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## Briefly

### Crysler Tree Lighting

**CRYSLER** – The Chrysler community will be lighting up their Christmas tree on Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. There will be hot chocolate, vendors under the gazebo. Children are invited to make an ornament and hang it on a special tree in the park. There will be a bonfire and music.

### Parade of Lights in Crysler

**CRYSLER** – Dec. 12 Crysler will hold their annual Parade of Lights, the event is brought to residents by the Crysler Community Centre. Parade start time is 6:30 p.m.

### Metcalfe Santa Claus Parade

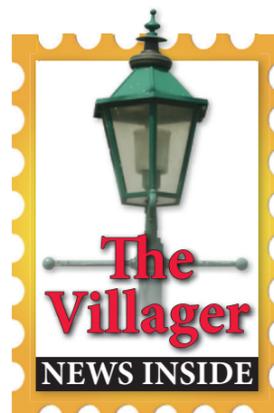
**METCALFE** – Metcalfe Santa Claus Parade, Food & Toy Drive at 2 p.m.; the corner of Victoria Street and Johannes St.; Bring non-perishable food items and/or new, unwrapped toys for the Food & Toy Drive. Sun., Dec. 12 | 2 p.m. Light-up | 4:30 p.m. Parade Route is Victoria Street to 8th Line, Ottawa.

### Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree Lighting ceremony

**WINCHESTER** – Dec. 14 at 5:00 p.m., we will host The Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree Lighting Ceremony. This will be a virtual event broadcast live on Facebook. Enjoy beautiful live music, and celebrate the generosity of the season. Make a donation at [www.wdmhfoundation.ca](http://www.wdmhfoundation.ca) – click on 'Donate Now', and then 'The Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree' option. Call 613-774-2422 x 6162 or x 6172 to make a credit card gift.

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### Colouring contest brings out the artists in Chesterville

The winners in the Remembrance Day Colouring Contest sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chesterville were announced and presented with a 2021-coin set on Dec. 4 during Santa's visit to the village. Christine Cross-Barkley, president of the RCC, explained that there were 89 entries in the contest with three different age categories. In the five and under category, Brandon Leach took first place, with Jorja Morin the winner in the age six to eight group and Gregory Beaumont winning in the nine years and above category. She thanked everyone who entered, commenting there was "beautiful work by everyone", mentioned the judges, which included Rotary members and local artist Anita Schoch, had a difficult time coming to a decision. Cross-Barkley extended a big thank you to Chesterville ScotiaBank for their support. From the left, front row: Siena Dean, Brandon Leach, Benjamin Dean and Jorja Morin. Back row: Gregory Beaumont, Thomas Dean, Christine Cross-Barkley, Santa Claus, and Connor VanKoppen. Thompson Goddard Photo

## North Dundas council considers process to replace councillor

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**WINCHESTER** – The Dec. 1 resignation of North Dundas Coun. Tyler Hoy presents an interesting dilemma for fellow councillors.

How Hoy's seat at the table will be filled, will have to wait until the next council meeting on Dec. 14. The council has 60 days to fill the position.

At a special meeting on Tues., Dec. 7, North Dundas councillors officially accepted Hoy's resignation and discussed what their next steps would be to replace him.

Hoy was elected in 2018 and this was his first and only term. His resignation letter did not explain his reasons for resigning.

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## South Dundas public, business speak against cannabis processing plants

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

**MORRISBURG** – During a public meeting late last month, several Municipality of South Dundas residents took a stand against the installation of cannabis-production plants in both Morrisburg and Riverside Heights.

"The approval authority for this application is the Municipality of South Dundas. Following the public meeting, all the submissions made by the public and agencies will be reviewed before we make a recommendation to council," planning consultant Peter Young said. "There's also an opportunity for appeal if you or the applicant isn't satisfied with the decision but it's

important to either make a statement tonight or make a written submission prior to the bylaw being passed or considered by council."

In a public meeting held immediately prior to the start of the Nov. 22 council meeting, there were two separate applicants asking for zoning amendments to their respective properties, one at 45 Allison Avenue in Morrisburg, and the other at 13373 County Road 2 in Riverside Heights. Tracy Zander of ZanderPlan, who is representing both parties separately, was in attendance to make a case for council to approve the requests, which would allow the property owners to move forward with their cannabis processing facility projects.

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## Replacing councillor

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There are three options available for councillors; the idea of doing nothing and waiting until the next election, which is coming in 2022, is not an option as the resignation is within the 90-day window designated by the Municipal Act before the next election in 2022. If Hoy had resigned within 90 days of the next municipal election, his seat could go vacant until someone else was elected to it and the council would carry on until then with one councillor short.

Councillors could choose to have a by-election, simply appoint someone to the position or go to the next person who came in second during the 2018 election and ask if they would like to take over the job until the 2022 municipal election. That person would then have to run for the position during the next municipal election.

At the meeting, Deputy Mayor Al Armstrong asked how much a by-election would cost and was told by clerk Jo-Anne McCaslin the estimated cost could be as high as \$30,000.

Armstrong said he felt the next election was too close, and \$30,000, while not a huge sum of money was certainly a significant amount of money. "I don't think, that option should be one that we would consider at this point in time."

His concern was that by the time a by-election was held, it would be almost time for the 2022 elections.

"I don't think the township is well served by having a by-election," he said.

Mayor Tony Fraser said he wanted a bit more time to look at the process of filling the seat. He said he was concerned about the cost of a by-election, and also about the short period of time interested people would have to participate in an election.

"I have some thoughts or questions about the other two options," he said.

"It is quite confusing, and quite an important decision that we have to make and I'd like to make sure that any concerns council members have are addressed," said Fraser.

Recently the City of Cornwall had to replace its Mayor and they chose to appoint someone. South Glengarry had to replace a council member as well and they too chose to appoint someone.

## Flash a 'Stache Campaign

Joseph Morin  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The Flash a 'Stache campaign came to an end in North Dundas at the Winchester Foodland on Sat., Dec. 4. The event was a success with Greely Foodland donating \$3,607.26, while Winchester Foodland donated \$2,012.52. Donations made to the campaign website totalled another \$8,518.22. Playing wonderful Christmas music on the piano was Carl Hutchinson.

The funds raised will go to two hospital foundations: the Winchester District memorial Hospital for their Cancer Care Navigator and to the Ottawa hospital Foundation where it is used



Winning the top fundraising spot was Winchester Station No. 3. The station raised \$3,430. Presenting their donations at the Winchester Foodland are, left to right: Tom Clapp, Ryan Bissonette, chief Dan Kelly, Dave Wilcox and Linda McMahon representing the Eastern Ontario Prostate Cancer Awareness Committee.

