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Watch and learn

North Dundas District High School's rugby coach, Scott Reaney, has been taking advantage of the improved weather in recent weeks, running this year's girls team through a series of practices. During a recent session, Reaney focused on the art of the ruck. Also pictured are Lynette Klein-Boonschate (left), Mallory Hutchinson, Victoria Borgia (front), Jessi Zandbelt, and Cashelle Baldwin. The Devils will host the Holy Trinity Falcons Fri., May 8 during their SD&G Girls Fifteens Rugby League home opener. For more on the high school sports scene, see page 11. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – The structural footprint of Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH)'s blooming campus may expand further in the coming months.

General contractors have been invited to take part in a pre-qualification process, which ends tomorrow (Thurs., April 16), for the construction of a second facility west of the existing hospital site.

The structure is to mirror the Community Care Building on Fred Street, which opened in March 2013.

In the invitation, sent out by the hospital's consultant team (Bryden Martel Architects, Halsall Associates, Goodkey Weedmark and Associates, WSP Inc., Levstek Consultants, and Morrison Hershfield), it is noted the tender period will get underway in late April.

Construction completion, which includes set-up for tenants, is required by January 2016, the document states.

The project has been estimated at $3 million.

However, CEO Cholly Boland cautions the build has not yet been approved by the hospital's board of directors.

"It is definitely a possibility [that we move forward]… The tenders are out for pre-qualification," he said.

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OPP turns to public for help in rash of break-ins

MORRISBURG – In a single day last week, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry OPP officers responded to four separate break-ins within mere kilometres of each other.

Police responded Wed., April 8 to homes on Hutt, Irena, Rowena, and Branch Roads, all located in the western portion of the Municipality of South Dundas. Computers and electronics were the targetted items.

At the Branch Road incident a Stihl MS260 chainsaw, white and orange in an orange storage box, was also taken.

A surveillance camera at the site captured the image of a red four-door Pontiac G3 Wave. This, police said, is believed to be the suspect vehicle.

Meanwhile, on Mon., April 6, OPP officers were called to a County Road 16 home after a reported break-in. The owner had returned to the residence and noticed two males fleeing the scene in a small silver passenger vehicle.

The suspects are believed to have been in their 20s or early 30s. One male was wearing a black hoodie and blue jeans, while the second had curly hair. A quantity of cash was stolen.



This Pontiac G3 Wave was witnessed fleeing the scene of a break-in at a Branch Road home on Wed., April 3. Police have turned to the public for help in solving numerous recent robberies in the Municipality of South Dundas.

At the same time, police were informed of a break-in at a home on nearby Haddo Road. Earlier in the day (April 6), a television and recording device were removed from the residence.

The string of break-ins began Sun., April 5 when police responded to a report from a Webb Road home. A laptop computer, Sony Playstation, Nintendo Wii, iPad Air, acoustic guitar, and a television were stolen.

Police continue to investigate each incident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Find the guide inside

Spring weather appears to have finally arrived after winter's bitter cold held firm for months. This means it's time for the Winchester Press*' annual Spring Home Improvement and Real Estate Guide.*

The supplement is full of a variety of content, including articles, renovation tips, real estate advice, updates on new products, local business information, and more.

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Expansive Highway 417 project to take three years to complete

METCALFE – Motorists should take note that construction is underway on a local stretch of Highway 417.

R.W. Tomlinson was awarded the project that will see realignment of the highway, both east and westbound, at Bear Brook Creek.

Also included is the addition of two new bridges, rehabilitation of both the Piperville and Leitrim Road overpasses, and paving work on Anderson Road. A 25-kilometre stretch, between Anderson and Limoges Road, of the interprovincial throughway will also be rehabilitated.

It is expected that nighttime lane closures will occur throughout the construction process. Traffic control measures are to be implemented to ensure minimal disruption to the travelling public.

Short-term closures of ramps at Anderson, Boundary, and Rockdale Roads will also occur.

The Piperville Road overpass will be closed Fri., May 1, with an anticipated reopening in October. The Leitrim Road overpass, meanwhile, will not be closed until May 2016.

Signed detours will be put in place throughout the length of both rehabilitation projects.

Work is slated for completion in the fall of 2017.

Hospital

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"This whole thing could take several months, and goes forward only if it makes sense to us."

If construction does progress, tenants of the new site will be healthcare providers of some type, though Boland wouldn't elaborate much.

"I can say it won't be a hardware store or a pharmacy, or some of the other things I've heard," he said.

Tenants in the current Community Care Building include the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Champlain Community Care Access Centre, Job Zone d'emploi, and the Ontario Early Years Centre.

The facilities are part of the hospital's ongoing transformation to a Centre of Excellence for Rural Health and Education.

This latest development follows WDMH's 2014 acquisition of land neighbouring its western boundary.

The area purchased included 17 residential lots, which then became one block bordered by Fred and Clarence Streets and Christie Lane. The planned Ault Street access was eliminated, while an extension of Clarence Street is planned for completion.

Township of North Dundas council members also approved rezoning of the area, which changed it from the former residential standard to institutional, matching the zoning of the hospital and Dundas Manor.

OPP unveils online crime reporting tool

WINCHESTER – Ontario residents now have another way of reporting a minor crime.

The OPP on Mon., April 13 announced the launch of the force's new online reporting system, to be used as an alternative to having an officer attend a scene for a minor incident.

Citizen Self Reporting has been rolled out province-wide. The Internet reporting tool can be accessed from a computer or mobile device, with messages sent directly to any OPP detachment throughout Ontario.

To learn more, visit www.opp.ca or call the police force's toll-free number (1-888-310-1122).

POLICE BLOTTER

Impaired driver

WINCHESTER – On Fri., April 10, at approximately 5:17 pm, a Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officer intercepted a vehicle on Christie Lane.

The stop revealed the adult female driver was under the influence of alcohol.

Judith Bethune, 71, was arrested. She faces charges of driving a motor vehicle while ability impaired, and driving with more than 80 milligrams blood alcohol content.

She is to appear Tues., April 21 in Morrisburg court.

Domestic investigation

MORRISBURG – On Tues., April 7, at approximately 2:30 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a domestic situation at a residence on County Road 31.

The investigation indicated that an altercation between an adult male and his spouse resulted in the female being assaulted.

The 64-year-old male was arrested. He now faces a spousal assault charge.

He is to appear in Cornwall court Tues., April 28.

Assault with a weapon

CRYSLER – On Sun., April 5, at approximately 5:15 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a family dispute at a residence on First Street.

The investigation indicated that an altercation between an adult male and another male resulted in the victim being assaulted with a knife. The victim sustained minor injuries.

A quantity of suspected marijuana was also seized from the accused, and further information revealed he was in contravention of conditions imposed from a previous incident

The 21-year-old male was arrested. He now faces a string of charges, including assault with a weapon; possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose; possession of a controlled substance (less than 30 grams); and four counts of failure to comply with a probation order.

He was held in custody pending a bail court hearing in Cornwall.

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Details published in the police blotter are provided by the OPP. The Winchester Press *typically publishes information about alleged crimes occurring in and around Dundas County, as well as other information of interest to our readership. All suspects are considered innocent in the eyes of the law unless proven otherwise in court.*



Linking Hands' new co-ordinator, Sandy Casselman (top, left), led one of the planning sessions during the organization's "The Seniors' Solution" event at North Stormont Place in Avonmore Wed., April 8.

Press Photo – Uhrig

Linking Hands shifts focus, putting seniors at forefront

AVONMORE – More than 70 area seniors gathered to share their stories Wed., April 8.

The collection was taking part in Linking Hands' "The Seniors' Solution" event at North Stormont Place in Avonmore. The organization, a project of the House of Lazarus in Mountain, partnered with The Social Development Council of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry to host the daytime event.

Those taking part were treated to a complementary lunch, while Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell shared information about seniors' funding, programming, and rebates available from the provincial government.

Participants also filled out a series of forms relating to changes in their lives, including decisions about staying in their own home, daily obstacles to overcome, health information, skills that can be shared with the community, and initiatives seniors would like to see undertaken in their home community.

The findings are to be compiled in a report to be published later this year.

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Councillors, fire chief lock horns on truck purchase

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Confrontation was key during the Municipality of South Dundas' Tues., April 7 council meeting.

Fire chief Chris McDonough and Councillor Bill Ewing lobbed verbal assaults at one another during a tension-filled debate focused on the purchase of a quarter million dollar fire truck chassis.

McDonough is looking to replace a 25-year-old pumper currently in service with South Dundas Fire and Emergency Services.

The fire chief, noting he has been searching "quite extensively," found a new $224,000 chassis in Quebec. The part is one of three previously ordered by the City of Halifax, though the purchase was cancelled when the city instead closed two stations.

He moved to have the purchase approved through sole-source procurement, rather than going to tender. "[By doing this], the savings to us would be $20,000," McDonough said.

The fire chief added that if the municipality were to wait on bids, a process that could take upwards of nine months, South Dundas might end up spending more on a chassis from the U.S.

"If we wait to order, and with the way the U.S. dollar is going, I think you're going to add another five per cent… Because the [Canadian] dollar's not coming back up," McDonough said.

Ewing, however, criticized the fire chief's decision, picking apart the purchase and focusing on the frame adjustments that would be required in order to properly outfit the chassis with a cab and pumper. Throughout his tirade, Ewing did not make eye contact with McDonough, instead staring at the tablet computer in front of him.

