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Briefly

Community Builder Award

MOREWOOD - A reminder that The Township of North Dundas invites you to the presentation of the 2017 Township of North Dundas Community Builder Award to Bill Smirle tomorrow evening. There will be a tour of the newly renovated Fire Hall at 6:30 p.m., followed by the presentation to Smirle at 7:00 p.m., on Thurs., March 1, at the Morewood Fire Hall, 21 Russell Street, Morewood.

Half-load season

THE COUNTIES - The start of the half load season for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG), local municipalities and the City of Cornwall begins March 1. The half load season, which usually runs from the beginning of March until May, is the time of year when vehicles are restricted to carrying a maximum of five tonnes per axle on the weaker roads located throughout the region. Roads that are subject to seasonal weight restrictions are identified with a sign. Half-loads will be enforced once signs are posted. For up-to-date information, contact your local municipality or SDG (www.sdgcounties.ca).

Spaghetti dinner

LONG SAULT - The Lost Villages Lions Club are planning a spaghetti dinner on Wed., Mar. 7, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the South Stormont Community Hall. Cost is \$12 per adult, children under 6 years \$6 (take-outs available, also gift certificates). Part of the proceeds are in support of the splash pad in Ingleside.

Eco Farm Days 2018 - Adapting to a changing world

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CORNWALL - The well organized and well attended 2018 Eco-Farm Days was held in Cornwall at the Ramada Inn on Feb. 24-25. Organized by the Ottawa-St. Lawrence-Outaouais Chapter of the Canadian Organic Growers, the two-day program included a series of Saturday seminars as well as two all-day workshops on Sunday providing information for those interested in organic farming. This year's theme was Adaptation with workshops focusing on how to adapt to the changing marketplace as well as the natural world.

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WDMH Commitment Award recipients

WINCHESTER - Calm, committed and comforting. These are the words that have been used to describe the latest recipients of the WDMH Commitment Award. Congratulations to Dr. Shamsa Deeb, Chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Chris Barkley, Executive Assistant to the CEO, and Volunteer Faye McCurdy.

The Commitment Awards shine a light on individuals or teams who exemplify WDMH's values of Compassion, Excellence, One Team, Respect, Accountability, Innovation and Learning.

Here is what their nominators had to say about these dedicated WDMH team members:

"Dr. Deeb amazes me with her leadership and hands-on skills. Her calm nature has not gone unnoticed.

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Beavers stop by the House of Lazarus

The Oxford Mills Beavers stopped by the House of Lazarus (HOL) in Mountain on Thurs., Feb. 22. The Beavers were provided a tour of the facilities, including the food bank, where they learned how a food bank works. They also dropped off some clothing donations to the HOL. Pictured, the Beavers and Scout leaders with HOL Operations Manager Jennifer Tenbult (second from right).

Courtesy photo

IDP Group hosts North Dundas Chamber of Commerce AGM

Candice Vetter
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE - The IDP Group hosted the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce's annual general meeting at their Chesterville plant, on Wed., Feb. 21, where Chuck Rifici, the CEO of Cannabis Wheaton Income Corp., was welcomed. His venture has become partners with IDP Group, and will be producing marijuana at the facility.

Rifici said the recently-announced venture will start by taking over 100,000 sq. ft. of the facility, a former coffee factory which was empty for a few years, until the IDP Group purchased it. IDP partners Hamed Asl and Mike Dagenais led tours through the facility last

year, which they were in the process of remodelling extensively, including replacing some infrastructure, such as wiring.

Since then the facility has been used for IDP Group's own furniture construction, project management, design, delivery, installation, and asset management business. The space IDP doesn't require has been leased for varying uses, including construction of the National Arts Centre's new roof trusses. Now Cannabis Wheaton will be using hydroponic vertical growing techniques to produce cannabis for the new legal market in 100,000 sq. ft. to start, with plans to expand into additional space in the 373,000 sq.-ft. plant when needed.

"When it's going well there will be lots of capacity," said Rifici in an interview at the reception prior to the AGM. He praised his new partners and the former

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IDP Group hosts AGM

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coffee-producing plant itself. "We'll work with a great team and we'll work with a great facility, but here we have a great team and a great facility in one place."

Although the final paperwork is not quite complete, Rifici said the partnership is definite. "We're just finalizing the last papers," he said, "but we are committed through an interim binding agreement."

Cannabis Wheaton's website states, "It is pleased to announce that it has entered into a binding strategic alliance and streaming agreement with IDP Group Inc. and HMT Solutions Inc. whereby IDP, via a newly formed subsidiary ("CannabisCo"), will become a significant streaming partner to the Company, and the newest participant in the Wheaton Licensing Program."

The website also states that Cannabis Wheaton Income is a collective of entrepreneurs. "Our mandate is to facilitate growth for our partners by providing them with financial support and sharing our collective industry experience."

Cannabis Wheaton is already involved in many large-scale cannabis production facilities in the world and is a substantial supplier of medical marijuana to many markets.

He expects that the market the Chesterville facility will be selling to

will be provincial governments and the international market, but he rated Ontario as one of his anticipated least favourable markets. "In Ontario sales will all be government controlled," he said. "In Manitoba retail is privatized. There we sell to the principal distributor, who is the government, and directly to retailers."

Direct to retail sales are more profitable, he said. Cannabis Wheaton can also sell to medical markets in some jurisdictions, such as Germany. He and his many partners anticipate a demand that will be hard to fill. "There will be a lack of product. Every legal gram produced will be sold." He said that sales of marijuana produced in Canada are about 50-million grams per year in the medical market, but he expects sales of 900-million grams per year will be needed to supply the recreational market.

Will that affect the black market? "I think the black market will disappear over time," he said. "but it will fill the gap until producers are up and running." That is one of the reasons he and his partners are passionate about getting as many facilities up and running as quickly as possible. He compared anticipated sales to buying legal alcohol over illegal alcohol, and how the end of prohibition meant the end of almost all illegal alcohol production over time.

Regarding value-

added, or processed products such as oils and edibles, that area is still a little more hazy. "For now it's flower products and oils," he said. The trick is homogenization of product, because the effects of a drug that are swallowed are different than that which is smoked, so getting a consistent result is essential for customer's safe enjoyment. "There is also the food safety element," he said, and added that Health Canada will be legalizing edible products next year.

The venture is expected to start hiring about 100 employees with the possibility of hiring up to 300 within a few years.



Cannibas Wheaton welcomed at IDP Group

The IDP Group hosted the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce's annual general meeting at their Chesterville plant, on Wed., Feb. 21, where Chuck Rifici, the CEO of Cannabis Wheaton Income Corp., was introduced to Chamber members as IDP's partner in vertical cannabis production for the legal market. Shown from left are Rifici and IDP principals Hamed Asl and Mike Dagenais at the event.

Vetter photo



would be on April 28 and suggested checking their website www.humblebeginningsbrewing.com, Facebook, Twitter or Instagram sites for further information.

Thompson Goddard photo

Humble Beginnings Brewing Co. in Ingleside holds soft opening

Pierre Doucette and Susan Wallwork were on hand during the soft opening for their new business, Humble Beginnings Brewing Co. Doucette was pleased with the attendance at the weekend event which had over 200 people visit their establishment in the Ingleside Mall. Wallwork said there were three beers on tap – Kolsch, a Pale Ale and an India Pale Ale brewed by their Brewmaster Duncan Cowie. Wallwork said the grand opening

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Friday, March 9 & 23 – Shopping Trip. Call the office to reserve your seat.

Tuesday, March 13 – Shopping trip to Winchester leaving Chesterville at 10:45 a.m. If you wish to be picked up, please call office to make arrangements. \$5.00 per person.

Wednesday, March 28 – Foot care at Nelson LaPrade Centre.

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SDG Heritage Fair held in Cornwall Square Mall

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CORNWALL – The history of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry was showcased during the annual SDG Heritage Fair held on Sat., Feb. 24, at the Cornwall Square Mall. For many years, the Heritage Fair has been organized by Cornwall’s heritage committee, Heritage Cornwall, which brings together many organizations from the United Counties.

This year groups in attendance included Ontario East British Home Child Family, Williams town’s Nor’Wester’s and Loyalist Museum, the Friends of the Crysler Farm Battlefield, Lost Villages Historical Society, as well as



The Lost Villages Historical Society was one of the historical groups which attended the Heritage Fair in Cornwall on Feb. 24. From the left in front are Ginette Guy and Jim Brownell; at the back are Allan Daye and Joan Gaudreau.

Akwesasne Genealogy and the St. Lawrence Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada. In addition to providing information to residents and visitors to the area, Heritage Day also allows

members of the various heritage groups to network and renew friendships.

Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonnell attended the Heritage Fair and found it interesting, commenting,

“we don’t realize ‘how much history’ is found in the United Counties or the contributions made by residents of SDG to the history of our country.”

Thompson Goddard photo



Friends of the Crysler Farm Battlefield on display

Jim McDonnell, MPP for Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry, was one of the many visitors to the Heritage Fair held at Cornwall Square on Sat., Feb. 24. Gabrielle Thomas, a member of the Friends of the Crysler Farm Battlefield group, shows McDonnell a shadow box containing authenticated American musket balls from the Battle of Crysler’s Farm which were donated to the group by John Carruthers of Morrisburg during the 2017 Robin Morris Memorial Dinner.

Thompson Goddard photo

Focus on fun this March Break at Linking Hands EXPO 2018

MAPLE RIDGE – Ensuring Dundas County residents are aware of the services and resources available to them in their home county may be the primary reason Linking Hands hosts its annual EXPO, but that’s not the only reason.

Being an affordable opportunity for family fun is the other reason, which is why it’s called Linking Hands EXPO and Maple Ridge Family Fun Day.