Morin Photo

for prostate cancer research. Every dollar raised is matched tenfold. The Cancer care Navigator helps navigate a cancer patient through their journey. It is not only for prostate cancer patients but all cancer patients.

The Top Fundraising Group was the Winchester Fire Station No. 3 with \$3,430; they won 48 cans of

beer. Cholly Boland was the Top Fundraising Individual with \$1,435. He won a Stone Crop Acres Gift Certificate.

Best Moustache – Judges' Choice and a Planted Arrow gift certificate went to Dan Pettigrew, and the Best Try at a Moustache – Judges' Choice and a Samantha's Emporium gift certificate went to Al Carl.

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# Community comes together to help the homeless

**Sandy Casselman**  
Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG – Beth Carhart was joined by roughly 30 volunteers for this year’s annual stuffing of backpacks for the homeless.

The group met at the Oddfellows Hall in Williamsburg on Saturday morning, where they filled 200 backpacks with an assortment of essential items, such as hats and toiletries. One hundred of the bags will be distributed to those in need through the local food banks, while the other 100 bags will be taken to the Capital City Mission in

Ottawa. The group also packed baskets with similar essential items for the women at Naomi’s Family Resource Centre.

“We have had so much help this year. It’s been the best year,” Carhart said, noting that the group normally doesn’t finish until mid-to-late afternoon, but this year with so many extra hands helping they were finished and packing up by mid-morning.

Carhart’s volunteers were found primarily through Facebook posts, but she said she also joined the Oddfellows this year and found additional help through that group. She said

helpers had come and gone all morning, joining in when and where they could.

“I am totally amazed at the community, at the support we’ve had,” Carhart said. “We usually go with like 10 to a dozen [volunteers] and I’m sure we’ve had three dozen.”

While some of the stuffing items were donated, the backpacks and most items for in the backpacks were purchased with donations, as well as money gathered from various fundraisers held throughout the year. Carhart is already making plans for fundraisers for next year’s annual Christmas backpacks for the homeless initiative, which she’s been doing since 2007.

“I felt the need to give back. I needed to give back because the community has always been good to me,” Carhart said. “I went to a church in Capital City Mission and a guy was there and he was saying something about the backpacks and so Capital City Mission has been depending on us for their backpacks for a decade.”

Carhart said the local Red Cross stepped forward with a donation of 50 First Aid kits. With a quarter of the First Aid kits needed already purchased, she said she was able to save.

“I’m overwhelmed every year at how much stuff we get,” she said.

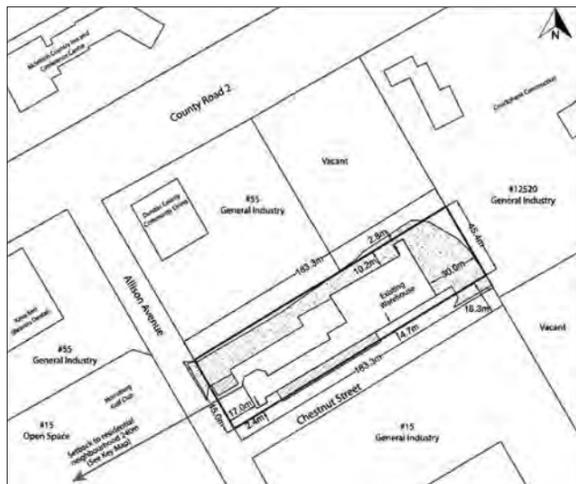
# Cannabis processing plants

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“This property is in the industrial zone, so it is a zone that the policy that the township adopted would permit a cannabis production facility,” Zander said of the Morrisburg application. “There was an existing vacant building on the property, so the intent is to reuse an underutilized building. The zoning amendment request that’s before council is to reduce the setback from the cannabis facility to sensitive land use from 300 metres to 240 metres.”

Zander said her plan is to take lots of notes on both the public and council’s comments and concerns and then return to South Dundas at a future date with detailed responses. She addressed the issue of odour, noting the municipal bylaw and Health Canada’s requirement for cannabis production facilities have to have air treatment systems.

“I think probably odour is one of the biggest



Courtesy Photo

concerns for cannabis facilities,” Zander said. “So, that’s something that will be required, an Air Treatment Control System.”

Complaints included potential odour issues, increased water consumption, and water discharge pollution. Complaints were made by residents, as well as by business owners from both Morrisburg and Riverside Heights.

Eckel Industries chief operating officer and director Brian Harris added his voice to those of other area business owners, speaking against the rezoning. Harris, who came equipped with his

own presentation, gave an overview of the business and what it produces, its history and relationship to Morrisburg, and its positive impact on area inhabitants, as Eckel currently employs 90 people and is looking at adding an additional 20 positions.

“Sensitive land use is not restricted to residential buildings, as implied by Zander’s report,” Harris said.

“Eckels Manufacturing’s facility would be included within the scope of sensitive land use. Eckels’ business is largely medical safety and scientifically engineered

products and systems used for hearing conservation, hearing research, medical operating rooms, safety, and scientific studies. Eckels Manufacturing is independently certified as a medical healthcare and manufacturing facility, certified by CSA, the Canadian Standards Agency, and has been for over 20 years. Therefore, confirming Eckels sensitive land use.”

Harris provided a detailed list of potential negative impacts from cannabis processing plants on the Eckels’ business. This included an explanation on how odour from the cannabis processing plant could potentially impact Eckels Manufacturing, as the company has seen this happen in other places. He said the odours can contaminate the products themselves, as components used to absorb sound will also absorb odours. In other

areas where this has happened, contaminated products had to be disposed of and rebuilt. He also talked about the impacts to the area in general.

“Throughout the years, Eckels supported the local community in more ways than one, injecting millions of dollars into the local economy,” Harris said. “Allowing a cannabis processing plant at 45 Allison, Eckels’ business would no doubt be compromised. Odours absorbed into our products would damage it, thereby adversely affecting sales and our relationship with our customers and federal agencies. We would not be able to sell our product. We would not be able to cross borders. Therefore, and it must be concluded this point on, I really don’t like to have to say this, should this happen, we at Eckels will have to reassess our

ongoing operations within Morrisburg.”

Arguments from concerned Riverside Heights residents and businesses ran along similar lines. Both Young and Zander’s reports can be found in the Nov. 22 council agenda package, which is available through the municipal website (southdundas.com). To view the meeting in its entirety, visit the South Dundas YouTube page.

