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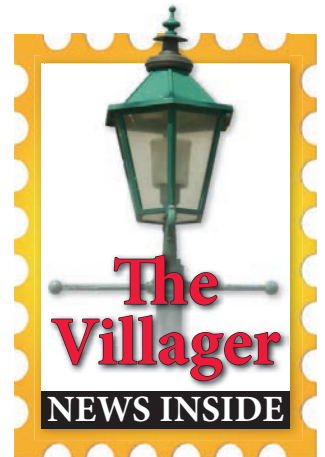
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## Briefly

### The mayor in jail

**WINCHESTER** – North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser will be cuffed up for a cause on Sat., Jan. 19 at the Winchester Foodland. Visitors can stop by the store and donate \$10 to remove one pair of 250 cuffs from Mayor Fraser. Donations will go towards programs for Crime Stoppers.

### Warrior Women

**WINCHESTER** – Drop by the Winchelsea in Winchester on Fri., Jan. 18 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to meet with artist Carrie Keller and view her latest collection called Warrior Women. Guests will have the chance to meet some of the women behind the paintings over wine and cheese as well as buy prints of the artwork. The event is free to attend.

### Stormont 4-H

**FINCH** – The Stormont 4-H Club will be celebrating the many achievements of their members on Sat., Jan. 19 at the Finch Community Centre. Social time will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner until 8 p.m. Awards will begin after dinner.

### Glengarry 4-H

**ALEXANDRIA** – The Glengarry 4-H Club is celebrating members' achievements with their award night on Sat., Jan. 19 at Alexandria Park, Sandfield Centre beginning at 8 p.m.

## If only walls could talk

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

**AVONMORE** – At the corner of Fairview and Main Street in Avonmore stands a building which for over 110 years has been a community gathering place.

The original brick building, which local historian Murray Barkley of Avonmore refers to as the Begg Block, was built in 1903 by J.M. Begg. The north side of the building was specifically constructed to operate as the local branch of the Bank of Ottawa and adjacent to the bank was Wyatt's Pharmacy.

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## It's been a very good year for CDAS

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

**CHESTERVILLE** – 2018 was a very busy year for the Chesterville and District Agricultural Society board of directors. CDAS president, Carol Johnson took a few minutes from her busy schedule to sit down with *the Chesterville Record* to look back over the year that has just ended.

Johnson expressed her thanks for the many volunteers who assist the CDAS throughout the year, including the society's board of directors who spend countless hours attending society meetings, interacting with community stakeholders and planning the events which help to raise the profile of the society as well as the role of agriculture in the local economy.

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### Stirring up a storm

Elly Lefebvre and Carissa Howick learned to make the fluffiest pancakes during the first lesson of the Dundas Youth Centre's eight-week youth cooking program.

Glover photo

## NDDHS youths get busy in the kitchen

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

**CHESTERVILLE** – After running the successful cooking program, Food Explorers, back in September through to November, the Dundas Youth Centre has started a new eight-week youth cooking program at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) for ages nine to 17.

"After our cooking program, Food Explorers, last year went so well, I figured we'd try to do it again but in a different location," said Kaitlin Herfkens, youth facilitator for the Dundas Youth Centre and instructor. "So we're trying to give older students a chance to join our program and give them a chance to learn how to cook before they might hit college or have to cook on their own as they get to those higher ages. This is a free eight-week workshop and every week we'll be learning new and different things."

On the first day of the program Mon., Jan. 14, participants were taught how to make their own pancakes with whatever

special touch they wanted to add, from cinnamon to syrup to fruit. During the program, the participants will learn about different ways to prepare meals and desserts while also learning what types of ingredients are best to use.

"Every week, we'll be learning about different things, different meal preps, how to properly use the stove, the oven, all that good stuff," said Herfkens. "In week two, we'll be talking about the importance and balance of lunches. In week three, we're going to be talking snacks and healthy balances like smoothies and granola bites. In lesson four, we'll be learning about growing foods and what we can harvest in our own gardens. Throughout the program, we'll be learning many different lessons and I hope more people decide to join."

The first lesson of the program was meant to be Mon., Jan. 7 but due to poor weather conditions, the class was pushed to Jan. 14. Herfkens confirms that this will not interfere with the eight-week plan.



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# CDAS year in review

Continued from the front

One of the most visible events throughout the year is the annual Chesterville Fair which is held in late August. Since the early 1930's, the CDAS has held the fair as an opportunity to showcase the local agricultural society in a relaxed setting. Although it is a weekend event, months of preparation and planning is needed to ensure the success of the event.

Johnson was pleased with the 2018 Chesterville Fair that featured several attractions including a tractor pull, demo derby, truck pull, horse show, poultry show as well as homecraft competitions and the midway attractions.

This year the fair board decided to offer a midway with inflatable attractions from Tribeck. She continued how, despite initial concerns the midway was geared toward the younger crowd, it was well utilized by all age groups with many positive comments about the variety of inflatable rides provided throughout the weekend, with Johnson commenting that many expressed to her how the 2018 fair "was one of the best to date". Members of the CDAS also participated in homecraft judging schools, the skills acquired enable the participants to judge at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies' competitions.

In addition to the Chesterville Fair, the



One of the highly anticipated annual events in the Chesterville area is the Chesterville Fair. The months of planning throughout the year by members of the CDAS, result in a weekend of fun for members of the local community. Thompson Goddard photo

society also held a successful Poultry and Small Animal Buy, Sell and Trade event in September to raise funds for the Poultry Show at the fair, Barn Dance fundraiser and the Season Ender Bender demo derby organized by Ontario Demolition Derby which she felt was well attended despite the cold, damp weather.

In October and November, the CDAS once again provided residents with the opportunity to store their campers and vehicles in the Exhibition Hall and Cattle Barn. The society also participated in the inaugural 100 Women Who Care North Dundas event held in Winchester in 2018 as well as the 100 Men Who Care North Dundas and 100 Men Who Care South Dundas.

There was a significant amount of construction on

Queen Street in Chesterville this past summer which seemed to cause a bit of confusion and disruption in traffic flow at fair time. The construction provided the society with the fill required to level the area where the old horse racing track was located which had been in the planning stages for some time. During the opening ceremonies of the Chesterville Fair, four individuals were recognized for their long-time contributions to the CDAS, Shirley Coons, George Countryman, Barry Billingham and Tommy Parker. The new lighting and electrical work on the fairgrounds installed by Thompson Electric and Dundas Power Lines was recognized and officially illuminated for the first time during the opening ceremonies.

communities," said Susan Wallwork, communications and marketing librarian. "It encourages participants to read something they enjoy for just a short time, which makes it easier to do with our busy lives."

There are three steps to participate in the 'Read For 15' challenge: Read your chosen material for 15 minutes on Jan. 25 and then let the Library know, through either social media using the hashtag #ReadFor15SDG or email programs@sdglibrary.ca.

Challenge friends and family to join the fun and help show the importance of literacy and join the #ReadFor15SDG challenge!



With the assistance of Chesterville's Eva Desjardins, Carol Johnson pulls the winning ticket during one of the draws that took place during the Season Ender Bender held at the Fairgrounds on Oct. 13. Thompson Goddard photo



One of the Homecraft Award recipients, Vera Ademetz is pictured with CDAS president Carol Johnson following the award presentation ceremonies at the 2018 Chesterville Fair. Thompson Goddard photo

## Read for 15 SDG

SDG – The SDG Library is challenging everyone in SDG to read for 15 minutes on Jan. 25 and celebrate Family Literacy Day with them.

The Library is joining other public libraries in Ontario and Alberta to take part in the 'Read for 15' challenge. Residents in SDG are encouraged to participate simply by reading anything they want – a book, an online article, a magazine, recipes, a cereal box – anything, for 15 minutes.

"The 'Read for 15' challenge is a fun and easy way to support literacy in our

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### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH STORMONT CONCERNING A PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 28 OF THE PLANNING ACT

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Stormont will hold a public meeting on the 12th day of February 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Council Chambers located at 15 Union Street, Berwick, Ontario to consider a proposed Community Improvement Plan (CIP) under Section 28(4) of the Planning Act.

**THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN** provides existing commercial businesses with financial incentives to improve their building's exterior facades, signage and accessibility, as well as assist businesses in meeting regulatory compliance. Financial incentives will be in the form of grants as made available through the Community Improvement Plan for eligible participants. The draft CIP is available for review on the Township's website [www.northstormont.ca](http://www.northstormont.ca).

Eligible participants/properties are those operating as a commercial use and are commercially zoned and/or commercially assessed (partially or fully) and meet the full list of criteria specified in the CIP. The Community Improvement Project Area encompasses all of the Township of North Stormont.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral or written submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of North Stormont before the proposed By-law adopting the Community Improvement Plan is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of North Stormont to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral or written submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of North Stormont before the proposed By-law adopting the Community Improvement Plan is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or opposition to the proposed Community Improvement Plan.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** related to the proposed Community Improvement Plan is available for inspection during normal office hours at the Township Office, located at 15 Union Street, Berwick.

**DATED** at the Township of North Stormont this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

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## House of Lazarus cooks up Crockpot Cuisine to help food bank clients

**MOUNTAIN** – Cooking delicious and nutritionally-balanced meals is becoming a little easier for local food bank families.

House of Lazarus (HOL) Food Bank is launching its newest program, Crockpot Cuisine on Feb. 1. The Crockpots were recently purchased using a grant from the North Grenville Community Fund. The items were purchased, at a reduced cost, through Giant Tiger, Kemptville.

