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Briefly

New Year's bash
CHESTERVILLE - Celebrate New Year's Eve in Chesterville at McCloskey's. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for a New Year's bash featuring DJ Soundtastic Productions. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. The evening will include complimentary party favours and champagne at midnight.

South Dundas levee
IROQUOIS - The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 370 in Iroquois is hosting a New Year's Day Levee on Tues., Jan. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited who is over the legal drinking age. The levee will be a great way for community members to mingle with friends and neighbours, while enjoying a cup of moose milk.

Happy New Year
CHESTERVILLE - From all of the staff here at the *Chesterville Record/Villager*, we wish you a happy and healthy new year. Remember to be safe this new year and celebrate responsibly.



Carmen House debates into 2019

Kory Glover
Record Staff

MORRISBURG - The Carmen House Museum continued to be a hot button topic for the South Dundas council, with deputy mayor Kristen Gardner heading up with an intense line of questions towards director of building and planning Donald Lewis.

Lewis reviewed his report from this previous Sept. 18 to state that building department mandate under
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Common sense politics in North Stormont

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

NORTH STORMONT - North Stormont Mayor Jim Wert sat down with the *Chesterville Record* on Nov. 20 at the township offices in Berwick prior to the final meeting of the sixth council of North Stormont on which he had served as a councillor.

Wert, whose family has farmed in the municipality for generations, described North Stormont as a great place to live with a strong volunteer base, well equipped fire department and up to date infrastructure. He continued that the municipality has reasonable municipal taxes with residents receiving good value for their taxpayer dollars.

Wert discussed several priorities which will be facing the newly elected council, including issues surrounding the planned Nation Rise Wind Turbine Farm and the hiring of a new Chief Administrative Officer for the municipality.

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The true meaning of giving

From the left, Anne McLean, Debra Kelly, Kevin Buter, Natasha Hodge, Stuart Pringle, Dryden Buter, Hailey Hodge and Carl Robinson took a moment on Wednesday during the preliminary work for the North Dundas Christmas Fund distribution event at the Chesterville Legion on Dec. 20 for the camera to acknowledge the generosity of the people and community in North Dundas.

Thompson Goddard photo

Christmas cheer contagious

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CHESTERVILLE - The week before Christmas is always a busy one, but volunteers and members of the Chesterville and District Lions Club took a few hours on Wed., Dec. 20 to prepare to spread a bit of holiday cheer to clients of the North Dundas Christmas Fund.

Lion Natasha Hodge from the CDLC was at the Chesterville Legion along with her crew of volunteers to sort the food, snowsuits, children's clothing and toys in preparation for the next day when families would arrive to pick up their Christmas hamper.

Hodge explained the process began over a month ago when either the House of Lazarus or Community Food Share would receive a call from a client which was forwarded to either the Lions Club in South

Mountain, Winchester or Chesterville depending on the location. Hodge continued the Finch and District Lions Club facilitates those who register from Stormont County through the CDLC.

Hodge wished to thank everyone and all community organizations which have generously donated either their time, clothing, funds or toys to the NDCF. She made special note of BMR in Winchester which facilitates the ordering and storing of all the snowsuits for North Dundas, members of the Grade 7 and 8 Web Team and the Grade 9-12 WE Team from North Dundas District High School for their assistance with the angel trees at the school and Chesterville Public School which provided approximately 200 gifts which she calls "phenomenal".

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Continued from the front provincial law is to ensure the health and safety issues are dealt with and the second floor requires an egress due to occupancy.

“One of the synopsis here was that the fact that an egress is needed on the second level because we’ve got a group C over a division A occupancy,” said Lewis. “So, when you have that, you have to have an egress, you have to have a form of egress. That egress would entail a fire shutter on the first level, removing the adjacent stairwell as that area would become the area for the mechanicals. We’ve also had to deal with the fire resistance rating and also sound transmission requirements along with energy efficiency.”

Lewis continued, “The primary objective is to make the whole thing safe for our occupants but at the same time, we have to deal with the existing construction methods and trying to, somehow, retain the character of the structure itself. So, 26 items were identified but I’ve been to council before and this is a council decision about what you want to do with the building.”

Gardner brought her own research to the table to get clarity on some issues surrounding this long-winded topic, on her own.

“Normally, in a landlord/tenant relationship, the landlord would not call in the Ontario Building Code official to have a look at the property. What I found, in most cases, is that the tenant will call the official if the landlord is not doing the required maintenance,”

she said. “So, I’m wondering, in the context of the authority, when you started this discussion, were you going in as the Ontario Building Code official or were you going in as you’re other title (director of building and planning).”

Lewis answered Gardner’s question by going into the history of what made this issue so hot today by explaining the tenant contacted his colleague which went on from there.

“So what started this process was that the tenant contacted my colleague and they were determined to make some changes,” he said. “The building code requires a “change of use” permit, which requires the Building Department to be involved.”

The deputy mayor continued her line of questioning, asking if there was a discussion about changing the use of the top floor as an accommodation and the use of the museum.

Lewis rebutted this question, stating that some of the requirements were dealt with from a structural engineering component. He also pointed out that an architect needs to be involved to help resolve any health and safety issues.

“Change of use is going to happen no matter what but I can get more clarification of the timing of when that will occur,” he said.

More conversations and debates were made concerning what should be done about the stairwell, the furnace system and so forth so Mayor Steven Byvelts made the decision for the council to think about a final ruling during their next meeting in January.

Everyone’s a winner at bingo night



At the presentation ceremony were, Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club president Jim Mustard, Kristen Casselman, managing director of the WDMH Foundation; Lion Dr. John Marston, Cindy Peters, the foundation’s manager of direct mail and events, and Lion Les Craig. Courtesy Morrisburg Leader photo

MATILDA – Who knew that playing bingo could be so fun – and all for a good cause? The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club hosts regular bingo nights, with proceeds going to local charities. Since 1999, the club has donated more than \$86,000 to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation.

In November, a cheque for \$10,000 was presented to the foundation staff for the General Equipment Fund in support of equipment like two new ultrasound machines.

“We are so thankful to the Lions Club for their ongoing support of our local hospital,” says Cindy Peters, the foundation’s manager of direct mail and events. “Everyone has so much fun at the bingo nights and our community benefits too!”

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YEAR IN REVIEW

CHESTERVILLE – Every year the staff at the *Chesterville Record* works to keep their eyes open and ears to the ground, always looking for the stories happening in our communities. During this time of year it can be good to reflect on the previous year and remember some of the joys and sorrows before moving forward into the new year. Stay tuned for the next few weeks to read the *Record's* year in review.