"We budgeted to buy a complete unit," he said. "I know you say it's part of the Fire Master Plan, [but] we have not approved that as of yet."

In his report, McDonough noted that the plan recommends replacement of major frontline apparatuses after 20 years, and 15 years for pickup trucks, while keeping reserve vehicles for five years more after being put into retirement.

On top of the presented purchase cost, the fire chief estimated a further $180,000 would be needed to complete the fire truck creation, which, McDonough conceded, will eat into the expected savings.

Councillor Marc St. Pierre, who along with Ewing is a former member of the township's fire and emergency services, lobbied to have McDonough's proposal denied.

"I would like to see us get quotes on a complete truck… Get competitive pricing, and at the very least we went out for that," he said.

St. Pierre also criticized McDonough, taking him to task for having not "specified the whole purchase."

The fire chief rebutted that he had "already done that, with all due respect."

The councillor also asked for clarification on South Dundas' procurement policy. Typically, CAO Stephen McDonald said, projects are tendered and bids accepted, but the municipality's regulations do allow for sole source purchases.

"Council can 'yes' or 'no' this, we're just presenting this as a cost savings measure," he said.

McDonough noted further that the presented price "will not be held."

"I was there three weeks ago, and having been in this business 30 years, I'm confident this truck will work," he said. "If we wait, I know it is going to be more money."

Ewing again attempted to critique the plan, but McDonough cut him off. The argument continued before Mayor Evonne Delegarde interjected.

"Just hold on guys… Hold on. That's it! Okay? No more," she said.

In the end, council approved the chassis purchase.

Firefighters condemn lottery policy change

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

MORRISBURG – A councillor's rigidity has further delayed the lottery proceeds bylaw recently brought forward by fire chief Chris McDonough.

During the Municipality of South Dundas' Tues., April 7 meeting, McDonough outlined the framework, rationalizing its necessity as a means to take a better stock of items purchased for the township's fire and emergency services.

"Any purchase made through the lottery profits that comes to the municipality would go through the chief's office for approval," he said. "Any other money is none of my business."

At the moment, South Dundas has three active firefighters' associations – one at each village detachment: Morrisburg, Williamsburg, and Iroquois – that raise funds for various charitable initiatives or needed equipment.

The three-page legislation outlines legalities that must first be met before the municipality, which oversees all activity of this nature, will issue a lottery licence.

On South Dundas' part, money directed to further arts and culture, health and welfare, and amateur sports organizations is acceptable. The firefighters' associations are eligible to fund public safety at the community level.

"Anything can be a public safety program," McDonough said. "Public education fire safety is our mandate… The money is not being channeled into just prevention efforts."

It was at this point the fire chief went further onto the defensive: "Nobody is getting thrown under the bus here."

McDonough's comment was directed to the many firefighters in attendance during the April 7 meeting.

They had been encouraged to attend that evening by Councillor Marc St. Pierre, who rallied the firefighters in private meetings beforehand.

"I just see this as a policy over a policy," he said. "[These measures] are already part of the original application. I see a lot of this as not applicable."

St. Pierre, who was a longtime member of the Morrisburg detachment, serving for a time as deputy-chief, was firm in his defense of the firefighters' fundraising efforts.

"To me, the associations have been doing a good job. I met with them, and this policy wasn't even discussed with them," he said. "At the very least, they should have input with this policy. Otherwise, I think what's going to happen is they're going to take the money elsewhere… I say leave it alone, and maybe we should have a more dumbed down policy."

CAO Stephen McDonald further defended the need for the bylaw update: "All the policy says is we want to know what [South Dundas] is going to own or store. That's all the policy says. If someone wants to give us something, we just want to know what it is."

McDonough, meanwhile, was critical of St. Pierre's take on the situation, and was visibly agitated by the backlash received.

"We don't want to duplicate equipment. We don't want to be wasting money; we want to be running a cohesive department," he said. "The money belongs to the community. We don't have ownership of the money. It goes to the community, and that is what this document says."

In the end, Mayor Evonne Delegarde abruptly deferred approval of the bylaw.

"What I understand is that the associations would like to direct what the funds would be used on," she said. "I would like to defer this because I would like the opportunity to speak with the associations."

Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke, who earlier in the meeting had attempted to make a comment during discussion of the legislation, but was interrupted by St. Pierre, attempted to quell the negativity.

"When talking to the associations, [the policy] needs to be presented in a clear and positive manner," he said. "We're all bound by this lottery licence… It's not a killer."

The bylaw is to be revisited during South Dundas' Tues., April 21 meeting.

Path cleared for hospice house in South Dundas

MORRISBURG – Someday soon, the Dundas County Hospice is expected to have a location to call its own.

During the Municipality of South Dundas' Tues., April 7 council meeting, politicians approved a zoning bylaw amendment for a property at 4353 County Rd. 31.

This location is to become an office and training centre for the palliative care organization, which currently operates out of the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre. An adjacent garage will be used as accessory storage as the county hospice loans equipment to individuals needing end of life care.

According to Don Lewis, manager of planning, building, and bylaw enforcement, no submissions, for or against the project, were received from neighbouring property owners.

Mayor Evonne Delegarde questioned whether there is sufficient parking at the location.

Lewis conceded there is room for eight vehicles, while South Dundas will not support the use of on-street parking.

"There doesn't appear to be a problem at the staff level," he said.

The former home, to be converted for the hospice, is being purchased now thanks to increased funding from the provincial government.

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Iroquois beach upgrades eyed as temperatures rise

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Warmer temperatures are on the way, and Iroquois' waterfront implementation committee is looking for a major overhaul of the village's beach area.

Organization spokesman Jim Wilson presented the group's list of demands during Tues., April 7's Municipality of South Dundas council meeting.

A consultant's report is forthcoming; however, as Wilson noted, "there are realities of the calendar approaching," leaving the committee scrambling to work ahead of schedule.

"We had expected to be here earlier with a report [that] would lay out the ultimate plan for the waterfront, but that hasn't happened yet," he said.

Information to be included in the culminated report will see adjustments proposed for the current parking lot area; ensuring the onsite washrooms are open daily and regularly cleaned; providing lifeguards at peak times of use; and proper enforcement of the rules and regulations of the park area.

"What we have heard most from people is that the washrooms should be open," Wilson said. "Right now, people are making due… It's a key issue at the beach."

Currently at the beach, there is one sign referring to restrictions of pets, alcohol, and smoking, but beachgoers have long disobeyed the posting.

"The problem is people use the beach without looking at the canteen [where the sign is posted]," Wilson said. "They don't see the rules before pulling out the beer, letting the dog out of the van, and lighting up."

As for the parking lot, the committee argues the area is a creation of patchwork fixes through the years. "The parking lot is, I don't know, a million years old… It's half gravel, half distressed asphalt," Wilson said. "When there's a rainfall, we get large puddles there. People have to take a detour to get to the beach."

The working group is hoping to ultimately create a new parking area north of the current location, adding more green space at the foot of the beach's sand.

Meanwhile, Wilson proposed that a series of concrete boulders be placed at the southeast end of the parking lot, which would prevent people from driving their vehicles onto the grass.

Wilson also spoke of the "checkered history" surrounding the beach's canteen, which in recent years has been both open and closed for long stretches of time.

"We understand the municipality has had difficulty attracting a tenant there," he said.

The waterfront committee is proposing the use of licenced food trucks in the northern section of the parking lot.

"All of these [proposals] will be included in the implementation plan, but we're concerned that another summer is going to pass without some of these things being dealt with," Wilson said.

Overall, council was receptive.

In terms of financing the work, there is $35,000 in reserve funding that could be earmarked for certain projects, treasurer Shannon Geraghty said. Previously, $29,000 was budgeted for work at Iroquois' beach. Of that, $9,000 will pay for the consultant's report.



Leisa Way stars alongside her Wayward Wind Band in the Upper Canada Playhouse's upcoming production, Oh Canada, We Sing for Thee. *Opening night is Tues., April 21.*

UCP takes patriotic look at song

MORRISBURG – The Upper Canada Playhouse is prepping for the launch of its 2015 season with the world premiere of *Oh Canada, We Sing for Thee.*

The 60-song concert features Leisa Way, and an ensemble cast of featured musicians in the Wayward Wind Band.

Opening night is Tues., April 21, with performances daily until Sun., April 26.

"The interesting thing about them is the sheer variety and number of hits these incredible musicians deliver in two hours of non-stop music," Donnie Bowes, the playhouse's artistic director, said. "These musicians are some of the finest in the country. It's a real treat to have them here."

Headlining the show is Way, who previously took the theatre's stage in *Sweet Dreams* as Patsy Cline, *Rhinestone Cowgirl* (Dolly Parton), and *Country Jukebox*. She has toured her tribute concerts to virtually every corner of the country, and has also had a career as an actress, which began at the Charlottetown Festival playing the lead role in *Anne of Green Gables*.

Playhouse audiences also saw her in Norm Foster's *The Love List*.

Joining her is a group of talented artists, including Fred Smith (vocalist, guitar, banjo, and harmonica), Bobby Prochaska (vocalist and bass), Nathan Smith (vocalist, fiddle, guitar, and mandolin), Sam Cino (drummer and vocalist), and Bruce Ley (piano, guitar, and vocals).

