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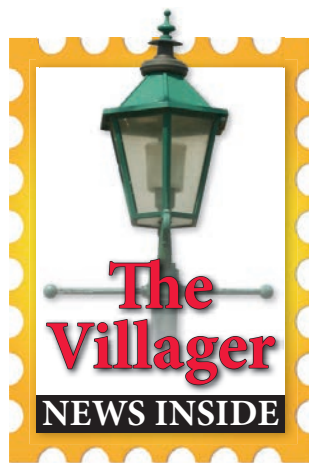
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Briefly

Have your say
CRYSLER – The Township of North Stormont is looking for public input in developing a strategic plan for the next five years. Public consultations will be held at the Chrysler Community Centre (16 Third St.) on Jan. 16 (6 p.m. – 8 p.m.) and at Moose Creek Community Centre on Jan. 29.

Carnival brunch
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Duncan duo raising money for Crime Stoppers
SDSG MP Eric Duncan was joined by his father Ed Duncan at Winchester Foodland on Jan. 11 to participate in the 2020 Cuffed Up For A Cause fundraiser for Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers. Thompson Goddard photo

“Duncan Duo” raise funds for Crime Stoppers

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Cuffed Up For A Cause 2020 featured Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MP Eric Duncan and his father Ed Duncan sporting handcuffs and raising \$2500 for Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers on Jan. 11 at Winchester Foodland. For the third year, this event has been held in January which is designated as National Crime Stoppers’ Month according to SDG OPP Const. Tylor Copeland, police coordinator for Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers.

Copeland described Crime Stoppers as a very effective policing tool used by several law enforcement agencies throughout the united counties. It uses anonymous tips provided either online or by phone. He said the 2019 SDG statistics showed 272 tips were received, with 19 arrests made and \$2,200 in reward money provided.

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Dundas County Players plans for busy 2020 season

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The Dundas County Players (DCP) continue to bring great entertainment and live theatre to the area.

For the past quarter century, the theatre group has performed for Dundas county audiences in just about every kind of production. The future holds more of the same.

DCP held its annual general meeting at the Old Town Hall in Winchester on Sun., Jan. 12. Going into 2020, the DCP is expecting a good year.

There were a few wrinkles in 2019 that had to be worked out. In the past, the group had enjoyed a five-year lease for the theatre space

at the Old Town Hall from the municipality. This year the municipality asked for a change, reducing the lease from the original five years to a new two-year agreement.

Marie Therese Robinson, president of the DCP, explained: “The changes to the agreement include a reduction of the days that we have access to the theatre, from 25 days down to 18 days prior to the opening night of a production, and two days following the production, instead of three.”

However, during those 18 days when they have the run of the theatre, they will not have to accommodate other groups wanting to use the space, something they have had to do in the past.

“And there is no change in the rental rate,” said Robinson.

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Serving up breakfast and fellowship in Winchester

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Linking Hands welcomed the New Year with a great breakfast and good company with the resumption of their weekly drop-in breakfast.

The Wednesday morning breakfast resumed its operation at the Winchester United Church on Jan. 8, after a brief break over the holidays.

The weekly outreach program is intended to bring people together over a tasty meal to chat, play games and have some fun.

The program also runs every Tuesday in Morrisburg at the Morrisburg Pentecostal Church.

The program kicked off last September and has become a welcome one in Dundas.

Operated by volunteers, the drop-in breakfast enjoys great community support.

“We got the idea from a church in Cornwall,” said Kim Merkley, client services manager for the House of Lazarus.

Despite last year’s success there is plenty of room for more people. “We would like to see more people,” said Merkley. “Every week, it is a different breakfast and it does not matter how old you are, everyone is welcome.”

In a press release, Linking Hands’ coordinator Sandy Casselman stated: “This initiative falls under our Healthy



The Winchester community has a strong volunteer base. Here, volunteers look after the kitchen for cooking up a breakfast as part of the Linking Hands’ program. Pictured are, from the left: Lorna Driscoll, Kim Merkley, Muriel Milne and Colleen Howard.

Morin photo

Living Working Group; our focus is to be inclusive and welcoming to all, providing a safe space for people to hang out, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and, maybe, meet new people and have a little fun. We will also have trained staff and volunteers who can assist residents in finding needed services or resources locally.”

The program is an initiative of House

of Lazarus, a charitable organization based in Mountain that focuses on reducing and eliminating poverty in all its forms in Dundas County. This is accomplished with the help of many community, agency, and business partners throughout the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry and the City of Cornwall.

Dundas County Players

Continued from the front

Still on the to-do list for the theatre group is replacing the HVAC system in the theatre. The current system has to be turned off during performances as it

too loud. “This makes it uncomfortably warm or cold depending on the season,” said Robinson.

The DCP has been working with North Dundas Township to resolve the issue.

“DCP has funds earmarked for a replacement of the system, and the township has matching funds available,” said Robinson. “The original designs that we were working with would have

cost us more than double what was budgeted to get it done.”

“We are still in discussions with the township looking for the best solution.”

In 2019 DCP not only delivered great performances for its community, it also donated to community causes. During the last production of the year they donated \$400 from their concession stand at the theatre to Community Food Share.

At the same time, another local production group, A Bunch of People Arts and Events, donated \$600 through the House of Lazarus to a family in Chesterville.

In the slower months, DCP is gearing up for another busy season.

Its upcoming 2020 productions are: *On Golden Pond* by Earnest Thompson, directed by Tony Glen (Apr. 17-26); *2-Across* by Jerry Mayer, directed by Liz Barton (June 18-21); and *Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood* by Ken Ludwig, directed by Amanda Burger (Nov. 20-29).



The Dundas County Players held their annual general meeting at the Old Town Hall in Winchester on Sun., Jan. 12. The 2020 group of directors was elected. Pictured here are, front row, from the left: Jack Guigue, treasurer-in-training; Aaron Dellah, treasurer; Marie Therese Robinson, president; Doree Hickey, secretary; Brenda Windmill and Elizabeth Barton, directors at large; and Tony Glen, past president. Back row, from the left: J.P. Leduc, webmaster; Sabrina Ventrella, second vice-president; and Joanne Ventrella, patron. Absent is Jim Perkins, vice president.

Morin photo

Local cancer survivor organizes fundraiser

WINCHESTER - A couple from Heckston, Ont., is organizing a night of entertainment as a fundraiser to thank staff at Winchester District Memorial Hospital for their care.

Debra McLean received treatment for breast cancer for four months last year at WDMH. She and her husband Tom Schultz are have planned a show with comedy and musical performances. All ticket sales, revenue and donations will be donated to the hospital foundation for the cancer clinic.

The headliner for the show on Feb. 15 is Andrew Chapman, winner of the Top Canadian Comedy Album Award. Andrew will emcee the show as well as perform one of his stand-up routines suitable for all ages. Magician David Jans and a sixties rock band, The Lads, will also be performing.

Tickets are \$50 per person. There will also be silent and live auctions. To purchase tickets or make a donation, contact Debra McLean, 613-806-0690, Tom Schultz, 613-863-1120 or Cindy Peters, 613-774-2422 x 6172.

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NDDHS Report

By Carley Milne-Servage
Student Council Communications



One-day strike

Today, Wed., Jan. 15, high-school teachers are holding a one-day strike. There are no classes for students in grades 9-12.

The Upper Canada District School Board has also decided not to proceed with the Grade 9 math EQAO testing that was scheduled for this January. Schools and teachers will be in contact with students and parents with any information regarding the change.

This is the time of the school year when students and teachers are working toward exams and final projects. Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers and find help if they need it, as it can be a stressful, busy time. Just a reminder that exams start on Fri., Jan. 24. You can check the calendar in the main hallway for the exam schedule if you're not sure which exam is on which day.

Welcoming 2020 in South Stormont

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – Bryan McGillis, mayor of South Stormont, seemed very pleased with the work that had been accomplished since the 2018 municipal elections during a year-end interview with *The Chesterville Record* on Jan. 8. With McGillis was Chris Hemond, South Stormont economic development and communications co-ordinator, who agreed with McGillis' view of progress in the municipality.

McGillis stressed that council and administrative staff are working together to achieve the goals set for the municipality with a sense of dedication and commitment to South Stormont. Municipal goals include initiatives such as doctor recruitment, waterfront development, a municipal assessment plan and increasing the level of transparency in local government.

The mayor commented that initiatives such as ensuring the municipal website is kept current and user friendly, "Minute with the Mayor" segments and plans to live-stream council meetings, will augment and enhance the public's ability to access information. Hemond and McGillis explained that initially council meetings will be uploaded to the municipal website. Later this year, live-streamed council meetings will be available for viewing.

