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Briefly

Public information session

FINCH – Today (Wed., Nov. 20) from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., a public information session will be held upstairs at the Finch Arena. OPP Sgt. Matt Eamer CD will speak on legal rights regarding the Nation Rise Industrial Wind Project. The session is open to the public.

Christmas Bazaar

CHESTERVILLE – The Garden Villa is holding their annual Christmas Bazaar this Fri., Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will include various vendors, crafts and a Christmas cake sale. The tea room will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Santa Claus parades

RUSSELL TOWNSHIP – Santa Claus will be touching down in Russell Township this weekend! Catch him on Sat., Nov. 23 in Embrun starting at 6:30 p.m. as the parade marches down Notre-Dame Street, and then on Sun., Nov. 24 during the Russell Christmas Parade starting at 1 p.m. The Russell parade begins at STA and proceeds down Concession St., ending at the Fairgrounds. Following the parade, everyone is invited to join Santa and Mrs. Claus upstairs at the Russell Arena!



Generous donations during the season of giving

From the left, Hamza Amgholani, Jane Schoones, Dan Gasser, Ruth Gilroy of Chesterville and Auxiliary Sgt. Jason Flaro pose for a photo shortly after Gilroy made a donation to the Stuff a Cruiser with Food Drive at Mike Dean's in Chesterville on Nov. 16.

Thompson Goddard photo

Successful Stuff a Cruiser with Food Drive

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The annual OPP Stuff a Cruiser with Food Drive was held in several locations throughout Dundas County on Sat., Nov. 16. Jane Schoones, team leader at Community Food Share, explained that the Stuff a Cruiser with Food Drive was held at Winchester Foodland, Laura's Valumart in Morrisburg and Mike Dean's in Chesterville.

Schoones commented she was "very happy" with the donations received and expressed her gratitude on behalf of the CFS for the support shown from the community. Hamza Amgholani, a student from North Dundas District High School, was volunteering at the food drive following an event at NDDHS where agencies could find volunteers for various events. Auxiliary Sgt. Jason Flaro, from the Ontario Provincial Police Detachment in Long Sault mentioned

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Pushing to prevent the closure of North Stormont PS

Michelle O'Donohue
Record Staff

BERWICK – North Stormont's regular council meeting on Nov. 12 began with two delegations discussing the future of North Stormont Public School, a K-6 school located in Berwick. The first presentation was made by Amy Sanders-Michaud, a member of the North Stormont Public School Parent Advisory Council. During her opening remarks, Sanders-Michaud stated, "I'm here tonight because the Upper Canada District School Board is asking the township for a bylaw to allow for a site plan for a new addition at Roxmore Public School in Avonmore that would allow them to close North Stormont here in Berwick,

and transfer the students there." Sanders-Michaud added, "I'm here to tell you that North Stormont Public School should be kept open for the sake of our township, and that the impending closure is not in anyone's best interest; not the school board's, not the township's and certainly not the students'."

Sanders-Michaud went on to provide details from the school board's spring 2016 programming review and the Long Term Accommodation Projection report that "were the stepping off points for the school board to start a Pupil Accommodation Review starting in the fall of 2016." Sanders-Michaud noted that the school board stated, "consolidating schools will reduce the need for split grades, improve

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North Stormont PS

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access to a greater number of staff and provide students with greater opportunities for extracurricular activities and socialization. Overcrowded classrooms and long bus rides were not mentioned." Sanders-Michaud noted that following draft recommendations, public meetings were held to receive feedback on proposed closures and changes, and the final report was "delivered in February of 2017." She added, "the final report recommended that North Stormont close, pending the ministry approval for an addition to Roxmore of 114 pupil places."

Sanders-Michaud explained that the board "voted to accept the recommendations in March of 2017," however only a few months later, "the Ministry of Education imposed a moratorium on rural school closures." Since that time, Sanders-Michaud notes few updates have been provided. She explained that despite their uncertain future, NSPS is still doing well noting, "currently, North Stormont has an enrolment of 98 students – a far cry from the projected 61 students from earlier predictions." She also spoke on the school's Facility Condition Index (FCI), which she explained, "a lower FCI represents a better facility condition compared to a higher FCI, North Stormont has an FCI of 16 per cent, which is very good, we have new floors, an updated gym and an upgraded roof." Sanders-Michaud stated the FCI of NSPS is lower than both Roxmore Public, and Maxville Public School.

Sanders-Michaud then spoke of the negative impacts that the NSPS closure could have on the potential new home-buyers at the housing developments in Chrysler, or future enrolment at Tagwi with parents

opting to send their children to different schools outside of the township. Sanders-Michaud's ended her presentation by reminding council of their ability to "flex its muscle and make the school board revisit their plans. By not allowing the permits and bylaws needed for an addition at Roxmore, the school board would have no choice but to go back and review their decision with updated and current information."

Sanders-Michaud's presentation was met with loud applause, following which, councillor Randy Douglas noted, "you covered it 110 per cent, very well done with real facts, we just hope that facts get listened to by the powers that be." Councillor Roxane Villeneuve noted that she wanted to hear from the school board trustee as well, but added "I remain true to my statements in the past that if there's any potential rural school closures, I'm against moving forward with the expansion in Avonmore."

Following Sanders-Michaud's presentation, John Danaher the local school board trustee spoke to council. Danaher noted that school closures are "a terribly emotional issue," and added that "we have to remove the emotion out of the discussion; every small school is important."

Danaher noted that he had not come before council to "refute anything Amy said" and that he didn't want to be viewed as "a bad guy." He added, "my understanding of the process... once the decision is made and voted by a board, it's pretty well cooked; however, if in the intermediate time there have been changes to some statistics or some of the information was incorrect, or some part of the decision was not considered," there are additional steps that can be taken. He went on to suggest penning "a letter to the Director of Education requesting a reevaluation of the ARC decision based on these facts."