The public meeting was an opportunity to relay information and to hear feedback from both council and the public. South Dundas council has the authority to approve or refuse the proposed zoning amendments, and a decision on the requests are expected to be made. It was noted that anyone wishing to be notified of the decision can send a request to [planner@southdundas.com](mailto:planner@southdundas.com).

# Thank You

## NORTH DUNDAS DISPLAY OF LIGHTS

It had a different format and location, but the tradition was the same. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this year’s Parade of Lights was once again held as a stationary Display of Lights, taking place this past weekend at the South Mountain Fairgrounds. A special thank you to the Mountain Township Agricultural Society for so generously allowing us to use the fairgrounds to host this event, and for assisting us before, during and after the event.

The planning committee would like to extend its sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make this event a success, including our volunteers, float participants, and spectators. We are grateful for your support.

Thank you also to the vendors, volunteers and shoppers who supported the Vendor Fair this year.

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We apologize if we have missed anyone.

From your Parade of Lights and Vendor Fair planning committee,  
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## Editorial

### Staying grounded with the news

What role does the media play in our lives? I'm not talking about Facebooking with friends but more about actual news dissemination, whether it's through radio, television, or print news. I've thought about this a lot over the past decade or so, and not just because I've been a weekly newspaper reporter for all three of Dundas County's long-standing newspapers, but that's probably part of it.

I love my job. I love writing. I love knowing what's going on in my community from what local politicians are deciding during council meetings, to what residents are doing for fun or to help their neighbours. I love the stories. I love the heart. And to be completely honest, I love taking what I see and putting it into words. Sometimes I do it well and sometimes I don't.

When I graduated high school, I was messed up. Spinning. I was spinning and my education choices took a few turns, some sharp, some meandering. At one point, I found myself at Loyalist College in Belleville studying print journalism. I was super excited when I started. I loved my photography classes. I want to say I loved my writing classes, but that wouldn't be true. I didn't like the rules. I didn't like... actually, it was pretty much that - I didn't like the rules.

I wanted to cover stories I thought were important and I wanted to do it my way. I wanted to write the truth. I wanted to be true to the people I interviewed. And so, I ultimately decided journalism wasn't for me and headed off to university to pursue other passions, so I was certainly surprised when at the age of 41, I found myself writing for my hometown newspaper covering the resident journalist's maternity leave.

Naturally, I was a bit nervous at first but the woman I was replacing for the year put

things into perspective for me. She reminded me that "this" was a small-town newspaper, a community newspaper. Yes, we reported the news, both local and away. Yes, we covered human interest stories, sports, the arts, and more. But we weren't there to police anyone or change anyone. We were there to relay information and, most importantly, keep a running record of our community's history. That's what won me over.

Flash forward to today's world, a decade after this first venture into the world of journalism, and once again I'm writing for a small-town newspaper and loving it. From where I sit - at home on my comfy couch - I feel that what we're doing is important to some degree. We're sharing the news and the stories that our readers want, or at least I hope we are! We're providing a record of milestone events for our community and for the groups and people in it. (Right now, you can access the Dundas County Archives Newspaper Digitization Project and look through past editions of several local

newspapers from recent past to distant past. It's cool to find your 15-year-old self pictured on the front page of a newspaper or read about the essay contest your mom won when she was in Grade 10.)

But what about the news coming from outside our small towns? How does it impact us and our lives? To be clear, I'm referring to news coming from reputable sources, sources we're almost 95 per cent sure don't have ulterior motives. The simple and most obvious answer is connection. Like our small-town news, "outside" news keeps us connected, but instead of connecting us to the neighbours one block over, we're being connected to our fellow human beings living in other parts of the province, of the country, and of the world. News keeps us informed. It keeps us connected. And it keeps a record of where we've been. News is the stabilizing force that keeps us grounded and, hopefully, moving forward, rather than repeating the past.

Sandy Casselman

### A walk down memory lane

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—On Dec. 5, "Bridging the Centuries: The History of Chesterville: 1988-2020"

was launched at the Chesterville Legion. The book is the culmination of almost two years of work by the book committee of the Chesterville and District

Historical Society.

Close to 100 books were sold during the launch with a good turnout of people at the event. Howard Smith, a former resident of Chesterville and retired North Dundas CEO, was asked about his first impression of the book; he replied that "[it] looks very interesting and appealing. I can't wait to get reading it." He offered his wholehearted congratulations to Kim and Bruce who did "a great job of putting it together."

There have been several history books written about the village with authors ranging from O.D. Casselman, Annie Marcellus to the Chesterville Women's Institute who created and published "The Time That Was" in 1977. The Chesterville and District Society published an update to this book which spanned the years between 1977 and 1988, with this latest book chronicling the history of Chesterville between 1988 and 2020.

At the Chesterville and District Historical Society AGM in February 2020, Gail Parker spoke of the need to create a history book about our village between 1988 and the present, commenting how it would be a good project to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the town. Shortly thereafter, the book committee was created with Gail Parker, Sheleigh



ScotiaBank in Chesterville will be selling copies of "Bridging the Centuries" and providing matching funds up to \$3,000 of those sold at the bank. From the left, front row: Matthew Beaumont, Timothy Beaumont. Back Row: Gail Parker, Michael Beaumont, Cindy Patterson, Maggie Lang.

Thompson Goddard Photo

Derks, Pauline VanKessel, Corrie McRae, Maryke De Jong, Ashley Harper, Carolyn Thompson Goddard and CDHS chair Caroline Roberts. Kim and Bruce Henbest volunteered to act as editors and fact checkers as well as providing invaluable support as the project moved forward.

During the book launch, SDSG MP Eric Duncan offered congratulations on the launch of this history book, commenting he is looking forward to reading it and noted this history book will be here "for decades and generations to come" to learn about the village. SDG warden Al Armstrong offered his congratulations for the creation of the book and said he was grateful that

United Counties were able to assist in its publication. North Dundas Coun. John Thompson thanked the committee on behalf of the North Dundas council and commented how the book will be treasured by all.

Editing team Kim and Bruce Henbest provided an overview of the newly released history book explaining there are 324 pages, 12 chapters, more than 375 photos, four maps and a land deed. He commented how the themes of change, community pride and its inter-connectiveness emerged as they edited the book.

From the double cover photo, taken by drone and donated by Sawyer Vanden Bosch, to the stories and photos provided by the close to 200 contributors, it rings true to all, that the

work done by the editors, graphic designer Susan Marriner and the book committee members, in the words of Bruce "it has indeed taken a village to create Bridging the Centuries."

The book will be available for sale at the Chesterville branch of ScotiaBank during regular business hours until Dec. 31, with bank manager Michael Beaumont commenting they are "happy to be able to support the community".

