

Living HERE

FREE

BROCKVILLE • PRESCOTT • GANANOQUE
www.livingherebrockville.weebly.com

November | December 2017

4TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

**Joshua Bates,
Father of Farmersville**

**Reflections of War:
Christmas at the Front**

Singing for Someone Else's Supper

**Author Edie Batstone - Puddles of
fun for readers of all ages!**

**Pre-Christmas Tradition-Prescott's
Annual "Light up the Night Parade**





Experience The Difference

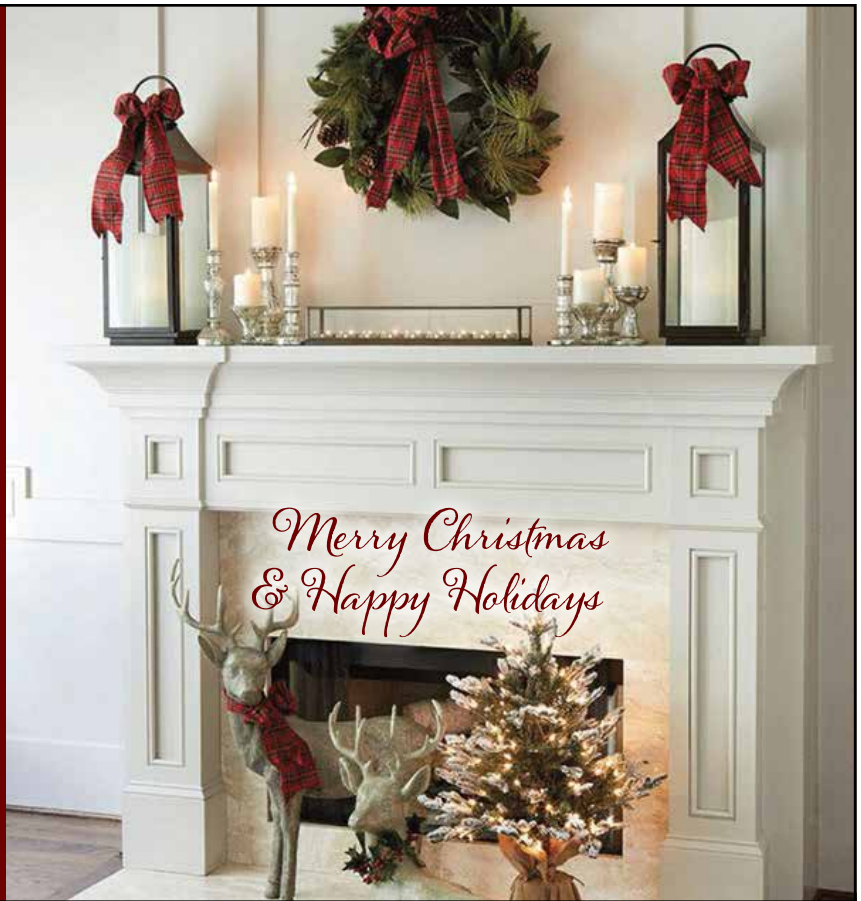
Installations • Free Estimates
Onsite Consultations • Onsite Delivery
1185 California Ave. Brockville | 613-345-6836
www.brockvillewoodproducts.ca
www.facebook.ca/BrockvilleWoodProducts

mirage

30 years of Quality
miragefloors.com

Throughout this past year we were privileged to serve many great customers & friends. It was because of your loyalty and support, we are standing strong. We sincerely thank you and look forward to serving you in the New Year...

*From all of us at Brockville Wood Products
Dale, Lyne, Matthew & Lorna
What's under your Christmas tree this year?*



We make smiles

65 George St., Brockville, On
www.brockvilledenture.com
613-345-2110

**"There's No Plate Like Chrome
for the Hollandaise!"**



Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays
James, Scott, Brad, Nancy & Amy

**Restore your Smile
Restore your Confidence**

WHAT WE DO

- ✓ Complete & Partial Dentures
- ✓ Same Day Relines & Repairs
- ✓ Soft Liners for Lowers
- ✓ Implanted Support Dentures

With Implant Supported Dentures

- ✓ Denture Stability Increase
- ✓ Enjoy Healthier Food
- ✓ Prevent Further Bone Loss
- ✓ Enhance Your Natural Smile



WE WELCOME NEW PATIENTS! ~ FREE CONSULTATIONS



What's Inside

People | Places | Lifestyles | Arts | Entertainment | History & **More!**



November/December 2017



features

- 5 Joshua Bates, Father of Farmersville
- 6 Reflections of War: Christmas at the Front
- 8 Singing for Someone Else's Supper
- 9 Pre-Christmas Tradition-Prescott's Annual "Light up the Night Parade"
- 15 Author Edie Batstone - Puddles of fun for readers of all ages!

FOR YOUR INTEREST:

- 3 Christmas and Holiday Recipes
- 13 Helping The Kids Make Christmas
- 14 SheConnex: Challenge Your Own Assumptions
- 17 Boomers Sports Bar Celebrates 20 Years
- 19 Cherished Christmas Collections
- 20 Gananoque Loan Cupboard Brightens Lives Year Round





The Friends
of Fulford Place
Association presents

Victorian Christmas at Fulford Place

Sunday, November 19
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Entry by donation

287 King Street East, Brockville
613-498-3003
heritagetrust.on.ca/events



Fulford Place is owned and operated by the Ontario Heritage Trust. The Friends of Fulford Place Association supports site operations.

**Looking for
the perfect gift for
your children this
holiday season?**

Please consider
making a monetary
donation in their
name, to help other
children in need.

**call 613-925-2444 or
visit foodforallfoodbank.ca**

**AUGUSTA/ EDWARDSBURGH/
CARDINAL/ PRESCOTT**

Living HERE

Cover Photo by
Sally Smid

[Living Here](#)

Living Here Contact us: 613-342-0428
24 Peden Blvd, Brockville, On
www.livingherebrockville.weebly.com

[Publisher/Advertising](#)
Jon Marshall

[Editor](#)
Catherine Heritage

[Contributing Writers:](#)
Lorraine Payette, Russ Disotell, Sally Smid,
Lisa Crandall, Jonathan Vickers,
Joan Rupert-Barkley

[Advertising Sales:](#)
Catherine Heritage
cateheritage@bell.net | 613-342-0428

Living Here Magazine is locally owned by
Marshall Enterprises and is published bi-monthly
(6 times annually) and distributed free in over 250+ locations
throughout Brockville/Prescott/Gananoque and surrounding
communities. The publisher assumes no responsibility for
opinions expressed and reserves the right to edit or refuse
contributions that are discriminatory or derogatory.

The publisher accepts no responsibility for advertiser claims,
unsolicited manuscripts, transparencies, other materials, errors
or omissions. No part of this magazine may be reproduced in
any form without written permission of the publisher.

All rights reserved. Printed in Canada
(printed in Brockville by Henderson Printing)

Letters to the editor: jmarsh46@bell.net
Advertising: 613-342-0428, Jon Marshall
www.livingherebrockville.weebly.com

*For those who would like to subscribe to Living Here, so you
never miss an issue, you can for just \$17.50 (includes HST)
This will give you 6 issues (1 full year) and will cover the cost
of shipping and handling*



1000island.net
Get on line today!



Happy Holidays

**Thank you to all our customers,
shareholders, friends and employees
for making the past 110 years in business
a great success for the Company!**



***Don't forget to attend our Christmas Open House Lighting
of the Tree on December 7th, 2017
between the hours of 6:00pm to 8:00pm with lots
of entertainment & food for everyone!
42 KING ST. W., LANSDOWNE 613-659-2222***



Bacon Wrapped Cornish Hens

Serves 2 ~ Prep Time: 10 Minutes: Cook Time: 1 Hour Approx.