Councillor Villeneuve asked Danaher to clarify, "the ARC

decision can be reversed, is that what you're saying?" Danaher replied that he needed to be careful with his wording, but that "if there is evidence that some details were not incorporated into the ARC decision, they could be reconsidered, that is what I'm saying. Can it be reversed, I don't know, but I know you can appeal them." Villeneuve then asked if the addition on Roxmore Public could be deferred, and Danaher responded that he could not tell them how to vote. Villeneuve added that she was "concerned because if we move forward with the bylaw, then it becomes a moot point, really."

Mayor Jim Wert asked Danaher if Sanders-Michaud were to write a letter, "is it also an option that we could present as a delegation versus the letter? Could you get us on the agenda?" Danaher advised that he would ask during the next board meeting.

Following the two delegations, during the mayor's message, Mayor Wert noted that during the Oct. 15 council meeting, a vote on site plan approval for Roxmore Public "was somewhat convoluted thanks to the chair," He added, "I ruled that the motion had been deferred... it was actually defeated, because there were two against, one in favour, and two to defer." Wert offered his apologies and stated, "council has been advised as to what their options are now and they can choose to address that later on in the meeting." Later in the meeting, when the Upper Canada District School Board site plan agreement was discussed, CAO Craig Calder asked if there was "appetite at the council chamber" to have the issue discussed again during the Nov. 26 meeting. Councillor Douglas noted, "I think in fairness, given my opinion, it was a botched vote, that it should be brought back." Calder noted that he would "bring forward a motion, and the motion and the report and the bylaw can be digested and debated again at next council on the 26th."

The Chesterville and District Historical Society

would like to thank everyone who joined us at our 35th Anniversary Dinner. Thanks to the community's generosity, the evening was a great success.

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Pancakes and updates at mayor's breakfast

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WINCHESTER — The annual Mayor's Community Breakfast, hosted by the Township of North Dundas and Mayor Tony Fraser, took place on Fri., Nov. 15, at the Joel Steele Community Centre. The morning began with a pancake breakfast, followed by an introduction by councillor Tyler Hoy; Pastor Mathew Gates of the Southgate Church in Winchester said grace, SDSG MPP Jim McDonnell offered some words and then Fraser spoke on the success of the township in 2019.

Fraser spoke of the success of all the Meet Me on Main Streets, and added that next year there will be

a sixth stop on the tour which will be Marionville. He mentioned and thanked the volunteers from the fairs in the township that bring a lot of people together and are good for the township.

He also said he was very impressed with the turnout for the Winchester Bike Nights and looks forward to seeing those nights return in 2020. Fraser also talked about other upgrades and construction which took place this season throughout North Dundas. Following the mayor, there was a special guest speaker, Dr. Kim Hellemans from the Department of Neuroscience at Carleton University who specializes in the adverse affects of stress and addictions.

State of the township

North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser addresses a crowd of over 150 people who attended the annual Mayor's Community Breakfast on Fri., Nov. 15, at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

Moore photo

The crowd of 150 were focused on her presentation on all the problems associated with stress and how it affects certain people differently. The breakfast drew to a close when councillor John Thompson offered Hellemans a gift basket filled with locally produced items. Thompson thanked everyone for coming out.



Stuff a Cruiser with Food Drive

Continued from the front how the SDG Auxiliary are always ready to support the CFS with this event, reaching out to families in their times of need.

When asked about upcoming events, Schoones pointed out the Holiday Train will be stopping in Finch on Nov. 27 at 2:30 p.m., with entertainment provided by Scott Helman and Madeline Merlo, with donations from the event provided to the CFS. In a post event email to *The Record*, Schoones confirmed that "the Community Food Share received 2,800 lbs in food, \$155 in gift cards and \$677 [in] cash during the Stuff the Cruiser event."

Emily Project moves forward in North Dundas

Kory Glover
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Inspired by the memory of Emily Trudeau, who lost her life in a farming accident, the Emily Project aims to provide 911 signage, or addresses, at the entrances of vacant farm lands.

This will help first responders better find these locations in case of an emergency, so another incident like Trudeau's could be prevented. After it was recommended to SDG County Council that this program be adopted by all six municipalities, North Dundas Council started drafting the appropriate bylaw to address the concerns and questions regarding this initiative.

First on the agenda, was considering if the 911 signage should be mandatory for existing road accesses to vacant land or if land owners can choose to decline the signage.

North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser was the first to comment on the issue, stating that land owners should most definitely be able to decide if they want to opt in for the project or not. Other members of council including Gary Annable agreed that the project should be voluntary for farm owners. "It's up to the land owner to recognize the benefit," Annable said. "I would agree that it should be voluntary," added councillor Tyler Hoy.

The County Council has recommended that the council go with the existing signage style.

"There was a question about going with a completely different style so that you would know that property didn't have a building," said CAO Angela Rutley. "For instance, if you went with yellow with black lettering, you would know that there is no building at that property."

County Council has recommended that the municipality keep the original style, which is blue with white numbers, instead of the current civic numbering signage of either white with green numbers or blue with white numbers.

"Right now, it's white with green lettering with former Winchester Township and blue with white lettering with former Mountain Township," said Rutley. "The question is: 'Do you want a different style or existing style for all signage.'"

Fraser mentioned that the signs in North Dundas can be hard to see when in an emergency during a night of poor weather conditions while signs in North Stormont are much clearer.

"Councillor [John] Thompson would recognize, as a firefighter, the difficulty of reading our signs in the rain," he said. "The fire department in Finch said that you can see these as you approach them."

