The Dundas County Players have pledged \$12,000, and \$31,408 from Canada Cultural Spaces' Fund. The remainder of the necessary funds including the additional \$5,500 will come from the municipality. In the end, the pledge from the township is \$10,150.

The town hall was built in 1904 for \$5,000, the hall located at 478 Main Street

East in Winchester endured since then but has had many changes in design and purpose. The North Dundas municipality website described the history of the building.

"From 1906 to 1961, it was the village library. During the 1920s, it showcased movies, plays, and concerts with local dances held upstairs. For 65 years, the Old Town Hall acted as Winchester's local jail, and visitors can still see evidence of jail cells in the form of bars on windows and original cell doors. From 1970 to 1980, the Ontario Provincial Police made their headquarters there.

Now, the Old Town Hall is home to the Dundas County Players theatre group, who has been entertaining the community with plays, cabarets, and dinner theatre since 1996. True to its history of versatility, the Old Town Hall doesn't just serve this one purpose; it also hosts "A Night at the Movies", as



The Old Town Hall in Winchester is inching closer to having its heating and air conditioning system replaced.

well as Open Mic Cafe on a regular basis. The Old Town Hall has been host to many other community events like concerts (including the Festival of Small Halls, as well as artists Dan Hill and Sean McCann), live entertainment and book and CD release parties.

With seating for 97 guests in the theatre, this facility is also great for meetings and presentations.

Morin Photo  
The lobby space is excellent for heritage displays, art shows and special events. The Old Town Hall is fully air-conditioned, licensed, and accessible.

## Trees, trees and more trees

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT—On Oct. 22, almost 300 native tree and shrub species were planted on the grounds of the township of South Stormont municipal office, which borders the south branch of the Raisin River. A press release issued by the Raisin River Conservation Authority (RRCA) on that date confirms this was a collaborative effort by members of the public, the RRCA, township of South Stormont and members of the Ontario Provincial Police. Bryan McGillis, South Stormont Mayor and RRCA chair, commented how, "when it comes to improving our local environment, every effort counts."

The township of South Stormont is "working towards creating a recreational path alongside the newly planted trees, most of which are edible species such as black chokecherry, wild plum, and beaked hazel," with South Stormont Deputy Mayor and RRCA board member Dave Smith commenting he is "excited to see the continuing evolution of this site as these trees mature and grow."

The RRCA riparian enhancement project has added "close to 13,000 trees this fall to lands bordering watercourses in its watershed jurisdiction" and has received "\$50,000 in funding from the Ontario Ministry of the



Participating in the community tree planting was from left: MPP for Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry, Jim McDonell, OPP detachment commander, insp. Marc Hemmerick, South Stormont Mayor and RRCA chair, Bryan McGillis, South Stormont Deputy Mayor and RRCA board member, David Smith, and RRCA general manager, Richard Pilon.

Environment, Conservation and Parks' Great Lakes Local Action Fund.

Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell is quoted as mentioning how "We've come a long way; a hundred years ago, tree cover in the region was down to two or three per cent. Now it's close to 30 per cent."

In 1994, the RRCA began its tree planting efforts and last year planted its one millionth tree, adding that there will be

"an additional 60,000 trees" this year; RRCA general manager Richard Pilon noted the importance of municipal and private landowner partnerships in achieving this goal.

More information on tree planting initiatives can be obtained on their website, rrca.on.ca, by contacting them at 613-938-3611 or emailing at info@rrca.on.ca.

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## You are what you eat applies to many things

The word organic has been with us for years.

We have organic food; organic milk and it has also been used to describe ideas as well.

It is a handy word to throw around. Ironically, and like a great many words it is not used to describe something that could possibly affect the bottom line of an industry.

The biggest industry going today is the internet and all that it encompasses.

Scientists are beginning to suspect that excessive gaming, internet use and cell phone clicking, and swiping may be creating a behaviour that is related to the same kind of behaviour seen in someone who is addicted to a substance.

The theory is that each time the old brain is exposed to even a tiny bit of a pleasurable situation, it receives as a reward a small dose of the drug dopamine.

One definition of the chemical,

courtesy of the internet is: "Dopamine is a type of neurotransmitter. Your body makes it, and your nervous system uses it to send messages between nerve cells. That's why it's sometimes called a chemical messenger. Dopamine plays a role in how we feel pleasure. It's a big part of our unique human ability to think and plan."

Now the issue with internet and gaming seems to be that the constant and regular injection of dopamine over and over again into you brain causes a constant eventual need for more of the drug to maintain that pleasurable feeling; for example, getting a tiny shot of the pleasure drug each time you get a nice text from a friend or loved one.

Apparently, the average brain is sadly not designed to be supercharged with dopamine or any of the other natural chemicals that our brain uses to get by on a daily basis. Not being a scientist or doctor, even saying this in a public form

can result in spreading misinformation, but the idea makes sense at least from a distance.

The degree to which too much dopamine affects you in a negative sense is of course up for discussion.

Scientists have predicted that too much dopamine could result in a variety of psychological issues from loss of focus to aggression.

Of course it's never going to be that simple and probably there is a happy place that lives between too much and too little dopamine that we have all naturally found.

But, if a constant desire to swipe to that next post on Facebook or irresistible click on that interesting sounding news' story on your favourite news outlet becomes more than a habit, then there could be some truth to what medical professionals are suggesting.

Physiotherapists have already begun to provide anecdotal information and stories about younger people with neck problems as a result, they suspect, of spending too much time bent over their cell phones and

complaints about finger issues from gamers who spend hours with bent fingers poised over game controls have become common place.

It's kind of funny and sad at the same time to see advertisements on the internet about small hand massaging machines for aching hands. It seems someone has figured out a way to take advantage of physical issues created by too much hand use.

If all of this has any truth to it, the solution must lie somewhere between internet abstinence and moderate use of this great invention.