This year, organizers have decided to spread the fun a little wider by adding an extra afternoon of barnyard animals and bouncy castles. The Sensory-Friendly Day is set for Tues., March 13, from noon to 3 p.m. and registration is required, as spaces will be limited. The full-day event will follow on Wed., March 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to everyone with no registration required.

Price of admission is \$5 per person ages three and up. Vanderlaand the

Barnyard Zoo, TriBeck Inflatables, and various children’s activities and refreshments will be available both days. On March 14, there will also be a performance by Junkyard Symphony at 12 p.m., followed by a mini children’s fashion show courtesy of Winchester’s Main Street Clothing.

In addition to encouraging parents and caregivers to take advantage of the fun school-break activity, organizers are looking for more agencies, organizations and businesses to exhibit their services during this March Break event.

“Last year, during a badly-timed snowstorm, more than 300 people attended our first EXPO event,” Linking Hands Coordinator Sandy Casselman said. “This event is great for almost everyone. It provides an easy and affordable day-long adventure for children needing an outlet for their energy. And, it provides agencies, organizations, and businesses an opportunity to showcase their services, resources or products to parents, grandparents, and caregivers.”

For more information, visit www.linkinghandsdundas.ca or contact Casselman at scasselman@houseoflazarus.com or phone 613-989-3830.

Meet Cindy Ault Peters

WINCHESTER – The Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) Foundation is pleased to welcome Cindy Ault Peters as its new Manager of Direct Mail and Events.

“Cindy brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the role,” noted Kristen Casselman, Managing Director, in the recent release. “We are excited to have her on board to work with our local communities to help raise funds for health care close to home.”

Cindy was born, raised and still lives just outside of Brinston. “As a life-long member of the community I have always been involved in numerous non-profit groups and organizations: from canvassing door-to-door, to 4-H, church, soccer, recreation and more. I have also sat as a board member for the WDMH Foundation and the Upper Canada District School Board Champions for Kids Foundation,” she notes.

Cindy says she understands the importance of quality health care close to home. Her family has used many of WDMH’s

services throughout the years. “We are extremely fortunate to have such an outstanding facility close to home, along with caring staff, and dedicated volunteers. I look forward to sharing information about WDMH with the broader community and hope to increase the funds coming in so that our outstanding WDMH staff can continue to do what they do best.”



Cindy Ault Peters
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CORNWALL – “Freedom to Read” is an annual, week-long celebration, this year Feb. 25 to March 3, which provides an opportunity to reflect and appreciate our right in Canada to read whatever we want. Freedom to Read Week reminds us of our freedom to access all expressions of ideas.

“‘Freedom to Read Week’ is an important week for both libraries and Canadians,” said Karen Franklin, Director of Library Services, in the news release. “We are very fortunate to not have restrictions placed on our access to information, and it’s important to acknowledge and celebrate this right.”

A variety of “Freedom to



Read” programs are offered throughout the SD&G County Library system. Contact your local branch or visit the library’s website (www.sdglibrary.ca/programs-events) for more information.

“Freedom to Read Week” is an annual event that encourages Canadians to celebrate their right to

intellectual freedom, guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The event is organized by the Freedom of Expression Committee of the Book and Periodical Council. For more information on Freedom to Read in Canada, visit <http://www.freedomtorcad.ca/>.

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February is Heart Month

CORNWALL – Heart disease affects approximately 2.4-million Canadian adults, and is the second leading cause of death in Canada. February is Heart Month and is the perfect time to bring attention to the risk and prevention of cardiovascular disease. Healthy lifestyle choices include smoking avoidance, a healthy and balanced diet, getting sufficient sleep, regular exercise, and monitoring blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

Despite these preventive measures, heart problems can still arise. Cornwall Hospital's cardio-respiratory department assesses heart function during activity by attaching electrodes to the chest while walking on a treadmill.

Karen Poirier, a Critical Care Nurse at Cornwall Hospital, failed within minutes, indicating a serious heart problem. She was subsequently referred to the Ottawa Heart Institute for an angiogram (where dye is injected into the heart to observe blood flow). Poirier soon discovered she required quadruple bypass surgery as soon as possible.

Following successful surgery, she returned to Cornwall Hospital to participate in the Heart Failure Rehabilitation Program. Within three months, Poirier was back at work!

"I remember three days after surgery feeling better than I had in years! It was a breath of fresh air!" said the 57 year old.

CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Sunset clause

Recent weather here in Castor Country has been glorious with lots of sunshine and the snow melt in full swing.

That's good news for many of us but not for skiers, property owners with flooded basements, or developers such as Melanie Construction which is trying to get a head start on Sunset Flats just north of Russell Village, the latest in a flock of subdivisions surrounding the original village.

Sunset Flats! Is a delightful name! It evokes images of sitting on the new patio or deck with a refreshing beverage and watching the sun dip down over the fields... the "flats", I suppose. But that's not the current reality.

Poor Melanie! Rey Patenaude's heavy equipment is now churning through swamp-like conditions on former prime agricultural land, prepping for a new crop of homes for city commuters.

It makes me wonder when enough is enough, if any elected body anywhere in rural Ontario ever says no to more, more, more development, even if it alters the nature of a community while promoting a steady urbanizing process.

Many say there's no way to avoid the march of urbanization, that it's inevitable particularly for

communities close to cities. Why would you want to, they say... it's all about progress!

Municipal politicians caught up in competing with their neighbours insist bigger is better, that the more people who live in a community, the more broadly the tax burden is shared. But I've been living in Russell Township for 45 years and the tax bill has done nothing but climb as the population has surged. The simple truth is that more people means more, better and costlier services.

In Russell's case, Ottawa is a 25-minute drive away; years ago, the main attraction for commuters was the price gap between the city and the country for residential properties, a gap that has closed substantially. Housing prices and property taxes have become comparable.

But the city folk keep coming, drawn apparently by the "village charm" and "country lifestyle" that Rey and other developers are promoting. Unhappily, only a small percentage of these newcomers contribute to local life, with traditional rural organizations such as the agricultural society remaining starved for volunteers. While there are notable exceptions, the vast majority of commuters do just that... travel back and forth to their jobs while doing most of their shopping and other spending in the city.

I've watched the transformation from agricultural centre of 600 residents with a couple of machinery and equipment dealerships in the core, to a 4,500-resident commuter base.

Farming is still very much present and active and remains the main industry in surrounding Russell Township, but it's being pushed further from the village limits all the time. What we're really about and have been for the past 30 years is servicing commuters, primarily with housing.

Each new whimsically-named development is controversial in some way, because of clear-cutting, or water and sewer expansion, or placement of parks, or design, or lot size... but with millions of dollars at stake, the issues get resolved and the houses all get built.

Back in the 1990s, I sat on Russell Council for a term. The biggest opposition we confronted was from residents who insisted a proposed new development south of the village should not be permitted to offer lots less than one-acre in size because that's what they were sitting on. They didn't want smaller lots to diminish real estate values, while councillors felt young couples and seniors should have access to affordable properties.

The Sunset Flats



controversy was a little different. The previous property owner has said publicly she only sold it on condition the developer would build a facility for senior citizens. She insisted she had a verbal agreement to that effect. There's nothing on paper and the developer maintains the municipality wouldn't permit such a facility on this site anyway. Councillors claim they never heard of any agreement.

Nobody is suggesting Melanie isn't a reputable builder. The company has developed other projects in the area including Olde Towne West which is sold out. The controversy that time was over an exit from the subdivision which was to connect to heritage Forced Road which couldn't handle the traffic. In the end, it didn't happen.

It all boils down to this: The former farming community of Russell Village has more than enough commuter development. It's time for elected leaders to give existing ratepayers a break and just say no to any more housing subdivisions that contribute little other than tax hikes.

NDDHS Report

By Rosie Backes

Student Council Communications



March Break around the corner

Huge congratulations go out to our North Dundas curling teams, but especially to the girls' team for their amazing efforts last week at EOSSAA. The girls placed first and won the gold medal. They will move on to OFSAA at the end of March in Fort Frances.

Yesterday, Feb. 27, both the Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams competed in their tournaments. Both teams played at South Grenville District High School.

There will be a bake sale hosted by the New York City travellers to raise money for their trip

in May. They are getting ready to see the city that never sleeps.

On Fri., March 2, one of the biggest events of the school year happens – the Dundas Cup. Grades 5 and 6 students from the feeder schools are invited out to a full day of hockey along with the intermediate and high school students. This year student council has decided to have a staff and alumni vs. student game to end the day. Our teams face off against Seaway to win the Dundas Cup. Let's go Devils!

Just a reminder, the March Break is only a week and a half away.

UCDSB students qualify for Eastern Ontario Skills Competition

CORNWALL – Nineteen students from the Upper Canada District School Board have qualified for the Skills Ontario Competition from May 7-9 in Toronto, after the Eastern Ontario Skills Competition at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall last Wed., Feb. 21.

The Eastern Ontario Skills Competition is organized by the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) in partnership with St. Lawrence College Cornwall and the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario.

The event allows students to demonstrate their technical abilities in a skilled trades competition that emphasizes the value of a career in the trades, said Lori Carlisle, a learning partner with the Board. It permits students to connect with like-minded peers. They also meet college students and professors who can tell them about qualifications needed to be successful in the trades, and share stories about real-life experience working in the automotive, welding, carpentry, or other skilled trade industries.

Students learn about other benefits of a career in the trades such as graduating with less debt than university students and greater prospects for employment. Carlisle noted, in the release from the UCDSB, that about 50 per cent of the trades workforce in Ontario will retire in the next five years.

More than 180 UCDSB students participated in last Wednesday's competition in 19 events including: aesthetics, hairstyling, auto service technician, small engine repair, welding, home building, individual construction, cabinet making, prepared speech, photography, TV/video production, journalism, job interview, team of two carpentry, and health and safety.