You'll Need

3 tablespoons Grade B Maple Syrup
2 Cornish Game Hens, thawed 1 ½ lbs each
8 slices of raw bacon
salt and pepper to taste

To Create

- ➔ Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- ➔ Remove game hens from wrapping.
- ➔ Place in a pan.
- ➔ Drizzle maple syrup over the hens.
- ➔ Wrap the raw bacon around them.
- ➔ Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- ➔ Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake another 30 minutes, or until the cornish game hens reach 165 degrees internal temperature. (use meat thermometer) cooking times in oven vary depending upon size of hen.



Eggnog Cake

Prep Time: 20 minutes. Cook Time: 55 minutes. Serves: 14 cake slices

You'll Need

1/2 cup white sugar.
1 cup brown sugar.
1 cup canola oil.
1 cup eggnog.
3 eggs
1 Tablespoon rum extract.
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder.
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt.
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg.
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves.
2 1/2 cups flour

For The Glaze

1 1/4 cups icing sugar.
3 Tablespoons eggnog.
dash of nutmeg

To Create

- ➔ In a large mixing bowl, beat the sugars, oil, eggnog, eggs, and extract until well combined. Sift together the baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg, cloves, and flour. Slowly beat the flour mixture into the egg mixture. Do not over beat.
- ➔ Spray a 10-inch Bundt pan with nonstick baking spray. Gently spoon the batter into the prepared pan.
- ➔ Bake at 325 degrees for 55 minutes.
- ➔ Cool in the pan for 10-15 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. If needed, level the bottom of the cake with a sharp knife before placing on a serving tray.
- ➔ Stir together the glaze ingredients. Spoon over the top slowly. Let set for a few minutes. Top with mini chocolate chips if desired. Cut into 14 slices.



Magnolia FLOWERS

A HIDDEN TREASURE IN THE 1000 ISLANDS

FLOWER STUDIO ~ ECLECTIC FINDS
CANDLES ~ ANTIQUES AND VINTAGE
CHALK PAINT™ BY ANNIE SLOAN

613.382.8181

192 KING ST. E. GANANOQUE ON.

www.magnoliaflowers.ca ~ info@magnoliaflowers.ca

Living HERE

BE HEARD & BE SEEN!

Advertise in our
February / March Issue

Book by January 17th

Contact Us at 613.342.0428 | jmarsh46@bell.net

Pre-Christmas Holiday Community Event Calendar

CHECK OUT THESE FUN FAMILY PRE-CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!!

Christmas Marketplace

Fri. Nov. 17th & Sat. Nov. 18th
9:30am - 5pm
Maycourt Club of Brockville
52 King St. E, Brockville
Contact: Sharron Nolan
613-925-5267 / Ronsha999@hotmail.com

64th Annual Light Up the Night Parade

Fri. Nov. 17th @ 7pm
Prescott's Santa Parade

Bake Sale

Sat. Nov. 18th @ 9am - 12pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
374 Steward Blvd. Brockville.
Info: Liz at 613 865-8952

Candy Cane Lane Christmas Bazaar!

Sat. Nov. 18th @ 9am - 2pm
First Presbyterian Church
10 Church Street Brockville, ON.
FREE

40th Annual Arts and Crafts Show

Sat. Nov. 18th @ 9am - 4pm
South Grenville District High School
-Edward St. Prescott ON.
\$3 & children under 12 while
accompanied by an adult are free

Morrisburg Arts and Craft Show

Sat. Nov. 18 & Sun. Nov. 19th
@ 9am - 4pm
Morrisburg Legion
Info: 613-657-1857
monkeymom_51@hotmail.com

Bazaar & Bake Sale

Sat. Nov. 18th @ 10am - 1pm
Christ Church Athens Christmas
Elma St. Athens, On.
\$5 p.p.

Bazaar & Bake Sale

Sat. Nov. 18 @ 11am - 2pm
Athens United Church, Athens, On.
Soup/Sandwich/Dessert Lunch from
11am to 1pm.
Info: 613-924 2175
Tickets: \$5 at the door.

Santa Claus Arrival Parade

Sat. Nov. 18th @ 11am - 12pm
1000 Island Mall Brockville
2399 Parkedale Ave.

85,000 Christmas Lights in Park

Sat. Nov. 18th / 25th @ 4pm
Lower Beverley Park, Delta
Info 613-928-2881
www.beverleylakepark.com

Lynnhurst Santa Parade

Sat. Nov. 18th @ 2pm - 4pm

2017 Lansdowne Santa Parade

Sun Nov. 19th @ 2pm - 4pm

Yule Tide Fair

Fri. Nov 24th & Sat Nov 25th
@ 10:00am - 5pm
Wall St. United Church
5 Wall St., Brockville
Free. Lunch/Supper available. \$9p.p. on Friday.

Holiday Gift Show & Sale

Fri. Nov. 24th @ 4pm - 8pm
& Sat. Nov. 25th @ 10am - 4pm
Firehall Theatre / Thousand Islands
Playhouse 185 South St. Gananoque

Rotary Santa Claus Parade Brockville

Sat. Nov. 25th @ 5pm - 7pm
Parade moves to evening this year.

2017 Annual Gananoque Santa Claus Parade

Sat. Nov. 25th @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Christmas Bazaar Craft & Bake Sale

Sat. Nov. 25th @ 9am - 2pm
at Mallorytown Legion.
13 Quabbin Rd.

5th Annual Iroquois Christmas Artisan Show

Sat. Nov. 25th & Sun. Nov. 26th
@ 10am - 4pm
Iroquois Legion 24 Dundas St. Iroquois
Info: Grace Pine at (613) 699-5835,
Diana Arbeau (613)925-5411 or email
gdcrafterevents@gmail.com.

SLA's 4th Annual Craft Sale

Sat. Dec. 2nd @ 10am - 2pm
St. Lawrence Academy
560 Edward Street Prescott, ON
Info: CraftFair@stlawrenceacademy.ca
ljoanisse@stlawrenceacademy.ca

ACW Christmas Tea, Craft & Bake Sale & Silent Auction.

Sat. Dec. 2nd @ 12:30pm - 3pm
Saint Lawrence Church
80 Pine St. (corner of Pine &
Park St. Brockville)
Free Admission to the Sale & Auction.



*times and or dates for all events
are subject to change. It is best you
check your local community area to
be sure of times and dates



The Joshua Bates family lived in this home on Elgin Street in Farmersville.

JOSHUA BATES

Father of Farmersville

By: Sally Smid

Joshua Bates is often referred to as the "Founding Father of Farmersville" which later became Athens. He was born in 1801, the son of George and Patience Bates from New York. He was one of 14 children who grew up on the family homestead at Dickens, (Elbe Mills) which became Glen Elbe. Perhaps the nearby Bellamy Mill sparked Bates' interest in milling, for after marrying Tamson Bigelow in 1831 he lived near Dickson's Corners (Athens). He tried his hand at farming, but seemed more preoccupied with local development, eventually building grist, saw and carding mills on Wiltse Creek, east of what is now Sarah St. It was reported that at one time the community was even referred to as "Bates' Mills". He lived with his wife and four children, Ezra, Hannah, William and Sarah on Elgin St. To provide more accessibility to his mills he laid out the first road, Church St., which he named for the Methodist Episcopal Church (United), which he also built and established the cemetery behind it as well.

A real visionary, he bought early settler John Dickson's holdings and more, owning everything south and part of the north half of the village. He renamed the four corners "Farmersville", recognizing the importance of farming, the basis of his businesses, believing it to be the key to the community's future success.

In 1836 he became the first postmaster, carrying the mail on horseback to Beverly (Delta), in a leather satchel. The post office was located in the first frame building, the store he constructed, located on Athens Fresh Market's current location, which was later moved to 2 Wiltse St. Bates also served on every village board. He worked to further the accessibility of quality education for all and built a frame select school, now the Baptist parsonage, and also loaned the upstairs of his home for an all girls school.

He was a familiar figure at political meetings and became very active in supporting the Reformed politics of Governor General Lord Elgin, naming the street he lived on in his honour. Out of his concern for improving commerce, he worked to upgrade roads and was contracted to build a plank road to Fortthton in 1849, which included toll booths and bridges.