“This is one of the ways we can ensure people who need food are getting it,” HOL executive director Cathy Ashby said, noting that a recent food bank survey found that roughly 40 per cent of adult food bank clients go without eating for at least one full day each month. “We’re trying to be creative in establishing new programs that will supplement our food bank clients’ monthly food allotment.”

In 2019, the program will see HOL client services manager Kim Merkle distribute 40 free Crockpots to food bank clients, along with a monthly recipe and the ingredients to make that recipe. Those clients who already own a Crockpot are also eligible to receive the monthly allotment of both a recipe and ingredients.

A dietitian from the Eastern Ontario Health

Unit has provided 12 nutritionally-balanced recipes using ingredients commonly found at the food bank. Each month, there will be a new recipe for either a breakfast, dinner, or dessert, including chicken cacciatore, apple cinnamon porridge, baked apples, tuna potato casserole, and more.

“When I read about a similar program, I knew we had to bring it here for our food bank clients,” Merkle said. “It helps clients by giving them extra food, but it also gives them the information they need to create nutritionally-balanced meals using a slow cooker. Every participant receives their own cookbook.”

Merkley will be targeting HOL food bank client seniors and families/individuals who require food bank services on a monthly basis for the mission’s new Crockpot Cuisine program. It joins the popular weekly community meal program, Dinner on the House, which was added in May 2017. Although it was started for the same reason, Dinner on the House is open to everyone, encouraging community building and togetherness. It’s free and takes place Thursday evenings from 4 to 7 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church on Simms Street in Mountain.



### Healthy choices

House of Lazarus Food Bank is launching its newest program, Crockpot Cuisine, beginning Feb. 1. Those food bank clients who need the service monthly will receive a free Crockpot. Each month they will be given a recipe and the ingredients to make that recipe using their new slow cooker. HOL’s Marianne Villemaire (left) and Kim Merkle are pictured with the Crockpot and the makings for the first recipe: Crockpot chicken cacciatore.

Courtesy photo

## First 2019 South Stormont council meeting

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Correspondent

**LONG SAULT** – The first South Stormont council meeting of 2019 was held on Jan. 9 in council chambers at the municipal building in Long Sault.

William R. Hunter, the interim integrity commissioner, provided his report to council on the “Alleged Breaches of Conduct by a Councillor” prior to the meeting, and was available to answer any questions from council. Councillor Cindy Woods commented it was a very thorough report and Mayor Bryan McGillis explained it was important for the public to know that council will review the report and make a decision on its recommendations. Lorian Harbers, South Stormont director of corporate services and clerk, explained in an email to *the Chesterville Record* on Jan. 11: “It is intended that council consider the recommendations as part of a closed session during the Jan. 23, meeting. Any decision made by council will be made and reported in open session, either following the closed session or at a future meeting – to be determined.”

Staff Sgt. Ameen Khan, the operations officer at the OPP detachment in Long Sault will replace A/Sgt. George Mikhael as the liaison



### Changing hands

From the left, Staff Sgt. Ameen Khan of the Long Sault detachment will replace A/Sgt. George Mikhael as the liaison officer for South Stormont Council. Mikhael, who filled this position for approximately a year, has been transferred to the Winchester OPP detachment.

Thompson Goddard photo

officer for South Stormont council. During the OPP report to council, Khan discussed the creation of educational pamphlets for residents and spoke about concerns regarding speeding on municipal roads. McGillis mentioned the municipality often gets complaints about speeding, with Khan requesting the public be asked to advise police of these concerns.

A Community Improvement Plan agreement to providing funding for sign, façade and parking lot

improvements for the Lion Motel owned by Jashwantlal Patel was approved by council, as was a motion of support for the correspondence received from the Town of Kearney regarding issues surrounding electoral voting lists. Woods mentioned the importance of accurate voting lists which affects elections in all levels of government.

Also discussed was a potential loss of revenue for the municipality resulting from a review by the provincial government and a need to re-examine transfer payments to the municipality. During the Jan. 9 edition of “A Minute with the Mayor” on South Stormont’s Facebook page, McGillis explained the review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, which provided 14 per cent of the South Stormont budget in 2018, could result in South Stormont receiving lower transfer payments from the province. Council requested the municipal administration prepare a resolution expressing their concerns about the effects of a reduction in the OMPF payments on the municipality that would be sent to the Ontario Premier, the provincial Minister of Finance and circulated to other Ontario municipalities for their support.

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Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires.

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The average dollar loss per heating equipment fire is \$53,000.

**The leading causes of heating equipment fires are:**

1. woodstoves
2. fireplace/fireplace inserts
3. chimneys.

### How do I prevent a heating fire?

- ❖ Have your heating system and chimneys inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified service technician.
- ❖ Ensure all outside heating vents are not blocked.
- ❖ Ensure woodstoves, fireplaces and fireplace inserts are installed by a qualified technician according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- ❖ Always use a fire screen around the fireplace.
- ❖ Allow ashes from your woodstove or fireplace to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Keep the container outside.

All homes with a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage must have a working carbon monoxide alarm installed outside all sleeping areas.

Statistics for Ontario between 2010-2014. Provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management

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## NDDHS Report

By Ashley Wheeler  
Student Council Communications



### Back from the break

It was a good winter break for all students and staff but everyone had to return to school last week. This week and next will be filled with students preparing for exams and handing in summative projects. Grade 9's who are taking math this semester also have their final EQAO assessment today, Wed., Jan. 16, and tomorrow, Thurs., Jan 17.

In eight days, exams will start for Grade 9 to 12. The exam schedule is as follows; period 1 exam is on Thurs., Jan. 24, period 2 exam is on Fri., Jan. 25, period 3 exam is on Mon., Jan. 28, and period 4 exam is on Tues., Jan. 29. If there happens to be a snow day on an exam day, all exams will be pushed back by one day. The new semester starts on Feb. 1!

Since January is a "prep for exams" month, very little has gone on. Hockey was prevalent last week, with the girls playing on Tues., Jan. 8, and the boys playing on Wed., Jan. 9. The girls' team lost 3-0 to St. Joe's, but they won against Char-Lan 3-2. Good job girls! The boys' team also lost to St. Joe's with a score of 2-1. The boys' team tied Char-Lan 1-1. On Thurs., Jan. 10, the Junior and Senior girls volleyball teams and the Junior and Senior boys basketball teams played good games. The Junior girls volleyball team lost against La Citadelle, but defeated CCVS. Sadly, the Senior girls lost against La Citadelle and CCVS. Good try girls!

The Junior boys basketball team played against St. Lawrence, but sadly lost 50-23. The Senior boys basketball team also played against St. Lawrence and lost 71-22. Better luck next time boys!

North Dundas is hosting a trivia night this Sat., Jan. 19. It takes place at the Chesterville Legion at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and there is a silent auction with various items that have been donated from community members. Thank you to anyone who has or is contributing. Come out and show your Devil Spirit!

## CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

### S.H.I.F.

The other morning at the Bridgeview Restaurant below the international crossing at Johnstown, I was in a little discussion that made me think of a mid-winter event staged years ago on the Castor River in Russell Village.

When the ice was thick enough – and in those days, it always got thick enough – a makeshift outhouse was wheeled out onto the dam pond and tickets were sold on guesses as to when in the spring the shack would sink into the Castor, to be pulled out later.

The popular event was called Shure Hope It Tips which the eye-catching acronym S.H.I.T. provided a juvenile kick to villagers when it showed up annually in the newspaper. My chat at the bridge made me think of a contemporary, perhaps more acceptable spin on an old acronym... S.H.I.F: Sure Hope It Freezes.

Call it what you will, climate change, global warming, or a twist on the routine weather cycle, these days there's no guarantee that a given body of water will freeze at all in the winter or, if it does, how long it'll stay frozen. That was the topic of my exchange with Lynn Holmes, special events chair

with the Grenville Fish and Game Club which has members from across Eastern Ontario.

Perched at the front counter in the Bridgeview – which, by the way, has one of the cheapest weekday breakfast specials in the region – Lynn surveyed the limited ice cover on the St. Lawrence River's Elevator Bay, prompting a question: "It's called Elevator Bay? I didn't know that." It makes total sense because the inlet is bordered on one side by the Johnstown grain elevator.

"If it was set for today, we couldn't hold the derby," Lynn mused. "There isn't nearly enough ice and it's nowhere thick enough." In more than 20 years of organizing the annual catch-and-release Pike Ice Fishing Derby for the club, Lynn has become a devoted bay winter ice watcher, hoping and praying every year the necessary coverage and thickness will be achieved.

It's far from guaranteed. If it goes ahead Feb. 23 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., this will mark edition 21 of the ice derby; however, four or five derbies have been cancelled because ice conditions weren't considered safe. The ice must be 14 inches thick to be deemed sound enough to support up to 300 derby participants and – Lynn pointed this out to me from

his Bridgeview stool - it must extend out to a particular red river buoy.

Lynn wants the bitter cold to continue right on through to Feb. 23 until he gets past the derby. Describe changing weather patterns any way you want... all Lynn knows is that building sufficient ice in the bay has become a yearly crapshoot; while the prescribed fishing area extends from Cardinal to Prescott, the Bridgeview serves as base and weigh-in station.

It's not quite like starting from square one, but when the derby is forced to cancel because of poor ice, it must rebuild: "When we miss a year, we lose about half of our regular entries; it takes another year to regain them."

