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**North Dundas Christmas Fund brings the Christmas Spirit home**

In Chesterville, volunteers from Christ Church United, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434, Chesterville and District Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Chesterville gathered at the Legion in Chesterville to pack Christmas hampers on Wed., Dec. 14. From the left, front row: Gordon Smith, Nancy McMahon, Natasha Hodge, Shelagh Derks, Beate Stewart, Corrie McRae, Christine Cross, Debra Kelly. Back row: Tylor Hodge, Stuart Pringle, Steve Grubb and Tom McMahon.

Thompson Goddard Photo

**Happy Face Nursery opens in Winchester**

**Joseph Morin**  
 Record Staff

**WINCHESTER** – The arrival of a Happy Face Nursery School to a permanent home in the Winchester Public School began in 2015.

On Dec. 14, the popular nursery school cut the ribbon on its new facility.

The funding for the building project that would see an addition to the Winchester Public School came from the Ontario Ministry of Education in 2015.

The building permit for the construction of the nursery school was issued in 2021.

Through eight years of negotiations between the North Dundas Municipality, the Ministry of Education, the Upper Canada School Board, and a change in government, all of those involved kept their eye on the ball. Consequently the nursery school was officially opened in 2022.

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**Water issues rise to the surface in North Dundas**

**Joseph Morin**  
 Record Staff

**WINCHESTER** – North Dundas residents had their first look at the options their council is considering when it comes to bringing more water to North Dundas.

The municipality held an open house on Dec. 15 in council chambers. The 5 to 7 p.m. information event featured members of the municipality who explained what the water issue was all about to visitors, as well as staff from JL Richards, the company who has been conducting the environmental assessment. The title of the report is "The Drinking Water Supply System Capacity Expansion", in other words, where does North Dundas go to get more water for its expected growth now and in the future.

The information about what JL Richards has found and what they were

recommending could be found on large posters spread around the council chambers.

One poster explained what the issue was all about for visitors.

It stated: "The Township of North Dundas is serviced by a communal potable water supply system that generally consists of eight active groundwater wells, five pump houses with chlorine disinfection, two storage reservoirs, two elevated storage tanks and distribution system. While the system has been operating in accordance with all applicable legislation and is generally achieving all required water quality standards, it is anticipated that the township will not be able to meet potable water supply requirements, as recommended by the Ministry of the

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# Water issues rise

**Continued from the front** Environment; Conservation and Parks; within the next 20-year timeframe if projected growth and associated water demand is realized. The township is therefore in need of a solution that will address water supply constraints and improve the redundancy and reliability in delivering treated water to the community over the next 20 years."

The different options detailed by the assessment comes at a cost. Councillor Uhrig was at the open house.

He said, "I feel that we have already gotten a lot of public feedback, certainly on the campaign trail going into the election and in the days after being elected.

"Obviously water in the future is of grave concern to many people. It has already stymied development," said Uhrig.

Deciding which path to take to secure more water for North Dundas will be difficult.

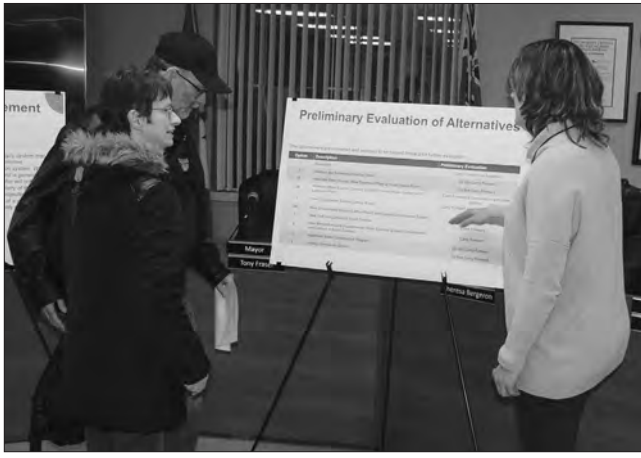
Uhrig said, "It is balancing expectations with reality, and the reality is, nothing is cheap anymore."

Winchester residents Shane and Sandra Freeman attended the open house; they felt regardless of the decision made about the water situation, it was good that the municipality was including residents in the discussion.

"I think this is a good idea. They are coming to the community and asking for our advice," said Shane.

"They have given us something to think about."

Visitors to the open house were asked to fill out a form after they had had a chance to look over the



Winchester residents Shane and Sandra Freeman go over the information on the posters with North Dundas CAO Angela Rutley at the open house. Morin Photo

information and comment on what they think the municipality should do.

Shane suggested the municipality should go with what they have in the short-term, including the LaFleur Road well and start working on getting the funding for the more ambitious projects like connecting to the South Dundas water system.

Sandra said, "It's good to know what this will cost. Then you will know what it will take to bring this forward."

"There are many factors to weigh here," said Shane. Sandra added, "I would like to see more business here."

The couple pointed out that growth could change a community in many good and bad ways.

To do nothing would have a future cost as far as growth in North Dundas is concerned. Developers are already seeing North Dundas, just south of Ottawa as a logical place to begin development for future families moving away from urban centers.

The second option would be to establish a new well, which is already underway at Lafleur Road. This would be a short-term solution and would not be able to keep up with expected growth in the

future. This option would include finding other wells in the future.

The cost would be around \$11,000.

The next option would be to look after short- and long-term needs.

It entails continuing with the LaFleur Road well and includes a long-term solution by hooking North Dundas up to the South Dundas water system. That option comes with a price tag of \$53,000,000.

A final suggestion would be to go with the LaFleur Road well, add a few more wells in North Dundas and connect to the South Dundas water system. The cost for that would be \$59,000,000.

The report stated that after the public has had the chance to comment and help the municipality decide which option to take, the implementation of any plan could begin in March 2023.

If you have questions or comments about the environmental assessment you can get in touch with Mark Buchanan, project manager, at 343-804-5349 or email him at: mbuchanan@jlrichards.ca. You can also reach CAO Angela Rutley at 613-774-2105 ex 231 or email her at: arutley@northdundas.com

# Happy Face Nursery

**Continued from the front**

Joe Brennan is the president of the board of directors for the Happy Face Nursery group.

He said, "When I joined the board we had three school sites."

This location is special. "This one was custom built for us," said Brennan. "All of the others were retrofitted, but this is pretty fantastic."

He said when you are in a retrofitted school, there is a different feeling than in a school made especially for you.

Brennan began his relationship with Happy Face Nursery as a parent in South Mountain.

"This is really the first time we have been able to have some input into what was really going to happen," he said.

He stressed how important it was to have support from the community and parents.

"Our parents are good and are staff is amazing," said Brennan.

Cheryl Firlotte is the executive director of Happy Face Nursery Schools said, "The new Winchester location serves 49 children 0-6 years of age." The school had

a soft opening in September and serves infants, toddlers and pre-school ages.

She added that they now have a waiting list of children waiting to come to the nursery school.

"There is such an incredible need in this area."

There are five Happy Face Nursery Schools operating in the area with a total staff of 74. Happy Face Nursery School was established as a part time co-operative preschool in 1974 and is a non-profit organization.

There is one in South Mountain, Morrisburg, Avonmore, Chesterville, and now in Winchester. The Winchester location is the only one that was custom designed and attached to the existing Winchester Public School. The others were parts of an existing school that were taken over by Happy Face.

