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Briefly

Holiday hours

CHESTERTVILLE – The offices of *The Chesterville Record* will be open during the holidays. We reopen on Fri., Dec. 27 at 8:30 a.m. after taking a break for Christmas. For the New Year's holiday, the office will close at noon on Dec. 31 and reopen Jan. 2, at 8:30 a.m. Watch for *The Record* a day early next week, on Tues., Dec. 31. We resume the regular Wednesday schedule in the new year, on Jan. 8.

Correction

In the Dec. 18 issue of *The Chesterville Record*, a cutline accompanying the photo of the Chesterville Legion Christmas Craft Show held on Dec. 14, incorrectly identified Betty Hall as the sole organizer of the event. Virginia Patenaude was organizer of the craft section of the Craft Show, with Betty Hall organizing the bake table and Andree Desormeaux providing assistance throughout the event. The money raised at the event is used for projects in the community.



Holiday sounds at St. Clare's

The sounds of seasonal music filled the air at St. Clare's Anglican Church near Winchester, when the North Grenville Concert Choir performed on Fri., Dec. 13. More than 90 people attended the fundraising event. "The audience was thrilled with the presentation" and the opportunity for fellowship which followed the concert, reports Bob Weagant of South Mountain. Rev. Canon John Wilcox, incumbent at St. Clare's Anglican, commented, following the event: "Listening to the time-honoured carols along with present-day favourites helped to rekindle in our hearts just what is important about Christmas; sharing the birth of the Christ Child with family and friends." He noted it was wonderful having the North Grenville Concert Choir "share their love of music with us," before thanking the choir for a great evening of music and memories. The North Grenville Choir is shown during their performance at St. Clare's Anglican.

Courtesy photo Bob Weagant

Holiday fundraiser brings in \$600

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CHESTERTVILLE – Amanda Burger, from A Bunch of People Arts and Events, was pleased to report in a recent press release that they, McCloskey Project and Dundas County Players cooperative raised \$600 in fundraising. The money is being provided before Christmas to a Chesterville family or individual under the auspices of the House of Lazarus.

Burger went on to explain that the funds were raised by a staged reading of "Dave Cooks the Turkey" on Dec. 13 at McCloskey's and "a private showing at a house in Chesterville during that weekend."

The show was also presented during a union Christmas party which was held for union members' families at Upper Canada Village on Dec. 14.

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Sharing Christmas warmth

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

MOUNTAIN – Community support warms up area homes this winter in what has become an annual tradition: Heat for the Holidays and Project Warmth.

These two projects feature partnerships with Community Food Share, House of Lazarus (HOL), and the Winchester BMR for the third year, to provide firewood for families in need.

Ken Boje, owner of Winchester BMR, enlists the aid of his staff and the use of his trucks to make deliveries of Eco-Energy Logs through the Heat for the Holidays program.

"Christmas is a stressful time for some," said Boje. "The program will help carry people over the Christmas season."

In a press release from HOL, executive director Cathy Ashby stated: "With the need growing exponentially, we will need community donations to supplement this program."

In its first year of operation, Heat for the Holidays helped out eight families. In the second year that number rose to 28, and this year, organizers expected double the requests for the firewood.

Project Warmth involves distributing window insulation kits. Last year more than 200 of the window insulation kits were handed out.

Organizers are expecting the number of window kits used will stay close to last year's number but the requests for firewood is going up.

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A Bunch of People Arts and Events

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Sandra McNeill explained in a post-event email to *The Chesterville Record* how the presentation of "Dave Cooks the Turkey" at Upper Canada Village by A Bunch of People from Chesterville was part of a holiday party hosted by OSSTF District 26 for members and families. McNeill noted that "guests were asked to bring a donation for Naomi's House in Winchester."

"This December marks the one year anniversary of A Bunch of People Arts and Events," Burger explained, "which partners with the McCloskey Project for all their events and the second Christmas show partnered with the Dundas County Players."



A few moments before the presentation of "Dave Cooks the Turkey" at Upper Canada Village the performers are shown preparing for the event. From the left: front row: Harmony Koiter, Karen Stewart, Maggie Badio, Rick Ventrella, Sam LePage, Sandra McNeill, Elizabeth Barton. Back row: Amanda Burger, Jen Pretty.
Thompson Goddard photo

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Knitting for a good cause in time for Christmas

The ladies from Knit or Crochet for Local Needs have been very busy this year knitting 140 hats, 43 mittens, 10 scarves and one pair of socks which were donated to local charities' intake for Christmas. The group meets up every week at the South Mountain Library and knits for people in need. The group donates to the North Dundas Christmas Fund, baby hats for the children born at the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital (WDMH), the oncology department of CHEO, comfort dolls and finger puppets for the emergency department at WDMH and little knockers for the mastectomy patients. This is their third year they have been in operation and look to others to help out. Pictured are the 194 items made for this year and members, from the left, Liz Earl, Charlene Gilmer, Monique O'Brien and Sabina de Stecher. Absent from the photo are founder Lorna Driscoll, Jean Clingin, Bonnie Scott and Judy Hilson.

Moore photo



Seasonal sounds at Nationside Pentecostal Church

Pastor Edwin Valles of Nationside Pentecostal Church was pleased with the turnout during a community event on Dec. 22 at the present location of NPS in the former Nestlé building at 171 Main Street in Chesterville. There were light refreshments, carol singing and cookie decorating during the event, which Valles explained, allowed people the opportunity to enjoy a time of fellowship in preparation for Christmas. From the left: Norma McGuire, Pastor Edwin Valles and Rose Valles.

Thompson Goddard photo

Winter's here! Be safe around frozen waterways

SD&G – The SD&G OPP want to remind citizens to take precautions on waterways during the winter months due to the fluctuating temperatures.

Don't trust the ice. Always be aware of the thickness and quality of ice to reduce risk of breaking through, the OPP warns.

Many ice fishers will drive a motor vehicle, snowmobile or ATV to their fishing hut. No activity should be carried out on ice less than 15 cm thick, says the OPP. In the presence of snow on ice, the minimum thickness would need to be doubled to 30cm.

A few other safety tips:

- Where ice is checked for thickness, obey posted signs regarding when and where the ice surface is acceptable

for activities.

- Avoid any open holes in lakes and rivers.

- Avoid traveling on any ice in non-daylight hours.

- Be aware of currents and/or tides as these locations cannot be trusted to have consistent ice thickness.

- Wear a flotation device and cold protection suit, even if you're fishing from shore or on thick ice.

