



101 Things To Do in the Valley

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ISSUE

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All Season

NUMBER 1

General Fine Craft

Located in historic Almonte, Ontario, we exhibit 80+ outstanding artists from Ontario and Quebec. Expert makers in ceramics, glass, jewellery, woodworking, pewter, fiber art, painting and printmaking. In our back space gallery from November 7 until December 31: Play of Light: representational oil paintings by Jay Li. 63 Mill Street, Almonte. generalfinecraft@gmail.com www.generalfinecraft.com

NUMBER 2

Valley Artisans Co-op

The Valley Artisans Co-op in Deep River has the best selection of Christmas gifts in the Valley! We carry the work of 40 local artists - unique fine art, pottery, woodworking, jewellery, fiber arts, leather work, photography, glasswork, soap and more. Open daily 10:00am to 5:30pm. Next to Deep River Outfitters. 33373 Highway 17 West, Deep River www.valleyartisans.com

NUMBER 3

Have a Fire Safe Holiday

Joel and Justin at Layman Fire & Safety wish the community a fire safe holiday season. Please check your smoke detectors and ensure your fire extinguishers are in working order as your home is busier than usual. Phone: 613-732-5320 joel@laymanfireandsafety.com

NUMBER 4

Robbie Dean Centre

If you need someone to talk to, call us or visit a walk-in clinic. We are open to the whole community. Services are 100% free. Phone: 613-629-4246 www.robbedeancentre.com

NUMBER 5

60th Anniversary

2018 marks our 60th anniversary at Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley and we are reaching out to the community for some help in celebrating! If you have a story to share about an experience with our organization, please let us know. We would also welcome committee volunteers. Contact Holly. Phone: 613-735-0659 ext.220 htennian@cluov.ca

NUMBER 6

Aviation Enthusiast?

Do you have an aviation enthusiast in your family? If so, we have a gift for you! Give a foot of runway at the Pembroke & Area Airport! \$250 gets your name on a foot, a photo and a tax receipt plus an invitation to the grand opening of the paved runway! Phone: 613-732-7774 marketing@flycyta.ca

NUMBER 7

Holiday Help

Do you need someone to run errands for you this busy holiday season? Maybe pick up the mail, prepare recycling, make a coffee run or weekly organizing. We have people looking for casual work that could fit your needs. Talk to us today. Phone: 613-735-0659 ext.220 htennian@cluov.ca

NUMBER 8

Planning for 2018?

If you like to plan your year in advance, ask for the 2018 calendar of advertising with Forward Thinking. We cover Health Matters magazine, Ottawa Valley Business, 101 Things to Do in the Valley and Travel Our Backyard magazine. admin@ovbusiness.com jenn@fwdthink.net

NUMBER 9

Hunting In the Pontiac

Hunting for the next great spot to track your trophy buck or bull? The outfitters in the Pontiac are setting up their blinds and tree stands and waiting for you! If you're looking for some of the best hunting grounds in the region, book your adventure with a Pontiac outfitter. Find a full list of outfitters online. Phone: 1-800-665-5217 www.tourisme-pontiac.com

NUMBER 10

Spirit of the Holidays

On behalf of all the businesses and organizations that make their home in Downtown Pembroke, we wish our customers a wonderful holiday season. We are grateful for a wonderful year in the Downtown and thankful for people who continue to support small businesses and local organizations. Best wishes in 2018. www.downtownpembroke.ca

NUMBER 11

Pontiac Adventure

Do you know there are plenty of hiking trails at the Patro Fort-Coulonge et Mansfield? Le Patro invites you to discover the outdoors...and it's free! A great family activity! For details, visit: www.lepatro.org. Phone: 1-800-665-5217 www.tourisme-pontiac.com

NUMBER 12

Christmas Gift Idea

Looking for a great stocking stuffer or Secret Santa gift? Mount Pakenham gift cards are a great way to ensure your friends and family will get out on the slopes with you! "6-Paks" of lift tickets are another great gift at only \$164 plus HST. Available for pick up at our front desk. Phone: 613-624-5290 www.mountpakenham.com