McGillis said the municipality is working on an asset management plan which the province wants completed by 2021; this is a large undertaking and will provide information for not only the setting of municipal priorities and policies but will be a necessary component of applications to the province for funding.

The municipality recently approved the 2020 operating and capital budgets with a tax rate increase of 3.99 per cent, which did not include water and waste water services. It was noted there were still school board as well as SDG county tax levies to be considered. McGillis said the school board tax rate was recently announced which has resulted in a South Stormont blended tax rate of 0.83 per cent. He noted that once the counties' council tax levy is known, then a final determination of the blended tax rate for South Stormont, which includes municipal, school and county tax levies, can be announced.

Some of the municipal projects in the coming year included in the 2020 budget are: improvements to recreational sites, ensuring roads and bridges are maintained, development of municipal plans and ensuring the continued development of economic opportunities for the community.

As the interview concluded, Mayor McGillis stressed the need to ensure there are resources available for both residential and commercial activities in South Stormont. He mentioned he was "very, very pleased" with 2019 and was looking forward to the year ahead.



Looking forward to 2020

South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis and Chris Hemond, economic development and communications co-ordinator, at the municipal building in Long Sault.
Thompson Goddard photo

CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

A sad ending

Across the region, the province, and the land, the ever-dwindling number of newspaper workers remain comrades in arms, haltingly carrying on an honourable tradition established before the birth of Canada.

So when yet another newspaper goes down to economic pressures, particularly one that's been around awhile and established a reputation for competence and professionalism, there's no gloating by rivals.

Such is the case with the *Winchester Press* which, much to just about everyone's dismay, published what could be its last edition Jan. 1 after 131 years chronicling the comings and goings, the openings and closings, the wins, the losses, the successes and failures, through North Dundas and beyond. All that can save it or replace it, says publisher Beth Morris, is new ownership, which remains a possibility.

For much of that same period – 125 years – *The Chesterville Record* has been doing the same thing across some of the same territory and knows exactly what challenges and pitfalls are involved. Still, like so many others, we were surprised about the abrupt stop of our friendly rival and former member of the same newspaper family,

believing as so many others did the *Press* was equipped to weather any and all storms.

Personally, the *Press*, along with *The Record* and *Villager* (which eventually merged), has been part of my life since I moved to Russell almost 50 years ago (with a six-year sojourn south of Chesterville). I'm a newspaper buff in addition to being a newspaper reporter and columnist; the loss of one so close to home hits very hard.

Although there was no indication in the *Press'* Jan. 1 end-of-year edition, that turned out to be the final one. Should another publication step in, it will legally be required to carry on under a different name. Ironically, the deathknell was sounded Jan. 3 on social media as opposed to traditional media. It was described as a decision beyond control of staff: "We hope that those who have come before us and forged the reputation of the *Winchester Press* through late nights, early mornings, endless hours and honest journalism will know that we did all we could." Morris has insisted that statement was premature and not authorized by her. She maintained that the office remains open part-time to contact customers and collect receivables: "This inaccurate and false statement may force us into bankruptcy," she

countered in a Facebook post.

Morris blamed the outcome on reduction of revenue caused by changing economic trends, big box stores replacing independents and cutting into advertising, the increase in the minimum wage, and of course the shift towards social media. She said last fall problems would be tackled with downsizing, including the sale of the *Press* building on Lawrence Street; staff cuts were also implemented, but it wasn't enough.

Revenue, she stated, has declined by 40 per cent over the past few years. In addition to losing the *Press'* building, she said she's losing her home: "All I have left is my pension fund."

Meanwhile, a different outcome has unfolded in Prescott where Morris' weekly journal was also on the block. A change of ownership has occurred there, with the Martelle family of employees taking over and renaming the paper the *South Grenville Journal*. It is expected to publish its first edition Jan. 22. The name change was a legal requirement, said Kate Martelle, explaining the new publication will acknowledge its connection to the former Prescott Journal in an opening editorial.

The *Press* covered the full range of community events and local news, with



a special emphasis on agriculture. The self-branded Dairy Capital of Eastern Ontario, Winchester is home to a Parmalat processing plant and smaller farm-based industries, several machinery dealerships and farm product suppliers, a University of Guelph research centre, and hosts an annual Dairyfest. The newspaper's advertising and news columns were an integral part of that culture.

As former manager of the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, I got to know many *Press* staff members well and appreciated their dedication to the newspaper, to the community, and to agriculture and its role in rural Eastern Ontario.

The overall feeling about what appears to be the demise of this prestigious publication, at least under the banner *Winchester Press*, is one of sadness. Those of us toiling in the same industry shake our heads that another paper has bitten the dust, an honest, hard-working competitor reflecting the history of a solid rural community. It's a sad ending to what should have been a never-ending story.

Looking back, moving forward

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WILLIAMSTOWN – Jim McDonell of South Glengarry has represented the riding of Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario since his election in 2011. Re-elected in 2018, he currently serves as the parliamentary assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Prior to the arrival of constituents and guests for the annual holiday skate hosted by McDonell at the Char-Lan Arena on Jan. 3, he sat down with *The Chesterville Record* to take a look back at 2019 and glance forward to 2020.

McDonell noted the provincial government is committed to creating a better Ontario by improving services to the people, institutions and businesses in this province.

Health care is a top priority for the provincial government, with McDonell describing how there is a strong commitment to its improvement in Ontario. He said four local hospitals have received provincial funding to "maintain their infrastructure and ensure a safe and comfortable environment for patients to receive care," with Winchester & District Memorial Hospital receiving \$212,535 through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund.

One year into the mandate of this government, McDonell reports that approximately 7,000 new long-term care beds have been added in Ontario. Dundas Manor, located in Winchester, is a long-term care facility which is currently seeking funding from local, county and provincial governments to redevelop the facility. Announcements on funding expected shortly.

There were 14 regional health integration networks which are in the process of being replaced by smaller health teams designed to work with local stakeholders in this field to improve patient care. It is expected the new Ontario Health Teams will have a smaller geographical area to

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Jim McDonell, MPP Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry, discussed the provincial's government's progress prior to welcoming constituents and guests for the annual holiday skate at the Char-Lan Arena.
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South Stormont council begins compensation report

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – The first meeting of 2020 for the municipal council of South Stormont was held on Wed., Jan. 8 at the town hall in Long Sault.

Erin Holl from Pesce & Associates provided information to South Stormont council during

this meeting on job evaluation, compensation, pay equity and performance management project.

Holl told council she had met with both union and non-union municipal employees earlier that day to provide them with information on the process by which this

project would proceed. She explained there would be a separate job evaluation process for union and non-union staff members, employee pay range development as well as a pay equity plan for employees and a performance policy created. Once the project has been completed, a

report will be provided to council for their perusal and action. CAO Debi LucasSwitzer reported that the employees appeared highly engaged during the meetings and she will be meeting soon with directors and employees of the municipality to continue the process.

Council also heard departmental reports. Director of Parks and Recreation Kevin Amelotte told council some nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award have been received, however none of the nominations for the new Youth Volunteer of the Year Award have been

received as of Jan. 8. The Volunteer of the Year nominations have a deadline of Feb. 1. Nomination forms are available at the town hall or at southstormont.ca.

Cornwall Township Historical Society is currently looking for a location to store their artifacts, with Amelotte reporting the society is investigating different artifact storage sites.



Erin Holl (left) speaks to council about the job evaluation and compensation project during the Jan 8 council meeting. Thompson Goddard photo

Jim McDonell

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administer and McDonell commented that control of health services is being returned to these local health teams. Champlain Local Health Integration Network currently serves Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Prescott-Russell, Renfrew County, the City of Ottawa and North Lanark/North Grenville.

There are plans to reduce red tape and modernize the Ontario building code with plans for the Ontario government to adopt the Canadian Building Code in 2021. McDonell feels this will benefit the building sector by having a standardized code across the country and by reducing expenses associated with construction. He mentioned some changes have been made already, with others forthcoming. Municipalities will be issued updates to

keep them informed of the changes.

Also, he explained, the government is reviewing and revising regulations for the planned expansion of the apprenticeship program for this problem, which should help to ensure growth in the trades' sector of the economy.

The government is investigating an environmental plan which will look at all aspects of climate change. He feels there is a need to have a common-sense approach to this subject and to work with experts in the field. He explained Ontario is using renewable resources such as nuclear and water sources for the generation of electricity which will ensure continued reduction of carbon dioxide emissions.