The Winchester nursery school has three classrooms, an office for administration and staff, a kitchen and a laundry room.

The idea behind having a nursery school attached to existing schools was to try and create a family hub of education with young children in nursery schools being able to eventually transition seamlessly into the older children school system.



North Dundas Council members joined with Happy Face Nursery administrators to cut the ribbon at the Winchester location's grand opening on Dec.14. Left to right are North Dundas Coun. John Lennox, Deputy Mayor Theresa Bergeron, Happy Face Nursery president Joe Brennan, Coun. Gary Annable, Happy Face executive director Cheryl Firlotte and Coun. Matthew Uhrig. Morin Photo

# Thank You

## NORTH DUNDAS PARADE OF LIGHTS THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS!

The 2022 North Dundas Parade of Lights Committee would like to express our gratitude to everyone who helped make this year's event a success.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who took the time to help set up, collect donations, and so much more.

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## Sending love around the world: Santa interview

It is early on Dec. 18 and as I sit at the ready to write about my interview with Santa, I can hear the 1951 movie adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. There are many adaptations of this holiday classic, which speaks to the redemption available to people, but this one which features Alistair Sim, as the central character of Scrooge is my personal favourite, next to the Muppets version.

In late November, it was decided I would interview

Santa Claus. An easy assignment one might think as there are numerous opportunities for a reporter to meet the jolly old elf and ask him a few questions. However, as anyone who has attended a festive event featuring Santa, knows that people of all ages gather around him, and he is quite busy.

I was at the point of almost giving up, when searching for postal codes, when on the Canada Post website saw that people could write to Santa and then the light bulb went off! I would send a letter to Santa with the questions and explaining I was hoping to interview him for an article in *The Record*. I wrote up the Christmas card on Dec. 6 and mailed it on the 7th, giving my email address in addition to my home address for a reply. Interestingly Dec. 6 is celebrated as Christmas in some parts of the world – a coincidence?

While waiting for a reply, I arrived at the Chrysler Community Centre, (CCC), around 8:30ish on Dec. 11 to cover the Breakfast with Santa. I heard “Jingle Bells” as I purchased a ticket for breakfast, walked down, and in the annex to the CCC was Santa. During a lull in photos, I managed to ask him a few questions. In the quick interview he confirmed, he does live in the North Pole, and he has been delivering presents for hundreds of years. “I love the children and I love giving them presents,” he commented. Santa mentioned how important it is to spread joy all year round. The interview ended as a family arrived to have their photo taken with him.

At 2:36 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 17, I opened my work email and was pleasantly surprised to see an email from Valérie Chartrand in Canada Post’s Media Relations Department. A smile erupted over my face as I read the email which explained how after the post elves received my card, they were able to get in touch with Santa who provided the answers to my questions.

“Thank you for sending me a postcard all the way to my home, in Santa’s Village at the North Pole. There are hundreds of elves living with me and Mrs. Claus in the village. Too many to count! The elves help with everything

at the North Pole. They make toys, do repairs, clean out the reindeer stalls, etc.

They are always there to help Mrs. Claus and I, whenever we need them. In fact, I can hear them whistling one of my favourite songs while working right now... “Here Comes Santa Claus” always gets me excited for the big night! On Christmas Eve, we have an important job to do delivering gifts to all the children around the world. Mrs. Claus and I love them all and we say that they are our children too.

My one and only magic sleigh allows me to achieve this big task on time. The elves help me keep it in tip-top shape. I also have nine reindeer on my team: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph. As for the elves, they stay back at the North Pole and welcome me to celebrate when I land back on Christmas morning. My team and I leave at dawn on Christmas Eve and work the whole day and night.

Along the way, I love eating the cookies that are left for me. They are my favourite! But Mrs. Claus always reminds me that I need fruit and vegetables too. I like apples and carrots, and I always share with my reindeer.

I am sending you lots of Christmas cheer from everyone here at the North Pole.”

How my eyes sparkled as I read the email, realizing that despite being so busy, he took the time to answer my questions and the media person at Canada Post relayed the message! As I re-read the email, my perception of Santa being Canadian began to be challenged. Yes, in 2008 Jason Kenny, then a federal cabinet minister, claimed Santa was a Canadian citizen in an official statement. It is true I have always believed the North Pole was in Canadian territory and how in 2019 Canada officially petitioned to have the North Pole designated as Canadian territory.

I have had a revelation in researching and writing this article about Santa. Yes, Santa may reside in Canadian territory and Canada has claimed him as a Canadian citizen, but perhaps Santa is a citizen of the world after all. Perhaps he can never belong to just one country, but to all those countries around the world that believe in Santa.

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

### TAGWI Report

By Brooke Donnelly  
Student Reporter



## A week with the Warriors

At Tagwi, our Warriors are counting down the days until we break for the holidays. Although our penultimate week was cut short because of the snow day, it was still busy. On Wednesday, our junior and senior boys’ basketball teams competed at Char-Lan. As well, throughout the week, our cafeteria staff held holiday specials. Finally, to close off the week, we held our annual achievement awards.

Last Wednesday afternoon, our boys’ basketball teams took off for Char-Lan. Both teams played only one game, both against the host. The seniors had a very close game, and they ended up coming out on top, 42-39. Our junior team also played a tight game, and they managed to gain a prominent lead by the buzzer, winning 52-40.

To celebrate the upcoming holidays, our cafeteria staff had many specials and deals for our warriors this week. Each day, they would hide an elf around the cafeteria, and the first student to find it would win a free treat. As well, on Tuesday, they held Taco Tuesday and Candy Day. Finally, on Thursday, they had a holiday luncheon, where they served turkey, mashed potatoes, and much more.

On Thursday, we held our annual achievement awards. Here, we recognized students who achieved the honour roll, had the top grade in a particular course, had one of the top three average in their grade, and showed outstanding student leadership. We would like to congratulate our Warriors, as many of them achieved honour roll in the 2021-2022 school year. The students who received the third highest overall averages for their grades were, Ziva Ware, Grade 9, Brooke Donnelly, Grade 10, and Lily Smith, Grade 11. The second highest averages went to Avery Seay, Grade 9, Lillian Flegg, Grade 10, and Hailey Robinson, Grade 11. Finally, the students who received the highest averages in the 2021-22 school year were Emerson Beckstead, Grade 9, River Doherty, Grade 10, and Lorne Wheeler, Grade 11. To conclude the assembly, the Ontario Principal’s Council Award for Student Leadership was given to one of this year’s co-presidents, Maia Ware. Congratulations to all.

As always, student council and the school community is hard at work planning for the upcoming weeks. To stay up to date on what’s happening, we recommend you check out Tagwi’s Instagram page (@tagwiwarriors) and our student council Instagram page (@warriors.student.council).

## Letter To The Editor

### Great team effort for North Dundas Parade of Lights

#### To the Editor:

On behalf of the North Dundas Parade of Lights’ Committee, I would like to thank everyone who helped make the return of our beloved parade such a huge success.