The 19 students who qualify for the provincials in May are:

- Jazmine Locke, Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School (CCVS), hairstyling, aesthetics, gold;
- Alyssa Deamer, CCVS, hairstyling, aesthetics, silver;
- Patrick Lunney, Glengarry District High School (GDHS), automotive service technician, gold;

- Keegan Barton, Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute (VCI), cabinet making, gold;
- Jade Markell, Seaway District High School (SDHS), health and safety, gold;
- Nick Oeggerli, Lloyd Rozon, Brandon Poirier, John Giroux, Char-Lan District High School, home and team building, team of four, gold;
- Grace Brooks, SDHS, job interview, gold;
- Madeleine Fortin, VCI, journalism, gold;
- William Deschamps, Brockville Collegiate Institute (BCI), photography, gold;
- Priya McAndrew, VCI, prepared speech, gold;
- Cole MacWhirter, VCI, small engine repair, gold;
- Matt McKay, Kendrew Byers, SDHS, team of two carpentry, gold;
- Mason McLeod, North Dundas District High School (NDDHS), heating systems, bye;
- Craig MacDonald, GDHS, coding, bye; and
- Juliana Barnhardt, SDHS, job skill demonstration, bye.



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DeCooman, Secretary Kim McInnis and Treasurer Verne McMillan. Bob Gilroy, Carolyn Goddard, Lester McInnis, Caroline Roberts and Ashley Harper are members of the 2018 Board of Directors for the Society. From left, in the front row are Lester McInnis, Jill Metcalfe, Kim McInnis and Bob Gilroy.; in the back row are Caroline Roberts, Verne McMillan and Ashley Harper. Absent from the photo are Carolyn Goddard and Debbie DeCooman.

Chesterville & District Historical Society holds 2018 AGM

The Chesterville & District Historical Society held their annual general meeting on Tues., Feb. 20, at the Heritage Centre in Chesterville. The 2018 Executive consists of President Jillian Metcalfe, Vice-President Debbie

Thompson Goddard photo

SNC going public with Forest Conservation Working Group – Membership Call

FINCH – South Nation Conservation’s (SNC) Board of Directors has approved new membership to broaden the stakeholder engagement on its Forest Conservation Working Group. The SNC Board represents 16-member Municipalities in Eastern Ontario.

This enhanced Committee of 14 new members are scheduled to meet approximately six times between March and June 2018 to provide recommendations to SNC’s Board and Municipalities on measures to increase and/or protect forest cover. The new group’s membership will include First Nations, municipal representatives, land developers, woodlot organizations and community members working with three farm producers appointed by the previous forest cover agricultural working

group. “The goal is to get people to collaborate on ways to work together to maintain forest cover throughout the region,” explained John Mesman, SNC’s Communications Team Lead. “The group will be brought up to speed on past and current studies and will review feedback provided from the agricultural community.”

Work on the topic of declining forest cover began when SNC struck it’s Agricultural Forest Cover Working Group in 2017 to produce a report on preliminary recommendations from an agricultural perspective. This group consisted of 22 members, of which nearly all were local farmers, appointed by their local federations of agriculture, farmers union and Christian Farmers’ Federation.

SNC is actively recruiting

membership-at-large to provide feedback from a community-based perspective. A call for applications is out, closing on Fri., March 9, 2018.

“We’re hoping to find people eager to come to the table and work together,” said Mesman, adding, “We need community-driven solutions and enhanced program ideas.”

Persons interested can visit nation.on.ca/forest-cover to access information on the Forest Conservation Initiative or to download an application form. The SNC-produced 2016 Forest Cover and Trends Analysis Report can also be found online.

“The initiative aims to bring people from different industries together to discuss ways to conserve forest cover,” added Mesman. “It’s our local environment, we’re in it together.”

Dangerous patterns

Although pretty with the sun reflecting off the water on Groves Rd. south of Russell recently, the potholes there are deep. The City of Ottawa reported that this winter had more freeze-thaw cycles than any other recorded, which has contributed to the rash of sharp and deep potholes in the area. In Eastern Ontario, the Leda clay soil in the area also exacerbates road deterioration.

Vetter photo



SNC water safety update

FINCH – South Nation Conservation issued an update to a water safety statement on Feb. 22. Environment Canada is forecasting above zero temperatures during the day and just below zero at night for the next few days.

Water levels across the jurisdiction are higher than normal due to the excessive rain earlier this month, snowmelt due to unseasonably high temperatures, and high soil moisture conditions. Ice break-up and rapidly changing river conditions can be expected to continue to occur through the week. Streams within SNC’s jurisdiction are experiencing higher than normal flows and water levels. Flooding in low-lying areas may occur. The combination of slippery banks and breakable ice could create hazardous conditions close to any streams. Jammed ice flows are causing ice damming in some watercourses.

Residents are advised to exercise caution when near rivers where warmer temperatures and precipitation have resulted in increased river flows, slippery banks, and unsafe ice conditions. Parents are encouraged to explain these dangers to their children.

SNC asks the public to participate in monitoring water levels by visiting www.nation.on.ca to provide feedback with respect to changes in water related conditions in their local areas. All feedback can be sent to waterwatch@nation.on.ca; posted on our Facebook (/SouthNationConservation), or Twitter (@SouthNationCA).

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Class 6	Soft Winter Wheat	8 lbs.
Class 7	Hard Winter Wheat	8 lbs.
Class 8	Sunflowers	8 lbs.
Class 9	Triticale	8 lbs.
Class 10	Buckwheat	8 lbs.
Class 11	Field Peas	8 lbs.
Class 12	Forage Peas	8 lbs.
Class 13	Soybeans	8 lbs.
Class 14	White Field Beans	8 lbs.
Class 15	Coloured Field Beans	8 lbs.
Class 16	Canola	4 lbs.
Class 17	Red Clover	4 lbs.
Class 18	Birdsfoot Trefoil	4 lbs.
Class 19	Timothy	4 lbs.
Class 20	Alfalfa	4 lbs.
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Class 22	1st Cut Legume other than alfalfa - 85% or more legume	
Class 23	1st Cut Legume & Grass - 70% / 30% either way	
Class 24	1st Cut Grass - 85% or more grass	
Class 25	2nd Cut Alfalfa or other Legume - 85% or more legume	
Class 26	2nd Cut Mixed Legume & Grass - 80% / 20% either way	
Class 27	1st Cut Large Square or Round Bale Hay	
Class 28	2nd Cut Large Square or Round Bale Hay	
Class 29	Haylage	5 lbs.
Class 30A	1st Cut Baled Haylage	5 lbs.

Class 30B	2nd or 3rd Cut Baled Haylage (cut to be indicated on tag)	5 lbs.
Class 31	Oat and/or Barley Silage	5 lbs.
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Class 34	Shelled Corn - Variety Named	8 lbs.
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Class 73	Cob Meal	8 lbs.

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Eco Farm Days 2018

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Concerns over the population decline in varied species of pollinators provided a starting point for the interesting and informative presentation by Kim Fellows on "How Your Farm Can Support Native Pollinators." Fellows, who works part time for Pollination Canada, explained how the decline in plant varieties has arisen, the methodology, pollinators and its importance to agricultural practices before discussing the decline in pollinator populations. This was followed by an examination of the differences between non-native Honey Bee and native pollinators such as Bumble Bee and Squash Bee. Fellows concluded by presenting basic information on how to encourage native pollinators on the land while stressing the need to research the species-specific habits and habitats to ensure success. Currently, she oversees a "Pollinator Fedge" project at a community garden and is active in her Bee City hometown of Kitchener, Ont.

Dr. Hubert Karreman, a graduate of the Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, is a dairy veterinarian and independent educator of organic veterinary medicine based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who spoke to a very well attended workshop on the "Non-Antibiotic Treatment of Ruminant Livestock." Karreman provided information on various non-antibiotic treatments for uterine



Leading the way for organic grower communities

Mary-Howell and Klaas Martens, owners and operators of Lakeview Organic Grains in the Finger Lakes region of New York, gave the keynote speech during the Eco Farm Days at the Ramada Inn in Cornwall on Sat., Feb. 24. The couple spoke about Farming for Resilience in a changing climate. The Martens started out farming conventional but switched to organic and 20 years later they are a leader in their industry, have cultivated a community of organic growers and are the go-to farmers for advice about soil health and crop rotation.

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infections, retained placenta, and mastitis. He presented several different medical scenarios with accompanying slides and discussed how to treat these conditions without antibiotics. The difference between organic regulations in the United States and Canada were discussed as were various natural treatments which are available for use by organic farmers.

There was ample opportunity throughout the day to visit the Trade Show section of the event where over 30 exhibitors showcased their products to those in attendance. For more information on this conference as well as the opportunity to view information on Eco-Farm Days since 2008, visit <http://cog.ca/ottawa/eco-farm-day>.



Protecting native pollinators

Kim Fellows, of Kitchener, Ont., presented information on how native pollinators such as Squash Bees and Bumble Bees can be supported on the farm to a group of interested persons during Eco Farm Days in Cornwall on Sat., Feb. 24.

Thompson Goddard photo



Alternatives to antibiotics in organic farming

Dr. Hubert Karreman is pictured on Sat., Feb. 24, during his workshop on "Non-Antibiotic Treatment of Ruminant Livestock" at Eco Farm Days in Cornwall. In the event program, Karreman is described as "an internationally recognized expert in the non-antibiotic treatment of infectious disease and non-hormonal treatment of infertility".

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WDMH Commitment Award

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Congratulations to all the nominees.