The Grenville tournament is set up as a family-friendly event, with a side perch contest for kids 12 and under and a free fishing rod for the first 25 youngsters to register at a \$10 fee which includes hot chocolate. Registration for adults is \$15, with prize money for largest catches spread out in segments throughout the day, and a final \$100 for heaviest pike overall. Record for the largest pike ever caught during the tourney is about 14.5 pounds; all entry tickets are eligible for a draw on a gas ice auger worth



\$500. Net proceeds go back into funding the club's many community and conservation programs, all of them free to the public, including archery and gun shooting lessons, kayaking, and "Little Dreamer" which provides a day of fishing on the club's pontoon boat. Sportsman events are held regularly at the clubhouse sitting on 60 acres along Campbell Road near Prescott.

Some of you may assume that, in this era of aggressive anti-hunting and fishing protests in some quarters, Grenville Fish and Game might be struggling for members. Not so! To keep things manageable, the club has been forced to close off membership at 1,000, with a waiting list.

What explains the popularity? Lynn isn't totally sure but figures it has something to do with people wanting to be active outdoors, to participate in some accessible sports, and to support club conservation projects.

Sure Hope It Freezes, Lynn!

## Registering for Kindergarten 101

ONTARIO – The first day of school is a big milestone for children and their families, especially for parents who are sending a child to school for the first time. Even for experienced parents, knowing the steps to take, to register for school or what to expect in Kindergarten may leave some asking questions.

Here is some quick info that will get parents and children started on a smooth transition into Kindergarten.

### Full-day Kindergarten in Ontario

Children can start school in the year they turn four years old. All schools in Ontario now offer full-day Kindergarten (FDK), which means students go all day, each day. Research done by the Ontario Ministry of Education found that when students attend the two-year kindergarten program they are better prepared for success in Grade 1. Comparisons of children with two years of FDK instruction and children with no FDK instruction showed that those in FDK had reduced risks in social competence development from 10.5

per cent to 5.8 per cent; reduced risks in language and cognitive development from 15.8 per cent to 4.3 per cent, and reduced risks in communication skills and general knowledge development from 10.5 per cent to 5.8 per cent.

### What will they learn?

Kindergarten now follows a play-based curriculum. While that might not sound different than a typical Saturday or day at day care, research has shown that children really do learn best through play. Through play-based learning in a culture of inquiry, children develop a strong foundation for learning in all areas, including problem solving, critical thinking, literacy and math.

Kindergarten also develops social skills in children and helps them understand where they fit into the world outside their family, and to build external relationships.

### How to pick a school?

When it comes to Kindergarten and which school a child attends will depend on location and transportation needs. If there are multiple schools in a catchment area to choose from, visit the schools and find the one that is the best fit with your family. Many schools will be holding Kindergarten information sessions in January and February.

### When to register?

Parents can register for Kindergarten at any point during the year that their child turns four.

### How to register?

Each board does their registration differently but parents/caregivers can always visit the school they want their child to attend and register in person. While it's nice



### A world of learning

Kindergarten in Ontario follows a play-based curriculum that promotes a culture of inquiry to students starting at four years old.

Courtesy photo

to be able to register in person and bring your child with you, it's not always practical. Some school boards like the UCDSB offers parents the option to register in person at the local school, online or by phone.

### What is needed to register?

When you register your child for Kindergarten, you will need proof of age and address. Proof of age could be a Birth Certificate, Passport, Certificate of Canadian Citizenship, Statement of Live Birth or Permanent Resident Card.

The address provided for your child must be the same address as the parent or guardian. For this, you can use a utility bill, property tax assessment, lease/rental/mortgage agreement or other official document.

If you choose to register online, you will need to bring these documents to the school prior to when your child starts school, but the school will let you know when!

Editor's note: This information was provided by the Upper Canada District School Board.



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# Avonmore building

Continued from the front

According to Barkley, the years between the arrival of the CPR in 1886 and First World War were a boom time for Avonmore. The coming of the railroad enabled the community to grow by leaps and bounds. He explained how just over 60 businesses were located on the village's Main Street, and included "W.J. McCart's 'Good Luck' Store, A.O. Miller's 'Beaver Hall' Store, Oscar Fulton's and John Wert's General Stores, butcher shops, bakeries, four blacksmiths, three hotels, four churches, jewellery and millinery shops, sawmills, a flour and grist mill, cheese factory, barbershops, and ice cream parlours." Murray continued the Cornwall Standard reported in June 5 and 19, 1903, how "several flat carloads of brick destined for J.M. Begg's new building on Main Street" arrived in Avonmore.

Barkley has a wealth of information about the Begg Block, in which his grandfather Willis Barkley rented the Barkley Store premises in 1908. Willis purchased the entire building in 1919, and the Barkleys owned it until Murray retired in 2014. His family operated Barkley's Store in the southern portion of the building while the Bank of Ottawa, which in 1919 became the Bank of Nova Scotia, operated in the northern portion until it moved into a new building across the street in 1974.

Barkley explained that located in the bank is the eight by eight by eight foot vault which was constructed of solid steel with its base being of solid stone; that, he feels would have made it almost impregnable. According to Barkley there was only one robbery attempt on the bank which occurred in 1956 when robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to access the vault using an acetylene torch.

The upstairs of the building which over the past eighty years has been used as a storage area for Barkley's Store, served as a local meeting place for community organizations such as the Independent Order of Oddfellows Lodge and the United Farmers of Ontario, as well as the office for Avonmore's dentist, Dr. McKercher who ceased practicing in this community after the First World War ended.

Between 1903 and 1913, the I.O.O.F. met in the upstairs room where a double entry system



## Serving the community

The Begg Building has served the community of Avonmore since its construction in 1903.

ensured that only members could gain access. Barkley explained when a member of the Oddfellows wished to enter the hall, a special knock would allow entrance into a small area where a peep hole in the second door would allow for visual identification before a password, which if correct, would allow entry to be granted. In 1913 the Oddfellows stopped using the hall when its own hall was built across the street at the present location of the Avonmore Pharmacy. The United Farmers of Ontario then rented the space between "1919 to 1923, at the time they formed the Government of Ontario under Premier E.C. Drury".

Barkley also mentioned "the pristine Edwardian hall upstairs, with its high ornamental tin ceilings and hardwood maple, wainscoting hall was scouted and tentatively approved for the set, for the banquet scene in the movie Billy Bathgate but not used when the exteriors in Vankleek Hill were declined". The hall's tin ceiling is still intact, with Barkley noting that Avonmore resident Bert Steele recollected "the huge all-seeing eye in the centre of the ornamental tin ceiling" when attending a farewell party for "W.J. McCart in the I.O.O.F. Hall above the Bank and Barkley's in 1912 which dates to the time when the hall was used for Oddfellows meetings.

With the coming of the Church Union in 1925, the Avonmore Methodist Church proved too small for the greatly enlarged congregation. During the construction of St. James United Church, services were held in the hall above Barkley's Store. Barkley related how a church pew from the Avonmore Methodist Church left in the upstairs hall was eventually donated (75 years later!) to St. James in 2000.

The store underwent renovations in 1937, with owner Fred Barkley (Murray's father) building stairs to the basement and upstairs from within the store. The vacant hall was used from that period onwards as a storage area for store records, fruit boxes, and egg crates, as well as a place for "my sisters and me to play" on rainy days.

Today the large upstairs room provides those who are fortunate enough to see its double entryway, the beautiful tin ceiling and the adjacent "vestment" room; a glimpse into the social history of a small Ontario town.

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## Members only

Mike Brown, who with wife Johanne own Barkley's Store, points out the three intertwined rings, a symbol dating to the time when the hall was used for I.O.O.F. meetings which stood for Friendship, Love and Truth. To enter the hall, one had to pass through two doors with peep holes in the centre that when combined with a special knock and passwords insured only members would be admitted. Behind Brown, the peep hole in the centre of the inner entrance door can be seen.

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## Looking back

Murray Barkley provided this rare photo of Avonmore's first Oddfellow's Hall located on the second floor of the Begg Building above the Bank of Ottawa and Wyatt's Drug Store dated to circa 1905 by Barkley.

Courtesy photo

### NATION RISE WIND FARM COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

#### By Nation Rise Wind Farm Limited Partnership

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The Nation Rise Wind Farm (the "Project") is a proposed wind farm of approximately 100 MW that is located on private and public lands in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry in the Township of North Stormont, Ontario. The Project received a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (formerly the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change) on May 4, 2018. As part of the REA, the Project has established a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) primarily for residents within one kilometer of the Project, but also open to anyone with an interest in the construction, installation, use, operation, maintenance and retirement of the Project.

The CLC is intended to be a forum to discuss Project updates, milestones, concerns, issue resolution, and mitigation. CLC members will be asked to act as a liaison facilitating two-way communications between the Project and members of the public to provide updates and seek feedback regarding the Project.

DNV GL will coordinate each CLC meeting. All meeting materials (minutes, presentations, etc.) will be made available for public review on the Project website at <http://nationrisewindfarm.com/>. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Project website in advance of the meeting.

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

## November

The Dundas County Archives were officially dedicated with approximately 100 people in attendance Sun., Nov. 4. For four years, a group of dedicated individuals from both North and South Dundas have been working to ensure the history of the county is preserved, protected, as well as accessible to residents and researchers.

On Nov. 11, 1918, the Armistice was signed as an agreement to warring parties to end the First World War. 100 years later Russell Township honoured those who fought during those years of war with a parade, while North Dundas' St. Clare's Anglican Church participated in the Bells of Peace commemorative event; ringing the bell 100 times at sunset to commemorate the centennial of the Armistice.

Public speaker and comedian, Kevin Brooks, made a mistake 18 years ago that not only impacted his own life but others around him. He spoke at an Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving conference on Mon., Nov. 19 about his one wrong decision; to students from 20 different schools in the area.

