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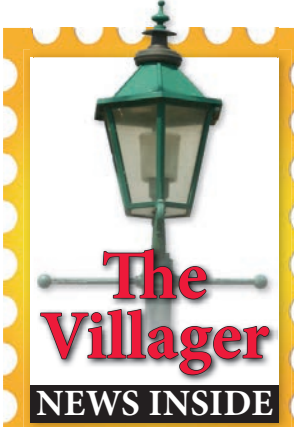
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**Briefly**

**Catch dinner and show this weekend**

**CHESTERVILLE** — Three local organizations are hosting dinner and a Christmas show this weekend to make Christmas brighter for a local family or individual. For the second year, A Bunch of People, Dundas County Players and the McCloskey's Project have come together to help raise funds. The event runs Dec. 13 and 14, at McCloskey's in Chesterville.

**Blue Christmas service**

**AVONMORE** — The Congregations of the Avonmore Finch and Gravel Hill Presbyterian Pastoral Charge are holding a Blue Christmas Service. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially those who struggle with the Christmas season. The non-denominational service will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Avonmore at 4 p.m. Dec. 22. The offering will go to Community Food Share.

**One more chance to see Santa**

**FINCH** — A full day of seasonal activities is scheduled for Finch on Dec. 14. It starts with breakfast at the Finch Community Hall, beginning at 8 a.m., with a special guest appearance by Santa. The Finch Parade of Lights starts at 7 p.m. followed by a Jingle and Mingle event with Santa at the Hall. Donations for the Food Bank will be accepted.



**Santa is always a favourite**

After telling Santa what she wished for Christmas, Karly Drew was joined by her brother Brendan Drew on Santa's lap during Breakfast with Santa held on Dec. 7 at the Chesterville Legion.

Thompson Goddard photo

## Hundreds enjoy breakfast with Santa

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

**CHESTERVILLE** — A much-beloved local holiday tradition, the Breakfast with Santa held on Dec. 7 at the Chesterville Legion and organized by the Rotary Club of Chesterville was once again a resounding success. The full-course breakfast included a selection of breakfast meats, eggs, home fries, juice and coffee as well as the opportunity to visit with friends and enjoy the sense of wonder that only Santa can bring.

During the event, Christ Church United in Chesterville had a bake table with a wide selection of delicious home baking, the Chesterville & District Lions Club had Christmas cakes and Christmas cookies for sale and the local fire department had a table with information and gadgets available.

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## EDPR halts construction on Nation Rise after approval revoked

Cindy Macdonald  
Record Staff

**NORTH STORMONT** — Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has revoked approval for the Nation Rise wind turbine project under construction in North Stormont. The move has some local residents celebrating but since construction was well underway, many questions remain about the fate of the project.

In a Dec. 4 letter to Margaret Benke, a founder of the group, Concerned Citizens of North Stormont, Minister Jeff Yurek says he has revoked approval for the wind turbines due to the threat they pose to the local bat population.

Benke had appealed the Environmental Review Tribunal's January 2019 decision. Minister Yurek said, explaining his decision, "I am therefore altering the Tribunal's decision based on my conclusion that the project will cause serious and irreversible harm to bats and I revoke the approval."

Since the minister's decision, EDP Renewables Canada Ltd. has halted all construction activities on the Nation Rise project.

In a statement, the company said it "strongly objects" to the Ontario government's recent decision to revoke the Renewable Energy Approval for Nation Rise and is "assessing all potential legal actions."

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# Seniors visit Alight at Night

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

LONG SAULT—The Friendly Circle Seniors Club in South Stormont recently received a Seniors' Community Grant from the Ontario government which provided funding for 74 people, aged 50 and over, to travel to Alight at Night in Upper Canada Village on Sat., Dec. 7.

The funding paid for the entrance to the event as well as transportation, with one

bus leaving Sunset Cove Retirement Living in Long Sault and a second one from the South Stormont Senior Support Centre in Ingleside, according to Gloria Waldroff, who organized the event.

Waldroff said following their trip to Alight at Night, the group returned to the South Stormont Support Centre in Ingleside for refreshments which included hot soup, sandwiches, dessert and hot cider, as well

as an opportunity to socialize with friends.

### All aboard!

As the sun begins to set, seniors board the bus, which will take them to Alight at Night located in Upper Canada Village near Morrisburg. This trip was made possible by a Seniors' Community Grant from the Ontario government to the Friendly Circle Seniors' Club in South Stormont.

Thompson Goddard photo



# Fundraising dinner and show this weekend

CHESTERVILLE—Three local organizations are hosting dinner and a show this coming weekend to make Christmas brighter for a local family or individual.

For the second year, A Bunch of People, Dundas County Players and the McCloskey Project have come together to help raise funds.

"Last year we raised \$300 through our dinner and show and we gave it to

a local family," said Amanda Burger of A Bunch of People. "We later heard the family had used the funds to pay their car insurance, which allowed the parent to obtain employment."

"This year we will add 10 per cent of all profits from our A Bunch of People events of 2019 to the funds raised," she added.

The event runs Friday and Sat., Dec. 13 and 14, beginning at 7 p.m., at McCloskey's in Chesterville.

The show is a staged reading of the timeless Canadian classic Dave Cooks the Turkey interspersed with Christmas songs. It is preceded by a turkey and roast beef buffet with all the trimmings. Drinks may be purchased.

Tickets are \$25 a person but if you purchase before 8 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 11, you will receive a 10 per cent discount for either date.

For tickets visit [www.abunchofpeople.ca](http://www.abunchofpeople.ca) or call (343) 585-2415.



### Holiday fun in Morewood

There was a lot of shopping to be done at the Craft and Vendor Sale held in the Morewood Recreation Centre on Sun., Nov. 24. A steady stream of people visited the event and got some great gift ideas from the 20 plus vendors. Organized by the Morewood Recreation Association, the show featured a selection of home-made items including bath bombs, holiday baking, wood crafts, locally produced honey as well as home-based businesses. If you got hungry while shopping, a canteen served up hot dogs and snacks while youngsters were able to take a break from shopping at the craft tables. Katie Finlay of Morewood selects a cookie sample from the table of Lazy Beagle Cookie Co., while Sasha Clayton watches.

Thompson Goddard photo

## Nation Rise

Continued from the front

The 100-megawatt Nation Rise wind energy project was to include 29 wind turbines. Nation Rise began construction in May. Construction is quite advanced with numerous wind turbines already fully erected.

"This unprecedented decision means the REA that was issued by the minister's own staff, defended by ministry legal counsel and subsequently ratified by the Environmental Review Tribunal is no longer in effect," says EDPR's statement.

Minister Yurek explains that his decision was taken on the basis that the turbine project would cause "localized harm to an already small bat population." The bats in question include colonies of big brown bats, hoary bats and little brown bats, the latter of which, brown bats are on the Species at Risk Ontario list.

The minister has also closed the door on the possibility of a "remedy hearing," where the parties involved could submit

information to determine the appropriate "remedy," which could include amending the terms of the renewable energy approval, revoking approval or directing specific actions. "In this case, I don't believe that a third round of submissions is necessary ... in light of the public interest reasons for revocation..."

The minister noted that this project's output is only a small fraction of Ontario's energy usage.

EDPR, for its part, is prepared to pursue legal action, so there is unlikely to be any quick resolution for local landowners who have leased land to the project or others who have agreements in place with the company.

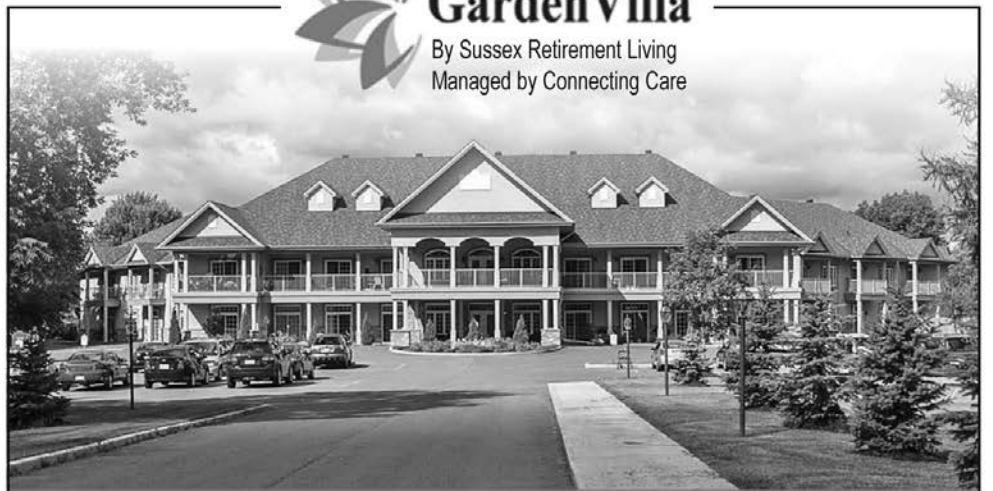
EDPR says the Nation Rise facility had created more than 230 local construction jobs to date and would create about 10 permanent local jobs during operation. Also, according to the company, the project would have injected more than \$45-million over 30 years into the local community through municipal taxes, a community benefit fund, charitable contributions and landowner payments.



