



101 Things To Do in the Valley

DECEMBER-CHRISTMAS ISSUE

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All Season

NUMBER 1

Ski & Snowboard for Less

Great deals at Mount Pakenham. Mondays: \$25 lift tickets all day 9:00am-4:00pm. Tuesdays: 2-for-1 lift tickets 9:00am-10:00pm. Red Fridays: 50% lifts and rentals for all military personnel and immediate family from 9:00am-10:00pm. Saturday Nights: 2-for-1 lift tickets and rentals 4:00pm-10:00pm. (Plus HST. Holidays exempt.) Phone: 613-624-5290

www.mountpakenham.com

NUMBER 2

OFSC Snowmobile Permits

For the snowmobiler on your list, purchase an Ontario snowmobile trails permit. All permits are purchased online. Seasonal, classic and multi-day visitor permits available.

permits.ofsc.on.ca

NUMBER 3

Downtown Pembroke

Celebrate the holidays with friends at one of your favourite Downtown Pembroke eateries. Make it a holiday dinner or a lunch to catch up with friends over the season. Plenty of options for every taste!

www.downtownpembroke.ca

NUMBER 4

Madonna House Gift Shop

Find great gifts while supporting the poor. Our Gift Shop features unique handcrafted jewelry, candles, and pottery, wool items, as well as fine jewelry, religious items, clocks, and other antiques. Visit our Christmas Shop for seasonal delights. Open 2:00pm-5:00pm, Thursdays to Saturdays until Christmas.

Phone: 613-756-3713

www.madonnahouse.org

NUMBER 5

Antiques, Treasures & Treats

We become a Christmas shop every November and December! Stocking stuffers. Custom or off-the-shelf gift baskets. Gourmet, chocolate and nuts. Decorations and ornaments. Gift ideas! Cigars, pipe tobaccos and accessories. Open every day in December! Visit us in Arnprior. (Not downtown. Follow Madawaska until it turns into Elgin). 260 Elgin Street West, Arnprior www.antiquesandtreats.com

NUMBER 6

John Yakabuski, MPP

Winter is a great time in the Ottawa Valley with all the wonderful spots to visit and activities to take part in. Welcome from John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke. Feel free to call or drop into my office at 84 Isabella Street in Pembroke if I can be of assistance.

Phone: 613-735-6627

john.yakabuski@pc.ola.org

NUMBER 7

M&R Feeds

Need a few last minute items on your shopping list? Stop into M&R Feeds in Pembroke, Micksburg and Shawville for that farmer on your list. Stocking stuffers or main gifts.

www.mandrfeeds.com

NUMBER 8

Mount Pakenham

The only resort to offer night skiing in Eastern Ontario! Open daily and Tuesday to Saturday evenings. Located just south of Arnprior and west of Ottawa. We offer "Learn to Ski or Snowboard" Packages for all ages! Terrain Park, x-country skiing, tubing, and snowshoeing! Lessons and rentals available.

Phone: 613-624-5290

www.mountpakenham.com

NUMBER 9

Pontiac Tourism

Top 10 Pontiac things to do this winter: 1) snowmobiling, 2) gourmet eating, 3) star-gazing, 4) hiking through an illuminated waterfall, 5) shopping, 6) ice-fishing, 7) sleigh-riding, 8) cross-country skiing, 9) down-hill skiing, 10) warming up by a fire-side. Visit the Pontiac and discover so much more!

#pontiacnature

Phone: 1-800-665-5217

www.tourisme-pontiac.com

NUMBER 10

Christmas Greetings

Travel Our Backyard and 101 Things to Do in the Valley extend season's greetings to our readers - local and guests - during the holiday. We hope you will find time to do some of the awesome things in this area over the holidays and all winter long.

travel@travelourbackyard.com

www.travelourbackyard.com

NUMBER 11

Real Wool Shop

Visit us for a unique shopping experience housed in the beautiful historic CPR building! We carry a variety of specialty wool, alpaca and sheepskin products, yarns, roving's and knitting supplies as well as the latest fashions for men, women, babies and much more! Open 7 days a week. On Facebook.

Phone: 613-257-2714

www.realwoolshop.ca

NUMBER 12

Shaw Woods

Take a snowshoe hike at Shaw Woods amongst one of eastern Canada's premier examples of an old growth maple/beech/hemlock forest. Carefully protected for generations.

