

### Dashing through the streets of Russell Township

The holiday season has come to the Township of Russell, bringing in their annual Christmas parades through Embrun's Notre Dame Street and Russell's Concession Street. Photo left: Santa Claus dashed through the streets of Embrun, wishing all the boys and girls a very Merry Christmas. Photo right: The Russell Children's Ballet School showed off their excellent footwork during the Russell Christmas Parade. See Page 16 for more parade coverage and photos. Glover photos

### Welcome to your new home!

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard** Record Staff

AVONMORE – Three years of waiting and working came to fruition when the Almunif family were welcomed at Ottawa International Airport by members of the sponsorship group on Nov. 7. The family of seven are starting the process of settling into their new home in Avonmore, with the older children attending local schools and parents enrolled in Newcomers' English classes at the TR Leger School in Cornwall. Jan Wright, a spokesperson for the North Stormont Refugee Support Coalition, described in a recent email to *The Chesterville Record*, the process whereby the family was able to make the long trip from Beirut, Lebanon to the Avonmore area.

# South Dundas council meets

Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Staff

MORRISBURG – South Dundas council members were quite busy during the Nov. 18 meeting held at the municipal building in Morrisburg. In addition to the more routine matters and reports to be considered, two presentations were made to with 60 beds growing to its current 98 bed size in the 1990s, with no increase in support service areas as it grew in size. During the presentation it was disclosed that Dundas Manor received a "C" designation due to its inefficient and ineffective design, with plans to replace the current aging structure with a new building

visit with Santa on select evenings. For a full list of dates and times, visit uppercanadavillage.com/ev ents/alight-at-night/.

recommended for ages 10

and up. Performances will

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MORŘISBURG

Alight at Night, the outdoor

Christmas light festival at

Upper Canada Village

begins for another holiday

season this weekend on Fri.,

Nov. 29. Bring the whole

family to check out the light

displays, horse-drawn

wagon rides, live music and

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Wright explained the NSRSC has been meeting for several years to ensure everything needed for the refugee family would be in place when they arrived to begin their new life in Canada; this included a place to live, items needed for everyday living and of course, the money **Continued on page 2**  council for financial funding.

President and CEO of Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home Cholly Boland, and Bill Smirle, chair of the Dundas Manor board, made a presentation to council outlining the history of the Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home, its role in the local community and plans to build a new building to increase the level of senior care.

Dundas Manor opened its doors in 1978

by 2025. Smirle explained in the new 128 bed building, there would be a maximum of two residents per room and described the residents of Dundas Manor as the builders of our local communities.

The cost of the new two-storey 128 bed building was estimated to be over \$30million dollars with the government providing two-thirds of that amount, with the remaining one-third or \$10-11 million dollars to be raised locally. South Dundas

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# **Cold** weather, warm hearts

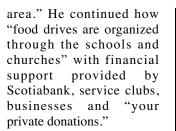
#### Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Staff

NORTH DUNDAS – For several years the North Dundas Christmas Fund has worked with community organizations and individuals to ensure the younger citizens of our municipality have warm clothes for the cold winter months.

Recently, chair of the North Dundas Christmas

Fund, Bob Weagant sent out a letter seeking financial support for the 2019 fundraising drive. Weagant explained how the NDCF partners with local organizations such as area Lions Clubs, schools, churches, local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and individuals to raise money to purchase snowsuits for children, pyjamas and food baskets for those in need.

In 2019 the NDCF "gave out over 163 new snowsuits to children 13 and under" as well as "154 pairs of children's pyjamas were also distributed" with "204 food baskets in 2018 to families in need in our



Weagant suggested contacting 613-989-3830 or 613-774-0188 to have a snowsuit or Christmas food basket provided to someone who needs a helping hand this holiday season and for those wishing to make a donation, it was suggested to "make your cheque payable to the North Dundas Christmas Fund" before mailing it to "Box 27, South Mountain Ontario K0E 1W0."



Legion.

Last December volunteers from the Chesterville & District Lions Club spent many hours organizing the contents for Christmas Food Baskets in the Chesterville

Welcome home! Wh

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required by the Canadian government for sponsorship groups "to be used to support the family during their first year in Canada." Once the money had been raised, the organization made the application, which included "a very large amount of very complicated paperwork," for the Almunif family to come to Canada. An interview with the Almunif family was conducted at the Canadian Embassy in Beirut followed by medical and security checks once the application from the NSRSC had been accepted. While travel arrangements were being made for the family, the organization was busy with planning for the family's arrival in Canada. A house was rented and furnished for the Almunif family in Avonmore and earlier this year the long flight from Beirut Lebanon, via Cairo Egypt to Toronto where "they were processed through Customs and Immigration" before flying to Ottawa "where the sponsorship group met them at the airport."

Thompson Goddard photo

Wright concluded her email by commenting how "the Almunifs are overjoyed to be here and overwhelmed by the support of the community – people they have never met – who are welcoming and helping them."

### CN Rail and Teamsters reach tentative agreement "We want to thank our customers for their patience and support and assure them

#### Kory Glover Record Staff

ONTARIO – After a weeklong strike, Teamsters Canada and Canadian National (CN) Railway have finally reached a tentative deal on Tues., Nov. 26. Among the many impacts of the rail strike, it halted propane shipments, threatening supply for both Ontario and Quebec and slowing down farmers' already delayed harvest.

This new agreement will renew contracts for 3,200 conductors, trainpersons and yard workers and normal operations at CN will resume tomorrow at 6 a.m. local time across Canada.

"I am pleased to announce that we've reached a tentative agreement with CN. I would like to thank our members for their incredible courage and solidarity," said the president of Teamsters Canada, François Laporte in an official statement from Teamsters Canada's website. "I would also like to thank all the Teamster local unions from across different industries, all the labour organizations and members of the public who supported us on the picket line."

Details of this new agreement will not be released until members have had a chance to review the details first and there will be no job action during the ratification period. These results are expected within the next eight weeks. their patience and support and assure them that CN is preparing to resume full rail operations as soon as possible," said JJ Ruest, president and chief executive officer of CN in an official statement. "I would also like to personally thank our employees who kept the railroad moving safely at a reduced capacity. CN and its people are committed to moving the North American economy by providing freight service that enables economic growth."

The CN strike began on Tues., Nov. 19 because, according to the union, the work environment was unsafe, and they had been in negotiations for months. The workers were demanding improvements to workplace health and safety after nine workers reportedly died in railway related incidents over the past two years.

As a result of this strike, Quebec had put up a propane notice for supply emergency, stating that it would only be days before running out; and Ontario was not far behind. Farmers were in danger of losing acres of crops without proper drying capabilities.

Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MP Eric Duncan, who had previously called for the House of Commons to reconvene immediately to address the situation, was very happy with the news. "Glad to hear," he wrote in a tweet. "Let's get those rail cars with propane moving again & let our farmers finish the harvest."



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### **Coming Events for December 2019**

Serving all seniors and physically disabled adults in North Dundas Township Services Include: Meals-on-Wheels, transportation, Diners' meals, home help/maintenance, friendly visiting, client intervention, adult day program, foot care, information & education, health & wellness clinics and social recreation.

Meal Cost: Senior \$7.00, Non-Senior \$9.00

### Diners' Meals at Nelson LaPrade Centre - Chesterville

Tuesday, December 3 – Soup, Turkey & Dressing, Dessert – Entertainment by Marleen Fawcett Tuesday, December 17 – Soup, Tourtière, Dessert – Entertainment by St. Mary's School Please call 613-774-6109 to reserve your meal each week.

Friday, December 13 – Health & Wellness Clinics at Nationview Apartments 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 10 – Shopping trip to Winchester leaving Chesterville at 10 a.m. If you wish to be picked up, please call office to make arrangements. \$5 per person.

Every Thursday – Euchre at 1 p.m.

#### Nor-Dun Centre - Winchester

Gentle/Yin Yoga every Tuesday at 4:00 pm & Thursday at 9:30 am. For more information call Janet at 613-360-7933. Parkinson's Support Group is meeting on December 10 at 10:00 a.m. at Nor-Dun Centre in Winchester.

Wednesday, December 11 – 2:00 p.m. Movie Matinee at the Old Town Hall – "Downton Abbey". Wednesday, December 18 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast with Marleen Fawcett

Friday, December 20 – 11:00 a.m. Toonie Gift Exchange – Bring a toonie gift and receive a toonie gift with a special visit from Santa.

EVERYONE welcome to Coffee Time at 9 a.m., Coffee/Tea & Treats every Friday at Nor-Dun Support Centre in Winchester.

For more information please call us at 613-774-6109.

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# Navigating legal rights

#### **Kory Glover Record Staff**

FINCH – Tensions North between the Stormont public and EDPR continue to grow since construction began on the Nation Rise project earlier this year. On Wed., Nov. 20, OPP Sgt. Matt Eamer and concerned citizen Ruby Mekker led a Public Information Session to outline the legal rights of citizens.

"Our main concern is public safety," said Eamer to the crowd of 20 approximately attendees. "We're here to prevent offences from being committed, protecting property and protecting life."

The point of the meeting was to lay out the rights and freedoms of the residents who continue to share their displeasure over the project. Eamer made it clear to the group that, under the charter of rights and freedoms, people can always gather to assert their rights in a peaceful manner.

"That's something we strive to protect," he said. "Just like someone taking part in a lawful labour picket, that's their lawful right to do that."

He also stressed that under the criminal code, there are some limits in place to ensure everyone's safety during protests. For one, locals are asked to not obstruct the roadways or to breach the peace.

"You can't participate in a riot or cause a disturbance," said Eamer.

"If you look in the criminal code, disturbance constitutes swearing, yelling, profanity or anything like that. Anything that would cause the average person to be disturbed."