NUMBER 13

Holiday Inn Express

Holiday Inn Express Pembroke is centrally located to many attractions for both the business and leisure traveler. Take a refreshing swim in our indoor heated saltwater pool and work out in our fitness center. Mention 101 Things to receive 10% off our regular rate for your stay. Hot breakfast buffet included. Phone: 613-629-1990 www.facebook.com/hotelpembroke

NUMBER 14

Freddie's Trading Post

Take break at Freddie's Trading Post on Highway 17 in Deep River. Our pizza specials are to die for. Pick up a large pizza for the price of a medium on Wednesdays. Try our Family Special on Sundays (large three topping pizza, large garlic fingers, Caesar or Greek salad and 2 litres of pop!) Phone: 613-584-1115 www.facebook.com/freddiestradingpost

NUMBER 15

Eastern Ontario Jobs

Do you know someone who is looking to move back to Eastern Ontario but needs a job to do it? Send them to www.easternontariojobs.com for the latest job postings from Peterborough to Gananoque. It's the easiest place to find Eastern Ontario jobs. www.easternontariojobs.com

NUMBER 16

Share Your Home

Do you have an extra room in your home? Community Living's LifeShare program matches host families with individuals looking to live with a family. Visit our website for information on how LifeShare works and if it might be an option for you. Phone: 613-735-0659 www.cluov.ca

NUMBER 17**Christmas Gift Idea**

Looking for a neat stocking stuffer this holiday season? Give someone the gift of Health Matters magazine for all of 2018. Our first issue publishes in January and we can mail it right to someone's door! The cost is just \$20 for the year. Great for anyone interested in health. Phone: 613-732-7774
behealth@ovhealth.ca

NUMBER 18**Here to Help**

Fall is a great time in the Ottawa Valley with the beautiful weather and wonderful spots to visit. To all new to this area, welcome from John Yakabuski MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke. If I can be of assistance, please call or drop in to my office at 84 Isabella Street in Pembroke. Also see our website for info. Phone: 613-735-6627
john.yakabuski@pc.ola.org

NUMBER 19**Elements Luxury Tents**

The ultimate outdoor hotel experience. A great gift idea for a couple on your list. Surrounded by your own private forest retreat, our sites are designed to give you the ultimate glamping experience. Visit our website for more information. Phone: 613-432-8000
www.outdoorhotel.ca

NUMBER 20**Meals Prepared/Delivered**

The Community Support Coalition offers healthy meals, prepared and delivered throughout Renfrew and Lanark County. If you know someone who could benefit from this program, contact us and we can connect them to their closest provider. Phone: 613-433-4564
chris_c@renfrewhomesupport.ca

NUMBER 21**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. 2888 Dafeo Road, Combermere. Phone: 613-756-3713
www.madonnahouse.org

NUMBER 22**Festival of Outdoor Rinks**

Looking to be involved in the region's best winter festival? Contact Maria Mayville for the details on the 2018 event. Phone: 613-757-1566
ggmayville@gmail.com

NUMBER 23**Volunteer Visiting**

Carefor Health & Community Services is always looking to grow our volunteer visiting program. We match people to volunteers based on a short interview that determines everyone's interests. Volunteer visitors can contribute as much time as they have available - there's no pre-determined amount. It makes a difference in keeping people connected to communities. Phone: 613-732-3949 ext.1115
volunteerprogram@carefor.ca

NUMBER 24**Metagenics**

Ask us about FirstLine Therapy Clear Change Metabolic Detoxification Program. Our exposure to toxins on a daily basis can overburden the body's nature detoxification capacity. Clear Change can get you back on track. Metagenics is available at the Integrated Health Centre in Pembroke: your place to go for nutrition information. Phone: 613-732-3333
www.integratedhealthcentre.ca

NUMBER 25**Silver Threads Seniors Club**

Join us for bid euchre, bingo, contract bridge, euchre, FAB fitness, line dancing, quilting, Swedish weaving, tole painting, water media, yoga and more. Plenty of opportunities to meet new people as a single or couple. We're open to everyone and we invite you to come try us out! Phone: 613-687-6574
www.silverthreadspetawawa.ca

NUMBER 26**Thanks For a Great Year**

2017 was a great year for us at Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley and we just want to thank the community for your support in helping make that happen. Because of you, our region was recognized provincially and internationally for being inclusive, and we set an example for communities everywhere. We're on Facebook.
www.cluov.ca