Find us on Facebook

www.shawwoods.ca

NUMBER 13

Hugli's Blueberry Ranch & Country Gift Store

Cut your own Christmas tree experience. It includes a festive wagon ride to the tree plantation and complimentary cup of hot chocolate or apple cider. \$35 +HST per tree. Weekends until December 18th from 11:00am-4:00pm. Fresh cut trees also available 7 days per week. Visit the gift store for fresh fudge, baking and unique gifts. 2139 Greenwood Road www.blueberryranch.ca

NUMBER 14

Johnston & Mackie

The snow is here so make sure you're snowmobile is insured. Check with us about insurance for ATVs and home and auto policies. Did you know there could be discounts for snow tires? Local brokers licensed in Ontario and Quebec.

Phone: 613-735-1046

insure@jmackie.com

NUMBER 15

Square Dancing

Burn off those extra holiday calories and learn to square dance with the Swinging Swallows. Thursdays at 7:00pm at Wesley United Church, 275 Pembroke Street East in Pembroke. Call for more information.

Phone: 613-628-9777

www.getupanddance.ca

NUMBER 16

OVJobs

Do you know someone who wants a different job? Maybe they're looking to move back to the Valley to be closer to family? Send them to us - your best bet for local jobs throughout the region. Like us on Facebook to see jobs in your news feed.

www.facebook.com/ovjobs

www.ovjobs.ca

NUMBER 17**Grants Available**

The Pembroke Petawawa District Community Foundation (PPDCF) is very excited to be part of the Community Foundation of Canada's (CFC) 150 Fund. PPDCF and CFC will provide \$20,000 to local projects celebrating Canada's 150th birthday. The applications period is now open and closes January 15, 2017.

foundation@givingthatgrows.com
www.givingthatgrows.com

NUMBER 18**Local Gift Ideas**

Gift ideas abound in Downtown Pembroke! Choose from any of our unique shops and services for those hard-to-buy people on your list. Gift cards, certificate and presents to wrap for under the tree. Make sure that Downtown is on your list.

www.downtownpembroke.ca

NUMBER 19**Hokum Lumber**

As we bring to a close our 60th anniversary, the staff and management of Hokum Lumber would like to extend best wishes to our forestry community on a happy and healthy holiday season. May you find time for family and friends throughout Christmas and all year long.

www.benhokum.com

NUMBER 20**Fire Safety Reminder**

Layman Fire & Safety reminds you to have a safe holiday season by making sure your smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are working properly. Take an extra moment to ensure you are not overloading outlets, and that your fireplace fires are out when you go to bed.

Phone: 613-735-5320

www.laymanfireandsafety.com

NUMBER 21**2017 Publishing Dates**

Six editions of 101 Things to Do in the Valley are planned for 2017 with editions in: January-February, March-April, May-June, July-August, September-October and November-December. Subscribe for free and we will email the list right to your inbox. You can also post a listing with us for just \$25 + HST or 5 for \$100 + HST.

Phone: 613-732-7774

travel@travelourbackyard.com

NUMBER 22**Wedding Guide**

Are you planning on getting engaged this season? Well if you do, be sure to pick up Downtown Pembroke's Wedding Guide! The Guide is free at various locations and you can download it from our website too! Packed full of things you need to know about getting married.

facebook.com/downtownpembroke
www.downtownpembroke.ca

NUMBER 23**Crimestoppers Calendar**

Pembroke/Renfrew County Crime Stoppers 10th annual cash calendar. \$20 each and include a ticket with the chance to win daily cash prizes from \$25 to \$1,000. \$12,825 in cash will be given away. Only 2,500 calendars printed. For more information on where you can purchase calendars please contact Beth Ethier at 613-732-3332 or Janice Sawbridge at 613-432-3211.

www.valleytips.ca

NUMBER 24**Ottawa Valley Business**

Subscribe for free to Ottawa Valley Business - the region's source for business news and information. Information on tenders and results, events, workshops, marketing, people on the move and more.

admin@ovbusiness.com

www.ovbusiness.com

NUMBER 25**Conway's Pharmacy**

When it comes to winter, don't let a cold or flu get in the way of enjoying these awesome months! Visit Conway's Pharmacy in Petawawa, Eganville or Cobden for your cold and flu prevention needs. Ask our pharmacists what they would recommend and be prepared for colder temps.

www.conwayspharmacy.ca

NUMBER 26**Christmas Gift Idea**

Give someone you care about a subscription to Health Matters magazine. Only \$20 and all three 2017 issues will be delivered right to their mailbox. Health Matters is a 100 per cent local health magazine with experts that are easily accessible. This is a great gift that supports local businesses. Mastercard, Visa, EFT and cheques accepted.

