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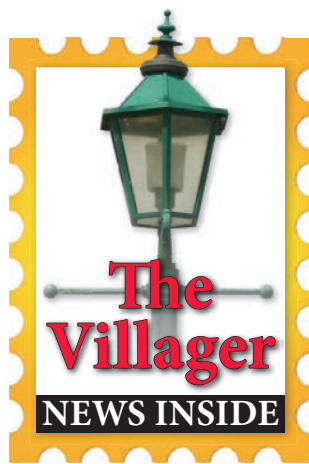
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## Briefly

**Christmas concert**  
**MORRISBURG** – On Sun., Dec. 9 at 3 p.m., Tilted Steeple Productions will proudly present its third annual Christmas concert in aid of local refugee sponsorship efforts and Community Food Share at St. James Anglican Church, in Morrisburg. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

**Christmas potluck**  
**MOREWOOD** – The Ormond Harmony Cloverdale RA is hosting their Christmas Potluck on Sat., Dec. 8, at the Morewood Community Centre, doors open 6 p.m. supper served at 6:30 p.m. - bring your favourite potluck dish. Turkey, ham and trimmings supplied by the RA executive. Santa visits at 8 p.m. For more information call Debbie Courneyea 613-448-3894.

**MacEwen construction**  
**CHESTERVILLE** – The MacEwen gas station located on Main Street will be closing for the construction of the new gas tanks and pumps. Construction is said to be about three months. The last day of operation will be on Sun., Dec. 9.

**Breakfast with Santa**  
**LONG SAULT** – Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, baked beans, coffee, tea and juice on Sun., Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at the South Stormont Community Hall.

## Holidays are coming, holidays are coming

**Kory Glover**  
 Record Staff  
 FINCH – 'Tis the season to watch out, look around. Something is coming to town!  
 In Finch, it was the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train, featuring performances from Kelly Prescott, Sierra Noble and Canadian county music legend, Terri Clark!  
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## Continuing the tradition of a prosperous North Stormont

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
 Record Staff  
 BERWICK – The new North Stormont council was sworn into office on the evening of Mon., Dec. 3. The ceremony included comments from MP Guy Lauzon representative Adrian Bugelli, North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser, South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelts and South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis.

The council has big shoes to fill following the departure of long-time council members former mayor, Dennis Fife and former deputy mayor, Bill McGimpsey. New deputy mayor François Landry set the theme for the next four years when he assured that honesty and transparency would be the factors that lead to a successful council; something he learned while serving the previous term.

The new council was on the same page for the most part with immediate plans moving forward.

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## Rolling through the station

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train arrived in Finch, celebrating 20 years of collecting food and raising funds for local food banks across North America. Since the program's launch in 1999, the CP Holiday Train has raised more than \$14.5-million and gathered approximately 4.3 million pounds of food for people in the community struggling to make ends meet.  
 Glover photo

## Santa makes a stop for breakfast in Chesterville

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
 Record Correspondent  
 CHESTERVILLE – It was a full day of holiday events in North Dundas on Dec. 1 and surely the best way to start it off was by enjoying a Breakfast with Santa at the Chesterville Legion.

The event, which has become a holiday tradition in North Dundas, is organized by the Chesterville and District Rotary Club and features a full course breakfast of eggs, sausage, ham, potatoes, toast as well as tea and coffee.

Organizers estimated that close to 300 people attended the event which included an opportunity to purchase home-baked items from the bake table run by Christ Church United or maybe a holiday treat from the local Lions Club.

Dundas County dairy educator Tracy Porteous as well as Leslie and Ashley Johnson of the Dundas County Dairy Producers provided hot chocolate and information to people. Porteous explained that in her role as dairy educator for Dundas County, she provides information on the dairy industry to organizations and school students from kindergarten to Grade 12.

Youngsters were able to make a craft at one of four tables organized by Christ Church United member Christina Scheuner with the supplies provided by the Chesterville and District Rotary Club, but perhaps the star of the morning was Santa Claus.

Santa arrived at the event right on schedule, spending time as he made his way to the Legion's front  
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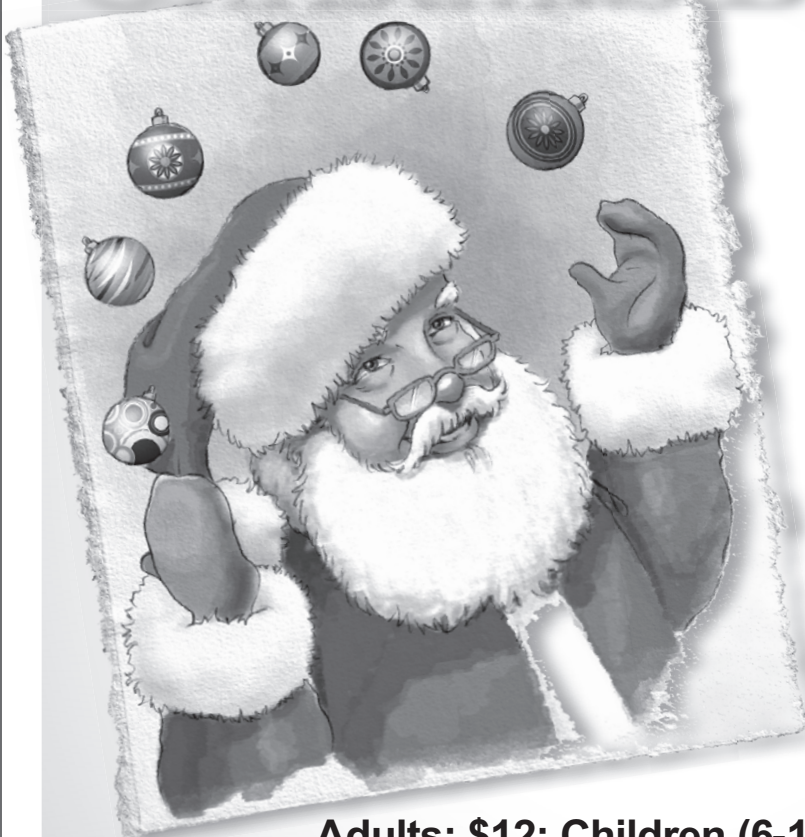
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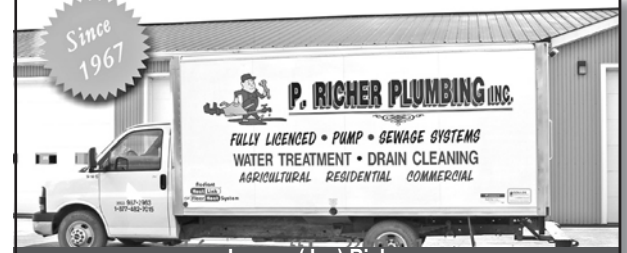
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## CP Holiday Train

Continued from the front

The holiday train made its way through the town of Finch to donate to the local food banks, including Winchester's Community Food Share, which received \$4,000 from Canadian Pacific. By the end of the event, Community Food Share had also accumulated an additional \$2,807 and 1,650 pounds of food from on-site donations.

The trio performed a number of classic holiday favourites including "Santa Claus is coming to town" and "Sister Christmas", in which Clark and Prescott sang as a duet.

The CP Holiday Train continued its tour through Merrickville, Smiths Falls and Perth.



The Community Food Share in Winchester was given a large cheque in the form of \$4,000 from Canadian Pacific to help feed struggling families. The Food Share also managed to raise an additional \$2,807 and 1,650 pounds of food. Glover photo



## Rockin' good time

Canadian country star Terri Clark (left) performed her holiday song "Sister Christmas" with Kelly Prescott for the large crowd, while Sierra Noble played a merry melody on the violin. Glover photo

## Byvelts hopes for a "new era" at inaugural meeting

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer

Record Staff

MORRISBURG — An almost completely new council was sworn into office in South Dundas as the municipal chambers in Morrisburg on Sat., Dec. 1. The special meeting for the inauguration brought a significant crowd of family, friends and supporters of the five members.

Included in the audience were neighbouring municipality mayors Bryan McGillis of South Stormont and Jamie MacDonald of North Glengarry, warden-elect of the SDG county council. Both mayors offered words of encouragement, congratulations and their hopes for the relationships between municipalities in the next term.

After the swearing of oaths and the presentation of the Chain of Office to Mayor Steven Byvelts, the new council had a chance to say a few words. It was during Byvelts' address that he looked forward to the beginning of a "new era in South Dundas," with a council willing to listen and work together. He assured the audience that council is ready to get to work and face each problem head on. "Our most valuable resource is our people," Byvelts said. In four years, he said his hope is that South Dundas is the envy of their neighbours. "We are setting standards that are great but achievable."

Byvelts went on to thank his family in an emotional moment where he credited particularly his wife, Debbie for her encouragement in his endeavour to become mayor once again.