It was also mentioned that you cannot disguise yourself while committing an offence. And, probably most obvious, the residents are prohibited from causing bodily harm to any of the workers or threatening with а weapon.

"It's really all common sense stuff," said Eamer. "Although, sometimes people think it's a good idea to bring different things to a gathering like that."

Residents also took the opportunity to make their voices heard about their displeasure on the Nation Rise Wind Project.

Right off the bat, the topic of fire suppression came to light.

"We would like fire suppression systems put in these huge turbines/monstrosities that have never been tested, ever in Ontario; let alone Canada," said Mekker. "We find it hard to understand why the council isn't all over this."

"[North Stormont Mayor] Jim Wert did call a gentleman named Stuart Holiday, who is in charge of a multi-municipality group and they insisted that fire suppression be put in their turbines," she said. "A point they made retroactive for four years,

### ONTARIO **BUILDING CODE OPEN HOUSE/INFORMATION SESSION** Effective January 1, 2020 the Ontario Code O.Reg. 332/13 Building and Amendments to the Ontario Building Code O.Reg 88/19, are changing.

### **Reviewing legal rights** Ruby Mekker and OPP Sgt. Matt

Eamer led a public meeting at the Finch Community Centre Wed., Nov. 20 to discuss the legal rights citizens have pertaining to the Nation Rise Wind Farm project. Glover photo

with a company fine of \$100,000 for any turbine that didn't have fire suppression."

Mekker and her group are continuing to tell council that, for the safety of the people, the turbines are too close to homes and if there is ever a turbine failure mixed with surrounding dry grass and corn; it's a danger waiting to happen.

Another concern that was brought up was the access roads and the lack of stop signs incorporated into oncoming traffic.

"I've almost been run off the road twice now," said one concerned citizen.

Eamer stated that, while there is no stop sign, traffic coming out of the access roads are still required to yield to oncoming traffic.

"It's not enforced by us because it is not a municipally-placed stop sign," he said.

There were also concerns of harassment, both online and offline, happening to the concerned citizens who spoke against the project.

One concerned citizen mentioned being harassed

#### sharing an article to their situations. Facebook page. Eamer

The next community advised, liaison meeting from anyone who wanted to sit especially if you feel your EDPR is scheduled for and ask as many questions life is danger, to call the Thurs., Nov. 28 at the as needed.

**South Dundas** council

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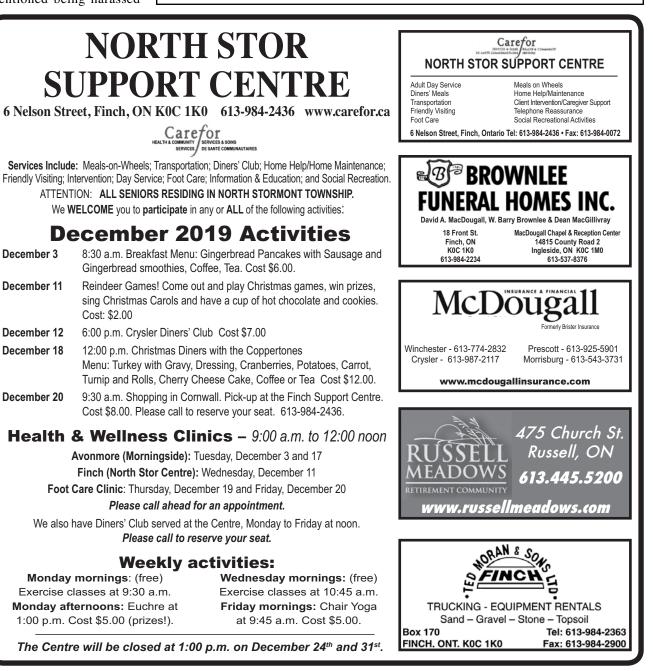
was asked to provide five hundred thousand dollars in funding for the construction of the new Dundas Manor, with Mayor Steven Byvelds mentioning the request will be considered during the upcoming 2020 budget deliberations. Around the council table there was agreement that something needed to be done to improve the quality of living for the residents.

Beyond 21 is an organization that provides adults with developmental disabilities the chance to participate in social, educational and recreational activities after they complete their schooling at age 21. A presentation to South Dundas by the Beyond 21

heavily online after authorities in these Crysler Community Centre. Mekker made a point to mention this to

> Foundation requested funding of any amount for the development of a centre on Pitt Street in Cornwall. This centre will continue the work previously done at the Cumberland Street site by providing an accessible and safe area for community connections, participation in home skill development programs and leisure activities such as bowling, martial arts, etc. Byvelds told the presenters the request would be considered at the upcoming budget deliberations.

> Following the conclusion of the two presentations, council began the business portion of the meeting which included renewing the agreement with the Morrisburg and District Lions Club to operate the Docksyde canteen at the waterfront for two more years. Ethan Robert was appointed as the deputy-clerk in South Dundas and committee reports were presented to council.





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THURSDAY	MUNICIPAL CENTRE		
December 12, 2019	34 Ottawa Street,		
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Morrisburg		

NICOLE LOWEY, CBCO CBO, Municipality of South Dundas

JACOB FORGET, CBCO CBO, Township of North Dundas

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Contractors, Designers and Do-It-Yourselfers are encouraged to attend! These changes may impact projects continuing into and beginning in 2020.





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# **CASTOR** Country By Tom Van Dusen

# **F**-bombing

The delight about taking in a live show with professional homeboy comic Matt Watson in Russell Township is that his mother Sue will be in the room. More than that: She'll own the room while husband Jim tries to make himself comparatively invisible.

Sue is the perfect foil for her son who, as standup funnymen tend to do, uses the f-bomb as punctuation in routines. Actually, I got the impression that Matt pulled back on the fs benefit during his appearance at Étienne Brûlé pub in Embrun last Wednesday, which sold out in a week, perhaps partly out of deference to his mom.

But he still drove her out the door with one of his cracks... long enough to form a snowball, come back in, and lob it at him in mid-routine. All he had to do to get a large laugh right off the bat is mention that Sue was in the house; everybody there appreciated the clash – at least on the surface between the prim mom and the irreverent comic son.

Packed to the rafters, the pub with a little furniture re-arranging turned out to

#### be perfect for the event, pulled together by none other than Sue Watson who was contacted by a group at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School arranging a student mission to Guatemala looking for financial help. She booked Matt who brought along a couple of pals from the comedy circuit - Wafik Nasralla and Tim Riel - and

the show raised \$450. Matt started into comedy at least five years ago and I've seen him perform as a rank amateur, а developing as professional and now as a polished pro casually leaning on the mic stand and delivering the lines, many of them specifically aimed at people in the room almost all of whom he knew personally from his days attending St. Thomas, mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church with the Watson clan, where his mother was the unofficial morality arbiter, and working various part-time jobs.

Sue managed to squeeze me into EB last-minute in standing room which turned out to be at the bar, so I had no complaints as I sampled the brewpub's latest offerings. Knowing I was in the room, Matt tossed a couple of gentle

#### lines - actually kind comments - my way as I observed how far he has come in his chosen line of work

Although his parents said he was nervous performing in front of the hometown crowd, it didn't show with Matt delivering great spontaneous material and some good set pieces with effective pregnant pauses and mystified looks. Sidekicks Wafik and Tim were also raunchily funny, unencumbered as their moms weren't in the audience.

For me, the biggest shock of the night didn't come from the stage; it came from the holding area as I chatted with Wafik and Tim. At first we couldn't believe our ears but we were sure we heard Sue drop the f-bomb, possibly to fit in a little better; however, she denied uttering the word leaving myself and the comics thinking we'd developed sudden hearing problems in unison.

On Sunday, I got a text from Sue while on her way to mass telling me she could no longer live with the lie: "As I was examining my conscience this morning, I thought I should confess to you that I did in fact say the f-word.



Out of respect to you and myself, I felt you needed to know this as the media needs to print the facts. You have been so thoughtful with the Watsons that I, in fact, personally owe you that apology. It was my intention to make the comedians feel comfortable as I give them many restrictions prior to the show. Blessings my dear Tom."

OK! Have I been punked? Who actually wrote this? Matt... are you working on new material about your mom? Sue... are you helping your son with the routine? If it's genuine, of course I accept your apology for not wanting to admit to using the f-word because you didn't want me to write about it... which I just did! As you said, the media must print all the important facts!

As your penance, say three Hail Marys, two Our Fathers... and stay away from comedy clubs unless your son is performing; even then, it isn't advised.

British playwright, Suzan Holder, Aladdin - Adventures in the East, features a catchy and contemporary blend of songs that are sure to get your toes tapping.

Aladdin - Adventures in the East runs Dec. 5, 6, 7 and 8 at the Old Town Hall at 478 Main Street in Winchester. Dec 5 and 6 performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8 performances begin at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults (\$10 for youths 18 and under). They are available in advance online at www.dcplayers.ca, via phone at the DCP Ticket Line (613-297-0097), and at The Planted Arrow Flowers and Gifts in Winchester and The Victoria Street Café in Chesterville; or may be purchased at the door at the time of show.

### SD&G OPP investigating death

SOUTH DUNDAS - On Sat., Nov. 23, shortly before 1 p.m., officers from the SD&G OPP responded to a report of a body being located in the St. Lawrence River by scuba divers. SD&G OPP responded to the Gallop Canal Iroquois Marina to investigate. The OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit attended the scene and recovered a 20 yearold male from the water.

The deceased male has been identified as Adam Cloutier (age 20) of Ottawa. A post mortem has found no indication of foul play in the death.

### Missing boy located

NORTH STORMONT - On Nov. 22, members of the SD&G OPP responded to a report of a missing male youth from a residence on Concession Road 11-12 in North Stormont.