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From left, Dr. Shamsa Deeb, Christine Barkley and Faye McCurdy with their Commitment Awards. Courtesy photo

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- March 7** 12:00 Diners' Club. Menu: Egg Rolls, Wonton Soup, Chicken Balls, Rice, Pie. Cost \$7.00
- March 14** 12:00 St. Patrick's Day Diners' Club. Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Cake. (Wear green, bring a joke). Cost \$7.00
- March 21** 12:00 Diners' Club. Menu: Salsa Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Greek Salad, Cake. Cost \$7.00
- March 28** 12:00 Easter Diners' Club. Menu: Ham, Potatoes, Carrots, Pie. Cost \$10.00 Entertainment: Faye McMillan

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

Avonmore (Morningside): Tuesday, March 6th and 20th

Finch (North-Stor Centre): Wednesday, March 14th and 28th

Foot Care Clinic: Thursday, March 15th and Friday, March 16th

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- Monday afternoons:** Euchre at 1:00 p.m. Cost \$5.00 (prizes).
- Tuesday afternoons:** Scrabble challenge at 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday afternoons:** Hot Drinks at 2:30 p.m. Cost \$0.50
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Ladies Night Out event a huge success for HOL

DIXON'S CORNERS – The House of Lazarus (HOL) hosted their well-attended second annual Ladies Night Out event, with over 250 women attending the packed Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners on Sat., Feb. 24. The evening featured vendors, fashion shows, a silent auction and mashed potato martini bar. The evening brought in over \$8,000 and all proceeds will benefit the HOL outreach programs. Thanks go out to all the sponsors and donors who made the event such a huge success!



Generous sponsorship

The Scotiabank branches in South Mountain and Chesterville sold tickets for the Ladies Night Out event and matched all ticket sales, doubling the proceeds. Scotiabank representatives also handled the silent auction at the event and matched those funds as well. Pictured from left are Chrissy Barlow and Diane Langton from Scotiabank, Kim Merkley, House of Lazarus Client Service Coordinator, and South Dundas Mayor Evonne Delegarde. Both Barlow and Langton were presented gifts in recognition of their contribution to the event.

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Food sponsors for Ladies Night Out

Jonsson's Independent in Kemptville and Winchester Foodland sponsored the food for the second annual Ladies Night Out event. Pictured are HOL Food Bank Assistant Marianne Villemaire and HOL Client Services Coordinator Kim Merkley with some of the food items provided.

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Modelling for a cause

Juli Fashion in Morrisburg put on a fashion show during the event. Pictured, owner Helen Derix (sixth from left) and manager Debbie Lachapelle (seventh from left) stand on stage with all their models. Main Street Clothing Company in Winchester also put on a fashion show during the Ladies Night Out event.

Courtesy photo

Ben's Pioneer Gas opens new premises

Candice Vetter
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Ben's Pioneer Gas Bar, On the Run C-store, and new Tim Hortons location opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tues., Feb. 27.

Representatives from Pioneer attended, including operators of other outlets, here to view the new On the Run store, which is the first location in Canada to build with the company's new design. "This is the flagship design of the

new On the Run concept," said Taha Hasan, a company representative. "This is the first one nationally, and we will be building 20 more across Canada this year."

The C-store is 2,400 sq. ft., over 2,000 sq. ft. more than the former store, and the Tim's is 1,500 sq. ft., for a total of 3,900 sq. ft.

In addition, a full Tim Hortons location takes up one side of the building. New pumps have been added, making 10 gasoline pumps and two diesel pumps.

The station and store are open 24 hours and the Tim Hortons is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Besides the brief ribbon-cutting ceremony, Township of North Dundas Councillor Tony Fraser presented businessmen Robert St. Denis and Ben Henry with congratulatory certificates from the Township of North Dundas.

"It's been a great response," said Henry, "by our regular customers and the new faces. I'm very happy." He was looking forward to the next day (today, Wed., Feb. 28) when the station would be offering a gas sale from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Pioneer representatives were not allowed by the Competition Bureau to say how much gas would cost, but would say it was going to be "a big sale." There will be other promotions throughout the day and the month of March.



And it's official!

Ben's Pioneer Gas Bar on Highway 31 in Winchester cut the ribbon at its grand reopening on Tues., Feb. 27. From left to right in front are Ellie Trudeau, Robert St. Denis, Ben Henry, North Dundas Councillor Tony Fraser, Matthew Brayman, Troy Richter and Cheryl Stubbs, and in back are Corey Adams, Taha Hasan, Jim Leduc and North Dundas Councillor John Thompson.

Vetter photos



Congratulations to St. Denis and Henry on Pioneer opening

Robert St. Denis and Ben Henry smile after receiving congratulatory certificates from the Township of North Dundas at the Pioneer Gas Bar official grand opening.



Service with a smile

Staff of the new Tim Hortons outlet at Ben's Pioneer Gas Bar in Winchester smile at the shop's grand opening. From left to right in front are Ashley Larocque and Destiny Brown; in back are Carol Trinque and Olivia Von Kaenel.

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WING NIGHT

Chesterville Legion Wing Nights will be held on the first and third Friday of each month starting at 5 o'clock.

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COMING EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA AND BAKE SALE

St. Mary Catholic School in Chesterville is hosting their annual St. Patrick's Day Tea and Bake Sale, Thurs., March 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by for a wee bit of lunch, tea/coffee, and some sweet treats. Adults \$6, Children \$3, and preschool FREE!

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HOT LUNCHEON

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, 30 Mill St., Chesterville. Wed., Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Menu: Lasagna, caesar salad, garlic bread; assorted pies; coffee/tea. \$8.00 per person (take-outs available starting at 11:00 a.m.). Everyone Welcome!

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COMING EVENTS

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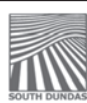
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Stormont Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Susan Chambers 232; Ladies' High Triple, Susan Chambers 614. Team Standings: Kathy 233, Pat 216, Hilda 214, Susan 213.5, Elaine 202.

Monday Men's: Men's High Single, Kevin Osborne 304; Men's High Triple, Matt Bird 801; Men's High Average, Matt Bird 253. Team Standings: A-Team 104.5, East-Ont 103, Raiders 96.5, Alley Rats 84.5, Country Boys 71.5, Alley Cats 69.

Busy Matrons: Ladies' High Single, Beth Reid 197; Ladies' High Triple, Beth Reid 540. Team Standings: Love 178.5, Charity 167, Faith 160.5, Hope 154.

Defenders: Men's High Single, Ron Packer 244; Men's High Triple, Glendon Moore 611; Ladies' High Single, Gwen Clarke 220; Ladies' High Triple, Gwen Clarke 617. Team Standings: Becky 222, Brian 205, Gwen 200, Divas+D 194, Glendon 169.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Dianna Moffat 198; Ladies' High Triple, Dianna Moffat 523. Team Standings: Dianna 242, Eurda 233.5, Mary 221, Lorna 183.5.

Finch Mixed: Men's High Single, Colin Sanders 270;

Men's High Triple, Colin Sanders 743; Men's High Average, Noel Lalonde 215; Ladies' High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 288; Ladies' High Triple Isabelle Bissonnette 752; Ladies' High Average, Grace Tilley 216. Team Standings: Team #4 89, T.V on 3! 77, C-M-A-T-T 77, 3G 76, TEAM HP 73, THEM 70.

Matilda: Ladies' High Single, Inge VonKaenel 328; Ladies' High Triple, Inge VonKaenel 754; Men's High Single, Kevin Osborne 279; Men's High Triple, Kevin Osborne 689. Team Standings: Danny 83, Jake 81, Gary 79, Kevin 76, Walter 64, Brent 61.

Les Dynamiques: Men's High Single, Albert Bouchard 170; Men's High Triple, Albert Bouchard 458; Ladies High Single, Rejeanne Lefebvre 246; Ladies' High Triple, Gisele Lafleur 516.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men's High Single, Danny Holmes 266; Men's High Triple, Danny Holmes 725; Ladies' High Single, Pat Elliott 230; Ladies' High Triple, Judy Simzer 647. Team Standings: Carolyn's Pussycats 214.5, Fast&Furious 207.5, Smurfs 205, Nut Jobs 193, Spaceballs 170.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men's High Single, Matt Hartle 258; Men's High Triple, Matt Hartle 718; Men's High Average, Matt Hartle 228; Ladies' High Single Courtney Ferguson 248; Ladies' High Triple, Courtney Ferguson 606; Ladies' High Average, Pat Middleton 152. Team Standings: Dave's Team 194, Last Pin Standing 193.5, The Baileys 175.5, The Bandits 158, The Randoms 153.

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YBC Peewee: Girl's High Single, Paige Michaud 152; Girl's High Double, Isabelle Gaudette 254; Boy's High Single, Jakob Fowler 113; Boy's High Double, Lucas Seguin 188. Team Standings: Sharks 172, Leafs 172, Thrashers 120.5, Bruins 107.5, Kings 88.

YBC Bantams: Girl's High Single, Lindsey Burnett 143; Girl's High Double, Lindsey Burnett 246; Boy's High Single, Alex Robinson 190; Boy's High Double, Alex Robinson 366. Team Standings: Blackhawks 149, Rangers 142.5, Coyotes 135.5, Avalanche 121, Flames 112.

YBC Juniors: Girl's High Single, Emma Gaudette 215; Girl's High Triple, Emma Gaudette 563; Boy's High Single, Aaron Vanderzweep 187; Boy's High Triple, Aaron Vanderzweep 599. Team Standings: Islanders 227, Lightning 210, Senators 207.5, Sabres 184.5, Wild 161. YBC Seniors: Girl's High Single, Alayna Gaudette 236; Girl's High Triple, Alayna Gaudette 598; Boy's High Single, Barrett Hall 234; Boy's High Triple, Matthew Ridge 569. Team Standings: Panthers 114, Canucks 84.

NDDHS wins 2018 EOSSAA Girls' Curling Title

CORNWALL – North Dundas District High School won gold last Wed., Feb. 21, in the girls' event at the 2018 Eastern Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association (EOSSAA) Co-Ed Curling Championships.