ScotiaBank will contribute up to \$3,000 in matching funds on books sold at the branch. It will also be available for sale on Saturday and Sunday between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. until Dec. 19 at the Heritage Centre.

### NDDHS Report

By Savannah Coleman  
Student Council Communications

### Getting ready for the holidays



North Dundas student council, Grade 12 students, and staff are getting ready and busy planning for the holidays around our school! The gingerbread house making contest, spirit week, Christmas concert, and decorating are all in the works.

ND's Junior Girls' Basketball Team finished their season on Friday! Special thanks to Mr. Groves for coaching and congratulations to all the girls!

The Girls' Volleyball Team is currently in the works and will be made by the end of this week!

Tues., Nov. 30, ND's students, and staff wore moustaches on their masks in honour of prostate cancer and men's health; our school was filled with moustaches and support!

This past week, some of our students participated in the Special Olympics' Basketball Tournament. It was a virtual event, and they represented North Dundas extremely well! They practiced all their basketball skills and ended up in 7th place out of 106!! They celebrated with yoga, Zumba, trivia, and a dance party!  
Happy Holidays!



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# A sight to behold

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

**MOREWOOD** – The weather was a bit chilly, but the spirits of the group assembled at Veterans View Park in Morewood were full of holiday warmth as the annual tree lighting ceremony began during the early evening of Dec. 3.

People were gathered in the park, enjoying an opportunity to visit with friends and neighbours while children played, to watch as the lights strung by members of the Morewood Recreation Association were lit up. As the ceremony began, Glen Smirle commented on the incredible work done by MRA members, mentioning how the committee members are “really nice to work with.”

As the clock struck 7 p.m., the lights were turned on to an amazed group of people. In addition to the enormous coniferous tree sparkling, the gazebo and entrance arch as well as other areas of the park

were alight with holiday lights.

Mayor Tony Fraser commented “It is an honour to be asked to participate in the Christmas tree lighting” and his admiration for the people, businesses, and organizations, such as the Morewood Recreation Association and the Morewood Cenotaph committee [is great], in this North Dundas community.

SDG warden and North Dundas Deputy Mayor Al Armstrong commented it was wonderful to see how the committee continues to work and “keep the community spirit alive,” with Coun. John Thompson mentioning how “It’s great to see all the work they have done.”

Tawny Bryski-Wilson wished to thank the sponsors for their support and mentioned the lights will come on at 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon and “off at 7 a.m. in the morning every day” until they are taken down at some point in January 2022.



After the lights on the giant evergreen tree in Veterans View Park were lit, people gathered to enjoy the sight.  
Thompson Goddard Photo



## Obituary WANDA LAPRADE

Peacefully at the Élizabéth Bruyère Hospital in Ottawa on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, Wanda LaPrade of Chesterville, age 72. Loving mother of Clinton Young (Bonnie) of Oshawa. Dear mother-in-law of Silvia Young. Dear sister of Wayne “Woody” LaPrade (Mary) of Chesterville, Beth Droppo (Bert) of Chesterville and Kathy Lobb (Fred) of Kingston. Wanda will be fondly remembered by her grandsons William, Joshua, Hunter and Areyu. She was predeceased by her parents Nelson and Kathleen LaPrade and her son Ricky Young. She is also survived by nieces and nephews. A celebration of Wanda’s life will be held at a later date. Spring interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift “please notify the family”. Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).



## - OBITUARY - MARY BEEHLER SEPTEMBER 2, 1935 – NOVEMBER 29, 2021

Peacefully surrounded by her family at the Ottawa Heart Institute on Monday, November 29, 2021. Mary Margaret Beehler (nee Kearns) of Finch, Ontario. Beloved wife of the late Gerald Beehler. Cherished mother of Kevin, Judy, Janet (Brian), Joanne, Jennifer (John), Diane (Bill), and Neil. Proud grandma of 9 grandchildren Sandra (Matt), Shelley (Ian), Emily (Kirk), Ellen (James), Tyler, Jason, Kyle (Brooke), Kolby, Reilly (Josh) and great-grandma of Everett.

Mary is survived by her brother Ed Kearns (late Bev), her sister-in-law Joan Leclair and her brother-in-law John Beehler (Judy). She was predeceased by her parents William & Annie Kearns, her sister-in-law Shirley Shane (late Donald).

Due to Covid-19 restrictions funeral arrangements will be private. Donations to Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift “please notify the family”. Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).



## Obituary ANN CROSS

Peacefully at the Dundas Manor Nursing Home in Winchester on Saturday, December 4, 2021, Ann Cross (nee Porteous) of Chesterville, age 80. Beloved wife of the late Donald Cross. Loving mother of Brenda Cross (Craig Sindall) of Harrowsmith and Brent Cross (Jody) of Chesterville. Dear sister of Bob Porteous (Jean) of Winchester, Betty Skuce (Erwin) of Winchester, Barbara Merkley (Jim) of Morewood, Keith Porteous (Helen) of Vernon, Stephen Porteous (Barbara) of Morrisburg and Ron Porteous (Kim) of Winchester. Dear sister-in-law of Marlene Black (late Douglas), Nancy Edgerton (John) and David “Shiny” Cross, all of Chesterville. Ann will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jayden, Danten, Adam (Ashley), Brent (Candace), Matt (Holly) and her great-grandchildren Craig, Darren and Lily. She was predeceased by her parents Ralph and Bertha Porteous, her infant sisters Linda and Sheila Porteous, her sister Judy St. Pierre and her brother Eric Porteous. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. A public graveside funeral service will be held at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville on Friday, December 10th at 11 a.m. A celebration of Ann’s life will follow at the Chesterville Legion from 11:30-3 p.m. **Double vaccination is required to attend the celebration of life.** Donations to Dundas Manor Nursing Home would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift “please notify the family”. Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).



## - Obituary - MARION CASSELMAN

Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, Marion Casselman (nee Algire) of Winchester, age 94. Beloved wife of the late Basil Casselman. Loving mother of Carolyn Woods (Jack Cuss) of Aylmer, Marilyn Dillabough (Doug) of Aylmer, Wayne Casselman (Janice) of Barrhaven and Jack Casselman (Jeannie) of Williamsburg. Marion will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Tammy (Tom), Douglas (Kristy), Jeff, Pamela, Tabitha and her great-grandchildren Courtney, Brandon, Emma-Dea, Addison and Cameron. Marion was predeceased by her sister Marjorie Watson and her brother Roy Algire. She is also survived by nieces and nephews. The funeral was held on Saturday, December 4 at 11 a.m. at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift “please notify the family”. Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).