NUMBER 27**Winter in the Pontiac**

Get your Quebec Snowmobile Trail Permit before December 9th for \$315 and after December 9th for \$390. Sold by member clubs and online. Makes a great Christmas gift for the snowmobiler in your family. www.fcmq.qc.ca
www.tourisme-pontiac.com

NUMBER 28**Ottawa Valley Jobs**

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 29**Speaker's Bureau**

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley has a local speaker's bureau that is looking for bookings! This free presentation allows individuals connected with our agency to share their life stories - the achievements and the challenges of inclusive living. We can speak to large and small groups alike. Phone: 613-735-0659 ext.200
cripley@cluov.ca

October Events**NUMBER 30****October 27-29, 2017**

Timberland Tours hosts the 8th annual Bristol Dryland Canadian Championship Dog Race. Hundreds of racers and dogs from all over the globe compete in this world class event. The race is run on a sandy trail that winds through a beautiful pine forest. Racers and their dogs can compete in several events. Spectators can observe the race from several look out points. Free. www.brystoldryland.ca
www.tourisme-pontiac.com

NUMBER 31**October 28, 2017**

Come on out to the Pembroke Curling Centre Halloween Dance. 8:30pm-12:30am. Station Hall band, light lunch, costume prizes. \$15 per person. Advance sales are required. Phone: 613-732-4113
Phone: 613-735-1554

NUMBER 32**October 28, 2017**

Pumpkin Treats in Downtown Pembroke. Trick-or-treat your way through the Downtown businesses. Look for black and orange balloons. Free pumpkin painting for kids at Giant Tiger. 10:00am-1:00pm. Happy Halloween from Downtown Pembroke!
www.facebook.com/downtownpembroke

NUMBER 33**October 28, 2017**

Come and join us for our Christmas Craft Show where there will be a variety of vendors with different products available for purchase and order. We will also have chilli, sandwiches, tea and coffee available for purchase so you can have some lunch while getting a head start on your Christmas shopping! St. Paul's Anglican Church
530 Main Street, Shawville

NUMBER 34**October 28, 2017**

OFSC Driving Training in Pembroke. The Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's Course covers safe operating procedures, legal requirements, first aid and more. Must be at least 12 years of age to receive a Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's License. Contact Linda Jackson. Phone: 613-646-7736
ljackson4508@yahoo.ca

NUMBER 35**October 28, 2017**

Wesley Community Church's Harvest Festival. Join us for a great evening for the whole family. Games, door prizes, pie baking contest, food and lots of other activities. The evening will finish with Trunk N Treat. All welcome. 6:00pm-9:00pm. Wesley Community Church, 210 Renfrew Street, Pembroke. Phone: 613-732-2488
www.facebook.com/wesleycommunity

NUMBER 36**October 29, 2017**

Customer Appreciation Day at Custom Draperies & Blinds. We pay the tax on all in-stock merchandise. Tasty Treats and refreshments. Everyone who attends will receive a free gift. Make sure to bring a friend and get a head start on Christmas shopping. Noon-4:00pm. 76 Pembroke Street West, Pembroke
www.theblindexperts.ca

NUMBER 37**October 30, 2017**

Halloween and Horror Movie Trivia. 7:00pm at Lasso Live. Free admission. Donations to the food bank are welcome. Get in the Halloween spirit and dress up in your best costume and put your knowledge to the test on the films new and old alike! Organized by the City of Pembroke. Phone: 613-735-6821 ext.1502 emckeown@pembroke.ca

NUMBER 38**October 30, 2017**

Blood Donor Clinic at the Royal Canadian Legion, Renfrew, Branch 148, 30 Raglan Street South. 1:00pm-7:00pm. Donors needed. Refreshment area sponsored by Mackay Manor. Book your appt at: www.blood.ca

NUMBER 39**October 31, 2017**

It's the last day to save 30% on your OFSC Trail Pass. Purchase your pass online for Ontario's snowmobile trails before November 1 to save. A trail pass makes a great Christmas gift too, and hopefully you will have to open it early this year! Have questions? Call us! Phone: 613-735-8882 <https://permits.ofsc.on.ca>