This year's mayoral breakfast at North Dundas District High School was an

emotional roller coaster for the county as Eric Duncan was officially leaving his position as mayor after eight years of service. Duncan gave a presentation about his time on the North Dundas council as his family and mayor-elect Tony Fraser gave their thanks for his dedication to the area and celebrated his accomplishments.

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# North Stormont Concerned Citizens lose appeal, wind turbines spin forward

**Kory Glover**  
Record Staff

**NORTH STORMONT** – After years of fighting against Nation Rise’s project to develop wind turbines in the area, the group, Concerned Citizens of North Stormont lost their appeal to halt the project.

The citizen group was not able to provide sufficient evidence that coming structures would cause health problems for the people, animals, plants and the environment in the area; their appeal to the Environmental Review Tribunal was lost.

According to Margaret Benke, spokesperson for the Concerned Citizens of North Stormont, the battle to seize the wind turbine project has consistently been uphill since 2015.

“In the summer of 2015, there were community meetings,” she said, noting that the police were present.

“All three of the proponents presented to the municipality and we were not a willing host. The contractor said that the project is going through and there’s nothing we can do about it. He said that if we supported his bid, he would give the municipality a significant amount of money that I originally thought was \$150,000 but others felt like it was as high as \$300,000. It would have been 10 per cent of the municipal budget but he said if we did not sponsor him, the project would go through anyway and we would get nothing,” she claimed.

Benke has a family member personally affected by the wind turbines making her passion for the cause that much stronger. She described her nephew in western Ontario who was affected by a project in the Shelbourne area where she said turbines cause him to not be able to sleep or live

in his home. He was then not able to sell the home either, she explained.

“He compared it to living inside a drum and there were about seven turbines within a couple kilometres of his house,” she said.

Benke anticipates that with this project going forward, approximately 2,000 people from 830 households will be negatively affected by the wind turbines within the area, while also affecting resale value.

During the tribunal however, the approval holder’s experts argued that there are yet no studies to suggest a correlation to turbines and human health issues including, “self-reported sleep disturbance or disorders, self-reported illnesses and chronic health conditions, or self-reported perceived stress and quality of life.”

The uphill battle against the turbine project continued into an attempt to find experts to prove that the wind turbines were dangerous to people’s health and safety.

“The turbines are required to be 550 meters from the centre of your house but they’re only required blade length plus 10 meters, so 80 meters from your property line. So if you’re someone who has a forest where you cut trees down, or if you have cattle that you breed, or if you walk dogs, the turbines only have to be 80 meters from your property line,” said Benke. “So, you are well within flinging distance but we couldn’t prove that it will cause serious harm. We couldn’t prove that someone would be standing there that could be injured or a truck or car that could be driving by.”

However during the tribunal, these claims were refuted by the approval holders’ expert Kenneth

Little, development project manager for the approval holder. Little’s rebuttal outlined in the tribunal’s decision explains: “He described the wind turbines as technologically sophisticated, computerized machines that are monitored remotely on a continuous basis and in person on a periodic basis, and stated that the approval holder will employ proactive and preventative blade monitoring for the project. Mr. Little said this includes a combination of continuous automated monitoring and visual inspections, for example, after any event that could potentially cause damage to the blades such as high wind, potential icing events and lightning strikes. He noted that this allows the approval holder to detect abnormalities before any failure occurs.”

Despite losing this appeal, Benke and her team are not giving up the fight.

After the approval, there are two options that the Concerned Citizens of North Stormont can take; one that could make Nation Rise re-evaluate their plan and another that could stop the project indefinitely.

“What we would win is a prolong of the time or the terms that the proponent would have to make,” said Benke. “There is also a statutory appeal under the *Environmental Protection Act*. We can go directly to the Minister of the Environment and appeal the decision based on the public’s interest that needs to be put in within 30 days of last Friday (Jan. 4).”

Benke continued, “We’ve done everything else we could do and everything else we’ve done so far has not worked. We’re just hoping for the best.”

For the approval holder, public consultations and open houses will continue within the community as the project moves forward.

## Cuffed up for a Cause – North Dundas mayor going to jail

**NORTH DUNDAS** – On Jan. 19, The Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers Program is hosting an event at Foodland in Winchester.

The mayor of North Dundas Township Tony Fraser will be arrested and placed in a Coke case jail cell. Cuffed up for a Cause will see the mayor put in 250 pairs of handcuffs.

The fundraising event is in support of Crime Stoppers’ Month and will take place at 10 a.m. until the mayor is free from all 250 sets of handcuffs.

Also, during the next two weeks PC Tylor Copeland of the SDG OPP will be around the village making other “arrests” of local business owners and community celebrities. If a community member gets taken in, make sure to fill their “bail bucket” to get them out of the cell on Sat., Jan. 19.

For every \$10 donation a pair of cuffs will be removed from the mayor. Coke has so generously donated a jail cell for the mayor to sit in. Also, every \$10 donation will see that person get entered into a raffle to win some great prizes.

The mayor is begging for help as he doesn’t want to spend the entire day in handcuffs! Come on out and support another great cause for this wonderful community.

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### Michael Casselman ~ January 18, 2011

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And within your heart I long to stay.  
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I'm the brightest star on a summer night.  
I'll never be beyond your reach,  
I'm the warm moist sand when you're at the beach.  
I'm the colourful leaves when autumn's around  
And the pure white snow that blankets the ground.  
I'm the beautiful flowers of which you're so fond,  
The clear cool water in a quiet pond.  
I'm the first bright blossom you'll see in the spring,  
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I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine,  
And you'll see that the face in the moon is mine.  
When you start thinking there's no one to love you,  
You can talk to me through the Lord above you.  
I'll whisper my answer through the leaves on the trees  
And you'll feel my presence in the soft summer breeze.  
I'm the hot salty tears that flow when you weep  
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Just look for me, I'm every place!



**TO MY DAD**  
Goodbye Dad, I had to say  
Eight years ago on a cold winter day.  
I'll remember the good times  
and try not to be sad,  
But saying goodbye still hurts so bad.  
I miss you more than I can express.  
My love for you will never grow less,  
I keep trying to imagine how I will go on.  
I realize tomorrow is another dawn.  
I know you're in heaven above  
Looking down on us with all your love,  
Only to whisper in our ear  
"Remember that I'll never stop  
loving you, dear."  
I'll always remember the good times we had  
Remember the man, my wonderful Dad.  
I'll remember you each and every day  
And if I need to talk to you,  
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One day we'll be together again  
To talk about the places we've been.  
Until that time I'll always treasure  
Having you for a Dad  
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**Patsy, Kim, Jennifer and families**



# 84 bike rides – and much more

WINCHESTER – As 2019 begins, it's a great time to look back on the past year. At Dundas Manor, we have much to celebrate – including 40 years of caring.

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**Kicking off the year in style**  
Dundas Manor resident Wes Gowan (right) and board chair Bill Smirle have some fun at the kick-off to the Country Christmas Family and Resident Christmas Party. Courtesy photo

notes Cholly Boland, CEO.

"We always want to do more," adds administrator Susan Poirier. "We're improving quality in all aspects of care and caring for our residents here at home with fewer resident transfers to the emergency department. We also continue to make

improvements to our residents' dining experience."

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## December

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train rolled through Finch to donate a total of \$4,000 to Winchester's Community Food Share. An additional \$2,807 was raised on-site as well as 1,650 pounds of food collected. Kelly Prescott, Sierra Noble and Canadian country star Terri Clark also performed a small concert for the locals.

As of Thurs., Nov. 29, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP Amanda Simard submitted a letter to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario that she intends to leave the Progressive Conservative caucus to sit as an independent. This was after Doug Ford made cuts to French services including the cancellation of a planned French-language university.

The seventh council of North Dundas, comprising of Mayor Tony Fraser, deputy mayor Al Armstrong and councillors Gary Annable, Tyler Hoy and John Thompson were officially sworn in Tues., Dec. 4. Each member of the council were introduced by a friend who spoke about the member's

previous history and why they will do well in their new position.

The Melki Family was hit with a terrible tragedy July 12 when a fire devastated their home, leaving them with nothing but the clothes on their backs. To help the family get back on their feet before the holiday season, friends from the Joanne Whittaker School of Dance hosted a fundraiser Sat., Dec. 8, complete with an hour-long dance show.

The Tucker family's eldest son, Ethan, was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour, resulting in both parents giving up their jobs to care for him. To help with covering costs during the Christmas season, Ethan's great-aunt Kate Veinotte organized a fundraiser Sat., Dec. 15 at Stone Crop Acres with a reading of A Christmas Carol, a 20-voice choir and an auction.

The Carmen House Museum continued to be a hot button topic for the South Dundas council. After a line of questioning about the use of the top floor and the change of use of the second floor, the council decided to wait on definite final ruling until their next meeting in January.



## Pin Tales

**Matilda:** Ladies' High Single, Kathy Shay 252; Ladies' High Triple, Kathy Shay 625; Men's High Single, Danny Scheuner 255; Men's High Triple, Shawn Munro 587. Team Standings: Kathy's Empty Buckets 52, Inge's Pickers 49, Kim's Dreamcatchers 47, Carolyn's Empty Bottles 43, Anits's Highrollers 42, Connie's Roadrunners 41.

**Thursday Seniors:** Men's High Single, John Mcgarrety 189; Men's High Triple, John Mcgarrety 500, Ladies' High Single, Diny Meulenbroek 211; Ladies' High Triple, Diny Meulenbroek 519.