The OPP also advises that people engaging in activities on or near ice carry rescue equipment. This includes ice picks, a rope, a cell phone (in a waterproof container) and a first aid kit. Other safety equipment to be considered includes: flashlight, waterproof matches/lighter, tool kit, candles and survival blanket.

Singing Christmas in Winchester

Joe Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The Winchester Open Mic Cafe held on Sun., Dec. 22, at the Old Town Hall featured an interesting twist.

Host Ann Brady invited any and all area musicians who have recorded a CD or are in the act of making one to drop by and share their music.

Michael Trolly of Winchester was one who took her up on her offer. He played songs from his Christmas CD called "Sleep, Holy Babe." All of the songs are classic Christmas tunes arranged and sung by Trolly. The songs include "The Huron Carol" and "Sing of Mary."

Trolly's excellent voice is a comfortable partner to his keyboard style with the two musical elements working well together.

His CD can be purchased at the Winchester Foodland and is only \$10.

A second musician dropped by and followed Trolly



Michael Trolly had a bit of fun telling the world about his latest CD "Sleep, Holy Babe." Morin photo

with a few fine songs of his own. Gordon Wall from Mountain sang and played his Christmas music to the delight of everyone at the Open Mic Cafe.

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Editorial

Community newspapers going strong

This newspaper has been serving the local community for 125 years. We celebrated that anniversary earlier this year with a look back. Now, looking forward as we approach the beginning of a new year, we are confident *The Chesterville Record* has many more years of publishing ahead.

Technology is changing the news industry at a furious pace, and community newspapers are no longer the only choice for neighbourhood news. But these papers are still a reader's best choice for local news. Recent research confirms that community newspaper readers are reading for local content like news, editorial, sports, events, entertainment and even obituaries. It's what papers like *The Record* do best.

Nine out of ten readers cite local content as their reasons for reading. This was the finding of a new study conducted by Totum Research on behalf of News Media Canada, an industry group representing print and digital news media industry in Canada.

The findings published in the "2019 Local Newspapers: Engaged and Connected Report" confirm our belief that community newspapers serve an important role for Canadians. We want to assure all the readers of *The Chesterville Record* and *Villager* that we will continue to meet that need, in 2020 and beyond.

Yes, the economics in the newspaper industry are tough. But here at *The Record* and Etcetera Publications we have a committed team – some familiar faces, some new – and the benefit of being locally owned. We are growing, adding new products, creating jobs, and giving back to our community. That's why local businesses trust us and support us.

Under new ownership, Etcetera Publications integrated digital solutions into its operations to compete with the digital media. As a result, our coverage area is expanding.

The Record and *Villager* are aided by our loyal readers, who reach out to share their news and opinions. Keep sending us stories about your group, your business, your activities, your team or your family. Let's celebrate the people and the events that make our region special, and the ties that bind us together.

Don't forget that advertising is an important part of the fabric of local news. According to the study, ads throughout the paper as well as flyers and inserts attract about half of all readers. The same pattern holds true for print as well as digital content. The News Media Canada research found that printed newspaper ads engage Canadians more than any other medium, print or digital.

Bob Cox, chair of News Media Canada, said it best: "Given heightened levels of global mistrust, we're seeing a clear and continued affinity for the reliable reporting that newspapers provide. Newspapers continue to be the go-to source for credible, trusted and independent news, in both print and digital formats."

The relationship between a newspaper and its community is one of mutual growth. Readers and businesses support the local newspaper, and a local newspaper nourishes the community, feeds its sense of self and shares its highs and lows.

Cindy Macdonald

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CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Yurek rocks

You could say Jeff Yurek is on a roll. Fresh from tossing out the approval for Nation Rise wind turbine project in North Stormont, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks has followed up with another stunning reversal of an Eastern Ontario environmental assessment approval, this one granted to a landfill site in Edwardsburgh/Cardinal.

The mild-mannered pharmacist from St. Thomas is showing his fangs, generating loud howls from political opponents and jilted proponents that he's going against his own officials, the so-called experts, the old-boys' club – nobody mentions that last one out loud – and exceeding his legislated mandate.

To which, Yurek seems to be silently offering that classic Canadian comeback concocted by a past prime minister: "Just watch me!"

In the latest case, a controversial 22-year-old approval given to landfill site yet to be developed has been revoked. Viability of the site known as ED-19 has been challenged by opponents since it became known that the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville was negotiating sale to a commercial operator.

Opponents claimed conditions could have changed too much over two decades at the rural site in E/C to act on the basis of the old approval; they expressed concern about possible effects on water quality, general health and lifestyle.

However, the counties and Ministry of Environment officials stood by the aging approval, a position confirmed by an Environmental Review Tribunal... but rejected effective Dec. 16 by Yurek, who cited several deficiencies in the handling of ED-19.

He ruled that the counties or any other party wishing to proceed with the proposed landfill will be required to complete a new environmental assessment

and obtain any other applicable permits and approvals before it can be constructed and operated.

In justifying rocking the status quo with his latest intervention, Yurek cited the *Environmental Assessment Act* which provides that if there's a change of circumstances or new information concerning an environmental assessment application, the minister may reconsider approval already given, including a decision to amend or revoke.

In deciding to revoke, Yurek said he considered submissions provided by Canadian Environmental Law Association on behalf of Citizens Against the Dump, and by the Mohawk council of Akwesasne. CAD spokesman Kyle Johnston cheered the provincial government for protecting the local environment for future generations.

Yurek also considered information from the counties which, he observed, didn't provide any new or updated studies covering current environmental conditions at ED-19. The law association suggested the 1998 approval of ED-19 wasn't sufficiently protective of the current environment based on any changes in circumstances or new information.

"I took into account the purpose of the proposed undertaking, changes to environmental conditions, changes and updates to ministry policies and guidance, and the purpose of the act which is betterment of the people of Ontario by providing protection, conservation and wise management, and the public interest," the minister stated.

One of Yurek's most significant observations was that, beginning in May 2017, the ministry has consistently applied expiration dates on approving individual environmental assessments to ensure undertakings are implemented in a timely manner and that they continue to meet requirements of the act and current policies, as well as remain in the public interest.

The approach – which wasn't applied in the case of ED-19 – recognizes that new circumstances can occur which may affect validity of an approval, including different conditions, new government policies, changes to engineering standards or technologies for mitigation measures.

The minister also emphasized that several changes have occurred in ministry policies since 1998 to better reflect public interest and ensure protection of the environment based on current science, including investigating possible impacts of climate change and implementation of a compliance monitoring framework... neither of which were factored into ED-19.

