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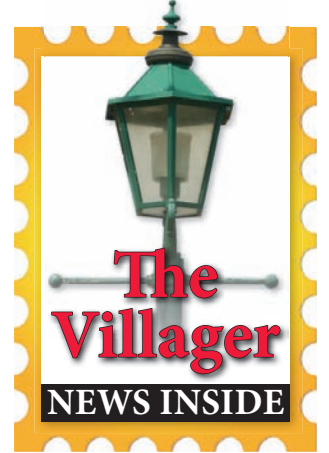
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Briefly

Chili Supper

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas Leos are bringing a chili supper to the Lions Hall, on Sat., Feb. 24, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Cost for adults is \$8 and for children 12 and under \$5. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward their St. Kitts mission trip from April 28 to May 5. The Leos are also collecting school supplies and personal hygiene items to bring to two schools in St. Kitts.

Forest Day

LIMOGES – Larose Forest Day is on Sat., Feb. 24, in the region of Larose Forest, Indian Creek Road (P1 Parking), Limoges. The community is invited to join in the scheduled activities of sleigh rides, a dog sledding (kids under 14 years old) fundraiser, a slide, bonfire and the 3rd edition of the friendly Fatbike SnowCycle race. Comfort food will be available to purchase on site. All activities are free. For more information visit the website: en.pescott-russell.on.ca/visitors_and_leisure/larose_forest.

Minor Ball registration

SDG – Winchester Sox Minor Ball registration runs from 5-8 p.m., Wed., Feb. 28, at the Joel Steele Community Centre Boardroom, 577 Main St. W., in Winchester.

For more information on programs and events hosted by your local Recreation Associations, visit the Townships' Events Calendars online or read the latest edition of the local Resource Guides as provided to your area.

St. Clare's Canadian Foodgrains Bank recognized

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

NORTH DUNDAS – Since purchasing the five-acre portion of land on which St. Clare's Anglican now stands in 2010, the Parish of North Dundas has been providing a portion of it to the North Dundas Foodgrains Bank (NDFB) to grow crops in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

On Feb. 11, David Epp, the Ontario-Quebec Regional Rep for

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100 Women Who Care launched in North Dundas

NORTH DUNDAS – The fundraising pitch is simple: 100 women bring \$100 each to a one-hour event to raise \$10,000, all of which will go to local charities voted on by the participants. There are thousands of chapters of the "100 Who Care" movement, including ones in South Dundas and Kemptville. Now, there will be one starting in North Dundas, according to an announcement in a recent news release.

"This is a simple, creative way to get a group of women together for a night with 100 per cent of the proceeds going to local causes in our community," said 100 Women Who Care North Dundas Chair Diane Crummy, of Hallville. "The response so far has been amazing. After explaining it, we've got dozens of women already interested from every corner of North Dundas. When we get 100 women signed up, we'll announce the date and charities that will be participating in our first night."

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Trail trek during the Crysler carnival

A perfect snowshoe trail has been developed and maintained by the Crysler Citizens' Committee. From left, in front are Paul Savourin and Sylvie Renaud, and at the back are Elaine Lavictoire, Carolyn Herfkens, Andre Lavictoire, Diane Lalonde and Christina Yelle. The group volunteered with the Crysler Citizens' Committee to lead snowshoe outings during the Crysler Winter Carnival on the trail they maintain near the lagoons north of Crysler. The volunteers led small groups of people on snowshoes and provided a bonfire, hot chocolate and water on the walkers' return. Besides snowshoeing in the winter, the trail is popular for cross-country skiing, walking, dog-walking, and birding – and the lagoons are excellent spots to sight waterfowl.

Vetter photo

Crysler Winter Carnival

Muriel Carruthers
Record Staff

CRYSLER – To say the 52nd Crysler Winter Carnival was a resounding success is an understatement. The carnival began Wed., Feb. 14, at the Crysler Community Centre with the Bingo kickoff, then continued Thursday with the Ladies' Night, and on Friday evening with a Meet and Greet supper, a crib tournament, and the Rock and Skate at the Outdoor Skating Rink (ODR). On Saturday and Sunday, the North (Blue) versus South (Red) competition tradition continued, as did other activities at the ODR and the Community Centre, including an open house for the Crysler Library. Ambush was the headliner at the Centre for the Saturday night entertainment.

The 24-hour Tony's Rockathon, organized by Tony Briere's sons in his memory, from Saturday to Sunday, saw all participants rocking in their chairs for 24 hours, and taking 10-minute breaks each hour. Funds raised from the Rockathon will go to the ODR. There were eight participants, who all lasted the full 24 hours, according to Carnival Coordinator Danielle Linnett.

The North and South hockey games on Sunday afternoon saw the youth game ending in an 8-8 tie. The teams split the points between the North and South side. For the adult hockey game, the North side (Blue) won the game with a score of 5-3.

The final team tallies were: Red (South side) 1,526 points and Blue (North side) 1,627 points. The North (Blue) side won the competition, marking their third straight year with town bragging rights, which was announced by Linnett on Sunday.

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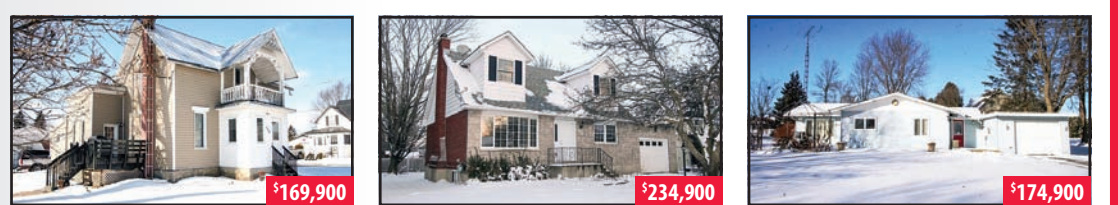
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Warmer temperatures and rain could cause unsafe conditions on rivers and lakes

SDG – Significant rainfall forecast for this week along with melting snow can be expected to cause river flows and lake levels to rise, according to releases from the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and South Nation Conservation. Both warn of a combination of a significant weather system which crossed the province this week, with 20-40mm of rain forecast and warm temperatures melting the snow pack.

RCVA says going on iced-over waterbodies is not advisable until water levels decline and colder temperatures can restore the integrity of the ice. As the snowmelt and rain runoff moves through local waterways the ice cover is expected to shift and, in some places, break up. This could lead to ice jamming at culverts and bridges which could cause localized flooding. Ponding water on the surface will make walking on the ice treacherous.

Parents should ensure that children understand the hazards of playing around watercourses in the winter and all watershed residents are advised to stay off the ice on rivers and streams and avoid icy and snow-covered stream banks where footing can be unpredictable.

The SNC states water levels across the jurisdiction are at normal conditions. The amount of snow on the landscape is normal for this time of year in most areas. The expected precipitation and associated snowmelt are likely to produce high water levels and possible nuisance flooding. Residents are advised to exercise caution near rivers due to increased flows and slippery banks.

To provide feedback with respect to changes in water conditions contact waterwatch@nation.on.ca, or post on Facebook (/SouthNationConservation), or Twitter (@SouthNationCA).

St. Clare's Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Continued from the front the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, spoke to the congregation on the work of this organization throughout the world. The focus of his presentation was on helping your neighbour. Epp explained how at one time the concept of your neighbour included those who lived nearby but today the neighbourhood has expanded to include all people who inhabit the earth.

Epp explained the world has enough food produced to feed each person, but due to many different circumstances at least one person in nine experiences hunger for at least part of the year. He cited the example of Syrian refugees who, due to the threat of ISIS, are often forced to "flee or die" from their communities. He described meeting Farouz, a mother of four children, who was forced to flee to Lebanon from Syria after her village was attacked by ISIS and



Recognizing St. Clare's contributions

David Epp, a representative of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, was the guest speaker during the Feb. 11 service at St. Clare's Anglican Church. Pictured here from the left are Reverend John Wilcox, Judy Tessier, Epp, Leo Tessier and Keith Smith. Smith is the local representative of Canada Foodgrains Bank while Judy and Leo Tessier have represented all the people over the years who have planted and harvested crops for the Dundas Foodgrains Project.

Thompson Goddard photo

her husband captured. Farouz and her family is one of 90 Syrian refugee families assisted by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

The NDFB has been growing and selling crops and donating the money to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank for many years according to Bob Weagant of South Mountain. In 2017, 2.5-tons of soybeans

were produced on land provided to the NDFB by St. Clare's Anglican, which resulted in the donation of close to \$1,000 to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Weagant explained how many local people or companies have been involved in this project with donations of fertilizer, chemicals and seed from residents or companies with

farmers donating their time and energy to planting and harvesting crops.

