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Press Photos – Uhrig

Counties urging rural residents to check land specs

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Modifications made to the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry's official plan has the upper-tier government headed for a likely faceoff with the province's municipal affairs ministry.

The counties learned of the changes earlier this month, and at Tues., Feb. 13's Township of North Dundas council meeting, Mayor Eric Duncan informed his colleagues that all townships, along with the regional government, will be appealing the ruling.

The official plan is what sets up lands for various uses, including home building, employment and commercial operations, agriculture, and protects environmentally significant and sensitive areas.

"Some modifications will have major changes to agriculture in North Dundas, along with other big changes in SD&G," Duncan said.

> Provincial decision reclassifies 1,800 SD&G properties

All told, 1,800 properties throughout the tri-counties could be subject to zoning status changes.

"Some may be happy, though some are not likely [to be happy]," Duncan said. "There could be hundreds of appeals coming."

According to counties staff, the modifications made by the ministry have changed the designation of specific properties, and could potentially affect the future use or purpose of the subject lands.

These modifications were not endorsed by the counties ahead of approval.

"[We are] aware that some properties have been redesignated from what council originally adopted," Alison McDonald, SD&G's planning manager, said. "We are encouraging all residents to review their properties online to ensure they understand their designation. Counties staff is currently working to contact individuals who are affected by these changes."

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Guide's inside

Check out the Winchester Press' *locally produced 2018 Wedding Guide for tips, news stories, and features, as well as information about area businesses, specialists, and much more.*

Model Village project drowned out

by Tom Schoch
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Only weeks removed from the launch of the fundraising campaign, the founder of the Morrisburg Model Village initiative, John Gleed, has called off the project.

The reasons for the cancellation were two-fold: a lack of funding and a lack of volunteers with expertise in construction.

"When I started off, I had a plan that I would raise $100,000 outside South Dundas and $100,000 inside. The first thought turned out to be pretty naïve," said Gleed.

Within South Dundas, Gleed received excellent support from individuals and organizations like the Lion's Club, Cruickshank Construction and the Morrisburg Legion. However, it was a different story beyond the municipality with more than 20 applications submitted and only $10,000 donated.

"That was a real dud. We received $10,000 from OPG, but that was it… You put in a good effort to put in an application and have some contact that seems somewhat encouraging. Then you follow up after a while and well, as they say, I guess, no news is not good news," said Gleed.

Applying for grants from different levels of government generated positive conversations, but in the end unrealistic deadlines, length of process and finite eligibility requirements proved to be insurmountable hurdles for the project.

"The one that upset me the most was the one with Heritage Canada and they have a program to support heritage anniversary projects, but because they favour 25 year anniversaries and this was the 60th anniversary, it didn't work out. I did write a direct letter of appeal to the heritage minister, but I haven't heard back," said Gleed.

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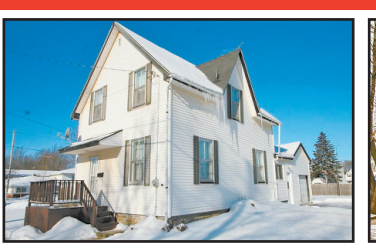

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ND Township sets new commercial waste limits

WINCHESTER – One key change aimed at expanding the lifespan of the Boyne Road landfill has been approved by North Dundas councillors.

While the review process continues, one that could show some mercy for a municipality with a looming trash crunch, and the environmental assessment drags on, a crucial decision was made.

There will soon be a set cap on the amount of garbage commercial enterprises can put out for weekly curbside pick-up.

Waste management director Doug Froats first floated this idea in late 2017.

Doing so will help to somewhat decrease the waste taken in at the Boyne Road site, while it could also help to tip the province's decision in the municipality's favour.

North Dundas isn't alone in doing so either, as a majority of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry municipalities have commercial bag limits.

Similar to the change on the residential side, which went through a series of bag rates before settling on two per household a few years ago, North Dundas business owners will see a gradual change.

Implementation won't take full effect until Canada Day, but an awareness campaign is underway now, Froats said.