The missing male was identified as Rowan Cochrane (11) of North Stormont. SD&G OPP members located Rowan safe and sound.

### Charges laid

SOUTH GLENGARRY - As a result of a sexual assault investigation conducted by members of the SD&G OPP crime unit, a 56 year old resident of South Glengarry was arrested on Thurs., Nov. 21. Investigation indicated the accused had sexually and physically touched a youth known to the accused.

The 56-year old resident of South Glengarry faces charges of Sexual Assault on a person under 16 year of age and sexual interference. The accused was released and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Alexandria court on Feb. 5, 2020.

The name of the accused is being withheld in order to protect the identity of the victim.

Anyone having information on the above or any crime is asked to call SD&G OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

### NDDHS Report By Carley Milne-Servage **Student Council Communications** International

students at ND

We'd like to extend a warm, North Dundas welcome to our new international student who has come from Australia. His name is Oliver and he's in Grade 10. If you see him in the hallway, make sure to say hi! On another note, two of our exchange students from Spain, Claudia and Martina, have travelled back home this past weekend. We hope they had a great stay in chilly Canada; they will be missed! Intermediate boys' and girls' volleyball teams competed at the invitational tournament at North Grenville on Friday. The girls overtook Notre Dame Academy and won bronze while the boys placed second after battling it out with St. Michaels in the finals. Great job, athletes! It's Grade 12 college and university application season! Our Seniors are in the process of applying for their schools of choice, and it's important to be aware of deadlines. The deadline for equal consideration for university is Jan. 15, and for college it's Feb. 1. Midterm report cards went home with students on Friday during their last period class. If anyone has still not received theirs, they can pick them up at the office Finally, tomorrow, Thurs., Nov. 28, is Camo & Hick Day. Dress in your best camouflage to earn points for your grade.

Aladdin – Adventures in the East

#### by: Suzan Holder

WINCHESTER - A magical adventure befalls Aladdin when he begins to believe that there is more to life than washing dirty socks in the Twankey laundry facility. With the help of a big-headed Genie of the Lamp and a Ring Genie, Jennie – who happens to think she works in a call centre - Aladdin takes on evil Abanazar. This gender-bending fairy tale breaks the fourth wall, erupts with spontaneous song and dance, and constantly surprises with its over-the-top characters. An extensive and eclectic all-star cast, including deputy-mayor, Al Armstrong, two local doctors, and a gang of lovable dancers, pay tribute to Aladdin, the classic folk tale of Middle Eastern origin. The riotous mix of comedy, choreography and special effects, supported by a script bursting with local colour, all contribute to the British Pantomime style of the performance. Pantomime is a peculiarly British tradition of winter musical comedy theatre. It takes a familiar tale, like Aladdin, and injects a bit of British Vaudeville style comedy, contemporary references, and audience participation. The result is a raucous and hilarious magic carpet ride that is both child pleasing, yet contains enough sly references to entertain grown-ups as well. The Dundas Country Players are set to stage this fun for the whole family British Pantomime during the week of the Winchester Parade of Lights in December, at Winchester's Old Town Hall. Based on the script by

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# **Boil Water Advisory for the Newington Drinking Water System**

Township of South will Stormont be undertaking upgrades to the Newington Water Treatment Plant. On Tues., Nov. 26, the pressure tanks were brought off line which may result in low water pressure within the

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NEWINGTON – The water distribution system. This may happen over several short durations of time up until Thurs., Nov. 28. The Township of South Stormont, as the owner of the drinking water system, is advising all people on the Newington Drinking Water System to boil their

tap water before drinking it because of the potential for low water pressure in the drinking water system serving the area. The Boil Water Advisory is in effect until further notice.

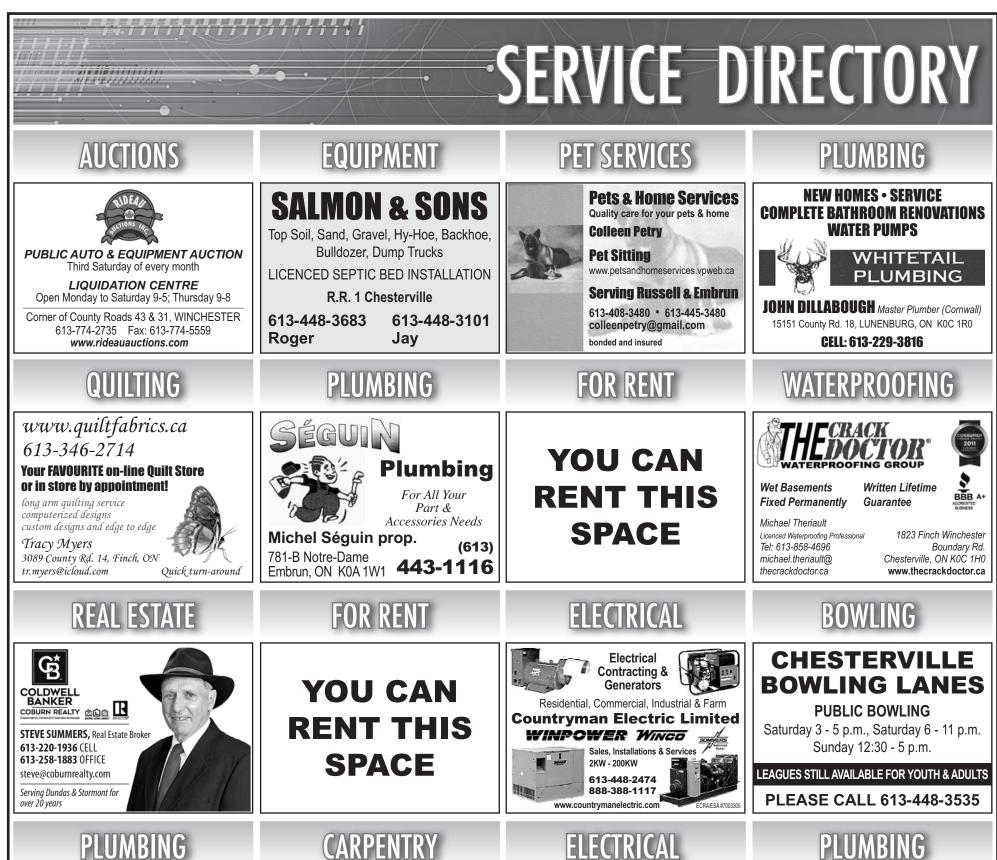
To avoid possible illness, you must bring the water to a rolling boil for at least one minute before drinking water (such as drinking it. Let the water cool down before using or drinking. Boiling the water will kill any harmful microorganisms in the water.

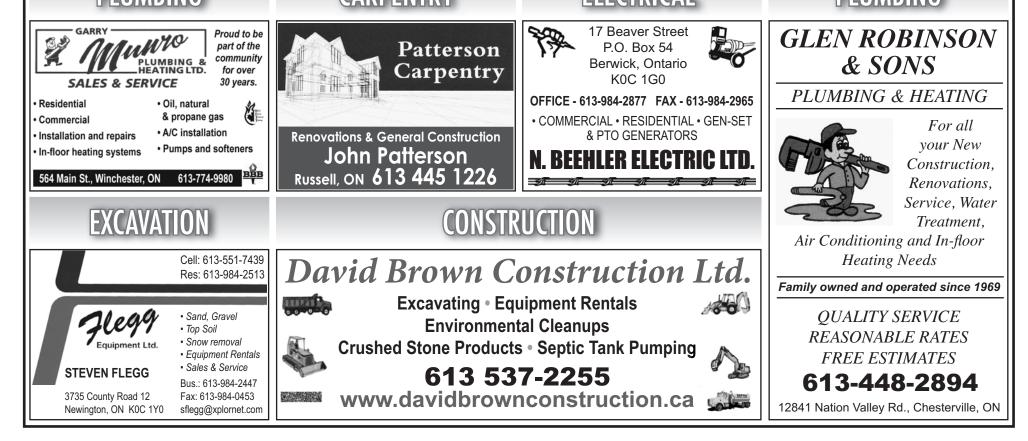
Until further notice, use boiled water or an alternate source of safe

bottled water) for: drinking; making ice cubes, juices or other mixes; preparing baby food or infant formula; preparing food, including washing fruits and vegetables; gargling or brushing teeth or dentures.

Affected households have been notified by door-to-door notices, for more information on how the Boil Water Advisory will impact daily activities including bathing and hand washing, visit the township's Facebook page or website.

Wednesday, November 27, 2019





# MP Duncan announces local office staffing and details

CORNWALL - Newly elected Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry Member of Parliament Eric Duncan announced the details of his constituency offices and staffing for the upcoming Parliament. As one of 97 new Members of Parliament in Canada after the Oct. 21 election, Duncan and his staff are one of the first in the entire country to open a constituency office.

All of the constituency staff that worked for previous MP Guy Lauzon have joined Duncan's office. Adrian Bugelli will continue as executive assistant between the Parliament Hill and Cornwall offices, while Denise Jalbert, Sue Dingwall, Nicole Lefebvre and Francine Lepage will work as constituency assistants on case files.

"I am very lucky to have the entire team agree to stay on in their roles with our office," said MP Duncan. "Constituents have got to know them very well and know that they offer excellent customer service on federal case files. Whether it a passport application, or an issue with Canada Revenue Agency or CPP, we will be there to help."

