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Briefly

Christmas gatherings

FINCH - Breakfast with Santa and the Parade of Lights will be entertaining residents all day long with the breakfast hosted by the Finch and District Lions Club held from 8 a.m. to noon and Santa visiting from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Later in the evening, the Santa Claus Parade will begin at 7 p.m. starting at Moran's yard and ending at the recreation centre. After the parade visit with Santa, get some free hot chocolate and treats.

An evening of music

CHESTERVILLE - An evening of Christmas music and a staged reading of How the Grinch Stole Christmas will be performed in Chesterville McCloskeys at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 13 for \$30. The Friday night show has already sold out. A third showing will be held for families at the Old Town Hall in Winchester on Dec. 16 at 2 p.m for \$5. The event is hosted by A Bunch of People Theatre.



A healthy choice is a good choice

Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Correspondent

MORRISBURG - Throughout the year non-perishable food drives for Community Food Share play a vital role in providing food and sundries to those in need throughout North Stormont, North Dundas and South Dundas. These nonperishable food drives include the recently held Stuff A Cruiser, Fill A Bag campaign as well as those held by schools and other community organizations.

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The true meaning of community

Kory Glover

Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN - On July 12, without warning and little answers, a fire erupted in the backyard of the Melki family home; destroying everything and leaving them with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

After a slow incline, Mike Melki says that he and his family are slowly but surely getting back on their feet after purchasing a new home in the area but it's still been tough. Old friends from the Joanne Whittaker School of Dance (JWSD-Evolution) saw their troubles and hosted a fundraiser Sat., Dec. 8 at Township Mountain Agricultural Hall, complete with an hour-long dance show and silent

Madeline Hubbard, assistant teacher with JWSD-Evolution, started the night addressing the crowd, "As most of you know, Mike and Nancy Melki and their four children lost their home and all of their possessions in a fire on July 12.

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An early holiday visit

Christmas came early for the children of the Maple Ridge Community Centre playgroup. Mrs. Claus paid the group a visit the morning of Wed., Dec. 5, playing games, giving hi-fives and making sure they've been good all year round. Pictured with Mrs. Claus, Linken Henrl, Everly Cross and Raymond Cross. Glover photo

Meet North Dundas' seventh council

Korv Glover

Record Staff

WINCHESTER – As the community of North years of service to the community, they welcomed the seventh council in the area's history with open arms.

John Thompson, Tyler Hoy and Gary Annable were officially sworn in as councillors while Al Armstrong, former councillor, was sworn in as deputy mayor and Tony Fraser was inaugurated as the new mayor. However, before the council swore the oath and signed the papers, they were each introduced by close friends.

'Tonight, I get the opportunity to introduce, not only a returning member of North Dundas council but also a good friend," said Fred Bortolussi speaking of Thompson before the inauguration. "I've known him for many years, as a colleague working on different

projects together as a representative of the people of North Dundas and as a friend."

After he was inaugurated, John Thompson expressed Dundas says goodbye to Eric Duncan and his eight his gratitude to the community. "For their support and for their trust in me for another four years and I look forward to serving you once again," he said.

> When introducing him, Jeff Graham recounted Hoy's background of growing up on a dairy farm and how that shaped his work ethic for his newly appointed position.

> "Tyler grew up on a multi-generational dairy farm owned by his mother and father, Gary and Donna Hoy, who wasted no time introducing Tyler to his life as a dairy farmer; which he happily embraced," he said. "For Tyler, the life of a dairy farmer provided him with a sound upbringing based on a good work ethic and an understanding of what it means to be accountable."

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ND council

Continued from the front

Continuing his short and sweet speech-style, Hoy stated that he "looks forward to representing all the residents."

Vince Zandbelt introduced Gary Annable, going over his longstanding role and reputation within the North Dundas community.

"Gary's election signs had the tagline 'Proud to be in North Dundas,' and those six words really do sum up councillor Annable. A lot of us know Gary in different capacities from his Main Street store and from the different committees that he's been on," he said. "He's on our Winchester Downtown Revitalization committee, the Dundas Manor, the United Church, and he was an original member of the BIA in Winchester with Joel Steele. The election results lie, as didn't overwhelming majority of people love Gary's downto-earth common sense approach."

Annable stated that while he did not come into this job with a large agenda, his agenda was simply to "work hard and help bring people and prosperity to the Township of North Dundas; to live, work and play."

With Al Armstrong being such a well known figure in the community, Owen Short wanted to use another approach when introducing Armstrong by describing his work with local sports



The seventh council of North Dundas from the left, councillor Tyler Hoy, councillor John Thompson, Mayor Tony Fraser, councillor Gary Annable and deputy mayor Al Armstrong. Glover photo

that others may have not known about.

"I think it was 24 years ago I met [Armstrong] on my front yard, this big guy came across the street where I was standing and all he said was 'Hi, my name is Al and we're your new neighbours.' That folks, was the shortest sentence and fewest words he's ever said since," he said jokingly. "Al moved here from Ottawa but he quickly became a local by coaching baseball, sitting as a minor hockey executive, and being a driving force behind Winchester sports, he jumped into the Winchester Hawks executive and was part of the team that brought the last junior championship

Al Armstrong echoed everyone else's thoughts, saying that he would like to thank his family for being beside him every step of the

"They have been beside me and behind me in helping me through social media, to be an active part as the next generation is coming along," he said jokingly. "My lovely wife, I thank you; on top of all the other stuff to be with someone like me, with the election and stress, I don't know what you did wrong in an earlier life but I thank you."

Lastly, Bill Smirle was given the task of introducing the new mayor of North Dundas by briefly summarizing Tony Fraser's history within the county that has prepared him for the next four years.

"Tony was educated and worked in North Dundas, participating in activities here as a player, coach, organizer, announcer and a fan. Tony has volunteered in many ways, but one of the most important ones was that he was a volunteer firefighter in the Winchester

division, where he served in various roles including firefighter, officer, deputy chief and acting chief," he said. "I got to know Tony through the SD&G Fire Department Mutual Aid Association a long time ago. After amalgamation in 1997, I observed his strengths first hand when we worked together on the very first North Dundas Fire Prevention committee. Over the last 20 years, Tony has successfully been involved in many very responsible positions including the last eight years as a municipal councillor."

Fraser took the time to thank the staff of the Township of North Dundas for helping him better understand how township is run.

"I have worked with most of you for eight years and it has been a joy to come in on a daily basis, meeting with you and visiting you and having you



Gary Annable dotted the i's and crossed the t's as the council's highest-voted member from the municipal election. Glover photo



Tyler Hoy was officially sworn in as a new member to the council, stating that he was looking forward to serving the people for the next term. Glover photo

helping me along the way to better understand the innerworkings of the township," he said.

> ended Fraser the

thanking ceremony everyone for coming out, stating that he "looks forward to serving everyone for the next four years."

Letter

Extreme low water levels

Throughout the summer of 2018, residents, business owners, tourists and the local ecosystem of the areas surrounding Lake St. Lawrence have been plagued by the extreme low water levels due to the prescribed actions outlined in The International Joint Commission's (IJC) Plan 2014.

The result of continued low water levels in Lake St. Lawrence will have extreme negative effects on the local ecosystem, including several species of fish, turtles, birds and northern wood mammals, such as beavers, deer, porcupines and others. Wetland areas that provide filtration for runoff, flood retention and provide shelter and food for wildlife will be altered and cause significant negative

effects. The economic impact of continued low water levels in the area cannot be overstated, as local businesses and tourist attractions rely heavily on adequate water levels for recreational boaters, beach goers, divers, anglers, etc.

Without adequate water levels, the critical tourism industry for the area will plummet, resulting in loss of business and jobs in the area.

Furthermore, the economic impact will be felt on local residents whose property values can be negatively affected by continued low water levels in Lake St. Lawrence.

Perhaps most importantly, the low water levels have presented many grave safety concerns, particularly throughout the St. Lawrence Seaway where a number of obstacles below the water, including foundations, tree stumps and other objects now present dangerous, protruding or near-surface obstacles that can cause serious damage to shipping vessels and recreational boats, and serious injury or death to passengers.

The Township of South Stormont and Municipality of South Dundas, their partners, residents and business community ask for your support in encouraging the IJC to undertake an extensive review of the issues experienced as a result of continuous low water levels in Lake St. Lawrence and ensure that better operating measures are put in place to maintain acceptable water levels. Many important economic, ecological and quality of life

standards need to be addressed with an exhaustive consultation with the public, provincial and federal governments, affected municipal governments, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Conservation Authorities, The St. Lawrence River Board of Control, the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, Ontario Power Generation and U.S. counterparts.

We thank you for your support in finding a suitable resolution to this important issue.

Evonne Delegarde and Jim Brownell

Editors note: This letter was presented to the International St. Lawrence River Board during a meeting with Mayor Bryan McGillis, Mayor Steven Byvelds, UCP commissioner Brent Sommerville, Chrysler Marina manager Tim Robins, Moulinette Island Association president Frank Hummell, Hoople Bay resident Karen Mortimer and Cliff Steinburg.





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Test your generator and have a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas

from Council & Staff



Continued from the front Together, being here tonight, buying 50/50 tickets and participating in the silent auction, we hope to truly help this family get back on their feet."

Melki family

"The past few months have not been very pleasant. I certainly wouldn't wish it on anyone, but the way the community, our friends and everyone has stepped up for us, it's just phenomenal," said Melki.

After the night wrapped up, JWSD-Evolution was able to raise a total of \$4,114 for the Melki Family.

This total includes a raffle that was held at the beginning of November, raising \$845 and Mabel's Labels that were sold through the studio's fundraiser link (through September and October) raised an extra \$73.