He also became very interested in the formation of a railway, which he thought had further potential to improve the economy. Although the B & W Railway did come through Athens eventually, this failed to materialize in ways that would significantly benefit Farmersville.

Bates decided to move to Smiths Falls and begin a milling operation at Old Sly's Rapids, where unlike at his first mills, the water did not dry up in the summer. Eventually he built a large home on that property, now the Heritage House Museum. He found

that he did not receive true acceptance in his new home and for some years retained Farmersville properties. By 1855, after some complications, bridges were installed to provide public access and his mills drew acclaim from those visiting. He gave much financial support to the Brockville and Ottawa Railway, believing it to be a wise investment, but by 1856 it went bankrupt, due to various reasons, including historian Glenn Lockwood's observation that a vast amount of money had been squandered in "building a railway tunnel under Brockville". Bates desperately tried to raise funds through a lottery which offered his Farmersville properties as prizes despite conflicts with his Protestant, Reformed background. This plan was not as profitable as hoped and he continued to struggle with debt. He was being threatened with law suits when he died on New Year's Day in 1864.

Historian Edna Chant described Bates quite aptly as "perhaps being owed more recognition for his contributions to Athens than any other man." The Joshua Bates Centre in the Athens Town Hall was named in his honour and on Sunday October 22nd 2017 a new mural of Bates was unveiled on the west side of Athens Fresh Market to help commemorate an Athens Canada 150 event. [LH](#)



(MC) Bruce Demitroff helps dedicate Athens' new mural depicting Joshua Bates who was considered to be a "founding father of Farmersville".



This is the gravestone of Joshua Bates at Hillcrest Cemetery in Smiths Falls where he died in debt.



Comrade Bill Hale (left) placing a wreath at Remembrance ceremonies in Gananoque

REFLECTIONS OF WAR

Christmas at the Front

By: Lorraine Payette

During WWII, it depended entirely on where you were stationed as to how you spent Christmas. Canadian soldiers found themselves all over Europe, some fighting with the Canadian forces, others with the Americans, British or other military troops. Every experience was different, but every one of them held a simple thought in mind – the dream of being home, safe with friends, family and loved ones – the very same dream that kept them out there fighting to protect their homes and all generations to come.

For those stationed in Holland, Christmas was relatively quiet. Lieutenant Jack Scott of the first Canadian Army, recorded several radio shows with Canadian troops

which gave those at home an idea of just what their soldiers were experiencing, how they felt, their dreams and what they most wanted. The shows tended to view situations through a rosy light, and were designed to keep up the morale of friends and families, as well as the members of the forces themselves. He spoke with Private Frank Barley of Port Arthur about cooking Christmas dinner on a “Number Three petrol burner”, described as being “like five small ovens laid end to end, and at one end there’s a burner that shoots out a flame under pressure.”

Dinner would be uncomplicated, with 50 men getting to enjoy a Christmas dinner in relative quiet and comfort.

“Pretty well our whole Christmas dinner will be out of cans this time,” said Barley. “It isn’t possible to get fresh frozen poultry up to us here. We’ll get it in tins pre-cooked. That’ll save a lot of cooks a lot of work... (the mince pie and Christmas pudding is) in cans too, just like our regular ration issue. Only our actual cooking here will be some celery soup, which we make with powdered milk. Then we have creamed potatoes and buttered carrots and a crust for the mince pie. Oh, yeah, and some gravy for the turkey meat.”¹

Not all Canadian soldiers were as fortunate, however. Bill Hale of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 in Gananoque served at St. Vith in Belgium with the American forces during the Battle of the

¹ <http://www.cbc.ca/archives/entry/1944-christmas-dinner-at-the-war-front>

Bulge. His father, Dr. William Hale, also of Gananoque, had served during WWI and Bill continued the family tradition of standing up in time of need. Christmas found him living in a foxhole, cold and tired, after the loss of their position on December 21. However, unlike Holland with its high water table, Belgian foxholes were dry and more comfortable.

"I was with the US Seventh Armoured Division on half-tracks," said Hale. "Initially, we were anti-aircraft, but by Christmas time we had come down from Holland to be at St. Vith. Christmas was a little tough because food didn't come up the way you thought it would come. You got it two days later, and there were a few days like that because things weren't doing too well. Eventually it worked out – we got kicked out, but 30 days later we went in and recovered what we had lost.

"We didn't celebrate because we were told not to sing. If somebody was singing, it was the enemy, not the local boys."

They found themselves dealing with a lot of snow, and would wrap sheets over their uniforms to create camouflage. They tried painting the vehicles white as well, but it was too cold for the paint to stick to them. Different stories ran rampant, and you couldn't be sure if the man you were talking to was friend or foe, as many had their insignia tags ripped off of their uniforms. A single mistake in conversation could mean the death of many, and no one could be trusted as the enemy moved through wearing the uniforms of friendly forces.

Christmas dinner was nothing out of the ordinary.

"Basically, it was ham – ten-pound ham in a tin," said Hale. "I can remember they took a bayonet, jabbed it through and worked it so the top would fold off. There was a little bit of grease involved on the weapon and so forth, but when you got hungry enough, you dug into the ham. The basic thing you learned was, to get into it while you can because you don't know when there will be more."

"There was no celebration. Everybody had their own thoughts, missing home and what they did in their younger years – it was tough. The mail did not arrive then. It caught up about the month of January the following year, and rumours were everywhere. You had to take everything with a grain of salt."



Top: Bill Hale, member of Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion, remembering Christmas at the front during the Battle of the Bulge



Left: Dr. William Hale of Gananoque, WWI

But wherever you were, the troops had certain things they wanted more than anything else. Perhaps highest on the list of Christmas wishes was pictures of "pin-up gals". Not just any pin-ups, though – these were special.

"Of course, the pin-up gals we want most are the ones we're married to," said Corporal Bob Christie in a radio interview from 1944. "Why don't all our mothers,

wives and sweethearts go and get a darn good picture. That's sure to score."²

Things today are different but the same. The forces still want to be home with families and loved ones, and those pin-ups will always be in demand.

Remember them, what they sacrifice and that what they do makes it possible for us to continue to celebrate Christmas in freedom and love. **LH**



Spencerville Community Choir 2016
Photo by: Barry Fawcett

SINGING FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S SUPPER

By: Lisa Crandall

As a regularly sold out event, the annual Christmas performance of the Spencerville Community Choir is eagerly awaited, for many, signalling the beginning of the Holiday Season.

In existence for more than 30 years, the Spencerville Choir is a mixed group of men and women of varying ages, who come from as far away as Brockville and Smith Falls, to be part of this musical ensemble. Music Director Sheila Fawcett describes the group as an enthusiastic mix of trained and amateur singers. Newcomers are always welcome. The recruiting call goes out late in the summer and practice begins just after Labour Day. The group meets one night a week until their seasonal concert in December. Then the group disbands

until the following summer, when the cycle begins again with a new theme and a new set of musical pieces to master.

Fawcett has been the choir's music director for the past 24 years. A former teacher and school administrator, she spent many years working with children's school choirs at several different schools. It is her love of music that has kept her enthusiasm and energy high as musical director of the choir over the many years of its existence.

Under her guidance, the group has grown steadily to its current compliment of 50 members. In the early days the group met at the Presbyterian Church in Spencerville, but as their numbers grew, they eventually outgrew the choir stalls, so they moved to the United Church.

Musical accompaniment is provided on the piano by Abraham Te Grotenhuis, and occasionally on the flute by Cheryl Robertson, the Assistant Choir Director.

Written by local author Vicki Cameron, the Choir President, and directed by Fawcett, this year's show is entitled "Bethlehem Bound". Each year the show promises a unique and original blend of traditional as well as non-traditional Christmas music, plus a specially written narrative. This year's show will present the Christmas story from the point of view of the three wise men, who travelled so far to be a part of the Christ child's story.