Canadian singers and bands covered during the show include Gordon Lightfoot, Michael Buble, Paul Anka, The Nylons, Neil Young, Anne Murray, Celine Dion, The Guess Who, The Barenaked Ladies, Leonard Cohen, and more.

DCP's latest whodunit opens Friday

WINCHESTER – The Dundas County Players are in the midst of final run-throughs in the lead-up to Fri., April 17's opening of David Belke's *The Maltese Bodkin*.

Showtime at Winchester's Old Town Hall is 7:30 pm.

Directed by Gaenor Howe and produced by JP Leduc, the play is an entertaining detective story complete with swordfights, secret clues, and a surprise ending.

This hilarious whodunit features a 1940s-style detective with an attitude, time travel, and more than a dozen memorable characters from classic plays.

"Theatregoers who love a good mystery will be well entertained by our colourful and delightful cast," Howe said. "Be prepared to laugh… The dialogue is even sharper than the daggers."

Limited run

Remaining show dates are Sat., April 18, Fri., April 25, and Sat., April 25 at 7:30 pm, and 2 pm matinees on Sun., April 19 and Sun., April 26.

Tickets are $15 for adults, and $10 for youth 18 and younger. Entry passes can be purchased online (www.dcplayers.ca), by phone (613-297-0097), or at Agora (501 St. Lawrence St., Winchester).



Tracy Howe (left) and Lynne Jolicoeur feature in the Dundas County Players' upcoming production of David Belke's *The Maltese Bodkin*. Opening night is Fri., April 17.



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2006 Honda Civic EX: auto., 4-dr.	$7,995
2006 Mitsubishi Lancer OZ Rally: auto., 4-dr., air, sun roof, PS, PB, CD	$6,500
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2004 Chevrolet Avalanche 1500: auto., 4-dr., 4WD, air, PW, PSeat, PS, PB	$6,995
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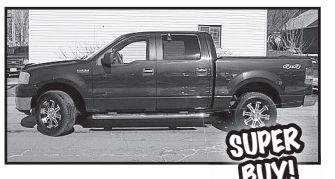

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Rev. John H. Noordhof (left) was one of the workers who served food during a luncheon organized by the Dundas County Food Bank in appreciation of its volunteers. *Photos – Guy*

Food bank treats volunteers, appreciates dedicated group

by Nina Guy

WILLIAMSBURG – Nearly 50 volunteers were present for the annual appreciation luncheon at the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church Wed., April 8.

The board of directors for the Dundas County Food Bank (DCFB) organized the event to not only show their appreciation to those who participate actively in the food bank, but also to inform everyone of the various missions happening around the community.

"They're a pretty devoted group," Ian McKelvie, DCFB administrator, said. "[Sometimes], you forget to thank people, so this [event] was set up as a way to acknowledge the work that people do."

This annual event occurs at the Williamsburg church not only because of its central location between the DCFB's two locations, but also because of its spacious room to greet everyone without feeling cramped.

Along with some homemade soup and sandwiches, the volunteers were able to participate in lighthearted conversation and enjoy the meal prepared.

A silent auction also accompanied the luncheon, allowing the Good Samaritans and members present to view dozens of items donated by the volunteers and place their bids. Whether it be wine, cookbooks or jewellery, all items attracted the volunteers to donate some of their money for the cause and to engage in some good old fashioned friendly rivalry.



More than 30 items were up for grabs in the silent auction.

"People love these silent auctions because they love to outbid their neighbours, and to see what others have brought to the table," Judy Hilson, co-ordinator at the Winchester site, said. "In the end, everything always goes, even if it's at a dollar."

Each year, nearly $300 is raised from the silent auction. That profit not only pays for the meal offered during the luncheon, but the leftover funds go to the food bank itself.

Coincidentally, this event happened to be scheduled days prior to National Volunteer Week (Sun., April 12 to Sat., April 18).

"It's a great coincidence that happened completely by accident," McKelvie said.

Meanwhile, a food drive is scheduled for Sat., May 2nd, making stops in Morrisburg and Winchester.

Winchester seniors hold euchre party

WINCHESTER – The white-card winners at the latest Winchester Seniors' euchre event held Thurs., April 9 were Betty Merkley and Mal Byers.

The yellow-card winners were Jim Robinson and Bill Cinnamon.

Sharon Casselman and Sis Schoones were the door prize winners, while Betty Holmes, Marjorie Lougheed, and Schoones took home the "share the wealth" offerings.

The group's next euchre event has been scheduled for Thurs., April 23 at the village Lions Hall.

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IPM takes lion's share of festival funding for region

WINCHESTER – Five regional festivals will benefit from increased funding as part of the recently announced Celebrate Ontario grants.

The financial totals were released Thurs., April 9, and include $19 million in all.

This fall's International Plowing Match and Rural Expo, scheduled for Tues., Sept. 22 to Sat., Sept. 26 in the Finch area, took the largest share of available funding. The event is tagged to receive $270,000.

"Ontario is home to so many special festivals and events, and I'm proud that our government has committed to investing in a record number of them across the province," Michael Coteau, minister of tourism, culture and sport, said. "Our investment will help these festivals and events reach new heights as they create jobs, build local economies, and offer new and exciting ways for residents and visitors to experience Ontario like never before."

Upper Canada Village's Pumpkinferno, this year taking place Fri., Oct. 23 to Mon., Nov. 2, received $90,000.

The South Mountain Fair, a staple in the region, runs Thurs., Aug. 13 to Sun., Aug. 16, was earmarked for $33,228.

In Russell, the village's fair has been granted $31,500.

Down County Road 43 west, the Kemptville Live Music Festival is to benefit from $31,500. The three-day event is scheduled for Fri., July 24 to Sun., July 26 on the grounds of Kemptville College. This year's lineup features Tom Cochrane, Murray McLauchlan, and more.

"We are fortunate to have so many amazing festivals and events that attract people from across the province, and beyond," Kathrin Delutis, CEO of Festivals and Events Ontario, said. "This year's [grants are] supporting even more events, which means that more visitors will be able to enjoy the varied and unique experiences they offer."

Since its implementation in 2007, Celebrate Ontario has committed $137 million to support more than 1,700 events provincewide. From 2009 to 2013, festivals and events receiving funding reported an increase of 6.2 million tourists, and an increase of $1 billion in visitor spending.

According to Ontario's tourism ministry, people taking part in the numerous events helps to generate more than $28 billion in economic activity, supporting more than 340,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Seatbelt deaths hit 10-year low

WINCHESTER – The province's police force is encouraged by recently released statistics that show seatbelt-related deaths are declining.

Last week, the OPP noted that fatalities due to a lack of a seatbelt on the force's patrolled roads shrunk from 120 10 years ago to 50 in 2014.

According to a police spokesperson, this is an optimistic change as it shows the growing importance road users are putting on proper restraints when driving.

"We are proud to see Ontarians come such a long way with seatbelt safety [throughout] the past 10 years," Chief Supt. Chuck Cox, provincial commander of the OPP's highway safety division, said. "In spite of the steady progress, we need all road users to start recognizing the significant role a seatbelt plays in increasing one's chances of surviving a road crash, and reducing the severity of injuries."

During the recent Easter long weekend, OPP officers conducted provincewide education and targetted enforcement of seatbelt laws.

In total, 856 people between 2005 and 2014 were killed in road crashes with not wearing a seatbelt being a factor in their deaths. More than two-thirds of the deceased were males (646) and 210 were females.

The majority of those killed were drivers (611), and 245 were passengers.





Hey, South Dundas, put an end to council's infighting, okay?

You can catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

Simply put, this means it is easier to get what you want by flattering people and being polite to them than by making unruly demands.

In the Municipality of South Dundas, it seems temper tantrums are an appropriate method to make a point.

No, it wasn't a child losing their cool, but rather an elected official.

During the township's Tues., April 7 meeting, council members met to discuss the latest in a long list of crucial items that will move the municipality forward.

Fire chief Chris McDonough was also in attendance that night, presenting two separate items.

Firstly, South Dundas' top fire official encouraged councillors to approve $224,000 in expenditure for the purchase of a new fire truck chassis. An exhaustive search led McDonough to a company in Quebec with some unused frames, previously purchased by the City of Halifax before it instead closed two fire stations.

Ultimately, the chassis will be part of a new pumper truck for the municipality's fire and emergency services. The fire chief pushed to have the procurement sole sourced, foregoing the tender process and acquisition of bids from various providers.

That was the first wrinkle in the plan. Next, McDonough was forced to admit the chassis would need to be extended some in order to be properly outfitted. This would eat into the proposed $20,000 savings, but it's a minimal change.

A further $180,000 will be expended in order to finalize the build, adding a cab and pumper.

It was initially a welcomed address by the fire chief, since elected officials always welcome financial savings.

Then the confrontation started. Councillor Bill Ewing was the first up, taking the fire chief to task about the potential purchase and criticizing the need for the frame adjustment and other technical aspects.

He did all this without once making eye contact with McDonough, staring intently at the tablet computer in front of him while he unleashed the verbal tirade.

Marc St. Pierre also chipped in, arguing instead for the purchase of a complete unit, not one that will come together in a piecemeal process. He also hinted that the fire chief misled councillors about the chassis purchase.