Why did we not think that the internet as wonderful as it is, and as revolutionary as it is, would not be subject to the laws of nature just like everything else.

I am sure too much catnip is not great for the typical cat, so why should the rules of consumption be any different when it comes to our world.

The internet becomes organic the minute we start using it.

Joseph Morin

### NDDHS Report

By Savannah Coleman  
Student Council Communications  
**Quadmester #1  
Flying By**



Time is flying by at North Dundas District High School; we are almost 2 months down, with 8 to go! Students have been hard at work and have a week full of spirit days coming up to look forward to. For Halloween, ND student council has planned a week of spirit days for students to participate in and earn points for their grade. The week consists of twin day, students dress like teachers and vice versa, pj day, and costume day/orange and black day. North Dundas students and staff are always wonderful participants; there will be lots of pictures to see as the week goes on that will be posted on the school's Facebook and student council's Instagram page.

Some exciting news that was spread this past week was that sports are finally back! Junior Girls Basketball is being coached by Mr. Groves and Junior Boys Volleyball is being coached by Mrs. Hall. They are working hard and practicing after school! More exciting news was that Mr. Deighton has opened the fitness room after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. It has been used by many already and is extremely appreciated by our students. We have some fit students here at ND!

North Dundas students appreciate our staff every day for everything they do; they truly do make a difference. Happy Halloween everybody!

## The Road Home

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**

I remember when "The Time That Was" a history of Chesterville from its earliest times up to the 1970's was published. When it was published, Mom bought herself, my brothers and myself one copy. Mom told me the story of the Tweedsmuir histories written by Women's Institutes across Canada. These community history books came after Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of the Governor General of Canada (1935-1940), commented she felt the Women's Institutes in Canada should keep local history books. It was in 1940 that Lady Tweedsmuir agreed to allow these local histories to be called Tweedsmuir Village History Books in honour of her late husband.

Members of the book committee for the Chesterville and District Historical Society have been working for almost two years conducting interviews with local people, receiving contributions of photos, family histories and farm histories with a view to continuing the work of those who created our first history book and its supplement. The title of the book is "Bridging the Centuries", which chronicles the life and times of Chesterville and area between the 1990's and present day. This book is getting very close to being ready for publication thanks to the dedicated work of committee members as well as the editors, Bruce and Kim Henbest.

Book committee chair Gail Parker expects the book will be ready for Christmas gift giving with a publication date in mid November expected. It will cost \$50.00 each and will contain information on events such as the Ice Storm of '98 and the provincially mandated municipal amalgamation as well as sections on businesses, community leaders and the local farming community. Late in August the book committee met for a photo op at the Heritage Centre in Chesterville, followed by a supper hosted by Gail. She wished to thank all the committee members and the editors who had worked to create this book which will ensure our history is preserved for generations to come.

I believe my mom would have been very happy to see this book published and that I contributed in a small way

to its publication. As for me, well I am ordering four copies - one for me and one for each of my three children as Christmas presents. I can hardly wait to see the book completed and read about our history, secure in the knowledge that one day my children will be able to discover this part of their heritage. A sincere thank you to all who spent so much of their time and effort on this project, a true labour of love.



### Celebrating our history

Members of the CDHS Book Committee gathered at the Heritage Centre in Chesterville on Tues., Aug. 26 before enjoying a supper meeting at the home of Chair Gail Parker. From the left, front row: Shelagh Derks, Pauline VanKessel, Maryke De Jong, Caroline Roberts, Gail Parker. Back row: Bruce Henbest, Kim Henbest, Corrie McRae, Ashley Harper. Absent: Carolyn Goddard.

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## Historical places

Joseph Morin  
Record Staff

**IROQUOIS** –The history of South Dundas is interesting and filled with fascinating events.

From the flooding of the St. Lawrence River to the ancient aboriginal settlements in the area, the history of South Dundas is filled with surprises.

On Sun., Oct. 24 the Historical Society of South Dundas, (HSSD) launched their historical plaque program from the Iroquois Airport campground building.

The event, featured a look at the nine plaques located along the Iroquois waterfront pathway and is the result of a partnership between the Iroquois Waterfront Committee, Iroquois Airport Commission and the HSSD.

Each plaque depicts a part of Iroquois' history with carefully researched information and incorporates original photographs.

Getting the project completed was not easy with the pandemic getting in the way.

The president of the historical society, Anne Presley said, "We started last winter around the first of April. We picked out the pictures from the collection that the historical society has. They were supposed to be up in July but they could not get the bolts needed to finish off the plaques."

The plan next year is to put up another nine plaques.

"A lot of the ones to come are aerial photographs," she said.

"The younger generations have no idea what was here along the seaway."

She said some of their members remember the old town and where everybody lived. "We are starting a map of where everybody lived before the houses got moved."

The project could not have happened without the partnership and support of the community.

Presley said, "We had a

fantastic group of volunteers and John (Ross) has been outstanding in his support."

John Ross chair of the Iroquois Waterfront Committee said, "Our role today is that we are a group that facilitates things within the park of recreational or cultural nature."

The partnership began when the historical society decided they wanted to put up historical plaques along their waterfront.

"They came to us to inquire about how to go about it," said Ross.

In the airport building, specially set up for the occasion was a large board that featured all of the different plaques.

One plaque explains how Iroquois in 1902 was the location for the first hydroelectric plant in the area.

"The new locks had just gone in, and they had just enough water differential to run a turbine," explained Ross.

Iroquois was considered by many to be one of the first rural villages in Ontario to have its own electric street lighting. The rest of Rural Ontario did not have a similar luxury until the 1940s.

Walter Bailey is a life long resident of Iroquois and at 82 was a teenager when the village was flooded to make way for the new Seaway project in 1958.

He spoke at the plaque ribbon cutting ceremony.

"The mover was at our home when I went to school that morning," said Bailey.

"We slept in the home on our new lot that night."

He remembered that because it was cold, the heater in the home was running the whole time it was being moved.