**Avonmore Mixed:** Ladies' High Single, Leslie Vanbruijssen 229; Ladies' High Triple, Leslie Vanbruijssen 651; Men's High Single, Louis Mathieu 259; Men's High Triple, Louis Mathieu 616. Team Standings: Dynamic Magentas 210.5, Majestic Blues 201, Whispering Whites 183.5, Yellow Grooves 181.5, Totally Blacks 180, Cherry Reds 177.5.

**Les Dynamiques:** Men's High Single, Pierre Briere 209; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 544; Ladies' High Single, Yolande Leduc 208; Ladies' High Triple, Yolande Leduc 554.

**Williamsburg Mixed:** Men's High Single, Darryl Britton (spare) 317; Men's High Triple, Darryl Britton (spare) 674; Ladies' High Single, Erin Drapeau 190; Ladies' High Triple, Erin Drapeau 518. Team Standings: Moonshiners 189, Top Dawgs 184.5, Western Stars 184, John's Roadies 183, Desperado's 170.5, Outlaws 160.

**Winchester Odd Couples:** Men's High Single, Matt Hartle 309; Men's High Triple, Matt Hartle 707; Men's High Average, Matt Hartle 224; Ladies' High Single, Beth Reid 167; Ladies' High Triple, Beth Reid 453; Ladies' High Average, Pat Middleton 177. Team Standings: Team RamRod 179, Pink Ladies 169, Henry's Team 156, Lucky Strings 155, Team BADD 153, Sunny Dayz 148.

### Youth Bowling Canada

**YBC Peewees:** Girl's High Single,

Katie Last 105; Girl's High Double, Kaite Last/ Robin Sanders 180; Boy's High Single, Ephram Heuff 95; Boy's High Double, Ephram Heuff 177. Team Standings: Sharks 101.5, Kings 85, Leafs 78, Bruins 75.5.

**YBC Bantams:** Girl's High Single, Cortnie Labelle 179; Girl's High Double, Cortnie Labelle 278; Boy's High Single, Sam Tessier 138; Boy's High Double, Sam Tessier 250. Team Standings: Blackhawks 129, Flames 126.5, Avalanche 124, Red Wings 117, Rangers 111, Coyotes 106.5.

**YBC Juniors:** Girl's High Single, Caroline Sanders 216; Girl's High Triple, Caroline Sanders 584; Boy's High Single, Alex Robinson 221; Boy's High Triple, Alex Robinson 587. Team Standings: Sabers 88, Senators 65.

**YBC Seniors:** Girl's High Single, Emma Tessier 239; Girl's High Triple, Emma Tessier 604; Boy's High Single, Matthew Ridge 223; Boy's High Triple, Matthew Ridge 599. Team Standings: Panthers 102, Flyers 90.5, Canucks 88.5.



### Rotary welcomes new members and awards 15 year pin

The Chesterville Rotary Club welcomed three new members at their meeting on Mon., Jan. 14. The Rotary Club president, Jan Roosendaal welcomed Anita Schoch, Christine Cross Barkley and Marian Henderson. Betty Vanden Bosch, club secretary, said the new recruits have skills which would help out the organization; they will be put to work. Roosendaal said the club is looking for and needing new blood. At the meeting the club awarded sergeant at arms, Beate Stewart her 15 year pin. Stewart is responsible for ensuring that everyone "toes the line" for membership fees. She is also very active on the organizing side of things.

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## EOWC elects chair and vice-chair for 2019

KINGSTON – The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), at its annual inaugural meeting held last week in Kingston, elected Mayor Andy Letham as the 2019 chair and Warden Jennifer Murphy as the 2019 vice-chair.

Andy Letham is mayor of the City of Kawartha Lakes and Jennifer Murphy is warden of the County of Renfrew and mayor of the Township of Bonnechere Valley. The role of the EOWC chair and vice-chair, elected on an annual basis, is to provide the main point of focus and contact for the Caucus and ensure that the key priorities move forward.

"I am honoured to chair the EOWC in 2019 and advocate on behalf of the 103 municipalities and the 750,000 property taxpayers across rural eastern Ontario," stated chair Letham. "The coming year will be a critical one, with a federal election on the horizon and the first full year of the Progressive Conservative provincial government."

"For both those reasons, the EOWC has decided to stay the course in its advocacy efforts over the past few years, and intends



### Staying the course

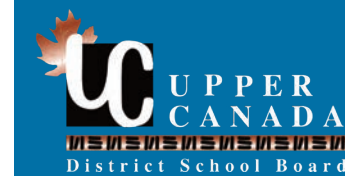
Mayor Andy Letham (right) was sworn in as the 2019 chair of the eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus at the inaugural meeting in early January along with, warden Jennifer Murphy as the 2019 vice-chair. Courtesy photo

to send a loud and clear message to its federal and provincial partners – that there is only one priority for the 2019, which is to improve and enhance the cellular and mobile broadband network across eastern

Ontario," added vice-chair Murphy.

The EOWC will continue to work with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) on its \$213-million business case to the provincial and federal governments, and the private sector, which would close the cellular network gaps and boost mobile broadband service across the region, and increase public safety for residents.

"This is a decisive time for eastern Ontario, and our message is simple – this is the single most important project for the region, and it needs to happen this year," noted chair Letham.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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COMING EVENTS

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Sun., Jan. 27, Nelson LaPrade Centre, Chesterville. Potluck lunch 12 p.m., AGM 1 p.m. For more info contact: president@chestervillefair.com.

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## One step forward, one step back for Rockets

Jeff Moore  
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**VANKLEEK HILL**—The North Dundas Rockets played two road games this past weekend as they travelled to Gatineau on Friday night to take on the Gatineau Hull-Volant, and to Vankleek Hill on Saturday night to take on the Cougars.

### Cougars 3 Rockets 2

The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Vankleek Hill Arena on Sat., Jan. 12, to take on the Cougars in the NCJHL. The Rockets were coming off a 6-5 overtime win over the Gatineau Hull-Volant in their previous game as they moved to within three points of the first place South Grenville Rangers. The teams battled to a scoreless first period.

The Cougars opened the scoring just 1:58 of the second period. The Rockets tied the game when Hugo Lusignan fired one to the back of the net from Brody Barkley and Zach Parent at 15:10. With time winding down in the middle frame, the Cougars retook the lead with only 1:03 remaining. The Cougars took a 2-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Cougars took a two-goal lead at 2:18 of the third period but the Rockets

answered right back at 3:23 as Justin Lefebvre snapped one to the back of the net from Jack Van Kessel and Matt Cowley. With just over a minute remaining in regulation, the Rockets pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker.

The Rockets got a couple of chances to tie the game but time expired before they could find the back of the net as the Cougars took the game 3-2. Coupled with the Rangers' win over the Morrisburg Lions, the Rockets fell to five points behind the Rangers in first. Suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Reilly Tondreau.

### Rockets 6 Volant 5 (OT)

The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Robert Guertin Arena in Gatineau on Fri., Jan. 11, to take on the Gatineau Hull-Volant in the NCJHL. The Rockets sat in second place in the West Division five points behind the first place South Grenville Rangers and looked to remain undefeated in the new year.

The Volant opened the scoring just 2:48 into the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Rockets knotted the affair when Jarrett Williams swatted one home from Dylan

Robinson and Connor Roth at 3:38 but the Volant retook the lead at 4:26.

The Volant took a two-goal lead at 7:16 and took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission.

The Rockets got to within one at 9:25 as Brody Barkley snapped one to the back of the net from Justin Lefebvre and Roth.

The Volant took a 3-2 lead into the second intermission. The Rockets tied the game at 2:38 as Zach Parent scored his first goal as a Rocket from Roth but the Volant retook the lead at 3:22 of the third period.

The Volant took a two-goal lead at the nine-minute mark but the Rockets got back to within one as Matt Cowley pounded one home from Lefebvre and Roth at 11:22. The Rockets tied the game at 16:09 when Williams scored his second of the game from Lefebvre.

Neither team was able to score the game-winner before time expired so the game headed to a five-minute three on three overtime frame. The Rockets' goalie, Reilly Tondreau spotted a wide open Roth and he fired one to Roth on the other side of centre ice sending him on a breakaway.

Roth made no mistake



The Rockets' forward, Conner Roth was stymied by the Cougars' defence in this game, yet in their game the previous night against the Gatineau Hull-Volant Roth scored the game winning goal in overtime and set up four others as the Rockets took the game 6-5 in overtime. The Rockets suffered a 3-2 loss to the Cougars.

Moore photo

slamming the puck to the back of the net at 1:39 of the extra frame. With the win, combined with the Rangers' loss, the Rockets moved to within three points of first place. Picking up the win in the Rockets' goal was Tondreau.

**Up next:** The North Dundas Rockets travel to the Bernard Grandmaitre Aréna in Ottawa on Fri., Jan. 18, to take on the Bytown Royals at 8:15 p.m. and welcome the Morrisburg Lions to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m.



The North Dundas Rockets added some depth to their defence acquiring defenseman, Tyler Ballantyne from the Casselman Vikings at the league's trade deadline on Jan. 9. Ballantyne played both games this past weekend and helped bolster the Rockets' defensive core.

Moore photo

## Hawks make late season push towards playoffs

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

**WILLIAMSTOWN**—The Winchester Hawks played three games this past week as they travelled to Brockville on Wednesday night to take on the Tikis, welcomed the Ottawa Jr. Canadians on Friday night and then onto Williamstown on Saturday night to take on the Char-Lan Rebels.