The new full-time constituency office will remain in Cornwall, but the location has moved to 691 Brookdale Avenue (just



### Hard working team

Pictured from the left, MP Eric Duncan, constituency assistants Nicole Lefebvre, Francine Lepage, Denise Jalbert, Sue Dingwall and executive assistant Adrian Bugelli. Courtesy photo

south of the traffic circle and St. Hubert's) in the International Business Plaza. Full operations have started effective this week and the office hours will remain the same with service available Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

"We are excited to move into our new office space on Brookdale Avenue. The parking is ideal, office space is more private, it is located along a bus route, and it is very easy to find for anyone living outside the City of Cornwall," continued Duncan.

Duncan announced that the customer service programs started by his

predecessor Lauzon will come. Satellite office hours will remain every Monday in Winchester (8:30 a.m. to noon at the Township of North Dundas Office in Winchester) and Morrisburg (1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.). The Volunteer Income Tax Clinic will be operating over the winter and Passport Clinics will be held annually in

various parts of the riding. Contact information for the offices will remain the same as MP Lauzon's as well. The main numbers for the constituency office remains 613-937-3331 and toll-free at 1-888-805-2513. The email address is Eric.Duncan@parl.gc.ca. "Guy and our staff set the bar high for customer service, and we are proud to make sure we keep that same level of accessibility and assistance," said Duncan. "We look forward to welcoming thousands of constituents in our offices each year to help with their federal issues."

The Constituency Assistants offer assistance with passports, Canada Revenue Agency (including Child Tax Benefit, income tax, and GST/HST issues), Service Canada (CPP, Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Disability Tax Credit) immigration, pardons, Veteran's Affairs case files, and other federal issues.

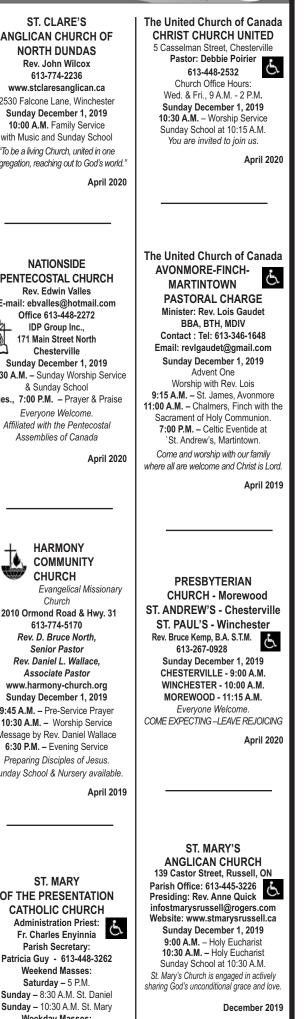
#### our Guide To Local Houses of Worship ST. CLARE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OF NORTH DUNDAS Rev. John Wilcox 613-774-2236 www.stclaresanglican.ca 2530 Falcone Lane, Winchester Sunday December 1, 2019 10:00 A.M. Family Service with Music and Sunday School "To be a living Church, united in one congregation, reaching out to God's world." April 2020 NATIONSIDE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH **Rev. Edwin Valles** E-mail: ebvalles@hotmail.com Office 613-448-2272 Ð IDP Group Inc., 171 Main Street North Chesterville Sunday December 1, 2019 10:30 A.M. - Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School Tues., 7:00 P.M. - Prayer & Praise Everyone Welcome. Affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada April 2020 HARMONY COMMUNITY CHURCH Evangelical Missionary Church 12010 Ormond Road & Hwy. 31 613-774-5170 Rev. D. Bruce North Senior Pastor Rev. Daniel L. Wallace Associate Pastor www.harmony-church.org Sunday December 1, 2019 9:45 A.M. - Pre-Service Prayer 10:30 A.M. - Worship Service Message by Rev. Daniel Wallace 6:30 P.M. - Evening Service Preparing Disciples of Jesus. Sunday School & Nursery available

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## **Ottawa commuter service comes to South Stormont**

### **Carolyn Thompson Goddard**

Record Staff

INGLESIDE – Since the beginning of November, Evans Bus Lines, located in Newington, has been offering South Stormont commuters with the opportunity to travel between Ingleside and Ottawa.

In a recent email to The Chesterville Record, Kathleen Anderson explained RT 450, which ran between Morrisburg and Ottawa with stops along County Road 43, has been extended to include a stop in Ingleside to accommodate South Stormont commuters. Anderson added that a business plan, expressions of support from South Stormont residents and businesses as well as the Municipality of South Stormont were included in a proposal to the Highway Transportation Board along with a fee payment to the HTB; which then reviewed "the need for the service" and mediated with operators who might disagree with the proposal before final approval was given.

mini coach bus" with leather seats, air conditioning and "outlets to plug in so you can work while on the road," according to information from Anderson.

For 30 years Evans Bus Lines has provided transportation service to the local community with school buses and in 2014 began the RT 450 commuter service. Anderson explained this was "one of the last adventures my father Rory Evans started as he passed away in the summer of 2014." She continued how "with running a family-based business we understand the need for others in difficult times and have been working hard at finding a way to help seniors and people of all ages to have another reliable source of transportation for shopping, doctors and specialist appointments."

Anderson continued how in addition to bus charter work, school bus transportation and commuter service to Ottawa, Evan's Bus Lines is holding "an event called GLOW which is in Ottawa on December 15", with more information available on the company's Facebook page

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The commuter service on RT 450 is available on both a monthly and occasional basis, but Anderson recommends that if you are looking for a one-way trip on the commuter bus, to call the office to ensure there is a seat available on the date required. Information on fares and stops is also available on the bus company's website.

The 38-44 passenger bus is a "sleek back executive level



Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, and the best Mother-in-Law one could ever have. Leila loved family, friends, hard work, and playing cards. Thank you for your gift to me of your wonderful daughter.

> Love now and forever, Earl L. Windsor and family

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# Ethan Claymore's Christmas premiering at Upper Canada Playhouse

#### Kory Glover Record Staff

MORRISBURG – It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and the Upper Canada Playhouse is set to debut their latest production, Norm Foster's *Ethan Claymore's Christmas*.

Starring Jesse Collins as the titular character, *Ethan Claymore's Christmas* follows a recently widowed and struggling egg farmer who is trying to keep to himself. However, this all changes when he gets a visit from his brother, Martin to help his down and out brother and possibly settle a years-long score.

Oh, forgot to mention, Martin had recently passed away. What? You didn't think a Christmas story could go on without a ghost, did you?

With the help of his

nosey, but well-meaning, neighbour Douglas McClaren, played by Sweeney MacArthur (*The Christmas Express*), and the new teacher in town Teresa Pike, can Ethan Claymore find his Christmas spirit and have a Merry Christmas?

Jaime Williams, who you might remember from the recent production of *Lunenburg*, plays the ghostly apparition of Martin. He describes his character to be off the norm of what is excepted from this type of role, casting a light on the character's cynicism.

"Norm [Foster], in a back-handed way, refers to some of these old Christmas stories and tropes because, in a way, Martin is a Christmas ghost, but he is unlike all the other Christmas ghosts," said Williams. "He's less focused on everybody else, he's still caught up in his own stuff."

Viviana Zarrillo, who previously performed in last year's *Plaza Suite* and the recent *Same Time*, *Next Year*, plays the new schoolteacher and eye of affection for Ethan Claymore.

'[Teresa] has recently come to town and she's got a bit of a story as well as we found out during the show," she said. "What I love about this show and character... you have neighbourhoods like Morrisburg, [I've] gotten opportunities over the years to get to know some of the people and you do see folks that had life circumstances. Maybe they were married, lost their partner, divorced, just and changes changes happen."

The cast of six

performers have been rehearsing this play for the past two weeks and will be continuing until the show officially opens its curtains this Thursday.

"We rehearse six days a week," said director Donnie Bowes. "We rehearse eight hours and then the last three or four days are 12-hour days."

Come Thurs., Nov. 28, all that work will have paid off as the doors will officially open for the Upper Canada Playhouse's annual Christmas Show. *Ethan Claymore's Christmas* will continue to run until Fri., Dec. 15 with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. showtimes.

For tickets, visit the Upper Canada Playhouse's website at uppercanadaplayhouse.com or call 613-543-3713.



Upper Canada Playhouse's newest production, Ethan Claymore's Christmas follows the story of a down on his luck egg farmer who struggles to find his Christmas spirit after a tragedy in his life. However, with the help of his friends and family, he might be able to have himself a Merry Christmas. Pictured from the left, Jessie Collin as Ethan Claymore, Jaime Williams as Ethan's brother Martin, Viviana Zarrillo as the new schoolteacher Teresa Pike and Sweeney MacArthur as Ethan's neighbour Douglas. Glover photo



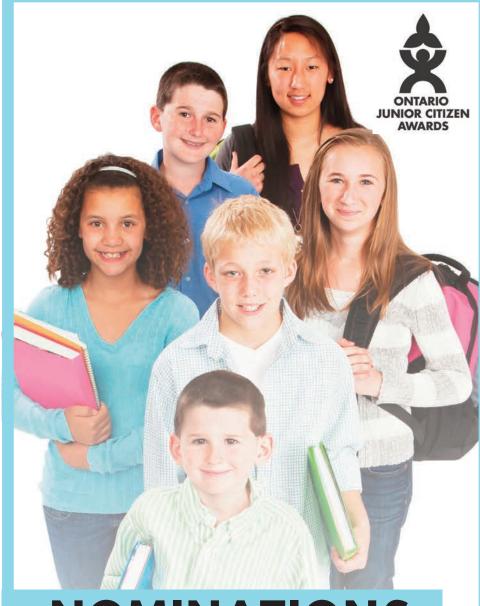
### Rotary donates to The Hub

The Rotary Club of Chesterville & District donated a 55" TCL flat-screen television

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to The Gathering House's new program for youth ranging from ages 8-14. The Hub is what the program is known as and it is coordinated by the Gathering House's youth director, Scott Hopkins. Hopkins says the program has attracted 6-10 kids and the Hub features games like foosball, air hockey, video games and a ping pong table. The program will mount the new television to the wall and it will be used for video games and movies. Lois Beckstead went to the Rotary Club with the request for help and the club was more than eager to help out. Presenting the television were Rotary members, front from left, Betty Vanden Bosch, Beckstead, Birket Foster and Hopkins. Back from left, Brian Barr, senior pastor from The Gathering House, John Stewart, Nelson Zandbergen and Beate Stewart.





