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**Police across Ontario kick-off Festive R.I.D.E. campaign**

**Terry Tinkess**  
 Record Staff

EAST REGION – On Nov. 21, The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, in partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) kicked-off the Provincial Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign, which will be implemented by police services across Ontario during the holiday season. The annual campaign promotes traffic enforcement and raises awareness about the many dangers associated with alcohol- and drug-impaired driving. The event, which was held in Oakville, Ontario, included police services and campaign supporters dedicated to promoting safe driving throughout Ontario this holiday season.

Driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs continues to be the leading contributing factor in serious road collisions in Canada. Police services and their community partners are urging drivers not to drive if they have consumed drugs or alcohol that might impair their ability to safely operate a vehicle.

“Everyone deserves to reach their destination safely and celebrate the holidays with their loved ones. That is why our government continues to crack down on those who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs,” pointed out Prabmeet

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**Strolling through the Russell Santa Claus Parade**

If you like horses, then the Russell Santa Claus Parade was right down your alley. Russell probably had more horses than any other parade in a community of this size, including this one with lovely dappled markings. **See page 16 for the full story.** Tinkess Photo

**North Dundas Senior Rockets recognize creators of mini-Zamboni**

**Terry Tinkess**  
 Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The North Dundas Senior Rockets remained undefeated and improved their record to 8-0 on Saturday as they defeated the South Grenville Rangers 7-4. Before the game even got underway though, there was a whole lot of pride on display as the Rockets and their fans recognized the group responsible for the creation of a mini-Zamboni bearing the Rockets logo and colours.

The project took almost a year and a half to complete. It started in May 2023 when the perfect frame for the project, an old electric feed cart no longer in use was located. Hormandale Farms and Jason and Colby Ibbetson donated the feed cart to the Rockets and the project was underway.

The fabrication of the Zamboni was made possible by

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**17-unit expansion to Morris Glen Court is ahead of schedule**

**Terry Tinkess**  
 Record Staff

MORRISBURG – Early next spring, occupants are expected to start moving into the new building that is part of Morrisburg’s Morris Glen Court, located on County Road 2 near the community’s eastern boundary. That the 17-unit project is approximately two months ahead of schedule was even better news.

On Fri., Nov. 22, members of the media and local and county officials and administration members were given a tour of the complex by Joe Bartolo, the president of DC and F Corp. Construction Management. Bartolo told the group that the project was moving well, and how happy they were with the people they had

been working with in the area.

“You know, I’ve said this before, and I’ll say it again. We’re very pleased to be working with everybody,” said Bartolo. “This is a very good community, and good people and efficient people to work with, at all levels across the municipality, in the region.”

“The courtesy and professionalism that we’ve experienced from the staff, everybody involved in the project has been exemplary, right? And that is one of the things that allows us to be efficient, keep ahead of schedule, keep the costs down and just move things along in a nice, progressive manner.”

One facet of the construction that has helped it to move along so quickly is that much of the framing is prefabricated off-site.

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## Festive R.I.D.E. campaign

### Continued from the front

Sarkaria, Ontario's Minister of Transportation. "Earlier this year, our government introduced the Safer Roads and Communities Act, 2024. If passed, the legislation would introduce a lifetime licence suspension for anyone convicted of impaired driving causing death and establish a time-limited zero-tolerance condition for all convicted impaired drivers. There is no excuse for alcohol or drug-impaired driving under any circumstances."

Officers across the East Region will have an increased visibility while participating in the 2024-25 Festive Ride Campaign. Starting Nov. 21, 2024, and continuing until Jan. 1, 2025, members in all detachments will focus on conducting R.I.D.E. checks during the upcoming Holiday Season.

Impaired Driving is a leading cause of collisions on our highways, and a threat to public safety in our communities. There are

many options to avoid driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs: take a taxi, call a friend, stay over, or have a designated sober driver.

### Quick facts:

- In Ontario, one in three roadway fatalities involves impaired driving.
- A 2022 roadside survey found that one in five drivers tested positive for drugs, alcohol, or both.
- The percentage of drivers killed while under the influence of cannabis more than doubled between 2012 and 2020.

R.I.D.E. programs remain an important part of road safety as they are a visible reminder to motorists to not drive impaired. All young drivers, novice drivers and commercial drivers are required by law to have zero presence of alcohol and/or drugs in their system while driving.

Road safety is a collective responsibility. As such, we encourage community members to commit to:

- Planning and arranging for a designated driver or public transportation

- Offering a sober ride to a friend who has been drinking or consuming drugs
- Calling 9-1-1 to report suspected impaired drivers
- Enjoying responsibly
- "We all have a role to play in keeping people

safe on Ontario's roads," said Thomas Carrique, Ontario's Provincial Police Commissioner. "Your actions, combined with robust impaired driving enforcement on the part of the OPP and its valued policing partners, can go a long way towards saving lives."

### Chalmers United shares the holiday spirit

There was a lot to see and enjoy at the 2024 Chalmers United Church Christmas Bazaar held on Nov. 23 in the Finch Community Hall. People were able to pick a favourite goodie from the bake table, peruse a selection of gift ideas and visit with friends new and old during the event. After working up an appetite there was a delicious soup and sandwich lunch, with homemade apple crisp topped with ice cream for dessert. Reverend Lois Gaudet wished to thank the community for their continued support, those who made donations to the event and the people who attended the Christmas Bazaar. Thompson Goddard Photo



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### Mini-Zamboni

Continued from the front students at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) as part of a class project. Once that was completed, D's Collision Center primed and painted the entire Zamboni, including the inside and the wheels. Dennis and Phil Carkner donated the entire cost of the labour and paint to complete the project. The workmanship speaks for itself.

Prior to the start of the game, many of the people responsible gathered around the Rockets Zamboni along with Rockets captain Derek

Froats. Through their applause, the crowd showed their appreciation for the effort.

While not everyone was present at the game, the following is a list of those who participated:

Chris Vanbridger, Stone Thistle Design

Hormandale Farms and Jason and Colby Ibbetson (donated the seed cart)

NDDHS teacher Andrew Whitton, who allowed this to become a student project

NDDHS students Kingsley Raistrick, Trenton Douma, Micah VanGilst, Ashton Scheepers, Samuel Dean, Haley VanGilst, Noah Provost, Nevan Socholotuk,

Hayden Munshaw, Travis Casselman, Austin Doornward, and Noah Biemond

D's Collision and Dennis Warren and Catlin Boyer for the fantastic paint job.