Each of the members were able to give their thanks to their support systems and were on the same page looking forward to the coming months. Deputy mayor Kirsten Gardner said she is excited to "gel as a council." With a lot of big decisions coming

### Ready to work

Members for the new South Dundas council were sworn into office on Sat., Dec. 1 at a special ceremony held at the municipal hall in Morrisburg. Back from left, councillor Lloyd Wells, deputy mayor Kirsten Gardner, councillors Archie Mellan and Don Lewis. Seated in front, Mayor Steven Byvelts.

Sawyer Helmer photo

up and files to review, the new council will have a lot on their plates. "We're also charting a new course as to how this council deals with things versus past councils," said Gardner. "I'm excited to see what the possibilities are."

Councillor Don Lewis was a man of few words but put it plainly when he said, "we will listen to the people, we will take action." This sentiment was echoed by fellow newcomer Lloyd Wells who noted that the council has a lot of work to do.

Councillor Archie Mellan followed and said he was honoured to be voted in for a third term. A strong issue during the campaign was the uniting of the South Dundas communities and Mellan touched on that note during his address recognizing that South Dundas has a "diverse community." He continued, "We can combine, unite and make us all stronger."

The first council meeting to address municipal issues was held on Tues., Dec. 4 and is followed by a second meeting on Dec. 17. Byvelts noted that the first meeting entailed a lot of catch-up and transition work while the second will be dedicated to discussing the South Dundas buildings. "We have a lot to do. Let's get some of it done before Christmas," said Byvelts. "We can't get it all done but get that portion rolling and I think that's the way to play it."



# North Dundas Parade of Lights

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The 2018 North Dundas Parade of Lights Committee would like to express our gratitude to everyone who helped make this year's event a success. Thank you to all of our volunteers who took the time to help set up, host the canteens, collect donations, and so much more.

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## Editorial

### Still standing

It's not news that the old *Chesterville Record* office at 7 King St. has been under demolition for the last week. Fast Eddie's crew faced some delays but so far the back of the building is gone and the front will join it soon.

We have read and heard comments from many of our readers from far and wide who are disheartened at the loss of the historical site. The building in its prime was a beautiful structure, with towering ceilings and large windows to let in natural light. *The Record* was not the only business to pass through its walls; all with hard working employees and many writers who began their careers writing for the paper.

Lives were lived within. Moments and memories made.

We cannot speak for previous owners of the building and have no answers as to why it was not maintained in order to last the test of time. What we do know is, that despite the state of the building, *the Record* and sister paper *AgriNews* have always been cared for by owners, managers and employees alike.

The people that work here care about the community. They put their all into their jobs because they want the paper to remain a strong source for local news. There is no doubt that the nature of the community newspaper has changed, many have closed in the last couple years in neighbouring communities. But *the Record* and *AgriNews* have a bright horizon ahead in Chesterville at 29 King St., just a stones throw from the old location. Our new owners bring with them the means to continue Robin's legacy and to bring the newspapers into the future.

As you say your goodbyes to the building, I hope that the memories made there will be told often. Whether you visited during the newspapers' time there or another, those stories are worth telling, they are apart of the history of Chesterville and North Dundas.

Mourning the old building is a necessary part of the process, but I ask that you remember during your reflections that *the Record* is more than brick and mortar. It will transcend the loss of its original home because I believe it is not the building that made us. It is our people and you, our community. We are still standing and aren't going anywhere.

*Kalynn Sawyer Helmer*

## CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

### Political wilderness

Well, there it is, fellow voters in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell! Six months after the Progressive Conservatives were elected to form a majority Ontario government with us as enthusiastic supporters our riding has been left without viable representation; even though we deliberately climbed on board the Doug Ford bandwagon.

We did that by decisively electing Amanda Simard last June as PC MPP in our riding, despite reservations many of us had as to her ability to do the job to our satisfaction. So what happens? The first hot issue that comes up where Simard doesn't agree with her party's approach, she bails; she picks up her files and leaves, departs the party we decided best represents our needs at this time, gives up her place in government and all that it entails.

It's the equivalent of taking your ball and going home because you don't like the score and don't want to play anymore. It's a pointless, petulant, petty move designed to draw attention but not to resolve any differences that might exist. It leaves us, G-P-R voters, in the political wilderness with a powerless Independent MPP cut off from government programs and contributions to

community projects in which we wanted to participate.

The issue that got Simard to jump ship was government funding reductions impacting the office of French-language commissioner and on a proposed French-language university, part and parcel of cuts across the board as Ford tries to cope with the crippling deficit left by Kathleen Wynne and her Liberals. When Ford wouldn't reverse direction for Amanda, she upped and quit the party.

In so doing, she became a hero to equally emotional Franco-militants in her riding... not so much to the rest of us, including many municipal leaders French and English who were counting on an influential government insider to help get things done. Independents get nothing done, especially an Independent whose former colleagues in government are no doubt planning payback for her embarrassing public performance.

There's talk she might decide to cross the floor to help prop up the decimated Liberals consigned to the political scrap heap in the last election. That would just compound the poor judgement already demonstrated by our MPP. We booted the bums out, Amanda! We don't want you throwing in with them, dragging us along with you!

The selection of Simard was always iffy. It started

badly, if you recall, with her being rammed into the nomination by former PC Party Leader Patrick Brown ahead of a more credible candidate. When Ford gained power, there was talk of replacing her, perhaps with Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux; PC poohbahs backed off that idea, leading to a messy situation where Leroux eventually represented the Liberals in the provincial election.

I voted for Simard. Actually I voted PC because I couldn't stomach the notion of more Liberal crazy deficit spending on anything and everything that might keep the party in power. As we all know, the way the system works is that if you want to back a political party in an election, you support its candidate, Simard in this case. There was nothing in her limited background, including four years as a run-of-the-mill Russell councillor, to suggest she would be effective at Queen's Park.

And this happens! It was almost predictable! If anybody was going to pull a stunt like this, it was going to be Simard, make a short-term splash at the cost of long-term gain. There's an old saying, Amanda, which applies perfectly here: You can often get more done inside the tent than from the outside looking in.

As someone who grew up in and attended French



schools in Quebec, as someone who sent his kids to École St. Joseph in Russell to help them understand their province's linguistic dynamics, as a proud resident of an officially bilingual municipality, I'm generally sympathetic to the Franco-Ontarian cause. But I'm not sympathetic to political grandstanding as opposed to sticking it out and getting the job done.

On Monday in Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands-Rideau Lakes, voters decided to do the same thing federally that we did provincially... let the Liberals know they don't appreciate willy-nilly deficit spending with no end in sight. After the results were clear, new Conservative MP Michael Barrett promised to equally represent all constituents. Can you imagine how those voters would feel if, six months from now, Barrett were to quit the party he represents and most of them supported because he didn't agree with a certain policy decision? They'd be very unhappy, Amanda!

You made the same pledge to represent all constituents. You've failed miserably in doing that.

for a few weeks now and started to compete last week. On Wed., Nov. 28, the Senior and Junior boys' basketball teams played games against La Citadelle, which we hosted. The Seniors won their game 45-23, but sadly the Juniors lost their game on their home court.

Today, Dec. 5, the boys' hockey team will be playing their first game. Good luck boys! Also, today, the girls' Junior and Senior volleyball teams are travelling to Seaway High School to play against St. Joe's and l'Heritage. Best of luck to both teams!

Tomorrow, Dec. 6, and Fri., Dec. 7, the boys' and both of our girls' curling teams are competing in the Gore competition. Once again, we wish all three teams luck!

That's not where our sports end, we had two in-school games, and everyone had a blast! On Tues., Nov. 27, North Dundas had a student versus staff volleyball game. Sadly, for the students, the staff won. This was the staff's redemption from the loss they took after the student versus staff baseball game in October. ND also hosted a Grade 7/8 floor hockey tournament on Fri., Nov. 30, which was a fun day for everyone. Spectators and players enjoyed the games!

On Wed., Nov. 28 some members of Mr. Bougie's construction class travelled to Ottawa to compete in the Secondary Cardboard Boat Races. Sadly, neither the Christmas team, consisting of Ella Holmes, Ally Beblow, Keira Bartlett, and Emma Acres, or the Beach Boys team consisting of Jack Link, Alia McNaughton, Chayce Hyndman, and Aaliyah Hutt earned medals. It was still a great day for all, and a great experience.

The next day, Thurs., Nov. 29, the Improv team travelled to Tagwi to compete in their first competition.

So far, they are in first, but they still have a few more competitions. Great job team!

Don't forget to encourage your child to take an angel off the angel tree. There's now a tree in our high school division as well, started by our wellness team. This tree will work alongside NDIS's tree to help provide the Lion's Club with gifts for community members. Please help make a difference this Christmas!