He noted that "observable" changes have occurred at the ED-19 site since approval was granted, including changes to surface water, hydrology, and natural and socio-



economic environmental conditions at or near the site, such as wetland and the presence of significant sensitive species and wildlife habitat, changes which could potentially affect assumptions and conclusions of the environmental assessment.

"Given that more than 20 years have passed since approval was given for the proposed undertaking and that it hasn't been implemented to date, a new environmental assessment would be the preferred method to ensure that the current policy lens, best available data, and sound scientific, engineering and planning practices are applied."

What will you pull out of the hat for your next trick, minister?

Winchester Dairyfest taking a break in 2020

WINCHESTER – Changes are coming for Winchester Dairyfest. A statement from the organizing committee explains that the event will not happen in its current format in 2020: "After community consultation and careful consideration, the organizing committee has decided that Dairyfest will be taking the coming year off to regroup, retool and return for a bigger and better event in 2021."

For 2020, in place of the traditional August weekend celebration, Dairyfest will be organizing three separate community events in different months. Each will be an opportunity for families, adults and youth to come together for fun, food and activities.

The weekly free roller skating night at Joel Steele Arena on Friday evenings will still take place throughout the summer.

The committee is asking for community help: "The success of this historic Winchester event is only made possible with dedicated committee members, volunteers and donors. If you are able to be a part of the Dairyfest rebrand, in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you."

Anyone who would like to get involved is asked to contact Alexandra Donovan at info@winchesterdairyfest.com. More information about upcoming events will be available in the new year. Check the group's Facebook page @winchesterdairyfest for the latest details.



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The event, AgriTourism: "Growing Together", gives participants an opportunity to meet local farmers, restaurateurs, hoteliers, and cultural and historical representatives who make up this

"exciting new economic and tourism force," according to the organizers.

It takes place Jan. 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the tasting room of the Upper Canada Cider Company, 18251 County Road 2, South Glengarry.

The event is focused on the United Counties of SD&G, Akwesasne and Cornwall.

Special guests include Eric Duncan, MP Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry and David Gillespie, Founder, CANAMEX International AgriTourism Trail system.

This is a free event, hosted generously by sponsors and the volunteer committee. For more information contact 613-528-0083 or get your free tickets at www.eventbrite.ca (search for agritourism info event).

MP Eric Duncan reflects on the year ahead

Ginette Guy
Record Contributor

CORNWALL – Eric Duncan, MP for Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry, hosted his first Christmas open house at the new constituency office last Thursday. The freshly decorated office saw a constant flow of well-wishers sharing cheers and treats. A gracious host, Duncan took the time to greet and connect with everyone.

Located just south of the traffic circle on Brookdale Ave. in Cornwall, the new office is fully functional and ready to help constituents. Of the 97 newly elected MPs in the fall 2019

federal elections, Duncan was one of the ones to have his office up and running. He is quick to point out that he was very lucky that all of Guy Lauzon's staff came to work for him. Duncan feels this will be an asset in keeping the same level of customer service. In the new year, on a local level, Duncan is planning an income tax clinic and a passport outreach within the community.

In an interview with *The Chesterville Record*, our local MP took the opportunity to mention a few goals for the coming year. His focus will be on bringing local issues to parliament. "The water level issues in

the St. Lawrence River is a big one," says Duncan.

He is very happy and impressed that he can work across the aisle. "When I talk about the water levels on the St. Lawrence, it's not a Liberal or Conservative issue, it's just something that needs to be addressed and get done. There are a lot of things we can agree on at a micro-level and advance things," he comments.

Another issue for the City of Cornwall will be the Transport Canada lands; the sale of those lands is an ongoing concern. On the rural aspect, the recent CN strike brings up a follow-up issue: "We need better and more access to natural gas, in rural areas," noted Duncan.

The New Year will bring both opportunities and challenges for Duncan and the Conservative party. He believes the out-going party leader Andrew Scheer made the right decision for himself and his family. In the race for new leadership, Duncan is looking forward to helping out someone's campaign. He has received calls from colleagues already, who are thinking about running and he is excited about the prospects.

In closing, he commented, "In federal politics, there is really never a dull day, but I'm loving it all so far and I'm very grateful to have been given this opportunity to represent my community."



Eric Duncan, SDSG MP, with his stepsister Erin Wigney and her husband Garry Wigney, during the open house event. Guy photo

Winchester hospital receives funds for repairs and upgrades

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Winchester District and Memorial Hospital (WDMH), has received help from the provincial government to address some of its infrastructure needs.

Jim McDonnell, MPP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry announced last week that 131 Ontario hospitals would be receiving funds from the province's Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF).

Four area hospitals received help and WDMH was one of them.

The hospital will receive \$212,535.

The Cornwall Community



The Winchester District Memorial Hospital has been serving the area since 1948. It will receive \$212,000 from the provincial government for infrastructure improvements. Morin photo

Hospital received \$818,349, Glengarry Memorial Hospital will get \$800,000 and Hôpital Général de Hawkesbury will receive \$56,916.

In total, these local

facilities received almost \$1.9-million of the \$175-million set aside for urgent upgrades, repairs and maintenance for hospitals in the province.

Cholly Boland, CEO of WDMH, said, "We are grateful for the funds."

Boland explained the hospital makes up a wish list every year and submits it to the HIRF.

"The funds are not for anything very glamorous," he said, "This year we will be replacing a sewer pipe in the older part of the building."

McDonnell, in a press release, stated: "These investments will help ensure

that patients in our local hospitals can receive the care they need in a safe and comfortable setting."

He added, "Seemingly small things like well-functioning roofs, windows or heating and air conditioning systems, fire alarms and back-up generators can make a world of difference to a patient's experience. This funding will help ensure that hospitals across Ontario are able to make the needed upgrades and improvements, so patients and families have access to the reliable, quality care they expect and deserve."

Local resident accused of smuggling cigarettes

CHESTERVILLE – Resident Jack Durant, 81, was arrested on Wed., Nov. 20 as he drove along County Road 31 in South Dundas.

Members of the RCMP Cornwall Detachment, working with the Cornwall Region Task Force (CRTF), acting on information from an investigation, and armed with a search warrant, stopped the vehicle Durant was driving.

After a search of the vehicle, police turned up 28,200 cigarettes that were not legally stamped in compliance with the *Excise Act* (2001) and another 4,400 cigarettes not stamped in accordance with the *Ontario Tobacco Act*.

There was also a large amount of money found in the truck.

The truck was confiscated.