November Events**NUMBER 40****A Christmas Carol;**

Festival Hall presents: "A Christmas Carol." Scrooge and Marley tells the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserly businessman who refuses to acknowledge the joy of the Christmas season. A true holiday classic. Various show dates in November (24-26), and December (1-2). Purchase tickets online or by phone. Festival Hall. 401 Isabella Street, Pembroke. Phone: 613-735-2182 www.festhall.ca

NUMBER 41**November 1, 2017**

Annual Newcomers' Night in Renfrew. Royal Canadian Legion. All new or returning residents to Renfrew and area are invited to attend. Free. Showcasing local merchants, restaurants and services available in the local area. 30 Raglan Street South, Renfrew www.renfrewareachamber.ca

NUMBER 42**November 1, 2017**

Dr. Mike Condra speaks at Algonquin College on the Mental Health Stigma. 7:00m-9:00pm. Dr. Condra discusses types of stigma, its origins and how it affects all of us. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Phone: 613-735-4700 ext. 2702

NUMBER 43**November 1, 2017**

Rankin Culture and Recreation Centre's Gift Basket Auction. Over 30 baskets to help get your holiday shopping done. Viewing at 6:30pm. Auction at 7:30pm. \$10 includes beverage, hors d'oeuvres, and prizes. Basket themes include: Pampered Chef, scrapbooking, pickles and jams, gift certificates and more! 20 Rankin Rink Road, Pembroke www.rankincentre.ca

NUMBER 44**November 2, 2017**

Renfrew & Area Seniors' Home Support Community Health Fair. St. Francis Xavier Hall in Renfrew. Learn about the various products and services available in our community and meet the service providers themselves. Free blood sugar and blood pressure testing, product samples and other health care goodies. 2:00pm-6:00pm. 331 Plaunt Street South, Renfrew Phone: 613-432-7691

NUMBER 45**November 2, 2017**

Free webinar on "Steering Through Change: A Handbook to Help Ontario Businesses Understand and Manage Bill 148." More details on the impact of Bill 148. A must for all business owners. 9:30am-10:30am. Free. Phone: 613-732-1942 manager@uovchamber.com

NUMBER 46**November 3, 2017**

Bonnechere Babes Ladies Shopping Event. Hosted by Township of Bonnechere Valley. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping. Free admission. Please bring a donation of a non perishable item for the Eganville Food Bank and the Bonnechere Union Public Library's Free Little Pantry. 5:00pm-10:00pm at the Eganville Legion 56 Veterans Way, Eganville. Phone: 613-628-3101 www.facebook.com/bonnecherevalley

NUMBER 47**November 3, 2017**

Bryson R.A. 3rd Annual Craft Fair & Ladies Night. Join us for an evening of shopping, mingling and cocktails! Get a head start on your holiday shopping. 6:00pm-10:00pm. 610 Rue Principale, Bryson www.facebook.com/BrysonRA

NUMBER 48**November 4, 2017**

Ontario SPCA Renfrew County Animal Centre Microchip Clinic. Have peace of mind and get your pet microchipped. 9:00am-1:00pm at the Pembroke Animal Hospital, 905 Pembroke Street East, Pembroke. \$30/dog and \$20/cat. Appointments required. Phone: 613-635-7508 www.facebook.com/ospcarb

NUMBER 49**November 4, 2017**

Skydive Petawawa End of Season Boogie. 9:00am-6:00pm. 240 Len Hopkins Drive in Petawawa. Pembroke & Area Airport. www.facebook.com/skydivepetawawa. Phone: 613-602-1002. www.skydivepetawawa.ca

NUMBER 50**November 4, 2017**

5th Annual Beachburg Public School Craft & Vendor Show. 10:00am-3:00pm. 20 Cameron Street in Beachburg. Visit with Santa from 11:00am-1:00pm. Bamboo Sheets, Norwex, Scent-sy, Watkins, Epicure and more. pmbeauchamp@hotmail.com

NUMBER 51**November 4, 2017**

Christmas Craft & Vendor Show. Otter Lake RA. 10:00am-3:00pm. Browse, buy and support local vendors while finding unique items everyone will love! Sit and chat and have a bite to eat at our canteen serving great food. Otter Lake, Quebec.