When he was 16 years old, Bailey worked after school at the IGA for Harry Gilmer.

"My job was to go back to the old store and load up the Fargo half-ton truck and bring the goods to the new store in our shopping plaza. I

could make two trips each night."

He remembers going to the old town. "It was an experience you did not forget," he said. "It was like a war zone. There were empty lots where a home once stood and stone or brick building that could not be moved were bulldozed or set on fire."



A look at all the different historical plaques along the Iroquois Waterfront Path.

Morin Photo



### Cutting the ribbon

Cutting the ribbon and launching the Iroquois Historical Plaque program are, left to right: Matt Mulvilhill representing Ontario Power Generation, SD&G MP Eric Duncan, John Ross, South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelts, Coun. Kirsten Gardner and former MPP Jim Brownell.

Courtesy photo



### THANK YOU

The family of Terry Rainey would like to thank Rev. Lois Gaudet and Brownlee Funeral Home (Lori) for the graveside service.

Thanks to our legion comrades for providing a wonderful lunch and all the expressions of sympathy from our family and friends.

Also a special thanks to everyone who assisted at the accident.

Sue, Irvine, Tammy & family.

## Obituary

### MASTERTON, SISTER MARJORIE

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, are saddened to announce the death of Sister Marjorie Masterson at St. Joseph's Residence, London on October 20, 2021 in her 64th year as a Sister of Sister of St. Joseph. Sister Marjorie was born in Chesterville Ontario, the daughter of the late William J. Masterson and Eva O'Neill. She was predeceased by her brothers, William, Leonard and Stewart and her sisters, Evelene and her husband Elwood Morphy, Helen and her husband Dan Koob and Loretta Brooks. She will be remembered with love by her siblings, Brother John Masterson S.J., Sheila, Frances MacDonald (Allan,) and Karon Grantham as well as the members of her religious family. Sister Marjorie loved teaching and brought to her ministry compassion and organizational skills as well as a sense of humour. Throughout her 40 years as an educator, she was both teacher and principal in Hamilton Burlington, Dundas and Mount Forest. She retired from teaching in 1984 and continued to serve the needs of Senior Citizens in Brantford and volunteered for the Hamilton Wentworth Detention Centre, and Literacy Council. She was welcomed into the London Residence of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the summer of 2021. Visitation and Funeral Mass have taken place. Expressions of sympathy or donations to the works of the congregation in memory of Sister Marjorie may be sent to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 302-911 Golf Links Road, Ancaster, Ontario L9K 1H9 or [www.csjcanada.org](http://www.csjcanada.org) and click on Donate. Online condolences can be left at [www.dermody.com](http://www.dermody.com).

### THANK YOU



The family of the late Bert van Kessel would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our family members, relatives, and friends for their support during this difficult time. It was of great comfort to receive your kindness and sympathy and for the food, flowers, cards and donations. Special thanks to Father Dan VanDelst, Father Cyril Duru, Tammy McRae, the Knights of Columbus, Legion Ladies, as well as David Lapier of Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home for his guidance and support.

Theresa van Kessel and family.



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# Spooktacular Event!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

NEWINGTON— For the second year in a row, “It’s The Great Pumpkin Newington” event was a resounding success! It was held on Sunday October 24 in the grounds of the Newington Wesleyan Church. The event featured several fun events for community members and visitors to enjoy, with many attending the event in Halloween costume.

Pastor Dave Phillips explained the event this year was a bit bigger than last year and included a baking contest featuring pumpkin flavoured baked goods, with the entry fee a donation which will be passed on to Community Food Share.

A huge balloon pumpkin, created by Ingleside based Balloon Babes Cornwall, provided visitors with an opportunity to win a giant cauldron of candy by guessing how many balloons were in the giant pumpkin.

Activities included: face painting, delicious hot dogs, cotton candy and popcorn treats as well as receiving a pumpkin and treats. Firefighters and trucks from the South Stormont Fire and Rescue, Newington Division were on site providing an opportunity to see the vehicles up close and chat with a firefighter.

Pastor Phillips wished to thank Frenchies for providing the pumpkins, Cornwall Walmart for their support, Balloon Babes for the giant balloon pumpkin, the Newington firefighters who brought the trucks and helped cook hot dogs. He also expressed his thanks to the volunteers and

## Hunting Pumpkins in South Stormont

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – The Great Pumpkin Patch, sponsored by the Ingleside-Long Sault – Lost Villages Lions Club, returned this year to add a bit of holiday fun for residents of all ages. The event was held at the South Stormont community hall on Saturday October 23.

Lion Sharon Potvin, president of the ILSLV Lions Club, commented how everyone seemed “to really like it”, before mentioning it was a resounding success with about 50 people participating in the event. Lion Janice Beverdam

explained pre-registration for a timeslot was required for the event.

She continued people would register at the desk, go outside to pick their pumpkin, come inside to decorate it, play some games, enjoy a hot dog and drink before leaving with a bag of candy for the \$5.00 entrance fee. Potvin explained this was not a fundraiser for the Lions Club, but rather an opportunity to “give back” to the community which has supported them in the past.

While visiting the event, SDSG MPP Jim McDonell mentioned it was “nice to see the children back having fun” during the event.



## Pumpkins for Everyone

The Whitford family is shown shortly after they received their pumpkin during the “It’s the Great Pumpkin Newington” event on October 24 at the Newington Wesleyan Church. Mom Katie is shown with Odin, while Wylie, and Nevin are in front of their dad Perry.

Thompson Goddard photo

parishioners who contributed to the event and everyone who visited the event.

The second annual “It’s The Great Pumpkin Newington” event provided the community an opportunity to gather together, have some fun and enjoy the out of doors. Pastor Phillips commented how he is looking forward to the 2022 event which is being planned for October 30, the last Sunday before Halloween.