Fraser stated that he would like to keep the conversation open and revisit this issue because he "would like to find out the price of these larger blades [signs]," as this is for emergencies.

The council will continue to discuss this topic in the next meeting scheduled for Tues., Nov. 26.

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NDDHS Report

By Carley Milne-Servage
Student Council Communications

Prom fundraiser continues until Nov. 27



On Fri., Nov. 15, many students showed their creativity and spirit by picking a teacher and imitating their unique school style. There were students dressed as a variety of different staff members, and some teachers even jumped at the chance to dress as students. You can see pictures of these students and staff on the North Dundas Facebook page, and they will definitely be making the yearbook! Thanks for your participation!

Our prom fundraiser continues until Nov. 27, and information has been sent home with students. If you would like to pick up a catalogue and order form, you can find them in the main office. Remember, these bags make great Christmas gifts for others or even for yourself! Be sure to shop under the NDDHS Prom Fundraiser Party!

Finally, Mrs. Cameron has started an art club during lunch and recess for Intermediate students, and this month they are working on a Calm Winter Landscape scene. We can't wait to see their masterpieces!

CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Covering the basses

So now I know! When it comes to my singing voice, I'm a bass. I've often wondered and, when asked, I just shrugged my shoulders. It seemed to me I had quite a range, from Four Seasons highs to Tennessee Whiskey lows.

But a few weeks ago, Spencerville Community choir director Sheila Fawcett just took a look at me and came to that conclusion, which she promptly announced: "He's a bass!" Her designation may have more to do with my valley twang speaking voice than with my appearance.

Anyhow, I was relegated to the bass section of Sheila's Christmas Choir rehearsing for concerts Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, happy in the knowledge I've been included in the same range as Johnny Cash and Barry White. I even catch myself trying to drop my voice down a few extra notches, to bass it up even more.

Talk about getting an early baptism into the Christmas spirit! For several Monday evenings in a row, I've been scrambling to catch up to my more seasoned colleagues, some of whom

have come together for a couple of decades to participate in the annual presentation at Spencerville United Church.

When it comes to music, I see myself as rough and rudimentary. I'm a consummate karaoke singer stretching the vocal cords at least once a week. Generally, we don't get no respect! Mention to a friend that you like getting up in a karaoke bar and letting one rip, and you'll get that knowing smile suggesting you're desperate for attention or were really drunk at the time.

I alternate between karaoke and Open Mic at the Russell Legion, a regular Friday night feature for the past several weeks drawing talented singers and musicians who get up in different configurations to entertain the regulars. A good time is had by all.

For the past six years or so, I've also been a member of a practice rock band called Castor River Crew associated with the Russell Music Academy. I rehearse with that band on Tuesday nights and jam with my colleagues Sunday afternoons. Our biggest gig so far has been in the parking lot of the Russell Home Hardware. At least it was held in summer and

not at this time of year. To date, no bookings have been forthcoming from Rona or Home Depot.

And I'm also a veteran member of the Russell Male Choir, about a dozen gentlemen of a certain age who perform in seniors' residences across Eastern Ontario, with a focus on older ditties that our audiences usually recognize. We're about to launch our Christmas program packed with such seasonal favourites as "Jingle Bells" and "Joy to the World".

Now I've stepped up my musical game by joining, under some duress, Sheila's meticulously structured community choir which has been delivering Christmas concerts for more than 30 years. The 2019 performances of carols and readings will be at 2 p.m. Dec. 1 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2, adult admission \$10; proceeds will be directed to regional food banks. I'll be one of the guys in the back row bass section nervously trying to keep up in my song book.

Somehow, Sheila learned that I can carry a tune and asked me – no told me – to join. I offered up all the usual excuses surrounding limited time, especially on Mondays, but Sheila would have none of



it. You don't easily say no to Sheila Fawcett, a driving force in Spencerville and surrounding area. I figured she must have a shortage of men in the choir and needed to beef up the bass section but no, there were already eight or so husky basses signed up ahead of me.

During rehearsals, Sheila asks me regularly if I'm enjoying myself and I answer that the experience has been very rewarding in that for the first time I'm learning how the various voice types - bass, tenor, soprano, alto and probably a few others I'm not sure of – are separated and then reunited in supportive verses and soaring crescendos.

I didn't know much at all about the science of singing. Sure, I could sing along for the rest of my life without such knowledge but it has been an eye-opener. I feel like I'm playing with the big boys and girls, the four-part harmony crowd... although I'm not sure if any lessons learned can be applied to karaoke.

Break in

SOUTH DUNDAS – On Nov. 13, at approximately 8:45 a.m. SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a break-in at a residence on Doran Creek Drive in South Dundas Township.

Investigation indicated that sometime overnight, unknown culprit(s) attended the residence and removed multiple power tools from the location. An investigation continues.

Breach of conditions

NORTH DUNDAS – On Nov. 13, at approximately 9:54 p.m. SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a youth breaching their conditions in the town of Winchester. Investigation revealed that a youth was breaching previous release conditions.

The 17-year-old of North Dundas, was arrested and is charged with; Fail to comply with conditions of an undertaking and Fail to comply with conditions of a recognizance.

The accused was held in custody (bail) and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice. The name of the accused is being withheld in accordance with



Police Report

the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA).

Mischief

NORTH DUNDAS – On Nov. 18 at approximately 1:39 a.m., SD&G OPP responded to a report of a mischief on Main Street Chesterville.

Police are conducting an investigation regarding two individuals causing damage inside the Scotiabank in Chesterville. The individuals have been identified and the investigation continues. During the investigation, officers located property and would like to find the rightful owners; police located a piggy bank at the location. SD&G OPP would also advise you to contact them if items have been removed from your vehicles overnight. Contact SD&G OPP 1-888-310-1122 to report thefts.