Thea Sanders, organizer of the fundraiser and Evolution, said that she in the Mountain area, we and Melki have known each other for years and even used to dance together when Sanders' mother owned the studio. At the moment, Melki is drawing up designs for a new dance studio that is being planned for a 2019 grand opening.

"Our plan is to build a new dance studio so that we have more than one room. which we're operating out of at the moment," said JWSD- Sanders. "The studio will be have some plans in the works but they're taking a little longer than anticipated."

Melki added, "I've been working on it on and off since the beginning of the year, I need a few answers before I can continue. I know Thea [Sanders'] goal is dance season, so next fall, but there is a process of getting the plans done, submitted and get an approval before you can even break ground."



Dance your heart out

JWSD-Evolution hosted a fundraiser for the Melki Family, who lost their home in a fire this past July. The dance studio put on an hour-long show, with over 20 different performers.

South Stormont council holds inaugural meeting

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

Record Correspondent

LONG SAULT – An estimated crowd of 100 people filled the South Stormont council chambers in Long Sault as the inaugural meeting of the newly elected municipal council was held on Wed., Dec. 5.

Mayor Bryan McGillis, deputy mayor Dave Smith, councillors Andrew Guindon, Jennifer MacIsaac and Cindy Woods entered council chambers to "Canon in D Major" composed by Johann Pacheble and performed on the keyboard by local musician Tammy McRae, sister of McGillis.

The meeting opened with the singing of "O Canada", followed by an invocation from Father Rory MacDonald of St. Andrew's Parish. Members of council then took their Declaration of Office administered by director of Corporate services/clerk Loriann Harbers with their hands placed upon the Holy Bible held by retired OPP Sgt. B. Eadie.

Following the presentation of the Chain of Office to Mayor McGillis, SDSG MP Guy Lauzon and politicians from many municipalities in SDG expressed their congratulations and best wishes to the incoming council. Lauzon congratulated the new council, expressing his admiration for the work performed for their communities by municipal politicians, while South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelds commented on the close relationship between the two municipalities which comprise the Upper Canada Region.

Following comments from Guindon, MacIsaac, Woods and Smith, Mayor McGillis gave his inaugural address during which he stated how it is "an honour and a privilege" to serve the people of South Stormont and he is looking forward to working with council. He congratulated those who were successful in the recent municipal elections and thanked all who sought a seat on council for their participation in the democratic process. He concluded his comments by saying the council will carry out their duties to ensure South Stormont continues to grow.

As the inaugural meeting of the new South Stormont council concluded with comments from residents and the singing of the royal anthem, a small reception was held where residents could visit with the council that would serve their community for the next four years.



Serving together

The recently elected municipal council of South Stormont are pictured shortly after taking their Declaration of Office. Front from left, deputy mayor Dave Smith and Mayor Bryan McGillis. Back from left, councillors Jennifer MacIssac, Andrew Guindon and Cindy Woods. Thompson Goddard photo



South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis is shown taking the Declaration of Office administered by Loriann Harbers, South Stormont director of corporate services/clerk Loriann Harbers with his hand placed upon the Bible held by retired OPP Sgt. B. Eadie.
Thompson Goddard photo

Community Food Share

Continued from the front

In addition to canned or non-perishable food items, there is also a constant need for perishable foods such as fresh fruit and vegetables. CFS executive director Ian McKelvie explained, "everyone deserves healthy and nutritious food choices" and last January the CFS began a Healthy Choices program based upon recommendations provided to the organization by a dietician from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

These recommendations included increasing the amount of milk, cheese, yogurt as well as fresh fruit and vegetables provided to CFS patrons. The institution of the Healthy Choices program had an immediate impact on the food budget of the CFS as these items were generally not donated but had to be purchased, especially during the winter season; leading to a greater need for money by the organization.

When asked about the uses for cash donations McKelvie replied, "We use the cash to buy perishables that aren't usually donated - milk, cheese bread, meat, fresh produce, yogurt, eggs." He explained cash donations enable the CFS to buy in bulk which reduces cost, replaces milk powder with fresh milk to their clients and provides frozen vegetables which allows for better portion control.

While many organizations and individuals currently make cash donations to the CFS, he expressed concern about the future of Healthy Choices program because of the cost associated with it. For those who wish to make a cash donation to CFS, McKelvie explained, "donations may be made online at communityfoodshare.ca, mailed to PO Box 32, Winchester Ont. K0C 2K0 or dropped off in person during office hours at one of two locations in Winchester and Morrisburg."

More information on Community Food Share and its programs can be found on their website at www.communityfoodshare.ca.







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Letter

Thank you

The Editor,

On behalf of the North Dundas Parade of Lights committee, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who helped make this year's parade day one of the best ones yet. It takes months to plan this event, but it takes you-both parade participants and spectators alike—to make it a success.

Thank you to all the businesses and community organizations who participated in the Vendor and Trade Show and in the parade. Thanks to Shawn Brownlee for doing a great job of emceeing the parade from the main corner. As always, we are grateful to the community organizations and businesses who offer dinners and refreshments on parade day; to those who opened their doors and parking lots to spectators during the parade, the Legion for hosting its annual after party, and the North Dundas Night at the Moovies for hosting a movie following the parade. Thank you also to the volunteers who lent a hand on parade day.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our sponsors, and for them we are truly thankful.

We are always amazed at the effort and creativity that goes into the floats every year, and this year was no exception. We had 55 floats this year. Choosing winners for our float contest is never an easy task, but it's one our planning committee takes seriously. Floats are judged on creativity, originality, effort and detail.

Here are this year's float category winners: Best Overall: Heritage House Health Spa Honourable Mention: Spa 2 Go / JWSD Evolution Best Business Float: Cross Construction Honourable Mention: Whitetail Construction Best Non-Profit Float: Winchester Timberwolves / **Explorers**

Honourable Mention: Winchester Legion

Most Lights: D's Collision Centre

Honourable Mention: NDDHS Senior Concert Band Best Agricultural Float: Agri-Partners Crop Centre

Honourable Mention: Tibben Farms Inc. People's Choice Award: Morewood Recreation Association

Honourable Mention: Gasser Ag Services

Most Original: Winchester Legion

Honourable Mention: North Dundas Fire Department, Winchester

Best Animal Float: Capital Cowgirls

Honourable Mention: Lia's Minis

Float winners receive a gift basket with food and other items from local businesses. Congratulations to all our winners.

I am very grateful for the dedication and hard work of my fellow parade committee members, Brianne Scott and Matthew Roy. As always, Martha Malatesta did a wonderful job planning and coordinating the Vendor and Trade Show.

Of course, what's a Santa Claus parade without the Jolly Old Elf himself? Thank you, Santa, for taking time from your busy schedule to take part in our event.

And last but not least, thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the Vendor and Trade Fair and the 22nd Annual North Dundas Parade of Lights. You're the reason we do this. We look forward to seeing all of you again next year.

Merry Christmas!

Sandy Burns Chair and treasurer, **North Dundas Parade of Lights committee**

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CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Hail Haliburton!

Rarely have I gazed upon a building that blended so well with its surroundings as Haliburton School of Art and Design, a campus of Fleming College.

The last leg of the drive to the campus is over a gravel road through a section of the Haliburton Highlands to the shores of Head Lake. You come upon the low-rise, long, greyhued school in what amounts to a large forest glade; it almost looks as if the building was formed by nature like the rocky outcroppings surrounding it.

Inside, it's all heavy wooden beam, stone, exposed infrastructure, and wide vistas through tall glass; a central corridor winds its way past various workshops and studios, with a mountain lodge-style common area complete with fireplace anchoring one end.

Why have I suddenly become fascinated with a somewhat obscure college campus 3.5 hours west of Ottawa in what is basically a summer recreation destination? It's because my daughter Victoria, 28, always searching for the next adventure, has landed there. My immediate reaction when I visited for the first time was: Where do I sign up? I'm seriously thinking about combining a week-long Fleming summer course with a Haliburton holiday.

Victoria is personality type that can't quite settle and has taken a stab at various educational options, jobs, and travels inside and outside Canada. Somehow she came up with the Haliburton program and enrolled in the fall. She found a room with a woman who owns a big chunk of Highlands and she lives there partly in return for caring for the horses and donkeys. A passionate animal lover, that's right up Victoria's alley.

I didn't get around to visiting her and Haliburton for the first time until this weekend. What a scenic treat? I'm not sure why I never got to that part of Ontario before but it wasn't on my radar; with Victoria going to Fleming, I now have a reason to make it a repeat destination.

From Ottawa, the drive from Russell is to Ottawa, west to Renfrew, then on to Bancroft and finally Haliburton Village 45 minutes further along; the route was a winter wonderland all the way, a relaxing drive on a weatherfriendly Saturday. To change it up, on the way back I went to Madoc south of Bancroft and east on Highway 7 to Perth, Smiths Falls and on to Russell. Not nearly as scenic and takes a little longer!

Bordering Algonquin Park to the north, a cluster of communities strung seasonal population.

through Haliburton County including charming Haliburton Village depend on outdoor recreation, cottagers, and general tourism as economic generators. At some point, the region was discovered by vagabond artists and musicians and presence is felt even at this time of year in studios, galleries, and concerts.

We attended an Open Stage Sunday night at the local museum, put on by the Haliburton County Folk Society. Once again, it was right up Victoria's alley. She's an accomplished singer looking for likeminded locals with whom to jam regularly and she found them Sunday night.

In a masterful decision on building placement, the museum backs onto the same park in the woods that Fleming College fronts on the opposite side. In keeping with the toney atmosphere, behind the college and tying into the park is a "sculpture forest" displaying eclectic mix of large creations.

The ratio of Haliburton County properties occupied solely in summer to those occupied yearround is about three to one; in addition to tourism, local employment such sectors as construction and retail caters largely to the



One of those service providers is architect Hugh Taylor, who with wife Pamela Marsales, abandoned the Toronto high life many years ago for a home in the Haliburton Hills they call Wildwood Farm. We stayed in their large, rustic, comfortable AirBnB room at \$70 a night, sharing wine and chat on one of our two evenings there.