The scenario didn't devolve to physical aggression, but it was more than tepid as each man tried to outdraw the other with a rising voice. Ewing and St. Pierre did the bulk of the chest pumping, like a jungle ape proving its dominance.

McDonough's second report, which proposes an adjustment to South Dundas' lottery policy, also drew the ire of council members. The fire chief wants the change in order to have the final say on items purchased for either village fire department, ensuring there is no duplication of equipment.

It is a fairly cut and dry proposal, with effort being made to direct money at needed purchases, while at the same time encouraging South Dundas' three firefighters' associations to continue with their fundraising.

Yet, St. Pierre accused the chief of pulling the wool over the members' eyes, and he rallied firefighters against the plan as many filled council chambers during the recent meeting. Ewing, too, condemned the plan.

Both men are former members of the municipality's fire and emergency services, but each now has their long knives drawn against the fire chief.

Should the councillors be chastised for keeping a watchful eye on spending? Of course not. That, more than anything, is a key part of the job.

What's wrong is their handling of the current situation. It is clear both Ewing and St. Pierre aren't fond of the fire chief, a relationship bordering on toxicity, and they make little effort to hide that fact.

Is McDonough innocent? No. He has made some costly, and controversial, purchases on the taxpayers' dime in his short time as South Dundas' fire chief. Many residents saw no need for the full-time position before his hiring, and there are members from each village detachment who still feel this way today.

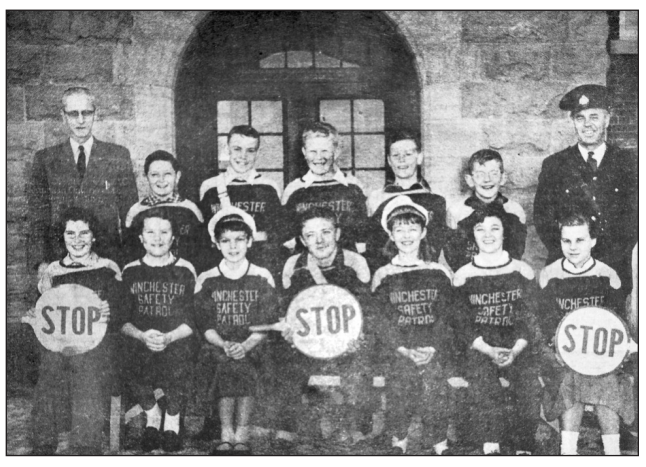
Yet, while each member of the five-person council campaigned last year on moving the township forward, the petty infighting has the municipality stuck in the mud. Stepping harder on the gas is only spinning the tires.

Mayor Evonne Delegarde would be wise to rein her colleagues in, because right now she is nothing more than the ringmaster at a circus.

Remember when…

1925

"If you have not already secured a license for your radio, you are likely to have your machine seized by the authorities," the *Winchester Press* reported.



This week in 1955: "One of the most efficient organizations in Winchester is the Public School Safety Patrol. Organized in 1950 through the efforts of Chief. Const. Gilbert Raistrick… the patrol has a 'no accident' record in its five years of operation." Pictured are: Lorraine Baldwin (front, left), Sharron Biccum, Irma Mallory, Robert Levere, Nancy Willard, Barbara Lannin, and Marlene Summers. Back row: public school principal Harry Potter (left), Ronald Durant, Wesley Clark (capt.), Michael Dukelow, Thomas Beardsall, Melvin Vice, and Raistrick.

1935

"Fire, which originated in the basement and spread rapidly through the walls, damaged the Morrisburg United Church to the extent of $2,000 early Sunday evening last.

1945

This week's *Press* reported on a meeting between Reeve Albert Turner and various members of community groups to plan Winchester's V-Day celebration: "When the victory signal comes, all citizens will be advised by telephone, scout, cub, and church bells, and time and place of the muster made known."

1955

"Another Canadian Pacific red letter day," was the headline of an advertisement in this week's *Press*. "Canadian Pacific presents The Canadian, Canada's first and only stainless steel scenic dome streamliner." The piece reminded readers of Canada's June 28, 1886 "red letter day," when the country's first transcontinental train was introduced, comparing it with the current April 24, 1955 history-making event. "Symbol of an expanding Canada, this great new train."

1965

Pictured in this week's *Press* were Ina Thompson, Winnie Rushton, Mac MacGregor (skip), and Charles Ault, as they had recently won the "coveted" Cass Trophy at Winchester Curling Club.

1975

Making history: "Tickets for Ontario's first provincial lottery – called Wintario – go on sale at retail outlets across the province today [Thurs., April 17]. The types of outlets selling Wintario tickets will include cigar stores, newsstands, gas stations, variety and milk stores, grocery stores, [and] restaurants… The first Wintario draw will take place on May 15, 1975 and draw thereafter will be made every other Thursday. There will be a top prize of $100,000 plus a variety of other cash prizes."

1985

In this week's "Seventh Column" by Joe Rowan: "It's that time again! The Ontario government is finding bins of money that wasn't supposed to exist; candidates are smiling and shaking hands and kissing 'all the girls;' and we're all supposed to be gullible enough to believe the timing of such generous handouts is simply coincidental."

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So, what are you doing Thursday?



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

It seemed simple enough.

The Diva was wondering why her phone was burning through both power and data usage. She figured it had to do with a setting on her phone, because whenever she went to Facebook, videos that people posted were constantly streaming. She did not know how to turn that off or change the setting, so she went in to see our good friends at the Bell store.

We got the whole up-sell thing. I used to work for a home shopping television network in Nashville, so I know all about the up-sell… Although once you had the Q-Ray Bracelet, I have no idea what else in the world you could ever need.

So, at the Bell Store, the up-salesman came up with the idea that we needed an entirely new plan. For only $200, or some other figure that was well beyond zero, which is what we were looking to spend, we could get a new package complete with Fibe TV and more data usage.

He tried to spin the problem around on the Diva. If you get more data in your plan, you have no need to turn off the constantly streaming data-sucking Facebook videos.

"No, we don't want that," she said. "I just want the setting on my phone changed."

"Well, I'm going to write it out for you so you can see how much better…"

"We don't want that," she said again, somewhat losing her patience. "I just need to have the setting on my phone changed."

Maybe he thought that having constantly streaming videos on Facebook, such as "Here's my dog knocking over a plant LOL" or "Here's my cat sticking her paws in my daughter's Cheerios and milk and getting the last one ROFL," were things that no one could live without. Maybe he even posts them. But he would not give up on the Fibe TV.

After a third, emphatic "no," the Diva came home. Within minutes, the phone rang.

"This is the Bell technician. We will be at your house next Thursday to install Fibe TV. You have to be here, so you will have to be home in the window between 9:30 am and 4 pm."

The Diva shook her head in frustration.

"Um, we didn't order Fibe TV," she said.

Frustrated, she begged me to talk to the up-salesman at the Bell Store and "straighten this mess out."

"Oh no, I didn't order Fibe TV for you," he told me. I don't think Darrelle Revis backpedalled that well against the Seahawks in the last Super Bowl. "I just filled out the paperwork so that you could see what it would look like if you were to order it."

Right.

"Well then why did the Bell technician call and book an appointment for Thursday and inform us that we would not be working that day?"

"That's odd, they shouldn't have," he said.

"But they did."

"Don't worry, I'll straighten it out," he said.

I got home, chest puffed out and bursting with pride, letting the Diva know that I had manned up and dealt with the situation, because I'm a man, and a man fixes things and deals with problems, usually all manly-like, because it's part of my manhoodness.

We went on with our lives for a full day. The Diva had figured out how to change the setting on the phone by herself, and I was frolicking in a sea of self-admiration because, well, I had actually done something useful.

And then the phone rang.

It was Bell.

They were reminding us that they were coming Thursday between 9:30 am and 4 pm.

My self-confidence deflated like a bouncy castle at the end of the community fun day.

The Diva was not impressed with how I dealt with the problem. I'm not certain, but she may even have been mocking me.

I called Bell's 800-number. I think it was 1-866-WTF-BELL or something like that. I wasn't sure what to expect, but the guy on the phone was great. Not only was he in New Brunswick, but English was his first language. Nothing against outsourced agents in India, but sometimes it is comforting when you are dealing with a problem to speak to someone who you know fully understands you.

I told my new bestie the situation with the Diva and her phone and the up-sell scam at the store. He took down all of the information and asked me a few questions. He then cancelled the service order for the installation of Fibe TV, which, according to his records, we had apparently ordered.

I came home from the office, somewhat less roostery than I was the last time I had dealt with the problem, and informed the Diva that the situation had been taken care of.

We were finally able to get on with our lives and watch The Sports Network (TSN) and Entertainment (E!) and the Weather Channel without having to pay for the installation of a service we specifically declined when offered. And I am really into the Weather Channel right now, checking the long-term forecast every 10 minutes to see if winter is over yet, while listening to one of my favourite Weather Channel tunes from 2005.

By Friday, it was all behind us. We had moved on.

Then the phone rang. The Diva answered it.

"This is Bell Canada, we are just calling to see if you are pleased with your new Fibe TV service?"

Letters to the Editor

Grain terminal complainants shortsighted, let's move forward

The Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter published in the *Winchester Press* ("Was terminal's cost to roads negotiated?" in the Wed., April 1 edition), in which the topic of grain elevators has come up, again.