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**Painting for a cause** Colleen Read approached Dan Riitano of McCloskey's and A Bunch of People's Amanda Burger at the Victoria Street Café about hosting an ALS research fundraiser at the establishment in Chesterville, and they agreed. Read's sister, Erica Fox passed away from ALS in September 2013, so they organized a Paint Day on Sun., Nov. 24, with all proceeds going to ALS research. There were a dozen painters at the fundraiser painting a chick-a-dee in a tree on a piece of wood, led by Dan Riitano the artist. Pictured are Riitano (left), Shannon LeBlanc, Juli Pilotte and organizer, Colleen Read. Moore photo

### Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands and the end of the Second World War in Holland in May 2020

CHESTERVILLE - As the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War happens in 2020, Canadians from across the country will be gathering at different places throughout Europe to mark this special occasion. One of the biggest gatherings will take place in Holland to coincide with the Liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian Forces. To mark this special event, a tour is being planned to bring members of the North Dundas community to Holland and Germany from May 1 - 9, 2020. The trip will include many special highlights including visits to Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, the 75th annual V-E Day Remembrance Ceremony, Official Liberation Day celebration and much, much more.

An information session is being held at the Chesterville Legion on Tues., Dec. 10 beginning at 7 p.m.



### For a merry cause

Over 200 women were in attendance to this year's Sisters for Life Ladies Night Gala, raising an astonishing \$27,014.41, which will be split between the Canadian Cancer Society and Winchester District the Memorial Hospital. Funds going to the Canadian Cancer Society will support the local Wheels of Hope program, providing cancer patients with transportation, and an Oncology Research Project. Funds going to WDMH will go toward the purchase of a mammography machine to help detect early stages of cancer. The event also had special guest professor of medicine and

senior scientist at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Dr. John Bell who spoke about the progress of cancer research. Pictured in no particular order, Patsy Casselman and her daughter, Kim, Susan Casselman, Wendy Heagle, Joy Krol, Maureen Robertson, her daughter Meghan-Tia, Angie Beehler, her daughter Kaitlyn and Monique Rutley. Courtesy photo

# **Touch of Country Christmas House Tour**

#### **Carolyn Thompson Goddard** Record Staff

AVONMORE - This year there will be five stops of interest including the Tagwi Craft Show, a fundraiser for the Roxborough Agricultural Society, and five local homes decorated for the holiday season for participants in the 14th Annual Touch of Christmas Country House organized for Sat., Dec. 7 throughout North Stormont.

Nancy Wert, with some help from friends, coordinates the event that raises funds for improvements at North Stormont Place. She explained recently in an email to The *Chesterville Record* how the event has raised money to purchase new dishes, an industrial dishwasher, painting and decorating the hall, as well as putting "up the electronic sign at the Avonmore fire hall" and purchasing "new chairs for the boardroom."

The tour offers the opportunity to either drive yourself to the different homes and businesses participating or take the complimentary bus from Roxborough Bus Lines; thanks to the generosity of Daryl and Nick McRae.

Reservations can be made by calling Wert at 613-346-5493; but she suggests making the reservation as soon as possible because the bus fills up quickly.

Tickets are available at Barkley's Store in Avonmore, Treats & Treasures of Finch, Furniture Village in Cornwall's Brookdale Mall as well as the Scotiabank branches in Chesterville and Maxville, at a cost of \$25 per person. Pick up your ticket soon for a wonderful way to get decorating ideas, gift suggestions or to just enjoy an afternoon of fun with friends.

# Babies of 2019

The Chesterville Record/Villager will be featuring the Babies of 2019 in the December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 edition.

If your child was born in 2019 or December 2018 and you would like to have him/her included in this keepsake edition, please mail, e-mail or bring in the form below along with a clear picture to The Chesterville Record/Villager.

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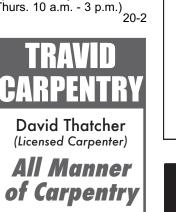
### COMING EVENTS

#### HOT LUNCHEON

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, 30 Mill St., Chesterville. Wed., Nov. 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu: Chicken à la king with tea biscuits; cabbage salad; pineapple angel food cake; coffee/tea. \$8 per person (take-outs available starting at 11 a.m.) Everyone Welcome!

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### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **AVONMORE AND AREA "TOUCH OF CHRISTMAS"**

**COUNTRY HOUSE TOUR** Sat., Dec. 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 5 homes decorated by home owners. 5 stops of interest. Tickets are \$25 each. Available at Scotiabank branches in Chesterville & Maxville, Barkley's Store, Treats Avonmore, & Treasures, Finch, Furniture Village, Cornwall or till noon on Sat., Dec. 7 at Tagwi High School. Free bus offered. To book a seat call Nancy Wert at 613-346-5493. 21-4

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Dark and light fruit cakes, cookies and chocolate covered almonds available while quantities last at Russell High School on Sat., Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Payment by cash only. 20

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**OPEN HOUSE /** 

RECEPTION For Rev. Bruce & Patricia North as they embark on the next stage of their journey Sun., Dec. 1 from 12:30 -3:00 p.m. Feel free to drop in to give them your best wishes. Location: Harmony Church. 613-774-5170. 20-2



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Sat., Dec. 7 and Sun., Dec. 8 at Tagwi Secondary School Gymnasium, (West Parking Lot). Doors open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat. and 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sun. Admission is free with a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon both days at noon. Donations of Food for the Community Food Share accepted. For information call Linda at 613-346-5981. On the Sat. the show is a stop on the Avonmore & District House Tour, for information on the House tour call 613-346-5493. 20-1

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### LAKESHORE **COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Sinfonia de l'Ouest and the Lakeshore Community Choir will present "A Classical Christmas" featuring Christmas works by Handel, Mozart, Corelli and more at St. James Anglican Church, 20 High St., Morrisburg on Sun., Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. Adults \$25, Students \$15. Tickets 613-543-3863 or tiltedsteeple@eastlink.ca.

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### Sharing their stories

Stone Crop Acres Winery and Vineyard was full to overflowing on Nov. 20, when Community Living Dundas County launched *Our Stories Our Lives in Dundas County*. Director supports and services at CLDC Brenda Laviolette told *The Chesterville Record* in a post event email that the book showcases "the importance of relationships and community" with seven people chosen to tell their stories of developing "strong relationships within their community." The books are available for purchase at Cup of Jo's in Winchester or at Community Living Dundas County in Morrisburg. Courtesy photo

### Silent auction fever

On Nov. 23, Chalmers United Church in Finch held their long-standing Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar upstairs at the arena in Finch. Rev. Lois Gaudet explained the event was a church fundraiser organized by the United Church Women (UCW). Gaudet added that there was a good turnout for the bazaar with people enjoying a ham and scalloped potato lunch, while taking a break from shopping for that special gift, some home baking from the bake table or perusing the silent auction hoping to bid on one of several donations from the community. From the left, Ruth McLean, Rev. Lois Gaudet and Muriel Carruthers are pictured in front of one of the silent auction tables. Thompson Goddard photo



### Lots of Christmas cheer

Chesterville's Garden Villa was bursting with Christmas cheer during their annual Christmas Bazaar, featuring a total of 25 vendors including Suzie's Crafts, Epicure, Una's Angels and many more. Glover photo



# **Pin Tales**

**Matilda:** Ladies' High Single, Shelley Osborne 252; Ladies' High Triple, Shelley Osborne 663; Men's High Single, John Leach 265; Men's High Triple, Walter Patterson 597. Team Standings: Anarchy 46, The Happy Gang 42, Granny and the Grunts 39, Two C's and a K 37, The Ballers 34, Oh Danny Boy and the Pipes 33.

Thursday Seniors: Men's High Single, John Mcgarrety 182; Men's High Triple, Bas Vanwinden 446; Ladies' High Single, Joke Vanwinden 177; Ladies' High Triple Catherine Vanmorrsel 505.

### Youth Bowling Canada

**YBC Peewees:** Girl's High Single, Deliah Heuff 96; Girl's High Double, Deliah Heuff 177; Boy's High Single, Isaac Bradley 116; Boy's High Double, Isaac

Bradley 207. Team Standings: Bruins 76, Kings 59, Leafs 43.5, Sharks 41.5.

**YBC Bantams:** Girl's High Single, Isabella Gaudette 125; Girl's High Double, Isabella Gaudette 251; Boy's High Single, Cooper Brisson 149; Boy's High Double, Cooper Brisson 251. Team Standings: Avalnche 101.5, Coyotes 100, Rangers 84.5, Red Wings 83, Flames 81, Blackhawks 75, Jets 75.

**YBC Juniors:** Girl's High Single, Lindsay Burnett 253; Girl's High Triple, Lindsay Burnett 673; Boy's High Single, Alex Robinson 279; Boy's High Triple, Alex Robinson 589. Team Standings: Sabres 68, Ducks 65.5, Senators 64.5.

**YBC Seniors:** Girl's High Single, Rachel Puenter 229; Girl's High Triple, Rachel Puenter 547. Team Standings: Canucks 53, Panthers 46.