### Species at risk shuts down Nation Rise

The Nation Rise Wind Turbine project has been halted due to a species of bats which are at risk of extinction. The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks revoked EDP Renewables Canada Ltd.'s approval of the project according to a press release on Mon., Dec. 9, by Minister Jeff Yurek. The bats in question include colonies of big brown bats, hoary bats and little brown bats. The little brown bats are on the Species at Risk in Ontario list.

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# Cornwall-area schools host fundraiser to benefit peers



This is the first year children at Roxmore Public School have participated in the Change for change program. Courtesy photo

CCORNWALL/AVONM ORE – It's a case of kids helping kids, and having fun while they do it. Roxmore Public School (RPS) and Eamer's Corners Public School (ECPS) marked National Child Day, Nov. 20, by hosting fundraisers to help benefit other children.

For the Change for Change fundraisers, students donated change, to play games organized by teachers within the school. In advance of the fundraiser, there were classrooms discussions about the meaning behind the event and the true value of giving.

RPS students played games like Do a Nose Dive, a relay race that challenges

students to pick up cotton balls with jelly smeared noses. In an event called Go Fishy, students used straws to suck up Goldfish crackers and move them from one plate to another. The fun also included balloon volleyball, French bingo, and various Minute to Win It games.

At ECPS, students played mini sticks and did obstacle courses, cup stacking, board games, Dance Revolution, beyblades and building with Lego.

ECPS raised \$1,000 during their event, while RPS generated \$612. Proceeds will benefit the Upper Canada District School Board Champions for Kids Foundation (C4K) and the Children's Treatment Centre (CTC) in Cornwall.

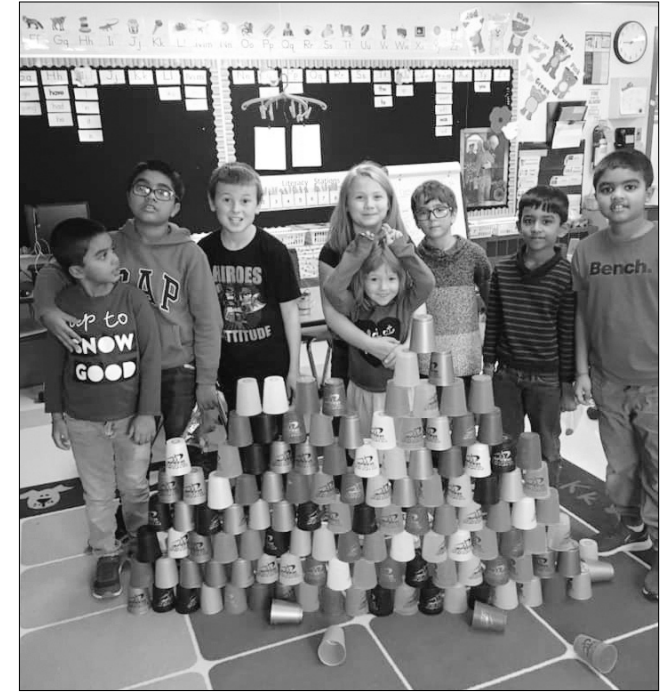
"It's such a great thing for kids because they get to have fun and help organizations that help kids," said Roxmore Public School principal Silvia Speck. "That whole idea of

paying it forward is so important. It builds character, and promotes generosity, and kindness."

"It also shows students we value them and that they're so important we have a special day for them," said Ann O'Shea an

event organizer at ECPS. "They also learn spare change can go a long way to helping others."

This is the 13th year ECPS has held their event and it's the first year for the event at RPS. Speck, who was previously a principal at ECPS, hopes this event will turn into an annual tradition at RPS as well.



Children at Eamer's Corners Public School played a cup stacking game to raise funds for other children in need. Courtesy photo



## Petit déjeuner avec le père noël/Breakfast with Santa

A holiday tradition in Crysler continued this year as the Club Optimiste de Crysler held their annual déjeuner avec le père noël/Breakfast with Santa at the Crysler Community Centre in Crysler, North Stormont. The full breakfast and the opportunity to socialize, support the community and, of course, see the jolly old elf attracted a great group of people to the event. This year will see the return of the New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31, with information available on the Crysler Community Centre's Facebook page. As the breakfast began, volunteers took a few moments for a photo before returning to work. Back row: Cameron Krieger. Front row, from the left: Alain Leduc, Nicole Paquette, Yvon Quesnel, Reynald Desroyers and Pierre Thibault.

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## Letter

### Re: North Stormont under Siege

Councillor Douglas' letter to the editor in *The Chesterville Record* on Dec. 11 might be better titled "Under siege from within."

In his letter, Mr. Douglas laments on the "lack of decorum" and calls on residents to rally and defeat those "unrelenting, multi-faceted, personal, rude, negative and toxic folks" attempting to advance their own agendas.

It is public knowledge that legal bills are piling up within North Stormont. As is now reported on NorthStormontWatchdog.com, there are a number of issues within our municipality. That said, we appreciate that councillor Villeneuve has been valiantly supporting the best interests of all residents even against the siege from within.

We have been contacted by quite a number of people who feel that we are the obvious focus of his wrath as councillor Douglas twice mentioned the Nation Rise project and we have been the most visible at council. If that is the case, it's only fair to present "the other side."

The fire chief has done his homework on fire suppression. He too has talked with others and understands the legal requirement to protect life first and foremost. We believe his life-safety recommendation should be respected and that he should not be harassed or pressured by council members or the CAO because of it.

We have been before the ministers of energy and environment at Queens Park in Toronto. We have consulted with our MP and MPP and are on their riding executives. We have spoken to Doug Ford and his staff. We met repeatedly with the Ministry of the Environment (MECP) staff from Cornwall and their technical staff in Kingston, all on our own nickel.

Ruby has provided factual information to the previous and present councils. Rainer has been before council for most of 2019 asking for due diligence on Nation Rise and on turbine fire suppression in particular. Examples of successful bylaws were provided. Ruby has again asked the mayor to sign a letter of concern for your health and our "highly vulnerable aquifer." We know people who left their home due to negative health impacts from infrasound. No one willingly walks away from their most important investment. We could go on.

We offered to share contacts and information. Our offers were not accepted so we took to council meetings, email, and media. Is that placing council under siege or just unwanted exposure? Did the parents of autistic children sit meekly by after budget cuts this spring? No, they fought for protections, for their loved ones, as have we.

Perhaps we have been too polite, as we have been repeatedly deferred without explanation or even an entry in minutes. Some feel that certain council members are supporting the interests of the wind company over residents. That perception would have evolved over time and inaction. It is their doing, not ours.

So, we ask council repeatedly for support or an explanation. Is that relentless? Yes, but certainly not rude, negative and toxic; unless one prefers not to answer to the public.

As you read this, you will now be aware of the cancellation of the Nation Rise approval. Is our work over? Probably not, as council has not yet put one single bylaw in place to regulate this project should it be successfully challenged or to prepare for any others that may be coming. Thank you for considering the "other side."

Rainer Pethke and Ruby Mekker

## CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

### Soaking Santa

Lately I've been thinking a lot about the worldwide legend of Santa Claus; the myth that adults perpetuate as much for themselves as they do for the little ones. Fake news or not, there's something very comforting about the notion of a portly gentleman setting out every year to spread joy wherever he goes.

Obviously, I'm mulling over the role of Santa in our lives because the season is upon us... but there's another reason. I just had my most bizarre Santa encounter ever! More about that as we roll along.

Santa Claus... the great pretender! The character that competes with baby Jesus as the star of Christmas time. The Santa game is harmless, really, probably beneficial; Santa is our representation of the Christmas spirit, the spirit of giving to those less fortunate and of reaching out to one and all.

The "big fat man in the bright red suit" comes in many shapes and sizes and every year about this time appears in a wide range of venues immersed in a plethora of activities from presiding over children's parties to hawking merchandise at shopping centres. Sorry I called you fat Santa! When she was young, my daughter always warned me that if I insulted him, he wouldn't show up at our house.

There are classic roly polly Santas, thinner Santas, some well turned out in the red-and-white, some looking a little shabby and rough around the edges. In Prescott, there's a resident Santa who was custom made for the outfit, has the personality to go with it, and who stays in character year-round. The Russell-Metcalf area also has its permanent Santa, Brian who actually has his own reindeer.

Until lately, my own encounters with Santa over many years have been relatively routine. I don't remember actually seeing Santa in the house growing up or sitting on his knee although I may have, perhaps at the old Freiman's department store on Rideau Street in Ottawa. I've never dressed up as the jolly old elf but wouldn't mind doing so; and I've never been accosted by a drunken Santa



Santa hanging out in a fish tank during a seasonal event at the Brockville Aquatorium. Van Dusen photo

unlike, no doubt, some of the ladies out there.

In that fourth paragraph I used the word "immersed." That's a key word in describing the most mind-boggling depiction of Santa I have ever witnessed. It all happened last Saturday at the Brockville Aquatorium. Along with a friend, I went there to take in a Christmas craft sale set among the facility's assortment of aquariums and other displays.

It turned out to be a very good mix. It was a free-admission day and visitors could shop the craft booths for various specialty items while checking out the star attractions, the river otters and the latest acquisition, Justin Beaver. Apparently, this is the mating season and the otters had retired to their boudoir out of public view so we settled for the beaver.