Hugh has made a living designing waterfront mansions for the summer residency crowd, playing trumpet and coronet in local bands on the side... a great gig if you can get it! Both are deeply involved in the regional artistic community, Hugh with his musicmaking, and Pamela in some of the relevant causes and organizations.

When they discuss retirement, there's no thought of returning to the bright lights of the big city. It's all about building a smaller home on some of the 300 acres of forested Highlands they own, about remaining in God's country where the pace is gentler... and so are the people.

The Road Home

Remembered forever

by Carolyn Thompson Goddard

Memories are a wonderful thing, that can take you back to times, places and people who have seemed to have disappeared forever. I grew up at the end of King Street near the tracks, on what Mom called the only round corner in Chesterville. For 18 years I walked or skipped down that street in all kinds of weather. Through rain, snow, sleet, sunshine, humidity and wind storms I went on my excursions becoming familiar with all the buildings which became the background to my life. I knew most of the people whose houses I passed on my way to adventure and as I drive down the residential portion of the street (even though they are no longer living there) I see them in my heart's eye waving to me or perhaps telling me to hurry up because the 5 o'clock whistle had just blown; and Mom was waiting for me to arrive home.

Moving down to the commercial portion of the street, I remember the office of (I believe) the owners of the car garage across the street. Across Oueen Street lived Mr. Bigelow with his Rexall drug store which I visited on many occasions to purchase a comic book, pick up a prescription or perhaps a birthday gift for Mom for Daddy. Continuing down, I recall the Co-op

building and the office, then Laflamme's Grocery, Coyne Hardware followed by a stone building where my brother Eric had an electrical store next to the butcher. The Record building which housed the Record and for a long time P.J. Gilroy's Jewelry Store. The block where Louis' Restaurant is now located had the Beamish store, another commercial establishment and of course a restaurant. We must remember the stone building which housed Fulton's Grocery and Hardware.

If I were to travel back to my home, crossing King at the intersection of Main (being very careful because in those days it wasn't a four way stop) I would first encounter the beautiful Bank of Nova Scotia building with its wonderful steps, where generations of youth sat and pondered their future on a warm summer's night and where a little girl plunked herself down and refused to move (despite the pleadings of her mother) until she wasn't tired anymore. Next to this was a very mysterious building, the Bell building (still have no idea what the inside of it looked like then), Western Tire (where many Christmas gifts were purchased and where on Friday night we could enjoy some of Liscomb's wonderful French fries), followed by Mac's Barbershop (where Mom took me inside while she had an intense conversation with Leonard Shane who was waiting in the barber chair for his haircut), the pool hall (which sadly I was never allowed to enter but could get some candy in the store portion and wave to my brothers through the serving window as they played pool); then the home of a friend whose father owned the car dealership (where Dad bought his new car after every election as school trustee), followed by an apartment building, then across Queen Street was the garage where Mr. Miltimore worked and then the residential buildings on King began once again.

Most of the commercial buildings which I passed as a youngster growing up have either changed considerably or are gone today. I have a painting of the commercial portion of King Street which was painted by local artist Eileen Sharkey which helps to remind my heart of this important part of my heritage; but in fact is only a reminder because these buildings and the people who worked and lived within their four walls are deeply ingrained within my memory and my mind. As I pass by the vacant lots or renovated buildings on my street I see the people, their stores and the businesses in my mind's eye and I suspect it will be the same way for others who lived during that time. Gone but not forgotten, forever remembered.





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- Village Streets

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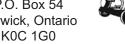


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Dundas celebrates producers at DSCIA meeting

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer

Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association (DSCIA) held their annual general meeting in Chesterville at the Legion on Thurs., Dec. 6.

After getting membership fees and business out of the way, Dundas producers were met with a full day of speakers updating the crowd on the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA), workplace and road safety, test plots and the 2018 bus trip.

After a hot lunch of turkey and roast beef, Robert Byvelds began the ceremony for the annual award presentations.

The High Yield competition awards were presented by Garry Brugmans. Brugmans joked with the crowd that this was the first year of presenting the awards that he placed and was happy to receive third place with a yield of 218.42 bushels per acre. In second place, James and Dan Byvelds at Nation Vale Farms had a yield of 229.5 bushels per acre. In first place was Tyler Hoy with 235.33 bushel per acre.

Forage Masters Awards were presented to Yolanda Farms and Ron Toonders in third place, Westergreen Farms and John and Martin Westervelt in second place and Tibben Farms and Mark Tibben in first place.

Also on the list to recognize were the winners of the 2018 Award of Merit - Archie Mellan, Innovative Farmer of the Year - Warren, Rhonda and Arden Schneckenburger and Farmer of the Year - Eric and Christine Van Den Broek.

Robert Byvelds explained, Mellan has lived on the family farm for his whole life. He is also heavily involved in agricultural organizations in Dundas including working as director and president of the holstein club and director of Dundas Farm Safety. He was also a member of the Matilda recreation Township committee.

Byvelds continued that Mellan's inauguration as councillor for South Dundas for a third term is, "motivated by a real desire to contribute to his community. He felt that by running for public office was the best way to give back, help shape and move South Dundas forward. Archie believes that there was and to a certain extent, still is a feeling that the rural community is somewhat overlooked and his presence at the council



Dundas strong

Pictured from left, Robert Byvelds, Innovative Farmer(s) of the Year Rhonda and Warren Schneckenburger, Award of Merit winner Archie Mellan, Farmer of the Year Eric and Christine Van Den Broek, and DSCIA president Michael Roosendaal. Not pictured, Arden Schneckenburger.

Sawyer Helmer photo

table would help balance the wants and needs of all South Dundas."

For his continuous work to better agriculture and the lives of producers in Dundas, Byvelds was happy to present Mellan with the Award of Merit.

Byvelds went on to present Warren Schneckenburger and his parents Rhonda and Arden Schneckenburger with the Innovative Farmer(s) of the Year award. Byvelds told crowd that Schneckenburger has been active in making the move on his farm to more sustainable practices by using strip-till or no-till on 80 per cent of his acres and investing in new technology. By using these management practices, Schneckenburger is not only being conscious of his environmental impact but acts as a positive example for producers.

Finally, Byvelds presented the Farmer of the Year award. This award was presented to Eric and Christine Van Den Broek of Crebroek Holsteins just west of Winchester. The farm was originally purchased by Henry and Cora Van Den Broek in 1959. Over the years, after Eric returned and married Christine, the farm grew to 350 acres with a 60 stall dairy barn. Byvelds told the crowd that production on the farm is "very impressive" at 36 kilograms with 4.2 per cent fat and 3.4 per cent protein.

The couple has also been active in the agricultural community. "Eric served as director for EBI/ Eastgen, Dundas Soil and Crop, Ontario DHI, Dundas milk committee and Dundas Holstein club where he is currently president. He has been a 4-H leader in Dundas for 10 years including two years as president of the



Field success

High Corn Yield competition winners from 2018 were presented with their prizes at the DSCIA annual meeting in Chesterville. From left, second place winner Nation Vale Farms' Jim Byvelds, first place Tyler Hoy and third place Brugline Farms' Garry Brugmans.

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association," said Byvelds.

"Both Eric and Christine are very active members of The Gathering House Church in Chesterville and Christine has also found time to be a 4-H leader, to be the 4-H executive membership coordinator for two years and act as board member and fundraising

chair for Timothy Christian School. She has also served as secretary for the board of Timmy's Place and RCHS transportation committee secretary," Byvelds explained.

With such dedication to the agricultural community, Byvelds was glad to present the couple with their award.

Obituary

(nee Gagan)

Peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday December 7, 2018. Cathy Lalonde age 58 of Finch. Loving and best friend for 41 years to Chris Lalonde. Dearly loved daughter of Robert (late Dolores) Gagan. Cherished Mom of James (Jennifer), Heather Wicks (late Adam) Clinton Baker and Laura Lalonde (Mike Hart) Pelayad Crandona of

Hart). Beloved Grandma of
Logan, Mason & Everett Lalonde;
Paisley, Haylie and Makinley Wicks. Dear
sister of David (Cathy) Gagan, Suzanne
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the late Carol Dixon. By Cathy's request
Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will
be held at her daughter – Heather Wicks' home 3328
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Local author writes first book

Kory Glover Record Staff

FINCH - Avonmore local, Annette McRae's first book, Odds and Sods is now officially available for purchase, she is currently in the middle of a local book tour and signing throughout Dundas County.

"Odds and Sods is a collection of short stories of fact, fiction, poetry, with many coloured photographs, a couple of recipes and even a children's story and exerpts from when I wrote for the The Royal Roots," said McRae. "So, it really is what it's called, just some odds and sods."

McRae continued that "The book comes in at about 200 pages, most of the stories would be between

two and four pages, some a little longer, some shorter."

McRae has belonged to a writers group who came up with various topics for stories every couple of weeks. Everyone would then read their contribution.

"The fellow members of the group would say, 'Oh Annette, you should publish a book, you should put them together in a book', enough times that finally I said, "You know what? Why not'," she said. "And to put photographs in there as well, that means a lot to me because they're my photos. It feels really positive for me to be able to illustrate my own stories with my own photographs."

Many of the stories that McRae wrote are very

personal to her because they are fictionalized stories based on events that happened in her life.

'Some of them resonate to me because they have actually happened," she said. "However, the short stories that I've written that are fictional, I re-read later and think, 'Wow, where did that come from, that's very interesting.' I find it a nice book to read and find different things in it, it's pretty amazing to me."

McRae has had book signings at Sweet Clover Flowers & Gifts in Finch and The Village Green Flower Shop in Ingleside. The final book signing will be held at The Planted Arrow in Winchester from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.