Durant was arrested and charged for possession of unstamped tobacco pursuant to Section 32 (1) of the *Excise Act* (2001).

He was later released from custody based on a Promise to Appear, and is scheduled to be in court in Cornwall on Feb. 4, 2020. He also faces charges under the *Ontario Tobacco Act*.

The CRTF is a joint forces' partnership that includes the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ontario Provincial Police, Canada Border Services Agency, and the Ontario Ministry of Finance.

Thank You

RAYMOND HEBERT

The family of the late Raymond Hebert would like to express sincere thanks for the support and sympathy they received after the sad loss of our dear Husband, Father and Grandfather. Special thanks to Bayshore PSWs, who travelled everyday to ensure Ray was comfortable. Thank you to the medical staff, Dr. Burke, and the nurses who attended and treated Raymond with dignity. We also acknowledge David Lapier and all those who generously donated to the Alzheimer Society because without them things would not happen.

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Strathmore Tree Farm moving forward

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

SOUTH STORMONT – For 30 years, Carmen Bender and his family have run Strathmore Orchard and Tree Farm in South Stormont, providing countless families the opportunity to cut their own Christmas trees. Bender has announced his intention to retire from the business, prompting

Chesterville Record to drop by the farm for a holiday visit.

Bender explained that customers are able to choose from balsam fir, Scots pine and white spruce trees. He has been open to the public for 30 years, with the first trees planted on the farm in the mid 1960s. He has developed loyal and happy customers during that time with many

returning each year for their Christmas tree.

After selecting and cutting their tree, people are invited into a warm-up area in the basement of Bender's home. After signing a guest book, they can enjoy some hot chocolate, homemade cookies and rest for a while near the wood stove before heading home.

In the warm-up room there is an antique cutter

which has been in the family a long time. Bender mentioned his father, who had been born in the early 1900s, told him of riding in it as a youngster. It had spent many years in one of the barns, but Bender decided a few years ago to clean it up and restore it so it could be used as an outside photographic prop for visitors to the farm.

For several years

Bender ran a successful apple wine business from Strathmore Christmas Tree Farm. He recalls looking out a window once and thinking how beautiful it would be to see apple trees blooming in the spring on the hillside. After planting a large quantity of apple trees, Bender came up with the idea of making and marketing fruit wine. Until a few years ago, he also ran adult wine tasting events for adults during the holiday season.

When asked what he planned to do in retirement the soft-spoken gentleman smiled while commenting he would be busy for a bit having the stumps from this year's Christmas tree harvest removed. He also has plans being developed with Kozroots Community Empowerment Projects. He wished to express his thanks to wife Lisa for "the support over the years."

He concluded: "It wasn't all work; it was all fun!"

Christmas warmth

Continued from the front

Ashby said, "Through a recent survey and conversations with food bank clients, it's clear that the majority are facing major challenges, as their income is no match for their expenses." She added, "we have clients who wear their winter coats in the house because they can't afford the heating bill."

"Our communities have always been so generous," she said. "It's the assistance we receive from our neighbours that allows us to help so many people in need throughout our communities."

The two programs rely on community support and often receive non-cash donations. For example, Ed Duncan, owner of JED Express, donated two trailers to store the 48 pallets of fire logs.

Fundraising for the programs is a year-long proposition. "We take donations to the programs 365 days a year," said Boje.

The recipients of the logs and window

kits are not always the same families each year. Some, through no fault of their own, find themselves in a position where they need help.

Vicki Cane, an HOL co-coordinator, explained, "You never know when something will happen to you. There are so many things that can put a person in a vulnerable position."

A \$20 donation will provide window insulation kits for three families, while a \$63 donation will supply a week's worth of Eco-Energy Logs and a \$252 donation will supply a month's worth of Eco-Energy Logs to a family in need this winter.

Donations can be made at any of the following locations, please call for more information: House of Lazarus (613-989-3830), Community Food Share (613-898-0781), and Winchester BMR (613-774-2700). You can also make a donation through the HOL website.

HOL and CFS can give charitable receipts for donations.



It was all fun!

Carmen Bender, proprietor of Strathmore Orchard and Tree Farm in South Stormont, is planning to retire after 30 years in the cut-your-own Christmas tree business. He is standing beside a cutter which has been in the family for more than 100 years.

Thompson Goddard photo



Ken Boje, owner of the Winchester BMR (left), and Vicki Cane, co-coordinator for HOL, are supporters of the Heat for the Holidays and Project Warmth projects. The projects operate until the supply of logs and kits are gone. Morin photo



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**Crysler Community Centre (16 Third Street) -
January 16th, 2020 (6 p.m. – 8 p.m.)**

**Moose Creek Community Centre (4 St. Polycarpe) -
January 29th, 2020 (6 p.m. – 8 p.m.)**

A beautiful night to celebrate the season

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – The weather was perfect as people gathered at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 569 in Long Sault to enjoy some food and fellowship, visit with Santa and take a wagon ride around this small South Stormont community during the evening of Dec. 21.

Henry Van De Glind, one of the organizers, explained the event is organized by the Sault Crew and RCL Branch 569 and has been a holiday event for about five years.

Van De Glind explained

this year that the wagon had stops at Woodland Villa and Sunset Cove Retirement Home and brought several seniors to the event.

The Legion provided light refreshments for people and an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus, perhaps providing him with a last-minute request or two. There were plenty of people waiting outside the Legion for an opportunity to ride the decorated wagon around Long Sault, enjoying the opportunity to sing a Christmas carol and see some of the seasonally decorated homes in the community.



Great night for seeing Christmas lights

There was no shortage of participants of all ages for the wagon ride through Long Sault to view the Christmas lights during the 2019 Wagon Ride.

Thompson Goddard photo



Santa visits Long Sault

Henry Van De Glind, one of the organizers of the 2019 Wagon Ride through Long Sault, is pictured with Santa Claus at the Royal Canadian Legion during the event held on Dec. 21. Van De Glind was pleased with the turnout at the pre-Christmas community event.

Thompson Goddard photo



Making Christmas brighter

On Dec. 17, members of the Chesterville & District Lions Club were busy sorting through donations of food and gifts for those who need a helping hand to celebrate during the Christmas season. The North Dundas Christmas Fund has been receiving monetary donations since early November. These have been used to purchase snowsuits, food and gifts for those in need this holiday season. Bob Weagant of the NDCF explained the baskets will be assembled by community volunteers as well as members of local Lions Clubs in North Dundas between Dec. 18 and Dec. 20, with distribution during the same time frame. On Wed., Dec. 18, members of the Chesterville & District Lions Club were at the Chesterville Legion, sorting gifts and preparing food baskets for distribution the following day. Volunteers explained 57 families in the Chesterville, Morewood and North Stormont areas would be provided with Christmas baskets this year. From the left: Jamie Billings, Carl Robinson, Stuart Pringle, Cindy Billings, Natasha Hodge, Hailey Hodge and Alicia McNaughton.