Phone: 613-732-7774

behealthy@ovhealth.ca

November Events**NUMBER 27****November 25-26, 2016**

Downtown Pembroke Shop the Neighbourhood. If you shop at three different participating businesses, you will be entered into a draw to win \$50 Downtown dollars! Horse-drawn wagon rides on November 26th (1:00pm-4:00pm). Grab dinner and then stay for the Parade of Lights! facebook.com/downtownpembroke
www.downtownpembroke.ca

NUMBER 28**November 26, 2016**

The Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards invites the community to the Tree of Peace tree-lighting event. 6:00pm outside the municipal office in Killaloe. Free ornament crafting and cookie decorating, festive music, free hotdogs as well as coffee and hot chocolate. Donations will be accepted for the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation.

Phone: 613-757-2300

www.killaloe-hagarty-richards.com

NUMBER 29**November 26, 2016**

6th Annual Pine Lodge Christmas Market. 10:00am-4:00pm. With over fifty crafters, artisans, bakers and vendors this Christmas market is sure to help you cross a lot of people off your list. Come and shop in the most festive show around! 6 Pine Lodge Road, Bristol, Quebec.

Phone: 819-647-2805

www.facebook.com/pinelodgers

NUMBER 30**November 26, 2016**

Cobden Santa Claus Parade. 1:30pm. Features the Renfrew Pipe Band. Bring items for the food bank. After the parade, Santa will be at the Whitewater Community Hall.

NUMBER 31**November 26, 2016**

Watch the Bay Blades as they take the ice with Billy Bridges and Tyler McGregor from the men's national sledge hockey team. Invite your family and friends to come and watch! Autographs and photos in the lobby. 6:00pm-8:00pm. Paul J. Yakabuski Arena.

65 Arena Road, Barry's Bay

Phone: 613-756-2075

NUMBER 32**November 26, 2016**

City of Pembroke Santa Claus Parade of Lights. 5:30pm. Join the City as jolly old St. Nick makes his way through our historic Downtown Pembroke.
www.pembroke.ca

NUMBER 33**November 26, 2016**

Valour School Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair. 10:00am-4:00pm. Money raised helps fund Valour student trip to New York City.
www.facebook.com/kanc21

NUMBER 34**November 26, 2016**

St. Barnabas Holly Tea & Bazaar. 1:30pm-4:00pm. Deli table loaded with home-baked beans, meat pies, meatballs, lasagna and more. Bake table has pies, bread, buns, cookies, candy, fudge, jams, jellies and pickles. Stay for a selection of dainty sandwiches, sweets, tea and coffee, for \$8.00. Phone: 613-584-4462

murray.wright@gmail.com

NUMBER 35**November 26, 2016**

Christian Whelan at Whitewater Brewing Company. 7:00pm. Another chance to enjoy live music at one of the Valley's newest hot spots. Come for craft beer and great food.

22 Fletcher Road, Foresters Falls

NUMBER 36**November 26, 2016**

St. Mary's Craft Sale in Wilno. Held at the St. Mary's Parish Hall. 9:30am-2:00pm. Craft booths, baked goods and canteen specials. Santa's elf will be on hand to help children write a letter to Santa.

NUMBER 37**November 27, 2016**

Pembroke Symphony Orchestra Christmas Special. Festival Hall in Pembroke. 7:30pm-10:30pm. Featuring special guests: Petawawa Military Wives Choir and MPP John Yakabuski as the Narrator. Tickets online or at Festival Hall.
www.festhall.com

NUMBER 38**November 27, 2016**

Hope For The Holidays Memorial Event. 1:00pm-3:00pm. How to get through the holiday season when you are coping with the loss of a loved one. Opeongo Seniors Centre in Barry's Bay. Phone: 613-756-3045 ext.350

NUMBER 39**November 28, 2016**

Miramichi Lodge dementia care family support group. Facilitated by a volunteer experienced with similar care giving challenges and the Alzheimer Society.