First publication

Annette McRae wrote her first book comprised of short stories, both fictional and non-fictional. McRae got the idea of writing a book from a writers group she's apart of. They encouraged her to do so after sharing story ideas with each other.

Glover photo

Lots of warmth at Christmas Tree Lighting in Morewood

Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Correspondent

MOREWOOD - Despite the very chilly weather, there was no shortage of Christmas wishes and warm feelings as people gathered at Veteran's View Park in Morewood for the second annual lighting of the Christmas Tree and an opportunity to sing Christmas carols with friends and neighbours on

Morewood Recreation Association volunteer Erin Kapcala was kept busy during the evening, making sure everyone who wished received a complimentary cup of delicious hot chocolate courtesy of AA Landscaping. Kapcala

thanked The Township of North Dundas and BMR Winchester for their sponsorship of the lights which adorn the trees in the park, with a thank you to EC Carruthers employees for their assistance in decorating the park on the Morewood RA Facebook According to page. information on the Township of North Dundas website, the Morewood Recreation Association received "a \$400 Community Grant for the purchase of Christmas lights and decorations for Veteran's View Park".

North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser attended the tree lighting ceremony and commented by email to the Chesterville Record his appreciation of the work performed by members of the Morewood Recreation Association and community volunteers "to ensure that both young and old had an opportunity to celebrate the coming holiday and Christmas season with their neighbours, family and friends." He expressed his appreciation for the "commitment demonstrated by the RA" which "speaks to the strength and commitment of all of the volunteers in North Dundas and for that, I am truly grateful"

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As the Christmas lights on the large evergreen were lit, people were in awe of the beautiful sight before them and were able to enter a draw for a gift basket by answering the number of bulbs used. While Mayor Fraser didn't enter the contest, he estimated approximately 1,500 lights were strung on the tree. The beauty of the seasonal decorations became apparent. The lights will continue to illuminate Veteran's View Park though

December and January.



North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser receives a cup of hot chocolate from Morewood RA volunteer Erin Kapcala during the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony held in Veteran's View Park on Dec. 7.

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The beauty of the decorations at the Veteran's View Park in Morewood were enjoyed by the residents who gathered to celebrate the season with a tree lighting ceremony, refreshments and a community sing-a-long of Christmas favourites.

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Optimist Club hosts breakfast with Santa in Crysler

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer Record Staff

CRYSLER – The Crysler Optimist Club hosted their annual Breakfast with Santa at the community centre on Sun., Dec. 9. The morning event brought in roughly 150 adults and 40 children to visit with the guest of honour, Saint Nick himself.

Optimist Club president Dan O'Connell said the event raised roughly \$2,000 for the club which will be used for the many programs and as donations within the community. "Everything we earn goes back into the community," said O'Connell.

In order to achieve such success O'Connell said there were about 15 dedicated volunteers who helped make and serve breakfast, set-up, take down, man tables and were involved in the event.

The Optimist Club has been in Crysler since 1998. Each year it hosts a number of events and works with

other organizations like the Girl Guides and École élémentaire catholique Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire who were raising funds at the breakfast for the foodbank. O'Connell explained that the Optimist Club enjoys

Working together

Some of the volunteers from the Crysler Optimist Club took the time out of serving breakfast for a quick photo. Front from left, Line Krieger and Bella Krieger with her service dog. Back from left, Don O'Connell, Alain Leduc, Nicole Paquette and Chantal DesRosiers.

Sawyer Helmer photo

working with other local partners to bring awareness to all the worthy causes in the village.

O'Connell who is also the recreation coordinator was pleased to announce during the event that Crysler would be starting a baseball league in the village once again,

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Andrée-Ann Gagnon and
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Helping hands

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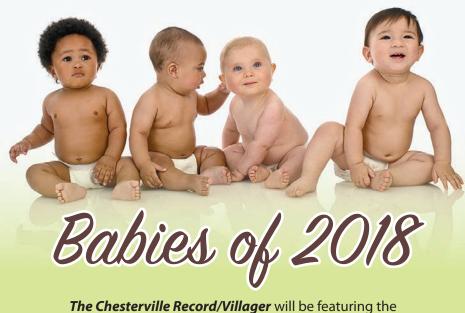
Kory Glover Record Staff

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Festive air at turkey dinner

Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Correspondent

LONG SAULT – During the Dec. 5 turkey dinner hosted by the Ingleside-Long Sault-Lost Villages Lions Club at the South Stormont Community Centre in Long Sault, club president Lion Sharon Potvin presented a cheque for \$500 to Dakota Vandeglind a representative of the Long Sault Fire Fighters' Association.

and activities

Potvin noted the money was raised through the monthly suppers hosted by the ILSLV Lions Club and was "very pleased with the support from the community and being able to provide funds to such a worthy cause" such as the Food Basket Drive in Long Sault organized by the Long Sault Fire Fighters' Association.

Vandeglind explained that on Sun., Dec. 16 (the final firefighters will be collecting donations from Long Sault residents in either fire trucks or personal vehicles. Vandeglind suggested that if residents wished, donations could be left on front porches for volunteers to collect.

day for the food drive),

Electrical safety important as holidays approach

SOUTH DUNDAS -South Dundas Fire and Emergency Services (SDFES) would like to remind the public about electrical safety.

"During the holidays, it can be very tempting to plug multiple decorations into extension cords," explains Cameron Morehouse, director of Fire and Emergency Services. "This can overload circuits and create overheating, potentially resulting in a

According to Statistics Canada, electrical distribution was the second leading cause of structural loss in Ontario between 2012-2016.

Chief Morehouse has provided key tips on keeping houses electrical safe this holiday season:

- Replace damaged electrical products (including cords, plugs and ornaments);
- Avoid plugging too lights decorations into an outlet. Overloaded circuits can overheat and start a fire;
- Buy holiday decorations that have the mark of an accredited certification agency on the package;
- Don't run extension cords under carpets, through doorways or in places where they can be damaged by furniture;
- Keep an eye on pets that may chew or damage electrical cords.



Turkey dinner donation

South Stormont Fire Station firefighter Dakota Vandeglind was pleased to accept a cheque for \$500 from the Ingleside-Long Sault-Lost Villages Lions Club on behalf of the Long Sault Fire Fighters' Association. Thompson Goddard photo



Festive Breakfast in Long Sault

Lion Gerry Potvin, past president of the Ingleside-Long Sault-Lost Villages Lions Club was pleased with the turnout at the annual Breakfast with Santa held on Dec. 9 at the South Stormont Community Hall in Long Sault. Potvin estimated about 70 diners of all ages attended the event which featured a complete pancake breakfast, the opportunity to have your picture taken with the Jolly Old Elf himself and purchase a ticket on a draw for two gift baskets. Faith Wiebe held the winning ticket for the girl's gift basket while Shyla Holmes won the boy's gift basket. From the left, Lion Helper Sharon Gervais, Lion Gerry Potvin, Santa Claus, Lion Terry Davis, Lion Sandra Latulippe, Sandra Donnelly and Cathy Coffey pose for a photo as the breakfast concluded. Thompson Goddard photo

NDDHS Report By Ashley Wheeler **Student Council Communications** Winter sports

With last week being the first week of December, students are getting excited for the Christmas break. However, the students and staff have other activities to attend to before the long-awaited break. Many students participated in various sports last week, such as hockey, curling, basketball and volleyball. On Mon., Dec. 3, the girls' hockey team played two successful games against Tagwi and La Citadelle. The Devils won with a score of 1-0 against Tagwi and 3-2 against La Citadelle. Well done, girls!

The next day, Tues., Dec. 4, the Senior boys' basketball team played a home game against Tagwi, losing on ND ground with a score of 50-21. Better luck next time, boys!

The boys' hockey team won both of their games on Wed., Dec. 5 against Seaway and La Citadelle. They had a close game against Seaway, winning 2-1, and an early lead against La Citadelle, winning 5-1. Congratulations to Ben Fingler for getting a hat trick. Great job last week, boys!

Also, on Wednesday, the Junior and Senior girls' volleyball teams played against St. Joes and L'Heritage. The Junior girls successfully won against both opposing teams, while the Senior girls weren't as lucky. Sadly, they lost both games. Tomorrow, Thurs., Dec. 13, the Junior and Senior girls are back in action. We wish you girls luck!

The curling teams had their first game of the season on Thurs., Dec. 6. Our boys' team placed first in the A division. Our two girls' teams also won their divisions, Team Cave winning the A division, and Team Cooper winning the B division. All three teams move on to regionals!

On Wed., Dec. 5, we had our first dance of the year. We had some issues with lack of interest in dances last year, but luckily, we had more interest this year! The glow dance was a success! North Dundas thanks all students in attendance, staff who supervised, and student volunteers. O'Grams are now on sale and have been since Monday (Dec. 10). Come outside of guidance at lunch and purchase your O'Grams for \$2.

Pin Tales

Stormont Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Elaine Duke Justin 37, 3 G's 36, Bechy's Babes 33, SHAT 33. 219; Ladies' High Triple, Rejeanne Sanders 574. Team Standings: Elaine 133, Hilda 131, Susan 129, Judy 105, Pat Ladies' High Triple, Leslie VanBruinessen 656; Men's High Average, Matt Hartle 219; Ladies' High Single, Pat

Monday Men's: Men's High Single, Matt Bird 355; Men's High Triple, Matt Bird 829; Men's High Average, Marc Robinson 250. Team Standings: East-Ont 68, A-Team 61, Alley Cats 58, Country Boys 45.5, Raiders 44, Alley Rats 35.5.

Tuesday Afternoon Mixed: Men's High Single, John Brisson 246; Men's High Triple, John Brisson 646; Ladies' High Single, Sandra Bloom 204; Ladies' High Triple, Sandra Bloom 568. Team Standings: Love 112.5, Faith 104.5, Charity 88, Hope 85.