The team will represent the Board and region at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations March 20 to 25, in Fort Frances, Ont.

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Henry and Cora VanDenBroek

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Rockets jump to a 2-1 series lead vs Cougars

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The North Dundas Rockets began their playoff run in the best of seven series.

Rockets 5 Cougars 1: The Rockets welcomed the Vankleek Hill Cougars to the Chesterville Arena on Sun., Feb. 25, for game three of the best of seven NCJHL quarterfinals. The Rockets took game one 7-2 but the Cougars evened the series the previous night with a 4-1 victory.

The two teams battled to a scoreless first period with the Rockets outshooting the Cougars 11-7. The Cougars opened the scoring at 12:51 of the second period to take a 1-0 lead.

The Rockets outshot the Cougars 14-8 but trailed 1-0 heading into the second intermission. The Rockets took the game over in the third period as Bryden Van Kessel scored a short-handed unassisted goal at 4:53 to tie the game at one.

Van Kessel scored his second of the game at the six-minute mark from Landon Veenstra to give the Rockets their first lead of the game.

The Rockets made it a 3-1 game when Justin Lefebvre snapped one home from Van Kessel and Ryan Carbonette on the power play at 7:12. The Rockets added another power-play goal at 9:26 as Lefebvre struck again from Tom Fingler and Brodie Barkley to make it 4-1.

The Rockets made it 5-1 at 14:30 as Fingler fired one home from Lefebvre and Van Kessel on another power play. The Rockets hung on for a 5-1 victory taking a 2-1 series lead as they head back to Vankleek Hill for game four.

Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Reilly Tondreau making 18 saves on 19 shots.

Cougars 4 Rockets 1: The Rockets travelled to the Vankleek Hill Arena on Sat., Feb. 24, to take on the Cougars in game two of the best of seven NCJHL quarterfinals. The Rockets took the opener 7-2 but the game was close until the second half of the third period when the Rockets exploded for four goals and they looked to carry that momentum into game two.

The Cougars opened the scoring at 16:12 of the first period on the power play taking a 1-0 lead. With time winding down in the first period, the Rockets tied the game as Tom Fingler sniped one from Chris Marchand and Matt Cowley with just 55 seconds remaining.

The teams took a one-all draw into the first intermission. The Cougars took their second lead of the game at 8:50 and

took a two-goal lead at 12:07 on the power play. The Cougars took a 3-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Rockets' offence just couldn't get the puck to the back of the net but at 13:23 the Cougars clicked for their fourth goal of the game. The Rockets pounded rubber at the Cougars' goalie Sebastien Moreau but could not get one to cross the line as the Cougars took the game 4-1.

With the win, the Cougars tie the series at one as they head back to Chesterville for game three. Suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Jason Buma.

Rockets 7 Cougars 2: The Rockets welcomed the Vankleek Hill Cougars to the Chesterville Arena on Fri., Feb. 23, for game one of the best of seven NCJHL playoffs. The Rockets won their last three games of the regular season to secure second place in their last game. The Cougars finished in 10th place and had a two-game mini series against the Morrisburg Lions.

With the win over the Lions and the South Grenville's upset win over the Metcalfe Jets, the Cougars moved up to seventh to earn the right to play against the second-place Rockets. The Rockets opened the scoring at 4:30 of the first period as Connor Roth scored a short-handed goal unassisted to make it 1-0.

The Cougars knotted the affair at one at 9:51. The teams took a one-all draw into the first intermission despite the Rockets outshooting the Cougars 17-9. The Rockets made it 2-1 when Roth netted his second of the game from Tom Fingler and Bryden Van Kessel just 1:24 into the second period.

The Cougars got even again at 7:09 but with just 53 seconds remaining in the middle frame the Rockets' Chris Marchand bulged the twine from Roth and took a 3-2 lead into the second intermission.

It was all Rockets in the third period and it started with Van Kessel as he drilled one home from McKay Balaton at 8:09 of the third period to make it 4-2. The NCJHL's Rookie of the Year Justin Lefebvre sniped one from Brad Stitt and Brodie Barkley at 11:36 to give the Rockets a 5-2 lead.

The Rockets were not finished quite yet as Van Kessel potted his second of the game from Matt Cowley and Tom Fingler at 15:04 and closed out the scoring when Shawn Simms scored an unassisted goal at 16:35. The Rockets took game one of the best of seven buy a score of 7-2. Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Jason Buma making 30 saves on 32 shots.

NCJHL award winners

OTTAWA – The National Capital Junior Hockey League (NCJHL) named this year's recipients of their annual awards this past week. The North Dundas Rockets dominated this year's class. The winners are: Regular season champions – Papineau Vikings with 50 points; Top scorer – Jacob Osborne (Papineau Vikings); Regular season MVP – Bryden Van Kessel (North Dundas Rockets); Top defensive team – Papineau Vikings, with 85 goals against; Best defensive forward – Matthew Clement (Clarence Castors); Best defenseman – Bryden Van Kessel (North Dundas Rockets); Most improved player – Patrick Lemay (Clarence Castors); Most sportsmanlike player – Ryan Wells (St. Isidore Eagles); Rookie of the year – Justin Lefebvre (North Dundas Rockets); Best goaltender – Miguel D'Aoust (Cumberland Bandits); Coaches of the year – Nik Paas and Lenard McLean (North Dundas Rockets); Executive of the year – Rob Sadler GM (North Dundas Rockets); and the Bedard Family Award went to Patti Laframboise (Morrisburg Lions).

Up next: Game four in best of seven series: Fri., Mar. 2, 8 p.m., Rockets vs. Cougars, Vankleek Hill; Game 5: Sat., Mar. 3, 7:30 p.m., Rockets vs. Cougars, Chesterville Arena; Game six: Sun., Mar. 4, 3:30 p.m., Rocket vs. Cougars, Vankleek Hill.



The Rockets' star defenseman Bryden Van Kessel scored two goals and picked up two helpers to lead the way to a 5-1 Rockets' victory. The Chesterville native was named the NCJHL's regular season MVP and best defenseman for the second consecutive year.

O'Donohue photo

Rob's Review

Rob Sadler, GM
North Dundas Rockets

As General Manager of the club, I feel we had a great start to the series this weekend. The first thing to mention is the tremendous support we had from the community for the two home games. Great crowds, great atmosphere, which really

helps push our guys on the ice. We got excellent goaltending out of Jason Buma in game one, and Reilly Tondreau in game three for both wins. As a team, we were flat down in Vankleek Hill and probably needed to be humbled a little bit after the big win in game one. Coaches Nik Paas and Lenard Mclean have been preaching defence first and

discipline. Vankleek Hill has been scoring on power plays and odd man rushes; both situations speak for themselves. The reality is that in the NCJHL playoffs there is no such thing as an easy game; everyone has to work hard every shift and embrace their roles on the team. Our depth showed this weekend with a couple of guys out of the lineup for

games two and three due to school, suspension and injury – we should be back to a full lineup for game four. Thanks to all those who attended this past weekend, anyone looking to catch some good junior playoff hockey knows where to find it, the National Capital Junior Hockey League playoffs!

See you at the rink!

Panthers finish regular season with a win

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

EMBRUN – The Embrun Panthers had just a single man-up game this past weekend.

Panthers 7 Tikis 3: The Panthers played the visiting Brockville Tikis at the Palais des Sports on Fri., Feb. 23, in a weird setup as the two teams were making up a previously postponed game in Brockville, in the CCHL2. The Panthers' fate had already been decided before the game even started after the Ottawa West Golden Knights beat the Winchester Hawks the previous night taking fourth place away from the Panthers who will have to start the playoffs on the road with a best of three mini series against the Golden Knights to see who will get to take on the Casselman Vikings in the first round.

The Panthers opened the scoring when Noah Haymes lit the lamp from

Marc Brosseau and Frederik Lefleche on the power play just 1:21 into the first period to take a 1-0 lead. Brosseau gave the Panthers a 2-0 lead at 11:32 on the power play from Tristan Whynot and Jacob Lamont but the Tikis answered with a goal at 13:59 to cut the Panthers' lead in half.

The Panthers took the 2-1 lead into the first intermission. The Panthers made it 3-1 as Joey Larcher buried one from Andrew Burke at 9:10 of the second period. Larcher scored his second of the game just 18 seconds later from Justin Brennan and Jeremy Barrie to make it 4-1 for the Panthers.

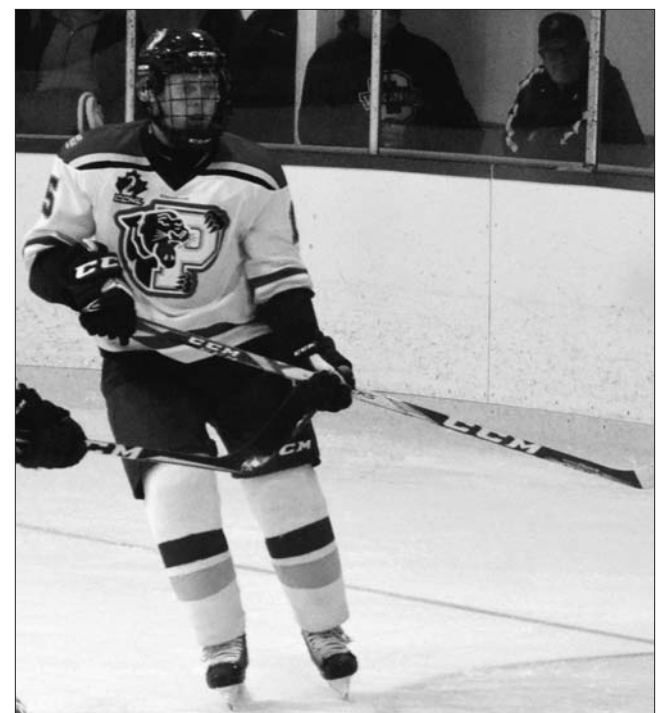
Brosseau gave the Panthers a 5-1 lead at 9:53 from Lefleche and took that lead into the second intermission. The Tikis scored two goals early in the third period at 4:17 on the power play and 7:10 at even strength to get to within two.