1:30pm-3:30pm.

Phone: 613-735-0175 Ext. 111

NUMBER 40**November 29, 2016**

VR Story Time at the Laurentian Hills Library. 10:45am-11:30am.

Themed story time with interactive VR experiences. Point Alexander Branch. This Month's theme is "Aquarium."

34465 Highway 17, Deep River
facebook.com/laurentianhillslibrary

NUMBER 41**November 29, 2016**

Blood Donor Clinic at Renfrew Legion Branch 148 in Renfrew. The most common blood type in Canada is O positive (O+), about 39 per cent of the population has it, which is why we have the greatest need for type O blood.

Book your time to donate blood online at www.blood.ca

NUMBER 42**November 29, 2016**

Join us at Pembroke Public Library for the launching of the book: *If Dogs Could Talk: Love Joy and Tears*, by Patricia Costey-Henry. 6:30pm.

237 Victoria Street, Pembroke
www.pembroke.library.ca

NUMBER 43**November 29, 2016**

Today is Giving Tuesday! Take a moment to give to your favourite charity or cause, either with a financial donation or giving of your time. For ideas, see www.ovbusiness.com and "Click here for the latest issue."

www.ovbusiness.com**NUMBER 44****November 30, 2016**

County of Renfrew Business Bistro. 6:00pm-9:00pm. The Courtyard Bistro in Downtown Pembroke. Free to attend. Register in advance.

Phone: 613-735-0091

NUMBER 45**November 30, 2016**

The Petawawa Heritage Society & Village Annual General Meeting. Petawawa Civic Center (upstairs). 7:00pm. Come out and discover what heritage and culture is like in Petawawa. Lunch will be served.

December Events**NUMBER 46****December 1, 2016**

Petawawa Seniors Centre Christmas Tea. 11:30am-1:00pm. \$8 adults. \$4 children. Tea, coffee or juice and sandwiches, squares and more.

1163 Victoria Street, Petawawa

Phone: 613-687-6574

NUMBER 47**December 1-15, 2016**

Nominate a house in the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards that has made a special effort to brighten the season with their outside decorations as part of our Holiday House Decorating Contest! Winners will be chosen December 15th and announced December 20th. Prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$100 for the winning homeowners.

Phone: 613-757-2300

www.killaloe-hagarty-richards.com**NUMBER 48****December 1-15, 2016**

Nominate a business in the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards for their Christmas spirit as part of the Business Christmas Cheer Contest! Business owners and the public can upload a photo (inside or outside) of the business to our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/NaturallySpiritedKillaloe-HagartyRichards for a chance to win \$250, \$150 or \$100. Winners chosen December 20th.

Phone: 613-757-2300

www.killaloe-hagarty-richards.com**NUMBER 49****December 2, 2016**

26th Annual Renfrew Victoria Hospital Tree of Lights. Join us on today in Low Square, Downtown Renfrew at 6:00pm for the annual tree lighting Ceremony to kick off the holiday season!

NUMBER 50**December 2-3, 2016**

Cobden Farmers' Christmas Market. Friday December 2nd (Noon-8:00pm) and Saturday December 3rd (9:00am-4:00pm). Over 100 vendors in three locations: Cobden Agricultural Hall; Farmers' Market building and Royal Canadian Legion. Bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank and receive a ballot to win great prizes.

www.cobdenfarmersmarket.ca**NUMBER 51****December 2-4 & 9-11, 2016**

Christmas in the forest family weekend. Get together this Christmas at the Canadian Ecology Centre. This weekend is filled with fun, holiday cheer and Santa! Activities and fun for children of all ages, accommodations and Christmas dinner! Celebrate with us this holiday season! \$35 for the day. Overnight packages starting at \$250.

Phone: 705-744-1715

www.canadianecology.ca**NUMBER 52****December 3, 2016**

Festival of Lights at Chutes Coulonge. If you haven't seen it, make a point to go this year. \$10 per person or \$32 for family of four. Children 5-12 get in for \$6. Over 7,000 lights and lasers, bonfire, displays, and snacks. More dates (keep reading!)

