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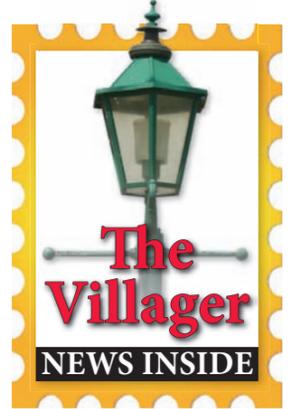
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Briefly

Characters on ice

WINCHESTER – Come out and skate with Frozen’s Olaf and Elsa from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 29, at the Joel Steele Arena, 577 Main St. Admission is free.

New Year’s Eve Gala by CDAS

CHESTERVILLE – Join the Chesterville and District Agricultural Society to ring in the New Year, Sun., Dec. 31, at the Chesterville Legion, Branch 434, 167 Queen St. Reception starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., music by live dance band, The Great Music Guys and a midnight toast. Tickets (\$75/person) are available at the Chesterville Scotiabank or call 613-720-0412.

Skating in the New Year

WINCHESTER – MPP Jim McDonnell is extending an invitation to the SDSG community to enjoy skating and hot chocolate at the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Jan. 3, 2018, from 2:15-3:30 p.m., as well as the Benson Centre (Pad 1) in Cornwall, Jan. 3, 2018, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

South Stormont releases 2018 budget highlights

SOUTH STORMONT – The Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Stormont completed its review and released news in mid-December that it has approved in principle the 2018 budget, its impacts and highlights, excluding water and wastewater. The water and wastewater budget is underway and set to be presented to Council early in 2018. At its regular meeting

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Looking back at 2017 – A conversation with North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Township of North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan sat down with *The Record* to take a look at 2017 and the year ahead.

“This year flew by, it was just a very quick period but was very productive. I think one of the reasons is because we had a lot on the go. I think if we look at capital projects and different activities, like Meet Me on Main Street and Canada 150 activities, there was a lot going on that made the year go by quite quickly but on a whole, I couldn’t be happier with how things are going and the direction that things are going in,” said Duncan.

A few positives on the building and infrastructure side of things are the many building modernizations of local businesses and community areas and some much needed roadwork. “We had a busy year in terms of getting county road work done and fixing up different buildings. It has been important to put some money into our buildings

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Stopover for Santa on world tour

Right on time and according to the schedule, Santa arrived at the Morewood Fire Department to ride atop the fire truck and greet residents, young and old. With festive Christmas lights adorning the truck and sirens and horn sounding, the jolly old elf waved to children bundled up outside on a very cold Christmas Eve. Firefighter “elves” handed out candy canes as they walked behind the truck on its now-annual trek through the streets of this North Dundas village. The school and library may be gone, but the spirit and support of the Morewood firefighters, volunteers and community continues to grow.
Carruthers’ photo

Dundas County demonstrates its Christmas spirit

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

DUNDAS COUNTY – While many Dundas County residents were spending their free time busily shopping for Christmas gifts, a dedicated group of community volunteers in both North Dundas and South Dundas were busy putting the finishing touches to the 2017 Christmas Funds.

North Dundas Christmas Fund Chair Bob Weagant commented on the work of the North Dundas Leos and the Lions Clubs in Winchester, Chesterville and South Mountain, as well as a significant number of community volunteers who “work throughout the fall season to bring off three separate campaigns.” He explained the Snowsuit Fund and Christmas Food Hampers “operate

as one committee in the three communities.”

“We are fortunate to have the Bank of Nova Scotia working with us by matching some of the funds raised,” he said.

Carol Richer, Chairperson of the South Dundas Christmas Exchange, was also very appreciative of the generosity of the community, noting how virtually every organization in this community finds time and donates items to the Christmas Campaign in South Dundas.

Richer said there were 153 family baskets and 36 single persons baskets distributed in South Dundas during the 2017 campaign, while Weagant commented the final numbers were not available in North Dundas

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Christmas spirit

Continued from the front

but appeared to be "similar to most years." He noted, "The Winchester area had a significant increase" this year.

Perhaps Richer summed up the feelings of members of the North Dundas Christmas Fund and the South Dundas Christmas Exchange by commenting how Dundas County "must be the most generous community on earth!"



Community spirit

Volunteers with the South Dundas Christmas Exchange took a moment at the Morrisburg Legion on Dec. 21 during the preparation of almost 200 Christmas baskets, which were distributed throughout their community.

Courtesy photo

Last minute checking

Volunteers for the South Dundas Christmas Exchange, Suzanne, Janice and Bonnie, provide a final check of items to be included in the South Dundas Christmas Exchange baskets distributed last week in their community.

Courtesy photo

Sorting out the Christmas cheer

There was something for everyone on the table as members of the North Dundas Christmas Fund sorted donated gifts in anticipation of putting together Christmas cheer baskets for township residents.

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As we ring out the old year and ring in the new, we wish all the best to each one of you. Thanks for making 2017 a year to remember. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you, and we look forward to your continued friendship. Please enjoy a safe and happy New Year!

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Looking back with North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan

Continued from the front and our arenas and the modernization of those. Not just in 2017 but in recent years. I think of Chesterville as an example. The arena there is a perfect example of a beautiful before and after with a significant amount of money we put into [the arena] to modernize and update it. We are very proud of that. We have some more work we are going to be doing in 2018 in the arena as well, in terms of some new doors and redoing the lobby and that type of thing so we are quite excited about that," he explained.

Duncan also looked to the work on Chesterville's roads as a continued positive for the county. "In recent years we've put a lot of work in to pave all the main streets in Chesterville except for one, Queen St. We've done Main St., County Rd. 7 through Chesterville has been repaved, we did South St. at the township level but we have been doing work this past year on all the engineering to totally redo Queen St. It's about a \$1.6-million project and in 2018 we are looking forward to doing that. That is going to be a total rehabilitation of that road from County Rd. 43

right to MacEwan's gas bar in the downtown of Chesterville. That includes a repaving, redoing all the curbing, all the stormwater and the sidewalks will all be brand new, so I think that will be a nice before and after for Chesterville," he said.

On the population front, the census was released this year and Duncan said North Dundas shows a lot of positives. He explained the county is seeing modest growth which is very good considering the many rural municipalities that saw declines on the census. One of the factors keeping North Dundas in the ring is the many new businesses that opened in 2017. "At one point we opened seven new businesses in seven weeks in the fall. We were ribbon cutting every week for a while which was great. The Chamber of Commerce and the business community are working well together, better than I've ever seen them work, which is great and makes it enjoyable to do the job whenever you have such positive energy and people working together," he said.

The community has had a great year and Duncan was very pleased with the two main Canada 150 projects. The first being the one-time \$25,000 beautification fund that matched funds for village and hamlet aesthetic upgrades. "We were very happy and impressed with Chesterville in particularly

on that beautification front. The Rotary Club and Lions Club, they partnered with us, we provided the matching funds and they added some further decorations [around the village] so special kudos to those two service clubs, they did a great job and made the village look beautiful so we are very happy with that," said Duncan.

The second Canada 150 project was more successful than anyone could have imagined. Meet Me on Main Street started as a one-year special event, but with such a huge response from the community Duncan said plans are already in the works for 2018. "The response from the public with attendance and people coming from out of the area and locals attending was really positive. We did around \$25,000 to \$30,000 in revenue for the local food businesses which was huge," exclaimed Duncan.