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# North Dundas Parade of Lights sets the stage for the Christmas season

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN** – For the second year in a row, the North Dundas Parade of Lights organizing committee has managed to take on the pandemic and win.

The first year of the pandemic, the committee held the annual Parade of Lights on the grounds of Rideau Auctions in Winchester. The format for the popular event shifted from a mobile parade with floats being pulled through Winchester streets to a stationary one, where spectators drove in their cars to look at the floats that were placed along a route in the Rideau Auctions yard. Last year the event went off without a hitch except for the rainy weather and cold temperatures, which did little to discourage onlookers. The only other concern was the amount of traffic that built up along Highway 31 as cars turned into the parade ground.

This year, because of Covid and because the committee was offered a less busy location, the Parade of Lights took place on the South Mountain Fairgrounds. The planning committee worked with the Mountain Township Agricultural Committee to make the parade happen on Fri., Dec. 3 and Sat. Dec. 4.

Chair of the organizing committee for the Parade of Lights, Sandy Burns was happy with how the weekend event turned out. Seventeen floats turned out for the event.

“The traffic was steady both nights,” said Burns. “I saw a lot of smiling faces.”

The firefighters from Mountain Station no. 2 looked after Santa for both evenings, however on Saturday night, they were called

away to a house fire leaving Santa alone on the parade grounds. This turned out to be a great opportunity for Santa to get close to the children in the cars to wish them a Merry Christmas.

Burns said, I thought that was a really nice touch and not something you would get in a normal parade.”

The weather was just what parade organizers ordered. “This year we really lucked out. It was chilly on Saturday but it certainly was not bad weather.

Burns said that next year, assuming the pandemic restrictions have been lifted, the parade will return to being a traditional one with spectators lining the streets while the parade drives by them.

“We are looking forward to going back to a normal parade next year. We are very grateful to the Mountain Township Agricultural Society for giving us use of the fairgrounds this year. We are really appreciative of that,” said Burns.

While people from across the region enjoyed this year’s version of the North Dundas Parade of Lights, groups such as Community Food Share and the North Dundas Christmas Fund were thrilled as well. Volunteers from the two groups collected donations of money and non-perishable goods from cars as they entered the fairgrounds.

Jane Schoones, the executive director of Community Food Share said, “Community Food Share and the North Dundas Christmas Fund received (...) over \$5,300 and around 400 lbs. in food donations.”

The donations are split 50/50 between the two organizations.

Organizers are hoping that the great support they have received will continue when the Parade of Lights go back to the traditional format. In anticipation of what next year will bring, organizers are suggesting residents watching the parade get gift cards from Winchester Foodland and Mike Dean in Chesterville so that they can simply drop the gift card in the bucket as the parade goes by them if they do not want to have to carry food donations with them.

Visitors to the fairgrounds were able to enjoy live music from The Great Music Guys and alongside emcee Kim Hogeveen, broadcasting live from a radio station. The Station was shown on the electronic sign displayed at the entrance to the display.

The Maple Leaf Brass Band serenaded spectators with Christmas music as did the Kemptville Legion Pipes and Drums.

The voting for the People’s Choice Award can be done at the North Dundas Parade of Lights website.

The Winchester location of Southgate Church offered free hot chocolate to spectators at the end of the displays.

Candy was packaged into loot bags and distributed by at the front gate.

All participating floats were automatically entered into the float contest. Categories are:

Best Overall, Best Business Float, Best Agricultural Float, Best Non-Profit Float, Best Animal Float, Most Lights, Most Original and People’s Choice.



Santa Claus had a great view of the North Dundas Parade of Lights as he sat on a fire truck and waved to the children and adults at the parade.

Morin Photo



The Rideau-St Lawrence Veterinary Services and Navan Veterinary Services float was fun for spectators to look at and enjoy. In this photo a cow and a pig bring Christmas to the region. The cow was Niki Linton and the pig was Teresa Reitz.

Morin Photo



Emily Kelly was this year’s Princess of the Furrow for Grenville County. She was at the parade promoting the upcoming International Plowing Match and Rural Expo in September of 2022.

Morin Photo



## Holding down the fort for the afternoon

This group of happy volunteers from NDDHS looked after the canteen at the Christmas sale at the Joel Steel Community Hall on Sat., Dec. 4. Left to right are: Kathi Poirier, Lilly Jane Deschenes, Morganne St. Marseille, Melanie Crooks and Anna Muellei.

Morin Photo



## Christmas shopping is fun

A companion event to the Parade of Lights on Sat., Dec. 4 in Winchester was a Christmas sale at the Joel Steele Community Hall. Here Tammy and Dakota Lacombe pick up some Christmas goodies from Dan and Patricia O’Hara of Skin Ur In.

Morin Photo



# Santa's visit to Chesterville

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The chilly weather didn't deter people of all ages coming to visit Santa at the beautifully decorated gazebo in Chesterville's downtown on Dec. 4. Volunteers and members of the Rotary Club of Chesterville had decorated the gazebo for the much-anticipated Santa visit.

Children were encouraged to bring their letters to Santa as well as a homemade Christmas card for Garden Villa and Nationview residents. Santa was assisted by volunteer elves Sienna Dean, Benjamin Dean, Thomas Dean and Connor VanKoppen. For those who have a sweet tooth, Christ

Church United held an outdoor bake sale during the event providing a wide selection of baked goods.

On behalf of the Chesterville Rotary Club, Cross-Barkley wished to thank the volunteers "who helped make this event happen." She mentioned it was volunteers who helped "decorate the gazebo on the 28th of November, and more volunteers helping to make sure things ran smoothly."

She expressed a special thanks to Dave Tettmar of Railroad for providing the festive music throughout the event and "our teens who came forward to lend a helping hand." Barkley-Cross commented if there are teens who require

"community hours to graduate" or just wish to "give back to their community" they should contact the Rotary Club of

Chesterville. Looking forward to next year, she mentioned "the Mobile Beavertail booth has already been booked," with

additional winter attractions available.

It is perhaps memories of a visit with Santa himself that people will remember

as they age. There is something special about seeing the Jolly Old Elf in person and telling their Christmas wishes directly.



Audrey Cross, accompanied by her daughter Carolyn, visited Santa during his stop in Chesterville. Audrey mentioned this year that she will be enjoying her 87th visit from Santa on Christmas Day. She and her husband Earl operated Earl's Meats for many years in Chesterville.