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is an ecumenical Christian organization which seeks to feed the hungry throughout the world. For more information on the Canadian Food Grains Bank, visit their website at <https://foodgrainsbank.ca>.

100 Women Who Care

Continued from the front

The volunteer committee has been meeting for several months to prepare for the launch. Women interested in more information or to sign up can visit www.100northdundas.com. The \$100 donation is not required at the time of online registration, but rather participants bring a cheque with them to the event, likely to be held in the spring. All participants will receive a \$100 tax receipt for their donation.

"North Dundas is known for being a generous community and so many women continue to help in that regard," said Crummy. "We have a lot of worthwhile causes to support, so we're excited to launch this program, create a networking opportunity for women, and to make a difference



Volunteers ready to celebrate 100 Women

Committee members in the photo include, from left, Township of North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan, Martine Thurler-Guy, Diane Crummy and Cheryl Guy. Missing is Nanda Wubs.

Courtesy photo

right here at home."

Sponsors will cover venue, wine, and snack costs during the social hour networking before the one-hour meeting to learn and select the recipients of funds. Information for charities on how to apply to participate can be found

on the website. Regular email updates will be provided to the enrolled women.

It may become an annual event, and the idea may expand to a "100 Men Who Care" event in the community later in 2018.

Editor's note: As of Feb. 20, the total members pledged had reached 200.

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Empty Bowls raises funds for Community Food Share

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

WILLIAMSBURG – Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church was the place to be at lunch time on Sat., Feb. 10, when the second annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Community Food Share, which serves Dundas and Stormont counties, was held. The fundraising event was sold out in less than a week, according to CFS Administrator Ian McKelvie, who expressed how he was “really thrilled with that.”

The \$25 ticket included a handmade bowl accompanied by a meal of soup, bun, coffee, dessert and the opportunity to spend time visiting with friends and neighbours. McKelvie estimated the event would raise approximately \$6,000 for the organization, and mentioned the Scotiabank branches in Chesterville and Morrisburg would be matching the funds raised by ticket sales at the two locations.

Debbie Gilmer of Gilmer Clayworks in South Mountain arranged for the creation of 150 bowls for the event. Gilmer explained how this event was the “perfect marriage of people offering their talents” and for a worthwhile cause.

The doors opened at noon and within minutes people began choosing their bowls before enjoying their meal, as well as the opportunity to hear the music of Kayla Droppo on piano and visit with friends.

Terry Triskle provided a list of volunteers and community organizations who donated their time, talents, food or beverages to the event, for which Community Food Share was most appreciative. These included Winchelsea Events, Cup of Jo’s, Simply Baked, The Right Bite, Tasty Indulgences, Mike Dean’s Superstore in Chesterville, Coffey’s Coffee Dawn Korteweg, Sabina de Stecher,



On board for a worthy cause

North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan, accompanied by Emily Strader, daughter of Deputy Mayor Gerry Boyce, attended the Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Community Food Share and expressed his opinion how this was “a great idea for a fundraiser.”

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Dianne Lacasse and Kayla Droppo. The organizers expressed their sincere thanks to Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church for the use of their hall and kitchen for the event.



Soups on!

Volunteers were busy serving a variety of soups at the Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Community Food Share held on Feb. 10 at Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church.

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A welcome to all

Community Food Share Administrator Ian McKelvie was at the door taking tickets and welcoming people to the 2018 Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Community Food Share held on Feb. 10 at Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church.

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Ingleside Splash Pad the big winner at Monte Carlo Night

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

LONG SAULT – The Ingleside Splash Pad was the fundraising focus of the Monte Carlo Night held at the South Stormont municipal hall on Feb. 17. Close to \$500 is expected to be raised for the project, but final figures won’t be available for a few days according to an email received by event coordinator David Smith.

The Saturday evening event was organized by the Ingleside-Long Sault-Lost Villages Lions Club, with the Splash Pad Committee organizing door prizes and the raffle and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 569 in Long Sault providing refreshment services at the event.

Several local businesses and individuals provided

raffle items or sponsored one of the eight gaming tables, which included roulette, crown and anchor, and Black Jack tables. Later in the evening, a dance was held with music provided by Polar Sound of Long Sault.

Smith described the



Casino War Game table draws crowd

Lynn White ran the Casino War Game table at the Monte Carlo Night Feb. 17 at the South Stormont hall in Long Sault.


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Crown and Anchor table a hit at Monte Carlo Night

Debbie Smith was busy spinning the wheel at the Monte Carlo Night held on Feb. 17 in Long Sault. Funds raised will be provided to the Ingleside Splash Pad Committee.

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Letters

The plight of seniors

The Editor:

Do politicians and big business care? Pensions increase at half the rate of inflation. At age 85, you are 10 per cent poorer than when you retired at age 65.

When you save money to invest, guaranteed investments pay a return of only inflation, which is no help to replace the pension deficit.

When you invest in a high interest savings account, you are loaning money to the bank. They only pay about 0.34 per cent interest and charge \$2 per quarter to tell you about it! If you need help to lower bills, [the bank] will help you at a cost of 4.5 per cent – apparently your share of maintaining their \$3.4-billion quarterly profit. Are they a tax payer?

We are being told about the new minimum wage regulations. I've heard from my plumber, electrician, mechanic, etc., who will have to pay their employees for time off work to mourn, for whatever reason given. I can't imagine an employee who will miss that chance?

Our local government adds to our taxes to sponsor a "bragging" party, yet fails to somehow mention the many [financial] shortcomings from the past year.

When you are supposed to have time to travel and enjoy a time of leisure [with supposed saved income], the local and multinationals make a profitable joke of energy costs called "regional pricing"?

I would ask our local, provincial and federal politicians and activists about their efforts to help the "socially free." Do those who have worked hard all their lives, not deserve as much for free, as those who would take advantage of the system? I deserve for free as good as those who have worked hard all their lives as contributors instead of takers, which is their vision of a just reward for years of effort.

By lowering pension benefits to half inflation rates, you, the government, are purposefully, and willingly, lowering seniors' standards of living from what they worked a lifetime to achieve.

Jack Durant, Chesterville

Recognizing kindness

The Editor:

I am writing this letter to commend a local woman on her kindness, above and beyond anything I ever expected. Too often, we are quick to write a complaint about someone but seldom do we offer public accolades to those who are paying it forward and doing such an exceptional job. I for one would like to give credit where it is definitely due.

This is a bird's eye view of one part of my day today. I am a senior living alone and in my 70s. I'm still active but nevertheless...a senior. I opened my door today to a young woman who is working for the Township selling dog tags. I told her that I didn't have a dog and we conversed pleasantly for a few minutes. I joked that, although I didn't need a dog, I definitely needed a portico over my front door as the snow, melting in the sun, had been sliding off the roof and landing on my front porch. We laughed and I cautioned her, when leaving, to be very careful while stepping over the accumulated snow. Probably with a little embarrassment, I added that I had some back issues so hadn't shovelled my porch. I continued saying "Since it's going to be sunny tomorrow and rain on Wednesday, I thought I would just let Mother Nature do the job!" Again, we chuckled. We said goodbye, she went to her car and I went inside.

A few minutes later I heard another sound at my door and wondered who it was this time! As I got closer, I determined it was the sound of a shovel scraping across my porch. I went to the door only to find this *Angel* clearing my step. I was pretty speechless and made a few attempts to thank her amid telling her that she really didn't need to do that. She graciously continued, saying that she certainly didn't mind and that it would be a little easier in the event that I needed to get out or someone needed to get in. She and I continued to talk while she cheerfully worked away. I was totally amazed...I'm still in awe as I write this and it's after 1:30 a.m.

Years ago, in my youth, this would not have been so surprising as people were more apt to look out for one another and, as the saying goes, commit random acts of kindness. Unfortunately, today, in my experience, not so much. This young lady has definitely been a living witness to and a prime example of, goodness, kindness, compassion, concern and honour. There was no grandstanding or looking for praise – she saw a need and compassionately decided to fill it.

Please, if you see Wendy Carkner, convey, once again, my thanks to her and let her know how truly special she is.

Lynda Mackie

CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Mankini man

When it comes to music, last week was one of the busiest I've ever spent, culminating Saturday night at Russell High School with the Kin Club's successful 6th annual rock-out with Eddy & The Stingrays who, in their 38th year, don't show any signs of slowing down. In fact, they may be speeding up!