Thank you to all the businesses and community organizations that participated in the Vendor & Trade Show and in the parade. Thanks to Erica Wopat-Scott and Ron Porteous for doing a great job of emceeing the parade from the main corner. As always, we are grateful to the community organizations and businesses who offered dinners and refreshments on parade day, and those who opened their doors and parking lots to spectators during the parade, the Legion for hosting its annual after party, and to the Winchester Fire Department for arranging a ride in the parade for Santa. Thank you also to the volunteers who lent a hand on parade day.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our sponsors, and for them we are truly grateful.

We are always amazed at the effort and creativity that goes into the floats every year, and this year was no exception. We had 42 floats, and choosing winners for our float contest is never an easy task, but it’s one our planning committee takes seriously. Floats are judged on a number of criteria, including creativity, originality, effort, detail and audience interaction.

Here are this year’s float category winners:

- Best Overall: EC Carruthers & Sons
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#### Cowgirls Drill Team

- Most Lights: D’s Collision Center
- People’s Choice: Hydro One
- Most Original: Morewood Recreation Association

Float winners receive a gift basket with local products. Congratulations to all our winners.

I am very grateful for the dedication and hard work of my fellow parade committee members, Brianne Scott and Matthew Roy. This year, Cheryl Beasley took over the planning for the Vendor & Trade Show and did a fabulous job.

Of course, what’s a Christmas parade without the Santa? Thank you, Santa, for taking time from your busy schedule to take part in our event.

We can’t wait to see everyone again at next year’s parade.

Sandy Burns  
Chair, North Dundas Parade of Lights Committee



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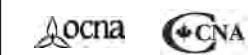
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## Nut / Chocolate Chip Butterballs

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups all purpose or unbleached Flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup finely chopped walnuts (or miniature semi-sweet chocolate chips).
- Powdered sugar.

### Directions:

- Heat oven to 325°F
- Lightly spoon flour into measuring cup; level off.
- In large bowl, combine flour, powdered sugar and salt.
- Using pastry blender or fork, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
- Add vanilla and nuts (or mini choc chips); mix with hands to form a smooth dough.
- Using about 1 table-



spoon dough, shape into 1-inch balls.

- Place balls 1 inch apart on ungreased (or parchment lined) cookie sheets. Bake for 14 to 17 minutes or until firm to the touch but not brown. **DO NOT OVER-BAKE.**
- Immediately remove from cookie sheets. Roll in powdered sugar, and let cool on wire rack.
- Makes 4-5 doz. Cookies.

Don Good

## North Dundas Mayor's Message

### Hello to everyone,

On behalf of the council and staff of the Township of North Dundas, I would like to extend Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. This year, 2023, promises to be more exciting with more energy and a positive spirit as we continue to leave the effects of the pandemic behind us. The pandemic has affected almost everyone, every business, and every event that we attend. As we move forward and think about how we conducted our lives before the pandemic and how we manage our lives now, I understand the frustration that we all share. The faith that I have that we will continue to be a supportive, caring community that celebrates the fact that we have many opportunities to connect with each other is heartening to me and humbles me to have the honour to be the mayor of such a wonderful community.

Our new council, Deputy Mayor Bergeron, councillors Gary Annable, Matthew Uhrig, and John Lennox have continued to exemplify the care and concern that previous councils have demonstrated. This council, with the energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to move North Dundas forward, is looking forward to the next four years of serving the residents and businesses with passion and integrity. The many challenges we face will have to be dealt with, with much consideration and concern about the needs and desires of the community and the financial burden and pressure placed upon us all as tax paying members of our community. I look forward to the discussions and exchange of thoughts as we move forward.

The opportunity that I and the rest of council have to meet others in our community is an opportunity for us to get to know more about our residents and for us to gain a better understanding of the needs of the community. Please take the opportunity to reach out and engage with the members of council, be it in person, by email, or by calling us. Our contact information is easily found on our website, [www.northdundas.com](http://www.northdundas.com), or by calling the township office, 613-774-2105. The council meetings are streamed on our YouTube channel or even better check for our schedule of meetings and come to council chambers and attend a meeting with us. I look forward to seeing people in the audience. Until next time, take care,

Mayor, Tony Fraser

## SDHS Report

By Merab Ali  
Student Reporter



### Spartan Press

Intermediate and Secondary Volleyball Success. Spartans at Seaway DHS have taken strides this past week in a multitude of volleyball tournaments including the Intermediate Girls and Boys and Junior and Senior Girls' teams! Tues., Dec. 13, the Intermediate Girls, and Boys' volleyball teams competed in tournaments in South Grenville. The Intermediate Girls' team comprised Aleksa Beckstead, Grace Smail, Naomi Dwomoh, Amber Humpartzian, Sydney Gravelle, Emma Hess, Bella Johnston, and captains Katie Johnston and Summer Merkle. The team is coached by Ms. St. Denis and Mme Greavette. The Girls' team fought exceptionally but ultimately fell 2-0 to North Dundas DHS in the semi-final. The Intermediate Boys' team comprised Donovan Shaver, Corson Gilmour, Callam Larocque, Gavin Pergunas, Ethan Boucher, Christian Markell, Jeremy Barkley, Liam Barkley, Taylor Elliott, and captain Owen Radley. The team is coached by Mrs. Dooley. The Boys' team made it to the finals and pushed North Dundas to a third set before losing a close game to end with a 1-2 score. With a semi-final and 2nd place finish, these teams represented Seaway DHS incredibly, and while the Intermediate Boys may not have taken the win, they have qualified for the UC Cup in January 2023!

Thurs., Dec. 15, the Senior and Junior Girls' volleyball teams competed in tournaments at l'École secondaire publique L'Héritage and returned with many victories! The competing Senior Girls' team comprised Hannah Gibbons, Maeryn Gilmour, Emma Johnston, Abigail Smail, Kathryn Swerdfeger, Chiara Tardivo, Katie Wilson, and captain Emerson McMillan. The coach is Mr. Looyen. The Senior team won three of six sets; they fell to L'Héritage 1-2 and won against North Dundas 2-1. The Junior Girls' team comprised Ashley Humpartzian, Kaylyn Gravelle, Sierra Latulippe, Kamryn Larocque, Calah Barrie, Karah Barrie, Jenna Whitteker, Mikayla Roberts-Boland, and captain Emily Swerdfeger. The coach is Ms. Lindsay. The Junior team won both of their games. They beat L'Héritage and North Dundas 2-1 and are ranked second in the league!

Congratulations to all the teams and coaches on their success! Seaway DHS Spartans look forward to future victories!

## Thank You

The family of the late **Robert Merkley** would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all of our relatives, friends and neighbours who surrounded us with their love and support during Robert's illness and now in our bereavement.

Special thanks to Dr. Migicovsky, Melanie, Zena & Jaimie for the wonderful care they provided to Robert.

We are grateful to Dave Lapiere and Donnie Wheeler of Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Homes, the Staff of the Chesterville Legion and Pastor Debbie for their professional guidance as well as the care and compassion shown to our family.

The beautiful flowers, food brought to our homes, and acts of kindness and generosity made our burden more bearable. We thank you from the depths of our hearts.

## In Memoriam

Linda Darlene Windsor  
September 12, 1945 - December 29, 2016

On December 29, 2016 at 8:30 p.m., your earthly life ended and your heavenly life began.

A new prayer came

Lord, be the head of our household,  
Guide this rudderless ship into your Heavenly Harbour,

So we can spend eternity together with our heavenly families.