As for the game, the Rockets never trailed, leading 1-0 after one period, and 4-2 after two periods, before ending up with the final score of 7-4.

The Rockets spread the scoring around with Bradley Stitt, Michael Mcnamee, Mike Bird, Fabian Walsh, Mitchell Gibson, Marco Azzano, and Glenden Bakker each scoring once

for the Rockets.

Brandon Gilmour, Broydon Stufko, Nathan Merrett, and Adam Goodfellow scored for the Rangers.

The three stars were Marco Azzano (first star), Fabian Walsh (second star) and Brandon Gilmour (third star.)

The Rockets outshot the Rangers 56-19 in what was a chippy game. The Rockets picked up 53 minutes in penalties while the Rangers had 43.

The Rockets next game is Sat., Nov. 30 at 7:00 p.m. against the Paugan Falls Rapids in Low, Quebec.



You can expect to see the North Dundas Rockets mini-Zamboni at local events, promoting the team, but also the community that supports them. Tinkess Photo

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## The power of perspective in a divided world

In our increasingly interconnected yet deeply fragmented world, it is important to pause and consider the perspectives of others. It is, however, something most of us do far too infrequently. This exercise, though simple in concept, can greatly impact how we see the world. Too often, we view the world through a lens shaped by our own experiences, values, and priorities, forgetting that these are not universal. What matters deeply to one person may be irrelevant to another, but these differences should not divide us. Instead, they should foster understanding, empathy, and collaboration. Build on what we have in common rather than magnifying our differing opinions.

In Canada, we pride ourselves on being a diverse, inclusive nation. But even within our borders, cultural, geographical, and ideological divides persist. Someone in downtown Toronto may view environmental policy through the lens of urban pollution and sustainability, while a farmer in rural Alberta might focus on how those same policies impact crop yields or livestock management. Neither perspective is wrong—they're simply different and fail to consider opinions other than their own.

The challenge arises when one perspective is framed as the "right" one, dismissing or marginalizing others. In doing so, we fail to acknowledge the complexity of human experience. We also ignore, sometimes willfully that the world is not as simple as we would like it to be, or as simple as we remember it being.

Understanding someone else's perspective doesn't mean agreeing with them. It means recognizing their experiences and values as valid, even when they conflict with our own. This act of acknowledgment is not just a gesture of kindness; it's a bridge to better communication and problem-solving. I repeat: You do not have to give up your beliefs if you acknowledge someone else's right to theirs.

Farmers, often through necessity are some of the most practical people on the face of the planet. The problems they face are often common ones, affecting the many rather than the few, regardless of the opinion or beliefs of the person holding them. They know that in many circumstances it is best to join together against a common enemy, understanding that while I may not agree with a lot of what you say, and I may not even particularly like you, but I know if we work together, we can fix this, so let's get it done.

I guess you might call it tolerance.

So how do we cultivate this habit of perspective-

taking in our daily lives? It starts with small, intentional acts:

**Listen Actively:** In conversations, focus on understanding rather than responding. Ask questions that encourage others to share their thoughts and feelings.

**Challenge Your Assumptions:** Reflect on why you hold certain beliefs. Are they rooted in evidence, or are they shaped by biases or limited exposure?

**Expose Yourself to different opinions:** Seek out books, films, and media created by people with different backgrounds. Travel, when possible, or connect with communities different from your own.

**Engage in Constructive Dialogue:** Instead of avoiding controversial topics, approach them with curiosity. Aim to learn, not to win.

**Practice Gratitude and Humility:** Recognize that your viewpoint, while important, is not the only one. Be thankful for

opportunities to learn from others, and encourage them to learn, positively, from you. This was never meant to be a one-way street, although some have tried to make it so. You do not have to abandon your beliefs, but you must respect that others are allowed to have theirs as well.

Perspective-taking is not a passive act. It's an ongoing commitment to understanding and valuing the humanity in others. Whether it's through community involvement, education, or simply a willingness to listen, we all have a role to play in building a more empathetic society.

As a journalist, I've been privileged to share stories that reveal the many layers of the human experience. I've interviewed people from many walks of life, the elderly who have seen their world change and young people who wonder what kind of future it holds for them. I've watched immigrants building new

lives and listened to young activists fighting for change. Each story reminds me of the power of perspective, not just as a storytelling tool but also to foster connection.

In a world facing crises that demand collective action, our ability to understand and empathize with one another is more crucial than ever. We cannot afford to silo ourselves into echo chambers where only our priorities matter and confirmation bias is the golden rule. The challenges we face require the collaboration of diverse minds, each bringing their unique insights to the table.

When we take the time to see the world through someone else's eyes, we gain more than understanding. We gain solutions. We gain unity. And most importantly, we gain the ability to move forward together, respecting the truth that while our experiences may differ, and our opinions may be diverse, our humanity is shared.

Terry Tinkess

### TAGWI Report



By Talia Crooke  
Student Reporter

## A week with the Warriors

Another week has flown by at Tagwi! Our week started off with some of our grade 11 and 12 SHSM students completing their Red Cross first aid and CPR training during a 2-day course to meet their SHSM requirement and earn a certification of completion.

The Special Olympics team travelled to CCVS where they played in the local basketball qualifier and went undefeated. Way to go warriors!

More of our grade high school students completed their literacy test this week, and our final group will start it the following week. Good luck everybody!

On Thursday, our grade 7/8 students had another "Warrior Day," which gives them the opportunity to try new things out around the school. This month they tried cooking, button making, sports and many other fun activities to bond with friends!

Some of our students visited Rachel's Kids Park of Hope on Thursday where they had a blast!

Our grade 12 Food and Nutrition class took on a birthday cake challenge where they baked and decorated cakes before presenting them to a panel of judges. The cakes turned out amazing and it was a delicious way to finish off our 4-day school week!

As always, check out our Facebook page to see more and stay up to date with our school!