As 2020 begins, there is a sense of hopefulness in the province that Ontario will continue to be a place residents are proud to call home.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Winter driving can sometimes be a daunting task, especially when conditions are snowy or icy. If road conditions are dangerous, consider making alternate travel arrangements or postponing your trip until conditions improve. Follow these steps to keep yourself safe and collision free during the next few blustery winter months.

TIP 1:

Make sure that your vehicle is prepared for winter driving.

- Winter tires are a good option, as they will provide greater traction under snowy or icy conditions.
- Keep a snow brush/scrapper in your car, along with possible emergency items such as a lightweight shovel, battery jumper cables, and a flashlight.
- Make sure that mirrors, all windows, and the top of your vehicle, are free of snow or frost before getting onto the road.

TIP 2:

Drive smoothly and slowly.

- Don't make any abrupt turns or stops when driving. Doing so will often cause your vehicle to lose control and skid.
- Driving too quickly is the main cause of winter collisions. Be sure to drive slowly and carefully on snow and ice covered roads.

TIP 3:

Don't tailgate.

- Tailgating becomes much worse in winter weather. Stopping takes much longer on snowy and icy roads than on dry pavement, so be sure to leave enough room between your vehicle and the one in front of you.

TIP 4:

Brake before making turns.

- Brake slowly to reduce speed before entering turns. Once you have rounded the corner you can accelerate again.

TIP 5:

Learn how to control skids.

- When skidding, you actually need to go against your natural instincts and turn into the skid and accelerate. Doing so transfers your vehicle's weight from the front to the rear and often helps vehicles to regain control.

TIP 6:

Lights on.

- Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.

TIP 7:

No cruise control.

- Never use cruise control if conditions are snowy, icy, or wet, because if your car hydroplanes, your car will try to accelerate and you may lose control of your vehicle.

TIP 8:

Don't "pump" the brakes.

- If your vehicle is equipped with an anti-lock braking system (ABS), do not "pump" the brakes. Apply constant pressure and let the system do its work.

TIP 9:

Pay attention.

- Manoeuvres are more difficult to make in the snow. Be sure to anticipate what your next move is going to be to give yourself lots of room for turns and stopping.



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Winchester Legion hosts dart tournament

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108 in Winchester seemed to score a bullseye with the Zone G-3 Dart Tournament held at the Joel Steele Community Hall on Jan. 11. Zone G-3 sports officer Janine Fawcett was pleased with the turnout of 120 registered participants. Players could compete as

singles, doubles and teams of four. Fawcett explained that the Winchester Legion won the team division in 2019 and so it was the host for this year's tournaments. The winner of this year's tournament, Cardinal Legion Branch 105, will host the 2021 tournament. The winning team for 2020 was Glen Adams, Will Beckstead, Joel Adams and Jeremy Adams.

One hundred and twenty players were registered for the 2020 Zone G-3 Dart Tournament held at the Joel Steele Community Hall on Jan. 11 and hosted by RCL Branch 108 of Winchester.
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Beckstead, co-owner of North Dundas Building Supplies; Danielle and Ron Yuill; Stacy Duguay, co-owner; Doug Keeling representing Castle; and Amanda Coutlee, store staff.

Lucky winner of top renovation prize

Ron Yuill of Chesterville was the winner of a \$5,000 grand prize from Castle Building Centres' Great Candian Renovation contest at North Dundas Building Supplies in Winchester. Castle runs the contest at all of its 82 dealers across the country, and Yuill was one of three lucky winners. He plans to do renovations to his home in Chesterville with the prize money. Left to right are: Craig Beckstead, co-owner of North Dundas Building Supplies; Danielle and Ron Yuill; Stacy Duguay, co-owner; Doug Keeling representing Castle; and Amanda Coutlee, store staff.

Morin photo

Broomball tournament in Finch

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

FINCH – There was plenty of on-ice activity at the Finch Youth Broomball Tournament at the Finch arena on Jan. 11. This is the twentieth tournament organized by members of the North Stormont broomball community, with players ranging in age between 4 and 15 years (see

full coverage of the games in the Sports pages).

Cynthia Daoust, a member of the organizing team, said twenty teams from four leagues were registered for the event, with U-9, U-12 and U-16 divisions competing. She mentioned organizers were very appreciative of the support from the community, making special note of the

Finch Recreation committee for their assistance to all local youth sports.

Members of the Warriors Juvenile Boys' broomball

team worked during the tournament at the admission desk and ran a breakfast/brunch event to raise funds for the upcoming Juvenile National Broomball Championships being held this March in Cornwall.



Members of the Warriors Juvenile Boys' broomball team were busy working at the 2020 Finch Broomball Tournament to raise funds for the upcoming Juvenile National Broomball Championship to be held this March in Cornwall. Front row, from the left: Thomas St. Pierre, Brody Villeneuve, Morgan Foster. Back Row: Ryan Fisher and Cynthia Daoust. Thompson Goddard photo

Obituary

CASSELMAN, Richard "Dick"

Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, January 12, 2020, Dick Casselman of Chesterville, age 92. Beloved husband and best friend of the late Sheila Casselman (nee MacMillan) for 65 years. Loving father of Janie Acres (Dave) of Chesterville, Hubert (Sandra) of Oakville, Cathy Holmes (Barry) of Winchester and Greg (Victoria) of St. Thomas. Dear brother-in-law of Bill McNaughton of Ingleside, Carol Casselman of Caledon and Marie Lajeunesse of Ottawa. Dick will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Angie, Troy, Katie, Scott, Derek, Morgan, Ryan, Craig, Kristen, Brent, Shane, Nathan and great-grandchildren Finley, Morley, Colton, Brooke, Hunter, Elyse, Hudson, Makayla, Evelyn and Sophia. Predeceased by his parents Dr. Hubert and Marjorie Casselman (nee Warnecke), his son Christopher, his daughter-in-law Kelly Casselman (nee Sheehan) and his brothers Douglas, Malcolm and Bruce Casselman. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A celebration of Dick's life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville, on Saturday, January 18th at 7:30 p.m. with a reception to follow. Donations to Maple Ridge Cemetery or the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville will be accepted at the celebration of life. If you are unable to attend the celebration donations made payable to the charity of your choice may be mailed to the funeral home at Box 365, Chesterville, ON, K0C 1H0. Spring interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville. Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.

In Memoriam

Michael Casselman ~ January 18, 2011

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Please don't mourn for me.
I'm still here, though you don't see
I'm right by your side each night and day
And within your heart I long to stay.
I'll never wander out of your sight,
I'm the brightest star on a summer night.
I'll never be beyond your reach,
I'm the warm moist sand when you're at the beach.
I'm the colourful leaves when autumn's around
And the pure white snow that blankets the ground.
I'm the beautiful flowers of which you're so fond,
The clear cool water in a quiet pond.
I'm the first bright blossom you'll see in the spring,
The first warm raindrop that April will bring.
I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine,
And you'll see that the face in the moon is mine.
When you start thinking there's no one to love you,
You can talk to me through the Lord above you.
I'll whisper my answer through the leaves on the trees
And you'll feel my presence in the soft summer breeze.
I'm the hot salty tears that flow when you weep
And the beautiful dreams that come while you sleep.
I'm the smile you see on a baby's face
Just look for me, I'm every place!

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

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Ignite the (rainy) night for Beyond 21

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

MORRISBURG – Despite the cold, rainy weather, the hearts of the over forty participants in the sixth annual local Dion Ignite the Night Snowshoe Race on Jan. 11 were full of sunshine and warm feelings.

Ice, rain and snow were forecasted for later in the evening, which resulted in some of the 120 people who pre-registered for the event at Upper Canada Village being unable to run in either the 5k or 10k timed race fundraiser for Beyond 21, according to organizer Gilles Parisien.

Parisien said close to \$9,000 has been raised for Beyond 21 over the six years the race has been run.

Volunteers at the registration desk in the Harvest Barn were busy prior to the event, providing information and confirming registration for the runners who began arriving shortly before 5 p.m. In a pre-race message to runners, Parisien outlined the course, provided an update on conditions for runners and stressed the importance of safety.

The race at UCV is the first in the Dion Ontario Snowshoe Running Series, which consists of six races across the province. Parisien explained the top three finishes of each 10k racer will count toward the series and confirmed some of the racers in the Jan. 11

event will be participating in the series.

He thanked all the local sponsors who supported the event and provided door prizes. “Upper Canada Village has been an absolutely amazing partner to work with.”

Beyond 21 is a local community organization which provides support to people 21 years and older with developmental difficulties. Executive director Jane McLaren and her team of volunteers were at the event coordinating the post-run refreshments for participants. McLaren said she had “total respect for all the runners” preparing to participate in this unique event. She noted the countless lights of Alight at Night were still illuminated, providing a beautiful backdrop to the course.