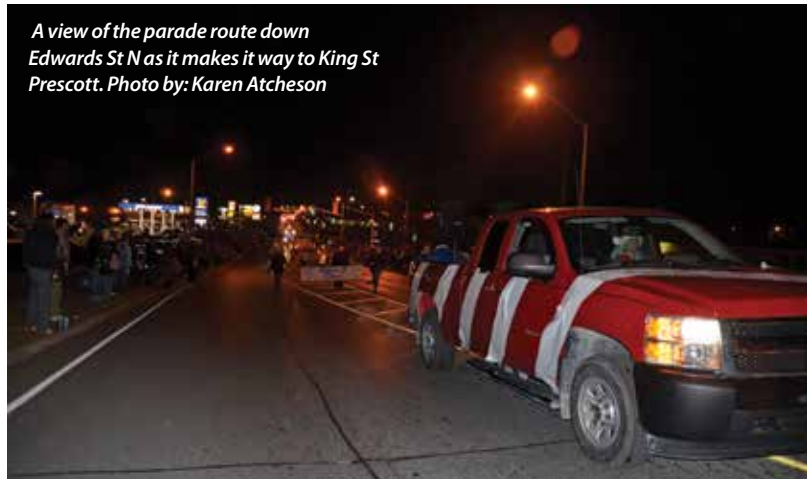
This year the choir will be donating the proceeds to Food for All, (the South Grenville Food Bank), serving Augusta, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal and Prescott, as well as House of Lazarus Food Bank in Mountain.

The 2017 performances will be held on the first weekend of December, December 3rd and 4th at the United Church on Centre Street in Spencerville. Performances will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday and 7:30 PM on Monday evening. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students (ages 12-18), \$3 for children (ages 6-11) and preschoolers get in free. Tickets are available at the door the day of the performance, but come early because it is a popular event. **LH**

Bill Countryman former member of Prescott Fire Department standing beside vintage 1931 Bickle Fire Truck. Photo by Prescott Fire Department



A view of the parade route down Edwards St N as it makes it way to King St Prescott. Photo by: Karen Atcheson



PRE-CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Prescott's Annual “Light up the Night Parade”

By: Joan Rupert-Barkley

When the popular Santa Claus parade takes place in Prescott, hundreds of spectators from all over gather along the parade route to watch this iconic event. Area restaurants are booked solid before the parade. Smaller children, dressed in warm hats, mittens and scarfs, are perched on top of parent's shoulders hoping to get a better glimpse of Santa, while other parents hope to get a glimpse of their child riding on one of the many floats.

Although this year will be the 64th edition of the parade, it has only been a nighttime event for the last 17 years. However, it is tradition to hold the parade on the third Friday in November. John Henry and Chris Veltkamp are co-chairs of this year's parade.

“Our spectators provide lots of great feedback each year and the nighttime event seems to be a lot of fun. Everyone enjoys seeing the bright lights on the floats and our downtown lit up,” said John Henry.

Henry estimated there are hundreds of lights on each float.

Members of the Prescott Fire Department help plan and execute the Annual Light Up the Night Parade and also enjoy walking, or driving the parade route the night of the parade.

“No matter what time of day the parade occurs, safety is always a priority.” Henry indicated, “they work closely with key partners, such as the Town of Prescott Operations staff and the local detachment of the OPP to ensure there are proper road closures, barricades, and crowd control.”

According to Henry, there were more than 100 entries in the parade in 2016. Some of the entries included bands from such places as Arnprior, Brockville, Kemptville, Ottawa and Smith Falls. These bands included traditional marching bands, pipe and drum bands, as well as steel drum bands. Neighbouring Fire Departments from Augusta, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, Morristown and other Fire Departments from across Eastern Ontario and Northern New York participate in the parade as well. Prescott's mayor, other area mayors, local MPP and MP are just some of the dignitaries to participate in the parade.

With so many entries, it is a huge undertaking to get everything organized the night of the parade. According to Henry, everyone that is part of the parade meets at South Grenville District High School at 6 P.M. The lineup varies slightly from year to year and is based on several factors.

“We have a few reserved locations to lead the parade; Legion Colour Party and Pipe Band, our antique fire truck, the South Grenville District High School “Spirit of Giving, but the real art is balancing everything out. From larger to smaller entries, those with and without music, motorized and walking floats and the bands. Let's not forget Santa; he gets a special place at the end of the line,” commented Henry.

There are other activities that occur the night of the parade. The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 97, puts on a spaghetti dinner. There is also caroling at the clock tower. There are first, second and third prizes awarded to floats with the judges being residents from the area. There is also a special award dedicated to fire apparatus.

Organizations that want to be a part of this year's parade should arrive at SGDHS at 6 P.M. on Friday, November 17. There is no pre-registration needed. This year's theme is Canada 150.

“My favourite part of the parade is walking the route and seeing the community support. The streets are packed with excited kids and families. The town always looks so beautiful. It feels like it is the kick off to the Christmas season and the energy is high,” commented Henry. **LH**



**BROCKVILLE
COPY SHOP**

Come in and see us for...

- Personalized calendars: 12 of your cherished photos - and our expertise. An awesome Christmas gift.
- Personalized greeting cards: As low as .56 cents each!
- We can restore your old photos, or print from slides or negatives.
- A huge selection of greeting cards, including lots of Christmas cards, all for only \$1.01 ea. *Why pay more?*

99 King St. West Brockville
613-345-6225



How about a family photo printed in-store on canvas suitable for framing?

A FEW OF MY FAVOURITE Christmas

T H I N G S

CORNER STONE STYLISTS

117 King Street East
613.382.7736



Debbie & Margaret
Wishes you a Merry Xmas!
Thanking all Patrons for
their support for 2017!

XMAS CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

DECEMBER 23RD
Stop in for Refreshments.

Mon - Fri: 8:00am - 6:00pm
Sat: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Brockville Copy Shop

99 King St. W. Brockville, On
613-345-6225 www.brockcopyshop.com

I can't thank my customers enough for their loyal and continued patronage. Our most important goal is customer satisfaction. It drives everything. We continue to try and add to our menu of services. Have a look at our ad. See what we can do for you. Mention this ad and receive 10% off your purchase.

Cornerstone Stylists

117 King St E., Gananoque, On
613-382-7736

Debbie and Margaret would like to thank all their patrons for their support in 2017! Cornerstone Stylists specialize in Colours, Perms, Foils, Extensions, Facials and Waxing. They offer Unisex Cuts or Barbering as well. Don't hesitate to call and book your appointment today, for the Christmas and Holiday Season.

Great Waterway Hearing

51 King St. E Suite 201 Brockville, On
613-704-2532 1-888-850-0425

This Christmas and Holiday Season give yourself the gift of hearing. "Locally Owned, our mission is to provide the area uncompromising, accessible and affordable Hearing Healthcare. We offer a unique service that provides In-Clinic Hearing Services and Specializes in In-Home services. We make you feel comfortable and explain the various service options available to you.

Golden Soles

46 King St E Brockville, On
613-342-7111 or 613-340-6330 (cell)

This Christmas check out the latest in winter footwear and accessory styles for women and men. We carry Volks Walkers, Portofino, Milano, Ecosanit, Gabor, UTV en Ville un Tour, Foamtreads, plus much more. We also carry Trendy Orthotic Footwear for both men and women. Removable insoles to fit the orthotic, and if the style is not there, pick from the catalogues and they will be ordered for you.

Pauline's Lingerie

156 King St. West, Brockville, On
613-345-2244

For over 40 years, Pauline's Lingerie has been Eastern Ontario's premier boutique for fabulous fitting bras, lingerie, & fantastic service. Being professionally fitted for a bra is an experience that leaves our clients looking and feeling fantastic, while empowering them with confidence! At Pauline's we take pride in resolving many comfort issues leaving our customers happy! Fabulous fitting lingerie is our passion!

J Mann Books

193 King St E., Gananoque, On
613-770-0236

J MANN BOOKS on King St E in Gananoque is the most eclectic used book shop in the area. The store specializes in Science Fiction and Fantasy. We also stock Fiction and Non-Fiction

Your Family Dollar

"The Dollar Store with a Difference"

Your Christmas & Holiday Headquarters for your family!