As they do every year and will again in 2019, Eddy and the guys covered off many favourite 50s-60s dance tunes, keeping 125 partyers up on the floor most of the night. Lynn and I were guests of Councillor Cindy Saucier who won a table for the Stingrays show; dressed as a beatnik, her husband Mike filled us in on his new life as a non-smoking vegan. Obviously, an alien lifeform has taken over Mike's body.

On Friday night, it was karaoke at the Legion in Prescott and, on Thursday, we attended a terrific performance at the National Gallery called Gift of Jazz put on by Odyssey Showcase. While the show earned and deserved a standing ovation, it paled compared to what I was up to last weekend in Nashville.

That's right, fellow

music lovers! I spent four days in the Country Music Capital of the world taking in the sights and sounds that make it legendary, including the Grand Ole Opry, the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Johnny Cash Museum, and the live band bar strip known as Broadway.

When it comes to the sights of Nashville, there was a particularly bizarre one that made me question my ongoing love of karaoke. It was the corpulent hillbilly on stage at the karaoke-mechanical bull bar a few blocks off the live music strip who...well, he had a novel approach!

Early in the evening, he'd enticed the crowd by exposing and provocatively rubbing his impressive gut. Before anybody could run screaming from the bar, the big lad in the voodoo top hat doffed his shirt and trousers while performing a tune – revealing a Borat style mankini and a lot of bare flesh which he took great pleasure in sharing with the stupefied audience.

For those who might not know what I'm talking about when I say "Borat" and "mankini", you're better off remaining in the dark. But I can't let you do that. Borat is a character invented by

British comic Sacha Baron Cohen and the mankini is a set of straps and strips of material which barely cover the naughty bits.

I travelled to Nashville Feb. 9-13 with Lynn and my kids Victoria and Oliver to celebrate my birthday, a significant one by most standards. It was Victoria's idea. She knew I was interested in experiencing the Nashville music scene and perhaps suspected that time is running out.

After a mere 12 hours on airplanes and in airport lounges, we arrived at an Airbnb in Madison, Tennessee, a Nashville suburb, at 1 a.m. on the 10th in pouring rain which was to stay with us for most of the trip. But, hey... if we wanted sun, we would have gone to Florida. We wanted music.

It seems everybody in Nashville is into music and our Airbnb hosts were no exception. They turned over their basement rec room to us, complete with kitchen, humongous TV, hot tub, pool table and sleeping for four; one wall contained awards the man of the house earned as a songwriter, while his lady regularly plays bass in her own band.

The accommodation was about 20 minutes from Nashville's downtown



attractions so we Ubered – yes, it's now a verb – everywhere, starting with our ride from the airport. Uber was a revelation to me, even more than the aforementioned red mankini; never having used it – Uber, that is – I had no idea it was so efficient, inexpensive, clean and friendly; a couple of clicks on the smart phone, and it's booked and paid for, with a car at the door within a few minutes.

Music entrepreneurs such as Roy Acuff combined to make Nashville the country music capital of the world and it shows. For decades, I'd heard of these legendary bars welcoming visitors to go door-to-door, with no cover charge, to see talented musicians play everything from roots country, to country rock, blues and variations in between.

There was no letdown as is often the case when an attraction is oversold; Mankini Man aside, the Nashville bar scene was everything I'd been let to believe... and then some.

The Road Home

Every day is Family Day

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

Many years ago, Mom told me how the government should have a holiday in February to break up the monotony of the cold and snowy Canadian winter. Her thoughts were to have it around or on February 15 and named Canadian Flag Day. A few years ago, the government in four Canadian provinces – British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario – instituted a February long weekend recognizing not our beautiful Canadian flag, but the family.

Families must be one of the most meaningful and confusing institutions in human existence. I remember taking Family Studies in Grade 13 at North Dundas and learning the proper names for all the different types of family – the nuclear family, the extended family and so on.

I grew up in a nuclear family, with my Mom, Dad and six brothers. While we lived in the house on King Street and on the farm north of Morewood as a nuclear family, that didn't mean that extended family members didn't come for short- or long-term visits as needed.

For instance, before I was born my Grandma Thompson who was crippled with rheumatoid arthritis lived for a time with my father, her eldest son. She had lived for a time with her other children but for the last part of her life was on the farm. I don't suspect it was easy for Mom and Dad who not only had a family of six boys, a farm to run and an electrical contracting business which meant Dad was away a lot. However, both of my parents had a strong sense of taking care of family members – based on need not convenience.

Growing up, I was fortunate on occasion after visiting one of the hotels in Russell for an evening of socializing to be able to "crash" at my Aunt Myrtle's house after being escorted there by my cousin Phil. Similarly, a few times Saturday morning would see Dad driving to Russell

delivering one of Aunt Myrtle's young lads home after a Friday night in Chesterville.

Through the years, I have been able to locate cousins that I had long forgotten about which has increased the invitations to our annual family reunions. While not many have been able to make it to the event, at a minimum, at least they have learned we don't want to lose touch again. Social media has made it easier for those who want to keep in touch with family. I can see what my nephew who is travelling overseas is up to or perhaps know what my niece out west is interested in or what my long-lost cousins are doing.

While a long weekend in February is most appreciated, we should remember the importance of family every day and take some time to call or write or text those people who have been a part of your life for as long as you can remember.

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Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday



A well attended Shrove Tuesday supper

South Stormont Councillor David Smith was part of a large group of local residents who enjoyed a delicious pancake supper at Christ Church Seaway in Long Sault on Feb. 13. Pancake suppers are a Shrove Tuesday staple which marks the traditional night before Ash Wednesday that begins the Christian Lenten season.

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Cooking for the community

Donnie Hallbert and Rick Waldroff were outside Long Sault's Christ Church Seaway busy at the barbecue, preparing some delicious sausages during the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper event held in the church hall on Feb. 13.

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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

From the left, St. Clare's Minister Reverend John Wilcox and People's Warden Sandy Weagant serve up a series of plates brimming with delicious pancakes, ham and baked beans during the annual Pancake Supper at St. Clare's on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13.

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Residents enjoy Pancake Supper at St. Clare's

Over 150 people were served during the annual Pancake Supper at St. Clare's on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13.

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Delicious dessert at Long Sault

Joanne Walker-Keefe watches as Pyper Waldroff puts the finishing touches to an ice cream sundae at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper held at Christ Church Seaway in Long Sault on Feb. 13.

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To give is better than to receive

WINCHESTER – Cynthia Tupper, a Winchester youth, celebrated her 12th birthday on Jan. 27. The invitation to her party read: "Please no presents. Instead, Cynthia is collecting food for the House of Lazarus."

The donation of over 100 food items – totalling 122 pounds - and \$70 in cash and gift cards was delivered to the House of Lazarus (HOL) on Feb. 6.

When asked why she gave up birthday gifts to collect food items for the HOL, Tupper replied simply "because it's a nice thing to do."

Four of Tupper's friends attended the birthday party, held at a bowling alley.

"This is the first time Cynthia has personally donated to the food bank," noted Heather Tupper, Cynthia's mother. "Cynthia met Kim (Merkley, HOL Client Services Coordinator) through the (Dundas Youth Centre) youth group. She has visited the House of Lazarus in the past and helped out in the community gardens. She learned about how many cans each family gets when they visit the food bank and I think that was a big eye-opener for her."

"Cynthia is an amazing kid for doing this," said Merkley. "Her support means a lot to us and I can't thank her enough."

The HOL Food Bank currently serves over 100 local families each month. Approximately 40 per cent of food bank clients are children and 10 per cent are seniors.

For more information about the HOL, visit www.houseoflazarus.com, on Facebook, or call 613-989-3830.



Youth gives from the heart

Cynthia Tupper (right) made a donation to the House of Lazarus (HOL) Food Bank on Feb. 6. The food items were collected during her 12th birthday party in lieu of gifts. Tupper is pictured with HOL Client Services Coordinator Kim Merkley.

Courtesy photo

Obituary

DROPPO, Earle



Suddenly at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Friday, February 16, 2018, Earle Droppo of Winchester, age 70. Loving husband of Ann Droppo (nee Gallaher) for over 46 years. Loving father of David Droppo (Paula) of Oakville. Earle will be fondly remembered by his granddaughters Noelle and Yvette Droppo. Also survived by many cousins. Friends may call at the Riverview Presbyterian Church in Iroquois on Saturday, February 24th from 1 p.m.