Phone: 1-888-683-2770

info@chutescoulonge.qc.ca**NUMBER 53****December 3, 2016**

Killaloe Farmers' Market Christmas Market. 10:00am-2:00pm. Handcrafted gifts, holiday decorations, baked goods and local food. Killaloe Lions Hall.

18 Lake Street, Killaloe

facebook.com/KillaloeFarmersMarket**NUMBER 54****December 3, 2016**

St. Paul's Anglican Church Christmas Tea & Bazaar. \$7 tickets. 2:00pm-4:00pm. 530 Main Street, Shawville

parishofclarendon@gmail.com**NUMBER 55****December 3, 2016**

Annual Christmas Bake and Craft Sale at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. 10:00am-2:00pm. Purchase your homemade Christmas gifts or baked goods along with the chance to win one of our many Christmas baskets. Stay for lunch and enjoy homemade soup, buns, dessert, coffee and tea for only \$7.

80 Daniel Street North, Arnprior

NUMBER 56**December 3, 2016**

Brudenell Lyndoch and Raglan Township Christmas Craft and Bake Sale. 9:00am-3:00pm. Palmer Rapids Recreation Centre. Vendors, baked goods, snack and lunch available. 42 Burnt Bridge Road in Palmer Rapids. Phone: 613-758-1248

NUMBER 57**December 3, 2016**

Sherwood Christmas Craft Sale. 9:00am-1:00pm. Unique, locally crafted items, warm lunch available, hot chocolate, coffee and yummy treats! 50/50 draw, a raffle with great prizes and fun for the kids!

Madawaska Valley DHS
31 John Street, Barry's Bay

NUMBER 58**December 3, 2016**

Christmas craft, vendor and bake sale. 9:00am-3:00pm. St. James Parish Hall, Portage du Fort, Quebec. Serving lunch, silent auction, 50/50 draw, free gift for first 25 women customers.

23 Nelson Street, CP 89

Portage-du-Fort, Quebec

NUMBER 59**December 3, 2016**

The Renfrew Lions Club Santa Claus Parade. This year's theme is "Your Super Hero." The Parade starts at 1:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima School and ends at the Renfrew Armouries, where hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served to the children and the float participants.

RandyGodin@hotmail.com**NUMBER 60****December 3, 2016**

OFSC Driving Training Course. For those 12 years of age or older without a valid driver's licence. \$40. Course runs 9:00am to Noon. Register with Linda Jackson.

Phone: 613-646-7736

lackson4508@yahoo.ca**NUMBER 61****December 4, 2016**

Alice & Fraser Recreation Association Children's Christmas Party. Children can walk around and visit with all the animals from Waddles 'N' Wags. Santa makes a special visit at 2:30pm. Entry is free but please bring a food bank donation. Please confirm attendance.

cmanning1248@gmail.com

Search event on Facebook

NUMBER 62**December 4, 2016**

Christmas Bazaar at the Arnprior Legion. 10:00am to 3:00pm. Supporting the upcoming trip the Army Cadets who will be attending Vimy Ridge in April 2017. 49 Daniel Street North, Arnprior

Phone: 613-623-4722

NUMBER 63**December 4, 2016**

Christmas Concert - Pembroke Community Choir. Hallelujah! Begin the Christmas season with beautiful choral music. Our 80-voice choir performs "Christmas with the Classics" at 7:00pm at Calvin United Church, Pembroke. Advance tickets \$15 or \$18 at the door. Children 13 and under free. Tickets available from choir members, at Pembroke Mall office, and Kevin's Flowers, Petawawa.