I miss you more and need you more!

Our eternal love, now and forever,  
Earl L. Windsor, Sons, Grandsons & families



# Church DIRECTORY

Your Guide to Local Houses of Worship

ALL SERVICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### The United Church of Canada CHRIST CHURCH UNITED

5 Casselman St., Chesterville  
Pastor: Debbie Poirier 613-850-2725  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

### THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA AVONMORE-FINCH-MARTINTOWN ST. JAMES - CHALMERS - ST. ANDREW'S

PASTORAL CHARGE Minister: Rev. Lois Gaudet BBA, BTh, MDiv  
Contact: Tel: 613-346-1648 Email: [revlgaudet@gmail.com](mailto:revlgaudet@gmail.com)  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Saturday Night Our Joint Christmas Eve Service will be held this year in St. James, Avonmore at 7:30 p.m. Please come – Let us bring our families and friends and celebrate this most holy of nights together.  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 & January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – No services.

**ST. LUKE'S-KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Finch)**  
**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Avonmore)**  
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PASTORAL CHARGE INTERIM MODERATOR: Rev. Colleen Gillanders-Adams 343-330-0090  
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Clerk of Session: Garry Nugent 613-984-2955

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. – JOINT CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE – CHRIST CANDLE. Pastoral Charge Service being held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Avonmore. December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 & January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – No services in the Pastoral Charge.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - Morewood**  
**ST. ANDREW'S - Chesterville ST. PAUL'S - Winchester**  
Interim Moderator Rev. Samer Kandalaft 613-258-4136  
Service Times: St. Andrews Chesterville at 9 a.m.,  
St. Paul's Winchester at 10 a.m., and Morewood Presbyterian Church at 11:15 a.m.  
St. Andrew's, Chesterville and Morewood Presbyterian churches have reopened for in-person services.

**NATIONSIDE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Pastor Scott Sayers  
E-mail: [Pastor.Scott@mail.com](mailto:Pastor.Scott@mail.com) Office: 613-448-2272  
Please join us for Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m. at the Nelson LaPrade Centre, 9 William St. (Covid-19 rules apply).  
Services also online on Facebook under "The Nation" Nativeside Pentecostal Church.  
Affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

**HARMONY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Evangelical Missionary Church  
12010 Ormond Rd. & Hwy. 31 (North of Winchester)  
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We are an air conditioned and handicap accessible building.  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Daniel Wallace  
Weekly Services – Sunday at 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m. – Prayer Meeting  
We are open and invite you to join us for services! We are continuing to live stream our Sunday morning services at Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOpYvDABz4REcA76-Evra>  
Sunday School Classes & Nursery have resumed.  
Please contact the church office for information on mid-week meetings or any other questions.

**ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
139 Castor St., Russell, ON Parish Office: 613-445-3226  
Presiding: Rev. Anne Quick  
[infostmarysrussell@rogers.com](mailto:infostmarysrussell@rogers.com) Website: [www.stmarysrussell.ca](http://www.stmarysrussell.ca)  
We're back to an in-person service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m., followed by a Zoom service of Morning Prayer at 10:30 a.m. Register for the live service or to get the Zoom link at 613-445-3226 or [infostmarysrussell@rogers.com](mailto:infostmarysrussell@rogers.com).  
St. Mary's Church is engaged in actively sharing God's unconditional grace and love.

**WINCHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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613-774-2236 [www.stclaresanglican.ca](http://www.stclaresanglican.ca) 2530 Falcone Lane, Winchester  
Sunday Service of Eucharist, 10 A.M.  
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Visit us online for Sunday Service at our links below.  
On Facebook at The Anglican Parish of North Dundas at St. Clare's.  
On YouTube at St. Clare Anglican.

**ST. ANDREW'S AND ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
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Minister: Rev. Peter Dahlin, B.A. M.Div 613-443-7603 ([peterdahlin52@gmail.com](mailto:peterdahlin52@gmail.com))  
11 a.m. Sunday Worship  
Nursery (parental supervision) is available. Covid-19 protocols are in place.

## Light in the darkness

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

CRYSLER – An estimated crowd of almost two hundred people gathered in the park adjacent to the Crysler Community Centre in the early evening of Dec. 10.

“There was nothing more welcoming than a path of Yuletide lanterns to the gazebo,” commented North Stormont Coun. Adrian Bugelli, during the Breakfast with Santa event in Finch the following day. The lights from nearby decorated trees and from vendors’ booths helped to illuminate the darkness of an early winter’s evening. A fire in the nearby fire pit

allowed a bit of warmth, with a bouncy castle providing some fun for youngsters.

As people visited or enjoyed a hot chocolate and perhaps a holiday treat, announcements were heard suggesting people gather outside the gazebo as the tree lighting time approached. North Stormont Mayor François Landry welcomed everyone to the event, with SDSG MPP Nolan Quinn bringing greetings and SDSG MP Eric Duncan leading the countdown to the lights being turned on.

There was a hush over the crowd as a multitude of lights illuminated the darkness of a December evening, followed by exclamations of the beauty of the sight before them. Slowly people began to walk to the gazebo,

children lined up for the bouncy castle and friendly conversations began again.

Kim LeBrun and her Christmas in Crysler tree lighting committee are to be congratulated for their hard work. LeBrun wished to thank the Old General Store in Crysler for their support in providing hot chocolate and treats for the event, Crysler Home Hardware for the bouncy castle, Mayfair Wines in Crysler for the wine tasting and the St-Albert Cheese Factory for the cheese curds. She continued how many other local businesses sponsored the event, before commenting, “I am so proud of our community! All the help received from the Crysler Fire Department, friends and community members is very heart warming.”



From the left: Lianne Ringel, Kim LeBrun, Kevin Lapp, Alex Lapp, Pierre Thibault, Victoria Middleton, Marc LeBrun and North Stormont Mayor François Landry. Thompson Goddard Photo

## A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The snow didn’t stop visitors attending the 2022 Christmas Open House for constituents hosted by Stormont-Dundas and South Glengarry MP Eric Duncan and staff during the afternoon of Dec. 16.

The atmosphere was welcoming, the decorations beautiful and there was a selection of

festive snacks to enjoy while visiting with the MP and staff members at the constituency office in Cornwall. “It is nice to do this in person again!” commented chief of staff Adrien Bugelli during the event, before wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He mentioned the constituency office will be closed at noon on Dec. 23 and will reopen on Jan. 3, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.



There was a lot of wet snow falling, but staff members at SDSG Constituency Office in Cornwall, were able to add some festive flair to the Christmas Open House by creating a snowman specially to welcome people to the event. From the left: Adelle Densham, SDSG MP Eric Duncan, Nicole Lefebvre, Stephanie André, Snowman, Rebecca Lance and Adrian Bugelli. Thompson Goddard Photo

# Babies of 2022

**The Record/Villager** will be featuring the **Babies of 2022** in the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 edition.

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# Merry Christmas everyone

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

**NORTH DUNDAS** – Volunteers with the North Dundas Christmas Fund have spent the past few weeks working to ensure all residents can enjoy a Merry Christmas.

“It was a very successful campaign with the financial contributions arriving to cover the costs and we thank the community heartily,” commented North Dundas Christmas Fund (NDCF) chair Bob Weagant.