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Playhouse celebrates the season with Norm Foster Christmas show

MORRISBURG – Playhouse audiences can expect a very special and entertaining gift for Christmas this year – a new Norm Foster comedy written especially for the Yuletide Season. *Ethan Claymore's Christmas* is filled with all those things that make for a wonderful theatre experience—an engaging story, unforgettable characters and tons of humour and heart. And since it's the holiday season, the laughs and magic will be a plenty! Foster has recently remarked that Christmas is his favourite time of the year. So Canada's favourite playwright has conceived a show that will spread cheer, laughter and intrigue from Nov. 28 through Dec. 15.

The play centres around Ethan Claymore, a recently widowed and

struggling egg farmer, who is down on his luck and largely keeps to himself. That is until Douglas McClaren, a nosey yet well-meaning neighbour, pays him a visit. He encourages him to get into the Christmas spirit, get out and about to socialize with the townsfolk and meet Teresa Pike, the new teacher in town.

But that's not the only visitor Ethan gets. Since it's a Christmas story, you might expect a ghost to make an appearance. And you'd be right. Ethan is paid a visit from the ghost of his recently deceased and witty brother, Martin, who arrives to settle a score that has alienated the two of them their whole lives. Ethan's attempts to deal with this wise-cracking Christmas spirit are both hilarious and poignant. Flashbacks to their childhood give Ethan and the audience a chance to witness first-hand what caused the brothers to be estranged.

Playing Ethan is Jesse Collins who is no stranger to performing in and directing Foster's comedies. Playing the sharp-tongued Martin is Jamie Williams who recently starred in The Playhouse's production of *Lunenburg*. Neighbour Douglas McClaren is played by Sweeney MacArthur who has entertained audiences in *The*

Christmas Express, *The Foursome*, *Looking* and many other Playhouse productions. Viviana Zarrillo, known to audiences for her recent starring performances *Same Time, Next Year*, *Plaza Suite*, *Last of The Red Hot Lovers* and *Whose Wives Are They Anyway*, returns to play Teresa Pike.

The flashback scene character of Young Martin is played by local actor Gavin Veinotte, who was seen in the Playhouse Christmas show *Miracle on 34th Street*. Sharing the role of Young Ethan are local actors Jack Peets, who has appeared in several Playhouse Theatre School productions and newcomer to the Playhouse stage, Liam McMahon.

Directed by Donnie Bowes and designed by Sean Free, *Ethan Claymore's Christmas* is appropriate for adults and children 10 years and up.

The Playhouse's new 2020 Season is now on sale; Flex Passes make great Christmas gifts.

Ethan Claymore's Christmas runs Nov. 28 to Dec. 15 with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. show-times. There are still School Performance seats available. Call 613-543-3713/877-550-3650 or visit uppercanadaplayhouse.com for more details.

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It's that time of year!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – If you were hoping to get a bit of early Christmas shopping done or perhaps pick up a little gift for yourself, then there were plenty of opportunities throughout Stormont and Dundas to do just that this past weekend.

On Sat., Nov. 16, the long running RO Craft and Trade Show was held at Ingleside's RO School, with organizers pleased with the turnout of shoppers perusing the large selection of items provided by the 35 vendors from the local area. There was an on-site canteen which offered refreshments with student volunteers taking and delivering orders for the vendors at the event.

Included in the event organized by a team of RO staff, School Council members and student volunteers from Tagwi Secondary School, was a silent auction as well as the opportunity to receive donations for the South Stormont Food Drive. Organizers wished to thank the team of volunteers, the vendors and the school community for making this a successful event once again this year.

The eagerly anticipated Holiday Market, organized by the Waterfront Market also held on Saturday at the Chesterville Legion, provided

a selection of gift ideas including jewelry, baking, maple syrup and a variety of craft items for shoppers to peruse. The Chesterville & District Lions Club had a table selling Christmas cookies and fruit cakes raising funds for local initiatives.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Mill Street in Chesterville hosted their Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale which included a silent auction, delicious treats to purchase and fantastic deals on a selection of merchandise. Organizers were pleased with the turnout noting there was a steady stream of visitors to the event. Next on their calendar is the hot luncheon planned for Nov. 27 between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Moose Creek Recreation held their craft show on Sun., Nov. 17 at the Recreation Centre on Polycarp Street. According to organizer Lorena Sollows, there was a good turnout at the event, which featured locally made items such as jewelry, food, photography, knitted and crocheted items as well as a great selection of sewn articles to purchase.

If you missed these events, don't despair for as the holiday season approaches there are sure to be other craft shows highlighting the creative nature of local residents.



Lion of an event!

Lion Carl Robinson and Lion Debra Kelly from the Chesterville & District Lions Club were busy at the Holiday Market held on Nov. 16 at the Chesterville Legion. They took a moment to share a smile with visitors to the event.

Thompson Goddard photo



Bake table a hit

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Ladies held their annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale on Nov. 17, with the selection of baked goods becoming smaller as the event wound down. From the left, Ann Langabeer, Alice Ouder Kirk, Maggie Curran, Verna Dillabough, Kathy Hall and Marlene Black.

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And for a really unique gift

Cheryl Hartwick of The Fancy Pheasant is shown with some of the pheasant and peacock feather earrings she had for sale at the Moose Creek Craft Show on Nov. 17. Hartwick explained how the earrings are created with feathers from birds on her farm.