As it stands, some of the municipality's largest employers, including Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Parmalat and Winchester Foodland, contract their own waste services. None of that garbage ends up at the Boyne Road site. This means the bag rate change is directed squarely at village merchants, and other smaller scale operations.

Official plan

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Letters were mailed out last week.

If impacted, affected property owners will be contacted by the counties and provided with additional information on what steps can be taken should they wish to appeal.

Land maps can be viewed on the counties website (www.sdgcounties.ca) under the "official plan" portal.

All appeals must be submitted by Tues., Feb. 27.

Model Village

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While receiving financial support from different levels of government is an exercise in patience, the enthusiasm of municipal government was equally as integral to the success of the project. Mayor Evonne Delegarde's lack of support of the project during budget deliberations wasn't financially crippling, but Gleed admitted it didn't do much to positively engage the community.

"I would be lying if I said that didn't have a negative impact on me. All it did was to consolidate the conclusion that I was going to have trouble raising the funds we needed outside [South Dundas]. There was still a long way to go on planning permissions and approvals from conservation authorities, but in the end I still think it's a hell of a good idea and potentially could be a tourist attraction. But I've said all along unless I had enthusiastic support of the community leaders, the project wouldn't be possible," he said.

The actual construction of the Model Village pavilion was always going to be a challenge, but the scope and breadth of expertise required and with a lack of volunteers to properly see it through to the end, it became a major issue that could not be ignored.

"I personally don't have any experience at all with those types of construction projects. We didn't have anyone on board to take that off my hands to see that through with any kind of success. The only way I was going to succeed was to contract that out and if I don't have any money I can't really hire anyone," said Gleed.

Cruickshank was already on board with an in-kind donation to ready the grounds for construction, but asking them to take on the full project wasn't an option according to Gleed: "I just didn't feel like I could lean on them to do the construction. It was just too much to ask."

With the announcement, the Model Village project will withdraw outstanding funding applications, and all donations collected will be returned to donors to be available for other community projects.

While admittedly disappointed, Gleed has offered to personally provide the funding for the Morrisburg Waterfront Committee to complete the proposed waterfront sign displaying the "then and now" map and to continue with his passion project, but on a scale and level more suited to his areas of expertise. He has proposed a virtual Model Village online at the Morrisburg Model Village website, which would not need fundraising or sponsorships and would be accessible to everyone. It would open up unlimited potential for information, stories, photos, street virtual tours, detailed pictures of specific buildings and homes, both flooded and untouched that would not have been available at the proposed physical Model Village.

Through the whole process, Gleed's enthusiasm has been unwavering and he has taken this latest turn as part of a learning process.

"I've had a lot of fun doing it and met a lot of wonderful people and the whole process has taught me a whole other level of understanding taking on a project like this. It's disappointing, but I've really enjoyed what it has lead to and I think its been very positive," said Gleed.

POLICE BLOTTER

Threats made

WINCHESTER – A 51-year-old South Stormont man was arrested Fri., Feb. 16 after an incident at a Fred Street location.

The investigation indicated that an adult male had threatened an employee at the location.

Pierre Lortie, 51, was arrested and charged with uttering threats.

He is to appear in Morrisburg court Tues., April 3.

Impaired driver

WILLIAMSBURG – A 20-year-old South Dundas man was arrested Mon., Feb. 12 following a traffic stop on County Road 8.

Jacob Solano faces charges of driving a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams blood alcohol content, driving a motor vehicle while impaired, and care or control of a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams blood alcohol content.

He is to appear in Morrisburg court Tues., March 6.

Charges aplenty

IROQUOIS – Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) nabbed a driver for impaired driving during a Sat., Feb. 17 RIDE program on Carmen Road.

Just before 10 pm, the officers intercepted a vehicle being operated by a male driver. The investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol.

Stephen Thompson, 53, was arrested and charged with driving a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams blood alcohol content, and driving a motor vehicle while impaired.

Thompson is scheduled to appear Tues., March 6 in Morrisburg court.