NUMBER 52**November 4-5, 2017**

Mount Pakenham's Ski Swap. Our new and used equipment sale is a great way to outfit the entire family on a budget. Open Saturday, November 4th 9:00am-5:00pm and Sunday, November 5th 10:00am-3:00pm. Outgrown some equipment? Sell it at our swap! Drop off dates are October 29-November 4. Phone: 613-624-5290 www.mountpakenham.com

NUMBER 53**November 4-5, 2017**

Make your first holiday shopping destination the popular Christmas in the Valley Artisan Show. A juried selection of over 25 carefully selected artisans, crafters and bakers will present original creations in a relaxed, friendly and festive atmosphere. 10:00am-4:00pm. Held at the Almonte Community Centre & Arena Upper Hall, 182 Bridge Street. We're on Facebook www.valleyartisanshow.blogspot.ca

NUMBER 54**November 5, 2017**

Seasonal Job Fair at Mount Pakenham. Looking for seasonal work? Our annual job fair is taking place at 3:00pm in Clifford Lodge. Cafeteria Workers, Front Desk Support, Maintenance People and more. Bring your resume. Job applications also available on our website. 577 Ski Hill Road, Pakenham. Phone: 613-624-5290 www.mountpakenham.com

NUMBER 55**November 8, 2017**

Deadline to nominate someone for the Warden's Awards. The County of Renfrew is looking to recognize one non-profit organization, one business and an individual who make the region a better place to live, work and play. Application forms on the website: www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca Phone: 613-735-2081 warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

NUMBER 56**November 9, 2017**

Renfrew Community Wide Information Night. 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Groups, clubs and organizations will be have information available and can speak with you about what they do and why they'd like to have you at their next meeting, practice or class. 67 Argyle Street, Renfrew

NUMBER 57**November 10, 2017**

Mount Pakenham's Season Pass "Cool Rates" ending! Passes from just \$230 plus HST. "Full" unlimited skiing pass, "Almost Anytime", nights, and family bundles. Grab these deals before their gone! See our website for complete details and rates. Phone: 613-624-5290 www.mountpakenham.com

NUMBER 58**November 11, 2017**

Horton's 7th Annual Trivia Challenge. Test your knowledge of Canada, with a special round of Remembrance Day trivia. Doors open at 6:00pm, trivia begins at 7:00pm at the Horton Community Centre, 1005 Castleford Road, Renfrew. Cost: \$20 per person. Teams of 4 to 6 people. Register early!
Phone: 613-433-3303
krogers@hortontownship.ca

NUMBER 59**November 11, 2017**

Remembrance Day Service will be held by the Cobden Legion at the Cenotaph in front of the Cobden Memorial Hall, Main Street. Colours will be marched on at 10:45am; service begins at 11:00am. Reception to follow in the Cobden Legion.
www.cobdenlegion.ca

NUMBER 60**November 14, 2017**

Starter Company Plus Information Session. Are you exploring entrepreneurship but you don't know where to start? Starter Company Plus is a program delivered by Enterprise Renfrew County. Applicants receive business training, advice and mentoring. Call to register.
Phone: 613-735-8224
www.enterpriserenfrewcounty.com

NUMBER 61**November 17, 2017**

Hunters' Supper at the Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Community Centre. 4:30pm-6:30pm. Enjoy a delicious meal of turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, baked beans, veggies, dessert and more. Adults: \$15, Kids 6-12: \$8, Kids under 5: Free. Or purchase a family pack (2 adults, 2 kids): \$40.
Phone: 613-758-2061
www.blrtownship.ca

NUMBER 62**November 17, 2017**

Sunset Nursery invites you to our Christmas Dreams Barn Customer Appreciation Day. With all the sights, sounds and smells of a magical Christmas it will make it easy for you to get into the Christmas spirit. 20% off all Christmas decor. Many in store specials, one day only on Christmas items. 9:00am-7:00pm.
2177 Greenwood Road, Pembroke
We're on Facebook

NUMBER 63**November 18, 2017**

Miramichi Lodge Christmas Gift & Craft Sale. 9:00am-3:00pm. Refreshments available. Free admission. Many great gift ideas.
Phone: 613-735-0175 ext.213