## How Many Balloons Make The Pumpkin

Pastor Phillips of the Newington Wesleyan Church is shown holding the giant cauldron of candy in front of the giant balloon pumpkin.

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## Nothing says Halloween like candy!

There were smiles all around as two youngsters received their bag of candy from Lion Sharon Potvin and Lion Janice Beverdam.

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**Stop sign easy to spot**

The municipality has recently installed several stop signs in the area. One of them which is creating a few raised eyebrows is in South Mountain at the corner of Church Street and Maple Street right behind St. Daniel's Church. The stop sign seems to be adrift in the middle of the road; there is a reason for that. Long ago, the township's road allowance along that street was mistakenly paved over filling the area that would normally have been a curb or grass. The situation makes the road wider than it really is but the stop sign sits right where it should, where the corner of the street would be.

Morin Photo



**Fall Clean-Up**

One of the hidden gems of Eastern Ontario is the Oak Valley Pioneer Park located in North Dundas. Volunteers which help South Nation Conservation maintain the conservation area were at the park on October 23 for their fall cleanup. Lester McInnis, Chair of the Friends of the Oak Valley Pioneer Park is shown with Barclay Cormack during the fall cleanup day.

Thompson Goddard photo

**Bridges to Better Business provides info for local entrepreneurs**

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

CORNWALL – In celebration of Small Business Week, Bridges to Better Business 2021 included three online seminars followed by an in-person dinner with keynote speaker.

Organized by the Cornwall and Area Chamber of Commerce, Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre, and ACC Futures, the October 21 event looked at issues many businesses are currently facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including debt repayment and employee recruitment. The first workshop of the day was "Dealing with Debt." It was followed by "Recruitment 101" and "Out of the Box Recruitment."

While less than 20 people logged on for each of the three virtual workshops, it was noted that many are expected to watch the recorded workshops at their convenience. The in-person event included dinner and keynote speaker later that evening.

This year's in-person networking session focused on the importance of taking care of the entrepreneur's mental health, as well as specific ways to do this. The local Canadian Mental Health Association's Angele D'Alessio was the night's keynote speaker along with local suicide prevention and men's mental health advocate Stephen Douris.

The event was sponsored by the Business Development Bank of Canada, MNP, Drake International, Cornwall Economic Development, and the Eastern Ontario Training Board.

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# North Stormont implements vaccine policy

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

**BERWICK** – Like the other municipalities in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG), the township of North Stormont has passed a vaccine policy, as well as an employee disclosure form.

“The proposed policy was developed in dialogue with the rest of SDG,” chief administrative officer (CAO) Craig Calder said during the Oct. 19 council meeting. “Everybody is drafting similar, not identical, but similar policies for their respective townships. Public health has strongly encouraged the introduction of these employee policies, as I’m sure everybody at the

council table is aware. The North Stormont draft is somewhat more simplistic in its requirements.”

North Stormont’s Vaccine Policy was unanimously passed by council during last week’s regular meeting, following what Mayor Jim Wert called a “very thorough” discussion. Coun. Roxane Villeneuve was not in attendance. Under the policy, all municipal employees, including municipal volunteers, members of council, and municipal committee and board members, must be fully vaccinated by Dec. 1. The policy also notes that contractors providing services inside a municipal facility may also need to be vaccinated depending on the

circumstances and the risk factor.

“I’m double vaccinated, my family’s double vaccinated. We think it’s the right way to go to protect ourselves, to protect our neighbours, protect people in the municipality and I believe staff is looking to do the right thing by their employees, by the community,” Coun. Steve Densham said. “What I’m really struggling with on this is the fact that we’re making this decision at a municipal level for a global pandemic. This is a worldwide pandemic, and it should not be strongly advised or suggested. If this is truly going to have a positive impact, it needs to be mandated in my opinion at

least at a provincial level, if not federally and it needs to be mandated so it’s not optional for various municipalities.”

Densham said that leaving this decision to each municipality leaves room for some to not enforce a mandatory vaccination policy. He also noted that issues could arise from variations between municipal policies. He said he was grateful that Calder had reached out to neighbouring municipalities and the United Counties to ensure some consistency. “I waited for the draft from SDG because I committed to trying to stay as close to their version as possible to maintain consistency across the townships,” Calder said. Deputy Mayor François Landry agreed with

Densham, noting that upper tier governments, provincial if not federal, should be taking on this responsibility rather than passing it down to the lower tier governments. He said private companies are also in a position where they’re uncomfortable being the “trendsetters” for something that will please some, while upsetting others. Despite this, he said he felt that implementing something was the right direction for North Stormont to take. Both Wert and Coun. Randy

Douglas agreed with Landry and Densham, noting that double vaccination is important.

“For the record, I firmly support double vaccination. I don’t know how you refute science, to be honest. So, I fully support this move,” Wert said. “It has been disjointed, there’s no question. Perhaps, if we have to go through another pandemic, somebody’s going to write a book on all the things not to do, but right now I still maintain that this is our best option.”



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# Pin Tales

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**Monday Men's:** Men's High Single, Garry Hutt 294; Men's High Triple, Marc Robinson 752; Men's High Average, Marc Robinson 241. Team Standings: East-Ont 30, Alley Cats 27, Raiders 24, A-Team 23, Alley Rats 10, Country Boys 6.

**Tuesday Afternoon Mixed:** Men's High Single, Men's High Triple, Ron Robinson 271; Men's High Triple, Ron Robinson 766; Ladies' High Single, Sharon Shaver 204; Ladies' High Triple, Sharon Shaver 517. Team Standings: Love 52, Charity 43, Hope 31.

**Defenders:** Men's High Single, Ron Parker 292; Men's High Triple, Ossie Linton 610; Ladies' High Single, Debbie Linton 208; Ladies' High Triple, Debbie Linton 459. Team Standings: Ossie 33, Debbie 28, Brian 26, Gwen 26, Glendon 22.