The story on Justin is that he was rescued from a bathtub somewhere in Quebec. We watched transfixed as he instinctively moved twigs around his enclosure, seemingly at a loss as to what to do with them; it was like he wanted to build a dam but didn't know where to start.

We took the back stairs to get to the main exhibit floor and, while we were climbing them, we came upon a sight to behold: A live Santa immersed in a fish tank! I'm not kidding you boys and girls! There was a rather thin Santa in full fake beard and traditional suit lurking at the bottom of the tank with fish swimming around him. My first question was, how did he keep his beard and hat

from floating to the surface? They must have been weighted down.

Air was being pumped from the surface into his breathing apparatus, and Santa was clearly wired for sound because he could call



out to spooked bystanders. What? There's a Santa in there! Nobody quite believed it at first glance. A helper was standing by in case Santa got into any difficulty such as a frenzied attack by fish, concerned about a foreign creature occupying their domain. They're not aware of the Santa legend.

There was no real point to the submerged Santa... just some seasonal shenanigans conjured up by the fun-loving folks with Save Ontario Shipwrecks, a volunteer-driven group dedicated to study, preserve, promote, and appreciate Ontario's marine heritage... now including a waterlogged Santa.

## NDDHS Report

By Carley Milne-Servage  
Student Council Communications

### Christmas festivities coming up



We're well into December and steadily approaching Christmas, so the student council has decided to organize a fun holiday activity to get everyone in the spirit. On Fri., Dec. 20, we will be having a gingerbread house contest in the cafeteria, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Students can sign up a team of four or five people (\$10 per team) for a chance to compete in the competition. Sign ups are taking place this week during high school lunch, and intermediate students can sign up and pay their teachers. If you haven't already put together a team, we strongly suggest you do. May the best gingerbread house win!

Mrs. Hall's leadership class is putting on our very own Amazing Race North Dundas from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Fri., Dec. 13. Various high school classes will have a chance to participate in some challenges around the school in teams of four to six students. Leadership class members have been hard at work all week, organizing, planning, and testing out the tasks, and they can't wait to run the event on Friday. Good luck to all of our contestants!

There's only a week and a half left of school before the holidays, so we want to rack up the Christmas spirit here at North Dundas. The week of Dec. 16 to 20 is Christmas Spirit Week, with a different holiday theme each day.

Monday: Christmas Sweater Day  
Tuesday: Christmas Hat Day  
Wednesday: Dress in Red and Green  
Thursday: Dress as your favourite Christmas movie character

Friday: Pyjama Day  
Start thinking about what you're going to wear!

Finally, our Grade 12 students have been hard at work planning, writing, and rehearsing this year's Christmas concert, which will be taking place on Fri., Dec. 20, at noon. Everyone is welcome to join the audience; we can't wait to perform the show!

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# An old-fashioned Christmas Advent service

**Ginette Guy**  
Record Contributor

**LONG SAULT** – Warmed by the century-old cast-iron box stove, a group of 55 guests filled the Sandtown Advent Christian Church on Dec. 8. The small church at the Lost Villages Museum in Long Sault was filled to capacity for its old-fashioned Christmas Advent service and sing-along.

Musical entertainment was provided by Marie Cameron, Ed O'Brien, and the former St. Pius X Choir, who came out of retirement for this special event.

The Sandtown building was built in 1860, serving as a church since 1890. Its wooden interior and historic character added to the charm of the gathering. After the service, everyone was invited for hot apple cider and treats in the Forbes Reading Room.

The Lost Villages Historical Society hosts this event annually; it books up quickly, with some guests coming from as far as Montreal to enjoy the day; it is a joy for everyone involved to see the old church resonate with the sounds of Christmas once again.



Sandtown Advent Christian Church, Ault Park, is part of the Lost Villages Museum in Long Sault. Guy photo



Christmas favourites performed by Marie Cameron, Ed O'Brien and the former St. Pius X Choir. Guy photo



Five-year-old Sadie Miller from Long Sault enjoying the Christmas cheer in the 160-year-old Sandtown Advent Christian Church. Guy photo

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- Obituary -



**HEBERT, Raymond**

At the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, December 8, 2019, Raymond Hebert of Morewood, age 83. Loving husband of Hilly Hebert (nee Vander Veen) for almost 60 years. Loving father of Art (Suzanne) of Chesterville, Jack (Holly) of Chesterville, Nancy Hebert of Morewood and Johnny (Cindy) of Camrose, Alberta. Raymond will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Adam, Kristy (Jeremy), Tina, Nicole, Shane, Nathan and great-grandchildren Cyrus, Riley, Ella, Joyce and Brett. Also survived by nieces and nephews. There will be no visitation or service. Donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.

Obituary




**YOUMELLE, Helen**


Peacefully with her family at her side at the Garden Villa in Chesterville on Friday, December 6, 2019 Helen Youmelle (nee Taylor) of Winchester, age 75. Beloved wife of the late Robert "Bob" Youmelle. Loving mother of Amy Fraser (Tony) of Winchester. Dear sister-in-law of Paul Morin of Cornwall and Daniel Youmelle (Sheila) of Cornwall. Helen will be fondly remembered by her granddaughter Emma Fraser (Sam O'Donnell). Also survived by nieces and nephews.

**Funeral Arrangements**

Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Chesterville, on Wednesday, December 11th from 6-9 p.m. A celebration of Helen's life will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, December 12th at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at the Nelson Laprade Centre. Donations to Dundas County Hospice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.




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# Local vendors get into the Christmas spirit

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER — Organizers Kate Link-Horvath and Martha Malatesta were pleased with the North Dundas Parade of Lights Trade and Vendor Fair held on Dec. 7 at the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester.

The event featured 50 local vendors. Malatesta said she expected the 2019 event would see more customers than last year. Shoppers were able to peruse the various booths which featured home-based businesses, crafters and

baked goods while enjoying seasonal music. The

opportunity to have your photo taken with Santa

Claus was just one more reason to visit.



## Lots of gift ideas!

For those looking for an opportunity to pick up a gift for that special someone, the 2019 North Dundas Parade of Lights Trade and Vendor Fair provided an amazing selection of presents for people of all ages.

Thompson Goddard photo



## A great shopping event

Kate Link-Horvath and Martha Malatesta are shown at the 2019 North Dundas Parade of Lights Trade and Vendor Fair at the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester.

Thompson Goddard photo

## Breakfast with Santa

Continued from the front

Ruth Gilroy and Christine Cross Barkley organized the event, which seems to be growing larger each year. Gilroy expressed her amazement at the turnout, with some estimating several hundred people enjoyed this seasonal tradition throughout the morning.

Gilroy thanked Christine Schuler for organizing the craft tables, the student volunteers and the Rotary Club members who worked together to make the Breakfast with Santa successful. She gave a special thank you to Santa and his elves as well as Chesterville's Ace Hardware, Greg's Quality Meats of Winchester and Mike Dean's Super Food Store in Chesterville for their donations to the event.



## Christmas craft fun

Student volunteers Giota Sarsaroudi and Nicole Blaser help Callie Shane and her mom Stephanie Shane with their Christmas' crafts. Christmas craft tables were organized by Christine Schuler and enjoyed by all who participated.

Thompson Goddard photo



## Chesterville resident celebrates lotto win

One dollar has turned into \$100,000 for one local lottery winner. Saying "yes" to Encore paid off for Denis Ducharme of Chesterville. Ducharme matched the last six of seven Encore numbers in exact order in the Nov. 20 - LOTTO 6/49 draw to win \$100,000. The winning ticket was purchased at Mike Dean's Super Food Store on King Street in Chesterville.

Courtesy photo

# Babies of 2019

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

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# North Dundas celebrates in style!

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

**NORTH DUNDAS**—It was certainly a busy day in North Dundas on Dec. 7 as the municipality got set to start the holiday season off with several events, culminating in the North Dundas Parade of Lights in Winchester.

There was the long-standing and highly successful Breakfast with Santa event at the Chesterville Legion organized by the Rotary Club of Chesterville, while in South Mountain the annual Santa Claus Breakfast was organized by North Dundas Fire Station No. 2. Both events featured a visit from the jolly old elf as well as craft tables and the opportunity to spend time visiting with family, friends and neighbours.

During the day in Winchester, there were several organized events, including a North Dundas Parade of Lights Vendor and Trade Show in the Joel Steele Community Centre, musical recitals during the afternoon in the Winchester United Church, hockey games, a euchre tournament at the Winchester Legion and a Parade of Lights dinner hosted by the Winchester Lions Club.

As the sun set, Sweet Corner Park, located at the corner of St. Lawrence and Main Streets, became a beehive of activity as people gathered to enjoy the pre-parade fun. Refreshments included Fries for Charity, in support of the Winchester Hawks and Downtown Revitalization Committee; giving visitors the opportunity to taste a Beaver Tail, the favourite Canadian pastry, as well as the opportunity to warm up at the fire pit and visit while listening to seasonal background music.