On County Council, Duncan said he was proud of the many projects coming down the pipes from economic development. These projects will work on job creation and tourism. One in particular is a regional Community Improvement Plan coming in 2018. The plan will focus on agribusinesses, tourism and other economically beneficial expansions, especially hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts. Businesses are expected to

see the applications become available mid-2018.

The regional CIP along with two major roadwork projects, Chesterville Queen St. and Winchester Main St. west, are Duncan's main objective before leaving office. He will transition out of office in 2018 and said he hopes to leave his successor a good starting platform with projects to build on. "I

don't know what I'm doing next which is a big part of the excitement but I am taking a break from elected politics for a while. I've been lucky that my experiences have opened up some other doors, I haven't looked through those other doors yet but we will see what happens and go from there. There's a lot of things I will miss about [being mayor]. The people I get to work with

and the files that I get to work on, but I've always said that people shouldn't be in one job forever. I'm stepping away at a time when people are asking me why I'm stepping away as opposed to why am I running again. It's a change for sure but something that I want to do and need to do for myself so we will see what the future holds," concluded Duncan.

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Thank you

On Saturday, October 21, 2017, the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association held its third Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction fundraiser. We would like to thank all executive and team members along with their family and friends for all the dedication and support that you had put towards our fundraising event.

The North Dundas Minor Hockey Association is very grateful for the donations that were provided for this event from the following local businesses and individuals:

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With all of us working as a team along with Scotiabank, Chesterville branch, generously donating \$2,000, we have raised just over \$10,000 in profit this year. A portion of this profit will help keep our registration costs as low as possible and help purchase training aids, equipment, and will enhance our player, goalie, referee and coach development programs.

At the end of the day it is nice to see although we are a small community,



when we come together and work as a team, we can reach high goals. Still knowing that individual fees are costly, it is greatly

appreciated that everyone contributes for the good of all who play in the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association.

Chesterville Scotia-bank financial advisor Amanda Elshof stands behind son Carter Elshof as customer representative Patricia Stinson, left, presents a cheque for \$2,000 to NDMHA president Peter Forrester.



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CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Butterball blues

Van Dusen Christmas 2017 unfolded as it should, with festive family functions in two locations, delightful gift giving, scintillating conversation, food galore, accompanying beverages, and toe-tapping musical interludes.

Christmas carols didn't figure prominently in the music, which was why the selections were toe-tapping. I brought along 25 Russell Male Choir carol song books and distributed them to family members gathered Christmas Eve at brother Mark and sister-in-law Joan's place in North Russell; the books received only passing notice before being curtly set aside with hardly a mention of mistletoe and holly.

The assembled partyers preferred to play rock, folk, and country songs... and not ones with a Christmas theme. "Okay," I said somewhat peeved, "If that's the way you're going to be, I'm not even bringing the books Christmas Day to Peter and Ana's. So there!" (They're another brother and sister-in-law who live in Centrepointe).

I had the books in the car just in case there was a request for me to, please, let

them sing carols; but there wasn't one. This time, the gang preferred to boogie on down to old disco tunes, once again without even a passing reference to the special time of year. What a bunch!

The food was piled high at both homes, turkey, ham, tourtière, smoked salmon and all the fixings, some of it supplied by the hosts, some by the guests. I prided myself this year in sticking to one plateful at each location and not going back for seconds and even thirds. As for the desserts, I restricted myself to only a few, determined to finally cut some weight after pledging and failing to do so for many months.

I once heard that a gut can be the equivalent of carrying a 20-pound butterball strapped to your stomach. It's time to ditch the butterball. The chunk of leftover chocolate my sister Julie shoved into my unwilling hands as I left Peter and Ana's won't help.

As for gifts, I got some nice items such as a fish print framed in recycled lath that I had hoped for, a lighthouse plaque, and a pouch of Kampot white peppercorns brought all the way from Cambodia by son Oliver who recently spent 14 months in that part of the world: "Its intense, spicy taste

conceals hints of fresh herbs and lemon." The gift was made all the more interesting by Oliver's slide presentation on the pepper plantation where he got the gift.

Always the jesters, my brothers – including Russell legal beagle Michael – made a big show of handing me two gift-wrapped loaves of sliced white bread, a reference to them falsely accusing me of eating all the communal bread during our recent trip to Peter's condo in Fort Myers, Florida. Doubling the fun, they also gave me a new bathing suit hot off the sales rack at Giant Tiger because they didn't like the one I wore in Florida. Funny, eh!

The big gift to me was one I couldn't actually unwrap. It was an announcement by daughter Victoria that, as a combined Christmas and birthday present, she, Oliver and my companion Lynn – that sounds like she's my caregiver which will be before long – are taking me to Nashville in February for four days of checking out the scene.

This is more of a present from Victoria to herself because she's been smitten by the concept of Nashville as a music capital ever since Russell rocker Tara Shannon filled her in on the networking, constructive bar

hopping and partnering that goes on there. I certainly don't mind going along for the ride and perhaps lining up for some high-grade karaoke, my favourite hobby... actually, it might be my only hobby at this point.

The problem is that I have it in my head that the Nashville karaoke crowd is professional level, one that I might not comfortably fit into having earned my k-spurs in Legion bars in Russell and Prescott. I have this image in my head of Nashville karaoke "artists" dressed in sequins hitting it out of the park every time they come to the mic. I guess we'll soon find out.

Victoria decided I deserved a special gift because a major birthday is in the offing. I won't tell you which one it is except to say that I'm leaving the "senior" designation and entering the "no-two-ways-about-it old" category. How this happened simultaneously to gaining the butterball I'll never know.

But there's probably a country song about it I can try out in Nashville.



Letter

An open letter to Mr. Arp, re: Registry # - 013-1674

The Editor:

On July 14, 2016, you wrote stating, "The role of the MOECC, with respect to renewable energy proposals such as wind turbines, is to ensure that projects can be built and operated in a manner that is protective of the environment and human health."

On July 11, 2017, Ms. Goyette, wrote "wind energy facilities are developed in a way that is protective of human health and the environment. ...In order to protect human health and the environment, the ministry has taken a cautious, science-based approach when setting environmental standards and setbacks for renewable energy projects...ministry does respond to complaints involving wind farms and follows up on citizens' concerns, as appropriate, to ensure that the turbines are operating in compliance with the conditions of the approval and provincial requirements."

On Oct. 16, 2017, Mr. Thibeault wrote "LRP was designed to provide local communities with a stronger voice and

additional opportunities to participate...Ontario has one of the strictest sound level criteria in North America, including a minimum 550m setback and a noise limit based on 40 decibels...reliable electricity system." (Please note: cautious science-based research clearly shows that "wind" is intermittent.)

On Nov. 20, 2017, Minister Ballard stated in the legislature, "the very vigorous process that our government puts in place to make sure that the turbines are sited safely and that there is good, strong consultation with the community...(uses Ms. Goyette's phrase) we have taken a very cautious, science-based approach when setting the standards."

Then, of course Dec. 16, 2017, there are MOECC managers/messengers, Rick Chappell and Andrew Baron who compared noise emissions from large-scale wind power generators, including harmful low-frequency noise, to barking dogs.