**Wednesday Ladies:** Ladies' High Single, Pat Monast 173; Ladies' High Triple, Pat Monast 448. Team Standings: Mary 76, Pat 74, Janice 71, Dianna 66, Lorna 62.

**Finch Mixed:** Men's High Single,

Donavan StDenis 239; Men's High Triple, Danny StPierre 632; Men's High Average, Danny StPierre 201; Ladies' High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 234; Ladies' High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 636; Ladies' High Average, Isabelle Bissonnette 204. Team Standings: L.T.D.D 51, Team #1 39, Billy's Girl's 34, B&S 27.

**Thursday Seniors:** Men's High Single, Ross Bennet 159; Men's High Triple, Ross Bennet 439; Ladies' High Single, Joke Vanwinden 159; Ladies' High Triple, Joke Vanwinden 407.

**Avonmore Mixed:** Men's High Single, Frank Jerome 297; Men's High Triple, Frank Jerome 762; Ladies' High Single, Cortnie Labelle 205; Ladies' High Triple, Cortnie Labelle 462. Team Standings: Black 23.5, Red 22, Orange 16, Blue 14.5, Purple 14.

**Les Dynamiques:** Men's High Single, Pierre Briere 184; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 495; Ladies' High Single, Rejeanne Lefebvre 224; Ladies' High Triple, Rejeanne Lefebvre 573.

**Williamsburg Mixed:** Men's High Single, Danny Holmes 204; Men's High Triple, Danny Holmes 581; Ladies' High Single, Leslie Vanbruinessen 266; Ladies' High Triple, Leslie Vanbruinessen 620. Team

Standings: George 65, Danny 62, Garry 59.5, John 52.5.

**Winchester Odd Couples:** Men's High Single, Darryl Britton 268; Men's High Triple, Matt Hartle 703; Ladies' High Single Pat Middleton 186; Ladies' High Triple, Pat Middleton 508. Team Standings: The Balljoints 40, Mental Mishaps 40, Golden Girls 38, Team Nike 37.

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**YBC Bantams:** Girl's High Single, Robin Sanders 182; Girl's High Double, Robin Sanders 279; Boy's High Single, Lucas Seguin 139; Boy's High Double, Lucas Seguin 218. Team Standings: Jets 39, Red Wings 35.5, Oilers 29, Leafs 25.5, Flames 21.

**YBC Juniors:** Girl's High Single, Caroline Sanders 239; Girl's High Triple, Caroline Sanders 279; Boy's High Single, Alex Robinson 214; Boy's High Triple, Alex Robinson 495. Team Standings: Ducks 60, Kings 55, Sabers 54, Senators 47.

# Flu season is here

CORNWALL –The flu shot is the best protection against the flu, and with the presence of COVID-19 in the community, getting your flu shot is more important now than ever. The flu shot has been approved for use alongside COVID-19 vaccines and is a key step in keeping healthy this season.

“It’s especially important that people get their flu shot this year,” says Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU). “Both COVID and the flu share symptoms, and despite their similarities, being fully vaccinated for COVID won’t protect you from the flu.”

Certain groups of people are at higher risk of complications from the flu and are strongly encouraged to get

immunized. These include: children 6 months to less than 5 years of age; people aged 65 and older; people with chronic medical conditions

The flu shot is available at various locations throughout the five Eastern Counties and Cornwall, including through some healthcare providers, community health centres, participating pharmacies, and by appointment at the EOHU for children ages 6 months to under 5 years, and their immediate family.

Appointments for children at the EOHU will be available as of November 1. Call to book your child’s appointment. Residents must bring a piece of identification to their appointment. To find out more about where you can get the flu shot, visit EOHU.ca or call 613-933-1375 or 1 800 267-7120.

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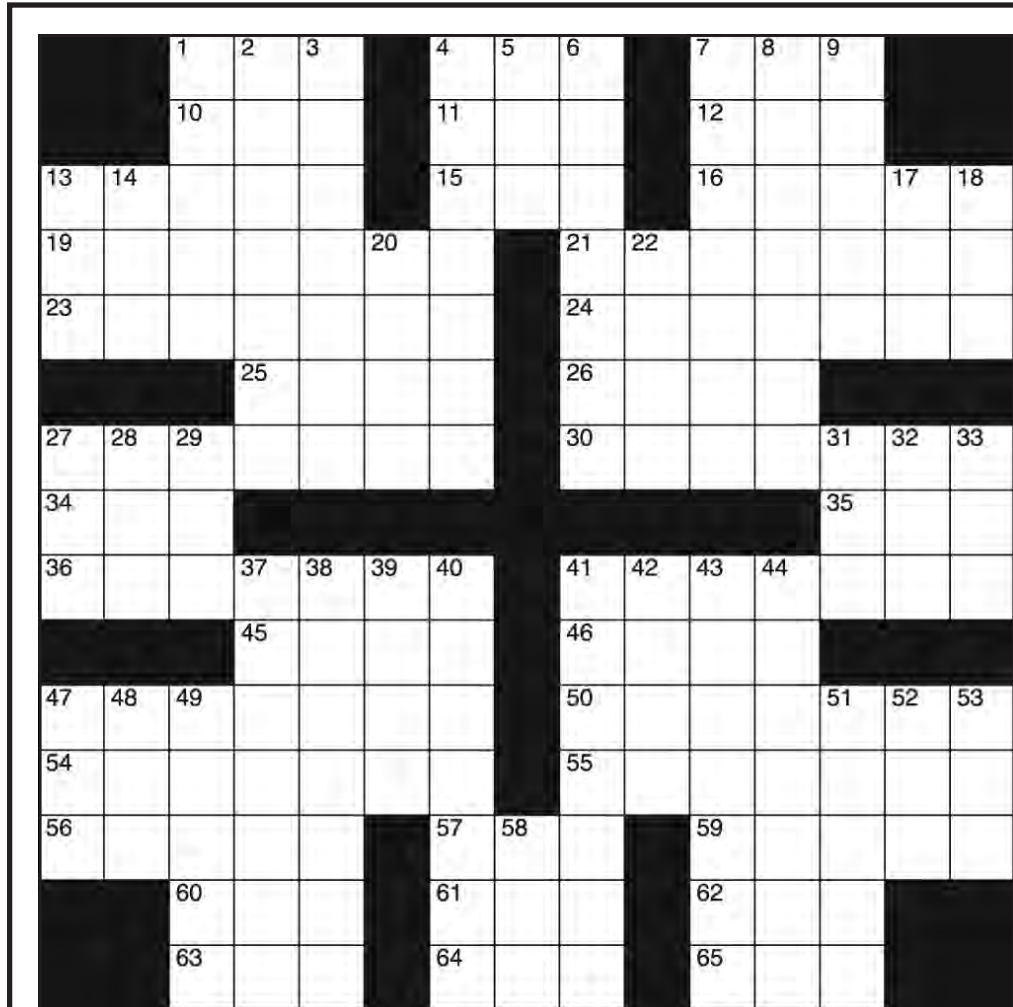
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, 2021