NUMBER 64**December 5, 2016**

Renfrew County National Farmers Union Meeting. First Monday of every month. Barr Line Community Centre, Cobden. 7:30pm. All welcome. Contact Tony Straathof 613-587-4343 or renfu330@gmail.com

NUMBER 65**December 5, 2016**

The Training and Learning Centre invites the public to their Christmas Open House. 1:00pm-3:00pm. Held at their location, 22 Bridge Street in Eganville. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 613-628-1720
www.trainingandlearningcentre.ca

NUMBER 66**December 6, 2016**

A Taste of Meditation. Free introductory class. 6:45pm-7:45pm. Instructors: Madhura and Vasistha Ishaya. Clear your mind, relieve stress and promote inner peace. Ages 15 and up. Held at the Pembroke Public Library. All are welcome. 237 Victoria Street, Pembroke
www.pembrokepubliclibrary.ca

NUMBER 67**December 6, 2016**

Speech and Language Workshop. Hosted by The Parents' Voice - Shawville Area. 6:30pm-7:30pm. Topics such as language and speech sound development milestones from birth to late childhood, the different types of speech and language difficulties which are most common in children, an overview of the communication skills which are important for children to succeed in their home and school environments, and ideas for stimulating speech and language development with your child. Dr. S.E. McDowell School 89 Rue Centre, Shawville

NUMBER 68**December 6, 2016**

Accepting new recruits. 6:30pm at the Pembroke Armoury. Bring your birth certificate or passport, health card and a parent or legal guardian to complete your registration. Check out our website for more information.
www.2677cadets.ca

NUMBER 69**December 7, 2016**

Deep River Community Association annual general meeting. 7:30pm. Deep River Library program room.
Phone: 613-584-4161
drevents@magma.ca

NUMBER 70**December 8, 2016**

Killaloe Public Library Holiday Open House. 6:00pm-8:00pm. OK Chorale choir, Barry Goldie and Lee Lafonte holiday readings and homemade refreshments. Silent auction and option to purchase gently used DVDs and books.
Phone: 613-757-2211
info@killaloe.library.ca

NUMBER 71**December 9, 2016**

Final day to book into the first Health Matters issue of the new year! If you are a health business, here is a great spot to attract new clients. If you are an organization, promote for volunteers and donors. Talk to us about how you can be part of Health Matters.
Phone: 613-732-7774
behealthy@ovhealth.ca

NUMBER 72**December 9, 2016**

Renfrew County Soil and Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting. Galbraith Room, Renfrew Armouries. 10:30am. For more information contact Jennifer Doelman.
Phone: 613-570-0677
bds@totalcropcare.com

NUMBER 73**December 9-10, 2016**

Festival of Lights at Chutes Coulonge. If you haven't seen it, make a point to go this year. Admission is \$10 per person or \$32 for family of four. Children 5-12 get in for \$6. Over 7,000 lights and lasers, bonfire, displays, and snacks. More dates in December (keep reading!)
Phone: 1-888-683-2770
info@chutescoulonge.qc.ca

NUMBER 74**December 10, 2016**

Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Santa Claus Parade! Plenty of floats plus the St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus is serving a hotdog and a hot chocolate for just \$2! A great community day.
www.khrtownship.ca

NUMBER 75**December 10, 2016**

Snowmobile Driver Training. Calabogie and District Snowmobile Club will be holding a snowmobile driver training course Saturday the 10th of December. Snowmobile drivers must be 12 years or older on or before the training date to qualify for an Ontario driver's license. Registration can be made by contacting 613-717-2643, or check out the Calabogie and District Snowmobile Club Facebook page for details of this and other upcoming snowmobile club events.

NUMBER 76**December 10, 2016**

Christmas Craft Show at the Horton Community Centre. 9:00am-5:00pm. Free admission. 1005 Castleford Road, Renfrew

NUMBER 77**December 10, 2016**

St. Andrew's School Craft Fair. 10:00am-3:00pm. Sewing, knitting, wood, candles, stained glass, tole painting, quilts and more. Food and drinks available. St. Andrew's Church Hall in Killaloe.

141 Queen Street, Killaloe

NUMBER 78**December 10, 2016**

Pembroke Symphony Orchestra Christmas Special. Festival Hall in Pembroke. 7:30pm-10:30pm. Featuring special guests: Petawawa Military Wives Choir and MPP John Yakabuski as the Narrator. Tickets online or at Festival Hall.
www.festhall.com

NUMBER 79**December 10-12, 2016**

The 2016 Singing Christmas Tree. Feature presentations: December 10-12 at 7:00pm; December 11 at 2:00pm. Free admission. Please bring a non perishable food item for the food bank. Located at corner of Highway 17 and 41.
Phone: 613-732-9721
www.pptchurch.com

NUMBER 80**December 11, 2016**

Christmas Cantata Concert & Carol Sing. "Christmas is a Birthday," a Christmas Musical presented by St. Andrew's United Church Choir and guests along with the St. Andrew's Sunday School children. Beachburg United Church. 2:00pm. Free will offering for local food banks. Refreshments served.
Phone: 613-582-3441.