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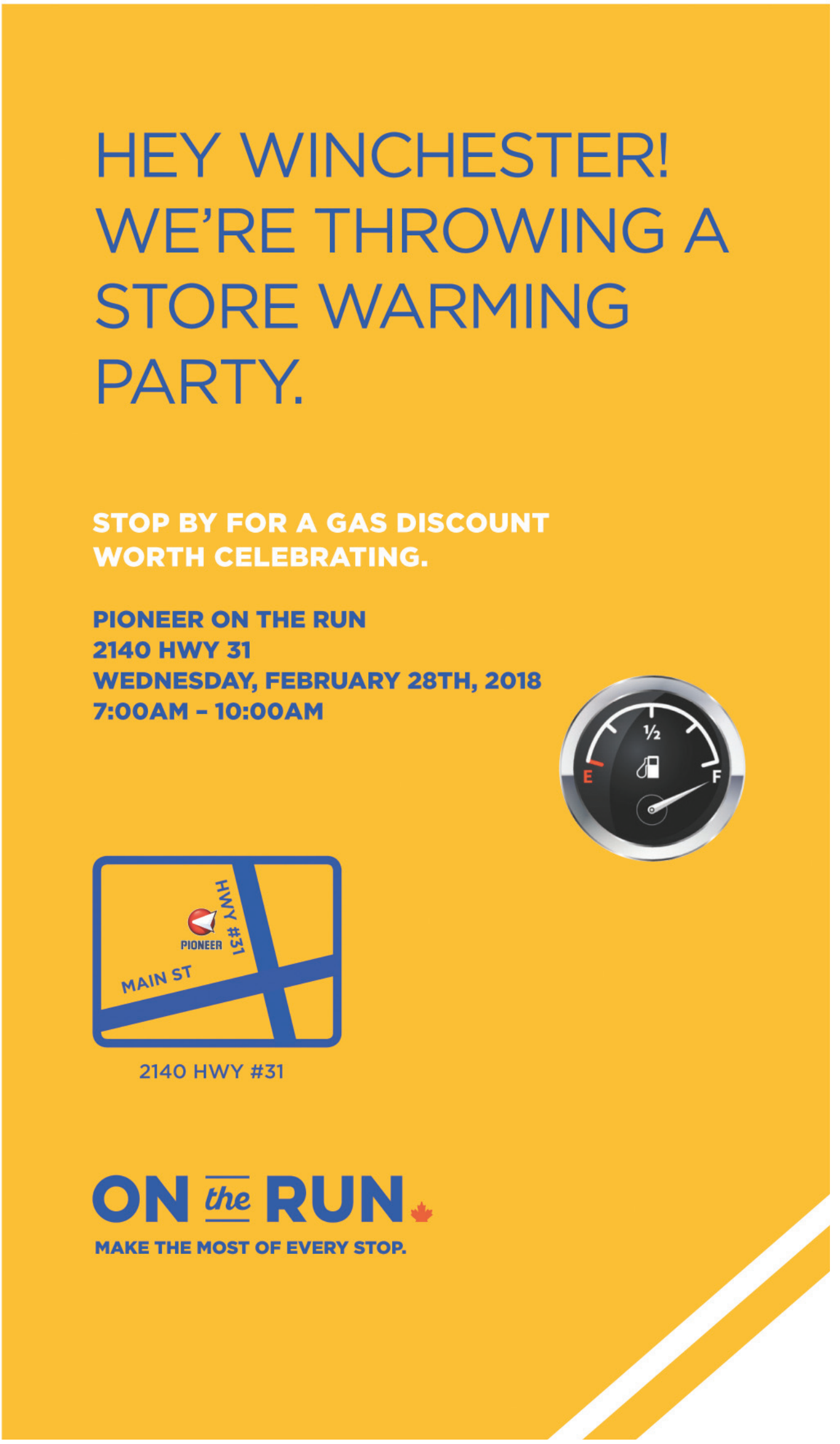
Details published in the police blotter are provided by the OPP. The Winchester Press *typically publishes information about alleged crimes occurring in and around Dundas County, as well as other information of interest to our readership. All suspects are considered innocent in the eyes of the law unless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



One hundred women pitching in with $100 each

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – The pitch was a simple one: 100 women pool together $100 each to raise $10,000 for local charities.