Shortly after 7 p.m., the 2019 North Dundas Parade of Lights began making its way from the North Dundas municipal building. Along the route, excited people of



## Lighting up the night

The Morewood Recreation Association, one of the 50 floats in the 2019 North Dundas Parade of Lights, make its way past spectators during the Dec. 7 parade. Thompson Goddard photo

all ages watched the parade, as close to 50 floats made their way through the community. The last float carried Santa Claus, which caused ripples of excitement as it passed by spectators.

Later this week, organizers will be meeting to view the video of the parade and decide the

winners in each category. Spectators are able to vote for their favourite float in the People's Choice category.

The organizers of the 2019 North Dundas Parade of Lights are to be commended for the hours of planning and preparation undertaken to ensure the success of this event.



## French fries anyone?

There was no shortage of hungry customers at the Fries for Charity booth during the celebrations at Sweet Corner Park during the 2019 North Dundas Parade of Lights. Thompson Goddard photo



**Santa is here!**  
The last float in the 2019 North Dundas Parade of Lights had Santa atop a fire truck waving to the crowd and delighting young and old alike!  
Thompson Goddard photo

# Santa Claus came to town

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

**IROQUOIS**—There was excitement in the air during the "Santa is coming to Iroquois" event held at the Iroquois Legion on Dec. 5. This long-standing Christmas season tradition, organized by the local business community, provides residents with the opportunity to visit with friends and neighbours while youngsters can participate in crafts, face painting and, of course, tell Santa their Christmas wishes!

All that activity can work up an appetite, so the Iroquois Public School Council had hot dogs, chili and drinks available for purchase with ample seating available for those who needed some rest. Outside the legion children played and adults visited while waiting for the truck-drawn wagon to return. Once the wagon was in the parking lot and riders disembarked, the next group of people prepared to take the wagon ride through town, escorted by a tanker from the South Dundas Fire Station 14 in Iroquois.



## Santa, I would like ...

While Mrs. Claus looks on, Mattylyn Comptois of Iroquois tells Santa her Christmas wish during the seasonal event held on Dec. 5 in this small South Dundas community. Thompson Goddard photo

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Rev. Cheryl Gaver and the Congregations of the Avonmore Finch & Gravel Hill Presbyterian Pastoral Charge invite you to a Blue Christmas Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Main St. in Avonmore, Sun., Dec. 22 beginning at 4 p.m.; the Service is Non-Denominational and the offering will go to "Community Food Share". Everyone is most welcome to attend, especially those who struggle with the Christmas season. 22-1

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## Beyond 21 raising funds for future home

**Ginette Guy**  
Record Contributor

CORNWALL—A local support group needs more help to reach its goal of creating a welcoming place for adults with developmental disabilities.

Beyond 21 identifies itself as “dream chasers.” The aim is to help adults with developmental disabilities stay connected, contribute and work on their dreams.

In a recent interview with *The Chesterville Record*, Jane McLaren, Beyond 21’s executive director, was enthusiastic about its new “hub” at 1924 Pitt St. in Cornwall.

Renovations have begun but the group has a fundraising goal of \$750,000 and a deadline of May 2020. McLaren is proud to say that \$400,000 has been pledged to date.

The 8,000 sq. ft. building will be completely adapted and will include a sensory room and accessible washrooms. The executive director points out the need for flooring suitable for wheelchairs. In addition, they had to eliminate fluorescent lighting, as it emits a hum that can be disturbing to some of their participants.

“Our participants wear their challenge every day,”

says Jane McLaren, and as recently as 10 years ago, they faced institutional care or group homes. Beyond 21 gives them a chance to thrive in a safe environment that promotes respect and sees them as people first.

On Dec. 2, board president Tish Humphries asked for financial support from the South Glengarry council. She did not request a specific amount but rather suggested that any amount would help. Council transferred the request to the administration to see how they could support the project.

Beyond 21 does not receive government funding

but is self-financing through community fundraisers. The program was established to bridge the gap after young adults with disabilities “age out” of the school system at 21.

Beyond 21 runs programs that develop community connections, build life skills and provide social contacts. The group presently serves about 50 families with more on a waitlist. Half of the participants are from Cornwall, with the other half equally divided between the local counties, reaching Alexandria, Iroquois, Chesterville, and Akwesasne.

To find out more see [www.beyond21.org](http://www.beyond21.org).



Beyond 21 is raising funds to support renovations at the group’s new location on Pitt Street. The site will be completely adapted to accommodate adults with developmental disabilities. *Guy photo*

## Getting ready for a special night

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

MOOSE CREEK—With the 2019 Moose Creek Parade of Lights set to begin at 6 p.m. on Dec. 7, there was a lot of activity at the fire station as the sun set. Volunteers were putting the finishing touches on the over 30 floats registered for the parade.

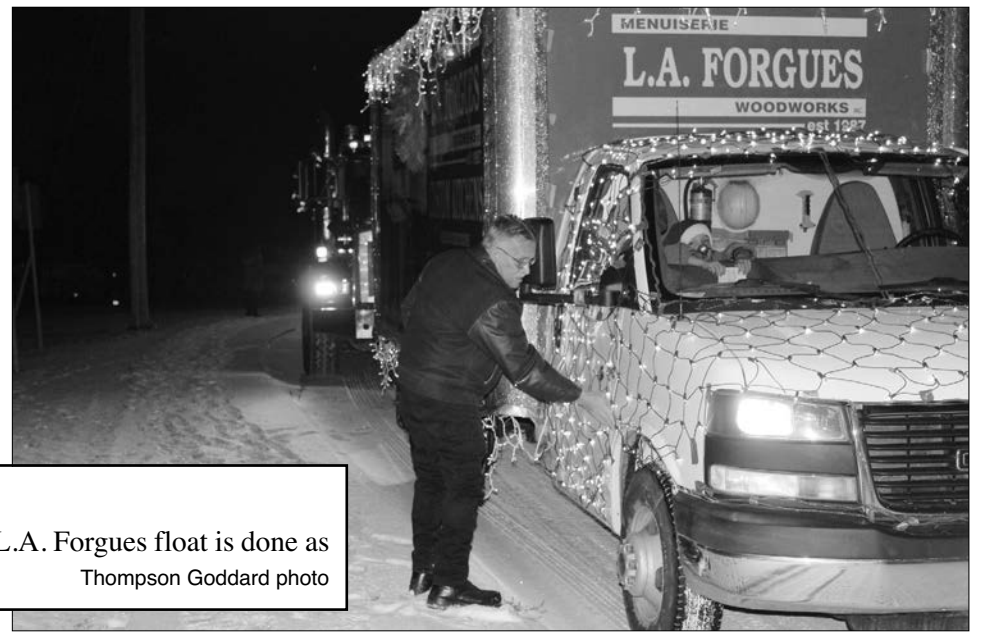
Nicholas Forgues, senior captain at the Moose Creek Fire Station, explained the event has been going on for decades and is organized by the Moose Creek Firemen’s Association. Following the parade, Santa Claus was at the Recreation Centre listening to Christmas wishes with free candy, hot dogs and hot chocolate provided.

Of note this year, LCM Quesnel and Leducdale Farm donated chocolate milk to be handed out during the parade, with Stormont Dairy Producers also providing chocolate milk and cookies. Pascal Quesnel explained their float is decorated around the theme of Cookies and Milk for Santa, which is the name of a fundraising program from the Dairy Farmers of Ontario; it runs until Dec. 28, raising money for children’s hospitals throughout Ontario.

### Checking it twice!

A final check of the decorations on the L.A. Forgues float is done as parade time nears.

*Thompson Goddard photo*



## Pin Tales

**Stormont Ladies:** Ladies’ High Single, Pat Middleton 207; Ladies’ High Triple, Pat Middleton 563. Team Standings: Susan 101.5, Elaine 100.5, Pat 93, Angela 55.

**Monday Men’s:** Men’s High Single, Frank Jerome 313; Men’s High Triple, Frank Jerome 787; Men’s High Average, Marc Robinson 251. Team Standings: East-ont 67, Raiders 60.5, A-Team 55, Alley Rats 46, Alley Cats 44.5, Country Boys 39.

**Tuesday Mixed:** Men’s High Single, John Brisson 225; Men’s High Triple, John Brisson 632; Ladies’ High Single, Diane Holmes 207; Ladies’ High Triple, Diane Holmes 541. Team Standings: Love 118, Hope 116, Charity 95, Faith 91.

**Wednesday Ladies:** Ladies’ High Single, Brenda Fraser 212, Ladies’ High Triple, Dorothy Thomas 487. Team Standings: Lorna 177, Dianna 162, Dorothy 153, Mary 147, Pat 140.

**Finch Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Derek Bissonnette 297; Men’s High Triple, Tony Sanders 692; Men’s High Average, Justin StPierre 204; Ladies’ High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 260; Ladies’ High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 712; Ladies’ High Average, Isabelle Bissonnette 223. Team Standings: 3 and 1 71, Team #4 54, Team #1 48, Kingpins 42, NADD 32, Oma’s Team 24.

**Matilda:** Ladies’ High Single, Connie Milne 145; Ladies’ High Triple, Connie Milne 375; Men’s High Single, Walter Patterson 257; Men’s High Triple, John Leach 505. Team Standings: Anarchy 53, Granny and the Grunts 48, Two C’s and a K 45, The Happy Gang 44, The Ballers 42, Oh Danny Boy and the Pipes 41.