McLaren expressed a special thank you to the Wendy’s Restaurant in Cornwall for their donation to the event; while showing the special race memento for the racers which was created by Beyond 21 clients.

The souvenir consists of a specially made paper which was impregnated with seeds donated by Marlin Orchards near Summerstown. The paper can be planted in the spring. The bead portion of the memento was created by Beyond 21 members at Creation Workshop in 2019.

Information obtained from the Spafford Health and



Race mementos

Beyond 21 executive director Jane McLaren shows the race mementos which were created by members of the Beyond 21 community.

Thompson Goddard photo

Adventure website listed the overall winner in the 10k men’s race as Bernie Hogan of Bancroft with Guy Dorian of Ottawa in second place.

First and second place winners of the women’s 10k race were Lisa Leskien of Cambridge, Ont., and Chrissy Stevens of Cornwall.



Bicycling through the village

Cory Reggentien (right) of the Cornwall Cycle Club decided to ride his bicycle in the Jan. 11 Ignite the Night Snowshoe Race. He is joined by Vicki Reggentien as he makes his way to the start of the race.

Thompson Goddard photo



Cuffed for a good cause

Continued from the front

When asked how anonymity is guaranteed, he explained tips are given through a secure national tip line, 1-800-222-TIPS, and then given to police. The person providing the tip provides no personal information and is provided with an identification number to use if follow-up is necessary.


Copeland extended a “thank you to the Duncan Duo and their willingness to support Crime Stoppers.” Duncan and his father seemed to be enjoying their time in cuffs, with many people stopping by to make a donation while visiting with them. MPP Duncan commented that Crime Stoppers was “a great cause, was well respected in the community” and provides people with an opportunity to assist in making our communities safer.


The directors of SDG Crime Stoppers, Sue Lariviere and Larry Ruston, were busy taking donations at the Crime Stoppers desk and mentioned there was a steady stream of people making donations to free the “Duncan Duo.” Each person making a \$10 donation to Crime Stoppers was given a ticket for a draw for two gift baskets provided courtesy of Winchester Foodland.

Customer service manager Heather Tupper said each basket had a value of approximately \$100 with the themes being “Baby It’s Cold Outside” and “Super Bowl.” She added that the staff at the Winchester Foodland along with owner Dan Pettigrew were committed to providing support and assistance to the local community.


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Euchre tournament raises money for hospice

Sixteen teams of euchre players gathered at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 349 Hall in Williamsburg on Jan. 11, with funds raised being provided to Dundas County Hospice. There are several social and fundraising events at the Williamsburg Lodge coming up, including a pancake breakfast and an evening dance on Feb. 1; a fundraiser for WDMH Foundation on Jan. 25 featuring The Border Towne Boys. Noble Grand John Toonders mentioned the very popular Surf n’ Turf Dinner is coming up on Feb. 22, which will also raise funds for Dundas County Hospice. While dinner is already sold-out, Toonders said donations can be provided to DCH through the lodge by contacting any member.

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Working for a safer community

The 2020 Cuffed Up For A Cause event was held on Jan. 11 at the Winchester Foodland. Back row, from the left: Sue Lariviere, Larry Ruston, Const. Tylor Copeland. Front row: SDSG MP Eric Duncan, Ed Duncan, and Sue Lariviere.

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Eastern Ontario grain farmers gear up for 2020

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

AVONMORE – The region's grain farmers looked back on 2019 and despite its challenges, they expect a positive future for their industry.

Grain Farmers of Ontario (GFO) held its annual meeting for District 14, covering Prescott, Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry counties, on Thurs., Jan. 9 at North Stormont Place in Avonmore.

After the meeting was formally opened, and the minutes from last year's meeting approved, Marcus Haerle, director for District 14 and the chair of the board of directors, gave an overview of some of the challenges and issues the district faced last year.

There is a stacked deck against farmers on several fronts, but despite the many challenges the industry continues to grow. Some of the challenges are: unpredictable weather, climate change, public mistrust, plant-based protein, increased costs such as the carbon tax, and uncertain economics and trade.

Another challenge was the current political landscape with a minority Liberal government, stalled decisions and negotiations, as well as ongoing discussions with the province.

"It has been a full year with many things that no-one predicted would happen," said Haerle.



The Grain Farmers of Ontario District 14 Annual General Meeting took place at North Stormont Place, Thurs., Jan. 9. The new slate of delegates and director are, front row, left to right: Tanya LeFebvre, Scott Fife, Arden Schneckenburger. Back row, left to right: Markus Haerle (director), Mark Fraser, Jan Roosendaal, Michel Dignard, Frank Haerle, Andy Corput, Keith Wells, Francois Clement, and Paul Desrosiers. Morin photo

He said the recent propane supply issue, as a result of the short-lived Canadian National Railway strike, had put a great deal of pressure on farmers.

In return, "I think the pressure the farming industry put on the railway helped to resolve the strike," he commented.

Haerle pointed out that another challenge was the difficult harvest period farmers had to endure. He mentioned the volatile markets farmers had to deal with were not helping anyone, especially in the soybean market.

"As you know our American counterparts are getting dollars sent to them as compensation for the impact tariffs are having on them. Here in Canada we are pushing hard to get something done," he said.

He said there was some acknowledgement at the federal level of government that Canadian farmers were also being hurt by recent international trade issues.

Part of a larger group

Haerle explained his role as chair of the GFO and how the organization has an impact and voice in the global and local grain industry. He reminded those at the meeting of how important it was for members to continue to bring up issues to the different GFO delegates.

He said members of the provincial GFO organization have been easy to work with: "These are the people who put actions in place to get issues resolved. It is a pleasure to work with them." Haerle noted the or-

ganization has grown in the past ten years. "We are out there promoting your industry internationally. It is important that we be engaged on that front. Ontario is a large player in the agricultural industry."

In 2012 Ontario's grain

industry was responsible for \$2.5 billion in farm gate receipts. The industry had a \$9 billion dollar output and created 40,000 jobs.

"Now in 2019 farm gate recipes are \$4.1 billion and the economic output is \$18 billion with 75,000 jobs created," said Haerle.

Global challenges

Haerle said he had been involved in what was happening in the European Union (EU) and how changes to the EU could impact on Canadian farmers.

"We have to make sure that we as an organization, understand what's happening around the world," he said, referring to the potential changes to the international market place as a result of Brexit.

"We would have to adapt to those changes if we want to remain a strong trading partner with European Union."

The unravelling of inter-

national trade agreements is an ongoing concern.

Haerle cited issues such as the wait for final legislation with the Canada United States Mexico Agreement, the ongoing China-US trade dispute, the potential negative fallout from Brexit, political posturing in Canada and around the world, unknown impacts of CIPP and CETA and the fact that China is blocking Canadian soybean sales.

Despite these issues Haerle was confident farmers would be able to weather whatever 2020 will bring them. He believes a strong, united voice from the GFO will play a key role in the dealing with the future.

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ROXBOROUGH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of the Roxborough Agricultural Society - Host of the Avonmore Fair is on Sun., Jan. 26 at North Stormont Place in Avonmore at 2 p.m. followed by Anniversary Cake - 2020 is our 160th Anniversary. For information call 613-346-5988. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COMING EVENTS

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Finch Youth Broomball Tournament draws huge crowd

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

FINCH—The Finch Youth Broomball League hosted their 20th Annual Broomball Tournament at the Finch Community Arena over the weekend of Jan. 10-12. The tournament featured 20 teams from the area and one team from Quebec with ages ranging from 4 to 15 years old.

Teams participating were from Finch, Russell and Vankleek Hill. Teams from Finch included the Finch Squirts, the U12 Pythons, Eagles and Moose and the U16 Panthers, Cougars, Wildcats and Tigers. Teams from Russell were the Russell Sprouts, U12 Whip Shots, Titans and Ice Dogs and the U16 Ice Breakers, Gold Diggers, Mustangs and Big Dogs. From Vankleek Hill it was the Vankleek Hill Squirts and the U12 Rockets and the one team from Quebec was the U12 Sonic de le Vallée.

The tournament organizer, Cynthia Daoust, said there were between 700-1,000 spectators and participants during the weekend.

The Juvenile Warriors set up a brunch on Saturday raising funds for their participation in the 2020 Juvenile National Broomball Tournament to be held in Cornwall this upcoming March.

The Squirts all received participation medals at the end of the tournament which left many with smiles on their faces.

In the U12 gold medal game the Russell Whip Shots took on the Russell Titans. The Whip Shots scored with just 1:29 remaining in the first period as Tobie Taillefer-Richer scored from Camille Leclair for the lone goal of the game. The Whip Shots took home the gold medal with a 1-0 victory and the Titans took home the silver.