Cards • Gift Baskets
Gifts • Toys • Crafts
Wrapping paper
Stocking Stuffers

Custom Gift Baskets
Nana & Me
Candles

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!

109 Churchill Rd. Prescott, ON
613-925-1734

ATHENSHARDWARE
KITCHENS - FLOORING - WINDOWS - RENOVATIONS

~ COUNTRY LIVING ~
UNIQUE GIFTS
&
THINGS YOU GOTTA HAVE
The perfect gift for anyone
who loves the outdoors

18 Main Street Athens | 613-924-2228 | www.athenshardware.ca
~ Open 7 Days A Week! ~

J MANN BOOKS

*We Carry a Gift Great Selection For all Ages!
Great Stocking Stuffer Ideas!*



193 King St E, Gananoque, On
613-770-0236
jmannbooks@gmail.com

RECHARGEABLE HEARING AIDS!

Offering Mobile & Clinic Hearing Aid Services



Debbie Boehm,
H.I.S

CALL TODAY
FOR A
FREE
ASSESSMENT
AND DEMO



Thomas Pilla,
H.I.S

GREAT WATERWAY HEARING

613-704-2532 / 1-888-850-0425
51 King St. E Suite 201 Brockville, On

Pauline's Lingerie

**This Christmas...
Wrap up in the luxury
of the finest fabrics!**

Perfectly Fitted Bras!
Sexy lingerie, Cozy sleepwear
Swim & Resort wear
Plus...SAXX for HIM!

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

156 King St W.
Brockville On
613-345-2244

SAXX
LINGERIE

VISA Mastercard



Fabulous Fitting Lingerie is our Passion!

titles, History, Art, Romance, Mystery, Cookbooks, Action and Adventure, Children's Books and much more! Quality used books at fantastic prices. They make great stocking stuffers as well as gifts!

Ridgeway Confections

159 Main St. Seeley's Bay.

Ridgeway Confections is located in beautiful Seeley's Bay (159 Main Street). We are primarily a wholesaler of fine Belgian chocolates, brittle & barks, and bean to bar. Check out our special gift boxes and packages for the holiday season of our special confectionary products. During certain times of the year we open our showroom for you to visit. Our showroom is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 5pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Athens Hardware

18 Main St Athens, On

613-924-2228 | www.athenshardware.ca

Open 7 days a week!

Planning a home renovation this Holiday Season? With over 8000 different items in our store, and another 75,000 in our online catalogue, ATHENS HARDWARE is your locally owned one stop shopping for PAINT - FLOORING - LUMBER. Visit our KITCHEN & BATH Showroom for a free quote. Looking for a qualified contractor? Our staff installers are Licensed & Red Seal certified.

Fulford Place Museum

287 King Street E., Brockville, On

613-498-3003

On November 19, get in the holiday spirit – Victorian style. Come to the Victorian Christmas at Fulford Place for holiday shopping, tasty treats and tours of this beautifully decorated mansion. Bring the whole family for a photo with Victorian Santa and enjoy live music while browsing for unique gifts hand-made by local artisans. Program includes: Photo opportunities with Victorian Santa (professional portrait photography by Margaret Link – \$10 for a 4" x 6" print; \$15 for 5" x 7" print) Vendor hall featuring a variety of local and hand-made products, Live entertainment from local musical artists, Raffle and cookie sale. Tours of Fulford Place by donation. This fundraising event is organized by the Friends of Fulford Place. Proceeds will be used for conservation projects at the museum.

Your Family Dollar

109 Churchill Rd., Prescott, On

613-924-1734

"The Dollar Store with a difference" is celebrating its 15th year in business. This Christmas we are your families gift and stocking stuffer Headquarters with all kinds of Christmas goodies. Check out our special Christmas custom basket selections and displays of stocking Stuffers/cards/wrapping paper/toys/crafts/gifts and more! Open 7 Days a week!



The Friends
of Fulford Place
Association presents

Victorian Christmas
at Fulford Place

Sunday, November 19
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Entry by donation

287 King Street East, Brockville
613-498-3003
heritagetrust.on.ca/events

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST



BRINGING OUR STORY TO LIFE

Fulford Place is owned and operated by the Ontario Heritage Trust. The Friends of Fulford Place Association supports site operations.

Golden Soles

**THIS CHRISTMAS WE HAVE THE
LATEST STYLES FOR LADIES & MEN IN
WINTER BOOTS & FOOTWEAR**

**Accessories to Accommodate
Christmas Layaway's
Gift Certificates**










46 King St E, Brockville, ON
613.342.7111 / C: 613.340.6330



brittles • barks • belgian chocolates • bean to bar

RIDGWAY CONFECTIONS

159 MAIN STREET
SEELEY'S BAY, ON
TEL: 613 532 4468

FRI - SUN
11AM - 5PM



WWW.RIDGWAYCONFECTIONS.COM



COME VISIT LYNDHURST

A Picturesque Village

&

EXPLORE SEELEY'S BAY

on the Historic Rideau Route

VISIT OUR
**CHRISTMAS
VILLAGE**

**GREAT GIFT
IDEAS**
from your local merchants

"Diverse and Natural Beauty await, as you Explore our Region"
www.lyndhurstseeleysbaychamber.com | www.seeleysbay.com

Rapid Valley
RESTAURANT
898 County Rd 2, Lansdowne On.
613-659-2557

"Come Home for the Holidays!"

Everyday Breakfast Special with coffee included!
Holiday & Everyday Favourite
Turkey Dinner \$17.99
(soup or salad), mash or fries, veg of the day & dessert.
Bake to Order Pies & Cakes
Wide selection, All Occasions, The Best Around!

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Mon-Sat: 6am - 8pm • Sun: 7am - 8pm
Closed Christmas Day • Boxing Day, New Year's Day

W.O. STINSON & SONS LTD.

~ Check out our coffee bar with home made treats for takeout! ~

STUART NESBITT
RE/MAX Riverview Realty Ltd. Brokerage
Sales Representative

- Multi-family
- Commercial
- Investment
- Farm • Residential
- Cottage

613-328-6211
389 King St. E.
Gananoque, ON K7G 1G5
stuart@remaxriverview.com
www.remaxriverview.com

Top Multi-Unit Sales
RE/MAX Riverview 2013-2014

Top New Agent
RE/MAX Riverview 2013

**WING'S
LIVE BAIT
& TACKLE**

Fishing • Hunting • Moccasins
OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND!

413 Lyndhurst Rd, Lyndhurst
613-928-2382 • wingslivebaitandtackle.ca • siderisjp@sympatico.ca

**Seeleys Bay
Drugmart**

All Major Drug Plans Accepted
Convenient "Dosette" Packaging
Senior Discount
Health and Beauty Products
Cosmetics - Greeting Cards

Delivery Available
Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 6 pm

106 Drynan Way Unit# 4, Seeley's Bay ON.
613-387-3939

Wendy's Country Market
"Take home a taste of the country"

CHRISTMAS TREATS & EVENTS AT WENDY'S!
Wendy's has everything to make that Christmas Dinner
Special from Locally Produced Fresh Vegetables to
Chicken/Beef and of course Turkey!
Don't Forget we have Gluten Free & Traditional Breads,
Baked Goods & so Much More!
Watch for our Christmas on the Farm Weekend Events ending Dec 17th also
Shop and Hop Weekend Dec 2nd visit our Facebook Page for all Events!

Open Year Round

613-928-2477 #408 Fortune Line Rd., Lyndhurst On
wendyscountrymarket.com | wmobilemarket@ripnet.com

~ Light Lunch Catering using local Ingredients ~

**Living
HERE**

Contact Us to Advertise in the
Feb/Mar Issue
Book by Jan. 17th

.....

Contact Us at 613.342.0428
jmarsh46@bell.net

HELPING THE KIDS MAKE CHRISTMAS

By: Lisa Crandall

The laughter and the joy of children are an important part of the magic of the Holiday Season, there is no doubt about that. Keeping them occupied, especially when they are on their holiday break from school, can be a challenging time.