This time around the issue was regarding budget allocation for the possibility of massive road deterioration caused by truck traffic travelling to the proposed project site.

Also included were concerns about possible explosion, fire, and environmental risks associated with these terminals and the author's theory as to the terminal's impact on future budgets and taxes.

The letter went on to, in my opinion, be unnecessarily critical of the Municipality of South Dundas' chief building official, Don Lewis, and a roundabout way called into question his qualifications and ability to do his job.

This was, of course, brought on by the compensation received by South Dundas, the Township of North Dundas, and the Untied Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry for road deterioration during construction of the South Branch Wind Farm.

So let's compare apples to oranges here. I was present at the renewable energy project nearly every day of the workweek, so I have a pretty clear picture as to why road deterioration was such a large factor and needed compensation.

Firstly, and most importantly, weight. As anyone involved in the construction or transportation industry knows there are very strict guidelines regarding how much weight a commercial vehicle is allowed to haul.

This varies depending on the season, with roads more susceptible to moving in the spring when the frost begins to recede.

Everything involved in the wind project was super sized. To haul all of these supplies and equipment into the Brinston area was certainly not as simple as just loading it onto a truck and driving it there. It required major road modifications to allow the tractor-trailers carrying the windmill sections.

On top of this there were multiple pieces of heavy equipment, dump trucks, delivery and service vehicles travelling these roads as part of the construction process.

To compare damage and deterioration sustained from the South Branch project to the truck traffic that would be associated with a few grain bins at the already existing port on Lakeshore Drive is ludicrous.

Firstly, there is already truck traffic flowing to and from that very site, hauling road salt to various locations. However, the only time these trucks even touch Lakeshore is to cross to the weigh scales, accessed from County Road 2, on the north side to the port on the south side of the road.

As for speculated damage to County Road 2, that highway was designed and built with transport traffic in mind. I highly doubt, and the majority would agree, that any increase in traffic due to grain bins being installed in our township would be anything but a good thing for the bulk of residents.

While it may have a negative financial impact on property value for a minority of people, it will also have a positive financial impact on many more in the form of new jobs and other spin-off industries.

How many small communities have an international port just sitting there waiting for something to be done? The fact of the matter is our young people are leaving this area for the cities in droves as jobs are few and far between.

As the elder generation of this community, we should be doing everything possible to ensure that there is a future for this community. That being said, the youth are the future, and if there are no youth around, what future is there?

We're a little far from the city to be a commuter community, aren't we? Is it not time to bring new jobs and new money into this community? Is it not time to give our younger generation a shot at the opportunities that generations past once had?

Yes, it may only be a few grain bins now, but a few grain bins through time, and with the co-operation of the surrounding community, could end up being the start of a whole new chapter for this area.

From the shores of the St. Lawrence River to the farmland in the north, we are one municipality. Let's start acting like it. No matter how many letters you write, council meetings you attend, people you publicly criticize, or uneducated attempts at scaring the community on your side, you've lost. It is time to accept that.

Yes, it's unfortunate your property may decrease in value because of this, but it was you who chose to buy next to an international port, not the people of this community. So, it should be you alone who deals with the consequences of your actions.

It's rough, but that's life. You make your bed, and you lay in it. The needs of the many must outweigh the needs of the few. It doesn't work very well the other way around. Take one for the team, and get on with your lives.

Jim Mills
Dunbar

Canada should lead in information access

The Editor:

After last week's editorial ("Canada is falling behind when it comes to information access"), I was moved to research some of those 85 well-reasoned improvements asked for by Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault.

Unbelievably, the *Access to Information Act* does not cover all Canadian institutions that spend taxpayers' money, like Parliament, as Legault points out.

Ministers, parliamentary secretaries, and the Prime Minister's Office are public office holders who make decisions that impact us.

Surely it stands to reason they and their staff need to be more accountable. There is a lot in Legault's document to agree with.

We would not be mired in Mike Duffy, Pamela Wallin, and Patrick Brazeau miscreant extravagances if we had more transparency, and if we demanded more personal integrity in government.

Look at the wiggle room Duffy's lawyers are now digging out about Senate spending. If we are not looking at ethics from our public office holders, we should be. Easy public access to all the spending of our elected politicians would go a long way toward accountability. This legal worming around emphasizes the necessity of well-written laws with higher expectations for honesty in public officials.

We are in the information age, but in Canada it seems much information is reserved for the special few versus us, the taxpayers. Access to information sometimes comes with a fee or takes 30 to 60 days or more to receive.

Look also at our method of access. "The Internet is becoming the town square of the global village," Bill Gates said. But in Canada we have deep ruts in a muddy road when we try to access our elected officials' patch of the town square.

In Canada, we are in a real quagmire, facing even more government secrecy legislation. What Edward Snowden said may be true: "The majority of people in developed countries spend at least some time interacting with the Internet, and governments are busy abusing that necessity in secret to extend their powers beyond what is necessary and appropriate."

Wipe the mud off our boots. Get walking. Build a better road. Let our next government know we demand honesty and transparency.

In this information age, we should be paying attention to the information commissioner.

Susan Hamilton
South Mountain

Extending thanks

The Editor:

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the village's ministerial group for arranging community services throughout the month of March in lead up to Easter.

It was so nice to come together as a community and share in these times of worship, fellowship, and food.

The service on Good Friday was so lovely with so many taking part. We are indeed blessed to be in a community such as this.

So, on behalf of those who attended, we say thank you to all of you who made it happen.

Tom and Jan Clapp
Winchester

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From
Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon



Enhancing the child care benefit

OTTAWA – Our local constituency office has received a lot of inquiries regarding the increases made to the Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB).

There has been plenty of positive feedback to this announcement as every Canadian family will have more funds each month to raise their child(ren).

I am using my weekly article to provide some important background information on the UCCB, and provide an important notification to parents with children between the ages of 15 and 17.

For background context, our Conservative government introduced legislation to increase the value of the monthly benefit, with the first payments hitting bank accounts this summer.

Under the proposed legislation, the government is increasing and expanding the UCCB starting in July. The UCCB is being enhanced by providing up to $1,920 per year for each child under the age of six, and introducing a new benefit of up to $720 per year for children aged six through 17.

The payments will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2015, meaning families will see an average payment of about $500 per child on Mon., July 20, when the increased benefits kick in.

If you have not received the Child Tax Benefit or the UCCB for a child in the past, please contact our office immediately to apply. This is especially important for parents with children between the ages of 15 and 17 years old, as they would not be on the system automatically because UCCB was not created when they were younger and eligible (under the age of six).

My caucus colleague, Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre, who is responsible for the file, has done a great job with department officials in getting this increased benefit set up in a relatively quick manner.

The whole policy is premised on the belief that parents will always do what's best for their kids. It's not the government's job to go into people's homes and tell them where to spend money.

Without a doubt, the cost of childcare – and how to pay for it – will be a key issue in the coming months. While the opposition parties want a big bureaucracy and government operated system, our party believes in providing choice and simplicity for Canadian families.

The problem with the NDP and Liberal plans for government daycare is that if you have a stay-at-home parent, you get nothing. If you use a family member, you get nothing. If you use a neighbourhood private daycare, you get nothing. If your kids are too old for daycare, you get nothing.

The benefit is taxable in the hands of the lower-income earner in the home. In many cases, that happens to be mothers who stay home with children.

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By the numbers

- $100 – Amount per child under age six given to families monthly
- $160 – New amount per child under age six to be given to families monthly starting in July
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Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon submits regular weekly columns to the Winchester Press. *His provincial counterpart for the riding, Jim McDonell, submits monthly columns.*

Annual cancer charity event sold out

GREELY – The eighth annual Ladies Night Out – Hunks with Hammers fundraiser is sold out.

Scheduled for Sat., April 25, beginning at 5:45 pm at the Greely Community Centre, the dinner and auction charity event has raised more than $102,000 to date for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation.

This year, with more than 300 ladies expected to attend, the goal is to raise funds for the Maplesoft Centre, Eastern Ontario's first centre for cancer survivorship.

For more information, contact Jane DiRaimo at 613-220-4935 or email jbdiraimo@yahoo.ca.

Spring auction

Metcalfe's Community Christian School is hosting an auction sale fundraiser April 25 at the Metcalfe Fire Hall on Victoria Street beginning with a viewing at 9:30, followed by the auction, which is set to start at 10 am.



In and around
Osgoode Ward
by Councillor George Darouze

April programming

The Osgoode Township Historical Society Museum in Vernon is offering an assortment of programming this month, such as the free garden-pruning activity on Sat., April 18.

Participants can help prune the facility's Heritage Garden for the 2015 season.

The museum is booked for a PD Day Program on Fri., April 24 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Children aged six and up will have an opportunity to become magicians for a day. The cost is $25 per child, and kids must bring their own lunches. Snacks are to be provided.

Adults are invited to participate in a two-day "Make a Quilt" workshop, which is scheduled for Sat., April 25 and Sat., May 16.

Quilting instructor Beth Cameron will be on hand to assist participants in sewing their "I-SPY Quilt" projects. The cost is $70 per participant plus an $80 quilting kit fee.

For more information on museum programs, call 613-821-4062.

Rural expo

The annual Mayor's Rural Expo and Food Aid Barbecue is set for Thurs., June 4 at Festival Plaza, Ottawa City Hall.