Thompson Goddard photo

This is just a little tribute to a great woman

A wonderful person in our lives who may be small in size, but who has the largest heart and the soul and intellect of an artist, a poet and a scholar: Wanda Orian LaPrade of Chesterville, Ontario. She trained as a nurse and a radio operator, worked as a chef and in local factories. Even though she was busy with her job, her homemaking, and her children, Wanda always continued to read and study in her spare time. Her writings reflect her inquisitive nature and the yearn to knowledge in political and art history, philosophy and different cultures. She creates beautiful paintings on canvas and pastel sketches, inspired by her personal experience, ancestral heritage and famous masters such as the Group of Seven and Maude Lewis. Wanda touched and touches the lives of all of those who have and will cross her path. Even when she is ill or "under the weather" she always has a smile, kind words and an empathetic ear to listen. In fact, Wanda painted her own front door with flowers, birds and nature's bright colours to infuse even in those who are just walking or driving by, a sense of joy, peace and serenity. This year, for Christmas, I would like to express my gratitude and admiration for her in a special way, with this little message for her in the newspaper.

Thank you, Dearest Wanda: the artist, the writer, the chef, but most of all the Mother and Grandmother!

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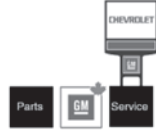
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Rockets losing streak stretches to four

Jeff Moore

Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE—The North Dundas Rockets played two games this past weekend as they travelled to Metcalfe on Friday night to take on the Jets and welcomed the Vankleek Hill Cougars on Saturday night.

Cougars 7 Rockets 4

The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Vankleek Hill Cougars to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Dec. 21, in the NCJHL. The Rockets were coming off a tough 5-3 loss to the Metcalfe Jets the previous night and were on a three-game losing streak.

The Rockets got off to a great start scoring just eight seconds into the first period as Justin Lefebvre was sprung on a breakaway and he made no mistake snapping one to the back of the net from Cameron Brown and Jarrett Williams, taking a 1-0 lead.

The Rockets took a two-goal lead when Joel Hunt rifled one home from Lefebvre and Williams at 13:45. The Cougars cut the deficit in half with 45 seconds remaining in the opening frame on the power play. The Rockets took a 2-1 lead into the first intermission.

The Cougars tied the game just one minute into the second period and took their first lead of the game at 4:18 on another power play. The Rockets tied the game at 13:45 as Hunt scored his second of the game from Brett Lannin and Brown on the power play.

The teams took a three-all draw into the second intermission. The Rockets retook the lead when Lefebvre scored his second of the game from Hunt and Williams just 1:03 into the third period. The Cougars tied the game at

four at 10:34 and retook the lead at 16:47.

The Rockets pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker with less than two minutes remaining but that didn't go as planned as the Cougars found the abandoned cage making it 6-4. The Rockets pulled their goalie for a second time trying to catch up but again the Cougars found the empty net.

The Cougars took the game 7-4 handing the Rockets their fourth consecutive loss. The Cougars outshot the Rockets 39-27. Suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Sebastien Moreau making 32 saves.

Jets 5 Rockets 3

The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe on Fri., Dec. 20, to take on the Jets in the NCJHL. The Rockets went into the game in second place in the West Division with a .500 record of 10 wins and 10 losses.

The Jets opened the scoring when Austin Hutt scored from Alex Cloutier and Dawson Sharpley at 3:28 of the first period to take a 1-0 lead. The Rockets tied the game when Jarrett Williams snapped one to the back of the net from Jack Dewan and Jack Van Kessel at 7:26.

The Jets retook the lead when Alex Gordon scored from Braden Kehoe and Conor Roche at 13:09. The Jets took a two-goal lead when Alex MacNeil scored from Colin Faubert and Cloutier on the power play with 1:41 remaining in the opening frame.

The Jets took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission. The Rockets got to within one as Justin Lefebvre blasted one home from Williams and Cole Hodges just 1:17 into the second period.



The North Dundas Rockets welcomed the Vankleek Hill Cougars to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Dec. 21, in the NCJHL. The Rockets' defenseman, Cameron Brown (7) gets tied up with the Cougars' defenseman, Mathieu Cloutier (9) as the puck gets deflected out of harm's way. The Rockets' Brett Lannin and Joel Hunt watch the puck escape.

Moore photo

The Jets retook a two-goal lead when Kehoe scored from Rocco Barresi at 3:21 and made it 5-2 as MacNeil scored his second of the game from Mark Morrison and Sharpley at 4:30. The Rockets closed the gap to two as Cole fired one home from Lefebvre and Williams with 2:08 remaining in the middle frame.

The Jets took a 5-3 lead into the second intermission. The Rockets outshot the Jets in the third period 11-6 but neither team was able to put the puck to the back of the net as the Jets hung on to take the game 5-3.

The Rockets outshot the Jets 37-33. Suffering the loss in the Rockets' goal was Emerson Hunt making 11 saves on 16 shots. He was replaced by Sebastien Moreau who made 23 saves.

Picking up the win in the Jets' goal was Jett Miller making 34 saves.

Up next

The North Dundas Rockets travel to the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe on Fri., Jan. 3 to take on the Jets at 8:15 p.m. and welcome the Bytown Royals to the Chesterville Arena on Sat., Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Hawks end 2019 with OT loss

Jeff Moore

Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The Winchester Hawks played a single game this past weekend as they welcomed the Arnprior Packers on Friday night for their last game heading into the holiday break.

Packers 4 Hawks 3 (OT)

The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Arnprior Packers to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Dec. 20, in the CCHL2. The Hawks went into the game in fifth place in the Martin Division, six points behind the Casselman Vikings in fourth and four points ahead of the Char-Lan Rebels in sixth. The Packers sat in fifth place in

the Richardson Division with a sub .500 record.

The Hawks opened the scoring when Kyle Kuehni scored his 12th goal of the season at 13:23 of the first period from Ryan Nielson and Eric Vitale on the power play. The Packers tied the game at 16:31 and the teams took a one-all draw into the first intermission.

