

yet more volunteers – and oh the desserts!

By 11:30 am the room looked quite festive, and the music was much enjoyed by all.

The generosity of this community – both corporate and individual – is abso-

bles, cups of coleslaw, and bottled water, coffee, and tea.

Volunteers from throughout the region, including those from Chesterville, Mountain, Williamsburg, Merrickville, Long Sault, and, of course, Winchester, came out to lend a hand.

delivered to shut-ins within the county.

The food that remained at the end was delivered to Naomi's House, where it is always welcome. Many thanks to everyone who participated.

Clara Edwardson
Winchester

Future continues to be cut down

The Editor:

With predictions of record breaking global temperatures for 2016, one has to question the level of apathy it takes for the continued decimation of trees throughout the Township of North Dundas, and Dundas County as a whole.

Flying in the face of all environmental fact and common sense, residents continue to swing chainsaws and heavy equipment with little regard for the consequences posed to the declining health of our water table, the inability of the land to retain moisture, high soil erosion levels, negative effects on wildlife necessary to keep pests at bay, and loss of natural wind and heat protection and more.

The 1930s dustbowl was the result of mankind's shortsightedness and greed. Are we just repeating history here? North Dundas looks more like the new

Prairies East than the lush lands of Ontario. Has anyone stopped to think outside the box?

With the strongest El Nino effects ever to hit this planet expected for 2016, we can expect lower than average snowfall, higher than average ice storms, and ever increasing high temperatures. Sounds like drought conditions, doesn't it? And

yet the chainsaws buzz on, removing all protection and natural insurance.

It can take 20 years to grow a tree, and only five minutes to destroy it. If we learned nothing else from the Great Depression, we learned of man's determination to be the most destructive force on Earth.

Janice Atkey Videto
Winchester

Kudos hydro workers

The Editor:

While we all pretty much hate the corrupt Wynne government, and the suits at Hydro One and their life-draining never-ending increases, which threaten to put many of us out of our homes, I have to send out kudos to those frontline men and women who came through for us during the recent Christmas Eve power outage.

The equipment damage was extensive throughout many parts of Ontario, and it was nice to know we could count on those workers to restore our power.

Thanks to all of them!

Janice Atkey Videto
Winchester