### Local riders recognized

The equestrian team from Alingsview Stables in Chesterville just came back from the Ottawa Area Dressage Banquet; riders won awards at the ESD and Silver level. Pictured from the left, Julia Dings, Nicole Allen-Dings (coach), Chloe Budz, Leah Levert, Margot Guy and Kylie Belle. Nicole and Margot also recently won awards at the Cadora-Ontario Banquet.



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# **Rockets slip past Jets**

#### Jeff Moore

Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—The North Dundas Rockets played a pair of weekend games as they travelled to Cardinal on Friday night to take on the South Grenville Rangers and welcomed the Metcalfe Jets on Saturday night. Rockets 4 Jets 3

The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Metcalfe Jets to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Nov. 23, in the NCJHL. The Rockets failed to gain ground on the first place South Grenville Rangers the previous night dropping a 5-2 decision to the Rangers but still sat in sole possession of second place, four points ahead of the Jets in third place.

The teams battled to a scoreless first period with the Rockets outshooting the Jets 14-7. The Jets opened the scoring when Mike Armstrong scored from Colin Foubert at 6:12 of the second period taking a 1-0 lead.

The Rockets tied the game when Brad Nash pounded one home from a scramble in front of the net from Jack Dewan and Cameron Brown at 9:33. The Rockets took their first lead of the game when Nicholas Carroll scored on a breakaway from Joel Hunt at 10:15.

The Rockets took a two-goal lead when Brown launched one from the blue line to the back of the net from Justin Lefebvre and Brett Lannin on the power play at 13:45. The Rockets took a 3-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Jets got to within one at 9:46 of the third period as Alexander MacNeil scored from Cameron Gallant and Chris Mann. The Jets knotted the affair when Rocco Barresi slapped one home from Foubert at 14:08.

The Rockets retook the lead when Xavier Langevin sniped one from Joshua Tapp at 15:45. The Rockets were able to hold on defensively for the 4-3 victory. With the win, the Rockets moved temporarily to within nine points of the Rangers but the Rangers were able to defeat the Morrisburg Lions later in the night to regain an 11-point lead.

The Rockets outshot the Jets 44-37. Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Sebastien Moreau making 34 saves and suffering the loss in the Jets' goal was Jett Miller making 40 saves.

#### **Rangers 5 Rockets 2**

The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Ingredion Centre in Cardinal on Fri., Nov. 22, to take on the South Grenville Rangers in the NCJHL. The Rockets went into the game in second place in the West Division, nine points behind the first place Rangers who sat in the top spot.

The Rangers opened the scoring when Dylan Sharpley scored from Matthew O'Brien and Jordan Dodge at 6:27 of the first period. The Rangers took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Rangers made it 2-0 as Cole Edgley scored from Brayden Forestell and Matthew



The Rockets' forward, Xavier Langevin (10) crashes the crease, as the puck just misses his stick; Jets' goalie, Jett Miller (1) gets across just in case. Langevin went on to score the game-winning goal late in the third period as the Rockets downed the Jets 4-3. Moore photo

Berry at 13:17 of the second period. The Rockets cut the deficit in half when Aiden Whynot scored from Jack Van Kessel at 16:13 on the power play.

The Rangers took a 2-1 lead into the second intermission. The Rangers made it 3-1 when Cooper Kingston scored from Jared Fenlong and Cameron Dillon just 28 seconds into the third period on the power play.

The Rangers added another goal at 1:04 as Connor Kennedy scored from Dodge and Sharpley to make it 4-1. The Rockets got to within two as Justin Lefebvre riffled one home from Cole Hodges at 4:34 but the Rangers closed out the scoring when Dodge scored from

Mathieu Giroux and Sharpley at 14:37.

The Rangers shut the door taking the game 5-2. Picking up the win in the Rangers' goal was Tyler Desjardins and suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Sebastien Moreau. With the win, the Rangers moved 11 points up on the Rockets to remain at the top of the division.

#### Up next

The North Dundas Rockets travel to the Ingredion Centre in Cardinal on Sat., Nov. 30, to take on the South Grenville Rangers at 8:10 p.m. and then to the Morrisburg Arena on Sun., Dec. 1, to take on the Morrisburg Lions at 2:15 p.m.

# Panthers double down on Royals

#### Jeff Moore Record Staff

EMBRUN-The Embrun Panthers played a pair of home games this past weekend as they welcomed the Richmond Royals on Friday night and the Winchester Hawks on Sunday afternoon.

#### Panthers 6 Royals 3

The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Richmond Royals to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Nov. 22, in the CCHL2. The Panthers went into the game in a two-way tie for second place in the Martin Division, with the Ottawa West Golden Knights; with a win, the Panthers could move temporarily into sole possession of second.

The Panthers opened the

Labrie scored his third goal of the season from Nathan Everett and Robert Beaudoin taking a 1-0 lead. The Panthers made it 2-0 when Marshall Drevniok snapped home his second of the season from Tristan Taillefer and Cayden Martin at 11:32.

The Royals got one back with 2:02 remaining in the opening frame but trailed 2-1 going into the first intermission. The Panthers restored a two-goal lead when Taillefer scored his 17th of the season from Matthieu Brennan and Eric Skyba at 13:09 of the second period.

The Panthers took a threegoal lead when Martin scored his second of the season from Drevniok and Carter Peck at 15:51. The Panthers took a 4intermission. The Panthers made it 5-1 when Skyba scored his sixth of the season from Taillefer at 2:55 of the third period.

The Royals cut into the Panthers' lead with a pair of goals at 12:37 and 18:06 to make it 5-3. The Royals pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker but it was the Panthers' Jeremy Cyr finding the empty net at the far end with 1:18 remaining in regulation from Beaudoin.

The Panthers took the game by a score of 6-3 and with the win, moved into sole possession of second place. The Panthers outshot the Royals 41-25. Picking up the win in the Panthers' goal was Josh Paradis making 22 saves.

28, to take on the Vikings at 8 29, at 8 p.m. The Panthers at 7:30 p.m. Un



The Panthers' forwards, Marshall Drevniok (18) and Carter Peck (14) battle the Hawks' goalie, Cole Defazio (32) for a loose puck. Defazio and the Hawks squeaked out a 4-3 victory with just 24 seconds remaining in regulation. Moore photo

Panthers travel to the J. R. p.m. and welcome the then travel to the Nick Smith

Brisson Complex in Alexandria Glens to the Centre in Arnprior on Sun., Casselman on Thurs., Nov. Palais des Sports on Fri., Nov. Dec. 1, to take on the Packers

# Peewee B Rep Demons hold on to second place

#### Jeff Moore Record Staff

BROCKVILLE-The North Dundas Peewee Rep B Demons played a pair of games this past week as they welcomed the Brockville Braves on Wednesday night and travelled to Brockville on Saturday afternoon for a rematch with the Braves. Braves 6 Demons 3

The North Dundas Peewee Rep B Demons travelled to the Youth Arena in Brockville on Sat., Nov. 23, to take on the Braves in UCMHL. The Braves and the Demons tied their previous game 3-3 but the Braves were holding down first place while the

points with two games in hand.

The Braves opened the scoring at 6:58 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Braves took the 1-0 lead into second period. The Braves scored two secondperiod goals at 9:42 and 12:36 and took a 3-0 lead into the third period.

The Demons cut the deficit to two when Merrick Crawford scored an unassisted goal just 1:27 of the third period. The Braves restored their two-goal lead just seven seconds later. The Braves made it 5-1 at 4:09 and 6-1 at 4:21.

The Demons scored a pair of late goals as Tyler Gavin Eikelboom and Ryan Wilson at 10:03 and Patrick Guy snapped one home from Nathan Epps and Crawford at 12:08. The Braves hung onto take the game 6-3 moving six points ahead of the Demons in the standings.

Suffering the loss in the Demons' goal was Kolton Belmonte.

#### **Demons 3 Braves 3**

The North Dundas Peewee Rep B Demons welcomed the Brockville Braves to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Wed., Nov. 20, in the UCMHL.

The Braves opened the scoring at 3:39 of the first

Demons trailed by four Dunham lit the lamp from period and took a 1-0 lead into the second period. The Demons tied the game as Markus Bols ripped one home from Nathan Epps and Merrick Crawford just 1:52 into the second period.

The Braves retook the lead at 6:37 but the Demons tied the game again at 7:50 as Josh Lafrance sniped one from Jake Weber and Carter Williams. The teams took a two-all draw into the third period.

The Braves retook the lead at 2:56 of the third period but the Demons roared back tying the game at three as Epps slapped one home from Bols and Crawford at 4:46. Neither team was able to find the



The Demons celebrate after Markus Bols tied the game at one in the second period, from Nathan Epps and Merrick Crawford. The game ended in a three-all draw. Moore photo

back of the net before time expired in the third period, settling for a three-all draw.

The Demons outshot the

Braves 30-24. Playing in goal for the Demons was Liam Sergeant making 27 saves.

# **Cossette's hat trick helps Vikings best Glens**

### Jeff Moore

#### Record Staff

CASSELMAN-The Casselman Vikings played just a single game this past weekend as they welcomed the Alexandria Glens on Thursday night. Vikings 8 Glens 4

### The Casselman Vikings welcomed

the Alexandria Glens to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Nov. 21, in the CCHL2. The Vikings sat in first place in the Martin Division just one point ahead of the second place Ottawa West Golden Knights and the Embrun Panthers.

The Vikings opened the scoring at 9:53 as Alexandre Charlebois blasted home his seventh goal of the season from Mathieu Talbot and François Drouin on the power play. The Vikings took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Vikings made it 2-0 when Jason Cossette scored his ninth of the

season unassisted on the power play just 1:46 into the second period. Cossette scored his second of the game and 10th of the season at 8:36 from Nicolas Chartrand and Zachary Fournier to give the Vikings a 3-0 lead

The Vikings made it 4-0 when Mathieu Talbot scored his 15th of the season from Cossette and Chartrand on the power play. Cossette completed his hat trick at 17:33 scoring his 11th of the season from Joshua Desjardins and Zachary Power on another power play to give the Vikings a five-goal lead.