## Tax break and rebate cheques welcomed by some, but not all Canadians

Terry Tinkess  
Record Staff

OTTAWA – On Nov. 21, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, accompanied by Chrystia Freeland, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance announced that starting December 14, 2024, there would be a temporary GST/HST exemption across Canada on specific items, such as:

- Prepared foods, including vegetable trays, pre-made meals and salads, and sandwiches.
- Restaurant meals, whether dine-in, takeout, or delivery.
- Snacks, including chips, candy, and granola bars.
- Beer, wine, cider, and pre-mixed alcoholic beverages below 7 per cent ABV.
- Children's clothing and footwear, car seats, and diapers.
- Children's toys, such as board games, dolls, and video game consoles.
- Books, print newspapers, and puzzles for all ages.
- Christmas trees.

The tax break is projected to last until Feb. 15, 2025.

In addition, working Canadians will also receive a new Working Canadians Rebate. This would apply to Canadians who worked in 2023 and earned up to \$150,000. The rebate will be in the amount of \$250 and it is expected to be receive in the early spring of 2025. It is projected that 18.7 million Canadians will receive the rebate.

"Our government can't set prices, but we can give Canadians, and especially working Canadians, more money back in their pocket," said Prime Minister Trudeau in making the announcement. "With a tax break for all Canadians and the Working Canadians Rebate, we're making sure you can buy the things you

need and save for the things you want."

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Freeland echoed these sentiments, acknowledging that the holiday season puts additional strain on household budgets.

"The holiday season is when expenses are highest for many Canadians and their families—even with inflation back down to 2 per cent and interest rates being cut four times this year," said Minister Freeland. "With new tax relief on groceries and seasonal expenses and a rebate for working Canadians, we are reducing costs when they are highest for Canadians. This is about helping you celebrate with family and friends and start 2025 with a little extra money in your bank account."

Additional information will become available as the information is digested, but this much is known:

- The GST/HST would be fully relieved on the supply or importation of qualifying goods for a period beginning on Dec. 14, 2024, and ending on Feb. 15, 2025. A list of qualifying goods is available below.

• Canadians who have claimed tax credits for Canada Pension Plan/Quebec Pension Plan contributions or for Employment Insurance (EI) or Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) premiums, and those who reported income from EI or QPIP benefits, with individual net income below \$150,000 in 2023, would be eligible for the Working Canadians Rebate. Eligible Canadians would begin receiving the payments starting in spring 2025. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the news during a morning news conference, promising relief to Canadians still dealing with

cost-of-living concerns. The tax break, which still needs approval in the House of Commons, will last for two months.

CBC News reported that based on information received from a Finance official that the tax holiday is expected to cost the federal treasury an estimated \$1.6 billion in foregone revenue. The \$250 cheques will cost about \$4.68 billion.

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre described the Prime Minister's tax measures as "a trick" because it's only temporary relief before the government goes ahead with a permanent carbon tax hike that is scheduled to take effect in the spring.

"That's the misery you get with massive socialist money-printing and what I'm proposing is a common sense alternative," said Poilievre, while pushing his plan to scrap the carbon tax and the GST on new home sales.

Poilievre would not say how Conservative MPs would vote on the proposal, adding he needs to see the details.

Following the Trudeau's announcement, NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh said his party will support the affordability measures in Parliament.

"We want to see this bill passed as quickly as possible," said Singh. "We know middle class families need a break. We're not going to oppose getting people some help."

Singh added the NDP will work with the Liberals to temporarily lift the logjam in Parliament to get the bill passed in a single day before then allowing an ongoing filibuster to resume.

For the past six weeks, Parliament has been held at a stand-still by a standoff over documents related to a federal green technology program.

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So, here we are at the end of November and I already have a vase overflowing with rosehip branches. The Advent wreath will soon have a prominent place on our kitchen table.

I fondly remember the Advent calendars we had as children and how delighted we were with those wee pieces of milk chocolate behind each numbered box. It was much later that I experienced the true wonder and grace of the Advent season. It's all about sharing the appointed scriptures, lighting candles welcoming holy waiting and wondering and all our longings for hope, peace, joy and love.

As I've been preparing my daughter's DIY Advent calendar this year, a wave of special memories of Advent seasons past came to mind. I remembered that every Sunday we would light a candle on our Advent wreath and sing the hymn "A Candle is Burning" [tune: Away in a Manger]. Here's the first verse of that delightful Advent hymn:

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright, a candle of hope in December's dark night. While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky, our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

We also prayed Alyson Huntly's "gentle dark" prayer as it's such a poignant approach to the mystery and beauty of darkness and a reminder that night was one of God's first good acts of creation in Genesis 1. And so, I'm praying it again each night:

In the stillness of the evening, In the quiet of the night, May the gentle dark surround you, May God bless and hold you tight.

May you nestle in the darkness 'neath the shadowed moon's soft beams,

Sleeping peacefully till morning, angels dancing in your dreams.

Advent preparations matter! Our devotions, prayers, kind actions, and faith-filled moments spark active hope, determined peace, brilliant joy and enliven our God-given love light.

Truly, without this season, I don't believe for a second that our hearts, minds and spirits would be ready for the coming of the Christ child at Christmas.

Among the treasured gifts I always include, a prayer from New Guinea: Lord, oil the hinges of our heart's doors that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming.

Do you honour this season of waiting and wondering? Might you try something new? What treasures do you pull out, create, and share in community during Advent?

I'll close with a word from Sister Joyce Rupp to brighten the way:

One single candle lights a little dark space.

Many candles light a world full of people desperately in need of each other's glow.

Each lone light makes us stronger when we all stand together.

*Christine  
Hope Springs & Winchester United*

**Tax break and rebate cheques**

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Outside of Parliament, not everyone is happy with the announcement either. Those who will not receive the Working Canadians Rebate, which includes many seniors voice their displeasure at being left out, stating that \$250 would make more of a difference to someone on a fixed income than it would to someone earning \$150,000.

Small business, who will have the unenviable job of updating point of sale software to remove the tax from hundreds if not thousands of individual items, only to have to replace it two months later lamented the amount of

admin work that would involve for a relatively small gain to the consumer. Others considered the consequence of having paid the tax when purchasing merchandise for resale and now not being able to have an opportunity to recover it through the sale of taxable merchandise.

With the amount of dissent the Prime Minister is feeling from some within his own party, the passing of the legislation to make this short-term tax break and rebate happen is not guaranteed. Parliament resumed sitting on Mon., Nov. 25. If the legislation is passed, it will mean a late night for small business on Fri., Dec. 13, as they update their software to reflect the changes promised for Sat., Dec. 14.