January

The first baby of the 2018 new year for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital was born on Jan. 1 at 1:59 p.m. The baby girl was born to the Ottawa based couple Evan Jebur and Talib Al-Taie and weighed seven pounds and six ounces.

Dundas native Julie Edmonds and John MacNeil welcomed baby boy Landon Curtis just one minute into 2018 at the Cornwall Community Hospital. He weighed in at eight pounds and four ounces.

The SDG Highlanders began celebrations for the regiment's sesquicentennial. Celebrations in early January began with a levee that included family, friends and local dignitaries. The regiment has a long and rich history in the area, serving in the War of 1812, the 1837 Rebellion in Lower Canada, the Fenian Raids, the First World War and the Second World War.

Community members in Dundas were cuffed for a cause by constable Tylor Copeland of the SDG OPP. Those arrested included *Winchester Press* editor

Matthew P. Uhrig, Cup of Jo's co-owner Jo-Ann Martin, Main Street Clothing owner Lisa Williams, NDDHS vice principal Mike Deighton and Summers Physiotherapy owner Dave Summers. The big finale of the fundraiser however saw Winchester Foodland owner Dan Pettigrew placed in 250 pairs of handcuffs. At \$10 each to have a pair removed, over \$2,500 was raised for Crime Stoppers Month.

Over in Russell Township, the village of Embrun finally saw the opening of the long-awaited Sports Dome. The construction of the 59,400 foot dome began in May of 2017 and includes an adjacent 3,760 foot building that includes change rooms, showers, a conference room and a restaurant.



Ready for fitness

The Township of Russell's Sports Dome, located between Embrun and Russell, officially opened on Wed., Jan. 10.

Courtesy J. Paul Deveau photo

Also in Russell, the Kin Club began selling tickets for the Catch the Ace lottery to raise money for the Club's projects. What began as a one time lottery license grew and was granted a full license to host the lottery over and over again.

Big news for Chesterville was announced in January as

the owners of the former Nestlé plant, IDP Group, began the construction of an indoor cannabis cultivation facility. The announcement estimated 100,000 square feet of cultivation space in the first phase with double that figure after the

implementation of cultivation technology.

February

The 40th annual Bowl for Kids Sake rolled its way across SDG in early February. While the event

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Editorial

Looking forward to the year ahead

With each passing year, I find that life is constantly picking up speed. In the recent weeks as we've been preparing our year in review for the newspaper, I am reading over stories that we wrote during the spring and summer only to feel as though they happened just a couple of weeks prior.

I've brought this up to a few people and heard similar exclamations about their own year passing by quickly. It's a common theme of discussion with our friends and neighbours, especially around this time of year, when we want to make every minute count.

So, I decided to take to the internet to do a quick Google search. I wanted to know why time seems to pass by at different speeds. Well, there were a few answers. I can't be sure if any are true; but they all have their place in history.

Some of the more interesting theories include ones such as the proportional theory. This one explains the passage of time as being relative to our age. When we are younger, a year takes up a much larger percentage of our life in total than a year does later into adulthood.

Other theories focus more on the human physiology. The older we get, the slower our metabolisms become. This theory says that because children have faster metabolisms, they move through time faster, giving them what seems like more hours in a day, compared to adults and later seniors.

One more that I found interesting was the perceptual theory. This suggests that when our minds process more information, we experience time slower. As children, everything or at least almost everything is new. As we continue through life, there are fewer new experiences to process.

I liked this theory the most because in a way it means that we have some control over how fast time goes by. It means that if we challenge ourselves to learn new things and get out of our comfort zones, we will feel as though we are getting more time; plus we might better ourselves along the way.

So while I'm not often one to make new year's resolutions, this year I'm going to challenge myself to learn new things and find new experiences. I will find out if I can slow down time to take in every moment as it comes and who knows what else I'll discover.

Wishing all of our readers a happy and healthy new year,
Kalynn Sawyer Helmer

CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Down to business

The umpteenth annual Christmas office lunch combining Harry Baker Ltd. and Tom Van Dusen Inc. took place Dec. 18 at the Russell Restaurant. I say "umpteenth" because nobody has kept an accurate count.

The principals in both companies – Harry and me, in case it wasn't obvious – decided years ago to combine our seasonal lunch partly to cut down on costs but mainly so somebody else would be there. You see, Harry and I each operate an office of one... Harry and me!

These days, my office is on the third floor of what's known by long-time locals as "The Old McCaffrey Place", the brick building just south of the village museum. I toil away in solitude up there for part of every week creating newspaper articles such as this one while Harry is busy in his Forced Road office trying to make the world better for all of us.

I have a bed in my garret because I live there part of the time, alternating between Russell Village and Prescott on the St. Lawrence Seaway. Harry has a bed in his office too

because wife Vinita banishes him there when she can't stand to hear another one of his jokes. She doesn't think their punny anymore! Get it! Harry's jokes are mainly puns! I guess you had to be there!

While I have no wife to keep me in line, the McCaffrey place is owned by my brother Mike who's constantly harassing me about such nuisance items as turning in the rent money. Hey Bro! Ever heard of brotherly love? I'll tell Mom on you!

While Harry and I see each other at least once a week, we're always busy with the Russell Male Choir or something else; so we use the Christmas lunch to commiserate about our various trials and tribulations, this year over a club sandwich for me and smoked meat for Harry. He reminded me it was my turn to buy... come to think of it, he reminded me of the same thing last year. But he's a cheap date so I don't mind! I'll get my admin assistant – me – to write it up as a business expense.

After several years, Harry's got the drill down pat. He's knows there'll be routine chitchat some of it with other diners; but he also knows I'll be grilling

him on whatever stories he's involved in – and he's always involved in a bunch – to justify the business expense. So he comes equipped, with paperwork about as thick as my club sandwich, and a new notebook and pen for me, allegedly a Christmas present, but he knows I'll forget my own reportorial tools because I always do.

Not only is he coordinator of the male choir and a member of the Russell Village and District Historical Society, but Harry is president of the protest group commonly called Dump the Dump, and is active in Vinita's church, Ambassador Ministries in Covenant. He also attends Russell Township council meetings unfailingly, sitting through hours of ponderous deliberations. So the guy has a lot of information, some of which I'm able to pry out of him.