The Vikings took a 5-0 lead into the second intermission. The Vikings made it 6-0 when Power scored his fifth of the season from Samuel Lacroix and Mikael Houle at 3:22 of the third period. The Glens finally got on the board at 6:35 on the power play and at 7:59 also on the power play.

The Vikings made it 7-2 when

# at 8 p.m. Hawks split with top teams

#### Jeff Moore

Record Staff E M B R U N - T h eWinchester Hawks played two games this past weekend as they welcomed the Ottawa Jr. Canadians on

Friday night and travelled to Embrun on Sunday afternoon to take on the Panthers.

#### Hawks 4 Panthers 3

The Winchester Hawks travelled to the Palais des



The Hawks' forward, Marco Haw tries to send the puck across the goal crease but the Canadians' defensemen, and former Hawk, Isaac Kelly slides low to block the pass. Kelly and the Canadians got the better of the Hawks in this game taking it 5-2. Moore photo Sports in Embrun on Sun., Nov. 24, to take on the Panthers in the CCHL2. The Hawks were coming off a 5-2 loss at the hands of the Ottawa Jr. Canadians and sat in fifth place in the Martin Division, while the Panthers sat in a third-place tie with the Canadians, nine points ahead of the Hawks.

The Hawks opened the scoring when their young sniper, Eric Vitale scored his 14th goal of the season at 18:03 from Danny Johnson. The Hawks took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission. The Panthers tied the game when Tristan Taillefer tipped one home for his 18th of the season from Eric Skyba and Tyler Cummins at 3:34 of the second period.

The Panthers took their first lead of the game when Jeremy Cyr scored his fourth of the season from Juno Gregoire and Maverick Labrie at 10:53. The Panthers took a twogoal lead when Skyba scored his seventh of the season on a breakaway sliding one five-hole at 16:08

Mikaël Bissonnette scored his second

of the season from Desjardins at 8:11

but the Glens answered with a pair of

goals at 10:13 on the power play and

at 10:29. The Vikings closed out the

scoring when Fournier scored his

fourth of the season from Power with

just 27 seconds remaining in regulation into an empty net after the

Glens pulled their goalie for an extra

failed to put distance between

themselves and the Golden Knights as

they also won, moving to within one

point of the Vikings in first. The

Vikings outshot the Glens 37-24.

Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal

The Casselman Vikings welcome

was Nick Campbell making 20 saves.

the Embrun Panthers to the J. R.

Brisson Complex on Thurs., Nov. 21,

The Vikings took the game 8-4 but

attacker.

Up next

The Hawks got back to within one as Colby Byrnes-Shaw slapped one home from the blue line for his first of the season from Vitale, with just 1:49 remaining in the middle frame. The Panthers took a 3-2 lead into the second intermission.

The Hawks tied the game when Vitale scored his second of the game and 15th of the season from affiliated player, Nolan Gagnon and Kuehni at 12:26. It looked as though the game was headed to overtime but with just 24 seconds remaining in regulation, the Hawks' Kyle Fleming ripped one home for his 10th of the season unassisted.

The Hawks were able to hold the Panthers at bay as the clock ticked down to zero, taking the game 4-3. With the win, the Hawks moved to within seven points of the Panthers and

the Canadians and moved five up on the Rebels in sixth place.

The Hawks outshot the Panthers 44-31. Picking up the win in the Hawks' goal was Cole Defazio making 28 saves and suffering the loss in the Panthers' goal was William Nguyen making 40 saves.

#### **Canadians 5 Hawks 2**

The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Ottawa Jr. Canadians to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Nov. 22, in the CCHL2. The Hawks went into the game in fifth place in the Martin Division, five points behind the Embrun Panthers and the Canadians but were just three points up on the charging Char-Lan Rebels in sixth.

The Hawks opened the scoring when Eric Vitale scored his 13th goal of the season from Marco Haw and Kyle Fleming at 4:34 of the first period. Despite being outshot 22-18, the Hawks took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Canadians tied the game at 13:27 of the second

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The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Alexandria Glens to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Nov. 21, in the CCHL2. The Vikings' captain, Jason Cossette (18) sets up a perfect screen here as he waits for a shot from the point in front of the Glens' goalie, Henri Creighton. Cossette scored three goals and picked up one helper as the Vikings took the game 8-4. Moore photo

> period and took their first lead of the game at 14:22. The Canadians took a 2-1 lead into the second intermission. The Hawks knotted the affair at two when Kyle Kuehni scored his eighth of the season unassisted, just 48 seconds into the third period.

The Canadians retook the lead at 13:04 and took a two-goal lead at 15:34. The Canadians closed out the scoring at 17:39, taking the game 5-2. The Canadians outshot the Hawks 52-43.

Suffering the loss in the Hawks' goal was Lucas Devries making 47 saves. Up next

The Winchester Hawks travel to the Barbara Ann Scott Arena in Ottawa on Thurs., Nov. 28, to take on the Ottawa West Golden Knights at 7:20 p.m. and welcome the Athen Aeros to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Nov. 29, at 8:15 p.m. The Hawks then travel to the Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa on Tues., Dec. 3, to take on the Ottawa Jr. Canadians at 7:20 p.m.

# Major Midget Demons win a pair of games

#### Jeff Moore

the back of the net from Curtis Bowman and Owen Fetterly

#### Record Staff

ATHENS-The North Dundas Major Midget Demons played two games this past week as they welcomed the Brockville Braves on Monday night and travelled to Athens on Wednesday night to take on the Leeds Chargers.

#### **Demons 6 Chargers 4**

The North Dundas Major Midget Demons travelled to Centre 76 in Athens to take on the Leeds Chargers on Wed., Nov. 20, in the UCMHL.

The Demons opened the scoring as Curtis Bell blasted one home from Nolan Henry at 2:25 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Chargers tied the game with just 1:14 remaining in the opening frame, taking a one-all draw into the second period.

The Chargers took their first lead of the game at 4:37 but the Demons got back to even when Maclean Machan scored an unassisted goal at 9:20. The Chargers retook the lead at 12:56 but the Demons tied the game again with just 1:26 remaining in the sandwich frame as Machan scored his second of the game from Emytt Fetterly and Lucas Menard.

The teams took a three-all tie into the third period. The Demons took their first lead of the game when Machan completed his hat trick at 5:31 from Fetterly. The Demons took a two-goal lead when Jaymen Heuff pounded one to at the 11-minute mark.

The Demons made it 6-3 when Henry sniped one from Joshua Broad at 12:16. The Chargers added a late goal at 13:16 but it wasn't enough as the Demons took the game 6-4. Picking up the win in the Demons' goal was Toby Byrne. **Demons 6 Braves 1** 

The North Dundas Major Midget Demons welcomed the Brockville Braves to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Mon., Nov. 18, in the UCMHL.

The Demons opened the scoring when Curtis Bowman snapped one to the back of the net from Mason Carr at 6:37 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Demons made it 2-0 when Curtis Bell ripped one home from Nolan Henry and Emytt Fetterly with just 20 seconds remaining in the opening frame and took the 2-0 lead into the second period.

The Demons made it 3-0 when Carr fired one to the back of the net from Blake Watters and Bowman just 1:14 into the second period. The Braves finally got on the scoresheet at 9:07 on the power play but trailed 3-1 heading into the third period.

The Demons made it 4-1 as Jaymen Heuff blasted one home from Owen Richardson and Bowman at 2:55 of the third period on the power play. The Demons took a fourgoal lead when Carr scored his second of the game from Bowman at 3:28.



The North Dundas Major Midget Demons welcomed the Brockville Braves to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Mon., Nov. 18, in the UCMHL. The Demons' forward, Curtis Bowman (5) takes a shot on goal during the first period scoring the game's opening goal on a pass from Mason Carr (9). Bowman scored a goal and picked up three helpers as the Demons took the game 6-1. Moore photo

The Demons added another goal at 13:11 as Cole Eikelboom slid one home from Heuff and Richardson on the power play taking the game 6-1. Picking up the win in the Demons' goal was Liam Antille.

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# **Robert Kirby honoured at the 2019 UCPR Warden's Banquet**

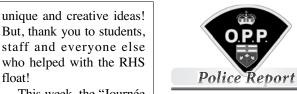
L'ORIGNAL – Robert Kirby, Warden of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR), was honoured by his colleagues, his family and friends during the annual Warden's Banquet, held this past Sat., Nov. 23 at the Chute-à-Blondeau Community Centre in the Township of East Hawkesbury.

More than 225 guests were present to celebrate the past year of Warden Kirby, who represented the UCPR as Warden throughout 2019 for his third term (previously in 2015 and 2009). Among the dignitaries present were federal MP Francis Drouin and the eight regional council members, as well as many other elected officials, entrepreneurs and representatives from the community of Prescott and Russell.

The JP St. Pierre Award - a high municipal distinction that aims to celebrate the exceptional contributions of an individual within the UCPR - was awarded this year to François Latour, a volunteer and community organizer. Mr. Latour has achieved two Guinness World Records for the largest number of threshing machines operating simultaneously on the same site, in St-Albert - specifically, 111 machines in 2015 and 243 machines in 2019. By the same token, these events also served as fundraisers for the Breast Cancer Society, a cause that Mr. Latour holds dearly, and which raised a total of \$125,000 for breast cancer research.