Items donated to the North Dundas Christmas Fund are shared as needed throughout the municipality to ensure all registered residents are provided with all the ingredients needed for a joyous holiday celebration. This past week, volunteers in Chesterville, South Mountain and Winchester have been busy sorting and packing donations of food stuffs and toys for those who need a helping hand.

Weagant commented Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MP Eric Duncan was among the volunteers who gathered at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain on Dec. 15 to prepare “over 40 food

hampers, Christmas gifts and snowsuits.” He expressed his thanks to Nationview Public School for the donations received from their food drive. He noted that financial donations provide the means for the North Dundas Christmas Fund to purchase items such as snowsuits and food for the program.

Shawn Doolan mentioned in an email volunteers prepared 74 Christmas hampers for families and single people in the Winchester area. He mentioned angel trees were located at the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital, as well as the BMR and Bank of Montreal locations in Winchester. Food drives in support of the NDCF were held at Winchester Public School and the North Dundas Parade of Lights. “We are very grateful to our Corporate Sponsors, Lavolette Eggs, Circle K, Lactalis, Mike Dean’s, Winchester Foodland, Greg’s Quality Meats, and to everyone who donated toys, food and money,” commented Doolan. He then mentioned how “You certainly made a difference in some of your neighbours’ lives this Christmas.”

Before expressing a heartfelt thank you to “all the volunteers who helped with the sorting, packing and distribution. This could not have been done without your support.”

In Chesterville, volunteers from Christ Church United, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434, Chesterville and District Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Chesterville gathered at the Legion in Chesterville to pack Christmas hampers on Wed., Dec. 14. “Thanks to the community for their generosity and we were overwhelmed by their continued support,” commented CDLC president Jordan Hodge. He explained the hampers include a selection of foodstuffs and are boxed up; clients are also able to choose toys for their family.

Food was donated by St. Mary’s Catholic School, Chesterville Public School, and North Dundas District High School. Toys were provided through the Angel Tree Program at Morewood Presbyterian Church, Christ Church United and St. Mary’s of the Presentation in Chesterville and St. Clare’s Anglican on the outskirts of Winchester.



Volunteers gathered at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain on Thurs., Dec. 15 to pack Christmas Hampers for local families in need.

Courtesy Photo

## South Dundas Mayor’s Message

It’s been eight weeks since election night and five weeks since inauguration, we’ve been super busy. Team South Dundas has hit the ground running. We’ve had several training and orientation sessions both at the council level and county council level. Our team has been to numerous community events, and we’ve got our first few regular meetings under our belt. We had our first budget session reviewing the Water and Wastewater Budget this week and have a busy January planned.

Our council team is very knowledgeable in many areas including different aspects of municipal function, we will deliver efficient governance. We’ll make sure we have our house in order so it’s visible to the community.

Our positive pressure will ensure we build a strong staff with transferable skills and that our resources are appropriately allocated.

Budgeting, our biggest challenge first, “how to spend, and on what”.

We will be investing in our reserves for future spending and during the budget

process we will be evaluating all our reports with the staff input so our council team can make the best decisions on spending.

We’ve got the building blocks in place from the last council, the ship is moving, we have momentum, let’s get it in the exact right direction.

My first message has been clear, let’s create a great attitude and culture. It’s free, it’s me, it’s natural. We are building trust in the organization and in the community. If I’ve missed something, tell me. If I’ve forgotten something, call me. If your feeling left out, please come see me. All of South Dundas is my family.

I’ve made connections with everyone in the municipal organization, we have very talented people, and I am proud of every one of them. These connections are just the firsts, there will be seconds, thirds, fourths and I’m looking forward to every one of these.

I bring a smile everyday; I say thank you, I care about you, and I’ve been loving ever minute of it.

Jason Broad, Mayor South Dundas

### Chocolate Caramel Bars

Made with just 4 simple ingredients! Easy buttery crust topped with a quick caramel then swirled with melted chocolate.

**Prep Time:** 10 mins  
**Cook Time:** 15 mins  
**Total Time:** 25 mins  
**Servings:** 12

**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup + 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup + 1/3 cup salted butter
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

**Instructions:**

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray an 8x8 glass pan with non-stick spray.
2. In a medium bowl, combine flour, 1/2 cup brown sugar and 1/4 cup butter. Use 2 forks or a pastry cutter to combine, until mixture is crumbly. Press into bottom of 8x8 pan.
3. In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt remaining 1/3 cup butter. Add in 1/4 cup brown sugar and stir. Bring to a boil, then boil for 1 minute. Remove from heat and pour over crust.
4. Bake for 15 minutes. (Do not over bake or you will have toffee bars! :)
5. Remove from oven. Sprinkle chocolate chips on top of caramel and swirl gently with a knife. Let cool completely. Cut into bars and ENJOY!

Chantal Bouwers





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**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The Township of North Dundas Municipal Office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd at 4:30 p.m. and will re-open Tuesday, January 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

For Road Emergencies, please call 613-218-6211.

For Water and Sewer Emergencies in the Villages of Winchester and Chesterville, please call 1-800-342-6442.

**LANDFILL HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

The Boyne Road Landfill will be closed on Monday, December 26th, Tuesday, December 27th and Monday, January 2nd.


**Recycling and waste pick up remain unchanged throughout the holidays.**

Any questions, please call the landfill at 613-774-5157.

Please remember, emergencies can happen at any time. You and your family should be ready to take care of yourselves for a minimum of 72 hours. Remember to test your generator.

*Have a safe and happy holiday  
From Council & Staff*





**Happy Holidays**

*Our hearts are filled with appreciation for all our special friends (or angels and shepherds as we like to say) who spread your kindness to our home. To all who offer up your gifts and warm wishes to our residents, team, and home – we are so grateful.*

*Our cozy country home has the best residents, families, team, doctors, WDMH partners, volunteers, entertainers, service providers, and community partners. Plus, we have a strong community that cheers us, supports us, and values our commitment to inspiring Happiness and Joy.*

**Thank you again and from our home to yours –  
Merry Christmas and Happy 2023!**

**Love from all the residents and care team at Dundas Manor** ❤️

### 2022 in review from your MP

After two and a half long years, thankfully, this year has seen a long overdue return to normal for the most part. Pandemic restrictions, virtual or cancelled events have meant countless lost opportunities to connect with you and hear what's on your mind. Fortunately, with the return of fairs, festivals, and the local events we all enjoy, it was great to be back out in our wonderful community in person.

Both in Ottawa and here at home, the pace has been quite busy. This fall, I was honoured to once again be appointed to the Conservative Leadership Team by our exciting new Leader, Pierre Poilievre, as the Caucus-Party Liaison. Throughout the fall parliamentary session, Conservatives, under Pierre's leadership have been clear and consistent in our demands to the Liberal government: no new taxes, cut wasteful spending and get inflation under control. With this message, Conservatives are building momentum across the country and Canadians are telling us they are ready for change in Ottawa.

By now, it is obvious that this Liberal government is not immune to scandals and bad judgement. Their most recent attack on law-abiding, outdoor loving rural Canadians would ban countless rifles and shotguns used for legitimate hunting purposes. Conservatives, and even some Liberal backbenchers, have been vocally opposed to this sneaky gun

grab that will do nothing to slow the increasing crime rates in Canada. We will continue to be the voice for rural Canadians and push back against this unjust ban on hunting rifles.