## Tagwi Spirit Events

**Makenna Brownlee**  
Tagwi Report

Last week, Tagwi students participated in a fun game called "Gotcha". Gotcha is a game where you get a clothes pin with another person's name on it. Once you "pin" your target, you will then get your target's pin. That person then becomes your new target. This game was lots of fun for students to get to know other students throughout our school and earn points for their school houses. In the end, Potestas finished in first with 5,030 points, Navitas finished in second with 4,540 points, Lucan finished in third with 3,590 points and Fortis finished in fourth with 2,370 points. Let's see who will end the school year on top!!! Tagwi ended the week with a St. Andrew's Day celebration. Highland dancers, pipers, musicians, Scottish jokes and games were featured during our Friday afternoon assembly. Mr. McIntosh, our principal, surprised the student body with his step-dance performance, joining MacCulloch dancers Irelynn McKillican and Abigail Beaudette.

## NDDHS Report

By Ashley Wheeler  
Student Council Communications



## Sports galore

This past week, ND was sport filled, between curling, basketball, volleyball, indoor track and field practices, and hockey. Many of these teams have been practicing



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## North Stormont council

Continued from the front

The hiring of a new CAO is the biggest concern for the team. Mayor Jim Wert said finding the right person for the job was paramount. While newcomers Roxane Villeneuve and Steven Densham will be learning the ropes, former council members Wert, Landry and Randy Douglas have their previous experiences to draw on.

"We have to set up the structure so that the CAO has an understanding of their powers and the performance appraisal process; that is paramount. We went through the same process four years ago when we hired a CAO and I learned from that process," said Douglas.

Other factors to consider in the next few months will be the outcome of the wind mill project, opting in or out for cannabis retailers in the township, and getting council into budget procedures. "The [councillors] are going to be baptized pretty quickly," said Wert.

With so many decision ahead, the council will have a steep learning curve and have to work together for their township; a sentiment each of the members recognized.

"I've got some really great people to work with and I think with Mayor Wert

### On the horizon

The new North Stormont council has a nice mix of newcomers and veterans to bring the township into a bright future. The inauguration in North Stormont saw friends, family, township staff and supporters welcome the members to their positions of office. Front from left, deputy mayor François Landry and Mayor Jim Wert. Back from left, councillors Randy Douglas, Steve Densham and Roxane Villeneuve.

Sawyer Helmer photo

guiding us in the right direction I think we're going to do some great things in the next few years," noted Villeneuve after the ceremony.

"There are five of us here to work with the staff so I am confident we'll be able to settle in very quickly," added Densham.

Mayor Wert will be leading the charge with Landry at his side. The two recognized their ability to work well together and Landry said it is his intention to support Wert as best he can. While Wert admitted there would be some nerves associated with his new position, he has years of knowledge from his predecessors to rely on.



"I have a lot of respect for the guys that have gone ahead of me. I've already warned them that they are not off the hook yet, I'm going to use them as often as I can. I think that's the way the process works," he said.

Throughout the ceremony on inauguration night, it was apparent that North Stormont has good representation across their communities and has chosen

a council ready to work. The members, Wert noted, are positioned well geographically in the township to be able to bring the six communities of North Stormont together as one. "The most important part is that each councillor is going to bring a unique strength. I think we're going to be really well positioned," concluded Wert.

# Ingleside Christmas tree lights up the community

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Correspondent

INGLESIDE – It was quite the community event on Dec. 1, when a large group of people gathered at South Stormont Fire Station No. 2 in Ingleside for the annual

Christmas Tree Lighting and visit with Santa.

Inside the Fire Station volunteers were busy serving beverages and snacks donated by the Ingleside Foodland while finishing touches to the toy table and

Santa's chair were completed. As the clock ticked ever closer to 6 p.m., the count down to the tree lighting began. As close to a hundred people made their way outside to watch as hundreds of coloured lights illuminated the gigantic tree.

Not long after the tree lights were lit, a wagon drawn by horses approached the Fire Station with Santa Claus himself aboard. To the immense delight of youngsters of all ages, Santa jumped from the wagon and made his way through the crowd to inside the Fire Station. As soon as he was seated in his chair, the long line of children and their parents began to move, with Santa taking time for each child to tell him their wishes and have a picture taken.

Training captain Stacy Charlebois explained that the event was organized by the Ingleside Fire Station Association and includes the tree lighting, a visit with

Santa, a toy for each child and the opportunity to have a ride in a horse drawn wagon. He explained the event has been held at the Fire Station in Ingleside for about 12 years and expressed his thanks to Ottawa Crane Rental who helped with re-stringing the lights on the tree and to Foodland Ingleside for their donation of refreshments.

Martin Timmers, who with

wife Patsy and son Josh own Foodland Ingleside, commented how he does it "because it is fun and it is all about the community". He explained how all donations from the evening are provided to the Osnabruck Christmas Food and Toy drive and feels this event is the start of the Christmas season in the area.

South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis commented it

was a good way to kick off the holiday season and expressed his thanks to all the volunteers who work to make it a successful event. These feelings were echoed by deputy mayor Dave Smith who called it "a wonderful tradition", expressing his joy at seeing the gleam in the childrens' eyes and smiles on their faces when meeting Santa Claus.



At approximately 6 p.m. on Dec. 1, the gigantic Christmas Tree outside South Stormont Fire Station No. 2 was lit to the obvious delight of the large crowd of people assembled there.

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# A different kind of craft show

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

DUNVEGAN – For the past few years the Dunvegan Recreation Association has been holding a different type of craft show in the lead-up to Christmas. Jim Mullen one of the organizers of the Dunvegan Historical Crafters' Fair and Christmas Marketplace held Dec. 1 and 2 at the Dunvegan Recreation Centre, told

the Chesterville Record the event tries to stay true to homespun or pioneer inspired crafts and goods.

Mullen was pleased with the steady stream of visitors who surveyed the gift ideas from crafters such as Two Hammers of Monkland, Christmas decorations created from wood, jewellery, a chocolatier as well as a booth from the Glengarry Pioneer Museum.



Deborah Robertson of Maxville holds a Christmas decoration created by Natasha Blazevic from St. Andrew's West. Blazevic created the decoration from a small slice of wood on which she hand-painted a Christmas scene.  
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# Trade and Parade

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

**WINCHESTER** – Christmas time is now officially, and properly, upon us with December rearing its merry head.

To kick off the holly jolly season, Winchester hosted their annual North Dundas Parade of Lights, along with their Vendor and Trade Show Sat., Dec. 1 at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

“We have vendors from all across the region. The tables were very inexpensive at \$15 each, I was sold out three weeks ago,” said Martha Malatesta, member of the North Dundas Parade of Lights committee and vendor and trade show organizer. “We have a variety of things from crafts, fudge, clothing and handmade articles with 41 vendors here today. We want to promote local business and a lot of these

folks are local that don't have storefronts, so this is their opportunity to sell their things today.”

Locals of Winchester waited eagerly for the parade on the corner of Main Street and Lawrence Street, in the freezing cold with only a single fire and fresh fries from Fries for Charity to help keep them warm.

When 8 p.m. rolled around, residents were greeted by over 50 different floats from local businesses and associations including the Winchester Lions Club, D's Collision Centre, Green Tech Winchester and even the newly appointed council members featuring mayor-elect Tony Fraser, Tyler Hoy and Gary Annable.

The parade started at the Township of North Dundas and travelled down Lawrence Street, onto York Street, then Albert Street, through Main Street and then finishing through Dawley Drive.



Tammy Yenson was selling a number of holiday knick-knacks to help decorate the most festive home. Also pictured: Sophie Reusso. Glover photo



The Grinch made a special appearance during the parade, spreading Christmas cheer instead of trying to steal it. Glover photo



Gasser AG services decorated their truck in colourful lights and ornaments to get into the holiday spirit. Glover photo



Members of Garde De La Nativité from Cornwall marched down Main Street, showing off their skills on the drums. Glover photo

## Expressions of gratitude

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

**AVONMORE** – Dennis Fife and Bill McGimpsey, retiring as mayor and deputy mayor of North Stormont

respectively, were honoured for their service to the community during the Christmas celebration for employees at North Stormont Place in Avonmore on Dec. 1.



with gifts recognizing their significant contributions to both the Township of North Stormont and the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry during a ceremony at North Stormont Place in Avonmore on Sat., Dec. 1. Thompson Goddard photo

Following dinner, North Stormont deputy mayor François Landry and former North Dundas mayor Eric Duncan thanked McGimpsey for his 18 years of service to the community before unveiling the framed photograph of Moose Creek, home to the McGimpsey family for many years.

A few minutes later Jim Wert, mayor of North Stormont and North Glengarry Mayor Jamie MacDonald presented a framed photograph of Fife combining in a field to the former mayor who served on council since 1997. Darlene McGimpsey and Mary Fife were presented with gifts as a thank you for the support provided to their husbands during their long municipal careers.