Defenders: Men's High Single, Ossie Linton 270; Men's High Triple, Ossie Linton 642; Ladies' High Single, Sharon Ziebarth 229; Ladies' High Triple, Sharon Ziebarth 557. Team Standings: OLD 138, Glendon 129.5, Brian 113.5, Andy 105.5, Peanut Gallery 94.5.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Dorothy Thomas 196; Ladies' High Triple, Mary Osborne 471. Team Standings: Lorna A 154.5, Dianna 152.5, Mary 149.5, Carol 141, Pat 122.5.

Finch Mixed: Men's High Single, Colin Sanders 303; Men's High Triple, Colin Sanders 728; Men's High Average, Noel Lalonde 227; Ladies' High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 257; Ladies' High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 699; Ladies' High Average, Isabelle Bissonnette 213. Team Standings: The Better Justin's 62, SAMJC 49, The Other

Fawcett 614. Team Standings: Inge's Pickers 39, Kim's Dreamcatchers 38, Carolyn's Empty Bottles 35, Kathy's Empty Buckets 35, Anita"s Highrollers 33, Connie's Roadrunners 30.

Thursday Seniors: Men's High Single, Bas VanWinden 215; Men's High Triple, Bas VanWinden 532; Ladies' High Single, Diny Meulenbroek 184; Ladies' High Triple, Diny Meulenbroek 456.

Avonmore Mixed: Ladies' High Single, Leslie VanBruinessen 269; Ladies' High Triple, Leslie VanBruinessen 624; Men's High Single, Frank Jerome 257; Men's High Triple, Frank Jerome 624. Team Standings: Dynamic Magentas 153, Majestic Blues 139, Cherry Reds 137, Totally Blacks 134, Whispering Whites 128.5, Yellow Grooves 127.5.

Les Dynamiques: Men's High Single, Pierre Briere 252; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 663; Ladies' High Single, Rejeanne Lefebvre 228; Ladies' High Triple, Rejeanne Lefebvre 591.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men's High Single, Danny Holmes 298; Men's High Triple, Danny Holmes 737; Ladies' High Single, Carolyn Munro 212; Ladies' High Triple, Carolyn Munro 569. Team Standings: Moonshiners 148, John's Roadies 146, Western Stars 139.5, Top Dawgs 138.5, Outlaws 126.5, Desperado's 120.5.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men's High Single, Matt Matilda: Ladies' High Single, Brenda Cook 258; Hartle 304; Men's High Triple, Matt Hartle 848; Men's High Single, Brent Fawcett 276; Men's High Triple, Brent Middleton 173; Ladies' High Triple, Pat Middleton 476; Ladies' High Average, Pat Middleton 176. Team Standings: Team Ramrod 142, Henry's Team 139, Pink Ladies 132, Lucky Strings 124, Team BADD 117, Sunny Dayz 114.

Youth Bowling Canada

YBC Peewees: Girl's High Single, Robin Sanders 121; Girl's High Double, Robin Sanders 207; Boy's High Single, Ephram Heuff 109; Boy's High Double, Loric Erratt 197. Team Standings: Sharks 78.5, Kings 65, Bruins 60.5, Leafs

YBC Bantams: Girl's High Single, Annika Michaud 201; Girl's High Double, Annika Michaud 305; Boy's High Single, Luke Bradley 129; Boy's High Double, Jakob Fowler 251. Team Standings: Blackhawks 104.5, Flames 98, Red Wings 89.5, Coyotes 88, Avalanche 86, Rangers

YBC Juniors: Girl's High Single, Caroline Sanders 164; Girl's High Triple, Caroline Sanders 432; Boy's High Single, Alex Robinson 150; Boy's High Triple, Sylvain Gagne 277. Team Standings: Sabers 66, Senators 51.

YBC Seniors: Girl's High Single, Alayna Gaudette 198; Girl's High Triple, Alayna Gaudette 536; Boy's High Single, Matthew Ridge 245; Boy's High Triple, Matthew Ridge 593. Team Standings: Panthers 78, Canucks 71.5, Flyers 68.5.







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Rockets snuff inferno, shot down by Jets

Jeff Moore

Record Staff

CARP-The North Dundas Rockets played two games this past weekend as they welcomed the Metcalfe Jets on Saturday night and travelled to Carp on Sunday night to take on the West Carleton Inferno.

Rockets 8 Inferno 4

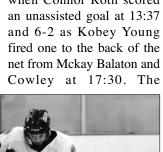
The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the W. Erskine Johnston Arena in Carp to take on the West Carleton Inferno on Sun., Dec. 9, in the NCJHL. The Rockets were coming off an upset loss to the Metcalfe Jets the previous night falling eight points behind the South Grenville Rangers, after the Rangers defeated the Morrisburg Lions in their previous game.

The Inferno opened the scoring just 1:03 into the first period but the Rockets

countered scoring at 4:56 as Brad Stitt snapped one home from Brad Nash and Justin Lefebvre tying the game at one. The Rockets took their first lead of the game when their newest addition, Dylan Robinson scored his first goal as a Rocket from Lefebvre and Matt Cowley at 6:23.

The Rockets made it 3-1 as Jack Van Kessel slapped one home from Carter Tait and Robinson at 9:55. The Inferno got one back at 11:21 but the Rockets answered as Stitt scored his second of the game from Lefebvre and goaltender Reilly Tondreau on the power play at 12:24.

The Rockets made it 5-2 when Connor Roth scored





The North Dundas Rockets welcomed their newest team member, Dylan Robinson (28) after the Casselman Vikings released him at the signing deadline. Robinson picked up an assist in his first game and a goal in his second game against the West Carleton Inferno.

Moore photo

Panthers claw past Royals

Jeff Moore

Record Staff

RICHMOND—The Embrun Panthers played two road games this past week as they travelled to Ottawa on Tuesday night to take on the Ottawa Jr. Canadians and to Richmond on Sunday afternoon to take on the Royals.

Panthers 2 Royals 1

The Embrun Panthers travelled to the Richmond Arena on Sun., Dec. 9, to take on the Royals in the CCHL2. The Panthers were coming off a 10-4 drubbing by the Ottawa Jr. Canadians and with the Winchester Hawks beating the Royals in their previous game. The Panthers fell three points behind the Hawks in sixth place in the Martin Division.

The Royals opened the scoring at 16:42 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The shots on goal were even after the first period at 12 but the Royals took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission. The Panthers knotted the affair when Mathieu Plante scored his first goal as a Panthers from Connor Drost and Philippe Plante at 17:02 on the power

The teams took a one-all draw into the second intermission. The Panthers took the first lead of the game as Matthieu Brennan scored his second of the season from Jeremy Cyr on the power play with just 2:43 remaining in regulation. The Panthers went on to take the game 2-1. With the win, the Panthers moved back into sole possession of sixth place, one point ahead of the Winchester Hawks who fell to sixth. The Panthers outshot the Royals 37-33. Picking up the win in the Panthers' goal was Cody MacEachern making 32 saves.

The Inferno cut the deficit to three just 1:26 into the second period but the Rockets returned fire as Lefebvre blasted one home from Robinson and Tanner Barnett at 2:59. The Rockets made it 8-3 when Stitt completed the hat trick from Lefebvre and Balaton at 11:52 and took that lead into the second intermission.

Rockets took the 6-2 lead

into the first intermission.

The Inferno scored the lone goal of the third period with 3:36 remaining but it was too little too late as the Rockets went on to take the game 8-4. With he win, the Rockets moved to within six points of the first place Rangers. The Inferno outshot the Rockets 40-32.

Tondreau picked up the win in the Rockets' goal making 34 saves.

Jets 6 Rockets 5

The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Metcalfe Jets to the Chesterville Arena on Sat.. Dec. 8, in the NCJHL. The Rockets went into the game in second place in the East Division seven points behind the South Grenville Rangers in first and seven points ahead the Jets in third.

The Jets opened the scoring at 12:38 as Evan Mantha fired one home from Austin Gough and Quinn Bowman taking a 1-0 lead. With time winding down in the opening frame, the Rockets were able to even the score as Tanner Barnet pounded one home



The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Metcalfe Jets to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Dec. 8, in the NCJHL. The Rockets' defenseman, Pierce Egan (17) celebrates after a shot from the point by his defence partner Tanner Barnett sending the Jets' goalie, Christian Backman's water bottle flying. The Rockets' forward, Mckay Balaton battles with ex-Rocket, Tristan Staff providing a screen from the point. The Jets had the last laugh defeating the Rockets 6-5. Moore photo

from the blue line with just 49 seconds remaining from Mckay Balaton Cameron Brown.

The teams took a one-all stalemate into the first intermission. The Jets retook the lead when Mantha scored his second of the game just 49 seconds into the second period from Bowman. The Rockets tied the game again when Justin Lefebvre sniped one from Pierce Egan and Jack Van Kessel at 5:10.

The Rockets took their first lead of the game when Brad Stitt scored on a partial breakaway roofing the puck past the Jets' goalie at 8:52 from Brown and affiliated player Ethan Peterson.

It looked as though the Rockets would head into the second intermission but the Jets surprised them with just 13 seconds remaining as Josh Boyle scored from Mantha tying the game at three. Then with just six seconds showing on the clock, the Jets retook the lead as Bowman scored from Tyson Sherrer and took a 4-3 lead into the second intermission.

The Rockets tied the

game just 2:18 into the third period as Stitt scored his second of the game unassisted to make it 4-4. The Jets retook the lead for a third time as Jarrett Ladouceur scored from Aiden Daly and Alex MacNeil at 4:27 but the Rockets tied the game again at 15:28 as Sebastien Roy scored an unassisted goal.