**Thursday Seniors:** Men’s High Single, John Bcgarrety 174; Men’s High Triple, Jack Hogaboam 473; Ladies’ High Single, Kim Henbest 196; Ladies’ High Triple, Kim Henbest 494.

**Avonmore Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Frank Jerome 295; Men’s High Triple, Frank Jerome 731; Ladies’ High Single,

Mink Fusee 212; Ladies’ High Triple, Shelley Osborne 497. Team Standings: Akitas 145, Pomeranians 131.5, Chow Chows 126, Labradors 123, Poodles 116, Boxers 114.5.

**Les Dynamiques:** Men’s High Single, Yvon Lafleur 212; Men’s High Triple, Yvon Lafleur 500; Ladies’ High Single, Lucie Briere 266; Ladies’ High Triple, Yolande Leduc 658.

**Winchester Odd Couples:** Men’s High Single, Troy Flaro 355; Men’s High Triple, Troy Flaro 802, Men’s High Average, Troy Flaro 267; Ladies’ High Single, Courtney Ferguson 272; Ladies’ High Triple, Courtney Ferguson 621; Ladies’ High Average, Pat Middleton 166. Team Standings: The Morrisburg Sandbaggers 135, Mental Mishaps 131.5, The Chickipoos 129, Pin Pluckers 127.5, King Hery’s Court 123.5, Harley 121.5.

### Youth Bowling Canada

**YBC Peewees:** Girl’s High Single, Deliah Heuff 107; Girl’s High Double, Ivy Michaud 187; Boy’s High Single, Isaac Bradley 100; Boy’s High Double, Isaac Bradley 200. Team Standings: Bruins 87, Kings 71, Leafs 53.5, Sharks 48.5.

**YBC Bantams:** Girl’s High Single, Isabelle Gaudette 152; Girl’s High Double, Isabelle Gaudette 284; Boy’s High Single, Clark Sanders 144; Boy’s High Double, Clark Sanders 253. Team Standings: Avalanche 120, Coyotes 119, Rangers 109.5, Flames 97, Blackhawks 94, Red Wings 90.5, Jets 89.5.

**YBC Juniors:** Girl’s High Single, Annika Michaud 239; Girl’s High Triple, Ava Bradley 513; Boy’s High Single, Alex Robinson 295; Boy’s High Triple, Alex Robinson 615. Team Standings: Sabers 82, Ducks 77.5, Senators 74.5.

**YBC Seniors:** Girl’s High Single, Abby Welsh 190; Girl’s High Triple, Abby Welsh 485. Team Standings: Canucks 63, Panthers 54.

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## Hunt, Lefebvre, Carroll on fire as Rockets drown Castors

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

GATINEAU—The North Dundas Rockets played a pair of games this past weekend as they welcomed the Clarence Castors on Saturday night and travelled to Gatineau on Sunday afternoon to take on the Hull-Volant.

### Volant 6 Rockets 5

The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Robert Guertin Arena in Gatineau to take on the Gatineau Hull-Volant on Sun., Dec. 8, in the NCJHL. The Rockets were coming

off a big 10-3 victory over the Clarence Castors the previous night and were looking to beat the East Division leaders, the Volant.

The Rockets opened the scoring at 4:30 of the first period as Justin Lefebvre drove one home from Cameron Brown to take a 1-0 lead. The Volant tied the game at 7:33 and took their first lead with just 1:08 remaining in the first period.

The Rockets got the game to even, with just 11 seconds showing on the clock in the opening frame, as Joel Hunt blasted one to the back of the

net from Lefebvre and Nicolas Carroll. The teams took a two-all tie into the first intermission.

The Volant retook the lead at 6:41 but the Rockets tied the game again, this time with just 20 seconds remaining in the middle frame, as Jarrett Williams fired one home from Carroll; taking a three-all draw into the second intermission.

The Rockets took their second lead of the game when Lefebvre scored his second of the game from Williams just 40 seconds into the third period to make it 4-3. The Volant scored three consecutive goals at 6:33, 8:35 and 13:18 taking a 6-4 lead.

The Rockets got to within one when Brown pounded one home from Lefebvre with just 38 seconds remaining in regulation. The Rockets tried to tie the game before the final buzzer but time elapsed as the Volant hung on for a 6-5 victory.

Suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Emerson Hunt.

### Rockets 10 Castors 3

The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Clarence Castors to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Dec. 7, in the NCJHL. The Rockets went into the game in second place in the West Division, 15 points behind the South Grenville Rangers



The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Clarence Castors to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Dec. 7, in the NCJHL. The Rockets' forward, Jarrett Williams slams home a perfect pass from his teammate, Nicholas Carroll (15), as the Castors' goalie Andrew Lariviere, tries to get across the crease. Williams scored a pair of goals and Carroll scored a goal and four assists as the Rockets took the game 10-3.

Moore photo



The Rockets' dynamic duo, Joel Hunt (22) and Justin Lefebvre, have been on a hot streak lately scoring 11 goals and nine assists combined in their last three games. Both Hunt and Lefebvre are tied as the league leaders with 39 points each.

Moore photo

## Hawks end losing streak at three

Jeff Moore  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The Winchester Hawks had a busy week with three games as they travelled to Ottawa on Tuesday night to take on the Canadians, to Embrun on Friday night to take on the Panthers and welcomed the Westport Rideaus on Saturday afternoon.

### Hawks 6 Rideaus 4

The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Westport Rideaus to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Sat., Dec. 7, in the CCHL2. It was a busy day for the Hawks after coming off a tough 3-1 loss to the Embrun Panthers the previous night as they hosted the Rideaus and then took part in the Winchester Parade of Lights later in the evening.

The Hawks were looking to get back in the winning column after dropping their previous two games and three of their last four. The Rideaus opened the scoring at 5:35 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead.

The Hawks tied the game when Nolan Geurtin scored

his first goal of the season from Marco Haw at 10:13. The Hawks took their first lead of the game when Danny Johnson scored his sixth of the season from Kyle Fleming and Graeme Buffone at 17:15 and took a 2-1 lead into the first intermission.

The Rideaus owned the second period scoring three consecutive goals at 51 seconds, 17:11 on the power play and again at 18:07 on the same power play. The Hawks cut the deficit by one as Ryan Nielson snapped home his fourth of the season from Guertin and Johnson on the power play with just two seconds remaining in the middle frame.

The Rideaus took a 4-3 lead into the second intermission. The Hawks tied the game at 10:28 of the third period as Noah Weatherall scored his third of the season from Haw and Kyle Kuehni. The Hawks took their second lead of the game when Kuehni scored his ninth of the season unassisted with just 2:02 remaining in regulation.

The Rideaus tried to get their goalie to the bench in

favour of an extra attacker but the Hawks hemmed them in their own zone and with just 50 seconds remaining, Kuehni scored his second of the game and 10th of the season from goalie Lucas Devries. The Hawks hung on for a 6-4 victory. The Rideaus outshot the Hawks 41-35.

Picking up the win in the Hawks' goal was Devries, making 37 saves.

### Canadians 3 Hawks 2

The Winchester Hawks travelled to the Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa to take on the Ottawa Jr. Canadians on Tues., Dec. 3, in the CCHL2. The Hawks went into the game sitting in the fifth seed in the Martin Division and have been on a slight downward slide.

The Canadians opened the scoring at 8:46 of the first period on the power play taking a 1-0 lead. The Canadians took a two-goal lead at 13:25 on another power play and carried a 2-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Hawks cut the deficit in half when Kyle Fleming scored his 11th



The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Westport Rideaus to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Sat., Dec. 7, in the CCHL2. The Hawks' forward/defenseman, Shane Dickie was all tied up by the Rideaus' defender as the puck trickles past the empty cage. The Hawks eventually scored six goals to beat the Rideaus 6-4.

Moore photo

goal of the season unassisted while shorthanded with just 15 seconds remaining in the second period. The Canadians took a 2-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Hawks knotted the affair at two when Marco Haw scored his 10th of the season from Danny Johnson and Ryan Nielson on the

power play at 6:06. The Canadians retook the lead at 10:22.

The Hawks pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker late in the game but the Canadians didn't allow the game-tying goal as they hung on for a 3-2 victory. The Hawks dominated the shot clock outshooting the Canadians 35-22.

Suffering the loss in the

Hawks' goal was Lucas Devries making 17 saves.

### Up next

The Winchester Hawks welcome the Perth Blue Wings to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Dec. 13 at 8:15 p.m. and travel to the Char-Lan Recreation Centre in Williamstown on Sat., Dec. 14 to take on the Char-Lan Rebels at 8 p.m.

# Vikings take down Tikis, frustrated by Rebels

**Jeff Moore**  
Record Staff

**WILLIAMSTOWN**— The Casselman Vikings played a pair of games this past weekend as they welcomed the Brockville Tikis on Thursday night and travelled to Williamstown on Saturday night to take on the Char-Lan Rebels.

## Rebels 4 Vikings 3

The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Char-Lan Recreation Centre in Williamstown on Sat., Dec. 7, to take on the Char-Lan

Rebels in the CCHL2. The Vikings went into the game in third place in the Martin Division, two points behind the Embrun Panthers in second place and three back of the Ottawa West Golden Knights.