The movement of the cause was so wide-spread, taking on a viral nature on social media, that North Dundas' first-ever "100 Women Who Care" initiative surpassed its goal within nine hours of the campaign's launch.

Similar fundraising drives take in Kemptville and South Dundas annually.

"This is a simple, creative way to get a group of women together for a night with 100 per cent of the proceeds going to local causes in our community," campaign chair Diane Crummy said. "The response so far has been amazing."

The volunteer committee, which also features Cheryl Guy, Martine Thurler-Guy, Nanda Wubs and Eric Duncan, has been meeting for several months to prepare for last week's launch.

Sign up can be done at www.100northdundas.com. The $100 donation is not required at the time of registration, but rather participants will bring a cheque with them to a party planned for later this year. All participants will received a tax receipt.

"North Dundas is known for being a generous community, and so many women continue to help in that regard," Crummy said. "We have a lot of worthwhile causes to support, so we're excited to launch this program, create a networking opportunity for women, and to make a difference right here at home."

Sponsors will cover venue, wine, and snack costs during the social hour of mingling before the one-hour meeting to learn about and select the recipients of the funds raised.

Information for charities on how to apply to participate can be found on the website. The deadline for those interested in being considered for funding is Sat., March 31. Meanwhile, regular email updates will be provided to the enrolled women.

If the township's 100 Women Who Care campaign is successful, there is consideration being given to making it an annual event, and perhaps expand the idea to include men before the year's end.



Committee members leading the 100 Women Who Care North Dundas campaign include Eric Duncan (left), Martine Thurler-Guy, Diane Crummy, and Cheryl Guy. Missing: Nanda Wubs.
Press Photo – Uhrig



Cynthia Tupper (right) made a donation to the House of Lazarus Food Bank earlier this month. The food items were collected during her 12th birthday party in January in lieu of gifts. She's pictured alongside Kim Merkley, client services co-ordinator at the Mountain-based charity.

Courtesy photo

Local youth forgoes gifts for food for those in need

MOUNTAIN – To give is better than to receive.

Winchester's Cynthia Tupper celebrated her 12th birthday in January, but any presents received weren't going to be for her. The invitation to the party read: "Please no presents. Instead, Cynthia is collecting food for the House of Lazarus."

The donation, more than 100 food items totaling 122 pounds, and $70 in cash and gift cards, was delivered to the Mountain-based mission earlier this month.

When asked why she gave up birthday gifts to collect food items for the HOL, Tupper replied simply "because it's a nice thing to do."

Four of Tupper's friends attended the birthday party, held at a bowling alley.

"This is the first time Cynthia has personally donated to the food bank," noted Heather Tupper, Cynthia's mother. "Cynthia met Kim [Merkley, HOL client services coordinator] through the [Dundas Youth Centre] group. She has visited the House of Lazarus in the past and helped out in the [community] gardens. She learned about how many cans each family gets when they visit the food bank and I think that was a big eye-opener for her."

For her part, Merkley was impressed.

"Cynthia is an amazing kid for doing this," she said. "Her support means a lot to us, and I can't thank her enough."

At the moment the HOL Food Bank currently serves more than 100 local families each month. Approximately 40 per cent of clients are children, and 10 per cent are seniors.

HOL's second Ladies' Night Out shaping up to be twice the fun

MOUNTAIN – Tickets are selling like hot cakes, vendors are lining up, and the House of Lazarus (HOL) has had a generous amount of donors and sponsors step forward to help make the second annual Ladies' Night Out better than ever.

"It's coming up fast," event organizer and HOL client services manager Kim Merkley said. "Last year, we sold out early so it's important for people to get their tickets as soon as possible."