As is also tradition, the Warden's Award is presented during the Banquet to recognize the dedicated work, outstanding contribution and professionalism of a municipal employee toward the community and their colleagues. This year, Warden Kirby chose to recognize Mélissa Cadieux, clerk for the UCPR since 2018 and very recently appointed as the supervisor of Provincial Offences. Since her arrival, several important new procedures and policies have been implemented within the corporation, including the use of electronic signatures as well as an advanced records management system.

For their generous sponsorships, the UCPR would equally like to recognize the



### Student charged with assault

ROCKLAND - On Nov. 18 at approximately 12:15 p.m., a Russell County OPP officer responded to a

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During the annual Warden's Banquet held on Nov. 23, François Latour was awarded the JP St. Pierre Award in recognition of exceptional contributions within the UCPR. Pictured here, Warden Kirby, Latour and Jocelyn St. Pierre, the widow of JP St. Pierre. Courtesy photo

important contributions from the following sponsors: Enbridge Gas Distribution, Emond Harnden SRL LLP, Deloitte Hawkesbury, Vice & Hunter LLP, Lascelles Engineering et Associates Ltd., Robert Excavating, and Neil A. Levac.

The funds raised at this event, in addition

disturbance at a local school Rockland. The in investigation revealed that an altercation occurred between two students.

As a result of the investigation, a 17-year-old from Wendover, was charged with: Assault CC 266

The accused is

scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in L'Orignal at a later date.

### Disturbance leads to charges

ROCKLAND - On Nov. 21 at approximately 4:40 p.m., Russell County OPP officers responded to a disturbance at a local business on Richelieu Street in Rockland.

The investigation revealed that an altercation occurred between two adults.

cheques will be presented as part of the As a result of the

investigation, Sean Neel, 38-years-old, from Rockland, was charged with:

• Assault CC 266; and

• Uttering Threats -Cause death or Bodily Harm CC 264.1(1)(a).

The accused 15 scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in L'Orignal on Dec. 18.

### Fashion show of the year!

RHS

Report

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Hello everyone! Near the end of last week, our iLead T-Wolves had a great time learning about Indigenous cooking styles, techniques and the culture behind it with Pauline Maracle! They explored the traditions and meaning in the food, land, spirit and community; that was definitely a treat!

Not just the T-Wolves of RHS, but the whole

once again with a fashion show and movies today. They will be showing off very posh outfit choices from the French countries and culture. Coco Chanel (a fashion designer that was born and raised in France from 1883-1971)

But, thank you to students,

who helped with the RHS

de Franco" is coming back

This week, the "Journée

float!

would be proud! The Russell High Hockey School Development Program starts this week! Players will be on ice and will be focusing on the skills, development, strategy and much more! Sessions will be happening at the Russell Arena during secondary repeat period and lunch. Make sure to get those permission slips in!

**Russell High School Students present at Rainbow Youth Forum** 

RUSSELL – Students from Russell High School discussed the unique challenges of running Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) clubs in rural schools during a presentation at the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Rainbow Youth Forum, held earlier this month.

The forum is an annual event that brings together community partners, students, teachers and administrators to discuss two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (2SLGBTQ+) issues. The forum encourages safe and inclusive school environments by providing an opportunity to enhance knowledge and awareness about equity and diversity issues.

RHS students Ethan Oriwol and Carey Coté led a workshop on the challenges faced by GSA clubs in rural areas, including being distant from community agencies, activities and other resources often located in urban areas.

luck lunch. In the support group function, these clubs provide students a safe space to discuss problems they may be having at school or in the community with others who may have experienced similar situations.

In the third function, these clubs can assist in increasing education and activism. The RHS students encouraged forum attendees to have, for example, information tables through their clubs to mark events such as the Transgender Day of Remembrance or Pink Shirt Day.

Students and staff attending the day participated in a variety of workshops and presentations that built knowledge and understanding of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, as well as homophobia, biphobia and transphobia.

swearing-in ceremony of the incoming Warden, to be held in L'Orignal on Wed., Dec. 18.

to the Warden's Golf Tournament held

earlier this year, will be distributed to

regional non-profit organizations. The

community of Russell came together for an amazing Santa Claus parade the happened last Sunday! Every float looked fantastic with very

Have a great rest of your week and long weekend due to the P.A. Day this Friday! And, welcome in the holidays as December rolls in!

The pair said GSA clubs could assist with these struggles by serving three functions – acting as a social club, a support group and an education and activist club.

Social club activities can range from getting together for an hour a week to talk with like-minded students, to having a pot

# **Beautification project pushes ahead in Russell**

#### **Kory Glover**

#### Villager Staff

RUSSELL – For the past few years, the Kin Club of Russell has been pushing for the installation of two new identification signs for the Village of Russell, much like in Embrun a few years back.

After years of planning, the Russell Township council officially approved the project for the new signs. "Another wonderful project of volunteers coming together to beautify and make our community a better place," said Russell Township Mayor Pierre Leroux.

These signs would be located at the

East end of the village, at Castor Street and the Fitness Trail and the West end, at the west of 303 Craig Street.

The plan for these signs is to have one Russell sign on two brick pillars and the other Russell sign would be on a brick base. The sign would be made of aluminum and illuminated by solar lights, evergreens would be used as background with perennials in front.

The Kin Club of Russell, according to Leroux, has been fundraising approximately for the past six months, but would like some contribution from the township for lighting and legal costs, much like the project in Embrun previously. The amount required by the club and proposed on the 2020 budget was \$24,000.

This amount was approved verbally from all parties involved including the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, the Russell Township Infrastructure Department and Reynald Patenaude, a property owner whose land will have to accommodate one of the signs due to the road allowance not being wide enough.

The total estimated cost of the project, including land easement, signage, construction costs and professional fees, is \$94,650.



### Comedic styling

Comedian Matt Watson performed at the Étienne Brûlé pub in Embrun last Wed., Nov. 20, for a packed house, as a fundraiser for St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School's student mission trip to Guatemala. For more insight into Watson's show, read this week's Castor Country on Page 4. Courtesy Sue Watson photo

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# Parading around town

#### Kory Glover Villager Staff

RUSSELL/EMBRUN -It's that time of year again!

While the snow might be disappearing right before our very eyes, the Christmas spirit was still as strong as ever in Russell and Embrun this past weekend. On Sat., Nov. 23, Embrun ran their parade down Notre Dame Street, starting at the Russell Township municipal building.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., the lights off of the floats were illuminating beautifully through town in the pale of nightfall. Floats featuring the Russell Optimist Club, The Kin Club of Russell and even the Genie himself from Aladdin, playing the famous "Prince Ali" song, had the roaring crowd with excitement.

The Russell Christmas ran through Parade Concession Street on Sun., Nov. 24, starting at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Starting at 1 p.m., large crowds gathered on the sidewalks to marvel at the creativity of the township, while grabbing as much candy as possible.

While the usual Christmas tone was kept

during the festivities, there were some floats that dared to be different. Smart Rock Interlock & Construction decided to do a tribute to the band KISS, while rocking out to their songs, and Imagine Orthodontics had dinosaurs running down the streets with toothbrushes!

At the end of each parade, Santa Claus, along with Mrs. Claus, made sure to wish everyone who attended a very Merry Christmas.



#### Keep your eyes on the road Don't worry, these kids have their permits. Riding

down the street in a Gaucho Rock'in jeep, kids were waving to the cheering crowd with season greetings. Glover photo



### Party float

Brasserie Tuque De Broue Brewery were having a party on their float during the Embrun Christmas Parade. Glover photo

# **STA update**

**Meadow Donnelly** STA Contributer

Students at St. Thomas have recently received their first midterm evaluations of

remarkably and had a lot of fun. Now, boys' basketball has begun, and games should be starting in the coming weeks. Prom committee is doing year another of "Clothespin Assassin." This game is famously fun but it causes a lot of staff and students to be constantly paranoid when outside of their classrooms!

Christmas Angel program! It's lovely to take time during the holiday season to give back to our community. Christmas Angels are organized by Mr. Vonesch, our chaplaincy leader. Each classroom sponsors an anonymous local family so that everyone can enjoy what can be a stressful season for some. We are only three months into the school year and have so much in store!



### Lighting up the streets

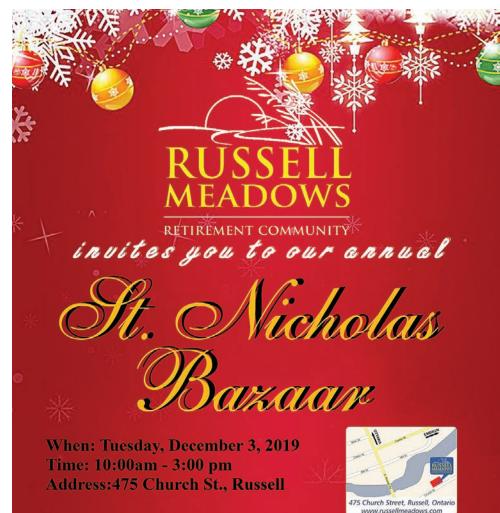
Known for their delicious cookies and chipper attitudes, the Girl Guides of Canada happily marched in the Russell parade. Glover photo



### Christmas cheer

The Russell Skating Club carefully decorated their float to look its best during the Russell Christmas Parade. Glover photo

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the year. Semester one is now in full swing, and the hallways are buzzing during the lunch break with the arrival of the cold weather.

Applications for the Boston exchange program have started, led by Mr. Brookes and Mr. Lafleur. The Boston exchange trip allows ten students from our school to be hosted by ten students belonging to the Boston Tech High School south of the border. We are thrilled for the opportunity to have this available to our students again this year; as students have always remarked on its reward.

The Junior and Senior girls' basketball seasons have finally come to an end in early November, and the Junior girls won Prescott Russell and will be sent to EOSSA. Both teams played

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