In the U16 division, the Finch Panthers took on the Finch Cougars in the C final.



A champs: Mustangs

The winners of the 20th Annual Finch Youth Broomball Tournament held in Finch over the weekend of Jan. 10-12, were the Russell Mustangs. The Mustangs defeated the Russell Big Dogs in the A final 1-0 in overtime to claim the title. The winning team members are: not in order, Liam Brown, Annabelle Campbell, Carson Garrod, Jack Janes, Noah Reid, Analiesa Reid, Phillippe Clemont, Kristen Currie, Darren McCord, Benjamin Dellah, Mathieu Fortin, Ryder L'Ecuyer and Frank Fortin. The team manager is Al Reid.

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The Cougars opened the scoring with a goal with just 51 seconds remaining in the opening period as Chase Dingwall scored with the assist going to Gregory Harps but the Panthers tied the game with 22 seconds remaining as Hugo Lafontaine scored an unassisted goal. The Cougars retook the lead with 6:19 remaining in the second period as Pascal Dumont scored from Harps and hung on for a 2-1 victory winning the C title.

Toonen-Godda but the Ice Breakers got on the scoresheet at 4:49 as Joey Leblanc scored an unassisted goal. The Gold Diggers added two more goals at 6:51 as Grace Henry scored from Gagne and Burnet and at 10:50 as Corbin scored his second of the game from Brody Henry and Grace Henry. The Gold Diggers took the game 5-1 securing the B championship.

The U16 B championship featured the Russell Ice Breakers against the Russell Gold Diggers. The Gold Diggers jumped out to an early 1-0 lead at 8:43 as Simon Gagne scored from Jordyn Burnett and made it 2-0 at 9:34 as David Corbin scored unassisted. The Gold Diggers made it 3-0 just 1:43 into the second period as Burnet scored from Connor

In the A finals of the U16 division, the Russell Big Dogs took on the Russell Mustangs. The teams went through the two periods scoreless, so the game headed to a four-on-four with no goalies for a sudden victory. Just 2:27 into the overtime frame, the Mustangs ended it as Mathieu Fortin became the hero unassisted. The Mustangs took the A championship with a 1-0 victory.



A finalists: Big Dogs

The Russell Big Dogs ended up in the A final of the 20th Annual Finch Youth Broomball Tournament on the weekend of Jan. 10-12. The Big Dogs took on a familiar opponent, the Russell Mustangs, in the championship game but came up just short in overtime, losing 1-0. The A finalists team members are: not in order, Ameliane Lacroix, Phillip Leclerc, Corilie Dagenais, Nathan Gignac, Rayan McLaughlin, Alexane Paquette, Maxime Binette, Jakob Leblanc, Connor Yelle, Maelle Leclerc, Emery Delaney and Ronan Foster; the team manager is Mathieu Leclerc.

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Canadians best the Hawks

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

WINCHESTER—The Winchester Hawks were to have played two games this past weekend. They welcomed the Ottawa Jr. Canadians on Friday night but their game in Renfrew was postponed due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled.

Canadians 4 Hawks 2

The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Ottawa Jr. Canadians to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Jan. 10, in the CCHL2. The Hawks went into the game in fifth place in the Martin Division, five points behind the Casselman Vikings in fourth and five points ahead of the Char-Lan Rebels in sixth.

The Hawks opened the scoring at 13:25 of the first period as newly acquired forward, Morgan Work, scored his fourth goal of the season from affiliate player Adam Barkley and Nathan Lassemba, taking a 1-0 lead.

The Hawks took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Canadians tied the game late in the second period with just 36 seconds remaining and the teams took a one-all draw into the second intermission.

The Canadians took their first lead of the game at 6:49 of the third period but the Hawks answered with a goal at 13:59 as Kyle Fleming scored his 13th of the season while shorthanded and un-

assisted. The Canadians retook the lead at 17:45.

The Hawks pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker with just over a minute remaining in regulation but that backfired as the Canadians closed out the scoring with just 1:10 remaining taking the game 4-2. The Hawks outshot the Canadians 48-26.

Suffering the loss in the Hawks' goal was Lucas Devries making 22 saves.

Up next

The Winchester Hawks welcome the Carleton Place Canadians to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Jan. 17 at 8:15 p.m. and travel to the Richmond Arena on Sun., Jan. 19, to take on the Royals at 1:30 p.m.



The Winchester Hawks welcomed the Ottawa Jr. Canadians to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Jan. 10, in the CCHL2. The Hawks' forward Kyle Fleming (11) battles the Canadians' Jacob Victor and Nicolas Seguin (9) for a loose puck in front of the Canadians' goal. Fleming scored a goal in the middle of the third period to tie the game at two but the Canadians battled back to take the victory 4-2.

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Vikings send Packers packing, clawed down by Panthers

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

E M B R U N — The Casselman Vikings played a pair of games this past weekend as they welcomed the Arnprior Packers on Thursday night and travelled to Embrun on Friday night to take on the Panthers.

Panthers 3 Vikings 1

The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Palais des Sports in Embrun on Fri., Jan. 10, to take on the Panthers in the CCHL2. The Vikings went into the game in fourth place in the Martin Division, seven points behind the Panthers who sat in third place and eight points behind the second place Ottawa Jr. Canadians.

The Vikings were coming off their first win in 2020 against the Arnprior Packers while the Panthers thus far in 2020 have been undefeated.

The teams battled to a scoreless first period with the Vikings narrowly outshooting the Panthers 13-12. The Panthers took the first lead of the game

when Riley Carisse scored his third goal of the season from Tristan Taillefer and Nathan Everett just 1:03 into the second period.

The teams played a more defensive style for the remainder of the period and the Panthers took the 1-0 lead into the second intermission. The Panthers made it 2-0 when Marshall Drevniok scored his ninth of the season from Taillefer and Carisse just 39 seconds into the third period.

The Vikings cut the deficit in half when Mathieu Talbot scored his 19th of the campaign from Shawn Patterson on the power play at 14:06. With time winding down in regulation, the Vikings pulled their goalie in favour of an extra attacker but with just 35 seconds remaining, the Panthers turned the tables as Drevniok scored his second of the game and 10th of the season from Carter Peck in the empty goal. The Panthers took the game 3-1 and moved back into sole possession

of second place.

The Vikings outshot the Panthers 41-26. Picking up the win in the Panthers' goal was William Nguyen making 40 saves and suffering the loss in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 23 saves.

Vikings 2 Packers 1 (OT)

The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Arnprior Packers to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Jan. 9, in the CCHL2. The Vikings went into the game in fourth place in the Martin Division, eight points behind the third place Ottawa Jr. Canadians and just three points up on the Winchester Hawks in fifth.

The Vikings were riding one of their worst losing streaks in franchise history and looked to get back to winning. The Vikings dominated early in the first period and at 12:33 they took the lead as Jason Cossette scored his 15th goal of the season from returning Isaac Landry and Zachary



The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Arnprior Packers to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Jan. 9, in the CCHL2. The Vikings' forwards Xavier Léveillé (24) and Jason Cossette get in the Packers' goalie, Scott Cameron's kitchen as his defender, Ryan Jordan (5) tries to help out. The Vikings needed overtime to get past the Packers with a 2-1 win, their first of 2020.

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Fournier.

The Vikings outshot the Packers 21-5 in the opening frame but took just a 1-0 lead into the first intermission. The Packers came out a little more focused in the second period and tied the game at 10:34 while shorthanded.

The Packers outshot the Vikings in the second 11-7. The teams took a one-all draw into the second intermission. The teams

battled to a scoreless third period with the Vikings outshooting the Packers 15-7.

The game then headed to a five-minute three-on-three overtime period. As time was winding down in the extra frame, the Vikings' Alexandre Charlebois fired home his 10th of the season from Joshua Desjardins with just 1:06 remaining, taking the game 2-1.

With the win, the

Vikings moved five points ahead of the Hawks and just six points behind the Canadians. The Vikings outshot the Packers 45-25 in the game.

Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 24 saves.

Up next

The Casselman Vikings welcome the Alexandria Glens to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Junior T-Wolves keep the hammer down

Jeff Moore
Villager Staff

RUSSELL—The Russell High School T-Wolves' Junior basketball team played a single game this past week as they welcomed the St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons on Wednesday morning.

T-Wolves 76 Falcons 23

The Russell High School T-Wolves' Junior basketball team welcomed St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School on Wed., Jan. 8, in PRSSAA. The T-Wolves went into the game with an unblemished record and sat in the number one seed.