Set for Sat., Feb. 24 from 6 to 9 pm at Matilda Hall in Dixons Corners, the fundraising event will include an assortment of vendors, a silent auction, door prizes, refreshments, and, the highlight of the evening, a fashion show courtesy of Juli Fashion Essentials in Morrisburg and Main Street Clothing Company in Winchester.

Ladies' Night Out will also see the launch of the online auctioning of a 24-by-36 inch mounted black and white photograph of a wild horse on Sable Island, taken by photographer Sandy Sharkey and donated to HOL in late 2017.

Merkley is still gratefully accepting offers from vendors, donors and sponsors. Tickets ($10) to attend the event are available only at South Mountain's Scotiabank branch. As a diamond-level sponsor, the bank will be matching the total raised in ticket sales.

"The support we've received so far has been phenomenal," Merkley said. "We are surrounded by such generous people, organizations, and businesses and we just want to say, 'thank you,' for your support and for helping us to help others."

Proceeds from this event will go directly toward funding various outreach programs, such as Dinner On the House, Project Warmth, and Heat for the Holidays. A full list of the many services HOL provides, aside from its food bank program, is available on its website (www.houseoflazarus.com).

For more information, contact the office by phone at 613-989-3830 or by email at kmerkley@houseoflazarus.com.

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WDMH nurse Kim Campbell caps off four-decade career



Kim Campbell on her graduation day from nursing school, and this month ahead of her retirement from the profession, three decades of those spent at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Courtesy photos

WINCHESTER – Kim Campbell has been a nurse for 44 years, three decades of those being within the confines of Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH).

For 10 years, she's been the charge nurse of the night shift, literally being tasked with keeping the hospital operational overnight.

"We do everything," Campbell said. "People assume it's quieter at night, but it's definitely not."

This month, she heads toward retirement, though Campbell will long-remember her colleagues and how everyone came together to care for patients – day or night.

"I love nursing so much, and I love my colleagues," she said. "We are a real team, and we care about patients."

Recently released satisfaction surveys echo Campbell's claims, as WDMH is a "high-performer" in four key patients areas. According to the results, 100 per cent of respondents would recommend the hospital's maternity program to family, which is above the provincial average of 93 per cent.

Likewise, 100 per cent of day surgery patients would recommend WDMH's services, above the 98.7 per cent Ontario average, and 93 per cent of emergency room users were satisfied with the hospital's care, narrowly ahead of the 87 per cent provincial average.

Finally, respondents who had been a patient of the medical/surgical unit rated it at 99 percent, ahead of the 93 per cent provincial average.

The figures are based on patient surveys from July to September 2017. Hospital attendees were asked about their overall care, and whether they'd recommend WDMH to family or friends.

All the data is collected by National Research Corporation Canada, an independent research institute.

"It's a team effort and we should be very proud," CEO Cholly Boland said. "Patient satisfaction is a result of the patient's entire experience, and involves every person the patients had contact with – from our volunteers at the front door to support staff that work behind the scenes."

As for Campbell, she's left with mixed feelings about retiring from a profession she loves.

Though, she isn't going to be gone for long, intending to return to nursing on a casual basis.

Darouze backs latest plan for casino redevelopment

GLOUCESTER – With the new operators of the Rideau Carleton Raceway have released more details about their plans to modernize the property, Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze has continued his fervent support of the project.

On Thursday (Feb. 15), Hard Rock Ottawa, a joint venture between Hard Rock International and the Rideau Carleton Raceway – announced plans to spent $318 million throughout the next six years to expand the gaming facility.

In a rezoning application filed with the City of Ottawa, Hard Rock is looking to add a hotel, 2,500-seat theatre, and 20 additional gambling tables, upping the allowable total to 55.

Phase one would get underway this year with a $44-million renovation to the existing casino, as well as a redesign of the parking lot.

The second part of the redevelopment would be carried out between 2019 and 2023, making way for the addition of new restaurants and bars, and a 150,800-square-foot expansion of the casino, including new slot machines.

Construction of the hotel, 200 rooms and eight-floors in total, would begin in 2024.

On the jobs front, company officials believe the number of people working at the facility will rise to 880, up from the current 400.