Looking ahead to next year, the issues that we've raised in parliament will continue to dominate the agenda. With the Liberals doubling down on unaffordable tax increases and inflation still out of control, 2023 looks to be a tough year for Canadian families and businesses.

Here at home, I will remain vocal about the priorities of our community and the kind, caring and generous people who live here and deserve better from their federal government. In the counties, I've heard from countless farmers about the unfair fertilizer tariffs you are being forced to pay. Water levels in the St. Lawrence River need to be addressed. In Cornwall, I will continue to advocate for service and station improvements at the VIA Rail Station and I hope to see progress on the Waterfront Lands owned by Transport Canada.

As your voice in Ottawa, you can count on me to keep fighting for you, your family and our community.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and all the best in 2023.

*Eric Duncan, MP  
Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry*

## Book Launch of Benjamin and The Backyard Beast

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

CORNWALL – *Benjamin and The Backyard Beast* by Erin Lee was released in Cornwall on Dec. 12.

This is Lee's third book which recounts a story from the author's childhood of walks taken with her father as a child.

Lee explained many times during her early childhood, she and her father would take a walk in the woods looking for an elusive moose he had seen earlier. Together they would encounter different animals along the walk and her dad would teach her about them. This contributed to her love of outdoor activities such as hiking and sledding.

She continued the storyline of the book which takes place in the St. Lawrence River area involves a young boy and his dad out for a walk, encountering different Canadian animals until they meet up with the backyard beast itself.

She hired a team from Akwesasne which included the Native North American Travelling College providing information on Haudenosaunee culture, people from the Freedom School of Akwesasne providing the Mohawk names of the animals encountered in the story and



Erin Lee poses with her new book. Courtesy Photo

Bruce Boots providing artwork of the animals which were inspired by Haudenosaunee culture.

Lee mentioned how one of her goals in writing the book is "to inspire learning through a hands on approach." The end of the book contains an activity pack which includes animal facts, activities such as matching the footprint to the animal and other activities. In collaboration with local

businesses, a line of products such as scrunchies, clothing and stuffed animals to complete the story.

*Benjamin and The Backyard Beast* is available for purchase on her website, [www.erinleeauthor.com](http://www.erinleeauthor.com), Kids Korner on Pitt Street in Cornwall or Amazon Prime. She mentioned a one dollar donation to the Akwesasne Freedom School will be made for every book purchased on her website.

### SD&G OPP asking for public's help with arson investigation

SD&G – The Stormont Dundas & Glengarry (SDG) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Crime Unit is releasing additional information related to several cases of arson.

The OPP has been investigation 18 suspicious fires that have occurred over the past four months.

The OPP issued an appeal for public assistance on Dec. 13, one day after a suspicious fire at a vacant building in South Glengarry. This was the second fire at this location in the two weeks.

The OPP is working with the local fire departments and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, to determine possible relationships between the fires.

On December 16, SD&G OPP arrested and charged one person in connection with an arson that occurred on Dominion Street in Alexandria, North Glengarry township. This is one of 18 fires currently being investigated.

Eric Seguin, ages 32 of North Glengarry, Ontario is charged with: Arson - damage to property - Criminal Code (CC) sec 434, and break and enter dwelling house, commit indictable offence - CC sec 348(1)(b)

The accused was held in custody and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Cornwall at a later date.

Earlier in the month on Dec. 7, the OPP laid charges in relation to three arson investigations.

Between July and November 2022, officers responded to several suspicious fires. An arson investigation began. As a result, one person was arrested on Nov. 25, in relation to two structure fires and to one forestry machinery fire in the North Stormont township.

Nathan Riley, 32-years-old from North Glengarry, Ontario has been charged with three counts of Arson - damage to property, section 434 of the Criminal Code.

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Cornwall on Dec. 29.

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### Driving under the influence: effects, detection and consequences

The holiday season is in full swing, and celebrations of all kinds abound. However, amidst the merriment and festivities, it's important to remember you should never get behind the wheel if you're intoxicated. Here's what you should know.

#### Effects

Many of the skills required for safe driving, such as sound judgment, acute concentration, impeccable co-ordination, pronounced visual acuity and quick reflexes, are impacted by drug and alcohol use. Consequently, being under the influence can result in speeding, driving off the road, swerving into oncoming traffic and dozing behind the wheel.

#### Detection

Police officers use their training as well as what they see, hear and smell to determine if a driver has drugs or alcohol

in their system. Plus, they can take a breath sample to determine a motorist's blood alcohol level. Police may also issue a standardized field sobriety test (SFST), which typically requires the driver to walk in a straight line, stand and turn or stand on one leg.

#### Consequences

If you're caught driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you could have your licence suspended following your arrest, even before being convicted.

Once convicted, the severity of your sentence will depend on

your background and the circumstances surrounding your arrest. For instance, you could receive a hefty fine and jail time if you injured or killed someone.

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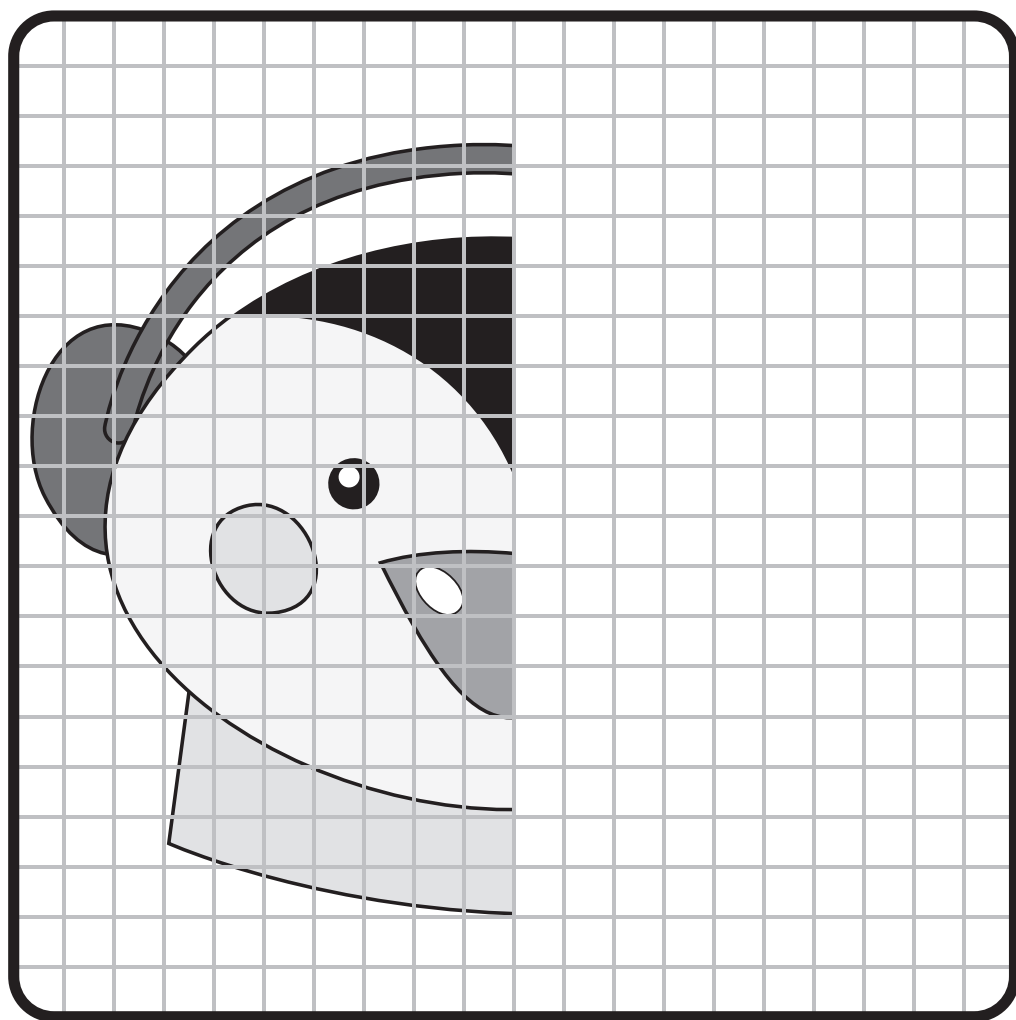
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## Driven to create