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The 50/50 draw tickets on sale during the carnival at \$5 each were completely sold out by Sunday morning's breakfast. The breakfast ran from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. and was prepared by the Chrysler Optimist Club and served by the

Chrysler Firefighters and the Knights of Columbus. The 50/50 winner was Micheline Bazinet, who took home \$1,250.

The main event, however, was possibly the fundraiser for the Cuts for Cancer and the Cancer Society. Kevin Lapp, Chrysler local and proprietor of Lapp Construction,

offered up his long locks to bolster the weekend's fundraising efforts. The Carnival poster promised, "Firefighters must raise \$1,000 for his ponytail or \$4,000 and it all goes!"

See pages 9 and 11 for more details and photos!



Children were delighted to visit with familiar characters, Madame Bonhomme and Sparky the Firedog.



Firefighters and the Knights of Columbus served up a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausages and home fries. Carruthers photos



From left, Alain Aubin, Julien Dodier and Edmond Charbot were ready to serve at the Carnival breakfast.

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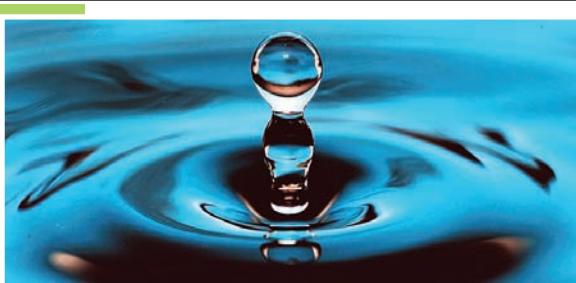
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2018 CRYSLER WINTER CARNIVAL

Ladies' Night at Crysler Carnival a Hit

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CRYSLER – The 2018 Crysler Winter Carnival was off to a good start on Feb. 15 when the first annual Ladies' Night event was held at the Crysler Community Centre.

Carnival organizing committee member Martine Quesnel said there were 25 home-based business vendors at

the event from Eastern Ontario and described the event as being "a good success." She said there were vendors selling products such as clothing, food and other items for the over 100 visitors to the event.

The focus for this year's carnival, according to Quesnel, is the family, taking into account the number of young families in the community. She explained that there have been local sponsors for different events such as a magician,

Crazy for Science, and other activities which have reduced the cost to carnival goers.

She would like to thank the 45 sponsors from the community who helped to make the carnival happen, adding there were 14 new sponsors who stepped forward with support this year. For more information on the Crysler Community Centre Committee (CCCC), visit their website at cryslercommunitycenter.com or their Facebook page.

Crysler Community Centre renovations near completion

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

CRYSLER – The renovations to the Crysler Community Centre are nearing completion and residents will soon be enjoying the updates to the library and community centre. These included renovations to the Crysler Branch of the SDG County Library, a new tin roof, improved accessibility, and updating the

kitchen which CCCC volunteer Pierre Thibeault mentioned would be cooking up a storm over the Carnival Weekend, Feb. 14 to 18.

During a tour on Feb. 15, Thibeault said the renovations were the result of North Stormont Township matching the \$45,000 raised by residents, businesses and events sponsored by the CCCC which in turn resulted in the provincial Trillium Fund matching the \$90,000 raised locally for a total of \$180,000 available for what he described humbly as the "nice project."

While in the Crysler Library, Thibeault pointed out the renovations that included improved library layout and accessibility, as well as new flooring and the installation of an emergency exit. Sylvie Legault, Library Service Assistant at the branch, said she was happy with the renovations which made the location more convenient for staff and patrons.

The Crysler Community Centre has become a community hub in this North Stormont village and will continue to serve residents for many years to come. Mayor Dennis Fife said he also appreciated the funding made available through the Trillium Fund in this province.



Renovated kitchen at Crysler Community Centre showcased

North Stormont Councillor Frank Landry is joined by Mayor Dennis Fife and Pierre Thibeault in the newly renovated kitchen during a tour of the Crysler Community Centre on Feb. 15.

Thompson Goddard photo



Crysler Branch of SDG County Library renovated

Library Service Assistant Sylvie Legault is joined by North Stormont Councillor Frank Landry, Mayor Dennis Fife and Crysler Community Centre volunteer Pierre Thibeault during a tour showcasing recent renovations on Feb. 15.

Thompson Goddard photo



Lots to see and do at Ladies' Night in Crysler

From the left, Pauline VanKessel, Corrie McRae, Gail Parker and Carol Barkley browsed jewellery while Dana Westenbroek provides information to them at her booth during the Crysler Carnival's Ladies' Night event on Feb. 15.

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Experiences galore at Crysler Carnival's Ladies Night Event

Dan Express' Danielle Quesnel from Chesterville provides Susan Terhorst with a demonstration at the Ladies' Night event during the Crysler Carnival on Thurs., Feb. 15.

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2018 CRYSLER WINTER CARNIVAL

Crysler Winter Carnival shows off their red and blue during dinner and skate

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer

Record Staff

CRYSLER – The Chrysler Winter Carnival held their Meet and Greet Supper at the community centre followed by a Rock and Skate on the next door outdoor rink, on Fri., Feb. 16. Volunteers and committee members served up a hearty meal to close to 100 people. While community participation is astounding, the committee said there were even some folks from out of

town joining in on some of the activities.

All of the money raised from the dinner will go toward maintaining the community centre. People were dressed in their red and blue, a tradition which started three years ago during the carnival's 50th anniversary. Community members from the north side of the Nation River wear blue and members from the south side wear red.

Points are accumulated during the four-day carnival until the tally on Sunday reveals the winner. For the past

two years, the North has dominated the competition earning major bragging rights but the South side was ready to cause an upset this year. In order to walk away with the win, residents must wear their colours to all of the events, post a photo of themselves to the Facebook in their colours or triumph in the North versus South family activities and hockey games on Sunday. Despite a valiant effort by South (Blue), the points couldn't quite beat out the North (Red).



A super supper

Crysler Carnival committee members Sheryl Johnston, Rita Leroux and Sara Maclam sold 50/50 and supper tickets at the Friday night Meet and Greet Supper.

Sawyer Helmer photo



Grab some grub

Carnival coordinator Danielle Linnett and committee members Luc Breton and Rachelle Lafrance, served dinner to almost 100 guests at the Meet and Greet Supper on Fri., Feb. 16.

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Eager for icetime

Jake and Riley from Chrysler were brimming with excitement to get on the ice during the Rock and Skate night on the outdoor rink on Friday night. Also with them was their other brother Hayden and keeping a close eye nearby was mom Melissa. Sawyer Helmer photo

A meaningful and memorable haircut

Michelle O'Donohue
Record Contributor

CRYSLER – At the end of a busy weekend of festivities for the Carnival, the celebrations wrapped up Sunday evening with a spaghetti dinner at the Chrysler Community Centre. Excitement and anticipation were high in the room as guests waited to see what the final fundraising total for the weekend would be. There were big stakes on the line depending on the final total. Kevin Lapp, Crylser local and proprietor of Lapp Construction, offered up his

long locks to bolster the weekend's fundraising efforts. The Carnival poster promised, "Firefighters must raise \$1,000 for his ponytail or \$4,000 and it all goes!" As diners finished their meals, Carnival Coordinator Danielle Linnett announced the final totals. Linnett advised that \$2,810 had been raised through online donations to the Cancer Society and an additional \$3,212 was raised through cash donations for the ODR in Crylser raised through the firefighters and Tony's Rockathon, for a combined

total of \$6,022, well over the \$4,000 goal.

Lapp's hair was prepared into four long braids for donation to Cuts for Cancer, and Lapp's wife Laurel had the honour of the first cut. The braids were removed and stored for donation, and the right to shave Lapp's head was auctioned off as a final booster to the fundraising. Roger Lafrance added \$200 to the pot and had the first turn with the razor. Jean Guy Labelle, who insisted the cut needed to be just a bit shorter, followed Lafrance adding

another \$200 to the tally. After the event, Linnett advised that she was still getting last minute donations in, so the final tally was expected to increase further. The last person to hold the razor was family friend Kelly Chicoine. Chicoine has "been in remission for four years" noted Lapp's daughter Alex, who herself had the opportunity to remove her dad's third braid. In his remarks following the haircut, Lapp thanked everyone involved in the fundraising efforts and everyone who donated, humbly adding, "All I did was grow the hair."



Preparing the hair for donation

Kevin Lapp was all smiles while his signature locks were formed into four long braids to be clipped for donation to Cuts for Cancer.