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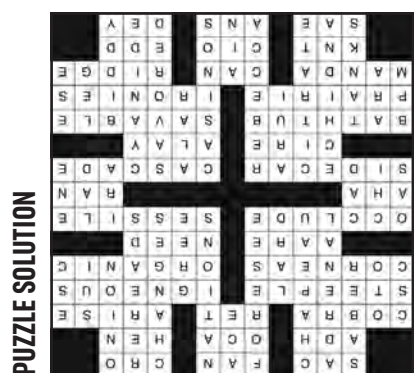
- 1. Pouch
4. Cooling device
7. Corporate exec (abbr.)
10. Antidiuretic hormone
11. South American plant
12. Adult female bird
13. Type of snake
15. Soak in water
16. Emerge
19. Church tower
21. Having solidified from lava
23. Eye parts
24. Natural
25. Swiss river
26. Require to live
27. Obstruct
30. Immobile
34. Expression of satisfaction

- 35. Moved quickly
36. Popular cocktail
41. Dish detergent brand
45. Waxed finish
46. Kyrgyzstan mountain range
47. A place to get clean
50. Able to be rescued
54. Large, open grassland
55. Expressions for humorous effect
56. Hindu goddess
57. Beverage container
59. Long narrow hilltop
60. Sir (abbr.)
61. Data executive
62. Doctor of Education
63. Car mechanics group
64. Autonomic nervous system
65. "The Partridge Family" actress

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cavalry-sword
2. Gland above the kidneys
3. Hat
4. Predict
5. A team's best pitcher
6. Countries
7. Substitutions
8. Peruses again
9. Popular food
13. Reciprocal of a sine
14. Of or relating to the ears
17. \_ juris: Independent
18. Keyboard key
20. Fat from a pig
22. AC manufacturer
27. Organization of N. and S. American countries
28. 22nd star of a constellation
29. Scoundrel

- 31. A way to save money
32. Boy or young man
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Egg-laying mammal
38. Salt of citric acid
39. Barbary sheep
40. Actress \_ de Mornay
41. Gambling hotspots
42. Wing-shaped
43. Basked in
44. Poison
47. Beats per minute
48. Macaws
49. Military vehicles
51. Elderly woman
52. Body part
53. Midway between east and southeast
58. Forearm nerve (abbr.)



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- Improve socialization
- 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.



# Chesterville Bowling

# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

Chesterville—Since the early 1960s, bowling in Chesterville has provided a fun way for people to exercise and socialize. Chesterville Bowling Lanes was initially owned and operated by Paul and Lucille Monast. In the late 1970s, the business was sold to Sylvia and Syd Bird who operated it until Ron Robinson and Shari Boyd purchased the bowling lane in 2005.

When asked why he purchased the business, Ron explained that he and Shari had been thinking about purchasing a business together; then the opportunity arose to purchase the Chesterville Bowling Lanes during a conversation that was had on the golf course with Bird.

Walking in the bowling alley today, there are few reminders of the early days of the business. One of the biggest changes from the early days of bowling is that people's bowling scores are no longer tallied on a sheet, but rather scored by a computer.

Ron explained that the use of electronic scoring is especially useful during league bowling, as members are in the computer and each league has a unique identifier. He continued that all that is needed is to log in the league number and the names which are cued up at the lane.

League bowling is held Monday to Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Ron explained there are several leagues



### Ready to bowl

Ron Robinson, owner of the Chesterville Bowling Lanes is getting ready to bowl.

Thompson Goddard Photo

currently running, with women's, men's, mixed and seniors' leagues; bowlers' range in age from four to 92 years with the Youth Bowl Canada (YBC) league included.

YBC currently have 35 to 40 people between the ages of five to 19 years of age

bowling on Saturday mornings. The YBC year runs from September to April, with the opportunity to compete in different competitions, including the provincial and national championships' events. Ron mentioned there have been several local

YBC participants competing at the provincial and national level, with one bowler finishing in the top 10 at the national championships in 2012.

For several years, the Chesterville Bowling Lanes have hosted the Bowl for Kids' Sake counties challenge, which has raised money for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. Ron continued how the Chesterville Bowling Lanes has also participated in the Ontario Seniors' Games over the years.

When asked about the effect that COVID-19 has had on the business, he replied how he was only able to open for four months over a year and a half. He continued how people were happy to be back bowling, commenting "some were ecstatic" and seemed happy to be able to get out and do something once again.

He described bowling as a sport, being that bowling balls weigh anywhere between three and a half to four pounds, the bowler has to use many muscle groups as it is hurled down the lane. There is "no age limit to bowling," Ron commented. He mentioned how just about anyone can bowl, but it takes a lot of patience and practice to excel at the sport.

Open bowling is available between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturdays, with Sunday having open bowling between 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. More information is available on their Facebook page or by calling 613-448-3535.