With time winding down in the period, the Jets retook the lead with just 1:11 showing on the clock as Boyle scored his second of the game from Ladouceur. The Rockets pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker with just under a minute remaining and pressed for the tying goal to force overtime but the Jets hung on for the thrilling 6-5 victory.

The Jets outshot the Rockets 72-45. Picking up the win in the Jets' goal was Christian Backman making 40 saves and suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Caleb Gervais making 66 saves.

Up next

The North Dundas Rockets welcome the Gatineau Hull-Volant to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m.



The Embrun Panthers travelled to the Richmond Arena on Sun., Dec. 9, to take on the Royals in the CCHL2. The Panthers defensemen, Matthieu Brennan (2) scored the game winning goal with just over two minutes remaining in the third period. Brennan and the Panthers took the game 2-1. Moore photo

Up next

The Embrun Panthers travel to the Barbara Ann Scott Arena on Thurs., Dec. 13, to take on the Ottawa West Golden Knights at 7:15 p.m. The Panthers then welcome the Brockville Tikis to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. The Panthers then travel to the Nick Smith Arena in Arnprior on Sun., Dec. 16, to take on the Packers at 1:30 p.m.

Canadians 10 Panthers 4

The Embrun Panthers travelled to the Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa to take on the Ottawa Jr. Canadians on Tues., Dec. 4, in the CCHL2. The Panthers went into the game sitting in seventh place in the Martin Division just two points behind the Winchester Hawks in sixth.

The Canadians opened the scoring just 2:37 into the first period but the Panthers quickly tied the game as Benjamin Hamilton scored his third goal of the season on an unassisted shorthanded goal at 3:51.

Hamilton scored his second of the game and fourth of the season at 13:36 from Tyler Cummins and Cayden Martin on the power play taking their first lead of the game. The Canadians scored three unanswered goals at 14:57, 15:12 and with just two seconds remaining in the opening frame on the power play and took a 4-2 lead into the first intermission.

The Canadians scored three more unanswered goals in the second period at 6:51, 13:10 on the power play and 13:31 and took a 7-2 lead into the second intermission. The Panthers got to within four as Jacob Lamont scored his fifth unassisted goal of the season at 4:37 of the third period.

The Canadians answered with another pair of goals at 12:35 on the power play and 16:12 taking a 9-3 lead. Lamont scored his second of the game and sixth of the season from Nathan Brown at 16:12 of the power play to make it 9-4.

The Canadians closed out the scoring with just two seconds remaining taking the game 10-4. The Canadians outshot the Panthers 38-19 and handed the Panthers their 15th loss of the season.

Suffering the loss in the Panthers' goal was Cody MacEachern making 15 saves on 21 shots and was replaced by Joshua Ivanski in the third period making 13 saves on 17

Hawks mauled by Timberwolves, crown Royals

Jeff Moore

Record Staff

WINCHESTER - The Winchester Hawks played three games this past weekend as they travelled to Ottawa on Thursday night to take on the Ottawa West Golden Knights and played host to the Richmond Royals on Friday night and the Renfrew Timberwolves on Sunday night.

Timberwolves 5 Hawks 2

The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Renfrew Timberwolves to the Joel Steele Community Centre on

Hawks name new president

their new president as Dom Menard officially on Mon.,

Dec. 10. Menard has been with the Hawks as an

assistant general manager for the past two years. The

position of president opened up after the sad passing of

double duty as general manager as well. The other

positions filled for the Hawks' executives are treasurer -

John Adams, Al Van Bridger - director at large, Babi

Menard - social, fundraising, game day coordinator,

community and volunteer coordination, Lisa Berry -

saying, "The Winchester Hawks have named their new

president, Dom Menard. Dom has been the GM (ass't)

with the Hawks for the last several years, he brings a

wealth of hockey knowledge to the team. Dom and the

executives look forward to continue to build the team on

the ice and in the community."

The Hawks posted the announcement on Facebook

community director and Jordan Hodge - IT director.

Menard has also coached the Hawks and will hold

previous president, Keith Ashton earlier this fall.

WINCHESTER - The Winchester Hawks announced

Sun., Dec. 9, in the CCHL2. The Hawks were coming off a hard fought 6-5 victory over the Richmond Royals and were holding down sixth place in the Martin Division over the Embrun Panthers and six points behind the Alexandria Glens in fifth.

The Winchester Hawks opened the scoring at 15:55 of the first period as Graeme Buffone scored his third goal of the season unassisted taking a 1-0 lead. The Hawks outshot the Timberwolves 20-12 but settled for a 1-0 lead heading into the first intermission.

The Timberwolves dominated the second period scoring three consecutive goals at 14:46 while shorthanded, 16:26 on the power play and 17:16 at even strength. The Timberwolves took a 3-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Hawks got to within one as William MacDonald scored his fifth of the season unassisted at 12:25. The Timberwolves regained their two-goal lead at 17:06. With iust over a minute remaining in regulation, the Hawks pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker but that backfired as Timberwolves found the abandoned cage with just 37 seconds remaining.

The Timberwolves took the game 5-2 and the Hawks fell down to seventh place as the Panthers won their game against the Richmond Royals earlier in the day. The Hawks outshot the Timberwolves 43-39 and suffering the loss in the Hawks goal was Brent Pledge-Dickson making 33 saves

Hawks 6 Royals 5 (SO)

The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Richmond Royals to the Joel Steel Community Centre on Fri., Dec. 7, in the CCHL2. The Hawks were coming off a tough 5-1 loss to the Ottawa West Golden Knights but were able to stay just one point up on the Embrun Panthers for sixth place in the Martin Division.

The Hawks opened the scoring at 5:18 when Kyle Kuehni scored his 11th goal of the season from Colby Schroder and River Gill to make it 1-0. The Hawks made it 2-0 when their captain, Dillon Clemen

scored his fourth of the season from Colby Byrnes-Shaw and Ben Medynsky at 7:19.

The Royals scored four unanswered goals at 11:16 on the power play, 16:06, 16:51 and with just 1:30 remaining in the opening frame. The Royals took a 4-2 lead into the first intermission.

The Hawks scored the lone goal of the second period as Danny Johnson scored his ninth of the season from Byrnes-Shaw at the 17minute mark. The Hawks trailed the Royals 4-3 heading into the second intermission.

Johnson scored his second of the game and 10th of the season just 54 seconds into the third period from Clemen and Schroeder to tie the game. The Hawks took their second lead of the game when Schroeder scored his first of the season unassisted at 3:55.

The Royals knotted the affair at 6:12. Neither team was able to score before the end of regulation so the game headed to a five-minute three on three overtime period. The teams fired three shots each on goal but nothing was decided at the end of overtime so the game headed to a shootout.

The Royals' first two shooters and the Hawks' first shooter each missed but the the Hawks second shooter, Kyle Kuehni snapped one home to give the Hawks the lead. The Royals' third shooter also missed so the Hawks took the game 6-5.

With the win, the Hawks moved to three points ahead of the Embrun Panthers for sixth place. The Royals outshot the Hawks 50-33 but their goalie Lucas DeVries



The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Renfrew Timberwolves to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Sun., Dec. 9, in the CCHL2. The Hawks welcomed their alternate captain, Kyle Kuehni (12) back to their line up after an injury had kept him out for a few games. Kuehni defected a shot from the point which ended up sailing a little high over the Timberwolves' goalie, Ethan Lapenski. The Timberwolves took down the short-benched Hawks 5-2.

Moore photo

picked up his first win as a Hawks making 45 saves. Golden Knights 5 Hawks 1

The Winchester Hawks travelled to the Barbara Ann Scott Arena in Ottawa to take on the Ottawa West Golden Knights in the CCHL2. The Hawks went into the game sitting in the sixth place in the Martin Division, just one point of the Embrun Panthers

The Hawks opened the scoring when affiliated player, Kyle Fleming scored his second of the season from Eric DeRepentigny at 5:34. The Hawks were outshot 12-8 in the first period but took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

It was all Golden Knights in the second period scoring four unanswered goals at 3:42, 6:39 and 7:13 on the power play and 17:11 taking a 4-1 lead into the second intermission. The Golden Knights made it 5-1 at 6:23 of the third period and hung on for the victory.

The Golden Knights outshot the Hawks 39-20. Suffering the loss in the Hawks' goal was Brent Pledge-Dickson making 34

Up next

The Winchester Hawks travel to the J. R. Brisson Complex in Casselman on Thurs., Dec. 13, to take on the Vikings at 7:30 p.m. and travel to the Billy Gebbie Arena in Alexandria on Fri., Dec. 14, to take on the Glens at 8 p.m. The Hawks then travel to the Richmond Arena on Sun., Dec. 16, to take on the Royals at 1:30

Vikings shot down by Aeros in Athens

Jeff Moore

Record Staff

ATHENS—The Casselman Vikings played just one game this past weekend as they travelled to Athens Saturday night to take on the Aeros

Dom Menard



The Casselman Vikings travelled to Centre 76 in Athens to take on the Aeros on Sat., Dec. 8, in the CCHL2. The Vikings' Frederick Gagnier (12) scored his 11th goal of the season which tied the game at three with just over two minutes remaining in the third period. The Aeros finally took the game 4-3 in overtime.

Aeros 4 Vikings 3

The Casselman Vikings travelled to Centre 76 in Athens to take on the Aeros on Sat., Dec. 8, in the CCHL2. The Vikings went into the game in second place in the Martin Division, 11 points behind the Ottawa Jr. Canadians in first and just two points ahead of the surging Ottawa West Golden Knights.

The teams battled to a scoreless first period but the Aeros outshot the Vikings 13-5 in the first period. The Aeros kept the pressure on in the second as they opened the scoring just 2:21 into the second period taking a 1-0 lead.