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Defenders: Men's High Single, Tom Shearer 255; Men's High Triple, Tom Shearer 589; Ladies' High Single, Becky Marsolais 241; Ladies' High Triple Becky Marsolais 668. Team Standings: Becky 212, Brian 196, Gwen 188, Divas+D 188, Glendon 161.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Dianna Moffat 214; Ladies' High Triple, Dianna Moffat 538. Team Standings: Dianna 227, Eurda 221.5, Mary 216, Lorna 175.5.

Finch Mixed: Men's High Single, Colin Sanders 288; Men's High Triple, Colin Sanders 769; Men's High Average Noel Lalonde 215; Ladies' High Single, Grace Tilley 266; Ladies' High Triple, Grace Tilley 618; Ladies' High Average, Grace Tilley 216. Team Standings: Team #4 82, 3G 76, C-M-A-T-T 75, THEM HP 73, T.V. on 3! 72, THEM 63.

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Standings: Danny 78, Jake 78, Gary 73, Kevin 72, Walter 62, Brent 59.

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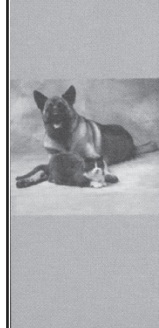
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Rockets nail down second in last game of the season

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—The North Dundas Rockets played their final regular season games this past week. The Rockets welcomed the Cumberland Bandits to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Feb., 17 and walked away with a 4-3 victory moving into the logjam with 41 points tied for third.

Rockets 6 Vikings 3: The Rockets welcomed the Papineau Vikings to the Chesterville Arena on Mon., Feb. 19, in the NCJHL. After two previously failed attempts to play this game due to bad weather, it finally happened in the Rockets' final regular season game. After the Rockets defeated the St. Isidore Eagles they moved into a third-place tie with the Cumberland Bandits and sat just a single point behind the Gatineau Hull Volant and had a chance to take sole possession of second with a win.

The Vikings opened the scoring at the 11-minute mark of the first period to take a 1-0 lead. The Vikings made it 2-0 at 14:16 and made it 3-0 at 15:51. The Rockets answered at 16:54 as Tom Fingler plowed one home from Brodie Barkley to make it 3-1. The Rockets got to within one when Justin Lefebvre slapped one home from Shawn Simms with just 1:52 remaining in the opening frame. The Vikings took a 3-2 lead into the first intermission.

The Rockets tied the game when Bryden Van Kessel slid one home from Fingler and Connor Roth at 5:40 of the second period. The Rockets took their first lead of the game when Van Kessel scored his second of the game from Brad Stitt and Lefebvre at 13:36. The Rockets took a 4-3 lead into the second intermission.

The Rockets made it 5-3 just 56 seconds into the third period as Roth fired one home from Van Kessel and Lefebvre. The Rockets closed out the scoring when Simms rattled one home from Nick Sourges while short-handed.

The Rockets took the game 6-3 handing the Vikings their eighth loss of the season but more importantly moved into second place to finish the regular season and will wait for the winner between the Vankleek Hill Cougars and the Morrisburg Lions in their mini series.

Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Reilly Tondreau making 20 saves on 22 shots.

Rockets 9 Eagles 3: The Rockets travelled to the St. Isidore Arena on Sun., Feb. 18, to take on the Eagles in the NCJHL. The Rockets and the Eagles went into the game as part of a four-team stalemate as they, the Cumberland Bandits and the Clarence Castors were all tied at 41 points.

The Rockets held two games in hand on the Bandits and the Eagles and had a chance at second place as the Gatineau

Hull-Volant's season was already completed. The Rockets opened the scoring just 1:45 into the first period as Tom Fingler pounded one to the back of the net from Bryden Van Kessel to take a 1-0 lead.

The Rockets made it 2-0 at 3:12 as Justin Lefebvre slid one to the back of the net from Van Kessel and Shawn Simms and 3-0 at 4:38 as Connor Roth blasted one home from Fingler and Chris Marchand. The Rockets took a four-goal lead when Marchand finished a play off from Fingler. The Eagles finally got on the scoreboard with just 1:04 remaining in the opening frame on the power play. The Rockets took a 4-1 lead into the first intermission.

The Eagles got to within two at 10:19 of the second period but the Rockets answered when Lefebvre scored his second of the game from Roth and Fingler on the power play at 14:30. The Rockets added to their lead at 17:17 when Roth scored his second of the game on an unassisted power-play goal. The Rockets took a 6-2 lead into the second intermission.

The Rockets made it 7-2 when Roth completed his hat trick at 5:14 of the third period and 8-2 at 12:29 as Matt Cowley pounded one to the back the net from Roth and Van Kessel. The Rockets scored again at 15:40 as Cowley netted his second of the game from Marchand on the power play. The Eagles added a goal with 1:04 remaining but the Rockets took the game 9-3 convincingly. With the win the Rockets moved into a third-place tie with the Cumberland Bandits and had a chance to move into second with a win against the Papineau Vikings.

Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Jason Buma.
Up next: Playoffs!

T-Wolves go down but not without a fight

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

ROCKLAND – The Russell High School T-Wolves Senior Boys' Basketball team travelled to the École secondaire catholique L'Escale in Rockland on Wed., Feb. 14, to take on the Cougars in the PRSSAA semifinal.

Cougars 52 T-Wolves 45: The T-Wolves were

coming off a huge 51-13 drubbing of their crosstown rivals the St. Thomas Catholic High School Ravens in their previous game and looked to carry that momentum into the playoffs. In the first quarter the team was out of sorts and in the second quarter the Cougars played strong offensively and defensively as they outscored the T-

Wolves 27-19 in the first half.

The T-Wolves battled hard in the second half outscoring the Cougars 26-25. Although the scoreboard had a score of 56-48, the game sheet was not filled out properly and did not match the score clock which caused some controversy at the end of the game when the clock should have read 52-45. The

T-Wolves' Head Coach Kim McKinnon stated that is, "not the way I would have wanted to end the season at all!" But after she sent in a protest, the league officials let the contest stand ending the T-Wolves' dream season.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were Alex Hiemstra with 19 points, Mitchell Parrot with 10, Scott Roos with five, Aidan Tuck and Justen Dupelle with four each, Sean Roos with a deuce and Jake Peters added a single.

Panthers fade in last two games of regular season

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

EMBRUN – The Embrun Panthers played two home games this past weekend.

Golden Knights 4 Panthers 2: The Panthers went into the final week of the season with third place in the Martin Division on the line as they welcomed the Ottawa West Golden Knights to the Palais des Sports on Sun., Feb. 18, in the CCHL2. The Panthers went into the game on a sour note after being upset by the Char-Lan Rebels in their previous game 5-2 making the game a "must win." The Knights fell to fifth place, two points behind the Panthers and three points out of third.

The Knights opened the scoring at 7:27 of the first period to take a 1-0 lead, making it 2-0 at 8:15, and then took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission. The Panthers cut the deficit in half when Andrew Burke snapped one home from Marc Brosseau and Joey Larcher just 21 seconds into the second period on the power play. The Panthers outshot the Knights 12-8 but only had the one goal to show for it. The Knights took the 2-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Knights added two more goals in the first half of the third period at 4:41 and 9:49 to take a 4-1 lead. The Panthers scored their last

regular season goal with just 49 seconds remaining as Brosseau batted one home from Justin Brennan and Joey Larcher. With the loss, the Panthers were tied with the Golden Knights in fourth place but the Golden Knights had two games in hand.

Suffering the loss in the Panthers' goal was Jean Pascal Sabourin making 22 saves on 26 shots.

Rebels 5 Panthers 2: The Panthers welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Feb. 16, in the CCHL2. The Panthers went into the game in sole possession of third place after the Renfrew Timberwolves did them a favour by upsetting the Ottawa West Golden Knights who sat just one point behind the Panthers in the Martin Division. The Panthers will have to settle for third, fourth or fifth as they only have one game remaining in the regular season after this one.

The Rebels' last quarter of the season has been positive and they have posted a few upset victories but they sat in the number seven seed one point behind the Richmond Royals in sixth. The Rebels scored the lone goal of the first period with just 1:42 remaining in the frame and took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission. The Panthers tied the game when Noah Haymes fired one home from Frederik Lefleche and

Jeremy Barrie at 7:39 in the second period. The teams took a one-all draw into the second intermission.

Haymes scored his second of the game at 4:29 of the third period from Andrew Burke and Pierce Britton to give the Panthers their first lead of the game. The Rebels tied the game at 6:36 on the power play and retook the lead at 17:57. The Panthers pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker but that didn't work for them as the Rebels slid one into an empty net to make it 4-2 with just 1:02 remaining.