To meet this challenge, every household develops routines and traditions. Most adults can cast their minds back and smile fondly at memories of Christmas crafts and traditions. Inevitably they have carried these traditions forward into their own families. There is a reason that old fashioned traditions like stringing popcorn to decorate the tree and making Christmas bells from egg cartons and aluminum foil have been around for generations.

If you are dreading the upcoming Holiday Season, where you are trying to juggle grown-up social obligations with cherished family time, perhaps some of these ideas might come in handy.



Making Ornaments for the Tree or Gift Giving

Apple sauce ornaments: If you've got a surplus of apple sauce in the pantry, this is the perfect craft. It will, however, require a huge quantity of cinnamon. Start with $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of apple sauce and 2 bottles of cinnamon. A standard bottle of cinnamon

powder from the dollar store has a little less than 2.5 ounces, if you are buying yours in bulk. Pour this mixture into a well-sealed plastic bag and let the kids knead it until it begins to form a thick dough. Roll the dough out between two sheets of plastic wrap to prevent it from sticking to the rolling pin. Remove the top layer of plastic wrap and using smaller (not larger) cookie cutters press out shapes suitable to make Christmas ornaments for the tree. Use a straw to press out a hole at the top to thread a string through the finished ornament. The ornaments can then be carefully placed on a drying rack and left out to dry in a warm dry place for 2-3 days.



Working with Paper

If your kids are good with paints, perhaps you could let them help with Christmas preparation by making wrapping paper. A generous supply of plain brown wrapping paper, some brushes and a selection of water soluble paints will keep them occupied for several hours. This also works

well for gifts that will fit in large plain envelopes (like homemade calendars). If your household sends out Holiday greetings to distant friends and family, maybe the kids can even create a family Christmas card design.



Enjoying the Outdoors

If you have snow piled up in the yard, maybe the kids can help with the outdoor decorating too. It's a great way to re-purpose empty squirt bottles, like the ones from dish washing soap. Mix up some seasonal colors with food coloring and water, then send the kids out to paint the snow. This is the kind of outdoor activity they have fun with all winter long, because every snowfall creates a fresh canvas.



Building a Gingerbread House

Although it is possible to make slabs of gingerbread cookie at home and thus create a house from scratch, reasonably inexpensive kits are easy to find this time of year. Add some icing and a range of brightly colored candies and kids can entertain themselves for hours as they create their fantasy holiday home in miniature.

Letting the kids help create the family Christmas will leave them with lingering, fond memories that they carry forward to their own future families. I hope these few simple ideas will spark an idea for fun with your family this year. **LH**

CHALLENGE YOUR OWN ASSUMPTIONS

By: Shelli Warren



How many times have you talked yourself out of creating a product, service, or event, simply because you think everybody already knows this information? On a smaller scale, how many FB Lives have you canceled because you couldn't think of how to put an original spin on your chosen topic? Could it be that you're over-thinking these things?

Negative self-talk and **making assumptions** about what people will do or buy can be the downfall of any business owner. How many times have you had an idea for a signature product, but didn't follow through with it, only to see a similar product launch a few months later? How often do business owners think inside the box by not acknowledging changes within their market or buying pattern changes, only to be outsmarted with a competitor's latest innovation?

Competition is healthy. It means there's a need for your service or product, and there's an audience who is willing to pay for that service or product.

Have you ever looked at the number of cosmetic stores in a mall, or cosmetics products on the Shopping Channel, or available through direct sales? There are hundreds of products from multiple manufacturers, all promising to do the same thing. There are slight differences between these brands, whether it's the ingredients, the durability, where the ingredients are sourced, the company's image, or the way they advertise to their market, but basically, they sell the same type of products.

Now think of your niche and your target market. **Remember, competition is OK!** Are your competitors local? What do they offer? What market(s) do they serve? What can you offer that they don't? What makes you different? How does your experience differ from theirs? Do they have better name recognition than you? What is your niche and what does your target market need from you? What problems does your market have? How can you connect with your target market? What makes you similar to them?

In the end, **your clients will seek YOU out for your personality.** They will learn to know, like, and trust you. You need to learn how to speak to them authentically, so they will turn to you instead of a competitor.

How do you do this? You do this by being real and not hiding your secrets or your knowledge. By not believing that you have to be **PERFECT**. By giving, and serving, and by trusting that your right-fit clients and customers will find you and become your fans.

Shelli is the woman behind the brand SheConnex. As a Career & Leadership Coach, she specializes in helping people find or create their dream careers and their dream teams. She successfully created her own Encore Career after 25 years with Procter & Gamble and now serves employees, entrepreneurs, and corporations who have a desire to lead with purpose. Visit her on www.sheconnex.com





*Edie Batstone reading to the grandkids.
Photo by: Ross Batstone*

AUTHOR EDIE BATSTONE

Puddles of fun for readers of all ages!

By: Lisa Crandall

For some people, retirement is an opportunity to slow down and maybe settle into a hobby. For Edie Batstone of Prescott however, she took retiring as a cue to re-invent herself and launch into a brand new creative career. She is now an author, an artist and very recently, has become something of an entertainer.

It all started with an evening course on creating picture books for children that was offered at an Ottawa High School. She was living in Osgoode at the time and it was a reasonable commute for this short course. She was curious about the possibility of combining her love of writing with her fondness for sketching. That course and the support of her writing group launched her into her foray as a writer of children's books.

She draws her inspiration from the children she sees around her, having raised three kids and now enjoying seven grandchildren. She describes her work as "a desire to preserve the little acts of wonder and kindness that I observed in children - to thank them for reminding us what joy and beauty surrounds us in little things." The puddle

theme is about the ripple effect of the small and simple good deeds that come so naturally to children.

The books are entitled: *How to Wash a Puddle* (2010), *How to Grow a Puddle* (2011) and *How to Stretch a Puddle* (2012). She hopes to add at least two more puddle books to the series.

The books are currently available at Windmill Historic Site, located just east of Prescott, at the offices of the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival on King Street in Prescott, at the Fort Wellington gift shop in Prescott, at Manotick Office Pro, and through her website at <http://www.ediebatstone.ca/>. A portion of the funds raised through sales of these books is donated to Ryan's Well Foundation, a Canadian charity (out of Kemptville) that helps to provide access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene education in the developing nations.

In addition to writing the books, Batstone also did all the illustrations. She is a talented artist who has also created a set of delightful greeting cards. They are sketches done with colored pencils capturing winter

scenes around the Osgoode-Manotick area, where she was living at the time, and two of Prescott area landmarks. She hopes to do a similar set of cards with summer scenes from around the Prescott area.

Batstone blogs regularly on her website, sharing her poetry and her gentle optimistic view of the world. As she puts it, "My 'mission statement' in all of my writing, both in my children's poetry and in the more mature poetry and blogging that I post on my website, is to lift the spirits of children of all ages and to instill hope; I believe that hope is the greatest gift that we can give to our children, and to each other."

Batstone has also discovered that she enjoys presenting her poetry as songs. She is beginning to experiment with public performances of her writings. Accompanied by her father's beloved guitar, she has done presentations at the Prescott Legion's Easter Fun Days, as well as entertaining at local schools and for seniors' groups. She hopes to create a CD of her songs at some point in the future. **LH**

CONGRATULATIONS



**ON YOUR
20TH ANNIVERSARY
~ 1997 - 2017 ~**



PRESCOTT
EST. 1784
THE FORT TOWN

Seasons Greetings!

Wishing
you a festive
holiday
season
and a
happy
New Year.

www.prescott.ca

O'Reilly's
Independent
Your Independent Grocer

Meat & Seafood
Deli & Ready Made Meals
Dairy & Eggs ~ Bakery
Produce ~ Pantry
Joe Fresh® Beauty
Joe Fresh® Cosmetics
Pharmacy ~ Wellness & More!