### Hawks 5 Rebels 2

The Winchester Hawks travelled to the Char-Lan Recreation Centre in Williamstown on Sat., Jan. 12, to take on the Char-Lan Rebels in the CCHL2. The Hawks were coming off a 4-2 loss to the Martin Divisions' first place team, the Ottawa Junior Canadians the previous night; they sat three points behind the Embrun Panthers in sixth place and seven points behind the Rebels for the final playoff spot.

The teams battled to a scoreless first period. The Rebels opened the scoring just 1:47 into the second period and made it 2-0 at the five-minute mark. The Hawks cut the deficit in half when Eric DeRepentigny scored his fourth of the season unassisted at 8:12.

The Hawks tied the game at 9:26 as Miguel Pare scored



The Winchester Hawks travelled to the Char-Lan Recreation Centre in Williamstown on Sat., Jan. 12, to take on the Rebels in the CCHL2. The Hawks' alternate captain, Kyle Kuehni scored two goals in their 5-2 victory.

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## Atom C1 Demons knock off two Panthers

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

**KEMPTVILLE**—The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons played two games this past week as they welcomed the Kemptville C1 Panthers on Tuesday night and travelled to Kemptville on Saturday to take on the Kemptville C2 Panthers.

### Demons 4 Panthers 3

The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons travelled to the North Grenville Municipal Centre in Kemptville to take on the Kemptville C2 Panthers on Sat., Jan. 12, in the UCMHL.

The teams battled to a scoreless first period but the Demons opened the scoring just 28 seconds into the second period as Sydney Robinson scored an unassisted goal taking a 1-0

lead. The Panthers tied the game at 3:50 but the Demons retook the lead when Cody Lesage scored from Aiden Leclair at 7:30. The Demons took the 2-1 lead into the third period.

The Demons made it 3-1 when Sydney Robinson scored her second of the game from Landon Graham just 20 seconds into the third. The Panthers returned the favour scoring at 1:24 but the Demons answered right back at 2:19 as Jack Robinson scored unassisted to make it 4-2.

The Panthers added a late goal at 9:59 but it was too little too late as the Demons took the game 4-3. Picking up the win in the Demons' goal was Matthew Seguin.

### Demons 6 Panthers 1

The North Dundas Atom C1 Demons welcomed the Kemptville C1

Panthers to the Chesterville Arena on Tues., Jan. 8, in the UCMHL. The Demons opened the scoring just 1:51 into the first period as Jacob Miller scored an unassisted marker to make it 1-0.

The Demons made it 2-0 at 4:22 as Cody Lesage scored from Sydney Robinson and 3-0 as Jack Robinson scored unassisted. The Panthers got one back at 7:49 but trailed 3-1 heading into the second period.

The Demons made it 4-1 when Jack Robinson scored his second the game just 1:02 into the second. The Demons took a 4-1 lead into the third period.

Jack Robinson scored another pair of goals in the third period at 3:34 unassisted and at 9:09 from Lesage.

The Demons took the game 6-1 and picking up the win in goal was Matthew Seguin.

his 12th of the season from Hunter Randell and Andrew Black. The teams took a two-all draw into the second intermission. The Hawks took their first lead of the game when DeRepentigny scored his second of the game and fifth of the season again unassisted at 13:01.

The Rebels pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker with just over a minute remaining in regulation but the Hawks took advantage as Kuehni scored his 14th of the season from Black and Cameron Cotnam with just 51 seconds remaining to make it 4-2. The Hawks closed out the scoring when Kuehni scored his second of the game and 15th of the season from Bradley Wells with only 23 seconds showing on the clock.

The Hawks took the game 5-2 moving to within five points of a playoff spot. The Hawks outshot the Rebels 37-35 and picking up the win in the Hawks' goal was Brent Pledge Dickson making 35 saves.

### Canadians 4 Hawks 2

The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Ottawa Jr. Canadians to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Jan. 11, in the CCHL2. The Hawks were coming off a 6-5 loss to the Richardson Division's first place team, the Brockville Tikis in their previous game.

The Hawks sat in seventh place in the Martin Division but with the point they moved to within one point of the Embrun Panthers and now have a chance to sneak into the playoffs. The Canadians scored the lone goal of the first period at 4:06 and took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Hawks tied the game just 44 seconds into the second period as Kyle Kuehni scored his 13th goal of the season from Colby Byrnes Shaw and Nolan Guertin. The Canadians answered with three consecutive goals at 53 seconds, 3:37 on the power play and 4:33 to make it 4-2.

The Hawks got one back at 10:33 as Danny Johnson scored his 14th goal of the season from Cameron Cotnam but trailed 4-2 heading into the second intermission. The teams battled to a scoreless third period but the Canadians outshot the Hawks 16-5 in the frame. The Canadians outshot the Hawks 54-24 in the game.

Suffering the loss in the Hawks' goal was Lucas Devries making 50 saves.

### Up next

The Winchester Hawks welcome the Casselman Vikings to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Jan. 18, at 8:15 p.m. and travel to the Richmond Memorial Centre on Sun., Jan. 20, to take on the Royals at 1:30 p.m.



# Vikings remain undefeated in new year

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

EMBRUN — The Casselman Vikings played two games this past weekend as they welcomed the Arnprior Packers on Thursday night and travelled to Embrun on Friday night to take on the Panthers.

## Vikings 4 Panthers 2

The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Palais des Sports in Embrun on Fri., Jan. 11, to take on the Panthers in the CCHL2. The Vikings came into the game in second place in the Martin Division, nine points out of the top spot held by the Ottawa Jr. Canadians.

The Panthers went into the game in sixth place, three points ahead of the Winchester Hawks and four points behind the Char-Lan Rebels for the final playoff spot. The Panthers opened the scoring when Connor Drost scored his 11th goal of the season from Robert Beaudoin and Nathan Brown on the power play at the five-minute mark of the first period taking a 1-0 lead.

The Vikings evened the scoring when Gabriel Rousselle scored his eighth of the season from Yanick Dicaire and Joel Hunt on the power play with just one second remaining in the opening frame. The teams took a one-all draw into the first intermission.

The Vikings took their first lead of the game as Dicaire scored his fifth of the season from Jason Cossette and newcomer Joey Larcher at 4:40 of the second period. The Vikings took a two-goal lead when Frederick Gagnier scored his 15th of the season

from Brandon Legare with just 24 seconds remaining in the sandwich frame. The Vikings took a 3-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Panthers got to within one as Marc Brosseau scored his ninth of the season from Jason Lamont and Matthieu Brennan at 3:36 of the third period.

The Panthers tried to even the score and with just over a minute remaining they pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker. The Vikings took advantage as Cossette scored his 11th of the season into an abandoned cage from Louis Chabot with 53 seconds remaining in the game.

The Vikings took the game 6-2 but were outshot by the Panthers 34-30. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Mathieu Chenier making 32 saves and suffering the loss in the Panthers goal was Cody MacEachern making 26 saves.

## Vikings 6 Packers 2

The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Arnprior Packers to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Jan. 10, in the CCHL2. The Vikings went into the game in second place in the Martin Division, 11 points behind the Ottawa Jr. Canadians in first place.

The Vikings opened the scoring at 8:08 of the first period as Frederick Gagnier scored his 14th goal of the season from Brandon Legare taking a 1-0 lead. The Vikings took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Vikings made it 2-0 when Shawn Patterson scored his eighth of the season from Pierce Britton and Yanick

Dicaire just 1:26 into the second period. The Vikings made it 3-0 when Samuel Mattie scored his 11th of the season from Mikael Bissonnette and Jason Cossette at 3:40 and 4-0 at 5:30 as Joel Hunt scored his 21st of the season from Patterson and Dicaire on the power play at 5:30.

The Packers finally got on the scoreboard at 8:42 but with just 10 seconds remaining in the middle frame, the Vikings took a four-goal lead as Hunt scored his second of the game and 22nd of the season from Gabriel Russell and Samuel Labre. The Vikings took a 5-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Packers made it 5-2 just 1:52 into the third period but the Vikings got that one back with just four seconds showing on the clock, as Rousselle scored his seventh of the season from Joshua Paledeau into an empty goal while shorthanded.

The Vikings took the game 6-2 moving to within nine points of the Canadians for first place. The Vikings outshot the Packers 33-25 and picking up the win in goal was Nick Campbell making 23 saves.

## Up next

The Casselman Vikings welcome the Ottawa West Golden Knights to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. and travel to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Fri., Jan. 18, to take on the Hawks at 8:15 p.m. The Vikings close out the weekend as they welcome the Perth Blue Wings on Sun., Jan. 20, at 2:30 p.m.



The Vikings traded for the Panthers' 20-year-old forward, Joey Larcher (20). Larcher picked up an assist versus his old team; helping the Vikings to a 4-2 victory.

Moore photo



## Atom B Rep Demons win gold in Montreal

The North Dundas Atom B Rep Demons travelled to Montreal for the Can/Am Challenge Cup over the weekend of Jan. 11-13. The Demons' first game was Friday morning against the Adirondack Thunder and won easily by a score of 7-1. In their second game later in the day, they took to the ice against the St. Albans Skating Association (SASA) green team from Vermont and shut them out 8-0. In their third game, the Demons took on the Toronto Shamrocks and put it to them as well winning 7-1, thus winning their division. In the final game, the Demons had a rematch with the Shamrocks. The Demons took a 1-0 lead after the first period and added six more in the second period. The Shamrock got on the board early in the third period but the Demons got that one back later in the frame. The Shamrocks scored a late goal but in this tournament the Demons were not to be denied as they took the game 8-2 winning the Can/Am Challenge Cup. The Demons' Jake Weber also won the shootout at the skills competition. The winning team members are (not in order) players: Beckett Campbell, Luke La Russa, Kyan Helmer, Merrick Crawford, Ben Drew, Cole Jone, Kade Young, Connor England, Reid Rankin, Emmett Lemire, Noah Lafrance, Donovan Shaver, Jake Weber and Jay-Zeus Mbarushimana. The coaches are Derek Crawford, Marc Lemire and Kris Young. Trainer: Stephen Jones. Absent from photo: team manager, Dayna Young.