Mr. Arp, under Mr. Ballard and his predecessor Glen Murray: you all espoused the same meaningless "party" rhetoric. You all have received multiple e-mails/letters by people all across Ontario reiterating the problems being experienced daily with wind turbines and you continue to parrot the rhetoric and do nothing. Lake K2 is systematically draining/contaminating an aquifer essential to all human and animal health and....

As far as "cautious, science-based approach," where is your science derived? Certainly not from acknowledging the existence of Quebec's setback regulations published in 2013; the ones that state 2,000m setback from homes and 1,000m setbacks from roads; the ever-increasing worldwide recognition of health issues caused by low frequency noise. Shouldn't there be a variety of setbacks for a variety of turbine heights?

To every person in Ontario, Mr. Ballard's callous response Nov. 20, 2017 to Mr. McNaughton's sincere concern for his constituents' water source is an outrage. What would Mr. Ballard, Ms. Goyette, Mr. Thibeault, Ms. Whyne do if black water came out of his/her tap? Call their MPP?

As far as "barking dogs," we challenge you all to live with "barking dogs" 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. What would you do? Call your MPP?

You all appear to be concerned with human health and the environment; that is difficult to comprehend when the people of Ontario watch what MOECC is allowing to happen repeatedly across Ontario - Amherst Island, Chatham-Kent.

Back to the project in North Stormont: EDP's Renewable's Nation Rise Wind Project – the company is so sure they have the Ontario government in their pocket, they had the audacity to post the questions submitted by the citizens of North Stormont at the final June public meeting with names and addresses redacted and the response portion blank. Ms. Goyette's letter further states: "A significant part of the REA review process is the consideration of how the proponent

addressed community concerns raised during the consultation process." We hope she reads EDP's responses to the public's questions. Is North Stormont going to have a drained/contaminated ground water resource; the major, fragile Vars-Winchester Esker was not even mentioned in EDP's water report. North Stormont is a prime agricultural area; where is Ontario's food to be produced (solar panels are not allowed on prime agricultural land; why are wind turbines?) To date the Nation Rise Wind project shows 61 story tall turbines being erected at 573m from homes. Where is the cautious, science-based research to support this?

Go to the Wind Concerns Ontario site: <http://www.windconcernsontario.ca/>

We can resend you any/all articles previously sent to ensure you have "cautious, science-based" information; it appears MOECC's information is out-of-date. Patrick Gallant's website <https://parkergallantenergyperspectivesblog.wordpress.com> will explain to you the horrendous financial drain on all people of Ontario.

The final demonstration of the total disregard MOECC has for the people of Ontario is to have posted the Nation Rise Wind project with a final submission date of Dec. 25 (and yes we are well aware of the changed date but it was only done after many letters/complaints).

To you Mr. Arp, Ms. Goyette, Mr. Ballard, Mr. Thibeault, managers/messengers, Rick Chappell and Andrew Baron and of course, your leader, Ms. Wynne: we wish you all a Blessed Christmas; may you always have clean water to drink and healthy food to eat.

Ruby and Joe Mekker
Finch

NDDHS Report

By Rosie Backes
Student Council Communications

Happy New Year – Students back Jan. 8



North Dundas District High School ended the year with a bang. Thurs., Dec. 21, was Christmas hat day and the annual cake auction.

The snow day on Tuesday meant that the auction had to be rescheduled. The Grade 12s had an amazing turnout as they fundraised for prom.

The festivities continued on Friday with ugly Christmas sweater day.

Block D was spent at the Christmas concert. The concert included a performance by improv and music from the band. The skits celebrated some of the favourites with *Elf*, *The Grinch*, *Polar Express*, and *Frosty the Snowman*. Also included were the girls' dance, teacher Christmas skit, student council skit, and the legendary boys' dance. NDDHS would like to thank everyone who came to watch and wish everyone a happy new year! Students will be off until Jan. 8.

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South Stormont 2018 budget

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on Dec. 13, Council confirmed that there will be no municipal tax rate change in 2018. This means that for every \$100,000 residential assessment, \$426 of municipal taxes are owed. The Township will realize an increase in tax revenue through higher assessment values for the average homeowner. Throughout 2017, growth for single-family detached residences increased 2.36 per cent, thereby resulting in an overall higher assessment value and increased tax dollars. The Corporation's total budget, excluding water and wastewater, is \$14.14-million.

The Township of South Stormont is responsible for the billing and collection of the property taxes for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County and the education taxes. At this time, the SDG County tax rate is to be confirmed and the education

tax rate, set by the province, is not known.

"The township continues to have positive population growth and we expect this will continue. However, growth equates to more services required which results in additional expenses," said Mayor Jim Bancroft, in the release. "South Stormont's infrastructure commitments, especially in anticipation of an updated Asset Management Plan, are enormous. Infrastructure investment is essential. There are a lot of capital assets requiring attention and, quite frankly, not enough federal and provincial dollars to assist us.

The 2018 municipal budget includes routine operational expenses, some monies added to reserves, along with the following highlights of major municipal projects:

- The purchase of a new and innovative Fire and Rescue Tanker Pumper valued at \$495,000;
- Building renovations to the Fire and Rescue Station 1

and the main Public Works garage for a total of \$52,000;

- The demolition of the former St. Andrews West Fire Station is estimated to cost \$150,000;

- The purchase of a new Public Works loader that was originally set to be purchased in 2017 and delayed to fully utilize the life of asset and a new half ton pick-up truck for a total cost of \$167,000;

- Road works including sidewalk replacement, installation of additional streetlights, Fairground Drive and Cedar Street reconstruction including the replacement of the Fly Creek culvert as the project was carried forward to 2018, Goldfield Road culvert, 2.2 km of Anderson Road East, Island Road East, Delaney Road south of County Road 18 to Island Road, Sunset Drive on Moulinette Island for a total capital investment of \$3.765-million. Federal gas tax funding and provincial funding will assist with these capital projects;

- Planning projects to

develop land for a total of \$414,000, which includes an environmental study of \$120,000. If successful, a Green Municipal Fund Grant will assist with the environmental study;

- A Development Charges Study is set to take place in 2018;

- Parks and Recreation will be investing \$290,000 for projects such as further

development of the Ingleside Community Park, purchase of park bleachers and picnic tables, and replacing the dehumidifier at the arena;

- There will be a continuation of the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) program offered to business owners. In 2017, the program dollars recognized \$356,500 of private investment.

Ratepayers are assured the level of service for 2018 remains status quo. The 2018 budget documents are available on South Stormont's website (www.southstormont.ca). The financial position is expected to be presented to the public by the municipal auditor following the completion of the 2017 year-end audit which is anticipated for May 2018.

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SNC works with Municipal partners to keep a number of Conservation Areas, parks and recreational trails open to various winter activities, including hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, on-leash dog-walking, birding and geocaching.

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- Warwick Forest Conservation Area, Berwick - 6km;
- Nokomis Park - 464 Limoges Road, Limoges - 1km;

- J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area, Russell - 0.8km;

- W. E. Burton Conservation Area, Russell - 1.2km;

- Russell Recreational Trail (part of New York Central Fitness Trail), Russell - 7km;

- Hydro corridor multiuse pathway, Orléans (from Dorima/Du Plateau pathway in the west, to the dead end near the end of Demeter St. and Old Trim Rd. in the east) - 2.5km.