The Packers scored the lone goal of the second period at 10:50 and took a 2-1 lead into the second intermission. The Hawks tied the game when Vitale scored his 19th of the season from Colby Schroeder and Kuehni at 6:40 of the third period.

The Packers retook the

lead at 13:29 on the power play but the Hawks got back to even when Kuehni scored his second of the game and 13th of the season from Nielson at 16:47.

Neither team was able to notch the game-winner before time expired in regulation so the game headed to a five-minute three-on-three overtime frame.

In the overtime, the Packers picked up the extra point at 2:11 taking the game 4-3. The Hawks and Packers were tied in shots on goal at 47 each. Suffering the loss in the Hawks' goal was Lucas Devries making 43 saves.

Up next



The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Arnprior Packers to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Dec. 20, in the CCHL2. The Hawks newest forward, Noah Fraser (26) sneaks around the Packers' defence and has a great scoring opportunity against the Packers' goalie, Cameron Scott. Scott won this battle and the game, as the Packers took the game in overtime 4-3.

Moore photo

The Winchester Hawks travel to the Billy Gebbie Arena in Alexandria to take

on the Glens on Fri., Jan. 3 at 8 p.m. and then to the Char-Lan Recreation Centre

in Williamstown on Sat., Jan. 4, to take on the Char-Lan Rebels at 8 p.m.

Lions grounded by Jets

Jeff Moore

Record Staff

MORRISBURG—The Morrisburg Lions played a pair of games this past weekend as they travelled to Cardinal on Saturday night to take on the South Grenville Rangers and played host to the Metcalfe Jets on Sunday afternoon.

Jets 5 Lions 3

The Morrisburg Lions welcomed the Metcalfe Jets to the Morrisburg Arena on Sun., Dec. 22, in the NCJHL. The Lions were coming off a hard 9-2 loss to the South Grenville Rangers and were looking for their second win of the season.

The Jets sat in third place in the East Division with 8 wins, 13 losses and two ties, 15 points ahead of the Lions. The Lions opened the scoring when Justice Brownlee snapped one home from Justin Shay and Noah Edmonds at 5:31 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead.

The Jets tied the game when Marc Brosseau scored from

Chris Martin and Dylan Tokessy at 9:42. The teams took a one-all draw into the first intermission.

The Jets took their first lead of the game when Martin scored a power play goal at 4:06 of the second period from Alex MacNeil and Sam Wilson. The Jets made it 3-1 as James Horvath scored from Brosseau at 9:42 while shorthanded.

The Lions got one back at 14:19 as Aiden Daly sniped one from Carter Tait and Wade Moak on the power play. The Lions tied the game at 15:06 as Kayne McCadden blasted one to the back of the net unassisted. The teams took a three-all draw into the second intermission.

The Jets retook the lead at 2:21 of the third period as MacNeil slipped one home from Mark Morrison and Connor Harty. The Jets closed out the scoring with 2:40 remaining in the game as Martin scored his second of the game unassisted.

The Jets took the game 5-3, handing the Lions their 22nd loss of the season. The Jets outshot the Lions 68-21. Suffering the loss in the Lions' goal was Riley Phillips

making 63 saves and picking up the win in the Jets' goal was Josh Legault making 17 saves.

Rangers 9 Lions 2

The Morrisburg Lions travelled to the Ingredion Centre in Cardinal on Sat., Dec. 21, to take on the South Grenville Rangers in the NCJHL. The Lions went into the game with just one win in the season while the Rangers sat on the pinnacle of the East Division and the entire league with 21 wins in 24 games.

The Rangers opened the scoring at 9:34 on the power play taking a 1-0 lead and made it 2-0 at 12:57. The Rangers took a three-goal lead with 2:31 remaining in the opening frame and took a 3-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Rangers added another goal at 5:19 of the second period but the Lions answered as Justice Brownlee ripped one home from Tanner Barnett at 15:09. The Lions cut the deficit in half when Cam Sherrer slapped one home from Carter Tait and Aiden Daly on the power play at 16:33.

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Vikings losing skid stretches to five games

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CASSELMAN — The Casselman Vikings played two home games this past weekend as they welcomed the Winchester Hawks on Thursday night and the Westport Rideaus on Sunday night in their final two games of 2019.

Rideaus 7 Vikings 5

The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Westport Rideaus to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Sun., Dec. 22, in the CCHL2. The Vikings went into the game in fourth place in the Martin Division but were riding a four-game losing streak. The Rideaus sat in the number one spot in the Richardson Division with 18 wins, seven losses, one overtime loss and one shootout loss.

The Rideaus opened the scoring at 7:28 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Rideaus made it 2-0 at 13:09 and took that lead into the first intermission. The Vikings cut into the deficit at 4:58 of the second period as Mathieu Talbot scored his 18th goal of the season from Evan Huntley

and Alexandre Charlebois and tied the game at 15:44 as Charlebois scored his ninth of the season from Huntley on the power play.

The Rideaus answered with three straight goals at 17:48, 18:12 and with 49 seconds remaining in the second period. The Rideaus took a 5-2 lead into the second intermission. The Rideaus made it 6-2 just 1:53 into the third period on the power play.

The Rideaus made it 7-2 at 5:40 again on the power play but the Vikings responded at 10:35 as Zachary Fournier scored his sixth of the season from Charlebois and Jason Cossette on the power play.

The Vikings closed the gap to three as Adam Paquette scored his fifth of the season from Fournier and Joshua Desjardins at 14:10 on the power play. The Vikings got to within two as Cossette scored his 14th of the campaign from affiliated player Jarrett Williams and Huntley at the 15-minute mark on another power play.

The Vikings pressed to close the gap but the Rideaus

stood their ground hanging on for a 7-5 victory. The Vikings outshot the Rideaus 41-26. Suffering the loss in the Vikings' goal was Zachari Racine making 19 saves.

Hawks 5 Vikings 4 (OT)

The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Winchester Hawks to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Dec. 19, in the CCHL2. The Vikings went into the game in fourth place in the Martin Division, seven points up on the fifth place Hawks and three points behind the Embrun Panthers in third.

The Vikings opened the scoring when Mathieu Talbot fired home his 17th goal of the season from Nicolas Chartrand and Samuel Labre at 2:59 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead.

The Hawks knotted the affair when Eric Vitale scored his 18th of the season from Colby Schroeder and Ryan Nielson at the 11-minute mark. The Vikings retook the lead when affiliated player Kevin Howson scored his first as a Viking from Frédérick Gagnier and Mikael Houle at 16:55.