MOREWOOD – Sticks and Boards is a local business located just east of Morewood on County Road 13. The studio is located beside the home of Donna Sauve and Glen Briggs. “Glen and I are the two employees, working two businesses, Sticks and Boards and Glen Briggs Woodworks.

Since 2005, Glen Briggs Woodworks has striven to produce heirloom quality, custom fine furniture, and objects. Briggs seeks to involve the customer in the creative process from the designing of the piece to its creation. Size of the creations range from bedroom furniture to small boxes and everything in between.

The story behind Sticks and Boards began when Sauve and Briggs were enjoying an evening campfire in 2016. “We were burning pieces of wood too small for Glen to use in his custom fine furniture business,” explained Sauve. After considering possible uses for the small pieces of wood, Sticks and Boards was created to better utilize the cut offs and “be more responsible with our resources,” noting the business’s success has led to sourcing wood from local sawyers.

Information from the company’s website explains “Each piece of wood speaks to us. It is what drives us to create unique and one-of-a-kind pieces,” continuing the care taken to select the right wood, colour and layout for each piece is like the craftsmanship applied in Glen Briggs Woodworks. “All of

# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



From the left: Donna Sauve and Glen Briggs.

Courtesy Photo

our cutting boards and charcuterie boards are treated with 100 per cent hemp oil, and our candlesticks are polished with pure beeswax. This is important for our respect for the environment, while still enhancing the beauty of functional pieces in our surroundings.”

Sticks and Boards provides the consumer with a selection of hand-crafted home décor items and kitchen products. Beautifully crafted cutting boards, book ends, framed artwork, candle holders, knife blocks and sushi boards are just some of the many products available to

clients. There are unique holiday items available such as wooden reindeer, small Christmas trees made out of paper stacked on a wooden disc and topped with a star.

Sauve commented how marketing is one of the biggest challenges facing a business. “It’s relatively easy to make and create because that’s what drives you but the grind of getting your product in front of customers is the real work. Fortunately, with the two of us, we can divide and conquer.” She explained the business is marketed through Facebook and websites, and has attended craft shows and markets.

She mentioned how prior to the pandemic they attended the Byward Market, a location where many tourists congregated to experience the ambience of Ottawa’s lower town. Sticks and Boards created several pieces featuring the red maple leaf, which appealed to tourists and has found homes throughout the world. Sticks and Boards also receives requests for commissioned pieces and does wholesale work for corporate clients and businesses.

More information on Sticks and Boards as well as Glen Briggs Woodworks can be found on their social media sites or directly at [sticksandboards.ca](http://sticksandboards.ca) or [glenbriggs.ca](http://glenbriggs.ca). The studio is located on County Road 13 on the eastern outskirts of Morewood, with their hours by appointment or by chance.

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



## From our home to yours Christmas Recipes



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**Ingredients:**

- 1/4 cup powdered sugar (to sprinkle on towel)
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- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
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- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup LIBBY’S® 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 cup powdered sugar, sifted
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Powdered sugar (optional for decoration)

**Make it:**

- Step 1: Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease 15 x 10-inch jelly-roll pan; line with wax paper.

Grease and flour paper. Sprinkle a thin, cotton kitchen towel with 1/4 cup powdered sugar.

Step 2: Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and salt in small bowl. Beat eggs and granulated sugar in large mixer bowl until thick. Beat in pumpkin. Stir in flour mixture. Spread evenly into prepared pan. Sprinkle with nuts.

Step 3: Bake for 13 to 15 minutes or until top of cake springs back when touched (if using a dark-coloured pan, begin checking for doneness at 11 minutes.) Immediately loosen and turn cake onto prepared towel. Carefully peel off paper. Roll up cake and

towel together, starting with narrow end. Cool on wire rack.

Step 4: Beat cream cheese, 1 cup powdered sugar, butter and vanilla extract in small mixer bowl until smooth. Carefully unroll cake. Spread cream cheese mixture over cake. Reroll cake. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least one hour.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving, if desired.

Step 5: (Cooking Tip) Be sure to put enough powdered sugar on the towel when rolling up the cake so it will not stick.

Nolan Quinn

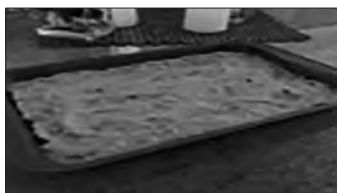
### Rita’s Squares

**First layer**

Cover a 9”x13” pan with whole graham wafers.

**Second layer**

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup Carnation
- 2 cups graham wafer crumbs
- 1 cup crushed pecans



**Directions:** Bring brown sugar, butter and carnation milk to a boil. Remove from heat. Add Graham Wafer crumbs and crushed pecans. Mix well and pour over the whole graham wafers (1st layer). Cover and cool in fridge for at least 30 minutes or more if you want.

**Third layer**

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup carnation
- 1 cup icing sugar

**Directions:** Bring brown sugar, butter and Carnation to a boil and boil for 2 minutes. Cool down for about 10 minutes and add icing sugar. Mix well and spread on top of second layer. Cover and store in fridge for a few hours until cold.

Cut in squares and store in freezer. Take out just before eating or else they are too soft.

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Francois Landry

### Popcorn Balls

*“This recipe is a tradition at every Duncan Family Christmas. My Mom Bea and Aunt Emma made this delicious treat for decades- and it is still a popular item at each of our Christmas meals!”*

**Ingredients:**

- 14 cups popped corn
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup corn syrup (brown)
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup butter
- 2 teaspoon vanilla

**Directions:**

1. Put popped corn in large buttered roast pan
2. Put sugar, water, corn syrup, and butter in large pot; boil until 250 on a candy thermometer
3. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla
4. Pour over popped corn stirring until all covered
5. Rub hand with butter make into ball

Eric Duncan

### Soft Chocolate Chip Cookies

Texture is a big part of how much you may enjoy that next chocolate chip cookie.

If you prefer a chocolate chip cookie that melts in your mouth try this recipe.

**Ingredients:**

- 3/4 cup of softened unsalted butter.
- 1 cup of brown sugar
- 1/4 cup of regular sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp of vanilla extract
- 2 cups of all purpose flour
- 2 tsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 8 oz of chocolate chips

**How to put it all together:**

Step 1: Preheat your oven to 350 F

Step 2: Mix the butter and sugar and cream together until smooth then add your egg, vanilla and blend all together.