The T-Wolves had a great start to the game knocking down 19 points in the first quarter and holding the Falcons' offence to just eight points. The T-Wolves remained relentless, scoring another 20 points in the second quarter and giving up just five points.

The T-Wolves took a 39-13 lead into the break at halftime. The T-Wolves had their best quarter in the third pouring another 22 points down on the Falcons and their defence only allowed two points against.

The T-Wolves took a commanding 57-15 lead into the fourth quarter. The T-Wolves added another 15 points in the final quarter holding the Falcons to eight. The T-Wolves took the game 76-23.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were Jaedon Mathieu with 31 points, Matt Marsh with 19, Evan Houle with six, Charlie Pascoe, Curtiss Sturgeon and Josh Tuinder with four each and Clark Little, Owen Johnson, Connor Ross and Teagan Williams each scored deuces.



The Russell High School T-Wolves' Junior basketball team welcomed the St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School on Wed., Jan. 8, in PRSSAA. The T-Wolves had a spirit rally prior to their game, celebrating the Junior T-Wolves who are heading to the playoffs. The team members are from left, Charlie Pascoe, Matt Marsh, Clark Little, Jon Barandiaran-Rivas, Curtiss Sturgeon, Jaedon Mathieu, Owen Johnson, Evan Houle, Sam Peters, Connor Ross, Josh Tuinder and Teagan Williams. The T-Wolves drew from the rally taking the game convincingly at 76-23.

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Senior T-Wolves struggle against Falcons

Jeff Moore
Villager Staff

RUSSELL — The Russell High School T-Wolves' Senior basketball team played just one game this past week as they welcomed the St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons on Wednesday afternoon.

Falcons 100 T-Wolves 42

The Russell High School T-Wolves' Senior basketball team welcomed the St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Falcons on Wed., Jan. 8, in PRSSAA. The T-Wolves went into the game needing a win to keep their playoff aspirations alive while the Falcons are one of the league's power houses.

The Falcons outscored the T-Wolves in the first quarter 17-10. The Falcons kicked into another gear in the second quarter scoring 33 points while their defence held the T-Wolves to just 11.

The Falcons took a 50-21 lead into the break at the half. The T-Wolves had their quarter offensively in the third quarter scoring 14 points but the Falcons scored 23 taking a 73-35 lead into the final quarter.

The Falcons dominated the fourth quarter knocking down 27 more points and holding the T-Wolves to

just seven. The Falcons took the game 100-42.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were Scott Roos with 22 points, Abou Hassane with six, Payton

Rudder with five, Kevin Anderson and Ruben Jaquemet with three each, Ashton Weiher with a deuce and Hunter Wiggins with a single.



The Russell High School T-Wolves' Senior basketball team welcomed the St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School on Wed., Jan. 8, in PRSSAA. The T-Wolves' forward Scott Roos (15) sinks a free throw during the second quarter of their game versus the Falcons. Roos finished with a team high 22 points but the Falcons were just a little too much on this day taking the game 100-42.

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Peewee B Rep Demons hang on to second place

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

KEMPTVILLE—The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons played a pair of games this past week as they welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels on Wednesday night and travelled to Kemptville on Sunday night to take on the Royals.

Royals 3 Demons 2

The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons travelled to the North Grenville Municipal Centre in Kemptville on Sun., Jan. 12, to take on the Royals in the UCMHL. The Demons went into the game in second place in the standings just four points ahead of the Royals who sat in third and four points behind the Brockville Braves in first place.

The Royals opened the scoring at 4:58 of the first period taking a 1-0 lead and took that lead into the second period. The Demons tied the game at one when Carter Williams blasted one home from Ryan Wilson at 7:33 of the second.

The Royals retook the lead at 12:19 but with 1:09 remaining, the Demons answered as Josh Lafrance sniped one from Nathan Epps, tying the game at two. The teams took a two-all draw into the third period.

The Royals retook the lead at 9:09 of the

third period and were able to hang on for a 3-2 victory.

Demons 4 Rebels 3

The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Wed., Jan. 8, in the UCMHL. The Demons went into the game in second place in the standings, six points back of the Brockville Braves in first and two points up on the Kemptville Royals in third.

The Demons opened the scoring just 2:31 into the first period as Nathan Epps slapped one home from Ryan Wilson taking a 1-0 lead. The Demons made it 2-0 when Jake Weber fired one to the back of the net from Epps and Tyler Dunham at 10:30.

The Demons took a commanding 3-0 lead with just 9 seconds remaining in the opening frame, as Merrick Crawford slid one home from Reid Rankin and Gavin Eikelboom. The Demons took a 3-0 lead into the second period.

The Rebels closed the gap to two at the one-minute mark of the second period and to one at 8:52. The Demons increased the spread back to two when Epps scored his second of the game from Josh Lafrance and Markus Bols with 1:41 remaining in the



The North Dundas Peewee B Rep Demons welcomed the Char-Lan Rebels to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Wed., Jan. 8, in the UCMHL. The Demons' forwards, Ryan Wilson (3) and Ben Drew (6), battle the Rebels' goalie and defence pairing in a goal-mouth scramble. The Demons squeaked past the Rebels with a 4-3 victory.

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middle frame.

The Demons took a 4-2 lead into the third period. The Rebels got to within one at 9:24 of the third period but that was as close as

they could get as the Demons took the game 4-2. With the win, the Demons moved four points ahead of the Kemptville Royals in third place.

Rangers lay one last beating on Lions

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CARDINAL — The Morrisburg Lions played three games in the past two weeks as they welcomed the West Carleton Inferno on Jan. 4, travelled to Gatineau on Jan. 5 to take on the Hull-Volant and to Cardinal on Jan. 10 to take on the South Grenville Rangers.

Rangers 10 Lions 0

The Morrisburg Lions travelled to the Ingridion Centre in Cardinal on Fri., Jan. 10, to take on the South Grenville Rangers in the NCJHL. The Lions went into the game in fifth place in the West Division and 10th overall as they looked to take on the first place Rangers who sit at the top of the West and the entire league with just two losses on the season.

The Rangers opened the scoring when Jordan Poulin scored at 10:49 of the first period from Mark McKay and Dylan Sharpley taking a 1-0 lead. The Rangers took the 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Rangers made it 2-0 at 8:27 of the second period as Mathieu Giroux fired one home from Brody Ranger and Jordan Dodge on the power play and 3-0 at 9:04 as Cooper Kingstom blasted one to the back of the net from Owen Webster and Kyle Dillabough.

The Rangers took a 4-0 when Jacob Servage snapped one home from Sharpley and Cameron Dillon at 11:18 and 5-0 at 13:09 as Webster lit the lamp from Ranger and Dodge.

The goals kept coming

fast and furious for the Rangers and at 16:18, Servage scored his second of the game from Sharpley and Hunter Shipclark. The Rangers made it 7-0 when Cole Edgley slapped one home from Shipclark and Ranger just 16 seconds later.

The Rangers closed out the scoring in the middle frame as McKay lit the lamp with just 1:03 remaining in the middle frame from Joe McLean. The Rangers took an 8-0 lead into the second intermission.

The Rangers made it 9-0 at 12:46 of the third period when Sharpley sniped one from Nate Medaglia and Dillon on the power play. The Rangers scored a shorthanded goal at 16:48 as Dillon fired one home

from Giroux and Servage closing out the scoring.

The Rangers took the game 10-0 handing the Lions their 24th loss of the season. Picking up the win in the Rangers' goal was Xavier Dusablon and suffering the loss in the Lions' goal was Riley Phillips.

Volant 14 Lions 1

The Morrisburg Lions travelled to the Robert Guertin Arena in Gatineau on Sun., Jan. 5, to take on the Gatineau Hull-Volant in the NCJHL. The Lions were coming off their second win of the season but they were facing the first place team in the East Division. The Volant had only lost three times on home ice this season.

The Volant opened the scoring at 3:07 of the first period and added five more unanswered goals at 3:48, 8:47, 11:17 on the power play, 14:31 on the power play and 17:14. The Volant took a 6-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Volant added six more unanswered goals in the second period at 6:27, 7:58, 8:20, 11:06, 18:45 and again with just one second remaining in the second period. The Volant took a 12-0 lead into the second intermission.

The Volant made it 13-0 at 9:07 of the third period and made it 14-0 at 14:55. The Lions got on the score board with just 2:27 remaining, to ruin Volant's shutout bid as Greg McMullen scored unassisted.

The Volant took the game 14-1. Suffering the loss in the Lions' goal was Kamden Sabourin.