As well, Hard Rock officials expect to recapture much of the roughly $60 million they estimate that Ottawa-area residents and tourists spend each year at Casino du Lac Leamy across the river in Gatineau.

Darouze has long-championed development at the facility, given that the casino is one of the largest employers in his ward.

"This phase of the rollout will create a truly extraordinary attraction in our community," he said. "The short distance to the airport will make it convenient for visitors to stay at the hotel. They will be able to travel into the city and across Osgoode Ward easily, being exposed to a more diverse and accurate representation of Ottawa."

The Rideau Carleton Raceway has long been a responsible neighbour, Darouze added, and Hard Rock International facilities have a sterling reputation, which makes an ideal partner in advancing the working relationship.

The councillor also championed the continued support of the equestrian community, which, Darouze noted, is invaluable.

"I will continue to work closely with city staff to ensure that all of the necessary details are taken into account, and to introduce this project in the most beneficial and constructive manner possible," he said. "This development gives us the chance to share our home with new visitors. My community and I cannot wait."



The Chesterville Rotary Club proudly unveiled a set of oak frames constructed by North Dundas District High School Grade 12 student Taylor Helder. Pictured are Club president Martin Derks (left), NDDHS construction technology teacher Ray Bougie, Taylor Helder and Rotary secretary Betty Vanden Bosch

Press Photo - Schoch

Rotary Club presidents framed

CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville Rotary Club proudly unveiled a set of oak frames for 80 years of presidents and secretaries constructed by a local Grade 12 student.

The frames were constructed by Taylor Helder in Ray Bougie's North Dundas District High School construction technology class and it required more than a little bit of know how. The oak frames had to be mitred, dowelled, beveled and then glued together. The finished product had a professional look that impressed everyone at the Rotary meeting Mon., Feb. 12.

Bougie, Helder and her mother, Holly, were guests for the evening at the club. Bougie took the opportunity to highlight his student's work ethic and accomplishments.

"The students in general are very giving, and they're hardworking, and I'm quite privileged to be teaching there," said Bougie.

For her efforts, Helder received a mark of 82 on the frame project. Although she doesn't plan on pursuing further education in the construction field she plans to continue with her passion for woodworking in her spare time.

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Students' shed building skills on display at NDDHS



North Dundas District High School students Joey Williams (left), Brandon Cox, Logan Lacasse, and Tyler Cole, all part of the educational facility's woodshop program, recently completed construction on an eight-foot-by-12-foot shed thanks to a partnership with Upper Canada Sheds. Also pictured are company representative Ken Clauson and teacher Ray Bougie. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE – Who knew that the addition of an oversized overhead door could mean so much to student success at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS)?

Construction technology teacher Ray Bougie, for one, did.

At the end of last year's school session, the longtime teacher was asked for suggestions for additions to his classrooms.

Well, ask and you shall receive. The overhead door was mentioned, and voila, the parting of the woodshop and next door manufacturing and welding space was completed.

"This really is something we need for larger projects," Bougie said. "For [more than 50] years, the students have had to managed with smaller doors."

So, what does the door really mean for students?

For a foursome – Joey Williams, Brandon Cox, Logan Lacasse and Tyler Cole – in the woodshop program, it meant a significant progression of their skills as they banded together in recent weeks to construct an eight-foot-by-12-foot shed, complete with two man doors and a pair of windows.

In all, 55 working hours went into the structure, which came together thanks to a partnership with Upper Canada Sheds and its owner, Willy Armstrong.

All materials and tools required for the build were provided by the company, while the shed was in turn donated back after construction. "There was no pressure in terms of a deadline, and it served as a real practical experience for the students to build it," Bougie said.

It was also a helpful practice session for the team, as it is competing in Cornwall today (Wed., Feb. 21) during the Eastern Ontario Skills Competition qualifier at the city's St. Lawrence College campus.