- OBITUARY -  
**CORNELIUS DE ROOY**



Passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, Cornelius De Rooy of Winchester, age 75. Loving husband of Elaine De Rooy (nee Fawcett). Loving father of Colleen and Curtis. Dear brother of Peter De Rooy (Jan) of Winchester and Linda Kelly (Allan) of Georgetown. Dear brother-in-law of Diane Crummy (Bob) of Winchester, Barbara Barkley (Raymond) of Winchester, Eleanor Anderson (John) of Kingston, Lloyd Fawcett (Tina) of Kemptonville, Don Fawcett (Linda) of Winchester and Dwayne Fawcett (Wilma) of Winchester. Cornelius will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jacob, and Emily (Sebastian). He was predeceased by his parents Peter and Cornelia De Rooy (nee Van Dam). He is also survived by nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Cornelius' life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville on Sunday, December 1 from 2-4 p.m. Donations to the Dundas Manor Nursing Home would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at [marsdenmclaughlin.com](http://marsdenmclaughlin.com).

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**Thurs., Dec. 5** 12 p.m. Takeout Diner Pickup. French Onion Chicken Casserole, Corn, Dessert - \$9 per person

**Thurs., Dec. 5** 2 p.m. Join our Festive Sip & Chat! Enjoy great company and a delightful Grinch punch to celebrate the start of the holiday season.

**Fri., Dec. 6** 8:30 a.m. Christmas Breakfast - Bacon, Ham and Onion Quiche, Hashbrowns, Fresh Fruit, Coffee/Tea/Juice - \$7 per person. Dress in red, green and white.

**Wed., Dec. 11** 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Christmas Craft - \$15 per person

**Thurs., Dec. 12** 10 a.m. Thursday Reflections: Devotional with Pastor Scott (non-denominational) Christmas Service with Hymn Sing.

**Thurs., Dec. 12** 12 p.m. Takeout Diner Pickup. Sausage & Pepper Penne, Cauliflower, Dessert - \$9 per person

**Fri., Dec. 13** 1 p.m. Come enjoy a Movie Matinee featuring Classic Christmas Cartoons.

**Mon., Dec. 16** 2 p.m. Reindeer Games - Join us for a holiday-themed Cards and Games Day filled with festive fun and friendly competition!

**Wed., Dec. 18** 1 p.m. Christmas Craft - Succulent plants - \$5 per person

**Thurs., Dec. 19** 2 p.m. Join us for a Holiday Sip & Chat! Enjoy festive cheer, conversation, and a special Christmas punch to celebrate the season.

**Fri., Dec. 20** 12 p.m. Christmas Diner with Entertainment by Kevin and Bernadette Proulx. Roast Beef & Gravy, Roasted Garlic & Chive Mashed potatoes, Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce, Christmas Log - \$9 per person. Wear your holiday best!

**Tues., Dec. 24** 9 a.m. Christmas Coffee Hour. The centre will be closing at 12 (noon).

**Tues., Dec. 31** 9 a.m. New Years Eve Coffee Hour. The centre will be closing at 12 (noon).

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**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Branch 434 in Chesterville held their 2024 Volunteer Appreciation & Awards Night on Fri., Nov. 22. The evening began with an opportunity to socialize in the Members Lounge at the Legion while enjoying a delicious Chinese dinner.

Isabelle Lalonde was presented with a certificate honouring her as the 2024 Volunteer of the Year. Legion President Steve Grubb explained how besides being office manager, Isabelle volunteers at all

the events which are held at the Chesterville Legion throughout the year.

During the event several members of RCL Branch 434 received membership pins. Andrew Bowie, Paul St. Denis, and Bryan Hillis received their five-year pins, with Phil Beattie, and Susan Sullivan Servage receiving their 10-year pins.

15-year membership pins were presented to Paul Vallee, Stefan Backs, Sylvia Barlow, Graham Cook, Jeff Cranham, Andree Desarmeaux, Pierre L'Ecuyer, Mark McMillan and Doig Merkley, with Nicole Lauzon and Duane Young receiving their 20-year pins. Paul Scrimshaw was presented with his 25-year pin, with Barry Sullivan and Gord Machardie receiving

their 30-year pins with John Sloan receiving his 40-year pin this year. Congratulations to all for their service to RCL Branch 434.

An early bird draw for a free 2025 membership was held, with names of people who had paid their membership dues early last year was held with Barry Sullivan and Maria Bedsy receiving a free membership for 2025.

Information on RCL Branch 434 can be obtained from either their Facebook page or website located at [www.legion434@eastlink.ca](http://www.legion434@eastlink.ca).



A delicious Chinese dinner was enjoyed by all at the 2024 Volunteer Appreciation and Awards event. From the left: Legion President Steve Grubb, Lillianna Grubb and Mary Grubb are ready to serve up dinner. Thompson Goddard Photo

## Morris Glen Court

**Continued from the front**

This allows the building to be built up and closed in sooner, which allows mechanical systems to be installed and other trades to start their portion of the project sooner.

With the project two months ahead of schedule, it is on track for completion by February or March, weather permitting. Following normal protocols, that would mean that residents could be moved in during the approximately 30-day period following approval for occupancy.

The 17-unit project will have 12 rent-geared-to-income units and five units available at market rent prices. The building, which is three stories in height, will have five two-bedroom units on the ground floor with six two-bedroom units

on the second and third floors. Four of the apartments on the ground floor units will be barrier free.

The building comes with a price of nearly \$8.8 million dollars.

The building currently under construction is the first of two that are planned for the property, which is owned and operated by the City of Cornwall's Human Services Department. The city operates social housing throughout SDG Counties through a shared services agreement with SDG.

Bartolo made a point of explaining that the company is taking full advantage of local suppliers and the local workforce.

"I'd say a good chunk of the supply, I don't have the exact figures; I do back at the office, is actually all local supply and the vast majority of your local trade," said Bartolo. "So, you really are employing everybody within your local



The exterior of Morrisburg's new Morris Glen Court apartment complex leaves no question that it is still under construction, but as cladding and masonry is added in the coming months, the appearance will change quickly. Tinkess Photo

communities on this project, which is good, because it's important. Listen, I know what the track in this area is, generally speaking, and working on this project for the length we have now, and there could be more of this coming up in the future.