The event helps urban residents learn more about what rural Ottawa has to offer. The barbecue will help the Ottawa Food Bank raise the funds needed to sustain its food programs and support local farmers.

Any organizations wishing to participate in the June 4 activity are asked to contact the Rural Affairs Office at ruralaffairs@ottawa.ca or call 613-580-2424 extension 28352.

Sponsors needed

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For more information, visit www.ottawa.ca.

Playhouse launching charity ticket campaign for 15th year running

MORRISBURG – The Upper Canada Playhouse is looking to pay it forward.

The local theatre's annual charity fundraising initiative, which assists non-profit organizations, is going ahead.

In the past, church groups, youth sports teams, service organizations, special needs groups, and others that have limited access to funding and support have benefitted.

This is the 15th year the playhouse has hosted this type of event, having helped more than 250 organizations to date.

Playhouse staff will be donating 15 tickets each to 18 qualified organizations on a first come-first served basis for the Sat., Aug. 29 matinee production of *Touch and Go*. Showtime is 2 pm.

The organizations sell the tickets, and keep the revenue for their community work.

Those wanting to take part are asked to submit an application listing the name of the group, contact names, phone number, and a statement of mandate and declaration that they are a charitable non-profit organization.

Organizations receiving tickets are encouraged to sell them at the theatre's regular adult price ($34). Requests are to be submitted by fax only (613-534-4388).

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Plowing match organizers compiling operating funds to ensure top-notch event

FINCH – Years of planning will soon culminate in the 2015 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo, though much work remains to be done.

With attendance expectations of 70,000 to 100,000 people, the economic impact of the event, according to organizers, is estimated at $20-million from visitors and event participants.

As one of the largest outdoor agricultural shows in North America, the opportunities to showcase area businesses, industry, and tourism are heightened.

"We want visitors to enjoy themselves while they are here, and [to] remember our region when planning their next vacation or day trip," Terry Besner, the plowing match's marketing coordinator, said. "One of the highlights of such a large-scale event is the human capital that is coming to light through the efforts and commitment of hundreds of volunteers working on [more than] 30 committees."

From the arts, graphic design, and networking to public speaking, leadership, and logistics, people are starting to see their neighbours in new ways, and there is motivation and economic confidence coming out of that.

"In discovering these strong community assets, a strong foundation for future economic development is being forged," Besner said.

Organizers began work to secure operating funds shortly after it was announced three years ago that Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) would host the 2015 event in the Finch area.

To date, corporate sponsorship has been received from Grenville Mutual Insurance, Delaney Bus Lines, Shane Signs, and Lafleche Environmental.

With horse and tractor plowing, food, entertainment, and more than 600 vendors and educational demonstrations and displays in the "tented city," there will be no shortage of activity on the more than 1,000-acre site.

Meanwhile, visitors will have plenty of places to rest their feet, as the sponsorship committee has initiated a $300 bench sponsor program. It was created as a partnership between a local contractor and construction technology students at Avonmore's Tagwi Secondary School.

Other sponsorship volunteers continue to solicit support through the "Fan of the Match" program. For a package costing from $500 to $999.99, perks include a plowing match sign, two admission tickets, and priority parking passes.

"Match parking is plentiful, but carefully managed and most visitors will arrive at the tented city by tractor and wagon from the parking area," Jim Brownell, plowing match chairman, said. "Ensuring we put our best foot forward, and make a lasting impression on visitors is only part of the lasting benefits of the event. Once the bills are paid, any remaining revenue will be rolled into the [event's] legacy fund and donated to the three hospitals in SD&G."

Prescott-Russell's 2011 plowing match at Chute-a-Blondeau generated $225,000, which was handed out to various charities. Meanwhile, the largest legacy fund to date came from Bruce County in 2008, with a total surpassing $900,000.



Long Sault resident Doug Barkley (middle) is pictured with Green Tech store manager Roman Inderbitzin and Leslie Pattemore, tactical sales manager with John Deere Canada. Barkley won the 1023E compact utility tractor through the company's Green Fever contest.

Volunteer? SNC wants you

FINCH – South Nation Conservation is looking for volunteers.

"[They are] a commodity much in demand," Ronda Boutz, the authority's team lead for communications and outreach, said. "They're the engine of many rural organizations. We've been blessed because we've always been able to attract dedicated local residents who donate their time and energy to the environmental cause."

Among areas where help is welcome are park cleanup, fish, wildlife and water monitoring, habitat rehabilitation, seedling distribution, and representation at special events.

Another specific area is committee work, Boutz added. She noted that the conservation authority operates four committees made up entirely of volunteers with varied skill sets from throughout the 4,832 square-kilometre jurisdiction.

Committees include communications, clean water, fish and wildlife, and forestry. Group members review projects being developed by staff, offering recommendations to be presented to the board of directors. They help build strong, sensible programs with broad-based support, Boutz added.

Recently, the communications committee revised the grant process for community environmental programs. Each of the groups has input on decisions, with a maximum of $300 available. The program components are river, heritage, agri-environmental, and community outreach.

"The goal was to consolidate all community grants under one program for streamlined delivery, and greater promotional opportunities," Boutz said.

Long Sault man heads home with new John Deere tractor

WINCHESTER – A Long Sault resident recently won himself a big green piece of machinery.

Doug Barkley's name was selected at the conclusion of the 2015 John Deere Green Fever contest. His prize? A 1023E compact utility tractor with a 54-inch mowing deck.

The longtime Ridgewood Industries employee said he was "blown away" when he received a call last month informing him he had won.

"I decided to take a chance to participate in the contest when a friend posted a link to the contest on Facebook," he said. "I filled out the information online and thought for sure I'd never win. It was an easy program to participate in, and I was extremely excited when I got the phone call."

Barkley, who has a large yard to maintain during the spring and summer months, noted that he is familiar with the company's line of tractors.

"I've been using a John Deere 180 with a PTO-drive mowing deck the last seven years, and it's been the best lawn tractor I've ever owned," he said. "It has lots of power, cuts grass beautifully, and is comfortable to drive."

Winchester's Green Tech awarded Barkley his new piece of equipment. He said he is "excited" to use the machine because it features an auto connect mower deck, and can handle multiple implements.

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The Green Fever contest, meanwhile, is John Deere's annual first-quarter sales promotion, which runs from November through February.

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Villa expansion adding to facility's residential capacity

by Nina Guy

CHESTERVILLE – The Garden Villa Retirement Residence is expanding.

Already housing 74 residents, the latest expansion will add 12 suites at the Chesterville site, allowing the home to accommodate a larger variety of seniors who need medical care. Along with high ceilings and bright open areas, these rooms will also have single or double beds, depending on the resident.

The $1.6-million project, which has been in the works since November 2014, will see an addition to the south side of the building. Considering its close proximity to the reception area, the construction noise can easily be heard throughout the retirement home. Fortunately, residents don't seem to be affected by the setback.

According to Kristine Steele, marketing manager at the villa, those living there continue their daily activities as if nothing was happening, even with the ongoing construction.

"Sometimes they would actually look outside and just watch the construction," Steele said. "They're pretty amazing."

One of the key components of the expansion is the "wellness centre." Not only will the residents receive the physiotherapy they need without any waiting period, but the distribution of the residents' medication will also be changed to accommodate them.

"It's going to have everything that we were missing," Steele said.

Before the wellness centre opens, a falls prevention program will be offered to the community, along with a second exercise program, seeing as the first has exceeded its capacity.

"We want people to know that the villa is open for them," Steele said. "Having that wellness centre and a special place for them to come is something we really want people to use."

Along with the wellness centre, the senior residents will also be able to partake in more activities, with the completion of an exercise room, movie theatre, beauty salon, an updated reception area and a private dining room.

The project has been ongoing, remaining on schedule, apart from slight delays due to Mother Nature's mood swings.

The renovations and additions are scheduled for completion in June 2015.



The Garden Villa Retirement Residence's ongoing expansion project consists of 12 new rooms with nine-foot high ceilings, walk-out balconies, kitchenettes that include microwaves and mini-fridges, and spacious areas.



Raising awareness

With April being Daffodil Month, the Canadian Cancer Society's annual initiative to promote awareness of the disease, a handful of North Dundas District High School students have taken on an advocacy role. Each day during the secondary school's lunch hour, participating pupils are selling homemade chocolate chip cookies in exchange for a donation to the cause. Pictured during a recent collection is Tasha Soltesz.

Press Photo – Uhrig

Students to wear yellow for Sean

MAPLE RIDGE – All students and staff are reminded to wear yellow tomorrow (Thurs., April 16) in honour of the boardwide event "Wear Yellow for Sean."

Sean, 11, is a student at Eamers Corners Public School in Cornwall who is battling cancer. To surprise him for his birthday, all schools in the Upper Canada District School Board are uniting to celebrate.

Meanwhile, all senior students are reminded that their graduation profiles, containing all extracurricular information, are due Fri., April 17.

That same day, pupils will be taking part in fashion faux-pas day. Participants are encouraged to wear socks and sandals, plaid on plaid, or just plain ugly clothes to earn points for their grade.



NDDHS Notes

by Abby Fawcett

Need volunteer hours? Organizers for Chesterville's Art on the Waterfront (Sat., June 6 and Sun., June 7), the Osgoode Medieval Festival (Fri., July 10 to Sun., July 12), and the Dundas County Players' upcoming production are in need of help.