The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Ottawa West Golden Knights to the Palais des Sports on Sun., Feb. 18, in the CCHL2. The Panthers' forward Joey Larcher (14) picked up two points assisting on both goals but it wasn't enough as the Golden Knights took the game 4-2. Larcher has 18 goals and 25 assists for 43 points in 44 games this season.

Sawyer Helmer photo



The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the St. Isidore Arena on Sun., Feb. 18, to take on the Eagles in the NCJHL. The Rockets' forward Tom Fingler (10) picked up a goal and four assists against the Eagles taking the game 9-3. The line of Fingler, Connor Roth and Chris Marchand combined for six goals and eight assists for 14 points versus the Eagles.

O'Donohue photo

Rob's Review

Rob Sadler, GM
North Dundas Rockets

As General Manager of the club, I would like to express how proud I am of the effort our guys put in this weekend. We have guys fighting through injuries in Matt Cowley and Tom Fingler specifically, and our leaders really showed up and got the job done.

On behalf of the organization we would like to congratulate Bryden Van Kessel on winning the league's MVP and Top Defenseman for the second year in a row, Justin Lefebvre for being named NCJHL rookie of the year, and Nik Paas and Lenard Mclean for being named coaching staff of the year. On a personal note, I would also like to thank the league for naming myself executive of the year; all of these awards are voted on by the league, and the

Rockets are humbled and appreciative of the recognition this season.

Moving forward, a playoff schedule remains unconfirmed. The Rockets will be waiting on the results from the four team plays down this week involving the Metcalfe Jets, South Grenville Rangers, Morrisburg Lions and Vankleek Hill Cougars. The playoffs will start this weekend – check the Rockets' website for the schedule in the next couple of days.

The Rockets, finally, would like to thank all those who have supported us this season; the fans and our sponsors. This has been the best finish and regular season in franchise history and was made possible by all those in our community who stand behind us. The success is about our community, its residents and our local hockey players.

See you at the rink!

Vikings clinch first place in Martin Division

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

ARNPRIOR – The Casselman Vikings played two games this past weekend.

Vikings 8 Packers 1: The Vikings travelled to the Nick Smith Arena in Arnprior to take on the Packers on Sun., Feb. 18, in the CCHL2. The Vikings were coming off an 8-3 win over the Winchester Hawks in their previous game and looked to keep the momentum rolling into the playoffs as they head into the final week of the regular season.

The Vikings opened the scoring when Danyk Drouin slapped one to the back the net from Brendan Doherty and Jonah Peters on the power play at 6:16 of the first period. The Packers tied the game at one at 14:07 and the teams took a one-all draw into the first intermission.

The Vikings made it 2-1 when Peters pounded one home from Gabriel Rousselle and Yanick Dicaire at 3:308 in the second period. The Vikings then made it a 3-1 game when Brady Cloutier slapped one home from Dicaire and Carter Malette at 9:12 and 4-1 at 13:23 as Joel Hunt lit the lamp from Malette and Cloutier. The Vikings took the 4-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Vikings made it 5-1 when Dicaire sniped one from Malette and Peters at 2:17 of the third period. The Vikings made it 6-1 at 4:59 when Jason Cossette slid one home from Peters and Joseph Heath and 7-1 at 11:27 as Sebastien Plante fired one home from Hunt and Doherty. The Vikings closed out the scoring when Doherty buried one from Plante and Hunt at 11:45 and took the game by a score of 8-1. With Plante's goal and assist, he moves up to 96 points.

With the win, the Vikings remain 11 points ahead of the

Canadians in second and have clinched first place in the Martin Division. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 20 saves on 21 shots.

Vikings 8 Hawks 3: The Vikings welcomed the Winchester Hawks to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Feb. 15, in the CCHL2. The Vikings went into the game in first place atop the Martin Division with 74 points nine points ahead of the second-place Ottawa Canadians. The Hawks sat in the bottom of the division with 29 points.

The Hawks opened the scoring at 15:30 of the first period as Christophe Lemay fired one to the back of the net from Joey Driscoll to take a 1-0 lead. The Hawks made it 2-0 as Graeme Buffone slapped one home from Joel Driscoll with just 1:51 remaining in the opening frame. The Hawks took the 2-0 lead into the first intermission despite being outshot 21-11. The Vikings cut the deficit in half when Danyk Drouin buried one from Jason Cossette and Sean David at 2:17 of the second period.

The Vikings knotted the affair at 2:58 as Ethan Cahill snapped one home from Drouin and Sebastien Plante. The Hawks regained the lead when Joey Driscoll slammed one to the back of the net from Lemay and Joel Driscoll at 7:58 to make it 3-2. The Vikings tied the game at three when Plante sniped one from Brendan Doherty and Kyle Millett at 8:33. The team took a three-all draw into the second intermission. It was all Vikings in the third period scoring five unanswered goals.

Carter Malette started things off at 2:19, scoring off a rebound from Ethan Wensink and Gabriel Rousselle as the Vikings took their first lead of the game. Malette scored his second of the game at 6:27 on the power play from Plante and Joel Hunt to make it 5-3; then Plante scored his second of the game from



The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Nick Smith Arena on Sun., Feb. 18, to take on the Packers in the CCHL2. The Vikings' defenseman Jonah Peters (24) came to play scoring a goal and picking up three helpers for four points as the Vikings took the game 8-1.

Courtesy Lauwers photo

David and Brady Cloutier also on the power play at 11:06. Plante completed his hat trick at 17:18 from Doherty and Cahill and Cossette closed out the scoring at 17:59 from Cahill and Rousselle and took the game 8-3. With the victory, the Vikings move 11 points ahead of the Canadians.

Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 22 saves on 25 shots and suffering the loss in the Hawks' goal was Brent Pledge Dickson making 45 saves on 53 shots.

Up next: Thurs., Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m., Vikings vs. Brockville Tikis, J. R. Brisson Complex, Casselman; Sat., Feb. 24, 3 p.m., Vikings vs. Timberwolves, Ma-te-Way Rink, Renfrew.

Lions hobble into playoff season

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

NAVAN – The Morrisburg Lions played four games this past week. The Lions faced the Eagles at the St. Isidore Arena on Tues., Feb. 13. They dropped the game 7-1.

Bandits 8 Lions 0: The Lions travelled to the Navan Arena on Sun., Feb. 18, to take on the Bandits in the NCJHL. The Lions went into the game with their playoff future already decided as they will take on the Vankleek Hill Cougars in a two-game mini series for the seventh or eighth seed. With a win, the Bandits secure a fourth-place finish.

The Bandits opened the scoring at 5:35 of the first period and added a second goal at 10:34. The Bandits took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission.

The teams played to a scoreless second period. It was all Bandits in the third period as they pounded home six straight goals at 7:16, 8:43, 9:20, 11:48, 17:51 and with 52 seconds remaining and took the game in a walk 8-0.

Suffering the loss in the Lions' goal was Max Eves. The Bandits moved into the third-place tie with the North Dundas Rockets but the Rockets won their last game leaving the Bandits to fourth place.

Rangers 4 Lions 3: The Lions travelled to the Leo Boivin Arena in Prescott to take on the South Grenville Rangers on Sat., Feb. 17, in the NCJHL. The Lions went into the game in ninth place six points ahead of the Rangers in tenth. The Lions opened the scoring when Brennan Revell slapped one to the back of the net from Jacob Kendrick and Brian Landry at 11:54 of the first period to take a 1-0 lead.

The Rangers promptly tied the game when Travis Marshall scored from Zach Hotte Cameron Dillon at 12:52 but the Lions retook the lead when Zach Leblanc sniped one from Kendrick and Thomas Ouderkirk at the 16-minute mark.

The Lions took a two-goal lead when Kendrick fired one to the back of the net from Bailey Norman at 17:18 and took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission. The Rangers got to within one just 51 seconds into the second period as Devon Burns scored from MacKenzie Smith and Carson Pickup to make it 3-2.

The Rangers tied the game at three just one minute later as Justin Raymond scored from Smith. Neither team could find the

back of the net for the rest of the period so they headed into the second intermission knotted at three. The Rangers took their first lead of the game when Dillon scored an unassisted goal just 2:58 into the third period.

That goal stood up as the winner as the Rangers took the game 4-3 and move to within four points of the Lions. The Rangers earned a date with the Metcalfe Jets in a two game mini series that started Monday night in Prescott with the second game tonight in Metcalfe at 9:30 p.m.