Thompson Goddard Photo



Members of Christ Church United in Chesterville held an outdoor bake sale during Santa's visit to Chesterville on Dec. 4. People were able to peruse the bagged baking and choose something to enjoy with a cup of hot chocolate during the holiday season.

Thompson Goddard Photo

## Moose Creek lighting the way for Santa



Above: Haley Winters leads Glen Coco, the donkey, through the streets of Moose Creek. Top left: Roxanne Villeneuve, waves as SD&G Milk Transport lights up Moose Creek. Bottom left: Jans Repair Shop of Moose Creek uses tractor power to pull their display through town.

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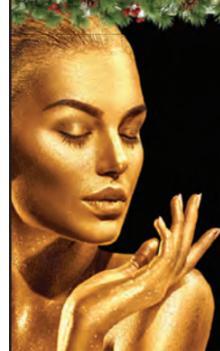
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# Meet Your Neighbour: Brian (Bud) Raistrick: Lifelong friend, caretaker of history

Meet Your Neighbour: Brian (Bud) Raistrick: Lifelong friend, caretaker of history.

Brian (Bud) Raistrick is a man who never stops.

He's been working in the printing business since 1957, starting out at the very bottom as a delivery boy for the Winchester Press and working his way up to owner of Winchester Print.

Bud was born in Winchester back in 1937, growing up on Fred Street and attending public school, then high school in the village.

"It was enjoyable," he notes. "We did a bit of tobogganing the odd time when the snow drifts were high and we'd make a slide."

It was in school that Bud met Ian Graham, now a doctor who lives in British Columbia. Ian moved away from Winchester in 1946, when his father accepted a job in Orillia.

"Every year at Christmas, I email Ian and he emails me," explains Bud. "We used to write our letters by hand. We've kept in touch for 75 years and we're still good friends today."

Bud's lifelong career would be decided before he

even finished school. Reg and Ron Workman, who took over the Winchester Press after their father passed away, approached Bud about a job. They told Bud it had been their father Fern's intention to ask him if he'd like to be a printer.

"So, I started out delivering newspapers, just part-time at first," says Bud.

He worked nine hours per week – one hour each day after school and four hours on Saturday mornings – earning \$10 each week. Reg and Ron would often be around and showed Bud where the type was because everything was hand set back then.

"I got to learn the type case. On Saturdays, I would take the page apart, take that type and throw it back in the right type cases, so when they started next week's paper, it was all ready for them."

Earning the big bucks as a working man meant Bud could invest in the finer things in life.

"My first car was a 1936 Dodge," he explains. "The total cost was \$150 and I had saved about \$50...that was all the money I had. I went to Boyd's...Max and

Ed Boyd, they were kind of running it, and they knew me - I was a pretty good lad. So, I bought the car and gave them \$50 down and then \$5 every week until it was paid for. And that was simply on a handshake."

Everything was going quite well, according to Bud, and when September rolled around, it was time to make a choice: continue on with school or stay working.

"I guess I stayed working," he laughs.

And he never stopped, even at the age of 84. He is still 'on call' for Winchester Print – heading into work whenever he's needed. Life has come full circle for Bud, who is back doing deliveries.

When Reg and Ron decided to retire in 1981, Bud took the plunge and became his own boss, along with his business partner Maxine Baldwin. She retired in 1989, selling her share of the business to Bud, who in turn handed the keys over to his two sons – Kent and Kreg.

For the past 40 years, Bud's family has grown Winchester Print into the still thriving business it is

today.

"We pride ourselves on quality," says Bud. "If I wouldn't pay for it, I wouldn't expect you to pay for it."

Winchester Print offers a myriad of services, from flyers to newspapers, and calendars to yearbooks.

His wife Heather still works five days a week, doing accounting for the business.

"We've had a good life," he notes. "We've done what we wanted to do – been to the East Coast three times and the West Coast three times...never been to Florida."

Bud proudly shows off photos of his three grandchildren, which adorn the walls of his home in South Mountain. He takes a stroll outside to the shed he built with his own two hands, which is filled with trinkets and machines from the past, including his 1968 Case lawn mower that still runs today.

Bud is a staple of North Dundas, giving back through his unsung volunteerism and ability to make people feel welcome when they step in off the street.



Bud Raistrick stands behind his 1968 Case Lawn Mower that he bought new and still runs today.

Courtesy Photo

## Local artists host annual Christmas Open House

Sandy Casselman  
Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Debbie Gilmer of Gilmer Clayworks once again invited seven local artisans to join her at her home in South Mountain to showcase their creations during Gilmer's Annual Open House and Christmas Sale.

Gilmer didn't let COVID-19 stop her from hosting the annual event. Rather than the usual open-door style, she created half-hour appointments. Those interested in attending made reservations, ensuring compliance with the province's pandemic guidelines. The event began on Dec. 2 and ran through until mid-afternoon on Dec. 5.

Joining Gilmer for the four-day event were McMahon Woodwork, Ben's BS, Ronson Knits, Essenscent, Dawna Marquette Jewelry, Fox & Fern Farm, and The Rustic Baker. In addition to

Gilmer's clay creations, there were hardwood charcuterie boards, homecooked barbecue sauces, handmade knits for all ages, natural body care products with essential oil blends, Canadian handcrafted jewelry, handmade goat's milk soaps, and Christmas baking. Most can be found online via Facebook pages and/or websites.



Vicki Cane (left) is pictured looking at jewelry made by Dawna Marquette (right) during Gilmer Clayworks' Annual Open House and Christmas Sale. Debbie Gilmer was joined by seven other local artisans, including Dawna Marquette Jewelry. The Dec. 2 to 5 event included products from McMahon Woodwork, Ben's BS, Ronson Knits, Essenscent, Fox & Fern Farm, and The Rustic Baker. Casselman Photo



## Chesterville Legion Branch 434

### POPPY CAMPAIGN 2021 – THANK YOU!

Chesterville Legion is proud to say that the Chesterville Community Poppy Campaign raised \$1,852.56 from the poppy boxes at various businesses in Chesterville and Morewood. We would not be able to support area Veterans and youth without the generous donations of the people, and the support of the organizations that allow us to place our boxes with them. We are also honoured to say that 120 posters, poems and essays were received from students from St. Mary Catholic School, Chesterville Public School, North Dundas Intermediate School and North Dundas District High School. Winning entries in 8 categories have been passed on to Zone G3 for consideration against entries from 12 other Branches in our area. It is heartwarming to know that the sacrifices of our veterans and their families are not forgotten, especially by the youngest generation and many of the entries were deserving of recognition.





