



It's official

Eric Duncan's swearing in ceremony took place on Parliament Hill on Fri., Nov. 18. Pictured with MP Duncan are his parents Edwin Duncan and Bea Wigney along with his sister Jill Murphy. Courtesy photo

Fantastic start to holiday season

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

INGLESIDE – According to Scott Fines, co-owner of Fines Home Hardware in Ingleside, the turnout for the fourth annual Ladies Night event held on Nov. 13 was in keeping with previous years, with people coming and going throughout the evening. The admission to the holiday kick-off event in South Stormont was to bring a non-

perishable food donation for a local food bank.

Despite the chilly evening, there was the usual lineup of people waiting for the doors to open, with the first fifty people through the doors receiving a gift bag of goodies. Fines explained that the evening is designed to have some pre-holiday fun and with many items on sale for attendees to perhaps find a gift or two as well. Throughout the evening there were games and prizes, a chance to visit with friends and neighbours as well as some light refreshments provided by Crazy Dan's Pickled Weiners, Ingleside Bakery and Butler's Restaurant.



Deck the halls

Amanda and Scott Fines, co-owners of Fines Home Hardware in Ingleside, took a moment out during the hectic Ladies Night event on Nov. 13 for a photo. Thompson Goddard photo

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11 great reasons to BUY LOCAL

1. Help create jobs

If you buy your holiday goods from local shops, you'll help generate a need to hire more employees. Retail jobs are relatively easy to qualify for, meaning that people who otherwise struggle to find work have a better chance of being hired. This allows them to secure income during the holidays and hopefully year-round.

2. Enjoy local traditions

Wherever you live, chances are there's a unique holiday tradition that people in your community take part in. Perhaps it involves a special dish or a particular type of holiday decoration. Regardless, it's the perfect way to share something unique about your area with friends and relatives over the holidays.

3. Support non-profits

Small businesses tend to give more money to non-profit organizations, especially local ones. By completing your holiday shopping in the area, you're ensuring they can give

generously to organizations that help the less fortunate and other people in your region.

4. Get better customer service

Local business owners are passionate about their products. By buying local, you ensure that you'll get the very best recommendations possible when making purchases. In fact, personalized customer service is a sure-fire way to guarantee you'll get the perfect presents for your loved ones. And, even if you don't, returning items will be a cinch.

5. Reduce your carbon footprint

Shopping locally is the eco-friendly thing to do,

especially if you skip the car and do it on foot. Less driving translates to a decrease in fuel consumption and a smaller carbon footprint overall. In addition, local products haven't travelled long distances to get to you. This holiday season, shop local to help protect the planet.

6. Stay informed

Visiting local shops during the holiday season is a great way to stay informed about what's going on in your community. You'll find out what holiday events are taking place, get insider tips about the best products around and reinforce your sense of belonging.

7. Meet Santa

Bring the kids along with you and turn your holiday shopping excursion into an outing for the family. The little ones can meet Santa, you can do a bit of browsing and everyone will enjoy indulging in a cup of hot cocoa afterwards.

8. Find unique presents

It's easier to find something truly unique when shopping locally. While you could purchase artisanal creations off the internet, buying something from a local artist ensures it'll be as special as the person you're getting it for. Some items can even be personalized.

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Lend a helping paw

Kory Glover
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Want to do something special to help man’s best friend?

Rocky Road Rescue is putting together their very first event at Chesterville Gathering House on Sat., Dec. 14 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. to help raise money for their rescue medical costs.

“Rocky Road Rescue is a 100 per cent volunteer run, foster based dog rescue for Ottawa and surrounding areas,” said Tammy Plath,

event coordinator for Rocky Road Rescue. “We do not operate out of a shelter. All our rescues are placed in homes until they are ready for adoption.”

The event will have a number of exciting items to check out including a craft sale, a bake sale and Chili Cook-Off where SDSG MP Eric Duncan will be judging.

“After the judging, people will be able to pay five dollars for a bowl of their favourite chili,” said Plath.

Victoria Street Café has

already entered the competition and they are still looking for more entrants before the big day.

“We want to raise awareness on how much dogs need care and support,” said Plath. “We’re hoping to raise enough funds for the medical costs and care for our current dogs.”

While collecting donations for their rescue, they are also going to be collecting food donations for the House of Lazarus. For more information about Rocky Road Rescue and the upcoming event, you can visit their website at rockyroadrescue.com.