Organized group activities are welcome and occur regularly. SNC asks that nature enthusiasts respect the habitat and wildlife, and stick to the trails.

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2017 – A very good year for SDG County Library System

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CORNWALL – From all accounts, 2017 was a very good year for staff and patrons of the SDG Library System. In a recent interview for *The Chesterville Record*, Karen Franklin, Director of Library Services, mentioned several system-wide programs, such as SDG Reads, the TD Summer Reading Club and Family Literacy Day, as well as site-specific programming which includes book, knitting and craft clubs as well as community events.

Franklin said one of the top priorities of 2017 has been collection development which involved receiving purchase suggestions from clients

and staff in the different communities which are served. Statistics have demonstrated how the number of inter-library loans from SDG libraries to other libraries in this province have increased by 36 per cent in 2017 over 2016, which she feels is a direct result of the emphasis placed on collection development. Franklin said the SDG County Library is one of a few library systems in Ontario which has had an increase in print circulation.

Nicholas Seguin, who since November 2017 has been working as the Communications and Marketing Co-ordinator, has been working on innovative programs such as the one he developed which allows potential patrons to apply

for a library card online beginning in mid December.

Franklin explained how in mid 2017, library administration was tasked to discover ways to support the local municipalities and share services. It was decided library staff become Commissioners of Oath in Ontario, with Franklin announcing how as of last week all the applications for staff to become Ontario COAs was approved and the program should begin in the New Year.

Lynda.com, a website which provides users with how-to-tutorials, career development tutorials and other resources, will be available in 2018 to everyone who is a member of the SDG Library. Franklin described the

success of the Mobile Hot Spots program which has been ongoing since July 2017, mentioning there was a lot of interest and use by patrons, commenting the hardware has been well used and cared for by patrons.

From all accounts it appears that 2018 will be another busy year for the SDG County Library System. Plans included offering tourism resources in the Lancaster and Ingleside Branches, partnering with SDG Tourism to increase awareness of local tourist attractions, strategic planning and a direct mail marketing program planned to highlight the many services provided by the SDG County Library.

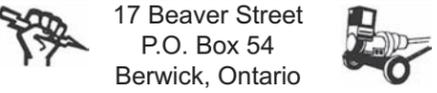


A busy year for library staff

From left, SDG County Library staff – Nicholas Seguin, Communications and Marketing Co-ordinator, and Director of Library Services Karen Franklin – are pictured at the Library Administration Offices located at 26 Pitt Street in Cornwall.

Thompson Goddard photo

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CHESTERVILLE/ WINCHESTER – North Dundas Minor Hockey Association held its annual Demons Day on Dec. 3. Four teams from Initiation to Midget played their games in Chesterville and Winchester. The day was a huge success as players were seen smiling and having fun on and off the ice.

Part of the off-ice excitement was the food drive supporting Community Food Share. Teams were asked to bring nonperishable food items or donate money. Each food item or each dollar donated was worth one point. The team that earned the most points won an hour of ice. In the end, 1,477 points were awarded in total, consisting of \$606.95 and 871 food items. The Atom House B team won the hour of ice with 227 points. The opposing teams and the referees donated food items and cash also.

In the Chuck A Puck competition, participants threw a numbered puck from the team benches and the closest puck to centre ice won a basket full of kid items. Jacob Guy won the contest in Winchester and Julie Bradley won in Chesterville.

Obituary

EVANS, Patsy



Peacefully at home with her family by her side on Sunday, December 17, 2017 age 55 years. Patsy Evans nee-Hesse of Newington. Proprietor of Patsy's Restaurants since 1986 and proprietor of Evans Bus Lines. Beloved wife of the late Rory Evans. Loving mother to Kathleen Anderson (Kyle) of Newington and Rene Lacombe of Cornwall. Cherished sister to Lila Tyrell (Michael) of Maxville, Debra Hesse and Nancy Derouchie (Brian) all of Apple Hill. Dear daughter-in-law of

Joyce Evans of Newington and the late Ab Evans. Sadly missed by her two grandchildren Annabelle and Maxwell and by numerous nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and -nephews. Predeceased by her parents Charles and Isabel (MacNaughton) Hesse. To honour Patsy's wishes, cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held at the Brownlee Funeral Home MacDougall Chapel, 14815 County Road 2, Ingleside on Friday, December 29, 2017 from 7pm until 9pm. [A SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF PATSY'S LIFE WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL OF THE FUNERAL HOME ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 30, 2017 AT 2PM.]. Reverend Lois Gaudet officiating. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to the S.P.C.A. would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be made at www.brownleefuneralhomes.com.

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Obituary

MURRAY, Myrtle



A resident of Winchester for the past 10 years, Myrtle Murray passed away peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital with her loving husband by her side and a smile on her face on Monday, December 18, 2017. She was in her 90th year.

Myrtle was born in Cobden on August 12, 1928 to her parents John and Charlotte Morphy. She attended school in Cobden and was a graduate of grade 13. Myrtle then worked for Bell Canada and the post office in Cobden.

Myrtle married William Murray on May 23, 1953 and together they had 4 children Heather, Joan, Donna and Bill. Myrtle was an incredibly loving mother and dear friend to many. Throughout her life she was a very active member of the Anglican Church.

During Bill's 26 year military career the family lived in many places across Canada before settling in Chesterville upon Bill's retirement. Myrtle enjoyed volunteering a Ye Olde Bargain Shoppe and she was very supportive of Bill and the Korean Veteran's Association. Myrtle loved to dance and partake in exciting adventures such as the time she attended the Airborne Regiments celebration where she jumped from the mock tower. Myrtle enjoyed knitting and sewing and she made many beautiful things for her children.

Myrtle is survived by her husband of over 64 years Bill, her daughters Heather Bailey (Stan) of Maple Ridge, B.C., Joan Bajak (Robert) of Hamilton and Donna Windley (John) of Wasaga Beach, her sister Lois Scott of Pembroke, her grandchildren Walter, Melanie, Wayne (Melanie), Lisa, James, Christopher, Andrea (Joey), Jessica (Nigel), Jolene and her great-grandchildren Easton, Quinn, Ben, Logan, Jonathan, Jayme Leigh and Xavier. She was predeceased by her parents John and Charlotte Morphy, her son Bill, her sisters Muriel Maxwell, Phyllis Adrain, Hazel Creswick, Dorothy Dupley and her brother Ivan Morphy. Myrtle is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Chesterville, on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service was held at St. Clare's Anglican Church in Winchester on Friday, December 22nd at 11 a.m. with Rev. John Wilcox officiating. Cremation followed. Interment of cremated remains will be at Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren Wayne, Lisa, James, Chris, Andrea and Joey.

Donations to Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.

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- January 9 8:30 Breakfast at the Centre. Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Hashbrowns, Toasts, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea. Cost \$6.00
- January 10 12:00 Diners' Club. Menu: Apple Baked Chicken Breast, Rice, Broccoli, Cake. Cost \$7.00
- January 17 12:00 Diners' Club. Menu: Lazy Cabbage Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Carrots, Cake. Cost \$7.00
- January 24 12:00 Diners' Club. Menu: Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Pie. Cost \$7.00. Guest Speaker: Josée Desrochers, Alzheimer's Society: Interactive Presentation on Healthy Brain
- January 31 12:00 Diners' Club. Menu: Country Casserole, Rolls, Yellow Beans, Pudding. Cost \$7.00

Health & Wellness Clinics - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Avonmore (Morningside): Tuesdays, January 2nd and 16th

Finch (North-Stor Centre): Wednesday, January 10th and 24th

Foot Care Clinic: Thursday, January 18th and Friday, January 19th
Please call ahead for an appointment.