Step 3: Stir cornstarch, flour, baking soda and salt into your mixture then add chocolate chips.

Step 4: Use a tablespoon to drop your mixture onto a greased baking sheet. Put in oven and bake for eight to 10 minutes. When you can see the edges of the cookies turn a golden brown they are done.

Step 5: Allow cookies to cool and then dive in.

Joseph Morin

## Marionville celebrates launch of Marionville – mon village raconté

**Joseph Morin**  
Record Staff

MARIONVILLE – When the Marionville Citizens committee launch a book, they throw a party at the same time complete with food, music and fun.

The book launched by the committee is a history of Marionville and is called *Marionville- mon village raconté*.

The two authors Francois Marion and Marcel Clement unveiled their book to a full house at the Marionville Community Centre. The launch was Sun., Dec. 11, and gave the close to 200 people who attended an afternoon to reminisce with their neighbours.

The book sold out almost before the celebration of its launch had started.

Marion who is also the president of the Marionville Citizens Committee and chair of the organizing committee for the launch said, “We had ordered 150 and they sold

out like small hot buns right out of the oven. Now we are collecting names for the second edition. And we are close to 200 names right now.”

Marion is hoping to get the next batch of books delivered to residents by mid-January.

“It was overwhelming in terms of the response given by residents and the past residents.”

People came from all over. There were people from Ottawa, Montreal, Mirabel, Osgoode, Russell, Cornwall, Orleans, Laval and Embrun, Winchester and Van Kleek Hill; just to name a few places where former resident and families have spread out from Marionville over the years.

The book is at the moment in French, but Marion expects that it will be at some time translated to English.

The book is made up of the collected memories of events and people from Marionville’s colourful

past. It moves from the early days of the village and area in the 1900s.

One of the highlights of the event for Marion and Clement was how people enjoyed themselves.

“When people were leaving, they would tell me that this was the best reunion they have had in years,” said Marion.

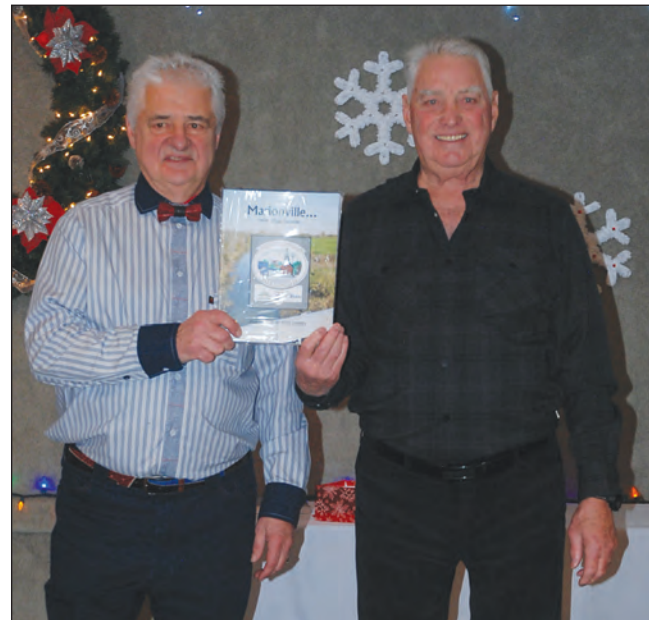
The music was provided by Spencer Scharf and Alain Brisson and another local musician joined in.

“They joined up and did a super musical program.”

Later in the afternoon, everyone joined musicians to sing Christmas carols.

Marion explained that he was also asking the audience if they wanted to donate funds to help people who needed it during the Christmas season, and \$300 was collected. The committee will be donating a total of \$1,500 they have collected during the book launch and from their traditional fundraising sources. They presented the funds to the Good Neighbours Food Bank in Embrun.

Since all the books have been sold out, the committee decided that they would take a picture of the cover of the book and people could buy the book for someone, for Christmas and present the picture in an envelope Christmas day, with the idea that the actual book was on its way to them.



Authors Francois Marion and Marcel Clement launch their book *Marionville- mon village raconté*. Morin Photo

## Russell Township Mayor’s Message

**Dear residents of Russell Township,**

I wish to share some Yuletide joy as I reflect on what 2023 has in store for our wonderful community. We are facing some exciting challenges, and with a brand-new council in place, I am confident we will rise to the occasion. We are working on a strategic plan to help guide our decisions for the next four years; our focus will be on creating a collaborative, connected and sustainable community for everyone! This vision will help to guide everything from our budget process to our business plans moving forward. Having all these tools line up, will help maintain the incredible development we have seen over the past few years.

Exciting projects such as a new Recreational Cultural Complex will be a top priority in 2023. The design is already underway, and our projected timeline forecasts a construction contract being issued by the end of 2023 with a construction start in early 2024. With an indoor pool, new rinks and a community centre, this facility will become a community hub for existing and future

generations, a real jewel we can all be proud of!

Bringing water and sewer services to our 417 industrial parks will be another priority. With over 250 acres of newly expanded designation, expect to see multiple new companies setting up shop in our park! More access to local jobs, local products and, of course, an increase in our commercial/industrial tax base, which helps control residential taxation.

These projects will be the most significant capital projects in township history. Rest assured, we have been planning them for years and have a financial plan to make them viable and beneficial for everyone.

As we grow, we experience growing pains, but for the most part, we have been ahead of the curve and will continue planning long-term because that is how we succeed.

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your elected council members; that is why we are here.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and New Year!

*Cheers, Merci & Miigwetch*  
Mayor/Maire Pierre Leroux



### A roaring fire and great company in Greely

At the ceremony at the Greely Community Centre, there was food, cookies, dancing and of course Santa and Mrs. Claus. In this photo, members of the Greely Community Association are ready to kick off the evening. Left to right are association president Isabelle Skalski, Erika Gingras, Coleen Rose association vice president, Linda Braymen, Jim Rose and Richard Popp. Morin Photo

### Banana Bread

This recipe is a bit different from your traditional banana bread, it makes 2 loaf pans and freezes well. Have your pans greased and floured before you start and I always have my ingredients out and at my fingertips, ready to use. Preheat oven to 350 F.

**Ingredients:**

- 3 cups flour
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tbs cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 3 eggs (room temperature)
- 1 cup veg. oil
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 3 to 4 ripe bananas
- 1 cup crushed pineapple
- 1 cup nuts (optional)
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips (optional)

**Directions**

Mix oil and sugar together, beat for 2 minutes using a mixer, add eggs, beat until creamy, add in vanilla, set aside. In a large bowl, mix together dry ingredients: flour, salt, cinnamon, baking soda, add to wet ingredients gradually, (using spoon to mix), add bananas, pineapple, (you can use a mixer or hand mix), add nuts and chocolate chips, if desired.

Bake at 350 F. for 50 - 60 minutes, depending on the oven. Remove from pan and cool on rack.

**Brenda Fawcett**

### Holiday Hours 2022-2023

The hours of operation at Town Hall in December and January are:

- Friday, December 23 - Open 8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. (Noon)
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May the holiday season greet you with health and happiness!

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