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Collecting for Osnabruck Toy and Food Drive

From the left: Karen Bourgeois, Julie Crawford and Shelby Liezert are shown during the RO Craft and Trade Show on Nov. 16 at RO School in Ingleside. They were collecting food, a new toy or money donations for the Osnabruck Toy and Food Drive during the event.

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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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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.

Glover photo



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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BUY LOCAL

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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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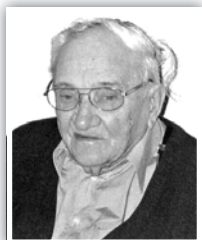


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ROLLAND GIBEAULT

The family of Rolland Gibeault, would like to thank all family and friends for the kind support and thoughts on the passing of our father Rolland. Special thanks to Father Charles, David Lapier, Dr. Burke and Father Andrew Shim of Kemptville
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Obituary



STEEN, Gil

Peacefully at the Dundas Manor Nursing Home, Winchester, on Sunday, November 17, 2019, Gil Steen, formerly of Morewood, age 96. Gil will be fondly remembered by his dear friends Ivan Merkle, Louis Moriarty and Debbie Mallon. He was predeceased by his parents Bob and Essie Steen and his sisters Kathleen and Helen. Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Chesterville, on Thursday, November 21st from 11 a.m. until time of the funeral service at 1 p.m. A reception will follow at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville. Donations to the Dundas Manor Nursing Home would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmcLaughlin.com.

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BEAUDETTE, Derek Duncan

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Will be your sweet, smiling face.

Love you always and forever in our hearts
Mom, Dad & family

Not a day goes by that we don't think of you, Derek.

Obituary



DESCHAMPS, Rita

Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital with her family by her side on Friday November 15, 2019 age 95. Rita Elizabeth (Godard) Deschamps of Berwick. Beloved wife of the late Gerry Deschamps. Loved mother of Monique Rutley (Rick). Sadly missed by her grandchildren Julia Ardern (Dan) and Matthew (Bethany). Proud great-grandmother to Rose Elizabeth. Predeceased by her sisters Alice, Beatrice, Bernadette, Jeanne and brothers Midi, John, Fabrien and Oscar. To honour Rita's wishes, cremation has taken place. [A SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF RITA'S LIFE WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL OF THE FUNERAL HOME, 18 FRONT STREET, FINCH ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019 AT 11 AM.]. Rite of committal to follow at St. Bernard's Parish Cemetery Finch. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family. Online condolence may be made at www.brownleefuneralhomes.com.

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McINTOSH, Louis Bert

A lifetime resident of Williamsburg, Bert McIntosh passed away at the Woodland Villa Nursing Home in Long Sault on Friday, November 15, 2019. He was 96 years old.

Bert was born in Williamsburg on April 30, 1923 to his parents Hugh and Verna McIntosh (nee Whitteker). During the Dr. Locke days in Williamsburg, Bert could be found working the odd jobs that were created during the hustle & bustle of that era. Bert attended Queen's University for Engineering but then joined the WWII effort to serve in the RCAF but the war ended just before he was to ship out. He and Norma married and enjoyed just over 71 years together in Williamsburg. Bert was in the egg business for many years with his partner Graham Garlough. When he wasn't working he enjoyed hockey (played for the Inkerman Rockets), baseball, tennis, cross country skiing, swimming (was in the pool in his 95th year) but golf seemed to be his passion. Norma eventually joined him on the course. When they started wintering in Alabama, golf was their favourite pastime. Bert loved to read and was a supportive member of the Williamsburg Public Library. In the summer you could also find Bert in the vegetable patch tending to their huge garden. To his grandchildren & great-grandchildren he will be fondly remembered as "Paps" the unassuming man that seemed to draw them in like a magnet with his quiet ways.

Bert is survived by his children Currie (Donna) of Williamsburg, Julie Davey (Ian) of Cobourg, his sister Eva Hunsburger of Niagara Falls and his sisters-in-law Barbara Casselman of Williamsburg and Moyra Workman of Ault Island. Bert will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Michael (Krista) their children Erin and Shawn; Kary (Isabelle) their children Chloe and Connor; Darryl, his child Isla Pearl; Marissa (Kyle) their children Kathryn and Emily; Nicole (Fred) their children Hailey and Caleb; Wendy (Phil) their children William and Nora; Calvin (Heather), Jason (Katie) their children Lennox and Cass; Cobie, Lucas, Tyler (Kareina). Bert was predeceased by his wife Norma McIntosh (nee Casselman), his son Brent, his daughter Shelley, his brother Raymond McIntosh his wife Sally, his brother's in law Ramon Casselman, Bill Hunsburger, Reg Workman, and his son in law Lyn Weegar. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

The family would like to sincerely thank Gord Ramsay & Jenny Caccamo. Gord always made time to drive Bert around to appointments but he wasn't just a driver, he was a really good and faithful friend to Bert. Jenny came into Bert and Norma's lives as a caregiver in their later years, she earned their trust and affection. We would also like to thank all the friends who made the time to visit Bert at the Civic, Alexandria Rehab and Woodland Villa over the past four months, he enjoyed seeing and visiting with all of you. Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Friday, November 22nd from 4-7 p.m. A memorial service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, November 23rd at 11 a.m. Interment of cremated remains will be at New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg. A reception will follow at Cedar Glen Golf Course.

Pallbearers will be Gord Ramsay, Gary McMillan, Doug Hayes, Donnie Beckstead, Wayne Roles and Dale Casselman. Honorary pallbearers will be Clair McIntosh and Dennis Casselman.

Donations to the Dundas County Hospice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmcLaughlin.com.

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Rockets explode for 19 goals in two games

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—The North Dundas Rockets played a pair of games over the weekend as they travelled to Morrisburg on Saturday night to take on the Lions and welcomed the West Carleton Inferno on Sunday afternoon.