We also have Diners' Club served at the centre every day at noon. Please call to reserve your seat.

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Bringing a little Christmas cheer to seniors

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CORNWALL – On Mon., Dec. 18, the Stormont County 4-H Christmas Club, run by Kelsey Smith and Alyssa Waldroff, held their Achievement Night at Heritage Heights Retirement Home in Cornwall. The Christmas Club ran from Nov. 20 until Dec. 18 and met at Rosevine Farms, the home of Lillian and Barry Smith near Berwick.

Before setting out for Cornwall, club members held a gift exchange at the Smiths, which Lillian described as a lot of fun for everyone involved. Smith said she read *The Night Before Christmas*, during which the gifts were circulated left or right depending on instructions given in the famous Christmas poem.

Club Leader Kelsey Smith described how the meetings allowed members



Happy holidays from 4-H

The Stormont County 4-H Christmas Club braved the snowy roads on Mon., Dec. 18, to sing a selection of holiday songs to the residents of Heritage Heights Retirement Home in Cornwall. The group gathered for a photo in the lobby of the retirement home. In the front row, from left, are Zayne Rutley, Myla Bretzler, Adelina Bretzler, Brooke Carruthers and Nicole Spichtig; in the back row are Club Leader Alyssa Waldroff, Hayden Doucet, Bobby Robinson, Janine Spichtig, Brandon Doucet, Hailey-Jo Te-Plate, Stephanie Spichtig and Club Leader Kelsey Smith.

to bake holiday cookies, share family Christmas traditions and decorate gingerbread houses. According to Smith, one of the highlights of the Christmas Club was a traditional Christmas dinner made by the young people, which she described as “turning out really good.”

At Heritage Heights, the 11 club members, ranging in age from 9-16, sang a selection of Christmas and holiday songs to the residents while the blustery snowy weather outside added to the holiday atmosphere inside the

building. Heritage Heights Retirement Home Administrator Roseanne Waldroff commented that this was the second year the 4-H Club had entertained the residents who always enjoy the experience.

Thompson Goddard photo

Breathe easy, WDMH is smoke-free

WINCHESTER – Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) will be completely smoke-free starting Jan. 1. Individuals can no longer smoke anywhere on hospital property, including in vehicles in the parking lots.

“WDMH is committed to building healthier communities and to fostering a safe, healthy workplace,” explained Cholly Boland, CEO, in the recent release.

All Ontario hospitals must comply with the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* and the *Electronic Cigarettes Act* which ban smoking on all hospital properties. The new rules apply to the smoking of tobacco, medical marijuana and e-cigarettes (smoking/vaping). Everyone is required to leave hospital property to smoke. As well, smoking is not permitted within 60 feet of the public school, playground or sports field.

WDMH provides support to patient and staff who wish to quit smoking. Smoking cessation programs are also offered through family physicians and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. Visit MyQuit.ca for more information.

The local public health unit is responsible for enforcing the law and carries out inspections and responds to smoking complaints. Individuals can be fined up to \$1,000 for a first offence. The hospital can also be fined, up to \$100,000, for a first offence.

If you would like to provide comments or suggestions about hospital services, contact Cholly Boland, President and CEO, Winchester District Memorial Hospital at 613.774.1049 or by email at cboland@wdmh.on.ca.

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WINCHESTER – It seems that everyone loves the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign, held every fall across Canada. And here in this region, it's no different. In fact, this year, \$10,257 was donated to the WDMH Foundation's Family Care Fund – supporting care for families just like yours. That's 10,257 smile cookies!

"Our staff really enjoy it," said Robert St. Denis, who owns the stores in Winchester, Morrisburg and Long Sault. "They are motivated to bake and decorate the Smile Cookies because they know the money is staying locally."

Customers seem to agree. "Weeks before it starts, customers are asking for the cookies and often ask once the week-long campaign is over," St. Denis added.

And it's smiles all around at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) Foundation too. "We're very grateful for this support to help WDMH continue to provide compassionate, excellent health care for all families that need it," noted Kristen Casselman, the Foundation's Managing Director, in the release.

Since 2007, these local Tim Hortons stores have donated \$100,059 to the



A decade of crokinole

For almost 10 years, the Chesterville & District Historical Society has celebrated the Yuletide season with food, fun and frivolity during the annual Crokinole Tournament. This was the first year the Crokinole Tournament was held at the McCloskey Hotel on Victoria Street with six tables topped with crokinole boards and 24 people vying for the trophy made a few years ago by Verne McMillan. The 2017 winners are Al Lummiss and Richard Combley. From left in the photo are CDHS Vice-President Deb DeCooman, Treasurer Verne McMillan and President Jillian Metcalfe at the 2017 Crokinole Tournament.

Thompson Goddard photo

Foundation. "My sincere thanks to Robert St. Denis for his commitment to WDMH and to all his staff for their hard work in baking and decorating the 10,257 cookies," concluded Casselman. "And thank you as well to the generous customers who buy the cookies and take a smile home!"



Generosity with cookies

Shown at the cheque presentation in Winchester are from left, Kristen Casselman (Managing Director, WDMH Foundation), Elly Trudeau (Tim Hortons Manager), Andrea Carmichael (Baker), and Cholly Boland (WDMH CEO).

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Local family shops till they drop for the House of Lazarus

KEMPTVILLE – 'Tis the season of giving. But local woman Sheila Kennedy took that sentiment one step further by organizing a family shopping spree on behalf of the House of Lazarus (HOL) in Mountain.

"Losing all three of my big dogs shortly before Christmas hurt a lot," explained Kennedy, via email. "I decided that focusing on Christmas would be my therapy. Then I realized that buying gift cards and writing cheques really wasn't rewarding or much fun."

Kennedy organized a family gathering that included breakfast at a diner, followed by the shopping spree at Jonsson's Independent in Kemptville on Dec. 2.

"Because I know my family and friends well, there were a few competitive contests with rewards to ramp up the whole concept," noted Kennedy. "With input from the House of Lazarus, I decided we would pair off into teams of two for the shopping spree. We all planned and we managed to cover off all age groups from babies to seniors. My family members range in age from 15 to 86. The game was on. Of course, festive dress was required and I thank my family and friends for being adorable about this."

Steve and Sylvie Jonsson, owners of Jonsson's Independent, were very supportive and provided Kennedy's family with a dedicated cash register on Dec. 2 to keep track of each team's totals.

"We certainly were delighted when they boxed our groceries themselves and put up with our group's nonsense," said Kennedy. "We look forward to having them participate with us next year. The shopping was hilarious fun and watching the group work together, learn and honestly focus on the needs of others was



Shopping for donations

Sheila Kennedy and her family members line up for a photo following a shopping spree at Jonsson's Independent in Kemptville on Dec. 2. Every single item, totalling approximately \$2,000 worth of food and goods, was donated to the House of Lazarus in Mountain. Pictured, front row from left, are Sheila Kennedy, Ken Beck, Barbara Beck, Ron Jacques, Paul Telfer, Ann Heide, Harrison O'Reilly, Steve Poll, Christine Poll, Carol Bell-Smith and Madee Jacques; back row, from left are Amy Bell and Tatum O'Reilly.