This time we focused on the historical society's attempts to persuade the township to pay for much-needed exterior repairs at the Keith Boyd Community Museum. Harry brought a copy of the agreement between the society and the municipality covering such matters, along with various technical reports on the status of the museum



building. The very condensed results of that discussion can be seen in a story elsewhere in this edition; I'll likely elaborate in a future article.

Another thick file Harry plopped down on the table with a dramatic flourish was the proposed township Capital Charges Bylaw which is causing so much controversy at the moment.

A large crowd of angry ratepayers turned out at the last council meeting to register dissatisfaction about the bylaw which would impose a capital charge on homeowners similar to what developers pay should they choose to shift from wells and septic systems to municipal services. The ratepayers maintain they're already paying enough for such services through general property taxes.

I'm embarrassed to say that I'm largely out of this loop and, at the risk of causing indigestion, will have to study the file over the Holidays and report back in the New Year. Ugh! Meanwhile, have a happy one!

Rural Economic Development program issues funds for Morrisburg streetscape project

MORRISBURG – The United Counties of SDG and Municipality of South Dundas have received \$67,500 in funding through the Rural Economic Development (RED) program to plan and design a Morrisburg streetscape. The RED program funds projects that stimulate economic growth in Ontario's rural and Indigenous communities. Nearly one in eight jobs in Ontario is sustained by the agriculture and agri-food sector, which contributes to a healthy economy that benefits rural and urban communities across the province.

Jim McDonnell MPP for SDSG made the announcement on Fri., Dec. 7, in South Dundas on behalf of Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ernie Hardeman.

"Our government is proud to support projects that help to grow jobs and open the doors to economic development

in rural and Indigenous communities. Ontario has a first-class agri-food and agriculture sector, and I am pleased to be able to help our community identify their economic strengths and develop strategies that can attract business and investment," said McDonnell.

"Rural Ontario has been ignored for too long. A strong and vibrant agri-food and agriculture sector is a priority for this government. These investments, along with our commitment to cut red-tape, will help create a strong future for our rural communities by boosting economic growth, creating jobs and ensuring they are great places to live and do business," said Minister Hardeman, in a release.

Over the last three years, the Counties and the Municipality of South Dundas have worked closely together studying traffic/pedestrian patterns and have partnered on initial conceptual designs that integrate streetscaping and improved road functionality in the project area of County Road 2. The design will consider lane reductions, medians and separated sidewalks, improved lighting, improved access to local businesses, traffic calming elements and pedestrian areas.

"The Municipality of South Dundas is pleased be a collaborative partner in this project that will further enhance our downtown core. Council will continue to support all local business and looks forward to future joint initiatives with our provincial and county partners," said Mayor Steven Byvelts, Municipality of South Dundas.

Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry is one of over 80 communities across the province that will benefit from this support by boosting and diversifying the local economy.

"This funding announcement will allow an important project to move forward – a partnership between the Municipality of South Dundas and the county to redevelop a vital commercial area of Morrisburg along County Roads 2 and 31. We look forward to engaging local residents,

businesses, etc. as the design work progresses, with a view to creating an attractive and functional streetscape that works well for residents, businesses, and tourists visiting our area. Based on the resounding success of our roundabout projects in Iroquois and Long Sault, I am confident that a redesigned intersection will better facilitate the safe and efficient movement of traffic, pedestrians, and cyclists," said SDG County Warden Ian McLeod.



Alight at Night seasonal tradition

Christ Church, an iconic building at Upper Canada Village, is a popular place to gather to listen to Christmas carols or view the lights which adorn many of the buildings during Alight at Night. This building was built in 1837 serving the town of Moulinette until the flooding of St. Lawrence Seaway in 1958 when it was relocated to its present location at UCV.

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North Stormont year in review

Continued from the front

The hiring of a new CAO for North Stormont is currently underway according to Wert, with applications being accepted and interviews being held with an expected decision to be reached early in 2019.

Wert commented issues surrounding the Nation Rise Wind Turbine Farm is one of the biggest priorities facing council. He explained that this project, in his opinion, is the biggest private investment in the municipality with 100 per cent of the NRWTB project located in the western section of North Stormont. One of the areas to be impacted will be infrastructure, noting there is already a Road User Agreement and other agreements in place to "safeguard any costs to our infrastructure".

Wert has a keen interest in access to high speed internet and natural gas for rural communities. He explained these two services are vital to the development of the agricultural sector of the economy for several reasons including the fast pace of changes in agriculture before expressing his appreciation for the support provided by the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus in these matters.

As mayor of North Stormont, Wert will serve on the Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry along with deputy mayor Francois Landry representing their municipality. Wert mentioned that he considers it an honour as well as a "wonderful experience" to serve on SDG council. During the inauguration ceremony on Dec. 14, at the



Mayor of North Stormont, Jim Wert and former mayor Dennis Fife who has served the municipality of North Stormont since being elected in the fall of 1997, are pictured during a break in the final meeting of the municipal council which served between 2014 and 2018.

Thompson Goddard photo

council chambers in Cornwall, Wert along with the other mayors and deputy mayors from SDG were sworn in as members of County Council; and North Glengarry Mayor Jamie MacDonald was sworn in as Warden.

During the final meeting of the North Stormont council elected in 2014, Wert mentioned how this was a unique time in the history of the municipality with the retirement of deputy mayor Bill McGimpsey and Mayor Dennis Fife. Mayor Fife took the opportunity at the meeting to thank people for the respect and cooperation shown during his 21 years in office.

Fife began his municipal career when elected as a councillor in the fall of 1997 following the amalgamation of the Village of Finch, Townships of Roxborough and Finch into

the Municipality of North Stormont. In 2003 he became mayor of the municipality, a position he held continuously until his retirement in 2018.

When asked about the high point of his municipal career during a recent interview with *the Chesterville Record*, Fife responded that he is proud of what the township has been able to do with the funds available. He continued that every piece of road and fire department's equipment has been replaced since 2003. He explained how with the assistance and expertise of members of the Roads Department much of the construction of roads, bridges, etc. as well as their repair has been done in-house which has resulted in significant cost savings to the municipality.

Fife related how several years ago the municipality

had applied for and was turned down for a provincial grant because of plans to do the work in-house to reduce costs. After receiving notice of this, deputy mayor McGimpsey and Mayor Fife flew to Toronto, met with provincial officials and returned with a \$300,000 grant after convincing the bureaucrats of the significant savings which result from the work being done in-house.