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## Serving their community

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff



CHESTERVILLE— Since its formation in 1904, Lodge 349 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Williamsburg has served their community. Funds raised through community events are used to supporting organizations like the Dundas County Hospice and the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital in addition to aiding those in need. The I.O.O.F. building, located on Church Street in Williamsburg, was built in 1940 to replace the original building lost to fire in 1939. Meetings are held upstairs in the building, while the main level is home to a community hall.

Noble Grand Wayde Roles explained for many years the main floor was rented to a local company for storage, and in 1998 the present hall was completed with a kitchen added in 2002 with funding provided by a Trillium grant. In addition to serving as a location for fundraising events, the hall is used by many organizations to hold meetings, training sessions or special events. Organizational meetings for the recently held Harvestfest were held at the hall, with the location provided to youth groups, Dundas County Hospice

and for Youth Hunter courses.

Dave McIntosh, treasurer for the Williamsburg Lodge, spoke about the various fundraising events that were held prior to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. One of the most popular special events was the Surf n' Turf Dinner usually held in February and September for many years.

There were monthly dances held in the I.O.O.F. hall on Church Street in Williamsburg and well attended breakfast events held once a month. While the pandemic necessitated the cancellation of these events since March 2020, the loosening of restrictions recently has resulted in the ability for the organization to hold their breakfasts. The first one was held on Aug. 7, with people from local communities enjoying a hearty breakfast with the option of either dining in or outside the Odd Fellows Hall or taking it home to enjoy. Noble Grand Roles noted the next breakfast is planned for Oct. 30 between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. Funds raised during community events are used to benefit the community. McIntosh mentioned that

even with social services available, there is a need for assistance in some areas. He continued the I.O.O.F. in Williamsburg assists those who travel to urban centres for medical attention by providing funds to help pay for parking and other services.

Camp Trillium, established in 1984, is an I.O.O.F. initiative which provides children with cancer and their families an opportunity to enjoy a camping experience with medical care available onsite. Noble Grand Roles explained that the Lodge in Williamsburg has financially supported Camp Trillium and facilitated

local people spending time at the camp. Noble Grand Roles explained at one time that there were I.O.O.F. Lodges in many local communities such as Morewood, Chesterville, South Mountain and Brinston, with many being disbanded over the past few years. Currently, Lodge 349 in Williamsburg is one of the top Lodges in Ontario, with a membership of just under 50 people. Looking to the future, both McIntosh and Noble Grand Roles expressed their confidence that the Lodge will continue to facilitate the community gathering to raise funds for the community.



### Serving the Community since 1904

From the left: I.O.O.F Noble grand Wayde Roles and treasurer Dave McIntosh are pictured with a plaque providing some historical information on I.O.O.F. Lodge 349 in Williamsburg.

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## Russell agrees to adding land acknowledgement statement in future

Sandy Casselman  
Record Staff

EMBRUN – The township of Russell's Community Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee has recommended that council consider adding an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement prior to meetings.

The committee's recommendation, which included a draft statement, was presented during the Oct. 18 council meeting. While politicians agreed it was a good idea, they felt there needed to be further research undertaken prior to approving a specific statement.

"This is something we're working on, and I think we should take our time and make sure we do it right," Mayor Pierre Leroux said. "I'd rather take our time as opposed to doing it three, four times because new information came in." Leroux suggested that council send the recommendation back to the committee and have them contact the Assembly of First Nations for their input.

At present, there is no land acknowledgement prior to council meetings

as well as most committee and board meetings. Coun. Mike Tarnowski said he would like to see one statement created for all municipal meetings for consistency.

"It would be good if we're all on the same page in what is being said and why it's being said," Tarnowski stated. "It's good to be consistent." Tarnowski also suggested the inclusion of an education component, noting that part of the Truth and Reconciliation Act is to make sure "we all understand what we're talking about or why we're saying these things." He suggested adding information on Russell's website once the statement has been completed that explains what is being said and why it's being said. Chief administrative officer Jean Leduc said this could easily be done. "We should have an education component attached to this," Leroux agreed.

Council ordered the request be sent back to the committee for further input. Leduc agreed that once this is done, staff will work with the committee to see it through.





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## Russell Scouts celebrate 100 years

Joseph Morin  
Record Staff

RUSSELL – The scouting movement across Canada celebrated its 100th anniversary nationally and internationally in 2007, and scouts in Russell will be celebrating its own 100-year milestone at the end of October.

On Sat., Oct. 23, the Second Russell Scouts in partnership with South Nation Conservation, (SNC) gathered at the entrance to the Richard (Dick) Sherwood Trail in Russell to do just that.

The Second Russell Scouts were predated by the First Russell Scouts who were founded in 1921.

The trail is in the J. Henry Tweed Conservation area.

The area is made up of 16 acres of green space and the trail is three kilometres long.

The trail entrance is located at 210 Forced Road in Russell. The property was donated to SNC in

1980.

The day's activities included a presentation about the history of the scouting movement in Russell and a presentation about the SNC tree removal plan by Pat Piitz, then a history of the park donation to SNC and a tree identification exercise.

A commemorative 100th anniversary patch was unveiled. The patch was created by Lucas and Claude Chevrier. Group commissioner Frances Rutherford and Bill Goodwin, who served as the event's master of ceremonies described the history of 2nd Russell Scouting and Naomi Langlois a SNC fish and wildlife technician gave a demonstration of how ponds, streams and creeks are examined while John Mesman from SNC described the property that the park is made from.

He said, "This space in particular traditionally welcomes 10,000 visitors



Bill Goodwin, centre, lifts the curtain off the specially designed patch created by Lucas on the left and Claude Chevrier on the right.

Morin Photo

each year on the trails that run through this park. Before the pandemic, that number doubled to around 20,000 and last year we welcomed over 45,000 visitors."

Rutherford explained that the formation of the First Russell Scouts in 1921 and its ending, followed by the creation of the Second Russell Scouts.