Courtesy photo

amazing and very touching for all of us. An eye-opener for sure."

The shopping spree resulted in just over \$2,000 worth of food and goods for the HOL, which will be added to Christmas hampers for food bank clients.

"It was unanimously voted as our latest and possibly best family tradition," concluded Kennedy. "All of us grew as a close group and within ourselves. The smiles say it all. My bottom line...best money ever spent and best time with these wonderful

people. Absolutely nothing compares to being hugged by your loved ones and told 'best Christmas gift ever, thanks.' The dogs would be proud and we were all certainly thrilled and noticeably humbled. Merry Christmas all and please join us in our efforts any way you can. The reward is amazing."

The HOL Food Bank serves over 100 local families each month. Of those food bank clients, 40 per cent are children and 10 per cent are seniors.

"What Sheila and her

family did for us was absolutely incredible," said Kim Merkley, HOL Client Services Manager. "They have touched so many of our clients this holiday season. We couldn't be more grateful for their contribution and giving spirits. It's truly inspiring."

For more information about the HOL, visit www.houseoflazarus.com or check out the House of Lazarus on Facebook. To donate or volunteer, call (613)-989-3830 or email hol@houseoflazarus.com.

Sponsors needed for Dairyfest

WINCHESTER – The Dairyfest 2018 President Kelly Windle has announced that Dairyfest, scheduled for Aug. 11, 2018, will be an event not to be missed or forgotten, and the organizers are looking for sponsors.

It's Dairyfest's 30th anniversary and the grand event will include live music, buskers, petting zoo, bouncy castles, food, music, shopping, and a live square dance. To name a few.

Sponsorship is essential to ensure that Dairyfest remains a low-cost event to fairgoers. Dairyfest is proud to be one of the few local fairs offering free general admission. This grants organizers the opportunity to bring together the entire community.

For more information or to consider sponsorship, follow the link to the web page www.winchesterdairyfest.com/sponsors.

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Rockets welcome Swiss Junior team Friday

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—The North Dundas Rockets welcomes the Club des Patineurs (CP) of Meryn to the Chesterville Arena on Fri., Dec. 29, as part of a goodwill tour for the Swiss-based team. Meryn is located a few kilometres northwest of the Capital of Switzerland, Geneva, and sits close

to the border of France.

The CP of Meryn play in the Regio League Junior Top and is regulated by Swiss Ice Hockey. The CP of Meryn sit in a first-place tie with HC Sierre / Team VS with 10 wins, one shootout win, one loss in a shootout and two losses in overtime.

They have scored 79 goals for and have allowed 41 against.

Since the team's inception they have always had a French-Canadian coach and the current one is a mutual friend of the general manager of the Gatineau Hull-Volant, Richard Gravel, and between them set up the two-game visit to the NCJHL.

The CP of Meryn will play against the Volant the night before they travel to Chesterville to take on the Rockets. The Volant sit in second place, four points behind the Papineau Vikings and four points ahead of the Rockets. This will be the first of its kind for the NCJHL and should make for some fun hockey.

Panthers break Aeros, win last game of 2017

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

EMBRUN —The Embrun Panthers had just a single game this past weekend.

Panthers 5 Aeros 4 (OT): The Panthers welcomed the Athens Aeros to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Dec. 22, in the CCHL2 in their final game before the Christmas break. The Panthers went into the game in third place in the Martin Division just six points behind the second-place Ottawa Canadians and four points ahead of the Ottawa West Golden Knights in fourth place.

The Aeros sat in second place in the Richardson Division but have been in a dog fight with their rivals, the Westport Rideaus, who sat just two points behind them. The Aeros also sat six points out of first place behind the Carleton Place Canadians with four games in hand.

The Aeros opened the scoring at 5:48 of the first period on a power play to take a 1-0 lead. The Aeros made it 2-0 at 8:48 and took that lead into the first intermission despite being outshot 15-5 by the Panthers.

The Panthers got to within one when Justin Brennan snapped one home from Noah Haymes and Pierce Britton at 4:52 of the second

period and tied the game when Joey Larcher fired one to the back of the net at 6:56 from Marc Brosseau and Andrew Burke.

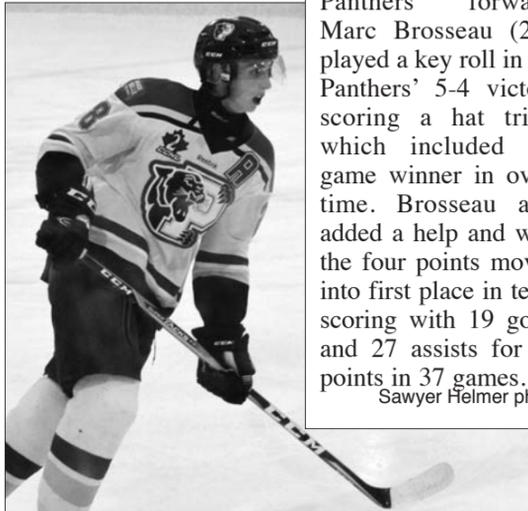
The Aeros retook the lead at 7:42 but Brosseau got the Panthers back to even at 11:31 from Tristan Whynot and goalie Jean Pascal Sabourin. The teams took the three-all draw into the second intermission.

Brosseau scored his second of the game at 12:24 of the third on the power play from Brennan and Britton giving the Panthers their first lead of the game. With time winding down in regulation the Aeros pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker and made it count scoring with just 42 seconds showing on the clock.

Neither team could score the game winner before the final buzzer so the game headed to a five-minute three-on-three overtime period. The Panthers' Brosseau ended the game at 2:29 of overtime when he completed his hat trick becoming the overtime hero from Britton and Burke.

With the win, the Panthers climb to within four of the second-place Ottawa Canadians. Picking up the win in the Panthers' goal was Sabourin making 13 saves on 17 shots.

Up next: Fri., Jan. 5, 8 p.m., Panthers vs. Timberwolves, Ma-te-Way Rink, Renfrew; Sun., Jan. 7, 1:30 p.m., Panthers vs. Alexandria Glens, Palais des Sports, Embrun.



Panthers' forward, Marc Brosseau (28), played a key roll in the Panthers' 5-4 victory scoring a hat trick, which included the game winner in overtime. Brosseau also added a help and with the four points moved into first place in team scoring with 19 goals and 27 assists for 46 points in 37 games. Sawyer Helmer photo

Senior T-Wolves open season at 2-2

Jeff Moore
Villager Staff

RUSSELL—The Russell High School T-Wolves Senior Boys basketball team opened their 2017-18 season with four games. Their season opener was in Embrun as they took on the Cyclones on Nov. 29, then headed to Casselman on Dec. 1, to take on the Dynamos and then to Rockland to take on the L'Éscale Cougars on Dec. 6. The T-Wolves held their home opener on Wed., Dec. 13, as they welcomed the Rockland District High School Wildcats.

Wildcats 51 T-Wolves 48: The RHS T-Wolves Senior Boys' basketball team welcomed the Rockland District High School Wildcats on Wed., Dec. 13, in PRSSAA. The T-Wolves went into the game with a 2-1 record after dropping their third game of the season to the École secondaire catholique L'Éscale Cougars from Rockland on Wed. Dec. 6, in their barn.