Celebrating history

Back in 1936, the Morrisburg & District Lions Club was officially chartered in conjunction with their neighbours in Waddington, New York. Soon, following much growth and success over the years, the club was re-chartered in 1949 as a new separate club. This year marks the 70th anniversary of that big leap for the club and everyone was invited to celebrate Sat., Nov. 16 at the Royal Canadian Legion Morrisburg Branch with a night of socializing and dinner of prime rib and seasonal vegetables. Pictured are the Lions members in attendance for the event. Members of the Morrisburg & District Lions Club are (not in order) president Randy Prevost, past president Jim Martin, treasurer Paul Gunther, secretary Cheryl Tynski, meeting secretary Lori Prevost, membership chair Wayne Domanko, vice president Dave O’Shaughnessy, tail twister Jim Martin, lion tamer Keith Robinson, directors Hal Wagner, Madeleine O’Shaughnessy, Linda Robinson and Steve Barkley, district governor Beth Lewis, region chair Raja Wysocki and Zone 41 south chair Jerome Andre.

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Currently up for adoption are Toby a.k.a Toblerone (left) and Popcorn (right). You can visit the official Rocky Road Rescue website to see more dogs up for adoption. Courtesy photos

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9. Eliminate stress

Shopping locally is a great way to eliminate stress. This is because you don’t need to worry about when packages will arrive or the possibility that they might get stolen. Plus, you don’t have to be concerned about returns or exchanges, as these things are super easy to do when you buy your items from the retailers in town.



10. Support your local economy

Did you know that many small businesses make between 20 and 40 per cent of their annual income during

the last two months of the year? November and December are crucial months and many stores rely on holiday sales to stay afloat. This holiday season, make sure to buy local so you can directly support the area’s economy.



11. Help build your community

Cafés, craft stores and bookshops are prime venues for events that can enrich your community. Supporting these places allows them to host classes, music shows and more, which helps to both enliven the holiday season and to invigorate the local economy.

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5 Cyclone Air Cadet Squadron benefits from Local Flavours

This year's Local Flavours event on Sat., Oct. 26 was considered another major success by the Russell Council. The tokens and money raised through the sale of merchant products accumulated a total of \$9,892. After vendors were compensated for their work and another donation from the Royal Bank of Canada, this year's beneficiary, the 5 Cyclone Air Cadets were awarded a total of \$9,099.36, the largest amount raised in the four years Local Flavours has been running. Pictured from the left, councillors Mike Tarnowski, Jamie Laurin and Cindy Saucier, deputy cadet commander warrant officer 2nd class Mitchell Sheridan, Capt. Christine Martel, vice-chair for the 5 Cyclone Air Cadet Squadron's sponsoring committee, Meme Lisette Dufour, Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux and councillor André Brisson during the Nov. 18 cheque presentation.



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Savour the Senses raises over \$17,000

As reported in the Oct. 2 edition of The Villager, on Sept. 28, Deafblind Ontario Services hosted “an indulgent evening of wine, whiskey and art in the dark” during their Savour the Senses event. In a recent press release, Deafblind Ontario Services provided the final fundraising total, an impressive \$17,547. The release went on to state: “For thirty years, Deafblind Ontario Services has been enriching lives, one touch at a time for

Courtesy photo

In memory of the battle

Kory Glover
 Villager Staff

EMBRUN – The only thing harder than fighting a battle with cancer is eventually losing after a long bout. After a long seven-year battle with breast cancer, Julie Sabourin's health took a turn for the

worse and she lost her fight this past July 15 at the age of 47. Wanting to honour her memory, Sabourin's brother, Richard Menard, owner of the Brasserie Étienne Brûlé Brewery, created a special craft brew called La Combattante to sell in memory of her fight.

Menard unveiled his new creation Wed., Nov. 13 at his establishment, letting all his patrons get a free taste. He also invited the Friends For Life group to announce that a portion of every bottle and drink sold will be donated to them; who in turn will donate the money to the Canadian Cancer Society.

“For every beer that's going to be drank here, we're going to [give] one dollar, and for the bottle,

we'll give 25 cents,” said Menard to the crowd of people who came out for the reveal. “I very much appreciate [everyone] coming out tonight.”

The Brasserie Étienne Brûlé Brewery will continue to give portions of La Combattante to Friends For Life for the first 1,000 litres they sell. The special drink is now available for purchase at \$3.95 plus tax per bottle and \$10.95 from the tap.



For Julie Sabourin

After losing her long battle against breast cancer, Julie Sabourin's memory will forever be honoured through her brother's new craft beer, now being sold at his establishment, the Brasserie Étienne Brûlé Brewery. For the first 1,000 litres sold, he will give a portion of the beer's earnings to the group Friends For Life, who will donate the money toward the Canadian Cancer Society. Pictured here, Brasserie Étienne Brûlé Brewery owner Richard Menard, his wife Liette Darveau (left) and Friends For Life founder Marie Claire Ivanski.

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