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## To market, to market

FINCH – The Finch Market, described by the owners as “not your typical small town grocery store”, provides clients with a wide and varied selection of goods for sale. These include gourmet food items, pre-made meals, baked goods, grocery items and, as a LCBO licensee, beer, wine and liquor.

Owners Luc McCabe and Sue Stewart explained that The Finch Market provides customers with the opportunity to purchase “premium cuts of meat, exotic spices, specialty cheeses” and other specialty food items. These include over 300 spices and rubs as well as the “full line of Spiceology products.” Located at 17 Main Street in Finch, the business was established in 2019 after the owners purchased the market. Sue, who grew up in Finch, explained there had been a grocery store at the location for many years, so it was important to “ensure there was no disruption of business for local residents” following their purchase of the store.

During the past two years, the store has earned a reputation for providing quality meat. The owners mentioned having Ron Leblanc, a butcher with over 40 years of experience, on site as being a definite bonus for their customers. Co-owner Luc

# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Luc and Sue take a moment during a busy Saturday for a photo in front of their 30-foot chef-driven spice wall in their store. Thompson Goddard Photo

is a Red Seal Chef with international accreditations and provides customers with cooking tips upon request.

Sue was quick to point out how “the strength of the Finch Market lies in our team and in our connection to our customers.” She continued how each team member has an area of expertise which contributes to the smooth operation of this grocery business.

In the time-honoured tradition of local businesses, The Finch Market provides support to local charities, “like the Community Shares Program and fundraisers like October’s Breast Cancer Awareness Month and The Holiday Train Spread the Love Campaign.”

Chef Luc McCabe comments how the goal of the business is to provide customers with a unique culinary experience by sourcing out quality food ingredients and creating unique flavour profiles. He continues by saying “if you can’t travel the world, your palette can at the Finch Market.”

More information can be found on their website, Facebook page or by visiting the Finch Market at 17 Main Street Finch.

*If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: editor@etceterapublications.ca or call us at 613-448-2321.*

## Russell focuses on improving communications

Sandy Casselman  
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – With the township of Russell council’s blessing, municipal staff are taking a more structured approach to communication with residents and the outside world.

During the Dec. 6 council meeting, politicians approved chief administrative officer Jean Leduc’s recommendation to authorize the implementation of the new Corporate Communications Policy through the passing of a new bylaw, and the repealing of the former Social Media Policy. The recommendation included a lengthy report prepared by communications coordinator Megan Beehler with guidance and assistance from Redbrick Communications Inc.

“I think it was a very well written report,” Mayor Pierre Leroux said. “I know staff have been working on it, Monsieur Leduc and Madame Beehler have been working on it for a while, and we had some help from Redbrick as well.”

The report indicates a three-phase implementation of the policy with the first phase being the repealing of the Social Media Policy and the approval of the Corporate Communications Policy via a new bylaw. The second phase will see a report coming to council in the future with recommendations for updates to the Employee Code of Conduct. In the third phase, which is expected to happen in the fall of 2022, staff is set to review the Communications Policy for potential additions, removals, or other necessary amendments.

“The communication criticism has always appeared almost every year we’ve had our resident satisfaction survey, so we needed to have something,” Leduc said. “There’s a clear internal process that I put in place. So, with this policy we do have structures. It will take some time to

adjust and to move into this policy, but certainly the planning is here with a clear direction and expectation of who’s doing what, and what we’re trying to accomplish here.”

There are 22 sections listed in the Communications Policy presented to council. The policy outlines its purpose, scope, definitions, context, communication principles, general responsibilities, and general communication planning. It covers plain language, corporate brand and logo, graphic design, photography, video, website, public engagement, advertising and promotional items, newspaper publications, media relations, bilingualism, emergency communications, and compliance.

“Effective external communications play a central role as the township promotes programs and services, as well as informs and engages key audiences,” the policy’s section on purpose states. “The goals of the Communication Policy are to: ensure the township’s communications align with best practices for municipal communications; improve internal consistency related to communications activities, branding and messaging; build common understanding and clarify the role of the communications department; ensure efficient use of staff time and resources across the organization related to external communications work; strengthen the township’s brand, story telling, and community presence; and build greater trust between the community and the township with effective two-way communications.”

The full report can be found in the Dec. 6 council agenda package. The report includes copies of the Communications Policy, Social Media Policy 2014, Employee Code of Conduct, Bilingualism Policy 2008-57, and the Emergency Plan.

## RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen  
Student Reporter



### Meaning is the driver

Y’know, I’ve been writing this report every week ever since Grade 9 (I’m in Grade 12 now for those who don’t know). I sit down, open my laptop, and try to get words on the page. I aim for 200 words. Some days it feels like a chore rather than an opportunity because all I do is relay information.

Recently, in my morning English class, we’ve been exploring the aspect of “meaning” mostly in story. With no meaning, you have no purpose. That’s what we have been exploring throughout. With meaning, you have purpose, with purpose you have drive and motivation, and with motivation... that’s when the magic happens.

I sometimes struggle to find meaning in what I write for this report, and possibly my readers feel the same. Often, it’s the same information you may have already read on Russell High School’s social media pages like Facebook or Instagram. That being said, I am in no way bashing the report itself, or this opportunity to write every week; what I am saying, however, is that I want to shake things up! Add meaning to what I write. People want to read about things that interest them. Think about it, when surfing the internet, people click on things that interest them, not what seems boring.

A lesson I’d like to leave you with today- and we as humans tend to do this naturally- is to find meaning in what you do! Because without it, things get bland. So, find meaning, even if it’s small. That’s the beauty of it- even if what you find is small, it still has meaning. I really do hope people take what I’ve said to heart and apply it to their lives. With my kindest regards, thanks for reading.

## Pin Tales

**Stormont Ladies:** Ladies’ High Single, Hilda Gillard 310; Ladies’ High Triple, Hilda Gillard 732. Team Standings: Hilda 110, Marin 106, Susan 96, Pat 88.

**Monday Men’s:** Men’s High Single, Justin StPierre 354; Men’s High Triple, Jason Vanoers 793; Men’s High Average, Frank Jerome 235. Team Standings: A-Team 64.5, East-Ont 53.5, Raiders 53, Alley Cats 51, Alley Rats 28, Country Boys 14.

**Tuesday Afternoon Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Joey Holland 215; Men’s High Triple, Ron Robinson 562; Ladies’ High Single, Sandra Bloom 186; Ladies’ High Triple, Sandra Bloom 476. Team Standings: Love 88, Charity 83, Hope 63.

**Wednesday Ladies:** Ladies’ High Single,

Janice Paquette 224; Ladies’ High Triple, Janice Paquette 501. Team Standings: Dianna 153, Mary 152, Janice 147, Pat 132, Ioma 127.