The Wildcats got out to a quick start surprising the T-Wolves scoring 14 points and holding the T-Wolves to just four in the first quarter. The T-Wolves came back in the second quarter outscoring the Wildcats 11-6 but trailed 20-15 at the half.

The T-Wolves outscored the Wildcats 18-11 in the third quarter, taking a 33-31 lead into the final session. The Wildcats got the best of the T-Wolves in the fourth quarter outscoring the T-Wolves 20-15 and taking the game by a score of 51-48 handing the T-Wolves their second loss of the season.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were Mitchell Parrott with 17 points, Alex Hiemstra and Jake Peters with nine each, Justen Dupelle with four, Isaac Thomas with three, Aidan Tuck and Austyn Henderson with deuces, and Sean Roos with a single.

T-Wolves 41 Dynamos 38: The RHS T-Wolves Senior Boys' basketball team trav-

elled to the École secondaire catholique de Casselman on Fri., Dec. 1, to take on the Dynamos in PRSSAA. The T-Wolves were looking to make it two straight wins to open the season with a victory.

The T-Wolves narrowly outscored the Dynamos in the first quarter 12-11 but came up on the short end in the second quarter 11-9 allowing the Dynamos to take a 22-21 lead into the dressing room at halftime. The T-Wolves rebounded in the third quarter scoring nine points and holding the Dynamos to just six and took the lead 30-28.

The fourth quarter was evenly matched but the T-Wolves edged the Dynamos 11-10 making the final 41-38. Scoring for the T-Wolves were Alex Hiemstra with 14 points, Justen Dupelle with seven, Jake Peters and Patrick O'Connor each with four, Sean Roos and Isaac Thomas with three and Aidan Tuck and Mitchell Parrott with deuces.

T-Wolves 40 Cyclones 35: The RHS T-Wolves Senior Boys' basketball team travelled to École secondaire catholique Embrun to take on the Cyclones on Nov. 29, in PRSSAA. The T-Wolves scored five points in the opening quarter and held the Cyclones to just four but the Cyclones turned the table in the second quarter scoring 13 points to the T-Wolves five.

The Cyclones took a 17-8 lead into the halftime. The T-Wolves outscored the Cyclones 12-8 in the third quarter but trailed 25-20 heading into the final quarter. The T-Wolves pressed hard and scored 20 points and their defence held the Cyclones to just 10 points.

The T-Wolves took the game 40-35 to take their season opener. Scoring for the T-Wolves were Alex Hiemstra and Matt Clarke with 15 points each, Justin Dupelle with five, Sean Roos with three and Isaac Thomas with a deuce.

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Malette scores hattie, Plante extends streak to 21 games

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CASSELMAN—The Casselman Vikings had just a single game this past weekend.

Vikings 4 Blue Wings 2: The Vikings welcomed the Perth Blue Wings to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Dec. 21, in the CCHL2. The Vikings went into the game sitting in first place in the Martin Division and had a chance to go up four points on the Ottawa Canadians with a win. The Blue Wings sat in fifth place

in the Richardson Division and were in a battle with the Renfrew Timberwolves for fourth place trailing by just a single point.

The Vikings opened the scoring when Carter Malette slammed one home from Ethan Cahill on the power play at 10:20 of the first period to take a 1-0 lead. Neither team could get one to go for the remainder of the period as the Vikings took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

Malette scored his second of the game at 17:06

of the second period as he wrapped one around from behind the net from Brady Cloutier and Ethan Wensink to make it 2-0. The game got a little testy near the end of the period as the Vikings' Andrew Black dropped the flippers with the Blue Wings' Tyler Murphy.

The Vikings took the 2-0 lead into the second intermission. The Blue Wings got to within one at 9:51 and knotted the affair at 10:18. The Vikings retook the lead when Malette scored his hat-trick goal at

15:24 by banking it in off the goalie from a near impossible angle from Cloutier and Wensink.

The Blue Wings pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker but it was the Vikings' Captain Sebastien Plante who took advantage of a bad change at the Blue Wings' bench and he fired into the yawning cage with just 58 seconds remaining. The Vikings held on for the 4-2 victory, moving four points ahead of the Canadians heading into the Christmas Break.

Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 26 saves on 28 shots. The Vikings' Plante extended his point-scoring streak to 21 games. In that span he has

accumulated 41 points and leads the league in scoring with 26 goals and 30 assists for 56 points.

Up next: Wed., Jan. 3, 8 p.m., Vikings vs. Tikis, Brockville Memorial Centre, Brockville; Sat., Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m., Vikings vs. Westport Rideaus, Casselman.



The Vikings' tandem of Carter Malette (27) and Ethan Wensink (2) have been a lethal combination this season. Malette scored a hat trick and Wensink assisted on two of the goals as the Vikings took the game 4-2. The duo play a smash-mouth style of hockey and have combined 38 goals and 43 assists.

Courtesy Lauwers photo

Hawks close out 2017 with a pair of wins

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The Winchester Hawks had two games this past week.

Hawks 4 Packers 2: The Hawks welcomed the Arnprior Packers to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Dec. 22, for their last game of 2017 in the CCHL2. The Hawks were coming off arguably one of their best performances of the season to date against the Ottawa Canadians taking down the second-place team 3-1 in their own barn in the previous game and looked to build on the momentum.

The Packers have not had a good month as they just keep sliding down the standings in the Richardson Division and were on a five-game skid heading into this game.

The two teams battled to a scoreless first period but the Hawks opened the scoring at 3:30 of the second period as Runner Randell slid one home from goalie Darien Johnson and Kyle Kuehni on the power play to take a 1-0 lead.

The Hawks made it 2-0 at 9:41 when Joey Driscoll drained one from Nathan Merritt and Jeremy Fidaoui. The Packers got that one back at 11:41 but the Hawks took the 2-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Hawks restored their two-goal lead when Kuehni snapped one home from Miguel Pare and Evan Landry just 21 seconds into the third period. The Hawks made it 4-1 when Fidaoui scored a power-play goal from Dylan Lavallee and Joey Driscoll at 12:39.

The Packers scored a late one with just 23 seconds remaining to make it 4-2 but that was as close as they could get as the Hawks won their second consecutive game 4-2. Picking up the win in the Hawks' goal was Johnson making 31 saves on 33 shots.

Hawks 3 Canadians 1: The Winchester Hawks travelled to the Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa to take on the Ottawa Canadians on Tues., Dec. 19, in the CCHL2. The Hawks went into the game in eighth place in the Martin Division and had no where to go but up as they looked to build momentum heading into 2018.

The Canadians sat in second place two points behind the Casselman Vikings in first place and six points ahead of the Metcalfe Jets in third. The Canadians could move back to a

first-place tie with the Vikings with a win.