NUMBER 81**December 12, 2016**

Enjoy a live reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" from start to finish. 12:30pm-3:30pm at the Pembroke Public Library. Curl up on a winter's afternoon with a cup of wassail, Ebenezer Scrooge and his ghostly visitors. A true holiday treat!
237 Victoria Street, Pembroke
www.pembrokepubliclibrary.ca

NUMBER 82**December 12, 2016**

Deadline to book into our January-February 2017 edition of 101 Things to Do in the Valley. Issue publishes December 15th. Looking for events in January and February and early March for this issue. Kicking off Canada's 150th birthday, Valentine's Day, winter sports and entertainment and more. \$25 per listing. 5 listings for \$100.
Phone: 613-732-7774
travel@travellourbackyard.com

NUMBER 83**December 16, 2016**

Celebrate the longest night of the year by dressing up in Christmas lights and your best Solstice costume and walk or run the streets of Arnprior! Donations accepted for the food bank. Celebratory dinner and hot chocolate for all. Prizes for best costumes. Christmas carols. \$25 per participant. \$60 per family.
Phone: 613-623-4242 ext. 21
www.galileecentre.com

NUMBER 84**December 16, 2016**

Arnprior Optimist Free Skate. Nick Smith Centre. 6:00pm-9:00pm. Enjoy free skating along with Christmas music, free Hot chocolate and free popcorn (while supplies last)! Bring the whole family and enjoy a skate together - a great Ottawa Valley tradition.
77 James Street, Arnprior

NUMBER 85**December 16-17, 2016**

Festival of Lights at Chutes Coulonge. If you haven't seen it, make a point to go this year. Admission is \$10 per person or \$32 for family of four. Children 5-12 get in for \$6. Over 7,000 lights and lasers, bonfire, displays, and snacks. More dates in December (keep reading!)

Phone: 1-888-683-2770

info@chutescoulonge.qc.ca

NUMBER 86**December 16-30, 2016**

Holiday accommodations special at the Canadian Ecology Centre! Stay a minimum of 2 nights in our modern accommodations and save \$50 per night off our regular rate of \$138! Includes access to shared use dining cabin for meal prep. Snowshoes available depending on conditions.

Phone: 705-744-1715

www.canadianecology.ca

NUMBER 87**December 17, 2016**

Community Christmas Party at the Paul J. Yakabuski Centre in Barry's Bay. Cocktails at 5:30pm. Dinner at 6:30pm by The Ash Grove Inn. Live entertainment to follow by Sidewinder. \$30 each. Get tickets now as event sells out annually.

Phone: 613-756-2747

gdombroski@madawaskavalley.ca

NUMBER 88**December 17, 2016**

Holiday Art Carnival at A Place for the Arts! Starting at 2:00pm. A day filled with warm drinks, festivities, music and merriment! Artists and craft booths, carnival games, musical interlude and more. Prizes to be won. Caffeinated and non-caffeinated drinks, mulled apple cider and spiked eggnog. All by donation.

23 Bridge Street West, Bancroft
Phone: 613-332-7085**NUMBER 89****December 18, 2016**

Galilee Centre presents a Christmas fundraiser event: Dickens & Dinner. 3:00pm. A reading of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" followed by a Dickensian-inspired dinner at 5:00pm. Dressing in Dickens attire is welcome. Tickets available at Galilee Centre. \$40 adults and \$25 children age 12 and under.

Phone: 613-623-4242

www.galileecentre.com

NUMBER 90**December 26-30, 2016**

Festival of Lights at Chutes Coulonge. If you haven't seen it, make a point to go this year. \$10 per person or \$32 for family of four. Children 5-12 get in for \$6. Over 7,000 lights and lasers, bonfire, displays, and snacks.