NUMBER 64**November 18, 2017**

OFSC Driving Training in Calabogie. The Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's Course covers safe operating procedures, legal requirements, first aid and more. Must be at least 12 years of age to qualify for your license.
Phone: 613-717-2643
reiriopdet@gmail.com

NUMBER 65**November 18, 2017**

Festival of Fibre Arts. A quilt and fibre arts display and sale featuring quilting, needlework, knitting, crochet, fabric creations, weaving and spinning and more. Hear from guest presenters. 10:00am-4:00pm at Calvin United Church, 276 Church Street, Pembroke. Admission \$10, includes refreshments.
Phone: 613-732-8016
sywhitmore@nrtco.net

NUMBER 66**November 20, 2017**

Trinity United Church's Spaghetti Supper. 5:00pm-7:30pm. Adults: \$12. Children under 12: \$6. Children under 5: Free. Includes Caesar salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert. All are welcome. Foresters Falls.
Phone: 613-646-2768

NUMBER 67**November 23-24, 2017**

Christmas Centrepiece Workshop at the Lakehouse Restaurant. Usher in Christmas with a beautiful fresh centerpiece for your table or mantle. Workshops begins at 11:15am with a catered lunch after your masterpieces are created! \$90. Call to register.
26969 Highway 28 South, Bancroft
Phone: 613-339-2111

NUMBER 68**November 24, 2017**

Rankin Culture & Recreation Centre's Hunters Awards Dinner. Doors open at 5:00pm. Dinner at 6:00pm. Come for a delicious catered meal, hear from a guest speaker and see the winners of our annual Big Buck contest. Tickets: \$32.
Phone: 613-732-3241
www.facebook.com/rankincentre

NUMBER 69**November 24-25, 2017**

Shop The Neighbourhood in Downtown Pembroke. Our fourth annual event. Watch our Facebook page for participating businesses and you could win \$50 Downtown dollars! Businesses will have exclusive deals over these two days for your holiday shopping. Stay for the Santa Claus parade on November 25th, starting at 5:30pm.
www.facebook.com/downtownpembroke

NUMBER 70**November 24-25, 2017**

Rally of the Tall Pines. Sponsored by Lincoln Electric. Held in Bancroft. Rally headquarters is Dungannon Rec Centre in L'Amable on Highway 62. Day and evening spectator options.
www.tallpinesrally.com

NUMBER 71**November 25, 2017**

OFSC Driving Training Course. Students must be at least 12 years of age to receive your snowmobile operator's license. \$40. Course begins at 9:00am. Register with Linda.
Phone: 613-646-7736
ljackson4508@yahoo.ca

NUMBER 72**November 25, 2017**

Matawatchan Christmas Market. 9:00am to 2:00pm. Matawatchan Hall, 1677 Frontenac Road in Matawatchan. Baking and preserves, decorations, artisan and boutique gifts and "new to you."
Phone: 613-333-9556
www.matawatchan.ca

NUMBER 73**November 25, 2017**

Wild Game Dinner. Stonecliffe Community Centre. Adults: \$20. Children (8-13): \$7.50. Children (up to age 7): Free. Wild board baked beans, buffalo chili, wild goulash, beaver stew, wild turkey soup and more.
Phone: 613-586-2526

NUMBER 74**November 25, 2017**

7th Annual Pine Lodge Christmas Market. 10:00am-4:00pm. Festive Christmas market showcasing the best local vendors and their beautiful crafts. Over 50 vendors, free admission and hot refreshments worth the trip to the Pontiac. Plenty of free parking.
Phone: 819-647-2805
6 Pine Lodge Road, Bristol

NUMBER 75**November 26, 2017**

Renfrew Victoria Hospital Auxiliary 2017 Christmas Home Tour. 12:30pm-5:00pm. Tickets: \$25. Includes seven beautiful homes, dessert tea, and a free draw for original painting by local artist Diana Wakely. Tickets available at RVH Gift Shop, RVH Foundation office, Aikenheads Drug Store, or call Rose.
Phone: 613-432-5220
www.renfrewhosop.com