"It's important for us and for your community as well, to have that local trade base built up, a local supplier base, because that's really who we're relying on to do a lot of the heavy lifting and get everything done here. So, Cornwall writ large, and

the region writ large has been very good to us from everybody, from, you know, plumbers and masons all the way up to the municipality. So, we appreciate that very much." The shared services agreement creates an

interesting dynamic, with some in Cornwall questioning why they should pay for housing in the counties when they have a need for more housing themselves. South Dundas Mayor Jason Broad commented that what benefits one, benefits them all.

"Certainly, any new work, new housing in the region is a benefit to all of us," said Mayor Broad. "We're all competing for tax dollars, of course, but it's really important overall."

Cornwall Mayor Justin Towndale expressed his agreement. "Anything that really happens in SDG benefits all the communities of SDG and Akwesasne," said Towndale. "I give this is one of the examples of partnership we have with SDG, and in this case, South Dundas. It's great partnership. This is a project that we're very proud to be a part of, regardless of where it sits in SDG."

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Dear Friends,

When I think of the holidays, I'm reminded of how a single moment can change everything. As survivors, Annie and I have learned to turn challenges into strength and hope, using our experiences to inspire, give back, and spread joy.

My name is Debra, and I'm honoured to share how Annie and I have found purpose and connection through giving back to Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH).

**My journey with WDMH began in March 2019, when my world was turned upside down by a Stage 2 breast cancer diagnosis.** Although I was a bit anxious about having never been to the hospital in Winchester, the unwavering support and compassion of WDMH's team became a lifeline. Their kindness and expertise not only guided me through my treatments but also inspired me to give back once I was well.

**Today, I am happy to say I am five years cancer-free.**

Now let me introduce my beloved dog, Annie. Annie is a purebred Shetland Sheep Dog, otherwise known as a Sheltie, who is VERY cute. When she was just ten weeks old, I rescued her and brought her home. Annie was born with a Grade 3 heart murmur and was given only 12 to 18 months to live. Over the next few months, I spoiled her rotten, letting her get away with just about everything. Miraculously, Annie surpassed the 18-month mark and has been going strong ever since.

**Together, Annie and I stand as survivors, committed to making a difference.**

**Annie and I have been volunteering at WDMH for the past year and a half, supporting families, patients, staff, nurses, and physicians alike.**

Each visit is a chance for Annie to offer her special brand of comfort—whether it's through a soothing cuddle, a playful interaction, or her famous "Annie Hugs." They always bring smiles and tears of relief.

The WDMH team always welcomes Annie with open arms, often kneeling down to greet her, as she eagerly runs to them, tail wagging. It's moments like these that remind me how deeply our presence is appreciated.

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# The Odd Stop - A magical place

WINCHESTER – The building at the corner of Main and St. Lawrence looks quite ordinary to the eye, but once inside, the magic of The Odd Stop happens, with yesterday and today coming together in a delightful storefront. Located at 501 St. Lawrence Street in Winchester, the business is open on Saturday and Sunday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. or by appointment.

Owners Chris Alves and Sharon Corkery provide a warm welcome to customers as they enter a store filled with memorabilia, works from local artists and crafters as well as an eclectic selection of natural history items. Corkery mentioned how the store reflects their interests, commenting how Alves is a natural history enthusiast with the store having a selection of framed insect displays, a woolly mammoth bone and several other items demonstrating this deep interest of his. Corkery explained her interest includes an appreciation of history and printed literature with the store providing a wide selection of books in a multitude of genres for customers to peruse and purchase.

“We are both passionate about what we do” explained Corkery, who explained both of them enjoy collecting memorabilia and attending auctions, estate sales to find items for their home and the store. In fact, Alves mentioned how the store began in order to share products they had purchase as well as their passion of collecting.

He noted how the business began in 2023 in a smaller location on St.

# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



From the left: Chris Alves and Sharon Corkery, owner/operators of The Odd Stop in Winchester, are shown in the storefront. Thompson Goddard Photo

Lawrence Street, but moved to the present site due to the great response from the community and the need for a larger storefront. Alves continued the larger space allows for a larger display area and makes it easier for customers to see everything available.

Customers are treated to “a new discovery every time” they enter the store commented Corkery in a recent interview. She explained it sometimes takes people three strolls around the store to discover,

determine and decide what they wish to purchase, with the owners eager to share their knowledge and suggestions.

The store displays are organized into music, electronics, comics, works of art, antiques, natural history and sports areas, with a variety of products in each section. Alves will change the layout of the displays on a regular basis helping to ensure that the different products are available for viewing.

He mentioned the store is geared to

people of all ages with Corkery mentioning youngsters enjoy seeing the different items and learning about them. Older customers sometimes take a trip down memory lane as they view the marbles, movie tapes, records and other articles in the store, with the couple eager to visit and hear their stories.

One of the challenges the couple faced was time management as the busy couple combine full-time jobs with the operation of the store and the work associated with purchasing pieces to sell. Alves mentioned they planned to establish the business in a rural community and as Winchester was Corkery’s hometown, it was the obvious choice. They are members of the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce and enjoy working with the community.

The storefront is just the tip of the iceberg at what The Odd Stop can offer their clients. Smiles went across their faces as the couple described how there are board games nights and taxidermy classes offered, as well as live dungeons and dragon sessions with a dungeon master on site. There are also costumed events in the store as well as outside in the local area which brings a lot of enjoyment to both participants and observers.

If you are looking for a magical place to find a special something for that someone or perhaps for yourself, The Odd Stop is a wonderful place to investigate and discover what a feast for the eyes the store provides. More information on The Odd Stop is available on their Facebook page.

*If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: editor@etceterapublications.ca or call us at 613-448-2321.*

## Pin Tales

**Stormont Ladies:** Ladies’ High Single, Pat Middleton 195; Ladies’ High Triple, Pat Middleton 497. Team Standings: Pat 108, Judy 84.5, Angela 79.5, Susan 78.5, Rejeanne 69.5.

**Monday Men’s:** Men’s High Single, Alex Robinson 290; Men’s High Triple, Marc Robinson 706; Men’s High Average, Frank Jerome 233. Team Standings: East-Ont 65, Alley Cats 56, Raiders 49.5, A-Team 34, Alley Rats 31, Country Boys 30.5.