Rockets 9 Inferno 4

The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the West Carleton Inferno to the Chesterville Arena on Sun., Nov. 17, in the NCJHL. The Rockets went into the game in second place, 11 points behind the South Grenville Rangers in first, two points up on the Metcalfe Jets in third in the West Division.

The Inferno sat in fourth place with three wins in the season, one against the Rockets about a month past. The Rockets opened the scoring at 10:40 of the first period as Justin Lefebvre smacked one to the back of the net from Joel Hunt and Josh Tapp taking a 1-0 lead.

The Inferno tied the game at 13:50 but the Rockets answered with 1:06 remaining in the first period, as Jarrett Williams swatted one home from Zenin Biron and Aiden Whynot on the power play. The Inferno tied the game at two with just 27 seconds remaining and took their first lead with just one second showing on the clock in the opening frame. The Inferno took a 3-2 lead into the first intermission.

The Rockets tied the game just 32 seconds into the second period as Hunt snapped one home from Nicholas Carroll and Lefebvre. The Rockets retook the lead when Biron scored his first goal as a Rocket from Francis Proulx and Whynot at 1:21.



The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the West Carleton Inferno to the Chesterville Arena on Sun., Nov. 17, in the NCJHL. The Rockets welcomed a new player to the team, Zenin Biron, who played last season with the Lions and began the year with the Alexandria Glens of the CCHL2.

Moore photo

The Rockets made it 5-3 when Williams scored his second of the game from Hunt on the power play at 4:30. Williams completed his hat trick at 5:18 from Proulx and Whynot to give the Rockets a three-goal lead. The Rockets took a 6-3 lead into the second intermission.

The Inferno got back to within two at 5:41 but the Rockets restored their three-goal lead as Williams scored his fourth of the game from Hunt and Lefebvre on the power play at 9:56.

The Rockets made it 8-4 at 9:27 when Hunt scored his second of the game from Carroll and Lefebvre at 10:33 and closed out the scoring when Carroll sniped one from Hunt and Jack Dewan on the power play at 13:16. The Rockets took the game 9-4 moving to within nine points of the first place Rangers.

Hunt had a good weekend scoring six goals and seven assists for 13 points. Lefebvre scored four goals and six assists for 10 points becoming the Rockets' all time scoring leader and Williams scored four goals and three assists for seven points.

Both Hunt and Lefebvre are now tied for second place in the top ten in scoring in the NCJHL. The Rockets outshot the Inferno 42-33. Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Emerson Hunt making 29 saves.

Rockets 10 Lions 2

The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Morrisburg Arena on Sat., Nov. 16, to take on the Lions in the NCJHL. The Rockets went into the game in second place in the West Division, 11 points behind the first place South Grenville Rangers while the Lions sat in last place in the West Division with just one win and a tie for three points.

The Rockets opened the scoring when Justin Lefebvre banged one home from Joel Hunt and Nicholas Carroll at 4:40 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Rockets made it 2-0 when Hunt riffling one home from Lefebvre and Jarrett Williams at 8:15 on the power play.

The Rockets maintained the pressure and at 13:39, Lefebvre scored his second of the game from Carroll and Hunt to take a three-goal lead. The Lions closed the gap to two when Aiden Daly scored from Kayne McCadden and Jack Ingram with just 56 seconds remaining in the opening frame. The Rockets took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission.

It only took the Rockets 34 seconds into the second period to make it 4-1, as Hunt scored his second of the game from Williams and Lefebvre. The Lions answered at 3:07 as Jake Amp slammed home a rebound from Justin Shay and Tyson Sherrer but the Rockets retook a three-goal lead when Williams snapped one home from Jack Van Kessel and Brad Nash at 10:53.



Rockets' all-time regular season point getter

The Rockets' alternate captain, Justin Lefebvre (11) became the Rockets' all-time regular season point getter after scoring his 151st point when he scored the first goal against the West Carleton Inferno on Sun., Nov. 17, at the Chesterville Arena. Lefebvre surpassed Bryden Van Kessel who sat at 150 points for the lead. Lefebvre now has 77 goals, 77 assists for 154 points. Moore photo

The Lions had a power play chance to close the gap but Brad Nash stole the puck and went on a breakaway ripping one past the Lions goalie, Kamden Sabourin, at 13:20. The Rockets closed out the scoring in the middle frame as Cole Hedges roofed one from Jack Dewan and Will Watson at 15:07. The Rockets took a 7-2 lead into the second intermission.

The Rockets were relentless taking a six-goal lead when Lefebvre completed his hat trick at 3:11 of the third period from Hunt and Matt Pietrkiewicz.

The Rockets made it 9-2 when Hunt completed his hat trick at 6:08 from Lefebvre and Cameron Brown. The Rockets closed out the scoring at 7:53 as Francis Proulx slid one home from Williams making it 10-2.

The Rockets held on, taking the game 10-2 handing the Lions their 10th loss of the season, and improving to 6-6-1 for 13 points. The Rockets outshot the Lions 57-31. Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Sebastien Moreau making 29 saves and suffering the loss for the Lions was Sabourin.

Up next: The North Dundas Rockets travel to the Ingredion Centre in Cardinal on Fri., Nov. 22, to take on the South Grenville Rangers at 8:40 p.m. and welcome the Metcalfe Jets to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Nguyen helps Panthers to a pair of wins

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

EMBRUN — The Embrun Panthers played a pair of home games this past weekend as they welcomed the Brockville Tikis on Friday night and the Perth Blue Wings on Sunday afternoon.