613-925-4625
150 Prescott Centre Dr., Prescott, ON

plus

VISIT OUR NEW LOCATION IN
PRESCOTT

Dr. James A. Holmes
OPTOMETRIST
Glasses ~ Contacts
Low Vision Aids ~ Eye Exams
www.drholmes.ca

270 Edward St., Prescott, ON
613-925-5186

Your Family Dollar
"The Dollar Store with a Difference"

Your
Christmas & Holiday
Headquarters for your family!

Cards • Gift Baskets
Gifts • Toys • Crafts
Wrapping paper
Stocking Stuffers

Custom Gift Baskets
Nana & Me
Candles

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!

109 Churchill Rd. Prescott, ON
613-925-1734

Olde Magick
Prescott

Tarot & Angel Readings
Crystals, Oils, Incense, Stones & Books

124 KING ST. W. PRESCOTT, ON
oldemagickshoppe@gmail.com

PRESCOTT
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

Congratulations to Boomers Sports Bar & Restaurant on your 20th Year Anniversary! Wishing you many more years of success.
Downtown Prescott BIA Members

VISIT THE RIVERWALK DISTRICT!
Explore the Historic Fort Town
and Shop the Walk!

www.edwardjones.com

**Our warmest
wishes for a happy
holiday season!**

Daniel G Roddick
Financial Advisor
111 King Street W
Po Box 2715
Prescott, ON K0E 1T0
613-925-0779

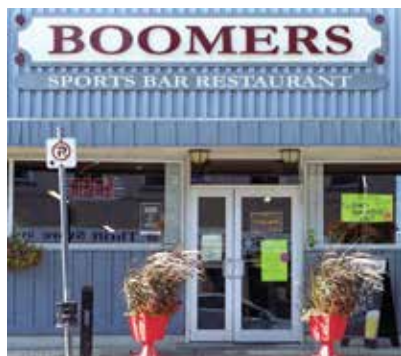
Member - Canadian
Investor Protection Fund

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

My sincere thanks to my customers, my son Christopher, friends & family who over the last 20 years have given me their patronage, support & friendship, which has led to the success of my business in Prescott.

**Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year**
Donna Adams

186 King St. W. Prescott, On
613-925-0174



**Christopher Hanes
(Manager) and Donna
Adams (Owner)**

BOOMERS SPORTS BAR & RESTAURANT FAMILY RUN

Celebrating 20 Years of Success in Prescott

By Jon Vickers

"It's about taking care of my customers," Donna Adams said, as we sat down in a booth to reflect on her 20-year anniversary of ownership of Boomers Sports Bar & Restaurant. "Customer service is so important to me, if you take care of your customers and provide the best service possible, they'll keep coming back."

Donna then started to reminisce and gave me a little bit more of the story of how she started in the Restaurant and Bar business, which for her has spanned a little more than 32 years.

Donna, born and raised in Iroquois, worked in Morrisburg for an owner of a restaurant and bar in the town. She worked there for 16 years and was a loyal employee. In 1985 he approached her with an opportunity to own her first bar and restaurant. It turned out to be "Jiggers" in Iroquois. Donna at the time was married and had a young family. She decided to take a chance and she bought the business.

In 1997, while owning "Jiggers", another opportunity came Donna's way. The owner of Boomers Sports Bar offered to sell the business to Donna. After careful consideration, knowing her son Christopher could run "Jiggers", Donna

took a leap of faith and took over ownership of Boomers. Donna quickly made Boomers a hub with bands playing on weekends. She changed the menu and listened to her customers. Her initial plan was to only own the Sports bar for a few years, as at the time they were leasing the premises. Things changed quickly. In 2000, Donna sold "Jiggers" and Christopher joined her in Prescott. A wonderful family working relationship truly started. In 2002, Donna purchased the building Boomers is located in and decided to secure a long-term future in Prescott.

Through the years till now, Boomers Sports Bar & Restaurant has been involved with fundraising in the community, especially the Beach Improvement in Prescott, where the Bar raised over \$2300 for the cause. Donna and the staff have held many fundraisers at the bar and hosted various events. One event that has stuck in Donna's memory, is the time Atlantic Canadian comedian, "Jimmy Flynn" was in town and performed at Boomers. He stayed at Donna's house for the night. "He was a lovely man and with his thick maritime accent, the crowd just loved him."

Boomers Sports Bar wouldn't be the same without her son Christopher, the longtime manager. When he was 12, Christopher worked at Jiggers and helped out doing different jobs in the bar. Christopher, like his mother, loves the bar and restaurant business, and the daily interaction with their customers. "I like the independence it has given me to run a business with my Mom" he said. "A lot of times for families with close working relationships it can be demanding and at times stressful, but Mom and I have different shifts and we have a business relationship as well as a family relationship. It works well for us, and I am grateful for her love and support all these years. This 20-year anniversary is for her. She deserves to be celebrated for this accomplishment."

Kalina Greene, longtime waitress of 9 years, loves working in the bar as well. Her husband Scott plays in a band, "A Bigger Hammer" a bar favourite, that plays a couple of times a year in the establishment. Kalina spoke about what attracted her to work at Boomers. "It's Donna and Chris, they are like family and I love working here. The food is all home cooking and the customers, especially my regulars are awesome. I wouldn't want to work anywhere else."

One of the best kept secrets in the area is Boomers Food Menu. They make the best Burger in the area and on Tuesday's it's just \$4. It's worth the trip. The Boomers Pizza is an area favourite with customers as well. All the food is home cooked fresh, with original recipes from over 35 years Donna emphasizes.

If you've not been to Boomers Sports Bar & Restaurant in Prescott, make sure you go in November. Every Saturday night a band will be playing, and gift certificates and prizes will be drawn each week. On November 25th a special "20th Anniversary" celebration day is planned with prizes, menu specials and that night the original band, "3rd Wave", who played the night Donna started her ownership in Boomers, is playing the Anniversary gig.

Boomers Sports Bar & Restaurant is a mainstay in Prescott. Here's to "Another 20 years of great food, fun and friends at Boomers!" **LH**

Santa shops in Athens

and so Should You!

Warm Hospitality Awaits!



"Local Businesses Keeping our Community Strong!"
www.athenstownship.ca

MAIN ST. PIZZA
for Busy Santas

FAST MEALS

Take out
or Delivery
we have you
covered for the
holiday
season!

Check out our Specials!
 17 Main St. Athens On.
 613-924-1907

Athens

PHARMASAVE

On Behalf of Athens Pharmasave

Merry
CHRISTMAS to you and
 your family!

FREE DELIVERY AVAILABLE

16 MAIN ST. E., ATHENS, ON Mon-Fri: 9am-5:30pm
 P: 613.924.2070 F: 613.924.6133 Sat: 9am-1pm
 fsathenspharmasave@gmail.com Sun: Closed

Propane

LEVAC

Propane Inc.

We Specialize in Propane Gas Delivery to Residential, Cottage, Agricultural and Commercial Properties.

Adam Ferguson - Territory Manager
 613-544-3335 • 877-544-3335
adam@propanelevac.com
 Servicing: Brockville/Prescott/Gananoque & Area

FOR SALE
BURTHUDSON
 924-9141
 ATHENS

Merry Christmas
 and
 Happy New Year

*Area
 Real Estate
 Service for over
 40 Years!*

Justin Hudson
 Broker of Record
 10 Main Street East
 Athens, ON
 613-924-9141
burthudson.com
justin@burthudson.com

Felicia Claire O'Hara

- Criminal Law
- Highway Traffic Act
- Provincial Offences

Ms. O'Hara will bring to her clients the unique perspective gained while working as an Assistant Crown Attorney and is extremely enthusiastic and dedicated to all her clients.

OUR NEW LOCATION:
 22 Courthouse Avenue, Brockville
 TEL: 613-342-5552 • feliciat@bellnet.ca

**Living
 HERE**

Contact Us to Advertise in the
 Feb/Mar Issue
 Book by Jan. 17th

.....