The Panthers' affiliated player (AP)

from the Metcalfe Jets of the NCJHL scored the team's sixth goal of the game from Andrew Burke and Philippe Brunet (AP Metcalfe) at 9:55. The Panthers closed out the scoring as Brosseau scored his second of the game from Lefleche and Haymes at 15:36.

The Panthers took the victory 7-3 and will plan their strategy for their first round mini series against the Golden Knights. Picking up the win in the Panthers' goal was Jean Sebastien Gratton making 25 saves on 28 shots.

Up next: Best of three mini series (to determine the number four seed in the CCHL2's Martin Division; Game 1 was on Mon., Feb. 26); Game 2: Wed., Feb. 28, 8:30 p.m., Panthers vs. Ottawa West Golden Knights, Palais des Sports, Embrun; Game 3: Thurs., March 1, 7:15 p.m., Panthers vs. Ottawa West Golden Knights, Barbara Ann Scott Arena, Ottawa.



The Panthers' defenseman Frederik Lefleche (15) had a strong performance picking up three helpers as they beat the Tikis 7-3. The Casselman native scored three goals and picked up 12 assists in his rookie season.

Sawyer Helmer photo



Vikings' offence net 24 in two games

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

RENFREW – The Casselman Vikings finished their regular season with two games this past weekend.

Vikings 8 Timberwolves 6: The Vikings travelled to the Ma-te-Way Rink in Renfrew to take on the Timberwolves in their last game of the regular season on Sat., Feb. 24, in the CCHL2. The Vikings who went into the game in first place have already clinched first place in the Martin Division and first overall in the CCHL2 and will have home ice advantage throughout the playoffs. The Timberwolves clinched their playoff spot the previous night so there was really nothing on the line in this game.

The Timberwolves opened the scoring just 27 seconds into the first period to take a 1-0 lead. The Vikings evened things up as Ethan Cahill pounded one to the back of the net from Joel Hunt and Danyk Drouin at 5:11 but the Timberwolves retook the lead just 24 seconds later.

The Vikings tied the game again as Brendan

Doherty slid one home unassisted at 8:50. Drouin gave the Vikings their first lead of the game at 11:12 from Hunt and Jonathan Yaremko. The Vikings took a two-goal lead when Carter Malette fired one to the back of the net from Sean David and Kyle Millett at 12:22 and a three-goal lead at 16:51 as Doherty scored his second of the game from David and Gabrielle Rousselle.

The Vikings took a 5-2 lead into the first intermission. The Vikings made it 6-2 just 1:52 into the second period as Drouin scored his second of the game from Brady Cloutier and Hunt and 7-2 when David pounded one to the back of the net from Cloutier and Malette at 2:39.

The Timberwolves answered with three goals at 3:29, at the seven-minute mark and 12:19 but trailed 7-5 heading into the second intermission. The Timberwolves got to within one at 5:16 but Doherty completed his hat trick at 16:38 as the Vikings took the game 8-6.

The Vikings finish the season with 40 wins, 10 losses and two overtime

losses for 82 points. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Zachary Paputsakis making 27 saves on 33 shots.

Vikings 16 Tikis 2: The Vikings welcomed the Brockville Tikis to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Feb. 22, in the CCHL2. The Vikings went into the game in first place in the Martin Division nine points ahead of the Ottawa Canadians and have only lost one game in the month of February.

The Tikis have had an awful 2017-18 season and sat in the basement of the Richardson Division with just six wins.

The Vikings jumped out to a 1-0 lead at just 3:12 into the first period as Carter Malette slid one to the back of the net from Danyk Drouin and affiliated player Tyler Seguin.

The Vikings made it 2-0 when Sean David sniped one from Isaac Lavallee and Joel Hunt at 8:24, 3-0 at 10:17 as Sebastien Plante pounded one home from Brady Cloutier and 4-0 with just 46 seconds remaining in the opening frame as Jonathan Yaremko slipped one home from Joseph Heath and

Gabriel Rousselle.

The Vikings took a 4-0 lead into the first intermission. The Vikings had a huge second period scoring nine unanswered goals beginning with Plante scoring his second of the game from Seguin and Hunt at 5:50 of the second period. Then Ryan Sabourin sniped one from Malette and Jonah Peters at 7:22, followed by Heath at 9:58 from Malette and Yaremko.

Malette made it 8-0 while short-handed at 13:59 from Drouin, then Plante scored his hat trick goal at 15:34 from Hunt and Peters. Seguin scored his first goal of the season at 16:40 from Hunt and Plante who picked up his 100th point of the season, followed by David scoring his second of the game at 17:02 from Heath and Malette.

Peters lit the lamp at 18:12 from Drouin and Cloutier and finally Sabourin scored his second of the game from Heath with just 1:20 remaining in the middle frame. The Vikings took a 13-0 lead into the second intermission.

The Vikings made it 14-0 when Jason Cossette pounded one to the back of the net from Seguin and Drouin at the three-minute

mark of the third period. The Tikis finally got on the score board at 7:30 but Plante scored his fourth of the game from David and Seguin.

The Tikis scored their second of the game at 11:28 but again the Vikings replied as Yaremko scored his second of the game from Rousselle and Peters with just 49 seconds remaining. The Vikings took the game in the most lopsided game of

the season 16-2. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Zachary Paputsakis making 29 saves on 31 shots.

Plante hit the 100 point plateau for the second time in his junior career and sits with 101 points alone at the top of the scoring race.

Up next: Sun., Mar. 4, 7:30 p.m., Vikings vs. Ottawa West Golden Knights OR Embrun Panthers, J. R. Brisson Complex, Casselman.



Captain Sebastien Plante surpassed the 100-point plateau for the second time in his career with the Vikings scoring four goals and assists for 101 points also claiming the CCHL2 scoring race. The Vikings put it to the Tikis 16-2.

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Hawks fly into the 2018 sunset

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

RICHMOND – The Winchester Hawks closed out their 2017-18 regular season with four games this past week. In their second game they travelled to the Barbara Ann Scott Arena to take on the Golden Knights. The Hawks dropped the game 5-1.

On Feb. 23, the team travelled to Westport Arena for their third game of the weekend and faced off against the Rideaus. The Hawks couldn't make a play and lost 5-1.

Royals 5 Hawks 1: The Hawks travelled to the Richmond Arena on Sun., Feb. 25, to take on the Royals in a rematch of their game on Wednesday night which the Hawks took 9-6. There was nothing on the line for this game other than some bragging rights and some players playing for spots on next year's roster.

The Hawks opened the scoring at 15:04 of the first period as Joey Driscoll slapped one home from Dylan Lavallee to take a 1-0 lead. The Hawks took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Royals tied the game at one at 11:17 of the second period on the power play. The Royals took their first lead of the game at the 16-minute mark and took a 2-1 lead into the second intermission.

It was all Royals in the third period scoring three unanswered goals at 1:01 on the power play, 4:34 and 8:14 on the power play

to make it 5-1. The Royals outshot the Hawks in the third period 17-5 taking the game 5-1.

The Hawks end their season 15 wins, 36 losses and one overtime loss for 31 points. Suffering the loss in the Hawks' goal was Brent Pledge-Dickson.

Hawks 9 Royals 6: The Hawks welcomed the Richmond Royals to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Wed., Feb. 21, in the CCHL2. The Hawks went into the game sitting nine points behind the Royals for seventh place in the Martin Division.

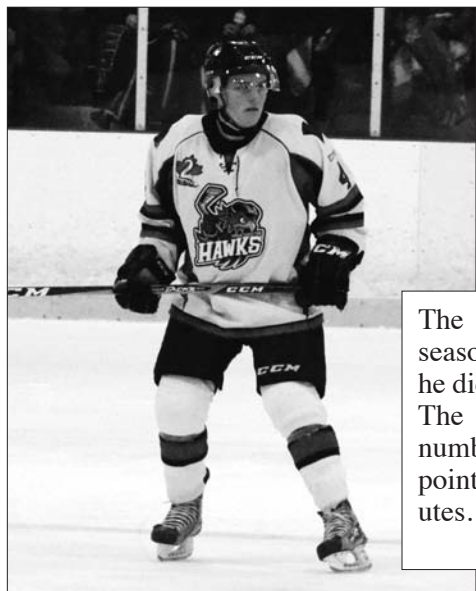
The Hawks opened the scoring when Kristian Palmer buried one from Christophe Lemay and Fred Lemay at 7:47 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Hawks made it 2-0 when Brett Romain powered one home from Evan Landry and Christophe Lemay at 13:59.

The Royals cut the deficit in half at 15:03 but the Hawks came right back at 16:05 as Gabriel Morin slapped one home from Miguel Pare and Graeme Buffone. The Hawks took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission.

The Royals got to within one at 4:01 of the second period and tied the game at 7:30. The Hawks retook the lead when Dylan Lavallee buried one from Joey Driscoll and Joel Driscoll with just 53 seconds remaining in the middle frame.

The Hawks took a 4-3 lead into the second intermission. Palmer scored his second of the game at 8:04 of the third period short-handed giving the Hawks a 5-3 lead. The Hawks added another shortie when Buffone blasted one home from Landry and Pare at 9:20.

The Royals answered with two goals at 15:10 and 15:34 to make it a 6-5 game. The Hawks made it 7-5 when Fred Lemay snapped one home from Christophe Lemay at



The Hawks' leadership role for most of the season leaned on Captain Dillon Clemen and he did just that considering the age of the team. The Morewood native put up personal best numbers with seven goals and 17 assists for 24 points in 50 games and only 18 penalty minutes.