The Vikings took a 2-1 lead into the first intermission. The Vikings took a two-goal lead when Gagnier scored his sixth of the season from Chartrand and Xavier Léveillé at 5:51 of the second period. The Vikings made it 4-1 as Howson scored his second of the game from Brendon Watson at 10:50.

The Hawks got back to within two as Schroeder scored his third of the season from Vitale at 12:22. The Hawks made it a one-goal game when Kyle Kuehni scored his 11th of the season from Colby Byrnes-Shaw and Vitale on the power play with just 10 seconds remaining in the middle frame.

The Vikings took a 4-3 lead into the second intermission. The Hawks tied the game at 14:05 of the third period as Kyle Fleming scored his 12th of the campaign from Schroeder and Vitale. Neither team was able to score before the end of regulation so the game headed to a five-minute three-on-three overtime period.

The Hawks completed the comeback when Jacob



The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Westport Rideaus to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Sun., Dec. 22, in the CCHL2. The Vikings' forward, Zachary Fournier (7) scored a goal and an assist but the Rideaus were the better team taking the game 7-5. Moore photo

Giacobbi scored his second of the season from Vitale with just three seconds remaining in overtime, taking the game 5-4. With the win, the Hawks moved to within six points of the Vikings in fourth place and with the single point, the Vikings moved to within two points of the Panthers in third place.

The Vikings outshot the

Hawks 34-20. Suffering the loss in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 15 saves and picking up the win in the Hawks' goal was Lucas Devries making 30 saves.

Up next

The Casselman Vikings welcome the Ottawa West Golden Knights to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Sat., Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Panthers drop a pair heading into holiday break

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

EMBRUN—The Embrun Panthers played a pair of games this past week as they travelled to Brockville on Wednesday night to take on the Tikis and welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels on Friday night.

Rebels 6 Panthers 5 (SO)

The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Dec. 20, in the CCHL2. The Panthers went into the game in third place

in the Martin Division trailing the Ottawa Jr. Canadians in second by two points and the Ottawa West Golden Knights in first by just three points.

The Rebels have been surging as of late and threaten the Winchester Hawks for the fifth and final playoff spot.

The Rebels opened the scoring at 12:34 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead.

The Rebels took a two-goal lead with just 1:21 remaining in the opening

frame and carried a 2-0 lead into the first intermission. The Panthers cut the deficit in half when Tristan Taillefer snapped home his 22nd goal of the season from Carter Peck and Robert Beaudoin at 4:20 of the second period.

The Panthers knotted the affair at two when Marshall Drevniok scored his seventh of the season from Taillefer and Beaudoin at 11:33 and took their first lead of the game as Nathan Brown scored his fifth of the season from Cayden Martin and

Juno Groggier at 16:17.

The Panthers took a 3-2 lead into the second intermission. The Panthers made it 4-2 as Beaudoin scored his 13th of the season from Drevniok and Taillefer just 22 seconds into the third period. The Rebels got to within one at 2:25 but the Panthers retook a two-goal lead when Peck scored his second of the campaign from Matthieu Brennan and John Mahoney on the power play at 4:47.

The Rebels kept coming and scored just 16 seconds later to make it a 5-4 game. The Rebels completed the comeback with just 1:27 remaining in regulation tying the game at five. Neither team was able to score the game-winner before the final buzzer sounded.

The teams then headed to a five-minute three-on-three overtime period. In the overtime, the Panthers took a penalty but the Rebels couldn't take advantage as the Panthers defence was able to hold them off the board on the preceding power play.

Neither team was able to score the goal by the time overtime expired so the game headed to a shootout. The Panthers opened the shootout with a miss and the Rebels shooter scored taking a 1-0 advantage.

Neither shooter for either team scored in the second round so it was up to the Panthers to tie the shootout with their third shooter but he was unable to find the back of the net as the Rebels took the game 6-5.

The Rebels outshot the Panthers 40-32. Suffering the



The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Dec. 20, in the CCHL2. The Panthers' leading scorer, Tristan Taillefer (16) gets a glorious scoring opportunity here after being set up by Carter Peck (14) in the corner. The Rebels' goalie, Ceili Picard got a break here as the puck just skipped over Taillefer's stick. Taillefer scored a goal and two assists in the game but the Rebels took it 6-5 in a shootout. Moore photo

loss in the Panthers' goal was William Nguyen making 34 saves.

Tikis 4 Panthers 1

The Embrun Panthers travelled to the Brockville Memorial Centre on Wed., Dec. 18, to take on the Tikis in the CCHL2. The Panthers went into the game in third place in the Martin Division just two points behind the Ottawa Canadians in second place and three points behind the Ottawa West Golden Knights in first, but just three points up on the Casselman Vikings in fourth.

The Tikis opened the scoring at 10:53 of the first period on the power play to take a 1-0 lead. The Tikis took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission. The Tikis took a 2-0 lead at 13:38 of the second period also on the power play and took that lead into the second

intermission.

The Panthers cut the deficit in half when Robert Beaudoin scored his 12th goal of the season from Nathan Brown and Cayden Martin at 7:44 of the third period. The Tikis restored their two-goal lead at 9:26 and added a late goal at 16:34 to make it 4-1. The Tikis took the game 4-1 handing the Panthers their eighth loss of the season.

The Tikis outshot the Panthers 44-26. Suffering the loss in the Panthers' goal was William Nguyen making 40 saves.

Up next

The Embrun Panthers travel to the Billy Debbie Arena in Alexandria on Sat., Jan. 4, to take on the Glens at 8 p.m. and to the Richmond Memorial Centre on Sun., Jan. 5, to take on the Royals at 1:30 p.m.

Lions

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The Rangers added a late goal with just 1:57 remaining, on the power play, and took a 5-2 lead into the second intermission. It was Rangers in the third period scoring four unanswered goals at 4:27, 11:07 on the power play, 16:18 and with 1:45 remaining. The Rangers took the game 9-2 handing the Lions their 21st loss of the season.

Scoring for the Rangers were Cameron Dillon and Dylan Sharpley with two each and Kyle Dillabough, Jacob McGonegal, Brody Ranger, Hunter Shipclark and Owen Webster scored singles. Picking up the assists were Mathieu Giroux with four, Jared Feelings with three, Brayden Forestell, McGonegal and Sawyer Sayeau with two each and Aiden Bailey, Dillon, Shipclark and Webster with one apiece.