Suffering the loss in the Lions' goal was Dean Gauvreau.

Lions 4 Jets 3: The Lions travelled to the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe to take on the Jets on Fri., Feb. 16, in the NCJHL. The Lions were coming off a tough 7-1 loss to the St. Isidore Eagles in their previous game and looked to rebound as they head into their final three games of the regular season.

The Jets sat in seventh place just two points behind the logjam for fourth place between the North Dundas Rockets and the Cumberland Bandits and were just four points out of third. The Jets opened the scoring at 13:43 of the first period as Matt Laurin scored from William Baudet and Tristan Staff and took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Lions tied the game when Thomas Ouderkirk blasted one home from Jacob Kendrick and Josh Primeau just 2:03 into the second period. The Lions took their first lead of the game as Kendrick snapped one to the back of the net from Bailey Norman and Ouderkirk.

The Jets tied the game at 9:29 as Sebastien Roy slid one home from Baudet and Phil Brunet. The teams took a two-all draw into the second intermission. The Jets retook the lead when Brunet scored from Nathan Bols and Staff at 3:19 of the third period. The Lions tied the game at 15:38 as Zach Leblanc sniped one from Primeau and Jacob Downey.

The Lions took their second lead of the game when Brian Landry bulged the twine from Leblanc and Kendrick with just 49 seconds showing on the clock. The Lions held on to take the game 4-3. Picking up the win in the Lions' goal was Dean Gauvreau.

Up next: Wed., Feb. 21, 8 p.m., Lions vs. Cougars, Vankleek Hill Arena, for mini playoff series.

Hawks drop two heading into the final week

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

RENFREW – The Winchester Hawks played three games this past week.

Timberwolves 4 Hawks 2: The Hawks travelled to the Ma-te-way Rink in Renfrew to take on the Timberwolves on Mon., Feb. 19, in the CCHL2. The Hawks were coming off a tough loss to the Westport Rideaus in their previous game as they looked for something positive heading into their last week of the regular season. The Timberwolves sat in sixth place in the Richardson Division after making a midseason charge to the playoffs but have faltered lately.

The Hawks opened the scoring at 6:21 of the first period as Christophe Lemay sniped one from Joel Driscoll and Joey Driscoll to take a 1-0 lead. The Timberwolves tied the game at 10:15 and the teams took the one-all tie into the first intermission.

The Timberwolves took their first lead of the game at 14:11 of the second period and took a two-goal lead at 14:34. The Timberwolves took a 3-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Hawks got to within one when Gabriel Morin slapped one home from Miguel Pare and Graeme Buffone at 5:11 of the third period. The Timberwolves retook their two-goal lead at 15:23 on the power play and hung on to take the game 4-2.

The Hawks suffered their 33rd loss of the season. Suffering the loss in the Hawks goal was Brent

Pledge Dickson making 41 saves on 45 shots.

Rideaus 6 Hawks 1: The Hawks welcomed the Westport Rideaus to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Feb. 16, in the CCHL2. The Hawks were coming off an 8-3 loss to the Casselman Vikings in their past game and sat in last place in the Martin Division. The Rideaus sat in second place in the Richardson Division just one point shy of the first place Carleton Place Canadians and seven points ahead of the Athens Aeros in third.

The Rideaus opened the scoring at 17:51 of the first period and took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission. The Hawks tied the game when affiliated player, Gabriel Morin snapped one home from Dillon Clemen and Graeme Buffone at 10:57 of the second period.

The Rideaus retook their lead at 15:18 and a two-goal lead at 15:59 taking a 3-1 lead into the second intermission. It was all Rideaus in the third period scoring three unanswered goals at 3:57, the six-minute mark and at 15:09.

The Rideaus took the game 6-1 handing the Hawks their 32nd loss of the season. Suffering the loss in the Hawks' goal was Darien Johnson making 36 saves on 42 shots.

Up next: Wed., Feb. 21, 8:30 p.m., Hawks vs. Richmond Royals, Joel Steele Community Centre, Winchester; Thurs., Feb. 22, 7:15 p.m., Hawks vs. Ottawa West Golden Knights, Barbara Ann Scott Arena, Ottawa; Fri., Feb. 23, 8 p.m., Hawks vs. Rideaus, Westport Arena; Sun., Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m., Hawks vs. Royals, Richmond.



The Winchester Hawks travelled to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Feb. 15, to take on the Vikings in the CCHL2. The Hawks jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals from Christophe Lemay (left) and Graeme Buffone (right) but the Vikings owned the next two periods and took the game 8-3.

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Recognizing Embrun's outstanding founders

CLARENCE CREEK – Each year, the Union des cultivateurs franco-ontariens (UCFO) and the Collège la Cité pay a posthumous tribute to the work and life of one or several leaders in the farming and Francophone community.

This year, the Mérite agricole franco-ontarien 2018 was awarded to the founders of the Coopérative agricole d'Embrun (CO-OP EMBRUN), more specifically the members of its first Board of Directors: Elvé Brisson (president), Charles H. Bruyère, Lionel Emard, Henri Lemieux, Aldéo Perras, and Joffre Lapointe (the co-op's first manager). The committee of the Mérite agricole wanted to acknowledge the work of the six men who

founded a co-operative which remains today a great success story, offering farmers and the whole population in Embrun and Eastern Ontario a wide range of products and services in the continued spirit of an actual member-led co-operative. Around 50 people attended a ceremony held last week at the Alfred campus of the Collège la Cité.

Among them were current and former members of the Co-op's Board of Directors, as well as friends and family members of the founders. CO-OP Embrun was founded on Nov. 8, 1943 as part of the activities of the local branch of the UCFO. Twenty-six forward-thinking farmers invested \$25 each in a membership share of the co-operative, while

at the same time electing its first Board of Directors.

It's also appropriate to honour the memory of the co-operative's first manager, Joffre Lapointe, who was a catalyst for the project and served for over 20 years. Brisson, Bruyère, Emard, Lapointe, Lemieux and Perras demonstrated leadership and were always involved in their community. Today, the co-operative continues to prosper with 250 employees living in Embrun and the area and 5,000 members. The Co-op's founders were dedicated men who also contributed to various organizations such as the UCFO, the Ligue du Sacré-Cœur, the Knights of Columbus, the Municipal council, the school board, the Milk Producers' Association and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, not to mention the fact they were all big-hearted volunteers.

New Prescott-Russell Tourism management

OTTAWA – Tourisme Prescott-Russell Tourism (TPRT) announced this past week that Mariève Desmarais and Eric Charlebois will be teaming up to form the new management team. After a very productive year marked by major changes and through which management was shared among the employees and the Board of Directors, the organization has decided to reshape. "As a matter of fact, TPRT was still full speed ahead, but we've had to put in twice, if not three times, as much energy", recalls Marie-Chantal Pilon, President of the Board of Directors, in the release.

Desmarais, who was part of the interim Management Team, fully agrees. "It has been an eventful year

during which we accomplished a lot, even beyond any outcome we had envisioned, most notably with the agri-tourism promotional series featuring Katherine Levac and the summer campaign through a partnership with Calypso Theme Waterpark. We must point out that TPRT reached more than eight million people in



Eric Charlebois

2017. We have also managed to tighten our relationship with partners from the tourism industry at the regional and provincial levels. We are now prime for the next step," she said.

For his part, Charlebois, asserting that he is more than ready to share the helm with Desmarais, added, "Tourism is the one sector that's an integral part of the



Mariève Desmarais

other economic sectors. More than a conveyor, it is often the catalyst promoting the region and bringing in investments. We, as a region, have to be coveted – pride breeds pride. Therefore, I firmly believe it is in our best interest to establish a deeper collaboration between the municipalities, the regional government, the provincial government, the businesses and TPRT. It is also a high priority to play an increased role in the rural tourism landscape of our nation's capital."

Tourisme Prescott-Russell Tourism's mission is to attract tourists by promoting the counties of Prescott and Russell and to stimulate, foster and support the tourism industry.



CO-OP's first Board of Directors

The Union des cultivateurs franco-ontariens (UCFO) and the Collège la Cité pay a posthumous tribute to the work and life, from left to right, of Elvé Brisson (1891-1967), Charles H. Bruyère (1905-1998), Lionel Emard (1902-1991), Henri Lemieux (1903-1994), Aldéo Perras (1907-1966) and Joffre Lapointe (1917-2004).