**Thursday Seniors:** Men’s High Single, Charles Crowder 147; Men’s High Triple, Bas Vanwinden 386; Ladies’ High Single, Lucy Hendriks 180; Ladies’ High Triple, Lucy Hendriks 423.

**Avonmore Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Mike Byvelds 328; Men’s High Triple, Mike Byvelds 835; Ladies’ High Single, Anita Byvelds 178; Ladies’ High Triple, Anita Byvelds 471. Team Standings: Red 88.5, Blue 75.5, Orange 70, Black 67, Purple 59.

**Thursday Seniors:** Men’s High Single, Charles Crowder 147; Men’s High Triple, Bas Vanwinden 386; Ladies’ High Single,

Lucy Hendriks 180; Ladies’ High Triple, Lucy Hendriks 423.

**Williamsburg Mixed:** Danny Holmes 283; Men’s High Triple, Danny Holmes 655; Ladies’ High Single, Leslie Vanbruinessen 211; Ladies’ High Triple, Leslie Vanbruinessen 514. Team Standings: Garry 125, John 124, Danny 117, George 114.

**Winchester Odd Couples:** Men’s High Single, Dave Ridge 254; Men’s High Triple, Darryl Britton 691; Ladies’ High Single, Marin Middleton 202; Ladies’ High Triple, Marin Middleton 559. Team Standings: The Balljoints 94, Mental Mishaps 89, Team Nike 83, Golden Girls 75.

### Youth Bowling Canada

**YBC Peewees:** Girl’s High Single, Vanessa Bissonnette 95; Girl’s High Double, Vanessa Bissonnette 166; Boy’s High Single, Samuel Bissonnette 95; Boy’s High Double, Samuel Bissonnette 183.

**YBC Bantams:** Girl’s High Single, Leah Berelaar 129; Girl’s High Double, Robin Sanders 231; Boy’s High Single, Caleb Vanderveen 129; Boy’s High Double, Caleb Vanderveen 208. Team Standings: Jets 89, Leafs 64.5, Oilers 62, Red Wings 61.5, Flames 53.

**YBC Juniors:** Girl’s High Single, Lindsay Burnett 217; Girl’s High Triple, Lindsay Burnett 569; Boy’s High Single, Alex Robinson 209; Boy’s High Triple, Alex Robinson 502. Team Standings: Ducks 124, Sabers 115, Kings 110, Bruins 106, Senators 85.

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## Council caps rec complex spending at \$75M

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EMBRUN – An update on the township of Russell’s recreation complex project led to a substantial amount of discussion and five recorded votes during a recent council meeting.

Parks and recreation director Céline Guitard provided politicians with the update during the Dec. 6 council meeting, where she requested that council approve Colliers Project Leaders proposal, the removal of the Embrun Public Library branch from the project plan, and the addition of both a 7,500 square foot community hall and a 7,500 square foot gymnasium to the plan. Council addressed the three requests and added two of their own.

First, politicians unanimously approved the Colliers Project Leaders proposal without comment. The following two requests were unanimously approved, but with stipulations for each. A fourth mandate was added by council to return the six-lane pool to an eight-lane pool, to have a 750-capacity seating at

one of the rinks, and to make space for a potential future fourth rink in the plan. Council then added a final mandate, capping the project’s spending at \$75 million, which will include the amount needed to retrofit an existing building for the future Embrun library. The two additional mandates were both unanimously approved, as well.

“We’re still keeping that space in the complex, right, so if ever the library at the community hall doesn’t work, that’s okay,” Leroux said. “We have this space in the rec complex, it’s not lost.”

Politicians directed staff to investigate the potential retrofitting of the Camille Piché Community Centre for the future home of Embrun’s library. Should this not work, the library will take precedence in the new complex over the requested hall and gymnasium. Retrofitting the community centre means Embrun could see a new library in operation sooner rather than later, as the recreation complex isn’t expected to be completed until roughly 2025.

“I think it’s important to remember that it’s easier to scale down a project, as opposed to scale it up; I think it would be a little bit more difficult as we’re designing things,” Leroux said.

Guitard provided a timeline in her report. Following the Dec. 6 council decision, staff will revise the layout and present the updated report to council in January 2022. Public consultations, along with revised estimates, are expected to occur between February and March.

“Also in the package is the timeline because I really wanted council to be aware of the ‘lame duck’ next year,” Guitard said. “So, I put in some different steps that could be achieved before the ‘lame duck.’ The most important one would definitely be to award the design contract before the ‘lame duck.’ So, if everything goes well and if we do follow these important steps, we could definitely be at that important step in either August or June depending on the way that we choose the project management.”

The timeline includes steps to be taken from now to the completion of the complex. The timeline shows that if all goes as planned, the construction contract would be awarded as early as May 2023. Guitard said she’s created the timeline in such a way as to ensure that the design contract is awarded before council reaches the “lame duck period,” which is quickly approaching, as the next municipal election is coming up in 2022. At that point, unless three-quarters of the current council members are re-elected for the next term, they won’t have the full authority to make decisions.

The report can be found in the Dec. 6 council agenda package. For more information on the recreation complex, visit the township’s website ([russell.ca/en/recreation-and-culture/recreation-complex.aspx](http://russell.ca/en/recreation-and-culture/recreation-complex.aspx)).

## Unexpected capital expense requires \$75k

Sandy Casselman  
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – Faced with an unexpected capital expense, township of Russell politicians recently approved the use of \$75,000 from the water and sewer asset replacement reserves.

“Well, that’s why we set reserves aside for those unexpected days,” Mayor Pierre Leroux said. “So, glad we’re able to do that.”

The decision was made during the Dec. 6 council meeting when executive director of infrastructure services Jonathan Bourgon provided a report to council on an unexpected situation with the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition). Bourgon explained that the upgrade is necessary to maintain the same level of service to users of the water and sewer system.

“This project was initiated a few months ago when the communication company gave us notice that the pager system would not be supported as of December 2021. At first, we believed that a simple adjustment to the system would work, but we have had to replace several components of the SCADA system,” Bourgon said in his report. “To complete the upgrade, a total investment of \$75,000 will be required. The creation of this new capital project was vital to maintain the communication system of the water and sewer system operation.”

SCADA is a category of software application program for process control, the gathering of data in real time from remote locations to control equipment and conditions. SCADA is used in power plants as well as in oil and gas refining, telecommunications, transportation, and water and waste control.

## Babies of 2021

The Chesterville Record/Villager will be featuring the Babies of 2021 in the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 edition.

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