The Morrisburg Lions welcomed the Metcalfe Jets to the Morrisburg Arena on Sun., Dec. 22, in the NCJHL. The Lions' forward, Aiden Daly (9) tries to slide one through the Jets' goalie, Josh Legault during first-period action. Daly did manage to score a power-play goal in the second period against his former team but it wasn't enough as the Lions dropped the decision 5-3 to the Jets. Moore photo

Suffering the loss in the Lions' goal was Riley Phillips.

Up next

The Morrisburg Lions welcome the West Carleton Inferno to the

Morrisburg Arena on Sat., Jan. 4, at 7:15 p.m. and travel to the Robert Guertin Arena in Gatineau to take on the Gatineau Hull-Volant on Sun., Jan. 5, at 3:30 p.m.

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Russell's Santa Express: 40 years and still going strong

David Strong
Special to the Villager

RUSSELL – Let's all take a step back in time to 1979: the 444-day ordeal known as the Iranian hostage crisis began; Margaret Thatcher and a 39-year-old Joe Clark were both elected as prime ministers, and of local importance, the Russell Santa Express began. For those of us who remember, 1979 certainly seems like a long time ago. In truth, there are many parents of children in Russell that weren't even born when the Santa Express began.

The irony is that the Santa Express, like many traditions, was started by accident. The original plan was for Ron Hubbard and Roger Pharand to drive a group of Christmas carolers around Russell on a fire truck for Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, the carolers didn't show up – so Ron and Roger thought since they were both already out, why not drive Santa around a few streets for a lark. Needless to say, they didn't know that this lark would turn into a 15-year commitment for them and a time-honoured tradition in Russell for the next 40 years.

The commitment was not just Ron and Roger's, for the Hubbards, it turned into a family affair as Judy and the kids would ride in the truck with Ron as he shuttled Santa around town. For the Pharand family it meant sacrifice; Roger's wife Arlene wanted him to attend Mass with the family, but duty called.

Now it's the Armstrong family that plans its Christmas Eve around this event, as have other fire department families over the years, such as the Bourguignons, the Murrays, the Cashmans and now the Leclairs.

Speaking of families, Santa helped one of

our firefighters with a marriage proposal 11 years ago.

Behind the scenes

The Santa Express is not just what people see riding around the streets - a very large part of this annual event is not visible to the public. After all, getting Santa to every street in Russell requires a team effort, including the hidden "North Pole" dispatchers who track and coordinate Santa's route. Greg and Angela Burgess had the honour of being the first "North Pole" dispatchers, now the responsibility lies on the capable shoulders of Joanne Armstrong.

The dispatchers let Santa know how he is doing for time and if he has to make any special visits.

Santa has sometimes visited sick children who are home from the hospital to spend Christmas with their families. There was even a personal birthday wish one year for an 80-year-old lady whose face lit up like a child's when she realized it was Santa himself wishing her a happy birthday.

Ask anyone who has been a part of the Santa Express over the years and they will tell you how rewarding it is. Just seeing the kids and families lining the streets waiting to say hello is all the incentive needed to keep this tradition alive. Some families have even told us how the Express has influenced traditions for them and their friends. It truly is a Russell tradition.

Mishaps and mistakes

Driving around an entire village in the winter with a chubby elf perched, often precariously, on top of a fire truck, what could possibly go wrong? Well, plenty. How about the year freezing rain made the ice-



Santa prepares to head out into the streets to greet residents of Russell. Courtesy photo

laden hydro wires hang a little low on one street. So low that they clotheslined an unsuspecting Santa, who ended up floundering around on his back like an overturned turtle. It took the driver, Ron Hubbard, half a block to notice that Santa was even missing. Or the time that the truck broke down en route. How did Santa deal with that? To the astonishment of many drivers that night, he simply got off the truck and directed traffic himself.

Eleven years ago, just as the Express was about to hit the road, the absolute worst thing that could happen, happened: the pagers went off. The Russell Fire Department received a call for a vehicle collision. The sight was one for the books, as a speeding fire truck flew down Craig Street with sleigh strapped to the roof and Christmas lights dangling from all sides. The look on the OPP officers' faces

when they caught site of us arriving on scene was one we will never forget.

The Santa Express is a Russell tradition; it creates the sort of memories that children will keep with them for the rest of their lives. In the hustle and bustle of modern life and the over-the-top commercialization of Christmas, it helps keep our community connected to the past, and keeps that "small town" feeling alive.

Share your photos

The Russell Fire Department would appreciate if anyone with photos of the Santa Express over the years would share them with us. Please post them to our Facebook page so we are able to share them with the entire community.

Read more about the Santa Express, including behind-the-scene secrets, next week.

Pierre Leroux acclaimed as UCPR warden for 2020

L'ORIGINAL – Pierre Leroux, mayor of the Township of Russell, was elected by acclamation as the 2020 warden of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR).

Leroux brings important municipal experience to this position, having served as mayor of Russell since 2015. During the traditional swearing-in ceremony in

the county council chambers, he addressed the priorities of his upcoming presidency – the first being communication with residents, regional organizations, the federal and provincial levels of government, as well as communication between the local municipalities.

"The level of communication between the

local municipalities and the UCPR is a top priority, because regional communication is the key to our success," stated warden Leroux, adding that it is a privilege and an honour to serve council in this role.

The incoming warden's second priority consists of regional investment through the Prescott and Russell Area Partnership (PRAP), a

project proposal that would see the creation of an intermunicipal investment mechanism whose objective is to promote commercial and industrial growth.

"We need to continue investing in ourselves. With the creation of the PRAP, we would not only be helping our local municipalities, but we would be stimulating economic development, encouraging growth, and most of all, creating new revenue streams that will alleviate financial pressures for local governments, and in turn, our residents," added Leroux.

During the same ceremony, outgoing 2019 warden Robert Kirby presented cheques totaling \$21,000 to several organizations in the Township of East Hawkesbury: the Prescott and Russell Residence Foundation, the Centre d'accueil Roger Séguin, and the Le Chenail Cultural Centre. These funds were raised during the Warden's Golf Tournament and Warden's Banquet fundraisers held during his term.



Leroux (left) said communication between the local municipalities and the UCPR is a top priority during his term as warden. Courtesy photo

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MacDONALD, William "Bill"

At the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, Bill MacDonald of Russell, age 73. Loving husband of Ann MacDonald (nee Farris). Loving father of Kim Ferguson (Ian) of Kenmore and Craig (Manon) of Oshawa. Dear brother of Ann Voino of Kingston. Bill will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jacob, Joshua, Jamie, Jayden, Cameron and Olivia. Also survived by nieces and nephews. A celebration of Bill's life will be held at a later date. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.