The Aeros made it 2-0 on shorthanded goal and took that lead into the second intermission. The Vikings cut the deficit in half when Evan Boucher scored his second goal of the season from Mathieu Talbot and Pierce Britton just 1:48 into the third period.

The Aeros retook a two-goal lead at 10:30 but the Vikings got that one back at 12:47 as Kyle Green scored his fourth of the season unassisted. The Vikings tied the game with just 2:19 remaining in regulation as Frederick Gagnier scored his 11th of the season from Samuel Mattie and Britton.

Neither team was able to score before the final buzzer sounded as the game headed to a five-minute three on three overtime period. At 2:37 of the overtime, the Aeros ruined the Vikings comeback attempt taking the game 4-3.

The Vikings picked up a single point to move to within 10 points of the Canadians. The Vikings outshot the Aeros 41-35. The Vikings' goalie, Nick Campbell was charged with the loss making 31 saves.

Up next

The Casselman Vikings welcome the Winchester Hawks to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. and welcome the Char-Lan Rebels on Sun., Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Falcons cause T-Wolves fits

Jeff Moore

in seventh.

Villager Staff

HAMMOND - TheRussell High School Junior Boys Basketball team travelled to St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons on Wed., Dec. 5, PRSSAA. The T-Wolves lost their home opener to the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens as they were looking for their first win of the season.

Falcons 69 T-Wolves 43

The first quarter was close with the teams exchanging leads but the Falcons outscored the T-Wolves 11-9. The Falcons pulled away in the second quarter scoring 22 points to the T-Wolves' 11. The Falcons took a 33-20 lead into the half.

The Russell High School Junior Boys Basketball team travelled to St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons on Wed., Dec. 5, PRSSAA. The T-Wolves' Scott Roos (12) led the scoring for the T-Wolves with 13 points but it wasn't enough as the T-Wolves dropped the decision to the Falcons 69-43.
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The Falcons outscored the T-Wolves 20-11 in the third quarter taking a 53-31 lead into the final quarter. The T-Wolves had their best quarter offensively in the fourth, knocking down 12 points but the defence was unable to stop the Falcons' offence as they poured another 16 points down.

The Falcons took the game 69-43 handing the Falcons their second loss of the young season. Scoring for the T-Wolves were Scott Roos with 13 points T. W. and Evan House with eight each, Ruben Jaquemet with six and Curtiss Sturgeon and Owen Johnson each scored deuces.



Demons wrangle Rangers

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WINCHESTER - The North Dundas Major Midget Rep B Demons played one game this past weekend as they welcomed the South Grenville Rangers on Thursday night.

Demons 6 Rangers 1

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season opener.

Ravens 63 Dynamos 35

the break at halftime.

The North Dundas Major Midget Rep B Demons welcomed the South Grenville Rangers to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Thurs., Dec. 6, in the UCMHL. The Demons went into the game four points behind the first place

one point ahead of the Cornwall Colts in third place.

The Rangers opened the scoring just 1:37 into the first period as Connor Van Luit scored from Braeden Hill and Caleb Johnston taking a 1-0 lead. The Demons tied the game when Dean Lapier lit the lantern from Colin Minish and Cam Sherrer with just 1:02 remaining in the opening

The teams took a one-all draw into the second period. The Demons took their first lead of the game when Ben Char-Lan Rebels and just Fingler snapped one home

Senior Ravens short Dynamos

RUSSELL—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High

School Ravens' Senior Boys' basketball team welcomed the

École Secondary Catholique de Casselman Dynamos on

Wed., Dec. 5, in PRSSAA. The Ravens won their first

game against the Russell High School T-Wolves in their

The Ravens controlled the first quarter dropping 19

points, holding the Dynamos to just eight points. The

Ravens kept the pressure on in the second quarter

outscoring the Dynamos 15-8 and took a 34-16 lead into

scoring 25 points and held the Dynamos to 11. The Ravens

took a 59-27 lead into the final stanza. The Ravens let off

the gas in the fourth quarter allowing the Dynamos to

outscore them 8-4 but that was as close as the Dynamos

Macen Birch with 13, Thomas Buckle with six, Joe James

and Adam Davidson with four each, Aidan MacPhail,

Scoring for the Ravens were Frank Gabriel with 23,

could come as the Ravens took the game 63-35.

The Ravens out did themselves in the third quarter

from Brad McLean just 1:41 into the second period.

The Demons made it 2-1 as McLean slapped one to the back of the net from Minish and Fingler at 3:56. The Demons took a twogoal lead when Dean Lapier scored on a breakaway with just 1:38 remaining in the sandwich frame unassisted.

The Demons took a 4-1 lead into the third period. Just 1:27 into the third period the Demons made it 5-1 as Josh Broad sniped one from Minish and Owen Richardson. The Demons closed out the scoring when Richardson pounded one

home from the blue line from Fingler and Joey Hannaford at 3:38. The Demons took the game 6-1 moving to within two points of the first place Rebels.

Picking up the win in the Demons' goal was Toby Byrne and suffering the loss in the Rangers' goal was Nathaniel Rylands.

Up next

The North Dundas Major Midget Rep B Demons travel to Centre 76 in Athens to take on the Leeds Chargers tonight Wed., Dec. 12, at 8:30 p.m. and welcome the Kemptville Panthers to Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Thurs., Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m.



The Demons' forward, Ben Fingler tries to jam one home during the first period. Fingler scored a goal and picked up two assists as the Demons took the game 6-1. Moore photo

Senior T-Wolves' struggles continue

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Falcons 72 T-Wolves 27

HAMMOND-The Russell High School Senior Boy's Basketball team travelled to St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons on Wed., Dec. 5, PRSSAA. The T-Wolves went into the game after dropping the home opener to the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens.

The T-Wolves got off to a bit of a slow start in the first quarter allowing 24 points to be scored against them while only scoring eight. The T-Wolves' defence tightened up a bit in the second quarter but were still outscored 16-6.

The Falcons took a 40-14 lead into the dressing room at halftime. The Falcons added another 16 points in the third quarter and the T-Wolves' offence only scored a single bucket taking a 56-16 lead into the final quarter.

The T-Wolves had their best offensive output in the game in the fourth quarter scoring 11 points but again the Falcons scored another 16 points. The Falcons took the game 72-27 dropping their second game of the season.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were Alex Hiemstra with eight, P. R. with six, Austyn Henderson with five, Mitchell Stoddard with four and Sean Roos and Will A. with deuces.



The Ravens Macen Birch was second in team scoring with 13 points as the Ravens took the game 63-35. Moore photo

Morgan Foster and Jarrett Ladouceur with three each and Brock Ballantyne and Elijah Wardrop each scored deuces.

Junior Ravens zap Dynamos in overtime

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RUSSELL—The St. Thomas Aquinas

Catholic High School Secondary Catholique de Ravens' Junior Boys basketball team welcomed the École

Casselman Dynamos on Wed., Dec. 5, in PRSSAA. The Ravens won their first game 70-27 against the Russell High School T-Wolves and they looked to go 2-0 on the season.

Ravens 61 Dynamos 59

The Ravens jumped out to a quick start scoring 32 first quarter points holding off the dynamos to 17 points. The Dynamos dominated the second quarter outscoring the Ravens 9-2. The Ravens took a 34-

The Ravens' Callum Birch led the team with 20 points and went on to take the game 61-59 in overtime.

Moore photo 26 lead into the break at the half.

The teams battled to a 12-all draw in the third quarter with the ravens taking a 46-38 lead into the final quarter. The Dynamos scored 15 points in the fourth quarter and held the Ravens to seven, tying the game at 53.

The game headed to overtime and the Ravens were able to outscore the Dynamos 8-6 taking the game by a score of 61-59. Scoring for the Ravens were Callum Birch with 20 points, Dylan Clune and Aidan Nyentap each scored 10, Matt Pietrkiewicz with nine, Callum Tait with seven, N. P. with three and Kai Daniel with a deuce.



The T-Wolves' Alex Hiemstra scored a team high eight points but the Falcons took the game 72-27.

Volant fly high over Lions

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GATINEAU—The Morrisburg Lions played two games this past weekend as they welcomed the South Grenville Rangers on Saturday night and travelled to Gatineau on Sunday afternoon to take on the Gatineau Hull-Volant.

Volant 8 Lions 3

The Morrisburg Lions travelled to the Robert Guertin Arena in Gatineau on

Sun., Dec. 9, to take on the Gatineau Hull-Volant in the NCJHL. The Lions were coming off a good game against the South Grenville Rangers; but it was still a loss at 4-2 and they still sat in fourth place in the East Division.

The Lions opened the scoring at 5:05 of the first period as Kevin Doyle pounded one home from Devon Burns and Justin Shay taking a 1-0 lead. The Volant tied the game at 16:07 and the teams took

intermission.

The Volant dominated the second period scoring three unanswered goals at 6:33, 8:07 and 9:14 on the power play. The Volant took a 4-1 lead into the second intermission. The Volant opened the third period with a pair of goals at 10:25 while short handed and 11:23.

The Lions got one back at 14:59 as Doyle scored his second of the game from Brandon Cameron to make it 6-2 but the Volant returned fire at 15:52. The Lions answered with a goal at 16:07 as Doyle

a one-all deadlock into the first completed his hat trick unassisted but the Volant closed out the scoring at 17:25 taking the game 8-3.

> That was the Lions 15th loss of the season and they were outshot by the Volant 46-26. Suffering the loss in the Lions' goal was Paulo Suppa making 38 saves.

Up next

The Morrisburg Lions Travel to the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe on Fri., Dec. 14, to take on the Jets at 8:15 p.m. and welcome the Clarence Castors to the Morrisburg Arena on Sat., Dec. 15, at 7:15







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Santa Claus visits Metcalfe

Kory Glover

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METCALFE - Metcalfe is finally in the Christmas spirit as their annual parade marched through the streets, throwing candy to the children while holiday classics played overhead.