As he looked back over his 21-year career in municipal politics, Fife commented how he enjoyed serving the community despite the ups and downs associated with the position of mayor, continuing how one of the most difficult things he had to do as mayor was "to declare the seat of Michael Casselman vacant".

When asked about IPM 2015, which was held in North Stormont, he noted how it was probably one of the biggest tourist attractions in the area and was the result of "a lot of work by a lot of people, but it was very successful".

He wished to thank Mary and his family for their support, as well as the support and respect of the council members he served with over the years. Referring to his fellow council members, he commented: "We didn't always agree with each other, but after the issue was debated and the decision made, the matter was laid to rest."

His future hopes for the municipality that he has called home for many years is for people who are raised here to be able to find a career and make a home in North Stormont, a good place to grow.

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Looking ahead to 2019 in South Stormont

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

LONG SAULT – During an interview on Dec. 4 with the *Chesterville Record*, South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis commented how he is “happy and excited to work with the new council” elected in the 2018 municipal elections.

When asked about the priorities facing the new council, McGillis commented how the top priority was the upgrading and reconstruction of the Ingleside Waste Water Treatment plant. He cites the need for more capacity to ensure future industrial, commercial and residential growth.

Economic development is important to the municipality going forward and McGillis views attracting new businesses to the municipality and providing support to already established ones, a priority for the new council in the coming year. He continued how the support needed by local businesses when dealing with new provincial guideline regulations is something the municipal staff and councillors can provide. McGillis explained how a decision regarding retail outlets for cannabis in the municipality is required by Jan. 22, and needs to be dealt with in a timely fashion by the new council. During the Dec. 12 council meeting, it was decided to permit retail cannabis stores in the municipality and provide an opportunity for residents to comment on a draft municipal policy.

Work on the provincially mandated Asset Management Plan for South Stormont is a priority for the new council. The

AMP is designed to provide the municipality with information on what they own such as buildings, roads, bridges, vehicles, etc. McGillis mentioned the importance of getting the required software in place as well as having employees develop a plan to maintain municipal assets and their maintenance. This important piece of work may be a future requirement in provincial funding requests and once completed will need continuous updating to ensure it remains a viable document.

The upgrading of Highway 138 is also a matter of great concern moving forward and McGillis is looking forward to working with stakeholders to ensure the project moves ahead. He continued how the project which has been in the works for several years is still investigating upgrades to the highway and mentioned a new study seeking to identify and recommend a plan for a new 65 standard parking lot is being initiated. McGillis suggested residents can participate online at www.cornwallcarpool.ca.

When asked about goals for the recently elected council, McGillis commented how keeping the taxes at a reasonable rate, better communication to the community as well as providing recreational groups and other local organizations with support, as important goals. There is a need to ensure playground equipment is in good condition and mentioned investigating recreational issues with MacLennan Park in Rosedale Terrace. He continued how local organizations such as historical societies need assistance with issues facing them and support from the municipality going forward. As



Mayor Bryan McGillis of South Stormont.
Thompson Goddard photo

for ensuring better communication with the community, McGillis suggested providing coverage of council meetings on the municipal website might be one method of ensuring residents have the opportunity to see council at work.

McGillis concluded the interview by stating how he is looking forward to serving the community as mayor and seeing the residents working together to ensure South Stormont becomes “a better and more viable place to live in, for generations to come”.

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has dwindled in the previous year it is still a significant fundraiser for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Cornwall and District organization. The main event took place in Cornwall and had 165 teams but it continued in Chesterville at the Chesterville Bowling Lanes the next day. The event raised \$63,960 in total with \$6,500 of that coming from the Chesterville event, almost half of which was raised by local, Betty Wheeler and her team.

Also in Chesterville on the same weekend was the 19th annual Spin-In. Roughly 60 spinners from across eastern Ontario and western Quebec were in attendance; much more than the original four that began the event in 1999.

Over in Russell Township, the village welcomed a new judo studio taking up shop in the Russell Arts and Culture Centre. The Russell location is part of the Odawa Judo Club and has recreational classes that teach students technique and help participants improve their fitness and coordination.

100 Women Who Care was launched in North Dundas in February. The idea is simple, 100 women who bring \$100 each to a one-hour event where charities and organizations can pitch their cause. After the pitches have concluded



Volunteers ready

Committee members of the 100 Women Who Care North Dundas included, from left, Eric Duncan, Martine Thurler-Guy, Diane Crummy and Cheryl Guy. Missing is Nanda Wubs.

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the participants vote to give away the accumulated \$10,000 in just one night. Almost immediately after the announcement was made, the total members pledged to the cause reached 200.

The Empty Bowls fundraiser brought out a sold out crowd to the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church. The Community Food Share fundraiser saw the creation of 150 ceramic bowls from local potters that were filled with soup at the event. The event raised about \$6,000 for the organization.

Ingleside became a little more popular in February as Humble Beginnings Brewing Co. opened their doors in the Ingleside shopping plaza. Owners Pierre Doucette and Susan Wallwork welcomed over 200 people to visit the establishment where they began making local craft beers.

SNC and his work as an educator for the Ottawa Board of Education and as a farmer. Smirle's community work goes on to include a number of other organizations and committees that he has donated his time to over the years.

Therien Jiu Jitsu opened its doors in the village of Russell. The club was the seventh overall but the first of its kind in Russell. Located at the Russell Arts and Culture Centre, classes range for ages six and up. The opening also helped Therien celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The Prescott-Russell Chamber of Commerce launched their chamberdollar initiative in March. The dollars come in \$10 and \$20 denominations and are used to promote

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March

Bill Smirle was awarded the 2017 Township of North Dundas Community Builder award, presented in early March. Over 100 people gathered in the Morewood Fire Station as Smirle was honoured for his work as an advocate for WDMH, the Old Town Hall, his church,



New to Jiu-Jitsu

Therien Jiu Jitsu opened a club in the village of Russell, at the Russell Arts and Culture Centre. Shown here on Wed., March 21, from the left, are instructors Thomas Billharz, Norm Beauchamp, Denis Harkness, Mika Harkness, and Russell Mayor and former student of Therien, Pierre Leroux.

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HOL chefs serve up Christmas meal for 2018's last Dinner on the House

MOUNTAIN — The last Dinner on the House event for 2018 saw House of Lazarus (HOL) chefs serve a full-course Christmas meal for close to 100 people.