### Honouring service

Bill McGimpsey and Dennis Fife, former deputy mayor and mayor of North Stormont were presented

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### Something for the sweet tooth

The women of St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church hosted a bake sale on Sat., Dec. 1, at the Parish Hall. The funds raised were for St. Mary's Helping Hands. Moore photo





# Breakfast with Santa

Continued from the front

chatted with people of all ages. There was a long line of children eagerly awaiting their special time with the Jolly Old Elf who began listening to their Christmas wishes after a friendly wave to the crowd. He was ably assisted by his two elves who kept things

running smoothly by helping children up the steps to the stag, handing out a post visit treat and on occasion assisting with photo taking.

As the event wound down, there were without a doubt, a lot of happy but tired volunteers who once again proved the importance of community and working together to make sure the holiday season began on the right note.



Rotarians Ruth Gilroy, president-elect Matt Cooke, Hayley Cooke and Birket Foster were busy during the Breakfast with Santa event, serving up a full course breakfast to the almost 300 people who attended the Chesterville Legion on Dec. 1.



Santa and his elves were all smiles when this youngster made his wishes known to the Jolly Old Elf at the Breakfast with Santa held on Dec. 1 at the Chesterville Legion. Thompson Goddard photos



From the left, Tracy Porteous, Leslie Johnson and Ashley Johnson take a moment's rest during a hectic morning of providing hot chocolate to those who attended Breakfast with Santa at the Chesterville Legion.

# Yuletide season launched in North Stormont

Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Correspondent

AVONMORE – The Christmas season arrived in North Stormont when the Avonmore Christmas Art Craft and Bake Sale and the annual Touch of Christmas Country House Tour were held on Dec. 1.

The annual Touch of Christmas Country House Tour is a main fundraiser for North Stormont Place in Avonmore. Nancy Wert, a member of the organizing team, told the Chesterville Record how it “allows us to reinvest back into the facility” noting how “last year we purchased all new dishes for the hall and recently new boardroom chairs”.

For 13 holiday seasons, the Country House Tour has allowed visitors to enjoy the Yuletide decorations in selected homes and stop at participating local businesses during the day long event. Many opted to drive their own vehicles to the five homes and six stops of interest on the tour but those who wished to enjoy a leisurely tour could take a bus donated by Roxborough Bus Lines. Wert commented how the

“Christmas House Tour is the most wonderful day of the year” and thanked the homeowners who allowed participants to enjoy their “warm and inviting hospitality”. She concluded her email by commenting: “We are pleased each year to highlight some of our local businesses as stops of interest to add to the day.”

One of the stops of interest on this years Touch of Christmas Country House Tour was the annual Avonmore Christmas Art and Bake Sale, held on Dec. 1-2 at Tagwi Secondary School near Avonmore. This eagerly anticipated sale is organized by the Roxborough Agricultural Society and is a major fundraiser for the RAS.

RAS past president Neil Robinson told the Record there were almost 100 vendors at the event over the weekend. Organizer Linda Holland, who with Valene Tinkess, began planning the event in September, commented there was a good selection of new and returning vendors from many local communities. Walking around the sale, one couldn't help but notice the



Karen Bayfield who opened her home to participants in the Touch of Christmas Country House Tour for the first time is shown relaxing for a quick moment by a beautifully decorated Christmas tree in her living room. Bayfield commented how the day had “been great, busy - but I enjoyed it”. Thompson Goddard photo

incredible selection of Christmas gift ideas with homebased businesses, baked goods, direct sales representatives and artisans providing the opportunity to do some one stop local shopping.

In a post event email to the paper, Robinson commented he was very

pleased with the turnout of vendors and visitors to the sale; a major fundraiser for the RAS, which is planning a fundraising murder mystery dinner in April and the annual general meeting slated for Jan. 26. The RAS organizes the popular Avonmore Fair which is planned for July 19-21.



There was plenty of vendors and shoppers at the Avonmore Christmas Art and Bake Sale held during the weekend of Dec. 1-2 at Tagwi Secondary School. Thompson Goddard photo



From the left, Nancy Wert, Joy Krol and Sherilyn Campbell toast the holiday season at one of the stops on the Touch of Christmas Country House Tour held on Dec. 1. Thompson Goddard photo

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# Morrisburg wows with 25th annual Santa Claus Parade

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

MORRISBURG — The 25th annual Morrisburg Santa Claus Parade made a splash throughout the streets of the small community as over 60 floats from local businesses, community groups, bands and visiting organizations marched passed the hundreds of spectators.

Held on the morning of Sat., Dec. 1, the parade was blessed with clear blue skies and the heat from the warm winter sun. Each float wowed the crowd with their original and festive decorations, while the visiting bands impressed with their near perfect renditions of Christmas classics.

The parade also featured many familiar faces from former mayor and Lions Club member Evonne Delegarde, to SDSG MP Guy Lauzon and MPP Jim McDonell, as well as the new council members who walked the



## SDSG proud

SDSG MP Guy Lauzon (right) and MPP Jim McDonell waved to the crowd during the 25th annual Morrisburg Santa Claus Parade. Sawyer Helmer photo

parade - which deputy-mayor Kirsten Gardner said was a great team building exercise.

Santa and Mrs. Claus made sure to stop at the Morrisburg Fire Station after the parade to meet with the eager children,

hoping to have their Christmas wish lists heard. With such a rich history for the Morrisburg parade, the organizing committee can put the 25th anniversary edition down as another successful show in the books.



## Jolly for the holiday season

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus made their way through the streets of Morrisburg on their sleigh to greet the residents of South Dundas. Sawyer Helmer photo



## Choo! Choo!

The SDG Cornwall Shrine Club had a number of floats and vehicles to delight the spectators of the 25th annual Morrisburg Santa Claus Parade. Including a Thomas the Tank Engine with stuffed animal passengers. Sawyer Helmer photo

# A colourful night in Crysler

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

CRYSLER — Wine, snacks, painting and discounted prices; what more could a lady ask for during the Christmas season.

Crysler's Home Hardware hosted their annual Ladies Night Thurs., Nov. 28 to offer great deals on store items, along with some creative fun.

"To kick off Ladies Night, we're doing a paint-pouring workshop," said Mark Begg, owner of the Home Hardware. "Participants get 15 per cent off of the entire inventory. We've also got wine and some munchies for them."

Begg continued: "This is simply a night to kick off the upcoming Christmas season."

Tracy Pepper, Home Hardware's paint expert, was giving the ladies in attendance

instructions on how to create their own masterpiece in the middle of the store.

"There are different names for this type of painting, some call it flow painting, it's also called paint pouring. Basically, you're pouring paint to create an abstract piece of art," she said. "You use different kinds of colours, I always suggest using higher end type paint. It's thicker so they're easier to work with. We also add other products to it like white glue, an extender to help it not dry too quickly and a lubricant to give the paint a boost."

Begg stated that stocking stuffers were a popular item for the sale along with laser measures for home projects.

"Hopefully, they'll fly right off the shelves and go to other peoples' significant loved ones," he said.



## Painting and pouring

Along with 15 per cent off all the inventory in the store, the ladies of Crysler were treated to a fun evening of creating abstract art with the paint pouring technique. Glover photo

## The crust of charity

Volunteers at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church were busy rolling dough, stirring berries and mixing ingredients to bake pies for their upcoming fundraiser for the church. According to volunteer Bonnie Jones, every dollar raised is turned around and put back into the community. Last year, the group was able to produce approximately 1,700 pies and this year, they're aiming to break that record with 1,800 pies. From the left, Ann Langabeer and Verna Dillabough. Glover photo



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# Dare to be aware about prostate cancer

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Dare to Flash a ‘Stache wrapped up their most recent fundraising campaign, accumulating a total of \$9,551, as of Sat., Dec. 1, to be split evenly between the Ottawa Hospital and the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH).

The group wrapped up a celebration Sat., Dec. 1 at Winchester’s Foodland.

“The Dare to Flash a ‘Stache group has fundraised for the hospital in previous years, so it was actually them who approached us,” said Cindy Peters, manager of direct mail and events with WDMH. “They do the fundraising and we just support them. We’ve currently raised \$9,551 but donations can be made until

the end of December.”

Jennifer Van Noort, vice president of the Ottawa Hospital Foundation, said that the funds they raised throughout the month go towards prostate cancer research and clinical trials.

“These funds will help fund prostate cancer research and the clinical trials for men facing the terrible disease,” she said.

“We have a wonderful partnership with the Winchester Hospital because patients here get care at the hospital but also need care at the Ottawa Hospital as well from our specialists. We have partnered with this group for the past eight years or so and we’re so grateful to the volunteer committee and all of the participants, it’s a privilege to see these funds go straight



After wrapping up the latest fundraising campaign, Dare to Flash a ‘Stache held a celebration at the Winchester Foodland, with cake and all. As of Sat., Dec. 1, the campaign had raised \$9,551 for the Winchester Memorial District Hospital and Ottawa Hospital but people are still welcomed to donate until the end of December.

to the men and families who really need them.”

Tom Clapp, a member of Dare to Flash a ‘Stache, said that the association was created to promote awareness for prostate

cancer and raise funds for people who need treatment.