Lastly, the yearbook is currently being assembled, and if anyone has pictures they would like included, email them to marhsall.steele@my.ucdsb.ca or text them to 613-816-3610.

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The North Dundas District High School's rugby squad held its first outdoors practice session last week (Tues., April 7). Mallory Hutchinson (left), Cashelle Baldwin and Kimberly Roberts followed ball carrier Victoria Borgia on this run.



Amy Lydiate dished the ball off to a teammate during last week's (Tues., April 7) offensive drill at North Dundas District High School. Coach Scott Reaney, assisted by Deanna Corbett-White, had the Devils take part in a girl's Fifteens rugby exhibition tournament at Carleton University on Monday (April 13).

Long winter evolving into spring sports season at NDDHS



Payton Halpenny, carrying the ball, was looking to advance the offence while Lynette Klein-Boonschate watched the play unfold during last week's (Tues., April 7) rugby practice at North Dundas District High School. The Devils will host the Holy Trinity Falcons in an SD&G Girl's Fifteens Rugby League match on Fri., May 8.

Press Photos – Van Bridger

MAPLE RIDGE – Gradually the evidence of a long, cold winter is disappearing and the athletes at North Dundas District High School are beginning to take advantage of outdoor training in anticipation of their spring sports season.

Members of the Devils track and field squad, coached by Julie Green and Patti Hall, have been circumventing the school building for some time now in preparation for their first competitions and eventually the 2015 SD&G championship meet on Wed., May 13 in Cornwall.

The school's badminton midget and junior teams, trained by Cindy Steele and Mike Moore, faced SD&G competition last Friday (April 10). The Senior Devils will compete for tri-county honours today (Wed., April 15).

Kevin Bell has reported that on-field drills for the school's soccer teams will get underway this week.

Rugby rolling

North Dundas rugby coach Scott Reaney and assistant Deanna Corbett-White have been putting prospective players through indoor passing, rucking and tackling drills since February.

Last week (Tues., April 7), the squad moved outdoors for the first time when all skills, including player positions and scrums, were covered.

Reaney reported that there are six (four Grade 9s, one 11 and one 12) girls completely new to the sport on the squad. One Grade 9 played Sevens (seven person team) last fall, but is new to Fifteens (15 players).

"We have nine players with a year of experience [with one Fifteens season and a Sevens in for all but one]. Three of those girls are Grade 11s, and one is a Grade 12 and the rest are Grade 10's", explained the coach.

"So, all in all, it is a rebuilding year," Reaney said. "However, the Sevens team did well, and once all of the major organizational issues of Fifiteens is in place, we'll be good. With three pre-season tournaments we will get ourselves organized."

The Devils' first test was a tournament played at Carleton University on Monday (April 13). Today (Wed., April 15) the team is in Kingston for an event at Queen's University. Next Monday (April 20), their exhibition schedule will conclude in Rockland.

The SD&G campaign opens on Fri., April 24 at Holy Trinity. North Dundas will visit the St. Joe's Panthers on Fri., May 1 and the Tagwi Warriors on Tues., May 5. The Devils home dates are scheduled for Fri., May 8 vs. Holy Trinity, Fri., May 15 vs. St. Joe's and Tues., May 19 vs. Tagwi.

Regional junior hockey league rebranded

EOJHL no more as CCHL2 forms

WINCHESTER – The region's junior hockey landscape will have a much different look before it opens next fall.

Executive members of the former Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League (EOJHL) met Mon., April 13 to finalize consolidation plans for the new circuit, which will feature 16 teams during the upcoming season.

Those squads making up the newly formed CCHL2 include the Winchester Hawks, Alexandria Glens, Casselman Vikings, Char-Lan Rebels, Metcalfe Jets, Arnprior Packers, Prescott Flyers, Brockville Tikis, Athens Aeros, Westport Rideaus, Clarence Beavers, Ottawa Junior Canadians, Ottawa West Golden Knights, Stittsville Rams, Renfrew Timberwolves, and Perth Blue Wings.

Each of the teams included were members of the old Metro-Valley and Rideau-St. Lawrence conferences in the EOJHL.

Those teams being bought out of the league include the Akwesasne Wolves, Morrisburg Lions, and Almonte Thunder. Meanwhile, the Gananoque Islanders, Shawville Pontiacs, and Gatineau Mustangs are slated to return to their original junior hockey leagues.

Packers team president Marco Scapillati has been elected chairman of the CCHL2's new board of directors, while Kevin Abrams will serve as interim commissioner.

Abrams is also vice-president of junior hockey for Hockey Eastern Ontario and is the current commissioner of the Central Canada Hockey League. He will serve the new league until a permanent replacement is found.

"We voted to go with experience for now," Keith Ashton, Hawks team president, said. "Some of the assets he has and the people in hockey he knows; it will be a big help."

The new league also features three committees – constitution, finance, and hockey operations – represented by each team.

It is expected the makeup of CCHL2 will see two conferences of eight teams, and two divisions in each. There will be a 44 game schedule.

"There is certainly some change, but it really is more of a rebranding," Ashton said. "The committees will work on what needs worked on."

GHS honours Tom Kirkwood

OTTAWA – For 30 years, Tom Kirkwood was part of the staff at Gloucester High School (GHS). A youth worker at the school, Kirkwood was a strong supporter of the sports program at that institution and a veteran of many years of coaching through the minor and junior hockey ranks.

Kirkwood was 59 and midway through his fourth term as head coach of the Winchester Junior Hawks when he died suddenly of health related issues on Dec. 16, 2013.

GHS honored the Morewood resident, hosting the Tom Kirkwood Memorial Hockey Game on Wed., April 1 at the Earl Armstrong Arena.

George Barrett, a long-time friend of Kirkwood's, reported more over 400 students, administration staff and teachers witnessed the student Gator squad blank the teachers 5-0. He reported the event was a huge success, bringing the school community together.

"Past and present day students, administrators and teachers were on hand to honour an individual who gave much more than he received," he said.

Kirkwood's widow, Nancy, and eldest son Ben took part in the game's opening ceremonies.

Because Kirkwood loved coaching hockey and helping youth at risk GHS is interested in helping their students with coaching certification training. Money collected will defer some of those costs. The establishment of a scholarship in Kirkwood's name is also being considered.

Anyone interested in making a donation is asked to mail it to Kelly Oka, attn: Tom Kirkwood Memorial Gloucester High School, 2060 Ogilvie Rd, Gloucester, Ont. K1J 7N8

Head to regionals

Little rockers win zone title

OTTAWA – Winchester's little rockers are heading to regional's Sun., April 19 at the RCMP Curling Club in Ottawa.

Two teams represented the Winchester Curling Club at the zone one competition late last month in Navan.

The squad heading to the regional event consists of skip Alison Roach, third Taryn Cooper, second Zoe Hogan, and lead Frannie Mae Richardson.

The foursome's first match at the zone event was against Metcalfe, with the two teams ending up in a tie at 4-4.

Roach's rink rebounded in game two to beat the other Winchester entry 6-1, and matched that total in game three against Cornwall.

The other Winchester entry, skipped by Alix Giles, drubbed Cornwall 7-0 in the opening match before falling to their village counterpart. The team's third game went down to the last rock against the RCMP Curling Club's entry, where they settled for a 3-3 tie.

Other team members of the second Winchester entry include third Emma Lebrun, second Madi Giles, and lead Danika Ladouceur.

Both teams are coached by Little Rock co-ordinator Tim Mark.

Roach's team opens April 19's competition against the Rideau Curling Club.



One of the Winchester Curling Club's Little Rocks teams is heading to regional competition Sun., April 19 at the RCMP Curling Club in Ottawa. Team members include skip Alison Roach (left), Zoe Hogan, Tim Mark (coach), Taryn Cooper, and Frannie Mae Richardson.

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Two local players in OHL draft

WINCHESTER – Two local hockey players are expected to continue their junior careers in the Ontario Hockey League.

The league's priority selection draft took place Sat., April 11.

The Peterborough Petes picked Greely resident Cameron Crotty in the 15th spot (136th overall) of the seventh round.

Crotty, a 5'10", 130-pound defenseman, has spent this season with the Upper Canada Cyclones Minor Midget AAA team.

Meanwhile, the Barrie Colts took Ingleside's Konnor MacCormick in the 14th round's 17th spot (278th overall).

MacCormick, 5'10.5" and 165 pounds, is a right winter with the Eastern Ontario Wild Minor Midget AAA squad.

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Taking part in the North Dundas Intermediate School archery team's fun tournament Wed., April 8 were April Constapel (front, left), Jacob Sinclair, Mackayla Clark, Cami Potvin, Brooklyn Soltesz, Zack Dionne, Grace Ringer, Brianna Saucier, Summer Lavoie, Chelsey Osborne, Ashley Williams, Matthew Irvin, and Robbie Sallery. Back row: Teacher Ray Bougie (left), Hannah Robinson, Victoria Borgia, and Cyril Jaquemet.

NDIS archers finish season right on target

MAPLE RIDGE – The bows and arrows have gone away for another year at North Dundas Intermediate School.

On Wed., April 8, the team hosted a fun tournament in the educational facility's gymnasium.

April Constapel finished first on the girls side, while Matthew Irvin was tops in the boys bracket.