The Morrisburg Lions travelled to the Ingridion Centre in Cardinal on Fri., Jan. 10, to take on the South Grenville Rangers in the NCJHL. The Lions' goalie, Riley Phillips has seen a lot of rubber this season and is probably happy to not see the Rangers again this year. The Rangers took the game 10-0 handing the hapless Lions their 24th loss of the season.

Moore photo

Lions 7 Inferno 3

The Morrisburg Lions welcomed the West Carleton Inferno to the Morrisburg Arena on Sat., Jan. 4, in the NCJHL. The Lions posted just one win thus far in the 2019-20 season and looked to start the new year off with a victory.

The Lions opened the scoring when Justice Brownlee slapped one home from Jake Amp at 3:48 into the first period taking a 1-0 lead. The Lions made it 2-0 when recently signed Griffin Patterson ripped one to the back of the net unassisted at 8:39.

Patterson scored his second of the game just 20 seconds later again, unassisted. The Inferno got one back at 12:44 on the power play to cut into the deficit. The Lions took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission.

The Lions made it 4-1 when Brownlee scored his second of the game

unassisted just 1:50 into the second period. The Lions took a commanding lead when Amo sniped one from Brownlee and Carter Tait at 5:48. The Lions took a 5-1 lead into the second intermission.

The Lions added another goal at 3:44 of the third period taking a five-goal lead as Wade Moak lit the lamp from Brownlee and Cameron Fraser. The Lions made it 7-1 when Tanner Barnett blasted one home from Amo and Brownlee on the power play at 14:28.

The Inferno answered with a pair of goals at 14:41 and 17:32 but it wasn't enough as the Lions hung on for their second win of the season.

The Inferno outshot the Lions 48-47. Picking up the win in the Lions' goal was Riley Phillips making 45 saves.

Up next

The Morrisburg Lions welcome the Metcalfe Jets to the Morrisburg Arena on Sat., Jan. 18 at 7:15 p.m.



Panthers take down Vikings

The Embrun Panthers welcomed the Casselman Vikings to the Palais des Sports on Fri., Jan. 10, in the CCHL2. The Panthers' forward, Carter Peck (14) had a great scoring chance on the Vikings' goalie, Nick Campbell but Campbell made the save to keep the game scoreless in the first period. The Panthers went on to defeat the Vikings for the third time this season with a 3-1 victory.

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January 16th to 26th, 2020



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Thursday, January 16

Club Joie de Vivre 50+ Day**
 Location: Camille Piché Community Centre. Contact: Pierrette Roy 613-443-3305. Cost: Whist \$5, Dinner and dancing 12:30 p.m. Military Whist Registration 1 p.m. Military Whist 4:30 p.m. Games 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Dancing

Friday, January 17

9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Caribou par Tuque de Broue 19+, ID required. Location: Joe Bélisle Ball Diamond Pavilion. Cost: \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. Tickets available at La Brasserie Tuque de Broue Brewery 613-443-4497.

Saturday, January 18

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pool Tournament** Location: Embrun Arena. Cost: \$20. Contact: Danny Bertrand 613-880-7553, Louis Ryan 613-863-8203 or Étienne Laforest 613-863-2494.
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Public skating Location: Embrun Arena. Cost: Free.

Sunday, January 19

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Optimist Club Brunch Location: Camille Piché Community Centre. Contact: Marie-Ève Blanchard. Cost: adults \$10, children \$5 (3-10 yrs.)
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pool Tournament (cont.)** Location: Embrun Arena
12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Public skating Location: Embrun Arena
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Escape Room** 4 - 6 people per team. Location: Camille Piché Community Centre. Contact: Mélanie Lalonde 613-882-3840. Cost: Free.

Monday, January 20

6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Pool Tournament (cont.)** Location: Embrun Arena
7 p.m. Hockey Tournament** Location: Embrun Arena. Cost: \$55 per person. Contact: Brad Hampton 613-868-6167. Three divisions: 19+, 35+, & Women.

Tuesday, January 21

7 p.m. Hockey Tournament (cont.)**
7:30 p.m. BINGO - Hockey mineur Embrun (doors open at 6 p.m.). Location: Camille Piché Community Centre. Cost: \$25/12 cards. Contact: Sean Baker 613-816-5879. \$4,000 in prizes, Jackpot \$1,200 - 21 games.

Wednesday, January 22

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

Thursday, January 23

6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Pool Tournament (cont.)**
7 p.m. Hockey Tournament (cont.)**
7 p.m. Paint Night** Location: Camille Piché Community Centre. 14 years and over. Cost: \$35 per person. Contact: Mélanie Lalonde 613-882-3840. Spaces limited.

Friday, January 24

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Pool tournament (cont.)**
8 p.m. Embrun Junior B Hockey Game (vs. Ottawa West) Location: Embrun Arena. Cost: adults \$9, students \$5, seniors \$6
8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Pub Night 19+, ID required. Location: Camille Piché Community Centre. Contact: Benoit Bruyère 613-327-5039. Cost: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Tickets: Tuque de Broue, Brasserie Étienne Brûlé Brewery & Microbrasserie Cassel Brewery.

Saturday, January 25

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pool Tournament (cont.)**
1 p.m. Hockey Tournament (finals)**
2 p.m. Youth Paint Afternoon** 7 years and over. Location: Camille Piché Community Centre. Cost: Free. Contact: Mélanie Lalonde 613-882-3840. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Spaces limited.
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Public skating Location: Embrun Arena. Cost: Free.

Sunday, January 26

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

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Historical Society finalizes Living Locally exhibit

Tom Van Dusen
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – Russell bricks will once again take centre stage, this time at the annual Living Locally Fair Saturday at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School.

Hosted by the Russell Horticultural Society, Living Locally brings together natural food providers, environmental agencies, and service clubs in one of the largest such gatherings in Eastern

Ontario.

During their monthly meeting in the The Dome Jan. 13, members of the Russell & District Historical Society confirmed their display at the popular fair would consist of facts, photos, and some actual bricks illustrating the importance of the industry in the history of the municipality. There will also be some building bricks for children.

The brick baking industry dates back 120

years, beginning with clay and moving to shale from the North Russell quarry in 1917, after which Russell bricks gained a reputation for durability right across the region.

Other business

The historical society is currently partnering with Russell Kin Club in collecting stamped local bricks to be incorporated into two new village welcome signs. Anyone with bricks to contribute is invited to make ar-

rangements during the fair at the historical society booth.

Gathered in a small, well-appointed meeting room at the entrance of The Dome, society members were outside their natural element of the Russell Village church museum which has been closed since the end of October while an accessibility ramp is being installed. The ramp must receive official certification before the museum can be reopened.

Work on the wooden ramp came to a total standstill for several weeks and finally resumed last week with installation of out-of-character vinyl and steel railings. Society chairman Harry Baker said he hoped the use of vinyl on the ramp wasn't an indication the church's damaged wooden siding would also get the vinyl treatment.

Baker will write a letter to officials of Russell Township – which owns

the church – thanking them for the railing and suggesting once again that, in the name of historical accuracy, new siding be made of wood.

In other business, members decided to draft a formal loan policy which would apply to anyone wishing to briefly borrow a museum artifact for educational purposes.

They also decided to review space arrangements in the church and adjacent firehall museum with the goal of creating a larger meeting and event area in the church.

RHS Report

By Janel Therkelsen
Student Reporter



RHS semester one coming to a close

There are two months of the year that secondary high school students dread the most. Can you guess why? It's because two months of every year, January and June, are normally the time for exams for secondary students. Exam week this year is Jan. 24 to Jan. 30 if all goes well with no bus cancellations or any other setbacks. So, good luck and study-hard T-Wolves.

Speaking of secondary students, a reminder to our 2020 grads that it's time to write your bio for the yearbook. Please check your school e-mail link to the survey and complete it by Jan. 20.

Are you searching for a job this summer? Well, you're

in luck! Guidance has information about summer job opportunities for high school students interested in science and engineering. If you're interested, stop by the office to learn more.

Last week we held a Junior and Senior boys' basketball pep rally to raise money for the Champions for Kids charity, and it was a smashing hit! We ended up raising roughly \$232 for the foundation from the proceeds we received during last Wednesday's buyout game. Good job T-Wolves!

Lately, our physical education classes have been able to take advantage of the perfect weather for cross-country skiing. They've been hitting the trails already and will hopefully be able to get out for some fresh air and exercise a few more times before the end of the semester.

With all this talk about sports, we need also to congratulate the Senior girls' volleyball team on a successful day in Brockville last Friday. They finished in second place out of 10 very competitive teams. Good job Senior girls' volleyball T-Wolves!

No school today unfortunately, but have an amazing rest of your week!