Phone: 1-888-683-2770

info@chutescoulonge.qc.ca

NUMBER 91**December 27, 2016**

Blood Donor Clinic at the Paul J. Yakabuski Community Centre in Barry's Bay. Every donation saves seven lives. Book your appointment at: www.blood.ca

NUMBER 92**December 31, 2016**

Come to Spruceholme Inn to ring in the New Year! With live music by Eli and the Scramblers, and with special guests Me & Him. A party you won't want to miss! \$60 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, four-course dinner and champagne at midnight.

6:30pm-2:00am.

Phone: 819-683-5635

www.spruceholmeinn.com

NUMBER 93**December 31, 2016**

Family's First New Year's Celebration. Join us for a family friendly celebration and reconnect with nature. Overnight accommodation packages starting at \$201.60.

Phone: 705-744-1715

www.canadianecology.ca

New Year Events**NUMBER 94****December 31, 2016****January 1, 2017**

Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour Free weekend of events for the whole family. Live broadcast of the Sens vs. Caps game. Activities, fireworks, skating, interactive displays and so much more! December 31st and January 1st at the Petawawa Civic Centre. 16 Civic Centre Road, Petawawa

www.petawawa.ca

NUMBER 95**January 1, 2017**

Deadline to submit comments on the CP Rail Corridor. Comments can be submitted by email to: ovr@countyofrenfrew.on.ca. Written forms also available at the County of Renfrew.

ovr@countyofrenfrew.on.ca.

NUMBER 96**January 2, 2017**

Start off the New Year by giving the gift of life at the Blood Donor Clinic at the Royal Canadian Legion in Eganville. Every donation saves seven lives. Book your appointment in advance

online at: www.blood.ca

NUMBER 97**January 14, 2017**

It's time for the Old Sled Show. 10:00am-4:00pm. Held at the Eganville Snodrifters Clubhouse. Admission is \$5 per person but admission is free with a show sled. This is the biggest old sled show in Ontario! Featuring an old snowmobile show and shine and a swap section (buy and sell parts and sleds). Be a vendor and book a swap spaces for \$10.

Grounds open at 8:00am.

www.oldsledheads.com

NUMBER 98**January 17th & 19th, 2017**

Adult Breakaways and Night Owls ski/snowboard program at Mount Pakenham. Both run for 8 consecutive weeks. Breakaways is an afternoon 90-minute lesson starting Tuesday, January 17th at 1:30pm. Our popular Night Owls program is a 60-minute evening lesson starting Thursday, January 19th at 8:00pm. Both allow for après-ski socializing in the lounge!

Phone: 613-624-5290

www.mountpakenham.com

NUMBER 99**January 28, 2017**

The Renfrew County Junior Farmers is holding a banquet to celebrate over 100 years of Junior Farmers in Renfrew County. Cobden Agricultural Hall. Cocktails at 5:30pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Dance at 9:00pm. Current and alumni members are welcome. Tickets: \$30 for dinner and dance or \$10 for dance (at the door). Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, January 20.

Phone: 613-602-1619

NUMBER 100**February 28, 2017**

Ladies Day at Mount Pakenham! Join us 1:00pm-4:00pm for an exclusive opportunity to enhance your skiing/boarding skills in a fun, comfortable environment! Beginner to expert, this is for you! Reservations required.

Phone: 613-624-5290

www.mountpakenham.com

NUMBER 101**March 13-17, 2016**

Mount Pakenham March Break Costume Contest! With each day a new theme (Princess, Superhero, Halloween, Retro, Valley and more!) Just post your costumes on our Facebook Page for a chance to win prizes. Photos must be taken at Mount Pakenham Ski Resort. See Facebook page for details www.Facebook.com/MountPakenham

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January-February Edition
Deadline: December 12th
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March-April Edition
Deadline: February 13th
Publishes: February 16th

May-June Edition
Deadline: April 10th
Publishes: April 13th

July-August Edition
Deadline: June 12th
Publishes: June 15th

September-October Edition
Deadline: August 21st
Publishes: August 24th

November-December
Edition
Deadline: October 23rd
Publishes: October 26th

Each listing is \$25 + HST or
you can book 5 listings for
\$100 + HST.

Ideas For Listings:
Special Day (Valentine's, Easter, Mother's/Father's Day, Long Weekends, Canada Day, etc.; Canada's 150th events; sales and general shopping advertising; special events and festivals; customer appreciation notices or patronage "thank you"; and more.