Courtesy photo

# Ravens clinch home court for playoffs

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

RUSSELL—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Junior boys basketball team welcomed the St. Francis Xavier Falcons on Wednesday afternoon for their final game of the regular season.

## Ravens 71 Falcons 31

The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Junior boys basketball team welcomed St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons on Wed., Jan. 8, in

PRSSAA. The Ravens went into the game in first place and with a win, they would clinch home court advantage for the PRSSAA Championship.

The Ravens jumped out to a quick start dropping 20 points on the Falcons in the first quarter and holding them to just five. The Ravens scored another 16 points in the second quarter and again held the Falcons to just five. The Ravens took a 36-10 lead into the dressing room at the half.

The Ravens didn't slow down in the third quarter scoring another 17 points and only allowing six against. The Ravens took a 53-16 lead into the final quarter.

The Falcons put up a much better fight in the fourth quarter, scoring 15 points but the Ravens were just too much, scoring another 18 points. The Ravens took the game convincingly 71-31 ensuring home court advantage throughout the playoffs.

Scoring for the Ravens were Callum Birch with 17 points, Matt Pietrkeiwics with 14, Brock Ballantyne with 11, Dylan Clune with eight, Kai Daniel and N. P. with six each, Callum Tait with five and Aidan Nyentap with four.



The Ravens' forward, Callum Birch led the offence with 17 points enroute to a 71-31 spanking of the Falcons.

Moore photo

# Falcons squeak past Ravens at the buzzer

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

RUSSELL—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Senior boys basketball team played their last game before exams on Wednesday as they welcomed the St. Francis Xavier Falcons.

## Falcons 58 Ravens 57

The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens' Senior boys basketball team welcomed the St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons on Wed., Jan. 8, in PRSSAA.

The Falcons outgunned the Ravens in the first quarter 16-13 but the Ravens squeaked a 14-13 second quarter but trailed at the half 29-27. The Ravens battled back with a slim 17-15 third quarter tying the game at 44 heading into the final quarter.

In the fourth quarter the game was tied at 57 with one second remaining but the

Ravens were called for a foul and the shooter sank the free throw taking the game 58-57. With the loss, the Ravens fail to make the playoffs this season.

Scoring for the Ravens were Frank Thomas with 22

points, Macen Birch with 13, Andrew Purcell and Joe James with six each, Jarrett Ladouceur and Adam Davidson with three apiece and Aidan McPhail and Thomas Buckle each scored deuces.



The Ravens' team leader in points this season, Frank Gabriel led the Ravens with 22 points but the Falcons were awarded a last second free throw which they buried as the Ravens dropped the game 58-57.

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### FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

8 p.m. **Embrun Junior B Hockey Game (vs. Ottawa Jr Senators).** Location: Embrun Arena. Cost: \$9 adult, \$5 student, \$6 senior.  
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Caribou par Tuque de Broue.** 19+ ID required. Location: Joe Bélisle Ball Diamond Pavilion. Cost: \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. Tickets available at La Brasserie Tuque de Broue Brewery 613-443-4497.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

11 a.m. **\*\*Dart Tournament.** Location: Hotel du village, 1006 Notre-Dame, Embrun. Cost: \$10 per person. Contact: Stéphane Lemieux 613-799-2200. Four players per team, max. average 180.  
 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. **\*\*Pool Tournament.** Location: Embrun Arena. Cost: \$20. Contact: Danny Bertrand 613-880-7553, Louis Ryan 613-863-8203 or Étienne Laforest 613-863-2494.  
 2 p.m. **Youth BINGO (4 to 12 yrs old).** Location: Embrun Community Centre. Cost: Free. \*Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. **Public skating.** Location: Embrun Arena. Cost: Free.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Club Optimiste Brunch.** Location: Embrun Community Centre. Contact: Marie-Eve Blanchard. Cost: \$10 adult, \$5 children (3-10 yrs).  
 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. **\*\*Pool Tournament (cont'd).** Location: Embrun Arena.  
 1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. **Public skating.** Location: Embrun Arena. Cost: Free.  
 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **\*\*Escape Room by Apex Escape Rooms.** 4-6 people per team. Location: Embrun Community Centre. Contact: Mélanie Lalonde 613-882-3840. Registration: Before January 14. Cost: Free.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. **\*\*Pool Tournament (cont'd).** Location: Embrun Arena.  
 7 p.m. **\*\*Hockey Tournament.** Location: Embrun Arena. Cost: \$50 per person. Contact: Brad Hampton 613-868-6167. Registration: Before January 8. Three divisions: 19+, 35+ & Women.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

7 p.m. **\*\*Hockey Tournament (cont'd)**  
 7:30 p.m. **BINGO Junior B** (doors open at 6 p.m.). Location: Embrun Community Centre. Cost: \$25 for 12 cards. Contact: Maurice Lemieux 613-880-7931. \$4,000 in prizes, Jackpot \$1,500 - 20 games.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. **\*\*Pool Tournament (cont'd)**  
 7 p.m. **\*\*Hockey Tournament (cont'd)**

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

**Journée du Club Joie de Vivre 50+ Day.** Location: Embrun Community Centre. Contact: Jean-Yves Otis 613-443-2837. Cost: Whist (\$5), Dinner and dancing. Reservations before January 21.  
 12:30 p.m. **Military Whist Registration**  
 1 p.m. **Military Whist**  
 4:30 p.m. **Games**  
 5:30 p.m. **Dinner & Dancing**  
 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. **\*\*Pool Tournament (cont'd)**  
 7 p.m. **\*\*Hockey Tournament (cont'd)**

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. **\*\*Pool tournament (cont'd)**  
 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. **Pub Night.** 19+ ID required. Location: Embrun Community Centre. Contact: Benoit Bruyère 613-327-5039. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Limited presale starting December 22 at: Brasseries Tuque de Broue, Étienne Brulé & Cassel breweries.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. **\*\*Pool Tournament (cont'd)**  
 1 p.m. **\*\*Hockey Tournament (finals)**

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Firefighters' Brunch and Closing of the Carnival.** Location: Embrun Community Centre. Contact: Brian Duhamel 613-229-3048. Cost: \$12 adult, \$6 children (3-10 yrs).  
 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. **\*\*Pool Tournament (finals)**  
 1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. **Public skating.** Location: Embrun Arena. Cost: Free.

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## Horticultural Society prunes Living Locally Fair

Tom Van Dusen  
Villager Contributor

RUSSELL – Entering its second decade, the wildly popular Living Locally Fair sponsored by the Russell Horticultural Society has become a victim of its own success and will shrink in size during this, the society's 100th anniversary year.

Set for next Sat., Jan. 19, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School, Living Locally is pulling back from its years of steady expansion in response to growing requests from exhibitors, capping the total at 106. Last year, that number was 138.

Living Locally Fair has become the largest annual event to occur in any school within the sprawling Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. Some 5,000 visitors pack the halls of St. Thomas, checking out the local food, art, crafts, clothing, community and environmental group displays. Living Locally Fair coordinator Lindley McPhail said about 10 among the 2019 exhibitors will be first-timers.

As part of restricting the exhibitor total, the soup lunch sponsored by the society has been terminated to make more room for exhibits because seven classrooms will no longer be used in the mix of spaces.

Another new spot will be the stage where six exhibitors will be located. The change is in part to spare teacher Ann Jackson and others the chore of clearing classes for the show and returning them to full teaching mode by Monday morning.

McPhail observed that tight teamwork on the part of many volunteers has permitted the horticultural society's signature event to continue; however, new volunteers are becoming harder to come by and existing ones are stretched during the show.

She gave full marks to the school board, St. Thomas teachers and students for helping to build Living Locally Fair into a must-attend event. For a modest rental fee, the board provides the space; teachers and students arrange it for the show. Students also help out during the one-day fair, as greeters, trouble-shooting, and with set up and take down of booths. Living Locally Fair is only possible because of this cooperation.

After expenses, several thousand dollars in returns generated by Living Locally Fair go into the coffers of the horticultural society. The money is reinvested back into Russell Village and area, largely through gardening projects such as the ones at the local library, MacDougall Park, and fitness trail. This year, a number of events have been added to help celebrate the 100th.

## Historical Society plans to revive Russell flag

Tom Van Dusen  
Villager Contributor

RUSSELL – Depending on cost and other possible complications, the Russell and District Historical Society is planning to renew the village flag as part of its 30th anniversary celebrations.

Sitting under the colourful flag, historical society president Judy James agreed with members during a regular meeting Monday to investigate having new copies made for sale to the general public; secretary Connie Johnston will get the project started. The society currently has a few miniature versions for \$50 each; the last time it had full-sized flags available, they sold for \$150 each.

Members agreed it was a worthy project, something that had been looked into at least a year ago but set aside when other things came up.

The colourful flag was created more than 25 years ago, a project led by Greg Rokosh and a community committee. The design was approved by the Chief Herald of Canada, making Russell one of few Canadian communities of its size to fly its own official flag. Public use was never widespread; the flag was raised for a few years on a pole outside the former Russell Library when it was located in the refurbished general store on Mill Street.