Embrun incident reminds parents of "stranger danger"

EMBRUN – A complaint about a suspicious vehicle in Embrun has prompted the local OPP to remind parents they should talk to their children about the danger of strangers.

On the morning of Jan. 6, a Russell County Ontario Provincial Police officer received a complaint about a suspicious vehicle in Embrun. An unknown male motorist was driving a beige/white 4-door sport utility vehicle (SUV). According to the OPP, the male stopped on St-Jacques Road and offered to give a young person a ride. No criminal offence occurred.

Russell County OPP reminds parents to teach their children about warning signs, unsafe situations and "tricky people." Here are things they say to consider when talking to your children:

Strangers who tempt children with treats and rewards, who lure them to their cars with empty promises or who touch your child's body when you say "no" are bad people.

People you see at the grocery store, people at the gym, friends' parents from school... there are millions and millions of people in this world and most of them won't do any harm to your child but it is important to still teach your children behaviour that "bad" people may use to take advantage of them. You do not want your children to think everyone they meet is a stranger and to be afraid of them.

"Tricky people" are adults who ask children for help. Remind your children that no adult should need the help of a child and this is a huge red flag.

Anyone who has further information about this incident is asked to contact the Russell County OPP at 613-443-4499 or OPP Communication Centre at 1-888-310-1122.

Local wardens make cell coverage and health priorities

KINGSTON – The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), at a meeting held last week in Kingston, decided to stay the course on its 2019 advocacy efforts for the first few months of the current year, beginning with next week's delegations at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference.

Priority topics of discussion are the Eastern Ontario Regional

Network (EORN) Cellular Network Improvement Project and Broadband Gap Strategy, the provincial health system overhaul, affordable housing, and funding for long-term care.

Pierre Leroux, UCPR 2020 Warden and mayor of Russell, was appointed as a board member of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network.

"The EOWC's greatest strength

is its ability to speak with a unified voice and bring together the entire region of Eastern Ontario at one table," concluded warden Rick Phillips, vice chair of EOWC. "As we work towards advancing EOWC priorities in 2020, we will continue to work closely with the provincial and federal governments as well as key partners, in order to best serve Eastern Ontario residents."

UCPR working on community safety plan

L'ORIGINAL – The United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) is currently leading its community partners through the elaboration of a regional community safety and well-being plan.

The process was launched in the summer of 2019 and the final plan

must be adopted by Jan. 1, 2021, as per the requirement from the Province of Ontario. A multi-sectoral advisory committee was created in the fall, and has since met twice. The committee's work will be to examine the community's assets, assess gaps, and develop

strategies to enhance community safety and well-being for residents of Prescott and Russell.

"Developing a community safety and well-being plan is about working together to ensure the right services get to the right people at the right time," concluded Pierre

Leroux, UCPR warden and mayor of Russell. "It involves an integrated approach to service delivery by working with a wide range of agencies and organizations, in order to better manage priority risks and better respond to the needs within our community, especially for vulnerable groups."

Members of the advisory committee include representatives from the UCPR Social Services and the UCPR Emergency Services, the Ontario Provincial Police, various police service boards, school boards, Maison Interlude, United

Township seeking camp counsellors

RUSSELL – Mature teens are being sought for positions as camp counsellors for 2020 March break camps. Russell's Parks & Recreation Department is looking for mature, motivated and bilingual instructors for the following positions: four camp counsellors 16 years and older and two camp coordinators 18 years and older.

Applicants should submit a resumé in Word or PDF format clearly stating the desired position by email at jobs.emplois@russell.ca or in person at 717 Notre-Dame Street, Embrun, no later than 4 pm on Feb. 5. A detailed job description is available upon request.

Way Eastern Ontario, Groupe Action, the Canadian Mental Health Association, the Hawkesbury General Hospital (Mental Health), Valoris, and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

"A CSWB plan identifies risks and proactively develops evidence-based strategies and programs to address local priorities related to crime and complex social issues. These strategies can then be implemented,"

explained Stéphane P. Parisien, UCPR chief administrative officer.

Over the winter and spring of 2020, the advisory committee will consult with additional community partners to identify any strategies that can be enhanced and implemented. If you would like to be consulted on this plan and are available on Jan. 23, please contact Éric Larocque by email at ELarocque@prescott-russell.on.ca.

Vintage club seeking donations for toy sale

Tom Van Dusen
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – Vintage Iron & Traditions of Eastern Ontario is gearing up for its second collectable and assorted toy auction, with proceeds to be directed toward purchasing 12 food baskets for Eastern Ontario families in need.

As they did last year, organizing committee members are seeking good quality donations for the sale, which takes place March 18 as part of the Ottawa Valley Farm Show. VITEO will also take toys on consignment with a percentage going back into the charitable fund.

The inaugural auction was a success, with enough money raised to put together 12 baskets and distribute them according to need. The project was first proposed by Wyatt McWilliams of Navan who was also behind such milestone charity campaigns as Hay West and Ottawa's Rural Expo & Food Aid Day.

Directed by legendary Eastern Ontario auctioneer Carson Hill of Kenmore, the sale will start at 7 p.m. during the second day of the OVFS at the EY Centre adjacent to Ottawa International Airport. In order to complete the event within a reasonable length of time, only 100 toys will be sold; contributions must be booked by Feb. 15, said coordinator Barry Dean of Amprior.

Other key VITEO members involved in collecting

donations are Henry Staal of Russell, George Zandbelt of Winchester, and Gib Patterson of Edwards.

Many among VITEO's members are giving again this year to the event loosely modelled on a toy sale at Syracuse's New York Farm Show. That sale is in aid of Future Farmers of America Alumni, with proceeds going to the organization's programming.

Antique and new toys will be on the block. The toys don't have to be pure farm collectables, Dean indicated; they can have other themes and be made of metal or plastic. There are no reserve bids and payment is by cash or cheque.

The auction is a companion event to the club's annual miniature collectable tractor and equipment sale at the farm show, with a different brand featured every year and a limit of 100 units sold. This year's selection is the Minneapolis Moline Model U.

Each year, the first in the series is donated to the Farm Show Auction – separate from the toy sale – in support of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. And every year, that donation raises about \$4,000 with the region's major collectors vying to outbid each other.

VITEO secretary Sharen Armstrong shows off a Minneapolis Moline U model toy. Van Dusen photo



Natural hazard maps updated, public invited to discuss

FINCH – South Nation Conservation (SNC) invites residents in the City of Ottawa's rural east end to view and comment on new natural hazard maps for their areas.

Updated floodplain and erosion hazard maps were developed for the areas of South Castor River from Victoria Street to Springhill Road, and for Shaw's Creek from Perrault Road to Burton Road.

"The ultimate goal of the mapping is to help ensure safe development," said Sandra Mancini, SNC's

engineering lead. "It's all about keeping people and property safe."

Public open houses are taking place on Jan. 29 at the Kenmore Community Centre and on Jan. 30 at École élémentaire catholique Saint-Guillaume in Vars.

Natural hazard maps are used by the city and SNC when updating official plans and zoning schedules, and in reviewing development applications to protect people and property from natural hazards and guide sustainable development. SNC updates these maps on

behalf of its partner municipalities, when requested.

Residents will have the opportunity to sit down one-on-one with SNC staff at the open houses to review the new natural hazard maps and ask questions.

Residents with affected property received letters from SNC before the mapping work began, and were notified again this week to invite them to the open house.

"We are particularly interested in historical information that residents

may be able to provide for these watercourses," said Mancini. "Feel free to bring along photos, news clippings, and anecdotal stories to compare to the maps," she added.

SNC also works closely with its partner municipalities to help provide advance notice of flooding to reduce risk to life and property damage through the Flood Forecasting and Warning Program.

The public open house for updated natural hazard maps along South Castor River will be taking place from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Wed., Jan. 29 at the Kenmore Community

Centre (3246 York's Corners Road).


The public open house for updated natural hazard maps along Shaw's Creek

will be taking place from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on

Thurs., Jan. 30 at École élémentaire catholique, Saint-Guillaume (5750 Buckland Road, Vars).

For more information, please call 877-984-2948 or visit www.nation.on.ca.

Notice of Thanks



The Royal Canadian Legion, Russell Branch 372 wish to thank the faithful schools, businesses and patrons of Russell, Embrun, Limoges, Vars and Casselman who support our Poppy Campaign each year. With your help and the support of our dedicated volunteers we raised the amount of \$12,892.

The monies raised support the Perley Rideau Veteran's Home, Veterans and their families, bursaries and our local Cadets.



Natural hazard maps are used by the city and SNC when updating official plans and zoning schedules, and in reviewing development applications. Courtesy photo

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