The Thurs., Dec. 13 community meal, which has been running weekly since its inception in May 2017, included apple and pumpkin pies courtesy of St. John's United Church in Kemptville, as well as musical entertainment by the Vernon Ukulele Club.

"It's been a great year for Dinner on the House," HOL client services manger Kim Merkley said. "We celebrated our one-year anniversary for the program in May. On average, we see about 70 to 80 people every week. We receive regular donations from community members, businesses, churches and other groups. Some donate money or food, while others donate their time, helping to cook, set up, serve, and clean up. We live in a wonderful and generous community."

HOL's Dinner on the House is a free weekly community meal open to everyone. The idea behind the program is to build community by bringing people together for food and conversation. The program developed after a food bank survey showed that several adults were going full days each month without food.



A musical evening

Pictured during House of Lazarus' last Dinner on the House of 2018 is the Vernon Ukulele Club. Sharon Baird (left), Nancy Burns-Horler, Del Horler, and Danielle Soucy provided musical entertainment for the program's Christmas-themed event Thurs., Dec. 13.

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"Dinner on the House may have started because of a food bank survey, but the program is open to everyone," Merkley said. "Yes, it feeds the hungry, but it also brings people together. People get to know their neighbours. People living alone are able to spend at least one meal a week with other people. We learn that no matter our background, we're all essentially the same."

Dinner on the House will be taking a three-week break, but will return Thurs., Jan. 10 at its usual time, 4 to 7 p.m., and its usual location, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 2227 Simms Street in Mountain.

House of Lazarus is a food bank and outreach mission located in Mountain, serving hundreds of clients from surrounding communities, including all of Dundas County, Grenville County and South Ottawa. Last year, 600 people were fed through HOL's food bank, while 2,630 people were provided with food, clothing, furniture, and household goods through its outreach programming. A community-supported venture, House of Lazarus does not rely on government funding. It's through HOL thrift stores, grants, donations, and fundraisers that its projects and programs happen.

For more information on this or other House of Lazarus projects, please visit www.houseoflazarus.com or follow the mission on Facebook.

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local buying. The dollars are available in many local stores and work similarly to gift cards. The chamberdollars can then only be spent in participating local businesses.

News of the municipality of North

Grenville's acquisition of the Kemptville campus broke in March. While an agreement was reached for the purchase the December prior, the transfer took place on March 28. The purchase included roughly 633 acres of land and 34 buildings which are hoped to be

used for an Education and Training, Health and Wellness and Economic Development hub.

The T.R. Leger adult high school opened in Chesterville at the North Dundas District High School. The addition was the 16th

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Hodge then thanked the local churches, banks and other organizations who had angel trees, Mike Deans in Chesterville which assisted in the endeavour by providing the food at cost for the Christmas hampers and the Chesterville Legion who donated the hall for the sorting and distribution of items. Lion Car Robinson mentioned the funding provided to the North Dundas Christmas Fund from Finch and District Lions Club, expressing a sincere thank you to the club for their assistance.

Early on Thursday morning volunteers arrived at the Chesterville Legion and prepare for the distribution of Christmas hampers. Hodge described how clients have a specific time for pick up and a well-organized team will be on hand to assist as needed. She continued there are 161 people in 56 families who will be participating in the event, with every child 18 and under provided with at least one gift. Hodge explained how once the distribution is completed in one community any remaining items are



Checking it twice

Lion Carl Robinson is busy checking his list at the Chesterville Legion on December 19 during the sorting of donations to the North Dundas Christmas Fund.
Thompson Goddard photo

forwarded to the next event, commenting how items from the Winchester event which had already been held have arrived for the Chesterville event and the remainder of items once the distribution in this community is completed will be provided to South Mountain.

The Christmas spirit is certainly alive and well in North Dundas with wishes for a happy holiday season for all certainly evident in the volunteers and contributors to the North Dundas Christmas Fund.



Dining out for the South Stormont community

Ingleside-Long Sault-Lost Villages Lions Club president Lion Sharon Potvin and club past president Lion Gerry Potvin finish up their roast beef dinner as the final club fundraising community dinner winds down on Dec. 19 at the South Stormont Community Centre in Long Sault. President Sharon commented the series of successful community dinner which raised funds for projects in South Stormont will begin again in early 2019.
Thompson Goddard photo



Making Christmastime a little brighter

Over the past few years the Gathering Stickers have donated their time to make tissue box covers and put together a bag of goodies. Pictured are the club members, holding their creations. These bags with all the goodies will be handed out to the Carefor/Nor-Dun Centre Meals on Wheels clients as a special little gift from the Gathering Stickers. From left, Caroline Rooney, Pauline VanKessel, Andree Desormeaux, Shirley Coons, Thea Chouinard, Susan Terry, Kathleen St. Denis and Lois Beckstead.
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Affordable heating on the way

WARWICK — Ontario's Government says they have delivered on a promise to make life more affordable for rural families through the passage of Bill 32, *The Access to Natural Gas Act*.

With the passage of Bill 32, help is on the way for tens of thousands of rural residents currently without access to natural gas.

The legislation makes it possible for a new program that, once the regulations are in place, would be designed to expand access to natural gas to more parts of rural and northern Ontario, as well as First Nations communities.

"Access to natural gas is not just a question of convenience. For many, it's a choice between heating and eating," said Minister of Infrastructure Monte McNaughton, who announced the bill's passage while at a family farm in Warwick.

"Having access to natural gas makes life more affordable and puts more money in people's pockets."

Switching from propane, electric heat or oil to natural gas can save an average residential customer between \$800 and \$2,500 a year.

"This is really exciting news," said farmer Duane Ferguson, owner of Ferguson's Scattered Acres in Warwick,

who relies on industrial heaters to dry his crops such as soybeans, grain, corn and sugar beets.

"With natural gas, I'd be saving about half my \$50,000 heating bill. For me and my family, that's an unbelievable savings."

The new program will be designed to help the private sector expand access to natural gas for up to 78 new communities in Ontario. That means approximately 33,000 new households in Ontario could potentially save up to \$2,500 per year in energy costs.

"What really sets this program apart is our government's ability to strategically partner with the private sector, which will help us get the job done for the people of Ontario," said Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines. "We believe that a market solution, a private sector alternative, can keep more money in your pocket instead of using taxpayer dollars."