“I’m a survivor and six years ago, we decided we’re going to do something for all of the people who are responsible for us being



Foodland owner and manager and member of Dare to Flash a ‘Stache, Dan Pettigrew was given a surprise in the form of a buzzing shave. In front of the whole crowd, he had his moustache shaved off.

Glover photos survivors. We wanted to support both the Winchester Hospital and Ottawa Hospital,” he said. “The Winchester Hospital has really supported us with the PSA event back in August and this is our fifth event to

fundraise for the facilities. We’re really pleased with the support we got and I just want everyone to know that we’re here for anyone who’s been diagnosed with prostate cancer, so please contact us.”

## Moose Creek lights up the village

**Kalynn Sawyer Helmer**  
Record Staff

MOOSE CREEK — In order to get residents into the holiday spirit, the Moose Creek Fire Department hosted the village’s annual Christmas Parade of Lights on Sat., Dec. 1.

The parade floats maneuvered their way through the small village to the delight of the onlookers who came out in droves to enjoy the festive evening.

A few days after the parade concluded, the fire department announced the grand total as 39 floats that participated in the evening. Floats from businesses and community groups were decorated with colourful lights, stereo systems to play the holiday tunes and the smiling faces of volunteers and participants.

The floats finished off their route at the Moose Creek Recreation Centre where Santa Claus took some time out of his busy schedule to take pictures with the children and hear their Christmas wishes. There was also free hot chocolate and hot dogs to warm up the viewers.

The Moose Creek Fire Department thanked everyone involved for their participation in making the annual parade a fun and memorable event.



### Riding along

Alliance Bridal represented their store during the parade with a famous Christmas scene.



### Parade treats

The Moose Creek Parade of Lights was a bright and cheery event with floats from many local businesses and organizations, including these gingerbread people and their house being towed by King’s Pressure Washing/White Washing. Sawyer Helmer photos



### Keeping Christmas cool

The Chesterville Public Grade 5/6 class sang a funny Australian Christmas song to conclude the school’s annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 3. The song called “Six White Boomers” features Santa Claus’ sleigh being pulled by kangaroos instead of reindeer while he is delivering presents down under. Sawyer Helmer photo

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## Rockets humbled by Castors

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—The North Dundas Rockets played just a single game this past weekend as they welcomed the league's top team, the Clarence Castors on Saturday night.

### Castors 9 Rockets 3

The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Clarence Castors to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Dec. 1, in the NCJHL. The Rockets went into the game in second place in the West Division four points behind the South Grenville Rangers while the Castors have been the class of the season sitting atop the East

Division.

The Castors opened the scoring at 12:31 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead and made it 2-0 at 14:29 on the power play. The Castors made it 3-0 just 54 seconds later on another power play. The Rockets cut into the Castors' lead when Brad Stitt tapped one home from Connor Roth and Justin Lefebvre at 16:30.

The Rockets got to within one with just seven seconds remaining in the opening frame as Roth sniped one from Stitt and Lefebvre. The Castors took a 3-2 lead into the first intermission. It was all Castors in the second

period mostly due to the Rockets penalties as they scored 8:54 and 17:59 on the power play and with 1:38 remaining in the second period at even strength.

The Castors took 6-2 lead into the second intermission. The Castors scored their fifth power-play goal of the game at 3:44 of the third period to make it 7-2 but the Rockets got that one back as Roth scored his second of the game from Cameron Brown at 6:34.

The Castors closed out the scoring with two goals at 12:43 and 16:54 while shorthanded and took the

The Rockets' forwards, Justin Lefebvre and Carter Tait try to fish out a loose puck at the side of the net as the Castors' goalie, Corey Camirand and defenseman, Caleb Smith battle the two Rocket forwards. The Castors got the last laugh taking the game 9-3.  
Moore photo



game 9-3. Suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Reilly Tondreau making 21 saves on 30 shots.

### Up next

The North Dundas Rockets welcome the Metcalfe Jets to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. and

travel to the W. Erskine Johnston Arena in Carp to take on the West Carleton Inferno on Sun., Dec. 9, at 5:45 p.m.

## Pledge Dickson steals win for Hawks

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The Winchester Hawks played two home games this past weekend as they welcomed the Brockville Tikis on Friday night and the Westport Rideaus on Saturday afternoon.

### Hawks 2 Rideaus 1

The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Westport Rideaus to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Sat., Dec. 1, in the CCHL2. The Hawks were coming off a blow-out loss to the Brockville Tikis the previous night and looked to get back in the winning column.

The Hawks still sat just one point behind the Embrun Panthers in sixth place and with a win, they would own sole possession of sixth in the Martin Division. The Hawks opened the scoring when Graeme Buffone scored his second of the season with a blast streaking down the left side while shorthanded at 12:10 unassisted taking a 1-0 lead.

The Rideaus knotted the affair at one at 13:10 on the power play. The teams took a

one-all draw into the first intermission. The Rideaus pounded 25 shots on goal in the second period but it was the Hawks' Cameron Cotnam scoring his fourth of the season from Hunter Randell and Evan Landry.

The Hawks took a 2-1 lead into the second intermission. The Rideaus continued to pour on the pressure in the third period firing another 21 shots at the Hawks' goalie, Brent Pledge Dickson but he was up to the task holding them off of the score sheet.

The Hawks took the game moving one point ahead of the Panthers for sixth place. The Rideaus outshot the Hawks 67-28. Picking up the win and first star of the game was Pledge Dickson making 66 saves.

### Tikis 8 Hawks 1

The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Brockville Tikis to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Nov. 30, in the CCHL2. The Hawks went into the game in seventh place just one point behind the Embrun Panthers in sixth.

The Tikis opened the scoring at 2:50 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Hawks

answered with 2:18 remaining in the opening frame as Dillion Clemen scored his third goal of the season from Nolan Guertin and Evan Landry on the power play.

The teams took a one-all draw into the first intermission. It was all Tikis in the second period scoring five unanswered goals at 5:02, 10:19, 12:02, 13:21 and 14:29 on the power play and took a 6-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Tikis made it 7-1 just 54 seconds into the third period and added a power-play goal at 11:56. The Tikis took the game 8-1 handing the Hawks their 12th loss of the

season. The Tikis outshot the Hawks 55-31. Suffering the loss in the Hawks' goal was Brent Pledge Dickson making 35 saves.

### Up next

The Winchester Hawks travel to the Barbara Ann Scott Arena in Ottawa to take on the Ottawa West Golden Knights on Thurs., Dec. 6, at 7:15 p.m. and they welcome the Richmond Royals to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Dec. 7, at 8:15 p.m. The Hawks then welcome the Renfrew Timberwolves on Sun., Dec. 9, at 6:15 p.m.

The Hawks' forward, Nolan Guertin (14) tries to stick handle past Rideaus' Michael Hogan (15) while his teammate, Miguel Pare looks to accept a pass. The Hawks went on to upset the Rideaus 2-1.  
Moore photo



## Senior Ravens ruin T-Wolves' home opener

Jeff Moore  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL—The Russell High School Senior T-Wolves basketball team welcomed their cross-town rivals, the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens on Wed., Nov. 28, in PRSSAA.

### Ravens 54 T-Wolves 38

The Ravens jumped out to an early 17-4 lead after the first quarter and added another 18 points in the second quarter. The T-Wolves tried to keep pace knocking down 10 points in the second quarter but trailed 35-14 heading into the break at half-time.

The T-Wolves dominated the Ravens in the third quarter outscoring them 11-3 but trailed 38-25 heading into the final stanza. The fence on both teams came out in the fourth quarter with the Ravens scoring 16 and the T-Wolves scoring 13 but for the T-Wolves it wasn't enough as



The Ravens' Frank Gabriel flies through the air stuffing it in the bucket over the T-Wolves' defender, Mitchell Stoddard. Gabriel scored 23 points helping the Ravens to a 54-38.

Moore photo

the Ravens spoiled the T-Wolves' debut by a score of 54-38.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were Jake Peters with 10 points, Sean Roos with nine, Aidan Whynot with eight, Alex Hiemstra and Austyn Henderson with four each and Justen Dupelle with a trey.

Scoring for the Ravens were Frank Gabriel with 23 points, Adam Davidson with nine, Macen Birch with eight, Morgan Foster with four, Andrew Purcell and Brody Ballantyne with three each and Aidan McPhail and Thomas Buckle each scored deuces.

## Major Midget Demons march past Chargers, Colts

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The North Dundas Major Midget B Rep Demons played two home games this past week as they welcomed the Cornwall Colts on Thursday night and the Leeds Chargers on Sunday night.

### Demons 7 Chargers 4

The North Dundas Major Midget B Rep Demons welcomed the Leeds Chargers to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Sun., Dec. 2, in the UCMHL. The Demons were coming off a 4-1 victory over the Cornwall Colts in their previous outing and look to continue their run.