Panthers 3 Blue Wings 2

The Embrun panthers welcomed the Perth Blue Wings to the Palais des Sports on Sun., Nov. 17, in the CCHL2. The Panthers were coming off a huge 1-0 defensively fought victory the previous night in their previous game, to move into sole possession of third place.

With a win, the Panthers could move into a second place tie with the Ottawa West Golden Knights. For the second straight game, the Panthers battled the visiting team to a scoreless first period with the shots on goal even at 12 each.

The Panthers opened the

scoring at 13:18 of the first period as John Mahoney scored his first goal of the season from Eric Skyba on the power play making it 1-0. The Panthers went up by two when Tristan Taillefer scored his 16th of the season from Jarrett Ladouceur. The Panthers took a 2-0 lead into the second intermission completing their fifth straight shutout period over the weekend.

The Panthers made it 3-0 when Skyba scored his fifth of the season from Robert Beaudoin and Mathieu Brennan just 54 seconds into the third period on the power play.

The Blue Wings got on the scoreboard at 12:14 on the power play and with time winding down they got to within one, with just 32 seconds remaining in regulation. The Panthers' defence shut the Blue Wings down for the rest of regulation taking the game 3-2.

With the win, the Panthers moved into a second place tie with the Ottawa West Golden Knights in the Martin Division. The Panthers outshot the Blue Wings 34-33. Picking up the win in the Panthers' goal was William Nguyen making 31 saves.

Panthers 1 Tikis 0

The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Brockville Tikis to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Nov. 15, in the NCJHL. The Panthers went into the game sitting in a third place tie with the Ottawa Jr. Canadians and two points behind the Ottawa West Golden Knights in second place in the Martin Division.

The teams battled to a scoreless first period with the Panthers outshooting the Tikis 15-12. The Panthers opened the scoring at 7:02 of the second period as Eric Skyba scored his fourth goal of the season from Carter Peck and Cameron



The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Brockville Tikis to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Nov. 15, in the NCJHL. The Panthers' forward, Marshall Drevniok (18) gets airborne as he tries to wrap one around the Tikis' goalie, Brayden Kelso. Kelso won this round but the Panthers took the game 1-0.

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MacMillan while shorthanded taking a 1-0 lead.

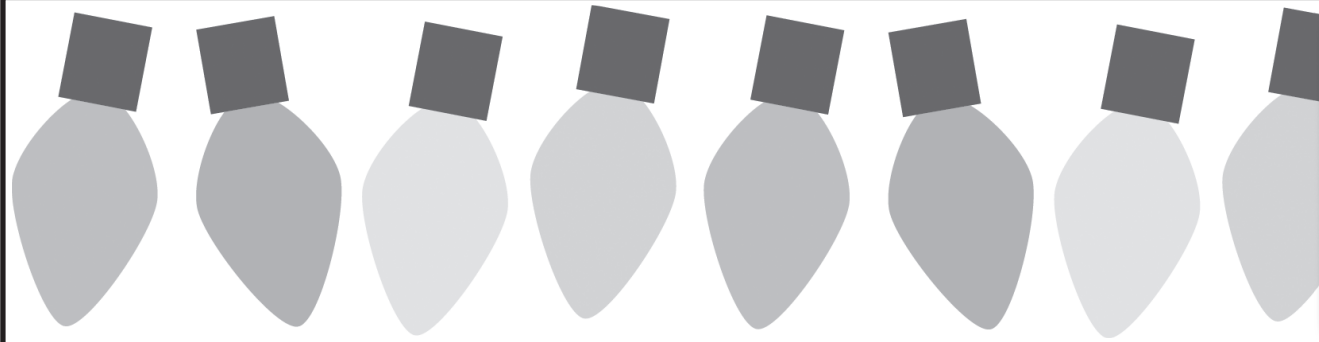
The Panthers outshot the Tikis again in the second period 10-7 but took a 1-0 lead into the second intermission. The Tikis had their best period in the third, outshooting the Panthers 12-9 but were unable to get a puck past the Panthers'

goalie, William Nguyen.

The Panthers hung on to shutout the Tikis 1-0. With the win, the Panthers moved into sole possession of third place. The Panthers outshot the Tikis 34-31. Picking up the win in the Panthers' goal was Nguyen making 31 saves for his third shutout of the season.

Up next: The Embrun

Panthers travel to the Barbara Ann Scott Arena in Ottawa to take on the Ottawa West Golden Knights on Thurs., Nov. 21, at 7:20 p.m. and welcome the Richmond Royals to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. The Panthers then host the Winchester Hawks on Sun., Nov. 24, at 1:30 p.m.



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Public library board unveils strategic plan

Kory Glover
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – How can the Russell Library bring in more members of the public?

That was the question during the most recent public meeting Thurs., Nov. 14.

“Back in March and April, we started an online survey and opened it up to the entire community to try and find out what we residents were looking for in terms of our library services,” said Russell Library Board vice-chair and councillor Mike Tarnowski. “When I’m talking about the library, I’m not just talking about this location but also the Embrun location.”

The survey came back with just under 400 respondents, not only surveying those who regularly attend the library but trying to extend to those who aren’t using the library as much as the board would like.

“So, we got a pretty good geographic response in terms of our township, so we’re quite happy with that,” said Tarnowski. “Based on the information that we gathered, we analyzed all the results...trying to get an idea of what the residents were looking for.”

From there, the board took all the data collected and created a brand new strategic plan with new users in mind. This plan mission is simple: “To enrich, inform and provide a safe and secure place while fostering a love of reading and lifelong learning through diverse activities and programs.”

The new strategic plan has three pillars including

community hub, quality resources and services and inclusivity, lifelong learning and well-being. In matters of the community hub, some of the major goals of the Russell Library are to provide a space where residents can participate in activities together, creating and maintaining rich connections with community partners and showcasing local talent, culture and heritage in various library activities.