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Lions' best season in NCJHL is over

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

VANKLEEK HILL – The Morrisburg Lions had two games this week as they had a chance to move on to the quarterfinals with a mini series win against the Vankleek Hill Cougars.

Lions 3 Cougars 3: The Lions travelled to the Vankleek Hill Arena on Wed., Feb. 21, for game two of a two-game mini series to determine the NCJHL's seventh and eighth seeds in the regular playoffs. It was a mighty tall order for the Lions as they needed to win the game by six goals in order to move on.

The Cougars opened the scoring at 6:40 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Lions got that one back at 8:52 as Bailey Norman pounded one home from Thomas Ouderkirk. The Lions took their first lead of the game when Jacob Kendrick scored a short-handed goal at 13:31 but the Cougars scored a power-play goal at 16:58 to tie the game at two.

The teams took the two-all stalemate into the first intermission. The Lions retook the lead at 13:40 of the second period as Kendrick scored his second of the game from Ouderkirk and Brian Landry on the power play.

The Lions took a 3-2 lead into the second intermission. The Lions were not able to score a goal but they did manage to hold the Cougars off the board until 13:35 when they tied the game.

Neither team was able to take the game before the final buzzer sounded as the Cougars moved on and sent the Lions into another early offseason. With the Cougars' win and the South Grenville Rangers' upset of the reigning champions, the Metcalfe Jets, the Cougars moved up to seventh and will face the North Dundas Rockets in the quarterfinal.

Suffering the loss in the Lions' goal was Dean Gauvreau.

Cougars 10 Lions 5: The Lions welcomed the Cougars to the Morrisburg Arena on Tues., Feb. 20, for game one of the NCJHL mini series to determine the seventh and eighth seeds for the regular best of seven playoffs. The Lions went into the game in ninth place and the Cougars in eighth with the winner of the series moving on to either the seventh or eighth seed, depending on the other series between the Metcalfe Jets in seventh and the 10th-place South Grenville Rangers.

The Cougars came out with a purpose scoring four consecutive goals at 1:54, at the four-minute mark, 4:59 and at 16:35 to take an early 4-0 lead. The Lions got one back with 1:56 remaining as Thomas Ouderkirk slid one home from Jacob Kendrick and Bailey Norman to make it 4-1 but trailed by that score heading into the first intermission.

The Cougars made it 5-1 at 2:06 of the second period, 6-1 at 3:48 on the power play and again at 4:29 again on the power play to make it 7-1. The Lions got to within five as Brian Landry fired one home from Josh Barnes and Jordan Smail at 14:09 on the power play.

The Lions got to within four when Zach Leblanc sniped one from Brennan Revell and Jakob Downey at 15:50. The Cougars took a 7-3 lead into the second intermission. The Lions made it 7-4 when Kendrick scored just 13 seconds into the third period from Norman and Ouderkirk.

The Cougars got that one back at 5:41 on the power play but the Lions got back to within three as Brandon Cameron slapped one home from Kendrick at 7:39 but the Cougars took over from there scoring the next two goals at 15:45 and 16:40, taking the game 10-5.

With the 10-5 win, the Lions would have to beat the Cougars by six goals in the next game. Suffering the loss in the Lions' goal was Dean Gauvreau.

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The Royals got that one back at 17:09 but the Hawks answered at 18:17 when Anthony Urbisci slammed one home from Colby Schroeder and Joey Driscoll. The Hawks closed out the scoring when Morin scored his

second of the game with one minute remaining from Pare and Buffone as the Hawks took the game 9-6 moving to within seven points of the Royals for seventh place.

Picking up the win in the Hawks' goal was Darien Johnson making 32 saves on 38 shots.



Disbanded DCGHA donates to minor hockey and WDMH

DUNDAS – The Dundas County Girls Hockey Association's last active season was 2014-2015, during which two teams, one Bantam and one Midget, represented the Association. In the interim, the Association executive continued to maintain the structure of the organization, hoping there would be future interest in registering a team again.

At this point in time, the decision has been made to dismantle the organization. This is not to say that female hockey is not alive and well in Dundas. Girls continue to play hockey in minor hockey, school hockey, and at neighbouring

girls' hockey associations at all levels. Additionally, several of our alumni play in the Winchester women's league.

DCGHA had declining enrolment for a variety of reasons. As a small association, players of varying age and skill level were placed on the same team. Neighbouring girls' hockey associations, also looking for players, could offer tiered teams at every level. Minor hockey (boys' hockey) changed 'body contact' rules, making minor hockey a more attractive option for female players.

The decision was made to disburse DCGHA funds back into the community, and the following donations have been made: \$5,000 to South Dundas Minor Hockey; \$5,000 to North Dundas Minor Hockey; and \$2,727.64 to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

The DCGHA was formed in 2003 and operated out of Morrisburg, Winchester and Chesterville Arenas until 2015. At peak membership, the Association registered five teams (ranging from PeeWee to Intermediate) in the Ottawa District Women's Hockey League. The Association, small but mighty, represented Dundas County proudly and was the recipient of league championships, and Provincial Playdown medals at various times.

The Association maintained success because of the many volunteer coaches, trainers, and managers who supported the female athletes. DCGHA was supported by various donations, including the local Lions Clubs, Scotiabank, Hydro One, Proctor and Gamble, Glen Garlough, OPG, and the Williamsburg Credit Union.

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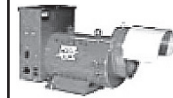


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Local recipients of GPR Sesquicentennial Award

ROCKLAND – On Thurs., Feb. 22, at the River Rock Inn in Rockland, Glengarry Prescott Russell MP Francis Drouin hosted a ceremony recognizing contributions by outstanding community members from GPR.

The call for nominations took place during fall 2017 and over 75 nominations were received. During the evening celebration, Drouin presented Sesquicentennial Award pins to the following 14 community members who had demonstrated a high level of individual excellence or achievement benefiting the people of GPR.

• Champlain Township Mayor Gary Barton (Vankleek Hill) was a teacher for 35 years at Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute, and a staple in the Champlain and United Counties of Prescott and Russell political scene. After 40 years, Barton will be retiring from municipal politics.

“Since being elected in 2015, I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Barton in his capacity as Mayor for the Township of Champlain and last year as Warden of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell,” said Drouin. “In Champlain, some might know him as the teacher, school principal, hockey coach or local politician but what is guaranteed is that everyone in Champlain knows who Gary Barton is.”

• Marius Bauer (Alexandria) emigrated from the Netherlands to Canada and as a thank you to all Canadians for liberating his country, has organized Remembrance Day ceremonies for a number of years, including last year in

St. Isidore, Alexandria, Maxville, Apple Hill and at the Junior B Glens game. He volunteers as the Alexandria Legion Secretary, with the Air Cadets and at numerous events in North Glengarry.

• Chanelle Beaudry-Andrews and Laura Beaudry-Andrews (Casselman) volunteered from an early age with their mother at the Casselman, Chrysler and St. Albert food banks. Now they set the schedule for students who volunteer, unload and organize the food they have received and prepare orders for the less fortunate. They are also involved with the Guignolée, the Curd Festival, and with a host of other community projects.

• Fred Hyde (Navan) has spent thousands of hours over his lifetime doing volunteering – with the Boy Scouts, the Navan Lions’ Club, the Navan Community Association, and as Co-Chair of the Navan Canada 150 Committee, which coordinated seven events and two projects for Canada’s Sesquicentennial, the extension to the Navan Cenotaph, titled “Honouring our Fallen Soldiers one red maple at a time,” the Agricultural Parade and the Street Dance Canada 150.

• Marie-Claire Ivanski (Russell) has had an enormous impact in the Township of Russell. She has been involved in almost every community and fundraising event in Russell, including the Annual Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Breakfast in Embrun, the Annual Victoria Tea Party, the biannual bingo for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and Victoria’s Quilts. Thanks to her devotion and significant

contributions to various events for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, she has raised record-breaking amounts.

• Connie Johnston (Russell) has always been active in the community, with nearly every service club and event that takes place in Russell. An avid fundraiser, Johnston has turned her love for trivia into a money-raising machine and over the past 10 years has helped raise over \$1-million to support local families who have become sick or fallen on hard times. Larger events included fundraisers in support of Fort McMurray, Jonathan Pitre, and Pulmonary Hypertension, to name a few.

• Louis Latulippe and Mrs Denise Latulippe (St. Isidore) are both activists for the LGBTQ2 community in the region. Together, they were responsible for the chapter of P-FLAG, a peer support group. They founded an LGBTQ2 helpline in their home and helped hundreds of people in our community. Their work began nearly 40 years ago and they are still active today.

• Claude Levac (St-Isidore) has been an active member of the Nation Municipality for many years. He has been a volunteer driver for local hospitals and a member of the executive for the distribution of Meals on Wheels, is also a 4th degree Knight of Columbus and has been involved with the Knights of Columbus for over 30 years where he has been involved as a member of the executive for many of those years. He has also coached for the St-Isidore Minor Hockey Association, was a member of the Caisse Populaire board of directors



Outstanding community members

Local recipients of the GPR Sesquicentennial Award gathered for a group photo at the Feb. 22 ceremony in Rockland. From left, in the front row are: Chanelle Beaudry-Andrews, Laura Beaudry-Andrews, Denise Latulippe, Connie Johnston, Marie-Claire Ivanski, Shirley Racine, Gary Barton (Mayor of Champlain Township) and Shelley MacPhee; in the back row: Francis Drouin, Pierre Leroux (Mayor of Russell Township), François St-Amour (Warden of the UCPR and Mayor of La Nation), Louis Latulippe, Fred Hyde, Marius Bauer, Cst. Alexander Young, Claude Levac, Claude Thériault, Guy Desjardins (Mayor of Clarence-Rockland), and Jamie MacDonald (Deputy Mayor of the Township of North Glengarry).