The Demons opened the scoring at 1:51 as Colin Minish scored from Cam Sherrer. The Chargers answered with two quick goals at 5:25 and 5:58 taking a 2-1 lead.

The Demons responded when Ben Fingler scored from Nic Brugmans and Joey Hannaford with 1:40 remaining. As the final buzzer to signal the end of the first period sounded, the Demons took the lead as Sherrer scored from Minish and Curtis Bell.

The Demons took a 3-2 lead into the second period. The Demons added a pair of goals in the second period with Brugmans slamming one home at 3:04 from Fingler and Hannaford and Jaymen Heuff snapping one home at 5:40 from Brad McLean.

The Demons took a 5-2 lead into the third period. The Demons took a three-goal lead when Hannaford scored from Bell and Heuff at 2:50. The Demons kept the pressure on as Blake Waters scored from Josh Broad and Heuff at 5:24 to make it 7-2.

The Chargers added a pair of late goals at 5:53 and 8:05 but it wasn't enough as the Demons took the game decisively 7-4. Picking up the win in the Demons' goal was Liam Antille.

### Demons 4 Colts 1

The North Dundas Major Midget B Rep Demons welcomed the Cornwall Colts to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Thurs., Nov. 29, in the UCMHL. The Colts scored the lone goal of the first period just 33 seconds in and took a 1-0 lead into the second period.

The Demons scored just 12 seconds into the second period as Fingler scored a power play goal from Brugmans. The teams took a one-all draw into the third period. The Demons took their first lead of the game when Dean Lapier scored from Sherrer just 1:10 into the third period.

The Demons made it 3-1 at 3:23 as Lapier scored his second of the period from Sherrer on the power play. The Demons added a late goal at 12:09 as Bell lit the lamp from Broad and Jayden Rowe. The Demons took the game 4-1.



## Vikings win trio of games

**Jeff Moore**  
Record Staff

**RICHMOND**—The Casselman Vikings played three games this past week as they travelled to Brockville on Wednesday night to take on the Tikis, welcomed the Embrun Panthers on Thursday night and travelled to Richmond on Sunday afternoon to take on the Royals.

### Vikings 4 Royals 1

The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Richmond Arena on Sun., Dec. 2, to take on the Royals in the CCHL2. The Vikings were coming off a narrow 3-2 victory over the Embrun Panthers to move to within eight points of the first place Ottawa Jr. Canadians and had a chance to move to within six points but the Canadians were also playing elsewhere.

The Vikings opened the scoring with just 25 seconds remaining in the first period as Louis Chabot scored his eighth goal of the season from Joel Hunt and Pierce Britton and took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Vikings made it 2-0 at 10:39 of the second period when Brandon Legare scored his sixth of the season from Samuel Labre. Hunt scored his 20th of the season at 17:36 unassisted to give the Vikings a 3-0 lead.

The Vikings took the 3-0 lead into the second

intermission. The Vikings made it 4-0 when Gabriel Rousselle scored his sixth of the season from Antonio Silenu and Shawn Patterson on the power play at 12:19 of the third period.

The Royals spoiled the Vikings' goalie, Mathieu Chenier's shut out bid with just 48 seconds remaining in the game but the Vikings took the game 4-1. With the win, the Vikings move back to within eight points of the Canadians in first place.

The Vikings outshot the Royals 51-35. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Chenier making 34 saves.

### Vikings 3 Panthers 2

The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Embrun Panthers to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Nov. 29, in the CCHL2. The Vikings were coming off a 6-4 victory over the Brockville Tikis and moved to within 10 points of the Ottawa Jr. Canadians who sat in first in the Martin Division.

The Vikings scored the lone goal the first period as Joshua Paledeau scored his eighth goal of the season from Kyle Green at 3:03 of the first period. Neither team was able to score before the buzzer went off representing the end of the first period.

The teams battled to a scoreless second period with the Panthers narrowly outshooting the Vikings 14-13. The Vikings took the 1-0

lead heading into the second intermission.

The Vikings made it 2-0 when Joel Hunt scored his 19th of the season from Shawn Patterson and Louis Chabot on the power play just 31 seconds into the third period. The Panthers cut the deficit in half when Alexandre Caron scored his second of the season from Cayden Martin at 1:44.

The Panthers tied the game at 13:32 when Marc Brosseau scored his seventh of the season from Caron and Jeremy Cyr on the power play. The Vikings retook the lead when Jason Cossette scored his 10th of the season from Antonio Silenu and Pierce Britton with 3:41 remaining in regulation.

With under a minute remaining, the Panthers pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker but were unable to tie the game before the third period expired. The Vikings hung on for a 3-2 victory moving to within eight points of the Canadians in first place.

The Vikings outshot the Panthers 40-31. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 29 saves and suffering the loss in the Panthers' goal was Cody McEachern making 37 saves.

### Vikings 6 Tikis 4

The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Brockville Memorial Centre on Wed., Nov. 28, to take on the Tikis



The Vikings' forward, Mathieu Talbot uncorks a shot from the slot as his teammate, Joshua Paledeau (19) struggles for a position in front of the net. The Panthers' goalie, Cody McEachern and his defensemen, Benjamin Hamilton (18) and Dominik Bourgeois try to keep the Vikings at bay. The Vikings did however, go on to take the game 3-2.

Moore photo

in the CCHL2. The Vikings fell back 12 points behind the first place Ottawa Jr. Canadians in the Martin Division.

The Tikis opened the scoring at 13:58 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Vikings tied the game with just 1:02 remaining in the opening frame as Mikael Bissonnette scored his second goal of the season from Louis Chabot.

The teams took a one-all deadlock into the first intermission. The Vikings took their first lead of the game when Antonio Silenu scored his fifth of the season from Shawn Patterson and Joel Hunt on the power play at 4:23 of the second period.

The Vikings made it 3-1

when Jason Cossette scored his eighth of the season from Joshua Paledeau and Mathieu Talbot at 9:54. Cossette scored his second goal of the game and ninth of the season at 12:55 from Pierce Britton and Etienne Aguis-Pease to give the Vikings a 4-1 lead.

The Tikis got one back at 15:10 but the Vikings regained their three-goal lead when Hunt scored his 17th of the season from Chabot and Patterson and took a 5-2 lead into the second intermission. The Tikis got to within two at 6:38 of the third period on the power play and within one at 8:27 but Hunt scored his second of the game and 18th of the season from

Patterson and Chabot into an empty goal with just 32 seconds remaining after the Tikis pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker.

The Vikings took the game 6-4 moving to within 10 points of the Canadians. The Vikings outshot the Tikis 38-30 and picking up the win in goal was Nick Campbell making 26 saves.

### Up next

The Casselman Vikings travel to Centre 76 in Athens on Sat., Dec. 8, to take on the Aeros at 7:30 p.m. The Vikings then travel to the Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa on Tues., Dec. 11, to take on the first place Ottawa Jr. Canadians at 7:20 p.m.

## Panthers shut out twice on weekend

**Jeff Moore**  
Record Staff

**EMBRUN**—The Embrun Panthers played three games this past weekend as they travelled to Casselman on Thursday night to take on the Vikings, played host to the Alexandria Glens on Friday night and welcomed the Perth Blue Wings on Sunday afternoon.

### Blue Wings 3 Panthers 0

The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Perth Blue Wings to the Palais des Sports on Sun., Dec. 2, in the CCHL2. The Panthers were coming off a disappointing 6-0 loss to the Alexandria Glens; the team they were trying to catch in fifth place in the Martin Division.

The Winchester Hawks won their previous game against the Westport Rideaus and moved one point ahead of the Panthers for sixth place. The Blue Wings opened the scoring just 3:04 into the first period and made it 2-0 with just 23 seconds remaining. The Blue Wings took the 2-0 lead into the first intermission.

The two teams battled to a scoreless middle frame and the Blue Wings took their 2-0 lead

into the second intermission. The Blue Wings scored the lone goal in the third period at 8:28 and hung onto take the game 3-0, handing the Panthers their second shutout-loss of the weekend. The Blue Wings outshot the Panthers 40-19.

### Glens 6 Panthers 0

The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Alexandria Glens to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Nov. 30, in the CCHL2. The Panthers were coming off a tough 3-2 loss to the Casselman Vikings and were in sole possession of sixth place in the Martin Division one point ahead of the Winchester Hawks in seventh and sat five points behind the Glens in fifth place.

The Glens opened the scoring just 2:45 into the opening frame taking a 1-0 lead. The Glens made it 2-0 at 5:42 and 3-0 with 1:53 remaining in the first period. The Glens took the 3-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Glens kept the pressure on in the second period and made it 4-0 at 12:06 and 5-0 at 13:43. The Glens took a commanding 5-0



The Panthers' forward, Jacob Lamont (19) stops a pass with his foot and tried to jam the puck home on the Glens' goalie, Nicolas Rousseau (1) and his defensemen, Malcolm Brassard (28) putting an end to Lamont's scoring chance. Rousseau and the Glens shutout the Panthers 6-0.