Courtesy photo

Jr. Ravens win PRSSAA title and head to EOSSAA in Renfrew

Jeff Moore
Villager Staff

RUSSELL—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Junior Boys Basketball team had a busy week finishing off the regular season and then the A championship at home versus the Rockland District High School Wildcats on Friday afternoon.

Ravens 51 Wildcats 42: The Ravens' Junior Boys Basketball team welcomed the Rockland District High School Wildcats on Fri., Feb. 16, for the PRSSAA A championship. The Ravens doubled up the Wildcats outscoring them 14-7 in the first quarter with Aidan Nyentap leading the way with six points.

The second quarter was much closer as both teams tensed up a bit but the Ravens scored nine and the Wildcats eight. The Ravens took a 23-15 lead into the half. The Wildcats came out of the dressing room on fire scoring 15 points and allowing the Ravens only nine but the Ravens took a 32-30 lead into the final quarter.

The Ravens saved their

best for last knocking down another 20 points and holding the Wildcats to 12 points. The Ravens took the game 51-42 winning the PRSSAA-A championship and will head to Renfrew next week for the EOSSA championship.

Scoring for the Ravens were Nyentap with 16, Macen Birch with 11, Thomas Buckle with nine, Dylan Clune with eight, Callum Tait with five and Jonny Costanzi with a deuce.

Cougars 58 Ravens 40: The Ravens' Junior Boys Basketball team travelled to the École secondaire catholique L'Escale in Rockland to take on the Cougars in the PRSSAA-A semifinal on Wed., Feb. 14. The Cougars got off to a fast start doubling up the Ravens 14-7 in the first quarter.

The Ravens had a much better second quarter offensively scoring 11 but on the defensive side they slipped allowing 18 points. The Cougars took a 32-18 lead into the dressing room at the half.

The Ravens had a much better third quarter scoring 14 points and only allowing

12 against but trailed by 12 heading into the final frame 44-32. The Ravens hit the wall in the fourth as the Cougars' offence was just too much for the Ravens to handle as they scored another 14 holding the Ravens to just eight.

The Cougars took the game 58-40 but the Ravens still have a chance at the PRSSAA A championship as they play the host to the Rockland District High School Wildcats with the winner heading to EOSSA in Renfrew.

Scoring for the Ravens were Aidan Nyentap with 16 points, Callum Tait and Macen Birch with eight each, Dylan Clune and Thomas Buckle each with four and Aidan McPhail with a deuce.

Ravens 79 Warriors 11: The Ravens' Junior Boys Basketball team welcomed the Vanleek Hill Collegiate Institute Warriors on Mon., Feb. 12, in PRSSAA. The Ravens were riding a high after beating the Russell High School T-Wolves 73-11 in their previous game.

The Ravens showed no signs of rust scoring an amazing 28 points in the

opening quarter and holding the Warriors to just three points. The Ravens let up slightly in the second quarter dropping another 17 points and again holding the Warriors to just three.

The Ravens took a commanding 45-6 lead into the break at halftime. The

Warriors had their best quarter in the third holding the Ravens to just 10 points but only managed to score five. The Ravens took the 55-11 lead into the fourth quarter and dominated shutting the Warriors out 24-0 taking the game 76-11 for their second convincing victory.

Scoring for the Ravens were Macen Birch with 17 points, Aidan Nyentap with 12, Callum Tait and Thomas Buckle with 10 each, Aidan McPhail with nine, Jonny Costanzi with 7, Dylan Clune and Kai Daniel with six each, and Brock Ballantyne with a deuce.



Junior Ravens PRSSAA A champs

The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Junior Boys Basketball team welcomed the Rockland District High School Wildcats on Fri., Feb. 16, for the PRSSAA A championship. The Ravens took the game 51-42 and are heading to Renfrew on Wed., Feb. 28, for the EOSSAA championship. The winning team members are: (front from left) Dakota Aubin (manager), Aidan McPhail, Alex Caldwell, Kai Daniell and Dylan Clune. (Back from left) Matt Pietrkiewicz, Macen Birch, Callum Tait, Thomas Buckle, Jonny Costanzi, Aidan Nyentap, Brock Ballantyne, Dave McNair (manager) and Greg Light (coach).

Vetter photo

Winning with optimism

Candice Vetter
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – The Russell Optimist Club hosted a smaller version of the Russell Winter Carnival on Family Day, Mon., Feb. 19, at the Russell fairgrounds.

President Rachel Genest said the club had been approached last year by the Russell Kin Club about taking on the carnival. The group couldn't manage a multi-day event, but found four hours on the holiday to be a manageable size, and it seems the public agreed.

Treasurer Paul Deveau said 150 hot dogs had been sold, so he and Genest estimated the total crowd number to be higher than that. Carnival goers enjoyed traditional winter carnival activities, such as tobogganing (on a hill built by Griffiths Cartage), horse-drawn wagon rides by Gary Scharf, face painting, and children's games. Besides hot dogs, other food offerings included chili, and Garland's Sugar Shack provided maple taffy. Corvinelli Homes was also

a sponsor, allowing the whole event to be free to families.

Recently, the club benefited from a sold-out trivia night and raised \$10,000, all of which will be put back into the community, much of it in the form of children's programming.

The Optimist Club's next event is the annual Easter Egg Hunt in MacDougall Park in Russell, from 10 a.m. to noon on March 30. Children should bring their own baskets.



Family Day in Russell

Children enjoyed traditional winter fun at the Russell Optimist Club's winter carnival at the fairgrounds on Family Day.

Photo courtesy Paul Deveau



Nothing trivial about it

The trivia night held recently to benefit the Russell Optimist Club raised \$10,000 including silent auction items, on Sat., Feb. 3, in Russell.

Photo courtesy Paul Deveau

RockIN Away With Diamonds a success

RUSSELL – The Kin Club of Russell's 6th annual RockIN Away With Diamonds was a great success Saturday night, Feb. 17, as some 125 eager dancers filled the dance floor at Russell High School while Eddy & the Stingrays, in their 38th year as a band, rocked the house with their high-energy, choreographed show band. The dance floor was packed from the first cords of the first song until closing time, according to the Kin's press release.

Russell Scotiabank matched funds for the night bringing their total contributions to the Russell Township Sports Dome to well over \$30,000. The Kin Club of Russell also graciously thanked sponsors M&M Meats, OrthoMedix, Colliers Project Leaders, Mayor Pierre Leroux and KB Media.

The Kin Club of Russell's next major project, is the 19th edition of the Poutmasters Fishing Derby, May 11-13, on the Castor River. This year, Poutmasters will add the "Poutmasters Pro Series" for serious fishermen, along with a draw for a \$500 day at the spa for Mother's Day, sponsored by Stella's Touch in Russell.



Diamonds to go

Kim Williams, pictured here with Emcee Seb Pilon, won the \$500 diamond earrings draw, thanks to sponsor Bijoutiers Longtin Jewelers of Embrun.

Courtesy photo

Fundraisers for Nicky

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RUSSELL – A Mother Teresa Catholic School student, Nicholas Caldwell, has recently learned he has an inoperable brain tumour and requires intensive chemotherapy. Consequently, the local community is stepping up to help the family with expenses associated with the treatments he has started at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa.

On Fri., Feb. 16, the Reps with Alison Fitness Studio in Embrun hosted an open house at which owner Alison Lystiuk invited the public in to both raise funds for the Caldwell family, and also to try a new fitness class, Kangoo Power Jumps using Kangoo Jumps Rebounder Boots.

"During the three hours we had over 60 people in and out of the studio to try the class," said Lystiuk. "I have had a lot of interest with people wanting to try Kangoo Jumps Power Classes without

registering for a full eight-week program. I figured this was a perfect opportunity to do a positive thing with this interest."

The minimum donation for a 30-minute class was \$20, and Lystiuk reported that many people who could not attend the event still donated to the cause. All four Instructors from Kangoo Club Embrun were present to lead classes: Leanne Baril, Gen Sequin, Chantal Lacroix and Lystiuk. Julia Reid from Kangoo Club Ottawa lent another 10 sets of boots.

The event raised \$1,000 for the Caldwells. Said Lystiuk, "We have the power to make a difference by helping a local family."

Local schools in both the public and Catholic boards are also supporting the family with fundraisers.

At St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School in Russell, students participated by wearing red for Nicky on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13. Students wearing red donated \$2 each. Students at Russell Public and Cambridge Public schools are also helping today, Wed., Feb. 21, by wearing red for a \$2 donation, along with a bake sale at lunch time.



Rebounding for Nicky

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