December Events**NUMBER 76****December 1, 2017**

Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke Conservative Party EDA Christmas Dinner. Special guest, the Honourable Peter Kent. Germania Hall, 15 Bennett Street, Pembroke. Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:30pm. \$100 per person. Tickets available on our website or by phone.
Phone: 613-732-7088
www.rnp-conservative.ca

NUMBER 77**December 1, 2017**

A Christmas Time with the Ennis Sisters Christmas concert. 7:30pm at the Mason Auditorium at PCDI, 13 Victoria Street, Perth. From their Christmas originals and holiday classics to their well-timed stories and folkloric recitations, this is a family-friendly show you won't want to miss! \$25 plus tax. Reserved seating.
Phone: 613-485-6434
www.ticketsplease.ca

NUMBER 78**December 1-19, 2017**

Make your way to Downtown Pembroke this season and you could win big! One lucky customer will win a Christmas tree filled with gifts from Downtown Pembroke merchants. With every purchase or appointment at participating businesses from December 1-19, you receive a ballot to win the tree!
www.facebook.com/downtownpembroke

NUMBER 79**December 2, 2017**

Christmas Market. Maison Bryson. 10:00am-2:00pm. A Christmas Market you won't want to miss. Local vendors, artisans and more.
noeldantanmansfield@gmail.com

NUMBER 80**December 2, 2017**

1st Annual Under the Stars Santa Claus Parade in Downtown Renfrew. 5:00pm.

Phone: 613-433-6079

www.downtownrenfrew.ca

NUMBER 81**December 2, 2017**

Community Jam in support of Valley Animal Rescue. Presented by Movement Yoga Studio. An accessible way to learn the basic postures and breathing techniques of yoga while restoring your energy, strength, and flexibility. No experience required. 9:30am. \$40.

133 Argyle Street South, Renfrew

www.facebook.com/createmymnt

NUMBER 82**December 2, 2017**

2017 Champlain Discovery Christmas Craft & Vendor Show. 10:00am-4:00pm at Champlain Discovery School.

390 Bell Street, Pembroke.

NUMBER 83**December 3, 2017**

The Olde Time Country Jam will be held at Timberline Snowmobile Clubhouse. Come, play, listen, sing and dance! Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Call for info.

2 Henan Road, Pembroke

Phone: 613-732-0276

NUMBER 84**December 5, 2017**

The Army Cadets Program is seeking teens 12-16 years of age (male and female) to join our unit. We train Tuesdays and weekends at the Pembroke Armoury. Free. We accept new recruits the first Tuesday of each month, September-March. Come and see what we're all about.

6:30pm-9:30pm 177 Victoria Street, Pembroke.

Phone: 613-732-4470

www.2677cadets.ca

NUMBER 85**December 7, 2017**

Downtown Pembroke Shop Hop. This is an evening shopping event where participating businesses offer something exclusively for patrons. It could be a demo, product launch, sale, free sample, etc. We will also have carolers, giveaways and gift wrapping. 4:00pm to 8:00pm. The "All I Want For Christmas" holiday edition Shop Hop!

www.facebook.com/downtownpembroke

NUMBER 86**December 8, 2017**

Deadline to book into the first Health Matters of 2018! Our Winter 2018 edition will be publishing on January 5 so book in by today to reserve your spot. If you are a health practitioner, business or organization, you should be in the region's #1 health resource. New to advertising with us? Let's chat about it! behealthy@ovhealth.ca

www.facebook.com/healthmattersmag

NUMBER 87**December 9, 2017**

Horton Christmas Craft Fair, at the Horton Community Centre, 1005 Castleford Road, Renfrew. We'll help you with unique Christmas shopping ideas or just come and treat yourself!

Crafts, baked goods and more.

9:00am-4:00pm. Free admission.

Canteen will also be open with home cooked items for sale.