Moore photo

lead into the second intermission. The Glens continued the assault scoring their sixth goal of the game at 12:07 taking the game 6-0. The Glens outshot the Panthers 32-25.

### Up next

The Panthers travel to the Richmond Arena on Sun., Dec. 9, to take on the Richmond Royals at 1:30 p.m.

## Atom C1 Demons shutout C2 Demons

**Jeff Moore**  
Record Staff

**WINCHESTER**—The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons played three games this past week as they welcomed the North Dundas C2 Demons for NDMHA Hockey Day on Sunday afternoon, travelled to Smiths Falls on Thursday night to take on the Bears and welcomed the Kemptville Panthers on Wednesday night.

### Demons C1 6 Demons C2 0

The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons welcomed their site team the C2 team to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Sun., Dec. 2, in the UCMHL. The C1 Demons scored three unanswered first-period goals at 33 seconds, 2:20 and 7:39 and took a 3-0 lead into the second period.

The C1 Demons scored the lone goal of the second period and took a 4-0 lead into the third period. The C1 Demons held all the cards in this game scoring another pair of goals in the third period at 42 seconds and 5:32 and took the game convincingly 6-0. Scoring for the Demons were Cody Lesage and Sydney Robinson with a pair each and Jack Robinson and Aiden Leclair scored singles.

Picking up the helpers were Jacob Miller, Leclair, Jack Robinson and Lesage. Picking up the shutout in the Demons' goal was Matthew Seguin stopping 15 shots.

### Demons 1 Bears 1

The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons travelled to the Smiths Falls Memorial Community Centre on Thurs., Nov. 29, in the UCMHL. The Demons opened the scoring just 54 seconds into the first period as Jack Robinson scored from Koen Myers but the Bears answered at 3:40.

The teams took a one-all draw into the second period. Neither team was able to score in the second and third

period as they settled for a one-all stalemate. Playing in goal for the Demons was Seguin.

### Panthers 3 Demons 2

The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons welcomed the Kemptville Panthers to the Chesterville Arena on Wed., Nov. 28, in the UCMHL. The Demons opened the scoring at 3:41 of the first period as Sydney Robinson scored an unassisted goal to make it 1-0.

The Demons took the 1-0 lead into the second period. The Bears scored two quick goals to start the second period at 49 seconds and 1:02 taking a 2-1 lead. The Demons tied the game at 3:23 as Jack Robinson scored an unassisted goal and the teams took a two-all draw into the third period.

The Bears broke the Demons heart scoring the only goal of the third period with just 2:32 remaining in the game. The Bears took the game 3-2. Suffering the loss in the Demons' goal was Seguin.



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## How about another round?

**Kory Glover**  
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – With little change to the Russell Township council this past municipal election, Mayor Pierre Leroux and councillors Cindy Saucier, André Brisson and Jaime Laurin were sworn back into their positions Mon., Dec. 3 with Mike Tarnowski joining their team.

The mayor and council members were each sworn in, reciting the pledge and then taking their designated seat on the council.

“I congratulate every member of council up here on their election,” said Laurin. “I look forward to working with you for the next four years. I want to thank the residents of this wonderful community for putting their trust in me again. It’s an honour and a privilege to sit up here and represent you and I will do so to the best of my abilities.”

Cindy Saucier continued, “I would also like to thank all of my constituents and everyone who voted for me and had the confidence to put me in for another four years. Like I said, it was a steep learning curve the first four years but I will continue to work hard and work with the staff.

Tarnowski, who is the only new member voted on the council this term, said that he was very honoured to be chosen for this position



### Victory lap

Pierre Leroux was sworn in for a second term as mayor of the Township of Russell. He’s very proud that the residents have put their trust in him again for another four-year term.

and will take this responsibility very seriously.

“This is truly an honour and something I will take very seriously in the next four years to represent the people and this great township. What I promised through my process of getting up here is accountability and a service attitude from all of us here,” he said. “Big congratula-



### Needs a Kicker

Your official council of 2018 to 2022 from the left: Cindy Saucier, Jaime Laurin, Pierre Leroux, André Brisson and Mike Tarnowski.

Glover photos

tions to the council coming back, it says a lot and I am humbled to be seated next to them and I look forward to working with you. I look forward to working with professionals sitting at the front and on the team as well.”

Mayor Leroux wrapped up the inauguration stating that “On Oct. 22, our community made a decision to move forward together, along the same path we have been travelling the past four years. We have achieved so many successes and we have proven, that together, we can do better. However, we still have many obstacles

to overcome and this council will have to make difficult choices on how we hold our future,” he said. “To our newly sworn in council, we are a diverse group, with different views and ideas, but we have one thing in common; our desire to help make this wonderful community a better place to live, not only for ourselves but also for future generations.”

Leroux ended the service stating, “Together, working hand-in-hand, residents, staff and council, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.”

## Simard goes independent

**Kory Glover**  
Villager Staff

RUSSELL/EMBRUN – Eastern Ontario MPP Amanda Simard, as of Thurs., Nov. 29, has submitted a letter to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario that she intends to leave the Progressive Conservative caucus to sit as an independent.

Within the letter to the speaker, she wrote, “I would like to advise you that, effective immediately, I am no longer a member of the Progressive Conservative Caucus. I will continue to

take my place in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as an Independent.”

While Simard was unavailable to comment on this new development, the former PC caucus member has been very vocal about Doug Ford’s French service cuts.

Simard called these cuts “extremely disappointing” as Ford’s government made decisions to cancel a planned French-language university and the, now cancelled, move to scrap the office of the French-language services commissioner.

In a Facebook post to respond to these actions, Simard wrote, “The decisions made last week concerning the Office of the Commissioner and the Franco-Ontarian University disappoint me greatly, and I share this disappointment and frustration today, having initially worked as much internally as possible to reverse these decisions.”

She continued in her post, “Now, we must evaluate where we are, and what we can and must do. I am with you. I hope you will support me.”

PC MPP Todd Smith responded to Simard’s

departure in a video from 680 news, stating that he is disappointed in the outcome.

“We received a letter informing us that she is resigning from our caucus and was planning to sit as an independent. So, it was disappointing. We had scheduled a caucus meeting today, and as you know she didn’t attend our caucus meeting on Tuesday either,” he said. “It is disappointing that she has decided to leave the caucus but our team is united and we’re excited for what’s ahead and we’re looking forward to moving ahead with our government’s agenda.”

## Keeping up with STA

**Liam Hill**  
STA Report

It simply is the most wonderful time of the year, as November comes to an end it marks the start of a new and exciting month of the school year, December. A strong start to the new season of sports at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, as the Junior and Senior boys basketball teams headed down the road to their division rivals, the Russell High Timberwolves on Thurs., Nov. 29. Despite the opposing court disadvantage, the Junior boys nearly tripled their opposition’s score, as the Senior boys dominated each quarter and made their mark with an astounding doubled number of baskets. Coach Lafleur is extremely overwhelmed and proud of

the outcome and looms forward to a promising season of hopefuls. Way to go Ravens!

On Fri., Nov. 30, St. Thomas Aquinas held their annual ‘Movember’ Dodgeball tournament and fundraiser. Each year, the school takes initiative in this activity, to raise awareness for those affected by prostate cancer and to raise funds for the cause, with all of the proceeds going towards the Movember Foundation.

On Tues., Dec. 4, St. Thomas celebrated the new liturgical year with an annual advent mass and liturgy, with the wonderful preaching by Father Robert Masternak of the local Miraculous Medal parish in Russell.

With another jam-packed week of sports and snow gone by, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School anticipates the ensuing Christmas holidays!

## Village trustees hand \$5,000 to Dump the Dump

**Tom Van Dusen**  
Villager Contributor

RUSSELL – Always struggling for funds to keep up the fight, the Dump the Dump Now campaign has struck it rich lately as the recipient of two cash gifts totalling \$15,000.