The flag shows a golden crossroads on a red background – representing Russell Village's former brick-making industry – with the Castor River running through it, a silver beaver at the centre, and a scythe and combined water and train wheels in opposite corners. The scythe represents the farming tradition and the wheel represents the early days of water-powered milling along the river, together with the New York Central Railway as the dominant form of transportation.



### Old traditions

Connie Johnston and Judy James under the Russell flag on display at Keith Boyd Museum.

Van Dusen photo

At the same time the flag was unveiled, a village coat of arms and motto were introduced. Written in Latin, the motto is: Unity, Harmony and Strength.

For several years, the flag all but disappeared from view until Dr. Gerry Heymans, a member of the original committee, brought it back about a decade ago, paying to have three copies made, one for the fire department, one for Rokosh as chair of Russell Police Village trustees – which he gave to the historical society – and one auctioned by the Lions Club purchased by Nancy and Peter Romme.

Recently retired, Heymans himself will be the subject of a Lions event, a farewell dinner March 2.



### Ice time!

A small group of children had a three day blast of playing games, skating and making their own lunches with Osgoode Youth Association's seventh annual winter camp.

### Pizza time!

Abby Svab and Taylor McMahon participated in the Winter Camp's first ever Make Your Own Lunch activity. Pizza was on the menu and both girls agreed that more sauce was better.

Glover photos



## Kin Club of Russell – Catch the Ace lottery jackpot grows to over 17K

RUSSELL – What would you do with \$17,000.00? The "Catch the Ace" lottery will earn the winner a jackpot of over \$17K if the ace of spades is pulled this week. Since June, the Kin Club of Russell has been having weekly draws in its Catch the Ace lottery. If the ace is not drawn, the weekly winner will win over \$700.

The highpoint of this fundraiser is the profits are to be donated back to the community. As of last week, after expenses, the Kin Club of Russell has \$36,300.10 available to donate. Of this amount, \$5,118 will be going

to Victoria's Quilts (VQ) as additional funding they have earned through their members' ticket sales, \$48 to Russell Minor Hockey Association (RMHA), and the remaining \$31,134.10 or more (if not won), will be split amongst the three groups on our licence: VQ, youth sports equipment and Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

The Kin Club of Russell is inviting all minor youth sports organizations in Russell Township in need of sports equipment to fill in the form on the Kin Club of Russell website <https://kinclubofrussell.ca>.

Any organization interested in benefiting from funds such as those raised through the Kin Club of Russell's Catch the Ace is invited to submit their proposal via email addressed to club president Cindy Anthony at [kinclubofrussell@gmail.com](mailto:kinclubofrussell@gmail.com).

If you are interested in tickets for the Catch the Ace, more information can be found on the website. Tickets are sold during the week at selected ticket outlets for \$5: Étienne Brûlé Brewery (Embrun), Foodland (Russell) and Pronto (Russell) or from Russell Kin members and members of Victoria's Quilts.

## Keeping up with STA

Liam Hill  
STA Report

With semester one coming to a successful close, crunch time has never been any more real for the students.

This past week, St. Thomas Aquinas made a three-pointer right back into the new year, with a nothing but superb way to close off the Senior season. On Wed., Jan. 9, the Varsity boys basketball team fought for their team's life in a back to back game against division rivals, St. Francis Xavier of Ottawa. With a hard-fought game, right down to the wire, STA came up short by a mere one point in a thrilling 58-57 game. Coach Lafleur is extremely proud of each student who had represented St. Thomas Aquinas with pride on and off the court, and thanks to everyone

who had come out to support the team! Great hopes for next year's squad!

On Thurs., Jan. 10, STA's Senior band visited feeder schools in St. Mary and Mother Teresa offering a wide variety of musical talent for the ears of many! Mr. Curtis was extremely overwhelmed with everyone's performance and the amazing day!

Also hitting the slopes was the Ski Club, led by teacher Mrs. Bradley, who hit the hills for the first-time late Thursday night.

Today, and Thurs., Jan. 24, Grade 9 math students write their last instalment of EQAO testing, (Education Quality Accountability Office), and put all of their knowledge to the test. Best of luck!

With the blackout week in full effect, and culminating tasks and exams on the horizon, it's time to buckle up STA!



# Public invited to open house on natural hazard mapping

EMBRUN – Extreme weather makes the news frequently. Locally, South Nation Conservation (SNC) reduces risk to life and damage to property by providing municipalities and residents with advance notice of potential flooding.

Flood forecasting responds to weather events experienced in a watershed and compares them over time. Flood forecasting and warning is also an important response to intense precipitation events.

In addition to flood forecasting, SNC is currently updating and improving floodplain and slope-stability maps for the Russell Township. The updated maps for York Creek include areas from Eadie Road to Notre Dame Street.

SNC invites Russell residents to attend a public open house to view and comment on the new natural hazard maps. The open house

will take place on Wed., Jan. 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Russell Township Town Hall in Embrun.

“We are particularly interested in historical information that residents may be able to provide for these watercourses,” said Sandra Mancini, SNC’s team lead, engineering. Mancini invites residents to bring along photos, news clippings and anecdotal stories to compare to natural hazard maps.

Mapping will be used by the township and SNC when updating official plans and zoning schedules and in reviewing other *Planning Act* applications. “The ultimate goal of the mapping is to help ensure safe development,” added Mancini. “It’s all about keeping people and property safe.”

SNC staff will be on-hand at the public house to respond to any questions from property owners and residents.



**Local updates**  
SNC staff survey a watercourse in the conservation district. Area mapping helps the SNC and the municipalities within the district provide accurate and up-to-date information during extreme weather events.  
Courtesy photo

# Rockland retiree plans to buy back family cottage with \$100,000 encore win

TORONTO – Congratulations to Suzanne Champagne of Rockland for winning \$100,000 with ENCORE (Oct. 5, 2018 LOTTO MAX draw). Suzanne matched the last six of seven ENCORE numbers in exact order to win the \$100,000 prize.



Suzanne Champagne of Rockland.

Courtesy photo

“I play LOTTO MAX and LOTTO 6/49 with ENCORE regularly – this is my first big win!” shared Suzanne, while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to pick up her cheque.

The 61-year old recently retired National Defense employee headed to the lottery retailer to check a stack of old tickets. “As I went through them, I saw ‘Big Winner’ come up and thought, I won \$10,000. I didn’t even think that was

true!” she said with a laugh.

The married, mother of two girls plans on buying back the family cottage and enjoying her newfound retirement at the cottage.

“It feels really nice!” she said as she smiled.

ENCORE can be played in conjunction with most online lottery games for an extra \$1. There is an ENCORE draw every day.

The winning ticket was purchased at Giant Tiger on Laurier Street in Rockland.

## RHS Report

By Meghan Baines  
Student Reporter



### Looking ahead as exam season comes to an end

Semester one is coming to a close here at RHS, and students are studying for their exams, finishing up summative assignments, and preparing for their next set of classes in February! Senior students preparing for their post-secondary education are submitting their applications if they haven’t already. Today is actually the deadline for university applications, and I wish everyone good luck getting accepted to their dream school. Students interested in applying for a bursary from the Canadian Legion should inquire about that in Guidance.

Russell High School has been having an eventful winter in sports and extracurricular activities, although I’m sure many students and staff are looking forward to warmer weather. Last week a group of them braved the

snow for a ski trip, which was a fun experience on a beautiful winter day! In other winter sports news, congratulations (again!) to the Senior girls volleyball team! They travelled to Brockville for a ten-team tournament on Fri., Jan. 11 and won their division with a record of seven wins and one loss. They won their semi-final matchup with St. Joseph’s (Renfrew) and then lost a close one in the finals against Arnprior. Congrats on a second place finish.

RHS was also treated to a talent show last week. Not surprisingly, it was a lot of fun! Some wonderful performances by talented students and teachers. This week, Ms. Elminowski’s Foods class went on a field trip for their culminating project – an exciting way to learn, and a great way to bring the semester to a close. Today, the Senior girls’ volleyball team is at McGill University, practicing with their women’s volleyball team.

On Friday of this week Ms. Baranovskiy will hold an art exhibit to showcase the talents that our school has to offer. All in all, I hope the second-half of the year is just as fun as the first. Have a good week RHS!

# Casselman massage therapist faces sexual assault charges

Kory Glover  
Villager Staff

CASSELMAN – Local massage therapist Stéphane Racine was arrested Thurs., Jan. 10 due to sexual related offences that occurred back in November 2017.

Racine was charged with sexual assault and is currently scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in L’Orignal Feb. 13.

OPP has released a statement that they

are currently attempting to identify any other victims that may have suffered due to similar crimes.

People are urged to contact detective constable Vincent Oickle at vincent.oickle@opp.ca or 613-443-4499 for any information regarding the investigation. Should anyone wish to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477,

and could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

# Chocolate KINdulgence

RUSSELL – Russell High School will be the backdrop for the Russell Kin Club’s Chocolate KINdulgence dance on Feb. 16.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. There will be a cash bar including chocolate martinis, a chocolate fountain, decadent draws,

pampering prizes and so much more.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., then guests can dance the night away from 8 p.m. to midnight with Eddy and the Stringrays who receive glowing reviews wherever they appear.

Dress up in the best 60’s gear; it might pay off!

Tickets for the Chocolate KINdulgence are available through the Kin Club website kinclubofrussell.ca and at RJ’s Convenience Store in Russell, the Russell Barber Shop and in Ottawa at Kelly’s Boutique Inc. on St. Laurent Blvd.

For table reservations, contact Doug Anthony at the Kin Club of Russell at 613-445-6483 or by email to: kindoug27@gmail.com.

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