Teacher Ray Bougie and student coaches Hannah Robinson, Victoria Borgia, and Patrick and Cyril Jaquemet guided this year's squad.

The four will be representing North Dundas District High School at the OFSAA Archery Tournament in Toronto Wed., May 13 and Thurs., May 14.



Spring training

The spring sports season at North Dundas District High School has sprung. The Devils track and field squad is recruiting athletes for the upcoming season, which may get underway at an indoor meet this week. The 2015 SD&G championship is scheduled for Wed., May 13. Volunteer coach Joe Groeneveld (left) recently accompanied students Jordan Casselman and Jake Quinton as they put in some laps around the school.

Press Photo – Van Bridger

Casselman Vikings capture second straight EOJHL title

STITTSVILLE – It's déjà vu for the Casselman Vikings.

The team captured its second straight Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League championship, drubbing the Rams 8-1 in Stittsville on Sun., April 12.

Maxime Choquette led the way for Casselman, burying five goals in game six. Both Grant Hebert and Thierry Henry added single markers.

Mike DiBello potted Stittsville's lone goal.

Vikings goaltender Gianmarco De Meis stopped 26 of 27 shots faced, while Rams netminder Connor Ellis was shelled for 55 shots, blocking 47.

The Vikings' win on April 12 followed a 7-4 Stittsville victory Fri., April 10 in Casselman.

The league champions opened the final series with a 7-3 win on home ice, but fell 6-3 in game two in Stittsville.

Casselman took both games three and four by 8-3 and 6-3 scores, respectively.

Game five, if it had been needed, was scheduled for tonight (Wed., April 15) in Casselman.

The Vikings ousted the Char-Lan Rebels in six games in the opening round of the league playoffs, and sent the Winchester Hawks packing in five games in round two.

Casselman then tangled with the Prescott Flyers for the Rideau-St. Lawrence Division title, sweeping them in four games.

Stittsville got past both the Arnprior Packers and Renfrew Timberwolves before meeting the Gatineau Mustangs in the Metro-Valley Division final.

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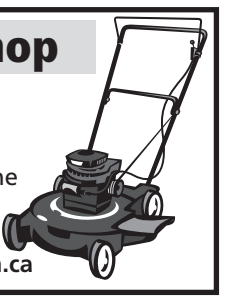

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18
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SATURDAY, APRIL 25
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Versatile #256 4-wheel loader, bought new, 3960 hours; JD 3010 diesel tractor, 11,000 hours; NH 3-pt. hitch 7' mower; IH #45 cultivator; MF #10 baler; AC 225 welder; NH #56 rake; AC 9' haybine; feed cart; 3-pt. hitch cultivator; new culvert; farm trailer; 10-ton 18' hay wagon; small gravity box and wagon; NH flail manure spreader; gates; stone forks; skeleton hay elevator with motor; conveyor belt; windrow rake; scrap iron; chain harrow; 3-section land roller; stook forks; stooker; duals; fuel tank and electric pump; ladders; greenhouse hoops; 5 new sheets of 20' long tin; stovewood; 45-gallon drums; old saw on wheels; farm tools; power tools; 3 chain saws; 2 lawn mowers; bolt bin; saw; bikes; wagon load of farm items.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25
commencing at 12 noon

Machinery: MF 375 diesel tractor, 2wd with cab, air and loader; MF 1085 tractor with cab; Gehl 865 harvester with hay pickup and 2-row corn head; 2-Gehl 970 steel forage wagons with tops, 3 beaters, and 10T wagons; NH 60 forage blower; Sunflower 14' rock-flex disc, like new; Kongskilde 20' S-tine cultivator and harrows; IH 510 grain drill with seed and brome box; 300 gallon trailer sprayer with SL boom; McFarlane 24' chain harrow on fold up transport, like new; MF 880 4-furrow plow; NH 354 grinder-mixer; NH 316 baler and thrower, like new; NH 185 tandem spreader; Westfield auger, 8-41 PTO; four 18' steel bale thrower wagons; 2 good flat wagons; NH 38 flail chopper; 1 parts chopper; Kuhn tedder, 18'; NH 489 haybine; NH 488 haybine; NH 258 side rake; 32' pipe elevator; steel feeder wagons; NH 166 windrow turner; AC pull-type combine; land roller; 2 Utina pumps; 2 grain augers; 2 gravity wagons; 3 water tanks; tube hay elevator and carriage; PTO posthole auger; feed conveyor.

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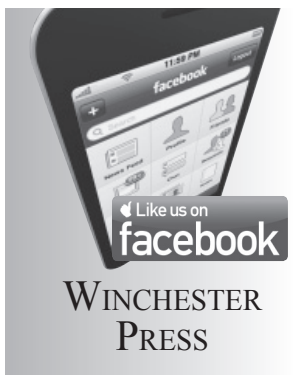

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OBITUARIES & DEATH NOTICES

Robert Grant Ingram

Robert Grant Ingram passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at the Great War Memorial Hospital in Perth on Tues., April 7, 2015. He was 80.



He was the cherished husband for 57 years of Shirley (Stewart) Ingram, and the dearly loved father of Wayne (Carole) Ingram, Deborah (Philippe) St. Germain, and Brian (Joanne) Ingram. He was the cherished grandfather of Amanda and Scott; Meaghan and Ryan; Shannon, Brandon, and Logan; and great-grandfather of Caileigh and Hayden.

He was predeceased by his devoted grandparents, Ella and Arthur Letts, and his parents, Barbara and Ernest Ingram. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends.

Bob joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at 18, and proudly served for 27 years. After he retired, he continued with the Department of National Defence for eight years.

Robert and Shirley built their dream home in 1986 at Sharbot Lake, and in 2000 they moved to Perth.

Friends paid their respects at Blair and Son Funeral Home, 15 Gore St. W. in Perth, on Sun., April 12 from 12 to 4 pm. The funeral service was held in the chapel of the funeral home on Mon., April 13 at 1:30 pm.

In remembrance, contributions to the Canadian Diabetes Association or the Great War Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.

Condolences may be made at www.blairandson.com

Louis Pavlounis

Owner of Louis' Restaurant in Chesterville for 38 years



Louis Pavlounis of Chesterville passed away peacefully at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Mon., April 13, 2015. He was 71.

He was the loving husband of Panagiota "Pitsa." He was the loving father of Konstantina "Dina" (George Sarsaroudis) of Greece, and Dinos of Chesterville. Louis was the dear brother of Olga Boretos of Winchester, and Voula Theos of Winchester. He will be sadly missed by grandchildren Panagiota and Eleftheria Sarsaroudis. He will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville today (Wed., April 15) from 4 to 9 pm. Trisagion prayers will be held in the evening at 8 pm. The funeral service will be held at Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 1615 Prince of Wales Dr. in Ottawa, on Thurs., April 16 at 11 am followed by interment at Hope Cemetery in Ottawa.

Donations to the Lung Association or Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Winchester District Memorial Hospital for the exceptional care they provided to Louis.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com

Thank You

The family of the late Rae Hummel wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all who offered support and messages of sympathy and comfort for our recent loss. We wish to thank all who sent food, flowers and donations to the Dundas Manor Activity Fund. Many thanks to Dundas Manor for their excellent care over the past four years. Special thanks to the nurses and Dr. Bart Steele and Dr. V. Bhagirath of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Thank you to Rev. Christine Lowson and David Lapier of Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Homes for their guidance and compassion.

– Elsie and family

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For the second year in a row, the Kin Club of Russell will administer and run this tradition from 4:30 pm on Fri., May 8 to 12:30 pm on Sun., May 10.

Those wanting to take part can register online – www.poutmasters.com – or in-store at Pronto RJ's Convenience and Barry's Home Hardware in Russell, Depanneur Pierre et Fils in Embrun, or Campbell's Metcalfe Variety.

Hundreds of prizes, including a canoe and kayak, will be available for winners.

The fishing derby has had annual participation numbers beyond 300 for the last eight years.

Proceeds to Sports Dome project

This year, pledge forms, downloaded from the website or picked up at one of the participating stores, are needed.

All Poutmasters entrants turning in completed pledge forms ($20 or more) will receive a ticket for a free hamburger or hotdog, while those collecting more than $50 will have their registration fee refunded.

Prizes will be available to the top three highest pledge sheets, and those winning will be awarded at the closing ceremony May 10.

Proceeds from this year's event will be directed to the Kin Club of Russell's latest project, construction of the Russell Township Sports Dome.

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SNC Administration Office
38 Victoria St., Village of Finch
8:00 am, April 20

McIntosh Park Conservation Area
6 Cockburn Rd., Village of Berwick
9:00 am, April 20

Cass Bridge Conservation Area
12205 Cass Bridge Rd., south of Winchester
10:00 am, April 20

W.E. Burton Conservation Area
Church St. between Gascon St. and Du Parc Ave., Village of Russell – 11:30 am, April 20

J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area
500 meters north on Forced Road from Craig Street, Village of Russell
12:00 pm, April 20

Nokomis Park
464 Limoges Rd., Village of Limoges
12:45 pm, April 20

Jessup's Falls Conservation Area
6675 Highway 17, west of Plantagenet
2:00 pm, April 20

Lemieux Historical Site
On County Rd. 16, east of County Rd. 8, Old Village of Lemieux - 2:45 pm, April 20

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