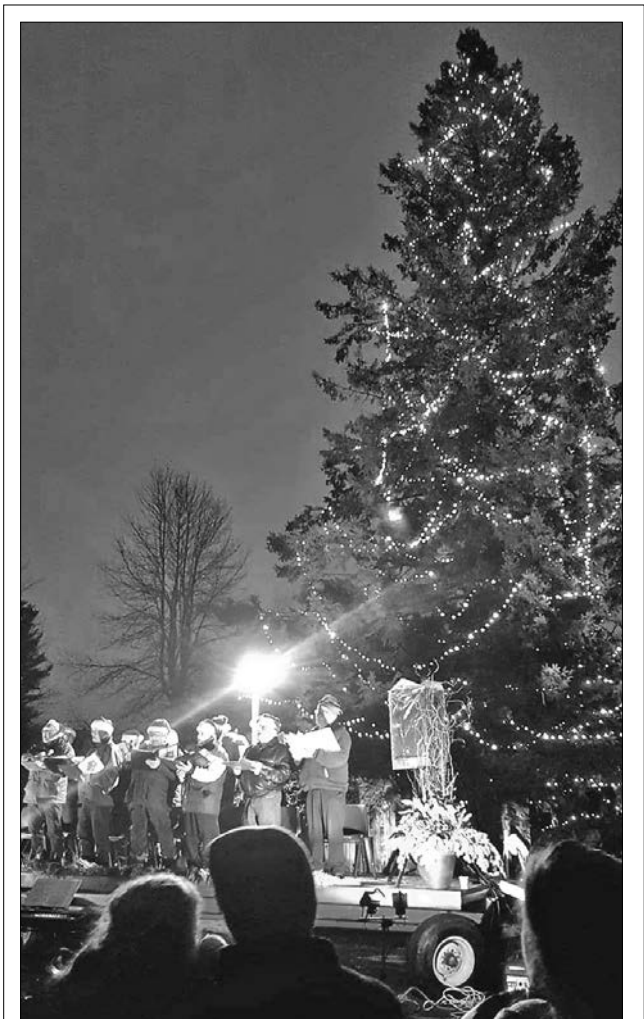
Hard on the heels of \$10,000 the campaign received in proceeds from a Trivia Night held at the beginning of November, it was recently presented with a cheque for \$5,000 from Russell Police Village trustees. The trustees administer the Russell Hydro legacy account, distributing donations to worthwhile local causes.

“We’re appreciative of the cheque from the Police Village fund, of the local businesses and individuals who donated to our silent auction on Trivia Night, and of Connie Johnston’s amazing Trivia Services team,” said Harry Baker, president of Citizen’s Environmental Stewardship Association East, the formal name for Dump the Dump Now.

With legal costs expected to reach \$35,000 in resisting the dump, the organization plans to seek a contribution to the cause from Russell Township council during its budget deliberations, Baker indicated: “The future health of our community is too important to give up now.”

Baker was referring to the eight year battle to prevent a commercial recycling centre and landfill from being installed, first in North Russell Township, and later in rural south east Ottawa on Boundary Road. Developer Taggart Miller Environmental Services has received provincial approval to proceed at the new site.

However, Dump the Dump continues to protest on grounds the City of Ottawa failed to demand a Human Health Impact



### Russell tree lights up

Rain for most of the day reduced attendance Sunday when Russell Police Village trustees sponsored the third annual Christmas tree lighting at the intersection of Craig and Mill. The precipitation stopped just as the Russell Male Choir took to the hay wagon stage for a round of Christmas carols leading up to the countdown. The lights will be on every day from 4:30 p.m. to midnight until the end of January.

Courtesy Roxane Bourguignon photo

Assessment before approving rezoning for the 400-acre landfill and waste disposal business. Baker and his group contend residents surrounding the landfill location are at risk from airborne volatile organic compounds that impact respiratory health, especially in children; they maintain air quality will decrease due to contaminants, particulates, odours, ammonia and methane released by a mega-dump.

In addition, they claim, groundwater and surface water will also be contaminated, especially since the project design doesn’t include a liner. Other issues are that the site has a high water table and sits on shallow continuous sand layers in weak Leda clay.

# Doc Menard roasted for latest Kin cause

by Tom Van Dusen  
Villager Contributor

RUSSELL – After five hours on the spit, Dr. Darrell Menard was roasted to a turn Saturday night by several “friends” from various parts of his life including family members who had no trouble finding material from which to draw.

The roasters and other Menard fans filled the Embrun Community Centre, enjoying libations, snacks, jazz music, live auction, and a parade of acerbic commentators welcomed to the stage by

tuxedoed host Len Trembley as Menard looked on from a representation of his waiting room, sharing space with two skeletons who’d obviously been waiting a long time to get in to see him. The audience contained several Menard look-a-likes wandering the room dressed outrageously with the doc’s trademark knapsack on their backs.

Perhaps the most cutting critic was Janet Menard who left not a single item of soiled private laundry publicly unwashed as she recalled decades of rolling with the surreal life of being

married to Menard. The couple have three adult children who’ve been cursed with much of their dad’s irreverence.

One of the zaniest characters Russell has ever produced, the good doc is known for his quirky habits and love of public “cross-dressing”. The excuse for the “Roasted Doc a la Menard” fundraiser organized by the Kin Club of Russell was the fact he has retired from his family practice, continuing in sports medicine out of his home office in Russell Village.

The Menard roast collected \$25,000 towards a future aqua centre which has yet to be approved – or even considered – by Russell Township council. However, the Kin Club has built something of a track record for pushing community projects along as witnessed by the new Sports Dome.

Another “cross-dresser”

of note, Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux, came to the stage decked out in a suit and tie crisscrossed with colourful comic book slogans. Leroux blames an early meeting with Menard for instilling his love of the wacky outfits that, like his mentor, have become a personal trademark.

However, there was no way he was going to outdo the doc who on this night was done up in a pink cowboy hat, pink cummerbund, tuxedo jacket festooned with badges and collector buttons, and the pièce de résistance... skin-tight yellow and blue Lycra pants. The entire ensemble was a typical Menard eye-straining hodgepodge.

Dressed in look-alike gear, Kin stalwart Seb Pilon did a bang-on impression of Menard power-walking his way through the village with his knapsack on his back, picking up metal scrap for recycling and issuing glad tidings everywhere he goes. A questionable character named Eddie with an unruly mop of hair and severe dental issues took to the stage and attacked



### Dressed to the nines

Dr. Darrell Menard (left) and Mayor Pierre Leroux compare outfits during the roast fundraiser.

Van Dusen photo



### A long wait

Roast organizers depicted Dr. Menard’s waiting room in a hilarious gag using skeletons.

Van Dusen photo

Menard-Don Rickles style. He described himself as one of Menard’s former Queen’s University professors but Kin kingpin Doug Anthony, who seemed to know Eddie intimately, said he was in fact an escapee from a Kingston mental hospital. In thanking the room for all the love directed his way, Menard took the high road; he kept it short and positive, and resisted insulting his antagonists.

## RHS Report

By Meghan Baines  
Student Reporter



### Rolling along

It’s hard to believe it’s December already, bringing with it the holiday excitement and, unfortunately, more of that cold Canadian weather. But it wouldn’t be Christmas without it, right? To celebrate the upcoming holidays, Russell High School is hosting the annual Holiday Talent Show on the last day of school, Dec. 21! Students can still audition their performances tomorrow in the Music Room. Acts can be a maximum of five minutes

each. Good luck! Also, stay tuned for a fun mix of POD activities on the last day before holidays.

Speaking of upcoming performances, RAPA is holding auditions this week at RHS for their new performance *Oliver Twist*, a Dickens classic. The last night to audition is tonight, Dec. 6 and the show will be taking the stage in April. Men, women, boys and girls of all ages are needed so come out and give it a shot! If you are interested but can’t make it tonight, please email RAPA at [auditions@rapa.ca](mailto:auditions@rapa.ca)

Another exciting event here at Russell High School is the upcoming Dodgeball Festival, which is being held on Dec. 7 from 10:15 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Students can sign up as individuals or teams of up to six people, and they can do this through the questionnaire sent to their school email.

That’s all for now. Be good!

# Casselman festival has fun for a good cause

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer  
Record Staff

CASSELMAN — The Casselman Christmas Festival packs loads of Christmas cheer into four days. From Thurs., Nov. 29 until Sun., Dec. 2, there was always something to do throughout the day to help residents get into the Christmas spirit.

This year the festival featured a number of acts which included the vocal group TOCADÉO at the Ste-Euphemie Church on Friday, country artist Guylaine Tanguay on Saturday followed by an 80’s themed dance party, and the Santa Claus Parade to conclude the festival on Sunday evening.

Throughout the weekend, the Christmas market and vendors were open to help residents get some local shopping done before the holidays.

While the festival saw mostly clear weather, the Sunday schedule brought with it some consistent rain during the day. Despite the weather the annual and much anticipated Santa Walk and Run had an outstanding turn out. The walk and run is presented by the Hawkesbury and District General Hospital. Each year, funds raised from the race are directed to the regional centre for mental health and addiction - satellite offices are located in Casselman, Clarence-Rockland and Hawkesbury.

Roughly 300 participants register for the 3.5, five or 10



### A sea of red


Hundreds of participants dressed as Santa Claus registered to run in the annual Casselman Christmas Festival Santa Walk and Run on Sun., Dec. 2.

Sawyer Helmer photo

kilometre race. Their registration includes a free Santa costume including hat and beard. When the race began, the streets of Casselman were a sea of red; no matter who placed first, the real winners are those being helped by the generous donations raised during the event.

### Notice of Thanks

The Royal Canadian Legion, Russell Branch 372 wish to thank the faithful schools, businesses and patrons of Russell, Embrun, Limoges, Vars and Casselman who support our Poppy Campaign each year. With your help and the support of our dedicated volunteers we raised the amount of \$11,831.




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