The Vikings opened the scoring at 11:53 of the first period as Zachary Fournier scored his fifth goal of the season from Joshua Desjardins and Jason Cossette taking a 1-0 lead. The Vikings took a two-goal lead when Alexandre

Charlebois scored his eighth of the season unassisted at 13:17.

The Vikings took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Rebels cut the deficit in half at 15:11 of the second period but trailed 2-1 heading into the second intermission.

The Rebels tied the game at 3:09 of the third period on the power play but the Vikings retook the lead when Mathieu Talbot scored his 16th of the season from Frédéric Gagnier at 11:42 on the power play.

The Rebels knotted the game at three at 15:48. The Vikings had a chance to take the lead on the power play with just under four minutes remaining but the Rebels surprised the Vikings scoring a shorthanded goal with just 2:36 remaining in regulation taking a 4-3 lead.

The Vikings pulled their goaltender with about one minute remaining but were unable to score the equalizer as the Rebels took the game 4-3. The Vikings outshot the Rebels 35-33. Suffering the loss in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 29 saves.

## Vikings 4 Tikis 3

The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Brockville Tikis to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Dec. 5, in the CCHL2. The Vikings went into the game in third



The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Brockville Tikis to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Dec. 5, in the CCHL2. The Vikings' forward Shawn Patterson (9) had a solid game with a pair of goals, including this one, to open the scoring against the Tikis' goalie, Brayden Kelso. Patterson and the Vikings took the game 4-3 but still remain in third place in the tough Martin Division.

Moore photo



The Vikings welcomed 17-year-old Chris Egner (22) to their lineup on Thursday night. Egner played with the Ottawa Senators Midget AAA prior to coming to the Vikings scoring seven goals and 13 assists for 20 points in 24 games.

Moore photo

place in the Martin Division, two points behind the first place Embrun Panthers and one point behind the Ottawa West Golden Knights in second.

The Vikings opened the scoring at 6:38 of the first period as Shawn Patterson scored his seventh goal of the season unassisted taking a 1-0 lead. Despite outshooting the Tikis 14-9 in the opening frame, the Vikings took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Vikings made it 2-0 when Patterson scored his second of the game and eighth of the season from Adam Paquette at 7:38 of the second period. The Tikis got to within one at 8:20 and tied the game at

13:49 while shorthanded.

The Vikings retook the lead when François Drouin scored his 15th of the season from Xavier Léveillé and Samuel Labre with just 32 seconds remaining in the middle frame on the power play. The Vikings took a 3-2 lead into the second intermission.

The Tikis tied the game for a second time at 4:14 of the third period. With time winding down in regulation, the game appeared to be headed to overtime but with just 21 seconds remaining, the Vikings captain, Jason Cossette, lit the lamp for the 13th time this season from Nicolas Chartrand and

Zachary Fournier and took the game 4-3.

With the win, the Vikings moved into a first-place tie with the Panthers temporarily, but the Golden Knights beat the Richmond Royals 4-3 in overtime to take over first place. The Vikings outshot the Tikis 38-32. Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 29 saves.

## Up next

The Casselman Vikings welcome the Ottawa Jr. Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. and travel to the Billy Gebbie Arena in Alexandria on Fri., Dec. 13, to take on the Glens at 8 p.m.

# Lions get more scoring punch, still suffered a pair of losses over weekend

**Jeff Moore**  
Record Staff

**CARP**— The Morrisburg Lions played two games this past weekend as they welcomed the St. Isidore Eagles on Saturday night and travelled to Carp on Sunday afternoon to take on the West Carleton Inferno.

## Inferno 5 Lions 2

The Morrisburg Lions travelled to the W. Erskine Johnston Arena in Carp to take on the West Carleton Inferno on Sun., Dec. 8, in the NCJHL. The Lions went into the game in fifth place in the West Division with one win, 17 losses and a tie but sat just five points behind the fourth place Inferno.

The Lions opened the scoring when Kevin Doyle slapped one home from Tanner Barnett and Aaron Smith on the power play at 16:51 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The

Inferno tied the game with just 1:41 remaining in the opening frame and the teams took a one-all draw into the first intermission.

The Inferno took their first lead of the game at 12:09 of the second period on the power play. The Inferno took a 2-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Lions knotted the affair at two when Justice Brownlee snapped one home unassisted just 15 seconds into the third period.

The Inferno retook the lead at 10:48 and took a two-goal lead at 13:12. The Inferno closed out the scoring at 14:31 and took the game 5-2, and handed the Lions their 18th loss of the season. The Inferno outshot the Lions 51-28.

Suffering the loss in the Lions' goal was Riley Phillips making 46 saves.

## Eagles 6 Lions 4

The Morrisburg Lions

welcomed the St. Isidore Eagles to the Morrisburg Arena on Sat., Dec. 7, in the NCJHL. The Lions were sitting in the fifth spot in the West Division with just one win in the season, while the Eagles were sitting in fourth place in the East Division, two games below .500.

The Eagles opened the scoring just 2:41 into the first period on the power play taking a 1-0 lead and made it 2-0 at 5:01. The Lions got one back at 6:42 as Jake Amo sniped one from Justice Brownlee and Carter Tait to close the gap to one.

The Eagles retook a two-goal lead at 12:16 on the power play and made it a three-goal difference with just 59 seconds remaining in the first period. The Eagles took a 4-1 lead into the first intermission.

The Eagles made it 5-1 at 8:58 but the Lions cut

the deficit to three, when Amo scored his second of the season at 16:29 from Brownlee and Tait. The Eagles took a 5-2 lead into the second intermission.

The Eagles made it 6-2 just 1:39 into the third period but the Lions responded with a goal at 10:29 as Tait scored his first of the season after just rejoining the club, from Brownlee and Amo on the power play. The Lions got to within two when Tait scored his second of the game from Brownlee and Amo with 2:13 remaining in regulation on the power play.

The Eagles hung on to take the game 6-4. The Eagles outshot the Lions 43-37. Suffering the loss in the Lions' goal was Kamden Sabourin making 37 saves.

## Up next

The Morrisburg Lions welcome the South



The Morrisburg Lions welcomed the St. Isidore Eagles to the Morrisburg Arena on Sat., Dec. 7, in the NCJHL. The Lions forward, Jake Amo had a good game scoring two goals and a pair of assists. The line of Amo, Justice Brownlee and Carter Tait combined for four goals and eight assists but the Lions still lost the game 6-4 to the Eagles.

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Grenville Rangers to the Morrisburg Arena on Sat., Dec. 14, at 7:15 p.m. and travel to the Clarence

Creek Arena on Sun., Dec. 15 to take on the Clarence Castors at 2:15 p.m.

# Major Midgets pick up six points, move into third

**Jeff Moore**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The North Dundas Major Midget Demons had a busy week with three games on the schedule as they welcomed the Leeds Chargers on Monday night, travelled to Kemptville on Thursday night to take on the Royals and welcomed the Akwesasne Wolves on Sunday night.

## Demons 3 Wolves 2

The North Dundas Major Midget Demons welcomed the Akwesasne Wolves to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Sun., Dec. 8, in the UCMHL. The Demons have won four of their last five games and looked to move into a third-place tie with the Kemptville Royals with a victory over the Wolves.

The teams battled to a scoreless first period but the Demons opened the scoring when Curtis Bell snapped one home from Nolan Henry and Joshua Broad at 3:30 of the second period. The Demons made it 2-0 when Maclean Machan slid

one home from Cole Eikelboom and Lucas Menard at 6:52.

The Demons took a three-goal advantage when Broad lit the lamp from Owen Fetterly and Henry at the eight-minute mark. The Demons took a 3-0 lead into the third period.

The Wolves closed the gap to two just 46 seconds into the third period; they then closed the gap to one at 2:13 on the power play. The Wolves pulled their goalie in favour of an extra skater late in the game but the Demons were able to hold them off the scoreboard taking the game 3-2.

With the win, the Demons moved into a third-place tie with the Royals and just one point behind the second-place Char-Lan Rebels. Picking up the victory in the Demons' goal was Liam Antille.

## Demons 4 Royals 3

The North Dundas Major Midget Demons travelled to the North Grenville Municipal Centre in Kemptville on Thurs., Dec. 5, to take on the Royals in

the UCMHL.

The Royals opened the scoring at 7:45 of the first period but the Demons tied the game at 8:47 when Cole Eikelboom slammed one home from Curtis Bowman. The Royals retook the lead with 35 seconds remaining in the opening frame and took a two-goal lead just 12 seconds later. The Royals took a 3-1 lead into the second period.

The Demons got to within one when Mason Carr ripped on home from Eikelboom and Bowman at 10:26 of the second period. The Demons tied the game as Nolan Henry sniped one from Owen Richardson with just 21 seconds remaining in the middle frame and took a three-all draw into the third period.

The Demons took their first lead of the game when Curtis Bell swatted one to the back of the net from Joshua Broad just 46 seconds into the third. The Demons' defence and goalie Toby Byrne held the Royals off the score sheet for the remainder of regulation



The North Dundas Major Midget Demons welcomed the Leeds Chargers to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Mon., Dec. 2, in the UCMHL. The Demons' forward, Curtis Bowman, (5) sets up Mason Carr (9) for the second goal of the night. The Chargers' goalie, Lilly Thompson, tries to follow the puck. Bowman and the Demons went on to take the game 8-2.