Contact Us at 613.342.0428
jmarsh46@bell.net

ATHENSHARDWARE
 KITCHENS - FLOORING - WINDOWS - RENOVATIONS

~ COUNTRY LIVING ~
UNIQUE GIFTS
&
THINGS YOU GOTTA HAVE
*The perfect gift for anyone
 who loves the outdoors*

18 Main Street Athens | 613-924-2228 | www.athenshardware.ca
 ~ Open 7 Days A Week! ~

VISIT OUR NEW LOCATION IN
 PRESCOTT

Dr. James A. Holmes
 OPTOMETRIST
 Glasses ~ Contacts
 Low Vision Aids ~ Eye Exams
www.drholmes.ca

270 Edward St., Prescott, ON
 613-925-5186



One of Marilyn's largest collections is her display of Christmas Santas, elves and reindeer.

CHERISHED CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

By: Sally Smid

"I never quit growing up and I don't intend to," commented Marilyn Irish, as she led me on a tour of her extensive and cherished collections, which fill her home near Greenbush. A retired teacher, Marilyn has been collecting since she was in high school. Today she still has four dolls from that original collection. She notes that her doll collection includes very few male dolls or any with dark or green eyes. She has gathered many items from yard sales, thrift stores and auctions. Many friends have gifted her with items as well, helping her huge collections to grow over the years. It seems she found so many of the collections especially helpful when she was teaching. "Kids really learn the best when they have hands on items," she explained, "and when I was excited about bringing in a collection bin, they became more motivated and interested as well!"

Perhaps her most cherished items are those from her family. Her parents were Clinton and Frances Bennett. They ran the Rocksprings store for many years, where she and her brother grew up. Marilyn now has quite a bit of family memorabilia, which includes; 32 family photo albums, as well as boxes of information about 6 related

families. She has shelves, bins, and cabinets of themed collectibles, which even overflow into her barn. The avid collector is thrilled to be able to share with others. She also lends her collections to local libraries as exhibits upon occasion.

Her collections include; dolls, sailors, fiddlers, dancers, bears, hens, elephants, horses, shoes, teapots and much more. She often has to refurbish such items

and has collections of buttons, thread and materials to do just that. Many of her collectibles are handmade and many have very interesting stories. She has a small doll that was found in a garden in England, she also has one of the original Cabbage Patch Dolls. Her interest in intricate detail in each item is amazing!

Perhaps her most favourite time of the year has to be Christmas, which gives her a chance to display her large variety of holiday collectibles. Many of her dolls can even be dressed in Christmas clothing. She has a large tree and many related collections, which include; a lighted Christmas village, as well as a large variety of Santas, elves, reindeer, and more. Her most prized Christmas item is probably the doll that was given to her when she was just 12 years old with a note that said, "This is your last doll. From Santa. Merry Christmas!" It is not surprising that this former teacher has a large collection of 84 Christmas books as well. Her large group of angels also suggest a Christmas theme. She has boxes of a wide variety of nativity scenes, which of course convey the holiday's true meaning.

Marilyn refers to her hobby as "play time." Her excitement and joy in her cherished collections is quite contagious. She openly explains a scar from a traumatic dog bite that she received when she was one and a half years of age. She is also a cancer survivor, who truly appreciates that each day is a special gift. She finds childlike joy in the simple things. Marilyn also has a way of allowing her enthusiasm for her collections and for life to overflow onto others, and really, isn't that a lot of what the spirit of Christmas is all about? [LH](#)



Christmas collections
4-Angel



L: Demonstrating a “foot roller” – a special device that allows a patient to exercise the knees and keep them flexible without having to put any weight on them. Simple but ingenious, it helps promote healing when a patient truly needs it.

R: Ken Stewart with just some of the wide range of medical equipment available to be loaned to people in the greater Gananoque area.

GANANOQUE LOAN CUPBOARD BRIGHTENS LIVES YEAR ROUND

By Lorraine Payette

For years, the people of Gananoque have been able to rely on Ken Stewart to help them out in times of emergency. Whether suffering from a broken leg, hip replacement, or other condition requiring short term use of specialized mobility equipment, or if there are people coming in from another area who need the use of items for a few days or weeks, just talk to him. He'll see to it that you have the loan of whatever you need, from wheelchairs and walkers through commodes and hospital beds.

As long as you return it, it won't cost a cent.

Stewart is in charge of the Gananoque Loan Cupboard, collecting and distributing all kinds of care equipment for those who need it. Supplies and equipment are donated by numerous local agencies and businesses, and others are second hand and brought in by those who no longer need them. About

90 per cent of their available equipment has been donated.

“Costs can be very high,” said Stewart. “A pair of batteries for an electric scooter can run \$500. Local organizations have helped us with cash donations that keep these running.”

“A few years ago, someone called. She had received a new electric lift chair with no batteries that she wanted to donate. Since then, she injured herself and needed it back. We were more than happy to do that for her.”

The project started back in the 1970s when they were working with the Red Cross Loan Cupboard. Carveth also had a service. Stewart gradually took it over and has been working at it ever since.

There is no time limit on the use of loaned material. Items like beds and wheelchairs can stay out on loan for years. When people are limited for funds, the Loan Cupboard can help them get the equipment they need for the length of time they need it.

Over time the Loan Cupboard has been in a number of locations as buildings were sold or repurposed.

“We met with Town Council and explained our need for a permanent location,” said Stewart. “They came up with a grant where they provided two 40’ trailers placed on Town property at 665 Charles Street and we’ve worked hand-in-hand to help each other out. We have also been blessed with Dan Hicks of Eastern Marine, who has provided us with a spot that is properly ventilated and can handle large items. This way we can avoid mildew and other problems to keep everything at the best possible quality.”

Although much of the equipment is donated, what has to be purchased is expensive, and everything must be maintained and bills need to be paid.

“People come from Seeley’s Bay, Athens, Lansdowne, all over, to help and to donate,” said Stewart. “They know they can come here in a time of need to get whatever we have to make it better.”

The regular volunteers, people who will be there whenever help is required, make a lot of difference. Whether it’s something simple, like tightening a bolt or replacing a mattress or cushion, on up to complex repairs to motors, wiring, or even structural inspections to make sure that everything is safe and working properly, these are the people who know how to perform these tasks and are very much in demand and appreciated.

Many who benefit from the use of Loan Cupboard equipment go on to become donors and volunteers. Stewart is always amazed and grateful for the response.

“At this time of year, I especially want to say thank you,” he said. “We all benefit when we work together.” **LH**

For more information on borrowing, donating, volunteering, etc., please Call 613-382-7601.



2018
SEASON

CANADA'S
DOCKSIDE
THEATRE

GIFT CERTIFICATES SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS PATRON MEMBERSHIPS

*There's a gift for **EVERYONE**
on your list*

ORDER NOW: 613-382-7020 | www.1000islandsplayhouse.com

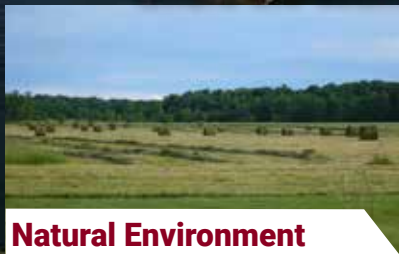
Moving Forward Together

Strengthening our Economy and Community



Township of
**Leeds and the
Thousand Islands**

A friendly and historic rural community surrounded by natural beauty
where the economy, nature and our people flourish together.



Natural Environment



Community Development



Sustainable Economy

www.leeds1000islands.ca | 613-659-2415 | 1-866-220-2327



*Merry Christmas
& Happy Holidays
from Our Family to Yours.*



Uncle Buck's News

BROCKVILLE / PRESCOTT / GANANOQUE & AREA

Living
HERE

BROCKVILLE • PRESCOTT • GANANOQUE

Jon Marshall (Publisher) Catherine Heritage (Editor)
Writers: Lorraine Payette, Sally Smid, Russ Disotell,
Joan Rupert-Bankley, Lisa Oranball & Jonathan Vickers