For quality resources and services; the library wants to ensure that services reflect current community needs while offering programs and services that reflect current technology in both official languages, that are accessible to all users. And finally, for inclusivity, lifelong learning and well-being, the library wants to provide a comfortable environment that promotes development and group learning.

The board also provided a statement about the ongoing issue of the Embrun Branch Library’s relocation, “Discussions with all stakeholders continue to confirm that the current Embrun location at the Pavillon La Croisée de l’École élémentaire catholique d’Embrun is problematic for multiple reasons, including the obvious liability issues that arise from uncontrolled public access through a school. As indicated in both current township and library strategic plans, the Embrun Branch Library relocation is a priority for all of us. The investment in creating a joint township and library subcommittee to study relocation options, clearly demonstrates that we are aligned on this priority.”

After an extensive study of all the necessary



Picture perfect

Before the new strategic plan presentation, Russell Library branch CEO France Séguin (right) presented the winner of the recent photo contest Katrina Lamont Stanley (left), with a framed copy of her winning photograph.

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information, the Public Library board is inviting Russell Township council to make a final decision.

For a full look at the new strategic plan, you can visit the Russell Library’s website at russellbiblio.com.



Artistic touch

As well as teaching the craft, Beata Jakubek paints colourful and rich pieces of art on a daily basis. During the Navan Christmas Show on Sat., Nov. 16 to Sun., Nov. 17 at the Navan Memorial Centre and Arena, Jakubek displayed some of her best work.

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Police Report

OPP requests public assistance

EMBRUN – On Nov. 6, shortly after 3 p.m., a Russell County OPP officer received a complaint about a suspicious vehicle in Embrun. This unknown male motorist was driving a red vehicle. He stopped on Notre-Dame Street and offered to give a young person a ride.

Assistance is being sought from the public in helping to identify the driver and/or the vehicle.

The driver is described as:

- Male between 50 - 60 years-of-age;
- Caucasian;
- Skinny;
- Grey/White hair;
- Wearing a long sleeve white and blue dress shirt; and
- Speaking fluent

English.

The vehicle is described as:

- Clean, dark red, four-door hatchback, similar to a Hyundai Elantra, 2016 or older; and
- Ontario plates with licence beginning with “B”.

Police encourage parents to discuss and review “Stranger Danger” tips with their children. If you or anyone you know are aware of this male’s identity or have any further information about this incident, you are asked to contact the Russell County OPP at 613-443-4499 or OPP Communication Centre at 1-888-310-1122.

Russell County OPP investigating theft of motor vehicles

CASSELMAN – On Nov. 15, shortly after 6:45 a.m., Russell County OPP officers responded to three theft of motor

vehicle complaints on Laval Street, Des Cèdres Street and Lévesque Crescent in Casselman.

The investigation revealed that sometime between Nov. 14, 11:00 p.m. and Nov. 15, 6:45 a.m., three vehicles were stolen from three different residences. Two of the three vehicles have been found, but a white 2016 Toyota Highlander bearing Ontario plate: BYNA 662 remains outstanding.

Russell County OPP would like to encourage members of the public to assist in this investigation by reviewing possible video footage or bringing

forward any evidence in these thefts and to also take precautionary measures to make sure vehicles are properly secured.

If you or anyone you know have any further information about this incident, you are asked to contact the Russell County OPP at 613-443-4499 or the OPP Communication Centre at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.



Great deals leading up to the holidays

Barry’s Home Hardware held their annual Ladies Night for women of Russell Township to come out, enjoy some wine and great deals of big items in the store, just in time for the holiday season. Pictured from the left, Lorna Anderson-Smith, Marie Claire Ivanski, Ruth Shearing, Marjorie Cassell and Norah Martel on behalf of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

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RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen
Student Reporter

Spirit week at RHS



Hello everyone and welcome back to another weekly check-in from yours truly!

This week is Bullying Awareness Week (Nov. 17- 24). This week, we need to promote awareness of bullying and its impacts on students physically, emotionally and

academically.

Just a reminder, this week is also RHS’ Spirit Week! Today is Crazy Hair Day followed by Sports Jersey Day and then Camo vs Plaid on Friday; which one will you choose?

Today also marks National Child Day; today we take a moment to re-visit the history of children’s rights that were granted over the course of the 1900s.

Finally, “Journée de la Franco” continues with the arts of French culture! For half the day, interested T-Wolves will be doing hands on activities in mediums of visual arts such as architecture, woodwork, textiles and ceramics; have fun T-Wolves!

Good luck to any of you writing midterm exams and have a great rest of your week!

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. Glover photo

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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

people with deafblindness. With programs across the province, our services extend into a wide range of communities in Ontario, including Ottawa, Embrun and soon Vars." 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. Glover photo

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Russell's 2019 Christmas Parade

Sunday, November 24th at 1 p.m.



The parade will depart from St. Thomas Aquinas C.H.S. at 1 p.m., and will continue down Concession Street until Mr.

and Mrs. Claus enter the Russell Fairgrounds. Members of the Russell Fire Department will be collecting food and cash donations for the Russell Township Foodbank on route. Please donate generously.

Everyone is invited to join Santa and Mrs. Claus upstairs at the Russell Arena where the Lions Club will be serving hot chocolate and goodies. Children will be able to visit with Santa and share their Christmas wishes. Members of the Russell Fire Department will be taking photos to print right away and are asking for a non-perishable food item as payment.



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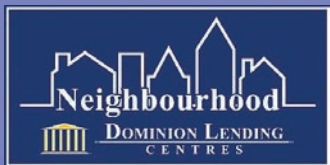
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