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time, taking the game 4-3.

Picking up the win in the Demons' goal was Byrne.

## Demons 8 Chargers 2

The North Dundas Major Midget Demons welcomed the Leeds Chargers to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Mon., Dec. 2, in the UCMHL.

The Demons opened the scoring when Curtis Bowman snapped one home from the top of the crease from Jaymen Heuff at 5:27 taking a 1-0 lead. The Chargers tied the game at 6:09 but the Demons got that one back when Mason Carr blasted one to the back of the net from Bowman and Heuff at 9:19.

The Demons took a 2-1 lead into the second period. The Demons made it 3-1 when Curtis Bell rifled one to the back of the cage from Joshua Broad just 44 seconds into the second period. The Demons carried the 3-1 lead into the third period.

The Chargers got to within one just 42 seconds into the third but the Demons answered as Carr scored his second of the game from Broad and Nolan Henry on the power play at 1:41. The Demons made it 5-2 when Henry pounded one home from Broad and Maclean Machan on the power play at 4:55.

The Demons made it 6-2

as Heuff rifled one home from Broad at 7:13 and 7-2 as Heuff scored his second of the game from Broad and Machan at 12:29; both goals on the power play. The Demons added another power play goal at 14:38 as Owen Fetterly ripped one unassisted. The Demons took the game 8-2.

## Up next

The North Dundas Major Midget Demons travel to the Ingridion Centre in Cardinal to take on the first place South Grenville Rangers on Thurs., Dec. 12 at 9 p.m. and welcome the Char-Lan Rebels to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Mon., Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

# Peewee B Rep Demons slip past Glens

**Jeff Moore**  
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons played just one game this past week as they welcomed the Alexandria Glens on Sunday night.

## Demons 6 Glens 5

The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons welcomed the Alexandria Glens to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Sun., Dec. 8, in the

UCMHL. The Demons went into the game tied with the Kemptville Royals for second place in the standings and sat eight points behind the Brockville Braves in first place and just one point up on the Char-Lan Rebels in fourth.

The Demons opened the scoring at 6:27 when Jay-Zeus Mbarushimana scored an unassisted goal and took a 1-0 lead into the second period. The Demons made it 2-0 when Gavin Eikelboom slid one home from Ryan Wilson just 59 seconds into the second period.

The Demons made it 3-0 when Josh LaFrance sniped one from Jake Weber and Carter Williams at 2:03 and 4-0 at 4:14, as Nathan Epps slapped one home from Markus Bols and Patrick Guy. The Glens got on the board in a big way scoring three consecutive goals at 9:40, 11:16 and with just 28 seconds remaining in the middle stanza.

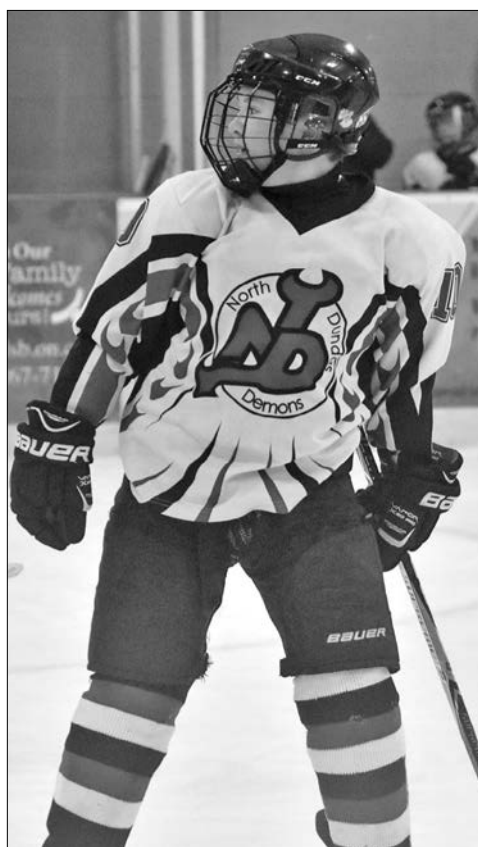
The Demons took a 4-3 lead into the third period. The Glens tied the game at 1:49 of the third period but the Demons retook the lead at 4:34 as Wilson fired one to the back of the net from Williams. The Demons restored a two-goal lead when Weber blasted one home from Mbarushimana at 14:17.

The Glens added a late goal with just 52 seconds remaining but it wasn't enough as the Demons took the game 6-5. With the win, the Demons moved into sole possession of second place. The Demons outshot the Glens 33-27.

Picking up the win in the Demons' goal was Kolton Belmonte making 28 saves.

## Up next

The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons welcome the first place, Brockville Braves to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester tonight Wed., Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., then travel to the Perth Arena on Sat. Dec. 14, to take on the Wings at 4 p.m. and to Cardinal on Sun., Dec. 16, to take on the South Grenville Rangers at 8 p.m.



The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons welcomed the Alexandria Glens to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Sun., Dec. 8, in the UCMHL. The Demons' forward, Nathan Epps scored the Demons' fourth goal of the game helping them to a 6-5 victory.

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## Bantam B Demons claim NGS tournament championship

The North Dundas Bantam B House Demons travelled to the Finch Arena for the 2019 NGS Bantam Hockey Tournament on Sat., Dec. 2. In their first game, the Demons took on the Orleans Rush and defeated them 6-4. The Demons' Cam Shaver had a good game posting a hat trick, Sam Hart, Myles Smith and Cameron Ouelette added singles. The Demons then took on the Nepean Raiders and easily picked up a 13-2 win. Scoring for the Demons were Luke Byvelds with three, Nolan Stewart, Smith, William Miller and Shaver with two each and James Martens and Logan Tait scored singles. After the win, the Demons made it to the A final vs the Hawkesbury Fusion. The Demons opened the scoring with two goals in the first but the Fusion battled back in the second with an early goal but the Demons answered with just 45 seconds on the clock in the second period to regain a two-goal lead. The Fusion scored late in the third period but it was too little too late as the Demons took the game 3-2 to become the A champions. The goal scorers for the Demons were Shaver, Hart and Ben Forrester with the game winner. The team members are (not in order) Brogan Kyle, Quinten Barrie, Ben Forrester, Alex Sylveatre, Vanessa Latulippe, Ryan Antille, Nolan Stewart, James Martens, Luke Byvelds, Myles Smith, Braden Barrie, William Miller, Cameron Ouelette, Maddux England, Cam Shaver, Sam Hart and Logan Tait. Head coach, Chris Sylvester, assistant coaches, Peter Forrester and Jason Martens and the trainer, Dan Byvelds.

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## Historical Society Christmas show

### ramping up

**Tom Van Dusen**

Villager Contributor

RUSSELL—The Russell & District Historical Society held the final regular meeting of its 30th anniversary year in the heritage stone home of member Dorothy Kinkaid; not in its Church Museum which remains closed at least until the end of the year.

Ongoing closure has forced relocation of the museum's Country Christmas show this Sun., Dec. 15 to the Youth Centre behind Russell High School. The event features Osgoode's Gallagher Family of singers and musicians, beginning at 2 p.m., with admission by donation. Several members volunteered to help decorate the hall for the occasion.

Other Gallagher shows held at the museum have filled all seats. While there's a space advantage at the

larger Youth Centre; relocation could cause confusion. The change will be announced on social media and a sign will be placed at the church, said chairman Harry Baker.

Access to what's formally known as Keith Boyd Community Museum was restricted several weeks ago when a contractor began installing a wheelchair ramp in front of the former 1856 Baptist church. While the ramp looks finished, there's still no safety railing on it. The second museum building, the former firehall next door, has remained open to Sunday visitors.

Installation of the ramp caused consternation among members after it was directed south – many believed it would go north into the parking lot—taking out a substantial portion of the root structure of a shade tree at the corner of Church and Concession streets. Society member Cindy

Saucier, also a Russell Township councillor, raised concerns with the municipal office and is hoping the tree will rebound this spring.

At the meeting, further concern was expressed that the steps at the front of the ramp facing Concession appear to be at an angle, not just the ramp itself. One member suggested it could be an "optical illusion."

In other business, Baker read a letter from Mayor Pierre Leroux thanking the society for launching a historic plaque program which the township has since adopted. Baker said two more plaques are expected to be added next year to the four already unveiled.

Members agreed to mount a Russell brick display during the annual Living Locally Fair on Jan. 18 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School. Bricks made here and stamped "Russell" have



The Country Christmas show on Dec. 15 will be moved to the Youth Centre behind Russell High School due to ongoing construction of a wheelchair ramp at Keith Boyd Community Museum.

Van Dusen photo

recently regained prominence with the Russell Kin Club trying to track down enough of them to build into two planned village welcome signs.

A social time followed the business part of the meeting, with members

admiring Kinkaid's immaculately restored 1860s home; a rare example of stone construction is this area. Original owner Alex MacGregor hired Isaac Johnson, an American slave who had escaped to Canada, to cut and lay the

stones which, along with the timber, were taken off the farm.

At least one book has been written about Johnson's voyage from slavery to respected stonemason in Ontario and New York.