"The passage of this legislation is important for families and businesses in rural Ontario," said Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

"Providing more access to natural gas will help lower the cost of living. It will give people more money to re-invest in the local economy, and help Ontario



Christmas Crokinole Tournament full of fun

Chesterville and District Historical Society held their annual Christmas Crokinole Tournament on Tues., Dec. 18 at the McCloskey Hotel in Chesterville. The event, which has grown since it began in 2008, provides an opportunity to enjoy food, fellowship and fun during the holiday season. Organized by Verne McMillan a sense of friendly competition for bragging rights and the Crokinole Trophy adds to the excitement. CDHS member Gail Parker is seen taking aim at an opponents disc.

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communities attract more businesses, create jobs, and ensure that Ontario is open for business."

Ontario is working with the Ontario Energy Board to develop the details of the new program.

**The time is near...
Happy New Year!**

As we count down to 2019, we'd like to share our thanks and best wishes with everyone who has been a part of our year. We've really enjoyed spending time with you, and we hope the next twelve months bring you countless reasons to celebrate!

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Major Midget Rep Demons back on winning track

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The North Dundas Major Midget Rep Demons played one game this past week as they welcomed the Brockville Braves on Thursday night.

Demons 3 Braves 1

The North Dundas Major Midget Rep Demons welcomed the Brockville Braves to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Thurs., Dec. 20, in the UCMHL. The Demons slipped to third place in the standings, three points behind the Cornwall Colts and four behind the Char-Lan Rebels.

The Demons opened the scoring when Josh Broad fired one home from Blake Waters and Jaymen Heuff at 9:56 taking a 1-0 lead. The Demons took the 1-0 lead into the second period.

The Demons took a two-goal lead when Owen Richardson pounded one home from

the blue line through a crowd in front of the net from Ben Fingler and Joey Hannaford just 49 seconds into the second period on the power play.

The Demons made it 3-0 when Cam Sherrer snapped one to the back of the net from Dean Lapier and Colin Minish at 6:16. The Demons held the Braves off the scoreboard for the remainder of the middle frame and took a 3-0 lead into the third period.

The Braves got on the score sheet at 8:34 of the third period but the Demons were able to hold them at bay as the time wound down in the game. The Demons took the game 3-1.

With the win, the Demons moved to within one point of the Cornwall Colts in second place and two behind the Char-Lan Rebels in first. Picking up the win in the Demons' goal was Toby Byrne.



The North Dundas Major Midget Rep Demons welcomed the Brockville Braves to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Thurs., Dec. 20, in the UCMHL. The Demons' Nick Brugmans (18) takes a swing to bat the puck home after his teammate, Ben Fingler (8) centred it from the side of the net. The Demons took the game 3-1.

Moore photo

Up next

The North Dundas Major Midget Rep Demons are off until Wed., Jan. 2, when

they travel to North Grenville Municipal Centre in Kemptonville to take on the Panthers at 8 p.m.

Junior Ravens ride undated streak

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

RUSSELL—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Junior boys basketball team played two games over the past two weeks as they travelled to Embrun on Wed., Dec 12, to take on the Cyclones and welcomed the Rockland Wildcats this past Wednesday.

Ravens 73 Wildcats 16

The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Junior boys basketball team welcomed

the Rockland District High School Wildcats on Wed., Dec. 20, in PRSSAA. The Ravens went into the game undefeated and looked to ride their winning streak.

The Ravens dominated the first quarter scoring 32 points and holding the Wildcats to just one. The Ravens doubled the Wildcats 8-4 in the second quarter taking a 40-8 lead into the dressing room at halftime.

The Ravens took their foot off the pedal slightly in the third quarter but still outscored the Wildcats 14-8.

The Ravens showed no mercy in the final quarter scoring 19 points and holding the Wildcats to just four. The Ravens took the game convincingly 73-16.

Scoring for the Ravens were Callum Birch with 16, N. P. and Kai Daniel with 12 each, Matt Pietrkiewicz with nine, Dylan Clune with eight, Callum Tait with six, Aiden Nyentap with four and Brock Ballantyne and Tanner Smith with trays.

Ravens 58 Cyclones 28

The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Junior boys basketball team travelled to the École Secondary Catholique Embrun on Wed., Dec. 12, to take on the Cyclones in PRSSAA. The Ravens dominated the first quarter scoring 19 points and held the Cyclones to just four.

In the second quarter, the Ravens dropped another 18 points but their defence loosened up just a bit allowing 12 points against. The Ravens took a 27-16 lead into the break at the half. The Ravens came out of the dressing room on fire outscoring the Cyclones 16-2 taking a 43-18 lead into the final frame.

The Ravens didn't let up a whole lot, scoring 15 more points but the Cyclones battled back to score 10. The Ravens took the game 58-28 to remain undefeated in the season. Scoring for the Ravens were Callum Birch with 16 points, Aiden Nyentap with 11, Matt Pietrkiewicz with 10, Callum Tait with eight, Dylan Clune with six, N. P. with three and Kai Daniel and Brock Ballantyne each scored deuces.



The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Junior boys basketball team welcomed the Rockland District High School Wildcats on Wed., Dec. 20, in PRSSAA. The Ravens' Aiden Nyentap lays one up for a pair. Nyentap and the Ravens overpowered the Wildcats 73-16.

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T-Wolves rebound with a pair of wins

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

RUSSELL—The Russell High School T-Wolves' Senior boys basketball team played three games in the past two weeks as they travelled to Embrun on Mon., Dec. 10, to take on the Cyclones, then to Plantagenet on Wed., Dec 12 to take on the Panthers and welcomed the Casselman Dynamos this past Wednesday.

T-Wolves 47 Dynamos 43

The Russell High School T-Wolves' Senior boys basketball team welcomed the École secondary catholique de Casselman to take on the Dynamos on Wed., Dec. 20, in PRSSAA. The T-Wolves were coming off their first victory of the season over the École Secondary Catholique de Plantagenet Panthers 52-36 on Dec. 12 and looked to stay on the winning side.

The Dynamos outscored the T-Wolves narrowly 17-16 in the first quarter but the T-Wolves' offence turned it up a bit scoring 10 points and their defence only allowed four against. The T-Wolves took a 27-20 lead into the break at halftime.

The T-Wolves remained in control scoring another 16 points and their defence held the Dynamos to 10 points. The T-Wolves took a 43-30 lead into the fourth quarter. The Dynamos owned the fourth quarter outscoring the T-Wolves 13-4 but it was not enough as the T-Wolves took the game 47-43.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were Sean Roos with 12 points, Mitchell Parrot with 11, Alex Hiemstra with 10, Jake Peters and Patrick O'Connor with four, P. R. and Mitchell Stoddard each with deuces.