Courtesy photo

and a member of the organizing committee for the St-Isidore Duck Festival.

• Shelley MacPhee (Dunvegan) has been involved with the Glengarry Pipe Band and the Glengarry School of Piping for her entire life. She is a key part of the functioning and excellence of these two organizations and instrumental in the perpetuation of Scottish culture in Glengarry.

• Shirley Racine (Limoges) led the Carrefour Santé Limoges project, the Limoges Health Hub that houses a medical clinic with eight doctors, the Estrie Community Centre, Prescott and Russell Community Services, a dentist, a pharmacist, a dietitian, a chiropractor, a massage therapist, and other health professionals.

• Constable Alexander Young (Rockland) has been an active member of the

Royal Canadian Mounted Police for 37 years, not only serving his country but his community, participating in volunteer events and fundraising, including local charities such as Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario and the Terry Fox Foundation, and volunteers for Red Serge Duties for many cultural and community events, such as the Canadian Sunset Ceremonies and the Special Olympics. He was also one of the 32 members of the RCMP who was selected to march at the 100th anniversary of Vimy Ridge in France.

• Claude Thériault (owner of Stereo Plus Hawkesbury) has worked in his community as a businessman and volunteer for several decades.

• Stéphane Lacroix (Rockland) received a heart transplant five years ago. In 2017, he participated in the World Transplant Games in

Malaga, Spain, and won a bronze medal at the high jump. Canada was represented by 50 athletes and 52 countries participated in the games. These games allow transplant athletes to compete, because they will never be able to present themselves at the Olympics because of the medications that they must take.

• Sylvie Bisson (Rockland) is responsible for the Prescott-Russell and Eastern Ontario Victim Services Program. She assists many individuals in the worst moments of their lives.

• Denis Vaillancourt (Rockland) has been very active to ensure the vitality of the Franco Ontarian community, especially in the field of education and governance and is currently the Chair of United Way Prescott and Russell, a member of the Rockland Optimist Club and an active volunteer in GPR.

Boisés Est celebrates 20 years

PLANTAGENET – Close to a quarter of Boisés Est’s 200-plus members took time off on Sat., Feb. 24, to attend the association’s annual meeting and celebrate 20 years of service to Eastern Ontario woodlot owners. L’Association française des propriétaires de boisés privés was founded in May 1998, in the wake of the Ice Storm, to help woodlot owners cope with the damage and make the right decisions for the long-term benefit of their forest.

Twenty years and 150 workshops later, Boisés Est’s all-volunteer team is still working on providing its members with the information they need to better know their woodlot, better manage it for sustainability, and generate income from it if this is one of their objectives.

Participants in the 20th annual meeting were also treated to presentations by members who run a business (or consider running one) based on wood, trees or the forest. From the 10 presenters who could be

accommodated in a brief one-day session, Boisés Est members heard first-hand from individuals who initiated a variety of businesses, ranging from forestry services to basket weaving and bas-relief sculpture, and including maple syrup, forest-honey, fruit trees, seedling production and sale, or family pick-your-own Christmas tree outings.

Much of the review of 2017 activities focused on Boisés Est’s first Wood & Forest Exhibition, held in Riceville last September, which featured a 100-lot wood auction, 45 exhibitors and demonstrators, and entertainment for the whole family. The 2018 edition, to be held on Sept. 9, will again have the support of the Ontario Woodlot Association and the South Nation Conservation as Event Sponsors, according to the news release. The generous space afforded by the Riceville Agricultural Fair’s grounds will allow expansion of the Wood & Forest program.

For more information, contact Jean-



Discussion at the annual meeting

François Gour, of Curran, displays some of his bas-relief offerings, at the Boisés Est 20th annual meeting on Feb. 24, at Plantagenet.

Courtesy photo

Claude Havard, at info@boisesest.ca or 613-0673-3089.



Weaving with home-grown material

At the Boisés Est 20th annual meeting on Feb. 24, at Plantagenet, Nathalie Kin, of Alfred, demonstrated how she has been investigating the potential of her own home-grown fibres as weaving material.

Courtesy photo

Dogs big hit at Larose Forest Day

Candice Vetter
Villager Staff

LIMOGES – The winter edition of Larose Forest Day on Sat., Feb. 24, provided a perfect opportunity for members of the public, particularly children, to ride on a dog sled pulled by very energetic sled dogs, as well as take part in other winter trail activities.

The day was mild and snow on the trails granular, offering enough base for the dogs to run on at the northern end of the parking area off Indian Creek Rd. northeast of Limoges. The hobby dogsledding group, Mush Larose, offered its annual opportunity for the public to experience dogsledding. Members of the recreational club brought their own sleds and their own dogs, all of which seemed very happy to see, hear and smell each other.

Member Dana Cranstone said the once-yearly event is a way of thanking the community for allowing the group to use the forest. “It’s our way of saying thanks for the trails,” she said.

The day also offered horse-drawn sleigh rides



Ready to help

Clarence-Rockland firefighters and Prescott-Russell paramedics were on hand in case of emergency and to provide information at the Larose Forest Day.

from Gentle Giant Stables, a bonfire, information, and the presence of Clarence Rockland firefighters and Prescott Russell paramedics. In addition, lots of people came out to enjoy the trails on fat bikes, snowshoes and cross-country skis. Those particular trails are for non-motorized vehicles only, but some other trails in the forest allow ATVs.

Other activities available in the forest include horseback riding, birding and dog-walking. On a date

to be announced in October the forest offers another Forest Day and the inauguration of the Henri Latreille shelter, unveiling of the new logo, and the launch of the Heritage Tree Poster Contest. Currently, plans for activities that day include horseback riding, tree identification, logging history, a nature walk, birding, mushroom identification, the history of the Village of Grant, and highlighting several points of interest.

A barbecue lunch will



A different type of sledding

Alexandre and Emily Champagne of Russell enjoyed sitting behind the dogs on the sled owned by Dana Cranstone of the Mush Larose dogsled club. The club brought their dogs and sleds out to the forest and gave rides to the public as part of Larose Forest Day on Feb. 24.

Vetter photos

be available for nominal cost between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Participants should confirm their attendance ahead of time: 613-487-4103, 1-800-667-6307, extension 7101 or mbesner@prescott-russell.on.ca.

Larose Forest was initiated almost 100 years ago when agronomist

Ferdinand Larose undertook a conifer plantation on sandy lands that were abandoned due to soil erosion after tree cover had been removed by farming practices. Today, the Larose Forest is owned and managed by the United Counties of Prescott and Russell and covers over 11,000

hectares.

More than 18-million trees have been planted there, making it the second largest community forest in Ontario. It includes conifers, wetlands, mixed forest and is crisscrossed by the South Nation River, many smaller creeks and over 200 kilometres of roads and trails.

National campaign makes a difference close to home

WINCHESTER – The team at Shoppers Drug Mart in Embrun has done it again! They have chosen the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) Foundation as their charity of choice for the annual Shoppers Drug Mart Growing Women’s Health campaign.

Recently, members of the Shoppers Drug Mart team in Embrun presented a cheque for \$3,546 for the WDMH Foundation’s General Equipment Fund, in support of medical equipment purchases like a new echocardiogram machine.

The “Shoppers Love. You. Growing Women’s Health” campaign provided customers with an opportunity to purchase and personalize an icon which was posted on a giant tree at the Embrun store. The team also organized staff luncheons, bake sales, a book sale and a yard sale to raise funds.



Shoppers Drug Mart Embrun supporting WDMH

Celebrating at the cheque presentation are from left, Susan Vinters, Linda Lapointe-Orsoli, Leigh Stimson, Amy Olive, Donna Terry, Ches Woolfrey (Owner and Pharmacist) and Cindy Peters (Manager of Direct Mail and Events, WDMH Foundation).

Courtesy photo

Kristen Casselman, Managing Director of the WDMH Foundation, praised everyone involved in the campaign: “Thank to you Mr. Woolfrey for choosing to support the WDMH Foundation once again. Thank you to each of the customers who chose to make a donation. And thank you to the staff for encouraging customers to support this cause, and for going the extra mile with their fundraising activities. We are so grateful for your thoughtfulness, hard work and generosity.”

RHS Report

By Meghan Baines

Student Reporter



RHS on a roll

Russell High School has been very proud of our school lately, considering the recent wins of the Senior Girls’ volleyball team, the staff vs. student hockey game, and the group who travelled to New Orleans to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

Last week, we were

lucky enough to celebrate another accomplishment with a very talented drama group made up of Tessa Peterson, James Richmond, Phoebe Drinkwater and Shelby McAllister. The team won silver in a drama competition at the Ontario Skills Competition in Cornwall. The challenge presented was to make a skit about a job interview, using a limited supply of prompts – and let me tell you, they rocked it! When asked what they think earned them the silver medals, they said that it was their cooperation and support as a team that elevated their performance to award-winning status. At the same skills competition, Alex Butland

won bronze for Automotive Services, due to his impressive speed changing and balancing tires. Maybe a future on a NASCAR pit crew is a possibility!

RHS has definitely been on a roll lately, which will only increase in speed with the upcoming trip for the juniors and seniors approaching. Over March Break, Grade 11 and 12 students will take a trip to Spain and Portugal, visiting monuments and learning about the country, as well as enjoying once-in-a-lifetime experiences. More on the subject of trips, Civics students of the past and present are invited to attend an upcoming mock trial at the Supreme Court. For more

information, see Ms. Hetu.

The school has been an incredibly eventful place lately, with no signs of slowing down. That’s all for this week!

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