Floats involved with the parade included the Metcalfe Lions Club, the Metcalfe Community Association, Castor Valley Elementary School, the Snowmobile Trail Club and the ward's own councillor George Darouze with the rest of Ottawa staff including Mayor Jim Watson.

During the parade, residents were able to grab a bite to eat with Fries for Charity, where they can pay any amount for a serving of warm, salted fries. All the proceeds made go towards a



The Metcalfe Association, who organizes the parade every year, had their own float marching down the street.



The Metcalfe Lions had their own float in the parade with a friendly lion waving to the people. Glover photos



A wave from Ottawa

Osgoode Ward councillor George Darouze and Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson waved to the crowd from their float with the rest of the Ottawa staff.

local charity, including

After the parade, people part in pictures with Santa

were invited to the Claus while being served community centre to take delicious treats and hot coffee.

Touring Russell's holiday homes

Kory Glover

Villager Staff

RUSSELL – The Russell Horticultural Society has started celebrating their 100th anniversary, and they want to continue showing off the beauty of their town through the homes on Hamilton Road, with their first ever Christmas House Tour on Sat., Dec. 8.

During the day, residents were able to walk into houses on the tour and experience what others are doing to decorate for the holiday season.

"We have some beautiful homes in the area and we have some very talented people who decorate their own homes and make a lot of their own decorations," said Lindley McPhail, second vice-president of the Russell Horticultural "It's Society. opportunity to have locals and residents come and check out some of them, to show the pride of ownership."

Participation was not as steady as the society had hoped for, but there was still enough interest for the group to consider making this an annual event.

"If we decide this one's been successful and people have enjoyed it, we'll look into making this an annual event," said McPhail. "We would've liked a bigger response but first years are usually slow and people need to get used to the idea. But all-in-all, it's off to a great start."

A total of six houses were put on display throughout the tour, all located on Hamilton Street.

Keeping up with STA

Beatrice Gregoire

STA Report

Last week held various events for students at STA. On Monday (Dec. 3), our Grade 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to participate in games of Wheelchair Rugby along with Patrice "Pico" Dagenais, the co-captain of the Canadian Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby

Our Senior girls volleyball team was very successful in the PRSAA tier-one tournament in l'Escale on Tuesday (Dec. 4). They finished in second place behind Casselman, where this week they will be travelling for another tournament on Tuesday (Dec. 11). The Junior girls volleyball team will also be partaking in a tournament this Friday (Dec. 14).

The outcome of Wednesday's (Dec. 5) Senior boys' basketball game was an outstanding win for the Ravens, with a final

score of 65-35. Some of this game's highlights featured Frank Gabriel, scoring a basket by slam dunk and a lot of great offensive play on behalf of the team as a whole. This week, they are taking on Embrun High School for another exciting game, on Wednesday (Dec. 12).

Last Friday (Dec. 7), some of our students visited the Osgoode Care Centre, where they participated in traditional Christmas trivia games. They most definitely left the centre with new friends and enjoyed their time there.

This week, student council is continuing their preparation for Christmas. With our annual winter formal dance quickly approaching, dance tickets begin to go on sale this week. We are still accepting donations for the Christmas Angel program, so it is not too late to make a difference in the lives of families during this time of year. Aside from this, not much is planned to occur this week with our students, but they surely are keeping busy with their studies.

A century in the making

Kory Glover

Villager Staff

RUSSELL – Muriel Whiteside officially turned 100 years of age this past Sunday, making her the very first resident of Russell Meadows Retirement Community to ever do so since the establishment opened in 2011.

The staff surprised Whiteside during dinner with a certificate from the Prime Minister and a message from the Queen of England for her long, successful life on Fri., Dec. 7.

"Since we've opened our doors in 2011, we've never had someone reach a century but we will have one of our residents who will be 100 years old on Sunday," said Eric Chartand, co-owner of Russell Meadows Retirement Community in an announcement to the crowd. "The first person who would like to honour Mrs. Whiteside is the Queen saying, 'I am delighted to hear that you are celebrating your 100th birthday and I send you my warmest



Muriel was given a certificate from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to commemorate her 100th birthday celebration.
Glover photos

congratulations on this happy occasion and good wishes for an enjoyable day'."

Chartand continued, "We also received a certificate from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as well. We will also honour her every single day on our century wall, where she will stay as first to achieve the wall,



Celebrating with family

Muriel Whiteside's family was in attendance to celebrate her hitting the one century mark in her life. Pictured from the left: Whiteside's son Doug Woods, Muriel Whiteside, Bessie Carson, Whiteside's sister and Brenda Woods, Whiteside's daughter-in-law.

posted right in the main lobby."

Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux was also in attendance at the ceremony to give congratulations to Whiteside.

"On behalf of the township of Russell, please accept my hardiest congratulations and best wishes for your 100th birthday anniversary," he said. "I must also mention that this

is the first time being able to present a 100th anniversary, so thank you."

Whiteside ended the ceremony acknowledging the kindness of the residents and staff at the retirement

"It is a wonderful place here, everybody is so nice and thoughtful but it is a home away from home," she said.

Local author publishes book

EMBRUN - Embrun resident, author and former municipal election candidate, Marc-Antoine Gagnier has announced the publication of his third children's book this month.

Gagnier's first book, Petunia the Vampire: Back to the Future, was published on April 22, 2014 and followed the story of a little girl who disguises herself as a vampire.

He followed this with a second book in 2017 published on Aug. 15 called Renarde-woman. Gagnier's second book has a comic book style and follows a young woman who becomes a superhero.

For his third book, Gagnier will be holding a launch at the Embrun Boston Pizza on Wed., Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. The story is a sequel to Renardewoman in which she is hired by Santa Claus to save his wife after she is taken by villains.

The French language books will be for sale during the event.



Russell Meadows raises money with

bazaar

Kory Glover Villager Staff

RUSSELL - Russell Meadows Retirement Community hosted their annual bazaar on Tues., Dec. 4 to help bring the community together, raising a total of \$2,213.50.

"This is a bazaar in the sense that it's more of a community thing. Our theme is Dutch because we have a lot of Dutch people in Russell," said Doris Leclerc, activity and recreation manager of Russell Meadows. "We had St. Nicholas here this morning, who gave everyone a gift from the Earth, so everyone gets a tangerine. We take beautiful pictures and we also have the Dutch choir. This whole community comes together. All our seniors from upstairs volunteer at different booths and they [rotate with]



Elaine Lalande had her own table at the bazaar, selling an assortment of handmade Christmas decorations including wreaths made out of mesh ribbon. Lalande said that it takes up to two days to complete one wreath, so she's very happy to finally be selling them. Glover photo

each other so they're always helping out."

According to Leclerc, it's the community that really makes the bazaar special, saying that the support they receive each year is tremendous.

"This morning, we had like 400 people in the house," she said. "The volunteers we get from the community are always fantastic and a big help to our cause."

Christmas in the Village Photo

Christmas in the Village was celebrated in Osgoode once more from Fri., Dec. 7 to Sat., Dec. 8. There were many activities including Breakfast with Santa, a baking lesson from Metcalfe Fair pie winner, Tracey Nesrallah and a parade of lights the night of Dec. 7; with hot cocoa served at the Osgoode Youth Association (O-YA) afterwards.

During these activities, there were many volunteers available to lend a hand. Photo below: Peyton and Ethan Ransom had their picture taken with Santa during Osgoode's Breakfast with Santa on Sat., Dec. 8. Glover photos



Bazaar madness

Russell Meadows Retirement Community raised a total of \$2,213.50 for the Seniors' Council, which will go towards some of their many programs and/or different entertainment options at their home. Pictured from the left, Doris Leclerc, Judy Adams, resident and vendor, Rita Goulet, educational manager, Ken Williams, resident and president of Duncanville Russell Resident Council and Eric Chartrand, co-owner and manager of Russell Meadows Retirement Community.

All the money raised from the bazaar will go towards the Seniors' Council for different programs at the retirement

"We have a variety of programs like the Share Your Dream program, making come true," she said. "We also

have concerts and other entertainment. We do very specific, different kinds of some of the seniors' dreams activities that the seniors really enjoy."



Filling the food bank

The parking lot of the Independent Grocer in Embrun was full of volunteers collecting food for people who need a little extra help in the community during the holidays; 100 to 150 families are affected during the Christmas season. Food Bank volunteers, staff of the Embrun Co-op, a 417 Bus Lines employee and councillors Cindy Saucier and André Brisson helped to collect \$21,987.29 in food and cash donations for the Good Neighbours Food Bank. Glover photo

Winter season activities at RHS

Janel Therkelsen

RHS Report

It's another exciting week for the T-Wolves, and there are less than two weeks until Christmas break! Seasons continue for the boys teams. Congrats to the opportunity! Senior girls for their third place finish at VCI last week. Moving up in the standings!

skiing? Don't miss out on the chance to go skiing or snowboarding at Camp Fortune Ski Park on Dec. 21. Get your permission form in the office and return it by Dec. 14 for yet another basketball teams and the day of fun in the sun. Don't volleyball miss out on this

Also, for another amazing school trip, dive "Into the Spider-Verse" for our private screening of the T-Wolves, do you like new Spiderman movie on

Dec. 21. If you're planning to attend, get your form in the office soon. Space is limited for this trip! Money forms and due to Ms. Dupelle by Dec. 18. Only \$15 per person.

Finally, get ready for Christmas Spirit Week

next week - beginning with Holiday Pyjama Day on Monday, Winter Sports Day on Tuesday and Ugly Sweater Day Wednesday! Have fun and keep on howlin' T-Wolves!





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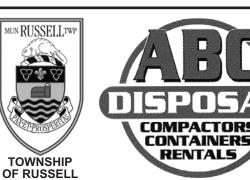
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