Cyclones 49 T-Wolves 39

The Russell High School T-Wolves' Senior boys basketball team travelled to the École Secondary Catholique Embrun on Mon., Dec. 10, to take on the Cyclones in PRSSAA. The Cyclones opened well scoring 11 points in the first quarter to the T-Wolves' five.

The T-Wolves offence picked it up a little in the second quarter scoring 13 points but the Cyclones were able to drop



The Russell High School T-Wolves' Senior boys basketball team welcomed the École secondary catholique de Casselman to take on the Dynamos on Wed., Dec. 20, in PRSSAA. The T-Wolves' Alex Hiemstra (44) soars through the air for a deuce. Hiemstra scored 10 points and helped the T-Wolves to a 47-43 victory.

Moore photo

another 11. The Cyclones took a 22-18 lead into the break at halftime. The Cyclones outscored the T-Wolves 13-10 in the third quarter taking a 35-28 lead into the fourth quarter.

The T-Wolves were able to keep close to one of the top teams in the league but the Cyclones scored 14 more points to the T-Wolves 11. The Cyclones took the game 49-39.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were Alex Hiemstra with 23, Jake Peters with six, P. R. with four, Justen Dupelle with a deuce and Sean Roos with a single.



T-Wolves Senior girls volleyball move to Tier 1

Kevin Kennedy
Special to the Record

RUSSELL—The Russell High School Ravens' Senior girls volleyball team is heading back to Tier 1 for the first time in several years. A few weeks ago the T-Wolves set a goal of winning the Dec. 18 tournament.

The T-Wolves improved every week, getting more wins at each tournament and continuing to practice three days a week. They won seven sets at the Dec. 11 tournament and decided to set a new goal for Dec. 18, which was to win 10 sets (five matches) including the finals and make it to Tier 1.

So that's what they did. The T-Wolves beat the top team, Embrun, 25-18, 25-20 to start the day. That game pretty much decided if the girls had a chance to get to the finals or not.

The T-Wolves then beat St. FX 2-0, Rockland 2-0 and VCI 2-1 (after losing the first set). In the finals they lost the first set again 25-17, started strong in the second set but found themselves down 16-9.

The T-Wolves took a timeout to regroup and

remind themselves that they didn't make it to the finals to quit. As coach I realized later the significance/coincidence of our timeout.

It was 16-9, the other team needed nine to win and the T-Wolves needed 16. They started chipping away. The game went back and forth and the T-Wolves closed the

gap to 22-21.

La Seigneurie took a timeout and then another one when the T-Wolves had taken a 24-22 lead.

The T-Wolves won on the next point to push it to a third set. In the third, the girls jumped out to an 8-3 lead and won it 15-11 to complete the comeback.



Tier 1 champs

The Russell High School T-Wolves Senior girls volleyball team moved up to Tier 1 after taking a tournament in Casselman on Tues., Dec. 18 in PRSSAA. The winning team members are: front from left, Tiffany Yeung and Viola Lorenzi. Back from left, Abby Sinden, Emma Gillingham, Maddie Davis, Emily Vandemheen and Emily Kingswood.

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Atom C1 Demons collect three of four points from Chargers

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

ATHENS — The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons played a pair of games this past week as they welcomed the Leeds Chargers on Tuesday night and travelled to Athens on Wednesday night for a rematch against the Chargers.

Demons 1 Chargers 1

The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons travelled to Centre 76 in Athens on Wed., Dec. 19, to take on the Leeds Chargers in the UCMHL. The Demons were coming off a 6-0 win over the Chargers the previous night and were looking for a series sweep.

The Chargers opened the scoring at 2:02 into the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Demons tied the game with just 39 seconds

remaining in the opening frame as Sydney Robinson scored an unassisted goal. The teams took a one-all draw into the second period.

The teams battled to a scoreless second period and took the deadlock into the third period. Neither team was able to take the game as the clock wound down to donuts, so they settled for the 1-1 stalemate. Playing in goal for the Demons was Matthew Seguin.

Demons 6 Chargers 0

The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons welcomed the Leeds Chargers to the Chesterville Arena on Tues., Dec. 18, in the UCMHL. The Demons were coming off a mid-season break in the schedule and looked to get back into the swing of things.

The Demons opened the scoring just 1:22 into the first period as John Nabodny

Senior Ravens drop two in a row

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

RUSSELL—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens Senior boys basketball team played two games over the past two weeks as they travelled to Embrun to take on the Cyclones on Wed., Dec. 12 and welcomed the Le Sommet Jaguars this past Wednesday.

Jaguars 52 Ravens 50 (OT)

The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens Senior boys basketball team welcomed the Le Sommet Jaguars on Wed., Dec. 20, in PRSSAA. The Ravens were coming of their first loss of the season and were looking to get back in the winning column.

There was a little delay getting the game started as there were no referees. When the game finally got started the two teams battled to a 12-all first quarter. The Jaguars took it to the Ravens in the second quarter dropping 13 points and holding the Ravens to just five.

The Jaguars took a 25-17 lead into the dressing room at the half. The Ravens' offence kicked in the third quarter scoring 17 points but their defence was a little tardy allowing 13. The Ravens trailed 38-34 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Ravens put the pressure on the Jaguars scoring 12 points and holding them to just eight. When the final buzzer



The Ravens' Macen Birch lobs two of his 10 points. Birch and the Ravens suffered a tough 52-50 loss to the Jaguars. Moore photo

sounded there was a 46-all draw so the game headed to a four-minute overtime. In the extra stanza, the Jaguars ruined the Ravens' comeback attempt as they scored six and held the Ravens to four.

The Jaguars took the game 52-50. Scoring for the Ravens were Frank Gabriel with 25 points, Macen Birch with 10, Andrew Purcell with six, Adam Davidson and Brody Ballantyne each scored trays and Aidan MacPhail and Morgan Foster scored deuces.

Cyclones 42 Ravens 38

The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Senior boys basketball team travelled to the École Secondaire Catholique Embrun on Wed., Dec. 12, to take on the Cyclones in PRSSAA. The Cyclones narrowly outscored the Ravens 11-10

in the opening quarter but the Ravens bounced back in the second quarter outscoring the Cyclones 12-7 taking a 22-18 lead into the break at halftime.

The Ravens did not have a good third quarter as the Cyclones dominated the scoreboard with an 11-4 count and took a slight 29-26 lead into the final frame. The Ravens made a game of it in the fourth quarter but the Cyclones outscored them 13-12.