**Defenders:** Men’s High Single, Andy Chrysler 243; Men’s High Triple, Glendon Moore 550; Ladies’ High Single, Diane Hoogveen 198; Ladies’ High Triple, Gwen Clarke 529. Team Standings: The Missplits 136.5, Soggybottombowlers 127.5, Hasbeans 116.5, Split Happens 111, The Sixty Niners 106.5, Pin Pals 95.

**Wednesday Ladies:** Ladies’ High Single, Deborah Patenaude 196; Ladies’ High Triple, Deborah Patenaude 498. Team Standings: Corinne 186, Sharon 172, Lorna 165, Mary 153, Janice 129, Deborah 125.

**Finch Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Tyler Hunt 252; Men’s High Triple, Tyler Hunt 630; Ladies’ High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 343; Ladies’ High Triple, Isabelle

Bissonnette 741. Team Standings: The G.G’s 97, Ballers 91, Team #4 91, Team #5 79, Balls To The Wall 72.

**Thursday Seniors:** Men’s High Single, John McGarrety 178; Men’s High Triple, Bas Vanwinden 501; Ladies’ High Single, Tina Serviss 172; Ladies’ High Triple, Tina Serviss 438.

**Avonmore Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Mike Byvelds 315; Men’s High Triple, Mike Byvelds 806; Ladies’ High Single, Lindsay Burnett 215; Ladies’ High Triple, Paide Sloan 548. Team Standings: Mike 157.5, Jen 123.5, Luke 122, Mary 122, Jeannette 118.5, Monique 112.5.

**Williamsburg Mixed:** Men’s High Single, Shawn Munro 277; Men’s High Triple, Dane Miskowicz 602; Ladies’ High Single, Valerie Vanderveen 224; Ladies’ High Triple, Valerie Vanderveen 518. Team Standings: Dane 65, George 61, Danny 54, John 53, Tania 51, Leslie 46.

**Winchester Odd Couples:** Men’s High Single, Darryl Britton 288; Men’s High Triple, Darryl Britton 749; Ladies’ High Single, Kamryn Hartle 224; Ladies’ High Triple, Cheyenne Lanoue 584. Team Standings: Meat Loaf 77, The Crew 65.5, The Parttimers 65, Mad Handicappers 64.5, The Youngens 48.

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## British Home Child – Their story needs to be told

Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
Record Staff

TORONTO – On Oct. 24, a reception at Queen’s Park recognizing the 155th anniversary of the first arrival of British Home Children (BHC) was held with British Consul General Fouzia Younis, MBE and Toronto Centre MPP Kristyn Wong-Tam. Close to thirty descendants of British Home Children attended the event which began with the group gathering in the Visitor’s Gallery of the Ontario Legislature during Question Period on Oct. 24 and were recognized by several MPP’s including Stormont, Dundas,

and South Glengarry MPP Nolan Quinn. A standing ovation was given to Sir George Beardshaw, a 101-year-old World War Two veteran and one of the few remaining BHC still living who attended the event.

Between the 1860’s and 1930’s, an estimated 130,000 children between the ages of 4 and 18 were sent to Canada as part of the Child Migration Scheme. Victims of the changing social circumstances created by the Industrial Revolution in the British Isles, these impoverished children were either orphans or living in destitute circumstances with

philanthropic organizations sending them to many British colonies, including Canada, Australia, and South Africa to work as indentured servants.

After Question Period concluded, visitors and several legislators enjoyed a luncheon sponsored by Finbarr McCarthy, FMA Design Build, which was followed by several speakers expressing the need for the story of these children to be told. MPP Quinn commented on how the story of the BHC “is a story that needs to be told” and mentioned how distressing both the parents and children must have felt when separated. He

conveyed a message from former SDSG MPP Jim Brownell, who working with MPP Cheri DiNovo and MPP Steve Clark, submitted a successful private member’s bill designating Sept. 28 as British Home Child Day in Ontario.

“Forgotten”, created by filmmaker Eleanor McGrath was screened at the event. This film tells the story of 295 George Street, which served as a receiving home for the Fegan organization and British Home Children. Several British Home Children and descendants were interviewed in the film, including Sir George Beardshaw who was present at this event.



From the left: Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes MPP Steve Clark, SDSG MPP Nolan Quinn, “Forgotten” filmmaker Eleanor McGrath and Toronto Centre MPP Kristyn Wong-Tam. Thompson Goddard Photo

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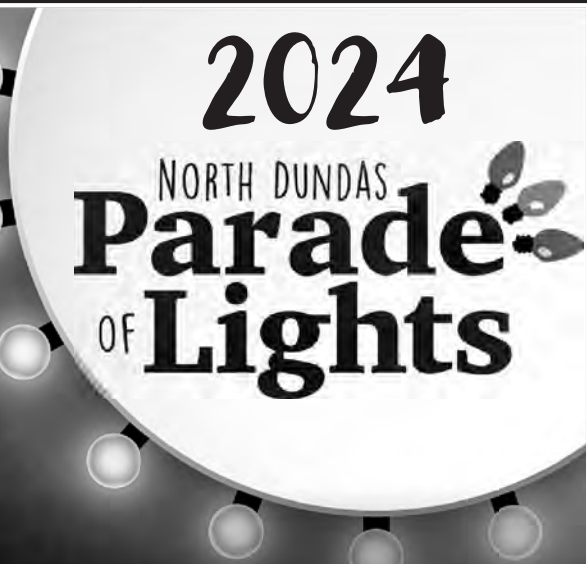
The 2024 Night Train Big Band Christmas Concert was held on Nov. 25 at the Winchester United Church in support of the Community Christmas Dinner held at that location on Dec. 25. For over an hour and a half, the audience were entertained with the sounds of the season with holiday favourites such as "I'll be Home for Christmas", "All I want for Christmas is You", "Felix Navidad", "Silver Bells" and "O Holy Night". Conductor Alan Lummiss provided an interesting and informative introduction to each piece of music played which added to the experience of the close to 100 people attending the pay as you go event. For many it provided the opportunity to begin the holiday season while socializing with friends and neighbours.

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Carolyn Thompson Goddard  
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LONG SAULT – By all accounts there was a wonderful turnout for the 2024 Friendly Circle Seniors Club Christmas Market on Nov. 16, in the South Stormont Community Hall in Long Sault. The event is a long-standing holiday tradition in the community and is a fundraiser for the Friendly Circle Seniors Club (FCSC).