"We have Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and Rovers. At times, we have had two and three cub packs," she said.

She said in 2007, the scouts celebrated 100-years of scouting worldwide.

"Our numbers have fluctuated over the years, but our records indicate in 2010 and 2011 we had 88 youth and 31 adult members. We have stayed fairly consistent at that level for a number of years."

Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux attended the celebration he said, "This is a significant achievement. As someone



Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux presented group commissioner Frances Rutherford with a certificate of appreciation marking the 100 years of scouting in Russell.

Morin Photo

who participated in scouts as a young boy, I can attest that those experiences helped build the foundation of who I am today. So little guys and girls cherish these memories because they will serve you well in life."

The mayor said the 100th anniversary was a very impressive sign of the Russell community's support for the scouting movement.

Rutherford explained that the First Russell

Scouts started up on Oct. 31, 1921, but did not last. The original scouts did not have a cub pack so there was no way to move cubs along to a scouting section. The Second Russell Scouts started up in 1978.

Goodwin talked about the history of the trail.

He said, "This is known now as the Dick Sherwood Trail. Dick Sherwood was one of the first members of the First Russell Scouting.

## Russell in "good position" financially with 2.5 per cent tax increase

Sandy Casselman  
Record Staff

EMBRUN – "I was quite happy with the budget sessions," township of Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux said. "It includes long-term strategic planning, which allows us to address asset management deficits, as well as continued financial planning for the future recreational complex. Overall, we are improving roads, sidewalks, pedestrian safety, as well as increasing cultural, recreational, and environmental investments."

Russell held its two 2022 Budget Working Sessions last week. The Oct. 20 and 21 meetings were recorded live on the municipality's YouTube channel, where they can still be found for those interested in hearing the minute-by-minute details. "I think we prepared a very responsible budget," chief administrative officer Jean Leduc said, noting that this is his twelfth budget session working for the township. It was noted that out of the eight municipalities in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, the township of Russell has the second lowest tax rate. Rather than following the

# Municipalité de RUSSELL Township

budget line by line, a PowerPoint presentation was used to break down the relevant information and to provide a framework for the two-day discussion. Director of Finances and treasurer Richard Godin led the discussion, which included a review of the departmental operational budgets followed by capital. The final discussion included public, council, and committee requests.

"I really like the budget process like we had here the last two days.

We're talking strategic which is a lot more fun than going line by line like we've done early in my tenure here with the township," Leduc said. The budget presented to council represented a 2.5 per cent tax increase where the average household of roughly \$346,000 would see an increase of \$44.53. With this set, it was noted that each one per cent change, up or down, would represent \$17.81 for that

same household. "We can see the 2.5 per cent increase is going toward some important projects," Godin said. Councillor Jamie Laurin offered a clarification summary near the end of the two-day session. He noted that at the beginning of the second day of budget deliberations, the tax increase was sitting at roughly 1.2 per cent.

Another 1.3 per cent was added back to address additional road improvements, sidewalks, and tree planting. "I think the good message there is we are putting up to \$243,000 into roads in this budget. That's new funding into roads. That's the positive message," Coun. Mike Tarnowski said. Leroux noted there is also an extra \$30,000 being invested into sidewalks and \$20,000 into trees. At the end of the two sessions, Russell was back to a 2.5 per cent tax increase. "With growth comes more growing pains and requests

for more services so we have to adjust," Leroux said. "I think it's very reasonable."

Noting that it was his last budget deliberations with the township, as Leduc is retiring at the end of this year, Leroux invited him to provide closing comments.

Leduc outlined the many positive points in the budget, which include "all kinds of exciting projects," as well as efficiency initiatives and more. He also commended staff on their work in finding and applying for grants, which represents savings for taxpayers. He also drew attention to the quality and clarity of the budget presentation and supporting documents, which he said gets better every year. "I am really proud and impressed by my management team, how they presented [the budget] to council, how they worked on this budget, and how they kept responding professionally and fully to the questions that council was asking, so I'd like to thank my staff for that," Leduc said. "I think council is in good hands. I think you should feel secure with that."

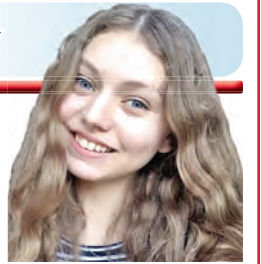
The final draft of the 2022 Budget is expected to be presented and passed at the Nov. 1 council meeting.

To see all budget-related documents and information, visit the township's website ([russell.ca/en/your-township/budget-and-finances.aspx](http://russell.ca/en/your-township/budget-and-finances.aspx)). To view council's budget deliberation sessions, visit Russell's YouTube page. "I think this is another budget that council can be

very proud of," Leroux said at the conclusion of the two-day session on Oct. 21. "Does it meet everybody's demands and requests? Probably not but we'll never be able to meet everybody's demands. We're incredibly well-positioned as a township and as a community."

## RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen  
Student Reporter



### BOO!

BOO! Did I get ya?!

The spooky season is in full swing! All week there has been a Halloween Escape Room run by students in Link Crew! Afternoon classes go head-to-head to solve the puzzles in the fastest time. The winning class will be rewarded with a box of 50 TIMBITS! I'm personally rooting for my afternoon 3U Physics class! On a more solemn note, as part of Spirit Week, today's purple shirt day represents child abuse prevention. We wear these shirts to show that RHS and the T-Wolves don't tolerate any kind of child abuse under any circumstances. So, wear that purple! Moving on, if you missed out on any of the sport festival days the past couple weeks, don't worry T-Wolves, you're in luck! This week we are hosting yet another sports day for any interested female students in grades 9-12. If you would like to sign up, please check your email to register yourself for the girls' intramural sports day!

And with that, I wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween weekend! Don't eat too much candy! Plus, a happy early birthday to me too! (Editor's note: Happy birthday Janel!)