## Upgrades complete at J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area

RUSSELL—Thanks to the support provided by Ontario Power Generation (OPG), South Nation Conservation has completed property upgrades and shoreline restoration work at the J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area in Russell.

Work included resurfacing the park's recreational trail; installing a new pedestrian bridge; removing hazard trees to increase public safety; and restoring sections of shoreline along the park's watercourse to help reduce erosion.

Additional tree planting is also scheduled to take place in the spring of next year to help increase local forest cover.

The project removed hundreds of dead and dying ash trees infected with the Emerald Ash Borer and helped restore a stream which had eroded into the park's

trail system.

"We would like to thank Ontario Power Generation for helping to improve this public natural space in the community," said John Mesman, SNC's communications lead.

Through OPG's Regional Biodiversity program, SNC has a strong history of partnering with the corporation on environmental stewardship projects that help to increase local biodiversity and restore habitats for plants and animals. A three-year project with OPG was recently completed in Larose Forest.

SNC is also committed to working with its municipal partners to regularly maintain and improve its public conservation areas and trails to ensure accessible, year-round recreation for residents.



Representatives from OPG, SNC and Russell Township are pictured on the pedestrian bridge at the J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area.

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### STA Report

By Andrew Newton  
STA Contributor



### Keeping up with STA

As the Christmas break approaches (starting Dec. 23) the student council will be hosting its annual Oscars ceremony this Friday. Tickets are currently on sale during lunch for \$20. Included with your ticket is a meal, entertainment, award ceremony and a dance. A great night for some fun with friends!

Also coming up, students who signed up will be able to get to go on a day of shopping.

On Tues., Dec. 17, our senior band will

be presenting their annual Christmas Music Concert. For about an hour, they will be playing Queen, The Final Countdown, Joyful Wing, Jurassic Park, Due North, and other songs. They've done a lot of practicing and are ready to show us.

The ski and snowboarding club has begun its season. Make sure to check out the list if you haven't already, as there was an overwhelming amount of people wanting to join.

A reminder to students: this Friday is a spirit wear day—don't forget to bring \$2. Our music students will also be taking a trip to the National Arts Centre in downtown Ottawa this coming Friday.

It's a very busy week, with lots going on before the break. On behalf of all of student council members, let me wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen

Student Reporter



### Christmas is on its way to RHS

Hello everyone! Just a reminder that the RHS Kindness Club is looking for personal care items that are to be donated at the end of this week to the Shepherds of Good Hope! Thanks in advance for your generosity.

We are almost finished with our 12 Days of Christmas Food Drive, and

the competition is coming to a close. As I write this, the red house is in the lead with the most donations. A little donation can go a long way.

Last week, our T-Wolves Drama students had a great opportunity to attend Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg to see a super funny comedy, *Ethan Claymore's Christmas*. The students also had an exclusive half-hour question-and-answer session with the cast and crew afterwards. A huge thanks to the director Donnie Bowes, the cast and crew, and the staff at the Playhouse.

Christmas is just around the corner—meaning everyone is focused on parties, events and shopping. But at this time of the year, we can

also sit back, relax and enjoy the RHS talent show! To everyone who has signed up, bring your best dancing shoes, vocals and jokes before Christmas break begins!

In sports news, girls' volleyball and boys' basketball seasons continue for one more week until a long break for Christmas and exams. The senior girls won their last game against Hawkesbury to move into fifth place. This week they head to Plantagenet to hopefully move up another spot in the standings. Good luck to all of our teams! Finish strong before heading into the winter break!

Have an amazing week everyone and remember—just 10 days until Christmas break is here!

# Panthers slip to second place after a week in the penthouse

**Jeff Moore**  
Villager Staff

**RICHMOND**—The Embrun Panthers played a pair of games this past weekend as they welcomed the Winchester Hawks on Friday night and travelled to Richmond on Sunday afternoon to take on the Royals.

## Royals 5 Panthers 2

The Embrun Panthers travelled to the Richmond Arena on Sun., Dec. 8, to take on the Royals in the CCHL2. The Panthers sat one point behind the first place Ottawa West Golden Knights in the Martin Division and with a win, they would move into sole possession of first place for their second consecutive week.

The two teams battled to a scoreless first period with the Royals outshooting the Panthers 17-8. The Royals opened the scoring at 3:40 of the second period and took a two-goal lead at 10:46. The Royals took a 2-0 lead into the second intermission.

The Panthers cut the deficit in half when affiliated player James Taylor scored his first CCHL2 goal from Tyler Cummins on the power play at 8:53 in the third period. The Royals were having none of it, scoring three consecutive goals at 9:28, 10:05, and 15:12 on the power play, taking a 5-1 lead.

The Panthers added a late goal with just

1:17 remaining as Tristan Taillefer scored his 21st of the season from Robert Beaudoin but it was too late as the Royals upset the Panthers 5-2. With the loss, the Panthers remain in second place.

The Royals outshot the Panthers 44-43. Suffering the loss in the Panthers' goal was Marco Latassa making 29 saves.

## Panthers 3 Hawks 1

The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Winchester Hawks to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Dec. 6, in the CCHL2. The Panthers began the week in first place in the Martin Division but were passed by the Ottawa West Golden Knights and the Casselman Vikings but with a win, they would move back into a first-place tie.

The Panthers wasted little time hitting the score sheet, scoring just eight seconds into the first period as Tristan Taillefer fired home his 20th goal of the season from John Mahoney and Eric Skyba taking a 1-0 lead.

The Panthers dominated the first period, outshooting the Hawks 13-5 but took just a 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Panthers took a two-goal lead when Nathan Brown roofed his third of the season from Maverick Labrie and Carter Peck on the power play at 8:58 of the second period. The Panthers took a 2-0



The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Winchester Hawks to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Dec. 6, in the CCHL2. The Panthers forward, Riley Carisse (83) slides a short pass to his teammate, Juno Gregoire (44), who just misses as the Hawks' goalie, Cole Defazio shut the door. Carisse and the Panthers came away with a 3-1 victory.

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lead into the second intermission.

The Hawks finally got on the scoreboard, when Colby Schroeder scored his second of the campaign from Danny Johnson and Kyle Fleming just 1:08 into the third period.

The Hawks dominated the third period but were unable to score the equalizer; so with just under a minute to play in regulation, they pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker. That backfired as the Panthers' Cayden Martin found the abandoned cage at the far end for his third of the season from Mahoney with just 36

seconds remaining.

The Panthers took the game 3-1 and moved into sole possession of second place. The Panthers outshot the Hawks 35-28. Picking up the victory in the Panthers' goal was William Nguyen making 27 saves and suffering the loss in the Hawks' goal was Cole Defazio making 32 saves.

## Up next

The Embrun Panthers travel to the Mate-Way Activity Centre in Renfrew to take on the Timberwolves on Fri., Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. and to the Brockville Memorial Centre on Wed., Dec. 18 at 7:45 p.m.

## Risky move: Russell Fair changes dates

**Tom Van Dusen**  
Villager Contributor

**RUSSELL**—The Russell Agricultural Society has made the nerve-wracking decision to change the dates of its annual fair, moving from the first weekend after Labour Day to Aug. 13-16.

Society president Theresa Wever said there was little choice in the matter after midway provider Robertson Amusements said it would no longer split between the Russell and Spencerville Fairs. Depending on the

calendar, these two events often collide on the same September dates. Robertson, in fact, picked the new dates, telling Russell organizers they could only service them on the weekend following the Navan Fair.

"There are only two other midway companies left in Ontario and they're both busy on our September weekend (Sept. 5-8 last year)," Wever explained. "The board even had discussions about possibly going ahead without a

midway... in the end, nobody wanted to do that."

The September dates have been a staple since the 1980s, changed from August after several years of bad weather: "In a sense, we're returning to where we were on the Ontario fair schedule."

The greatest concerns of any fair board when changing dates is losing the audience, jeopardizing certain attractions, and conflicting with other big events. Wever noted that the Vankleek Hill Fair is on the same August dates and, depending on the calendar, South Mountain would sometimes conflict. She felt that all three will be able to co-exist.

To help spread the word about the revised dates, the society plans to purchase more radio spots as well as expand other advertising. The greatest concern about

attractions revolves around Russell Fair's Education Days, expanded last year to include Saturday.

The event attracted hundreds of local students who were in a way a captive audience while school was in. With school out in August, Wever suggested students will still be drawn by the agricultural programming they've become accustomed to, and in fact, the plan now calls for Education Days to continue through Sunday.

"One advantage is that the university crowd is still around in August and we might be able to get them more involved in the fair. In September, they've left for their respective schools."

With an accent on keeping the fair family oriented, Wever said the outlook of the board is generally positive with members seeing as many opportunities as challenges in changing dates.



## Lighting up the night

With a commandeered farm wagon serving as centre stage on Sunday, the Russell Male Choir delivered several seasonal tunes to a large crowd; they were treated to some hot chocolate and cookies as Russell Village's community Christmas tree was lit up. Sponsored by Russell Police Village, the sky-high tree is located off Craig Street at Russell Public School. It will remain alight at night throughout the holiday period.

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## RETIREMENT NOTICE

**Claudette Pitre, RMT**  
will retire at the end of December 2019.

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**921 Notre-Dame, Embrun**  
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