Organizers were pleased with the turnout, with Jo-Ann Atchison chair of the organizing committee mentioning there was plenty of things to see and do at the event. These included a silent auction, bake table, white elephant table, a raffle and visiting the booths of the over 20 mainly local vendors. After working up an appetite, visitors were able to enjoy socializing with friends and neighbours or have a light lunch of



There was a great turnout for the 2024 Friendly Circle Seniors Club Christmas Market held at the South Stormont Community Hall on Nov. 16. People were able to peruse the over 20 vendors at the event, enjoy a light lunch, a fashion show and the opportunity to visit with friends and neighbours.

either chili or soup while watching the noon hour fashion show featuring styles from, She's Got Leggz.

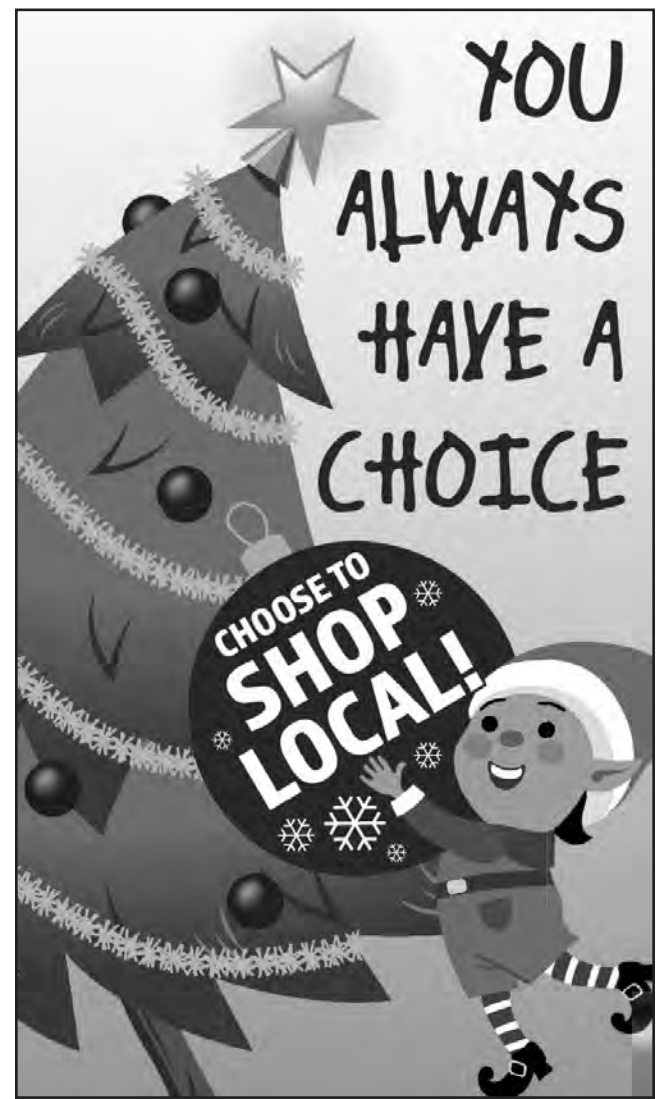
"I would like to thank the 19 volunteers from The Friendly Circle Senior's Club who helped make this

event a success" she said, mentioning she was absolutely pleased with the turnout at the event. Atchison took a moment to thank the community for their continued support as well the businesses and people who made donations

to the event. "This show is fantastic" commented South Stormont Councillor Reid McIntyre before continuing "Its great to see the huge crowd."

More information on the FCSC can be found on their Facebook page.

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**Rotary Club of Chesterville awards coins**

The Rotary Club of Chesterville was pleased to award a coin set to six members from the primary division at St. Mary Catholic School in Chesterville during the Nov. 11 meeting of the RCC. President David Bearg explained the students had created an acrostic poem, which uses the first letter of each to spell a word, using the word "brave". Following the recitation of their poem their names were entered into a draw with six children receiving a coin set. Bearg and his wife Carolynn, RCC secretary, look on as the children display their work.

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# Metcalfe Santa Parade, Food & Toy Drive

**\* Sunday, December 8, 2024 - Starting at 2 p.m. \***

The parade will start at the corner of Victoria and Johannes Street, heading east down Victoria Street, finishing at the Metcalfe fairgrounds.

After the parade, join us for activities at Victoria Park. Enjoy selfies with Santa, elephant ears, hot chocolate, music and fun!

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# Large crowd gathers in Russell to greet Santa

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

RUSSELL – If you hadn't been to Russell recently, you would be amazed at how much the community had grown. Despite this growth, it still maintains its small-town feel and a connection to its rural/agricultural roots. This was evident in the Russell Santa Claus Parade which took place in the early afternoon of Sun., Nov. 24.

The parade started on the southern edge of the village at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School. With the road closed to vehicular traffic not involved in the parade, there was a lot of room for crowds to gather on either side of the roadway and gather they did.

The weather was perfect as the first vehicle (a fire truck of course) started to roll, but the clouds did gather and there were actually a few snow flurries in the air. Lights don't shine quite so bright under the midday sun as they do at night, but as the sky turned grey, their brilliance seemed to increase.

Russell had an interesting mix of floats and vehicles as part of their



The vehicles of the 33 Service Battalion don't usually have antlers, but it seemed appropriate for the Santa Claus Parade.

Tinkess Photo

parade, and it had a definite community feel to it. There were minor hockey players, scouts of all ages, dancers, teachers, students and at least as many parents as there were children.

If you were looking for reindeer, you would have been disappointed as they were all occupied elsewhere (probably resting up for the big day). Horses, on the other hand were very plentiful. Russell can safely

lay claim to the greatest number of horses in any parade hosted by a community of its size.

There was a beautiful wagon drawn by a couple of horses, and it was followed moments later by what can best be described as a herd. There were big horses and small horses, miniature horses, brown horses, and black horses, horses with tightly cropped manes and even one with beautiful,

dappled markings. Some were being ridden by children, others by adults and most had donned a bit of holiday decor as well.

One entrant in the parade was a truck bearing photos and advertising promoting the Ottawa Farm Show, which takes place March 11-13, 2025. It expressed Christmas wishes from the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association, the sponsors of the show.