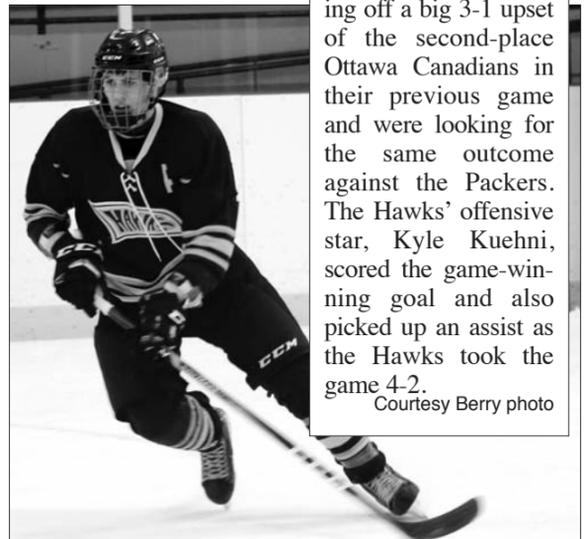
The Hawks scored the lone goal of the first period when Anthony Urbisci fired one to the back of the net from Mitchell Robertson just 1:39 into the first period. The Hawks took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Canadians tied the game with the lone goal in the second period and the teams took the one-all draw into the second intermission. The Hawks made it 2-1 when Joel Driscoll sniped one from Jordan Chagnon and Dakota Seaman at 4:55.

The Canadians tried hard for the equalizer and with just under a minute remaining they pulled their goalie in favour of the extra attacker but the Hawks' Hunter Randell scored one off the right side just inside the Canadians line into the open cage with just 17 seconds remaining from Kyle Kuehni.

The Hawks hung on for a 3-1 victory for their eighth win of the season. Picking up the win in the Hawks' goal was Darien Johnson making 33 saves on 34 shots.

Up next: Sun., Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m., Hawks vs. Packers, Nick Smith Arena, Arnprior.



The Hawks were coming off a big 3-1 upset of the second-place Ottawa Canadians in their previous game and were looking for the same outcome against the Packers. The Hawks' offensive star, Kyle Kuehni, scored the game-winning goal and also picked up an assist as the Hawks took the game 4-2.

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- Prescription drugs are a lot less dangerous than illicit drugs. Many types of prescription and over-the-counter medication can significantly compromise a person's ability to drive. Their various side effects (drowsiness, dizziness, blurred vision, reduced concentration, etc.), can be just as dangerous behind the wheel as those of certain illegal substances.
- Men have a higher alcohol tolerance than women. A person's sex doesn't necessarily influence their tolerance level. However, things like body weight, fatigue, medication and metabolism do.

• Police officers can't tell when someone is under the influence of drugs. False! Police officers are specially trained to evaluate someone's ability to drive in different ways — by administering a physical coordination test, for example. Furthermore, a driver can be brought in for further evaluation by a drug recognition expert at the local station.



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Generous donations in the Russell community

Michelle O'Donohue
Villager Contributor

RUSSELL – Crowds gathered at the Corvinelli Homes sales office on York Crossing in Russell on Wed., Dec. 20. The day was special for the company for two reasons. First, they were celebrating their holiday party, and invited all of their subcontractors for food and drinks, and secondly, they made cheque presentations to six local causes to help support the Russell area. Owner John Corvinelli repeated several times throughout the afternoon that the purpose of these donations is to keep the money local and help people in Russell.

Office administrator for Corvinelli Homes, Judi Hubbard explained that the donated money was raised through the company's 2018 calendar. All subcontractors were invited to submit a business card and picture for inclusion in the calendar along with a donation of \$150. Hubbard said this is an initiative the company has been doing for the last few years, and each year, new groups are chosen to be included in the distribution of

funds. On Wed., Dec 20, \$4,500 was split between six deserving causes: Russell Girl Guides (\$500), 2nd Russell Scouts (\$500), Friends for Life (\$1,000), Russell Optimists (\$500), Russell Challengers (\$500), and Russell Village Women's Institute (RVWI) 'Keep Russell Blooming' (\$1,500). The donation to the RVWI is in support of the program responsible for planting, watering and maintaining the hanging baskets and flower planters throughout town. Scotiabank is also matching this \$1,500 donation to RVWI. Representatives were on hand from each of the organizations to accept the cheques, and speak about the impact these donations will have for their group members, and the Russell community. In addition to the donations, subcontractors came to the party bearing non-perishable items for the local food bank.

The charitable acts will not stop here either, as 2018 will mark a big year for the Corvinelli Family. John Corvinelli along with his father Tony will be celebrating 50 years of the



'Keep Russell Blooming'

Russell Village Women's Institute received a generous donation for their 'Keep Russell Blooming' program. From left are Diny Achtereekte, Mary Inglis, Ina Henry, Judi Hubbard and John Corvinelli. O'Donohue photo

Corvinelli Family in Corvinelli Homes will be construction. To looking to do "50 good deeds commemorate this, in 2018," said Hubbard.



Russell Challengers

The Russell Challengers, a group for children of all ages with special needs, organized weekly bowling games for its members during the winter. From left are John MacMillan, Lynne Rochon, Maddie MacMillan and Stacy Achtereekte with John Corvinelli. O'Donohue photo

Corvinelli stressed as well company, but rather a that these donations are not combined effort along with just from him and his all of the subcontractors.



2nd Russell Scouts

From left, Travis Laramee, and David Laramee stand with John Corvinelli. O'Donohue photo

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RUSSELL – The Musically Inclined’s Christmas piano recital at Russell United saw beginners to more experienced pianists display their talents not only on piano, but with vocals, bells and more for family and friends in early December. The grand finale, however, was outstanding, as all musicians joined together with the direction of teacher Heather Koss-Huisman to play drums and sing *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

Koss-Huisman celebrated 23 years of music education this year, is the music director at Russell United, and teaches general music classes within the Upper Canada District School Board. The website notes that Musically Inclined “specializes in group programs for pre-schoolers, children and youth.



A grand finale

The combined musical talents of Musically Inclined students under the direction of Heather Koss-Huisman (far left) provided a unique ending to the Christmas concert with *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

Carruthers photo

St-Amour new UCPR Warden for 2018

L’ORIGINAL – François St-Amour, Mayor of The Nation Municipality, was elected by acclamation as the 2018 Warden of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR).

This coming year represents Warden St-Amour’s second term as the head of the regional council, having previously held the position in 2012. Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux and Clarence-Rockland Mayor Guy Desjardins proposed and seconded the nomination, respectively. St-Amour has been involved in municipal politics since 2003, and has served as Mayor since 2010.

During the traditional swearing-in ceremony held Wed., Dec. 20, in the County Council chambers, Warden St-Amour addressed the priorities of



François St-Amour

his upcoming presidency, namely support for the new direction of the UCPR’s Economic Development and Tourism Department, which will address gaps and opportunities in the electricity and natural gas networks, the improvement of regional infrastructure, and the development of

local municipalities’ commercial and industrial sectors.

During the same ceremony, outgoing Warden Gary J. Barton presented cheques, totaling \$20,100, to 14 non-profit organizations in Champlain Township: the L’Original Food Bank; the Vankleek Hill Food Bank; the L’Original Old Jail; Patrimoine L’Original-Longueuil Heritage; the Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society; the Vankleek Hill Museum; the Arbor Gallery Cultural Centre; the Higginson Tower Committee; the Club de l’Amicale de L’Original; the Vankleek Hill Club d’Age d’Or; the Vankleek Hill Sunshine Club; the Champlain Minor Sports Association; Vankleek Hill Cougars Junior Hockey; and the Eastern Prescott-

Russell Minor Hockey Association. These funds were raised during the Warden’s Golf Tournament and Warden’s Banquet fundraisers held during his term.

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