Phone: 613-433-3303

krogers@hortontownship.ca

NUMBER 88**December 9, 2017**

Mount Pakenham is open (weather permitting of course)! Our snowmaking team is hard at work so you can ski/board ASAP. Please check our website, Facebook, or Instagram page to see the progress. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! 577 Ski Hill Road, Pakenham.

www.facebook.com/mountpakenham

www.mountpakenham.com

NUMBER 89**December 9, 2017**

Riverview Seniors Social Club Christmas Dinner and Dance at Westmeath Community Centre Hall. Doors open at 5:00pm. Dinner at 6:00pm. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, music by Station Hill 7:30pm-11:30pm. \$25 per person. Call to reserve. 119 Synton Street, Westmeath

Phone: 613-587-4834

NUMBER 90**December 10, 2017**

Deep River Community Church Choir and friends. Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. 7:30pm. Deep River Community Church. Christmas anthems, readings and traditional carol singing followed by a festive reception. There will be a goodwill offering.

Phone: 613-584-2812

www.drcommunitychurch.ca

NUMBER 91**December 10, 2017**

Let it Snow Christmas Craft Show. Knights of Columbus Hall in Pembroke. 10:00am-4:00pm.

30+ crafters and vendors. Accepting food bank donations.

170 Ellis Street, Pembroke

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NUMBER 92**December 12, 2017**

Deadline to book into the January-February edition of 101 Things to Do in the Valley. Publishes December 14. Events taking place from December 16 to March 15 are a good fit. \$25 per listing or five for \$100.

101things@travellourbackyard.com

www.travellourbackyard.com

NUMBER 93**December 14, 2017**

Christmas Luncheon at the Galilee Centre. 11:30am. Reservations are necessary. \$18 includes turkey vegetable soup, crusty rolls, traditional tourtiere, mashed potatoes and dessert.

398 John Street North, Arnprior

Phone: 613-623-4242

NUMBER 94**December 17, 2017**

Children's Christmas Fun Day. Hosted by the Douglas Lions Club. Face painting, bouncy castle, snow queen Elsa, free hot dogs and drinks. Santa will hand out candy bags and more. Free. Accepting food bank donations. 1:00pm-4:00pm.

St. Michael's School, Douglas

NUMBER 95**December 27, 2017**

Mount Pakenham's Holiday Ski & Snowboard programs begin. Three-day Program (ages 3 to adult) including one hour group lesson each day from December 27-29. All-Day camp and five-day program starting January 1st-5th. Book by December 14 to ensure availability. See our website for details!

Phone: 613-624-5290

www.mountpakenham.com

NUMBER 96**December 30-31, 2017**

Mount Pakenham's 10 week program begins. Ski and Snowboard lessons for ages 3 to adult and all abilities. Book by December 14th to ensure availability. See website for full program details.

577 Ski Hill Road, Pakenham.

Phone: 613-624-5290

www.mountpakenham.com

NUMBER 97**December 31, 2017**

Eganville Legion New Year's Eve Dance. Happy hour 6:00pm.

Dinner 7:00pm. Dance at 8:30pm. \$25 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Phone: 613-628-2802

rcl353@hotmail.com

January Events**NUMBER 98****January 2018**

The Training & Learning Centre of Renfrew County in Eganville, is offering Up Skills For Work: a series of free workshops with a focus on soft skills. Workshop 1 is starting January 12th, workshop 2 is starting January 18th and workshop 3 is starting January 26th.

Phone: 613-628-1720

trainingandlearningcentre@gmail.com

NUMBER 99**January 1, 2018**

Happy New Year to all the businesses in the Ottawa Valley! Here's hoping 2018 is the best year yet and that our communities continue to grow with entrepreneurs. Best wishes from Kallie and Jennifer at Ottawa Valley Business.

Phone: 613-732-7774

www.ovbusiness.com

NUMBER 100**January 19-21, 2018**

Jim's Lake Carnaval du Lac Jim. Crowning of Queen and her Duchesses. Snowmobile races on the 21st starting at Noon followed by spaghetti supper and DJ Trippy Trist. Hangover breakfast on the 22nd. Games, contests, prizes and more.

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NUMBER 101**January 25, 2018**

Ottawa Valley Thunder will be hosting the Montreal Canadiens Alumni for a charity hockey games at Pembroke Memorial Centre on Thursday, January 25th. The Habs Alumni will face-off versus the Friends of the Thunder local team. Presented by Canadian Tire. 7:00pm at the Pembroke Memorial Centre. Tickets available at the Pembroke Recreation Office, 393 Pembroke Street West, Pembroke.