# Russell County 4-H celebrates their achievements

**Carolyn Thompson Goddard**  
Record Staff

RUSSELL – The 2024 Awards Banquet for the Russell County 4-H Club was held on Sat., Nov. 23 at the Nation Sports Complex in Limoges. Leaders, members and their families as well as special guests attended the event which featured a potluck meal, awards ceremonies as well as the opportunity to socialize.

Lindsay Berry, 4-H Ontario Region 2 Volunteer Support Coordinator, brought greetings from the organization and expressed her thanks to the leaders and the 4-H members. During a conversation with The Record, Berry explained how events like this are important as it showcases the work and opportunities available to the membership as well as informing the public on its role in the community.

The keynote speaker was local veterinarian Dr. Dave Douglas who has volunteered with Veterinarians Without Borders North America, an organization in Canada and the United States of America. This organization is part of VWB/VSF International which is dedicated to work aimed at delivering veterinary services as well as support in over 30 countries. Douglas explained VWB North America provides support in the Canadian North as well as three African countries. He provided a slideshow of his experiences in Kenya while providing interesting information on farming practices in that country.

Following this presentation, the awards segment of the event commenced, with Eileen Blenkarn receiving a 10-year Volunteer Seal, Lois James receiving her 20-year volunteer Seal and special recognition given to Elizabeth O'Gorman Smit for her many years of volunteer work with the organization as she retires.

Emily Smygwyat and Tobias Oeschger each received a seal for completing six projects, with 13 new members receiving a plaque and



Lindsay Berry, 4-H Ontario Volunteer Coordinator for Region 2, joined leaders and members of Russell County 4-H following the organizations 2024 Awards Banquet held on Nov. 23 in Limoges Ontario.

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certificate. There were several club overviews presented during the afternoon, including those from the Christmas Craft Club, Baking Club, and the Calf Club with presentations to the club "Most Enthusiastic Member" made to Julia Chin Yuen Kee, Hollyn VanMunsteren and Zavié Guindon respectively. Calf Club members participated in several shows including the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, the East Gen Showcase, the Regional Show at Metcalfe Fair and held their Achievement Day at the Navan Fair. A Judging Day was held at Cecilbay Farms, operated by the McFaden Family.

Vicki Brisson noted how the 2025 Go for the Gold competition will be held in Russell, explaining each county 4-H organization can enter a four-member team into the competition. The team will answer questions, the answers to which can be found in the different 4-H manuals and then held a simulated test for several Russell County 4-H members participating.

Hailey Smygwyat received the 2024 Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association Scholarship. Russell County 4-H Special Awards were presented to Tanya Régimbald (Youth Leader), Cali Olive (Outstanding Agricultural Member), Tobias

Oeschger (Soil & Crop Award), with Régimbald also receiving the Spirit of 4-H Award. The Jack James Memorial Leadership Award was presented to Shamus Williams by Lois James.

Tanya Régimbald, who completed 46 projects, was honoured as this past year was her final year in Russell County 4-H. She told The Record she joined 4-H in 2012 and explained how the organization has helped to develop friendships, skill development and enabled her to develop knowledge of agricultural practices as well as a network of like-minded people. Régimbald continued she has studied farm management at college and is currently working on her family farm in Sarsfield, Ontario.

Her words echoed Russell County 4-H president Darcy Newman who mentioned 4-H provides its members with development in leadership and other skills will be useful in their futures. He explained that the leaders are there to guide and facilitate the members in developing both their personal and agricultural skill sets.

For those who would like to receive more information on either volunteering with or joining Russell County 4-H, it is suggested to contact Eileen Blenkam, Russell County leader, vice-president and membership chair at eileen.blenkam@rogers.com.

There were also goats, most of which walked nicely, but one small one let it be known it has no interest what so ever in being in a parade.

There were local celebrities as well. Mayor Michael Tarnowski and Councillor Lisa Deacon were seen, greeting everyone they encountered and extending season's greetings.

There was lots of singing, candy canes being passed about, and many,

many smiles, and then the big moment came as Santa, accompanied by Mrs. Claus rolled by, carefully looking to see who was being naughty and who was being nice.

As the last vehicle drove off into the distance, you could be excused if you found it hard to believe that Christmas Eve was now just a month away. The children, however understood that the countdown had started, and the best was yet to come.

# Saturday night is alright for Santa in Embrun

**Terry Tinkess**  
Record Staff

EMBRUN – It's nice to be able to have choices in life, things like the car you drive to the clothes you wear, coffee or tea, sweet or sour, hot or cold, or even cats or dogs. In Prescott-Russell you even have the choice of watching a Santa Claus Parade at night, or during the daytime.

This year in Embrun the Santa Claus parade was held on Sat., Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. It started near the municipal building and then headed east, right through the middle of the community. There were people lining the side of the road for the entire route, and the one thing they seemed to have in common was a smile on their face. There were young families, teens, singles, and more than a few grandparents who were probably wondering just how many Santa Claus parades they had watched with their children and now with their grandchildren.

The greatest joy can sometimes come from watching the very young, as they look on in amazement, captured by the sights and sounds, and occasionally by the literally hundreds of candy canes which were handed out.

There were firetrucks, and police cars, there were tractors, and loaders and lots of wagons. The massive agricultural sprayer, all decorated up, appeared very festive, and a reminder of the agricultural history of the region.

There were dancers, and clowns, a Grinch or ten, and even Batman and Yoda made an appearance. Everything moved along slow enough that you could have a good look at the floats and fast enough that a young-one's attention wouldn't run out.

The best thing about night parades, and it may seem obvious, but it is dark out. That means there must be lights to decorate everything, and they make it seem almost magical. A snow flurry or two in the air would have been the final touch, but one float took it upon themselves to provide their own snow gun to ramp-up the Christmas spirit, and a dragon blowing bubbles added to the party atmosphere.

You could tell those that many had waited all week for this moment, then suddenly, there was Santa Claus, waving and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. Unfortunately, all too quickly it was over, and it was time to go home. The good news was that there was another chance the following day to feel the magic when Santa turned his sights on Russell and a mid-day parade.

If there was any doubt leading up to this weekend, it has all but vanished with the arrival of Santa Claus and the sense of joy that his arrival brings. We are now in the holiday season, Christmas is a month away, and this year, it seems, there is a real need for something to celebrate. As the song says, we need a little Christmas.



When Santa finally arrived on the parade route in Embrun, you could almost hear a collective whisper from all the children (and the young at heart).

Tinkess Photo