The Cyclones took the game 42-38 handing the Ravens their first loss of the season. Scoring for the Ravens were Frank Gabriel with 12, Macen Birch with eight, Aiden MacPhail with four, Jarrett Ladouceur, Adam Davidson and Alex Caldwell each scored three, Morgan Foster scored a deuce and Elijah Wardrop, Brody Ballantyne and Joe James scored singles.

lit the lamp to take a 1-0 lead. The Demons made it 2-0 when Jack Robinson scored at 1:36 and 3-0 at 7:34 as Robinson scored his second goal the game. The Demons took a 3-0 lead into the second period.

Robinson completed his natural hat trick at 2:30 of the second period to give the Demons a 4-0 lead heading into the third

period. Robinson scored his fourth consecutive goal at 4:43 of the third period to give the Demons a 5-0 lead.

The Demons added a late goal by Cody Lease with just 1:54 remaining in the game. The Demons took the game 6-0 with Matthew Seguin picking up the shutout between the pipes.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR 2019!

Celebrate the New Year with friends and family, and enjoy all the fun and excitement that makes this time of year so special!

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Who'll pay for museum repairs in Russell?

Tom Van Dusen
Villager Contributor

RUSSELL – The Russell Village and District Historical Society and Russell Township council are at odds over who should pay for repairs to the exterior of the former church building comprising part of the local museum. The other part is the former fire hall beside it.

While the historical society maintains that, as a municipally owned property, the township should pay,

some councillors and administrators feel fundraising should be undertaken to cover at least part of the costs. Museum volunteers have countered they can't be expected to raise more funds than they already do in support of special events at the museum.

Estimates obtained from specialized consultants are \$55,000 for new partial cladding – about four feet from the bottom all around – and other upgrades, and

\$139,800 for full cladding. Society members believe a local contractor could do the work for much less.

At one point, municipal administration suggested that the building be redone in vinyl siding. That, the society says, defeats the whole concept of maintaining a public historic building in an area being eyed as a heritage conservation zone.

Constructed in 1856 and believed to be the oldest public building in the township, the frame deconsecrated Baptist church was flat-bedded across the Castor River to its current location at the corner of Church and Concession streets about 30 years ago.

It became the Keith Boyd Community Museum named for its founder, a noted local historian and artifact collector. In connection with the move, some new boards were added to the bottom of the building and they now

need to be replaced. The entire building needs new paint.

Society members point to an agreement made with the township in 2005 which specifies that the municipality finance basic operational expenditures such as telephone, electricity, heat, security system and insurance, as well as capital renovations to maintain the site. The agreement is renewed automatically every year unless terminated by the township following 90 days written notice.

On its side of the agreement, the society must ensure proper operations of the museum, collect, catalogue and exhibit relevant artifacts, establish a yearly budget, obtain permission from the municipality before making any alterations, work with recreation staff to conduct any capital improvements, and provide a yearly activity report.



Needing an upgrade

The exterior of the local museum in Russell Township is in need of repairs but there is no decision yet as to which community group will be responsible for its upkeep.

Van Dusen photo

Out for the holidays

Meghan Baines
RHS Report

We're currently enjoying our Christmas vacation and I'm sure I'm not the only one who really needed a break! With the cold weather and holidays comes the end of semester one, including, of course, our exams and summatives. It's going to be a very busy time of year, but I'm wishing all of our students good luck with those final tests and assignments! Don't forget that the Learning Commons is a great place to study for exams!

Looking back at the week leading up to the break, students were given a treat in the form of a holiday pyjama day on Monday – complete with hot chocolate and the Christmas classic *The Polar Express*. The guidance department looked especially cozy and matchy! Next we had winter sports day, which the Senior girls volleyball team celebrated by winning the Tier 2 tournament finals versus La Seigneurie and being promoted to Tier 1! Then students enjoyed Ugly Sweater Day, Formal Day... and then a snow day!

There are lots of extracurriculars continuing in the new year, including Dance Club, Intro to Band, Glee, and more. Behind the scenes of all this excitement, the prom committee has also been working hard, visiting locations, and making tough decisions. Prom tickets will be available in January to our senior students, and Prom 2K19 will be on May 24 at the Greyhawk Golf Course!

RHS is quite the busy place, but I think students and staff alike enjoy the hustle and bustle- and also appreciate really the downtime this week. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!

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Robert Kirby acclaimed as UCPR warden for 2019, for a third time

L'ORIGINAL – Robert Kirby, mayor of the Township of East Hawkesbury, was elected by acclamation as the 2019 warden of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR).

This coming year represents Warden Kirby's third term as the head of the regional council, having previously held the position in 2009 and 2015. His nomination was proposed by Paula Assaly, mayor of the Town of Hawkesbury, and Daniel Lafleur, mayor of the Village of Casselman.

Kirby brings a wealth of municipal experience to this position, having served as mayor of the Township of East Hawkesbury since 2006. During the traditional swearing-in ceremony held on the evening of Dec. 19 in the county council chambers, he addressed the

priorities of his upcoming presidency, namely the widening of County Road 17, the expansion of natural gas into rural sectors, the construction of the new Prescott and Russell Residence, and resolving the dispatch of emergency services into neighbouring municipalities.

"I plan to ensure that the transition between the former and the new council is seamless, and in order to do so, we must stay the course on our priorities and advocacy of the past year. Our regional objectives are still very much achievable and we must continue working together with a united voice to maintain continuity for Prescott and Russell and conclude our major projects," stated Warden Kirby, adding that it is a privilege and an honour to serve council in this role

for a third time.

During the same ceremony, outgoing warden François St-Amour presented cheques totalling \$25,500 to the Prescott-Russell Community Services as

well as the six Golden Age Clubs located in the Municipality of The Nation. These funds were raised during the Warden's Golf Tournament and Warden's Banquet fundraisers held during his

term, and represent the largest amount ever raised during a county warden's term.



Changing hands

2019 UCPR Warden Robert Kirby (right) was inaugurated into office on Dec. 19 by outgoing warden François St-Amour.

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During François St-Amour's term, the Warden's Golf Tournament and Warden's Banquet were able to raise a total of \$25,500 that was presented to the Prescott-Russell Community Services and Golden Age Clubs. Community Services was given \$12,500 of the total. Pictured from left, Sylvie Leclair, executive director of Community Services, St-Amour and Gisèle Séguin, chair Community Services board.

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