Others taking part

NDDHS has an entire field of students taking part in today's qualifier. They include: Chris Cotton and Joseph Seguin, AST; Emily Cooper, Brooke Richards, Maddison Quesnel, Cami Potvin, Jamie Wilson, Veronica Thompson, Willow Girard, Erika Suttle, Olivia Workman-Suttle, Madison Hart, and Mackenzie Moisan, drama; Brandon Toll, small engines; Dylan Wattie, welding; Jeremy Gutknecht, cabinetmaking; Dylan Barkley, individual carpentry; and James Drynan and Zacharie Gutknecht, team of two carpentry.

Increased archives expenses

WINCHESTER – The long-anticipated Dundas County Archives may finally be nearing a formal announcement.

The lips of all involved with the project have been tight since negotiations began. Both Township of North Dundas and Municipality of South Dundas officials, along with a panel of interested community members, have been in talks with the Upper Canada District School Board for space in one of its county schools.

"It's been a long battle to find a suitable location, but we're getting closer," North Dundas clerk Jo-Anne McCaslin said during the township's council meeting Tues., Feb. 13.

Council notes from
North Dundas

In this year's budget, North Dundas has set aside $15,000 for the project, while South Dundas has also pitched in with an allotment. This is on top of money earmarked in previous years.

Meanwhile, North Dundas councillors agreed Feb. 13 to increase its buy-in to $40,000. This, McCaslin said, will help with expected start-up costs, including rent, staff pay, shelving, the relocation of municipal assets, and office supplies.

It is believed a location has been settled upon, with both North and South Dundas holding in-camera meetings in recent weeks to finalize details.

Local Business Expo back

Following a successful 2017 showing, the municipality has partnered with the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce once again to host a Local Business Expo this spring.

The event is set for Sat., April 28 at Winchester's Joel Steele Community Centre.

A new feature of this year's show will be the separation of businesses by service model, including home and garden, services, wedding and retail on the rink floor, and a marketplace area in the second floor community hall.

Registration for the show, which will run from 9 am to 4 pm, is now open. Visit the portal on North Dundas' website (www.northdundas.com) for more information.

As of press time, nearly 20 businesses had already registered for space in the show.

A new deputy

The North Dundas Fire Department's Chesterville station has a new deputy-chief, with Dave Lannin officially approved for the role Feb. 13.

His promotion follows the recent retirement of Bruce Casselman.

More per metre

North Dundas' water metre reader, Lynne McClenaghan, is getting a raise.

At the township's Feb. 13 council meeting, members approved a rate increase to $1.25 per metre, but not without a healthy amount of debate.

Public works director Dan Belleau had first tabled a motion to see McClenaghan get a raise, but by only two cents from her current to $1.19.

McClenaghan's request for a raise stems from the job being "time consuming, physically demanding, and can be very treacherous depending on weather conditions." In a letter, she noted December and March reads often sees her dealing with winter's wrath.

Belleau pushed back against her initial ask, noting that as the township continues to swap out its aging water metre technology, McClenaghan will no longer have to access properties, but will be able to do a remote read from in front of the home or business property.

This, among other items, was considered when evaluating her request, Belleau noted.

The township's metres are read four times per year ensure the numbers don't differ greatly from North Dundas' in-house monitoring.

Mayor Eric Duncan said he was "in-different" to the request, and "won't lose sleep over it."

Councillor Al Armstrong, meanwhile, said it wasn't worth squabbling over such little financial output: "It doesn't seem like a lot of money for somebody doing something nobody else does."

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2017 Township of North Dundas Community Builder Award
You are cordially invited to attend the presentation of the 2017 Township of North Dundas Community Builder Award to **Bill Smirle** on Thurs., March 1, 2018 at the Morewood Fire Hall, 21 Russell St., Morewood.
There will be a tour of the newly renovated Fire Hall at 6:30 pm followed by the presentation to Bill at 7:00 pm.
Please join us!

The true price of township halls

In this space, the Township of North Dundas, not free from criticism, has taken its fair share of abuse.

Decisions have been debated, and opinions shared – good or bad.

What is published, no doubt, is a much tamer version of beliefs than what is said outside this newspaper's four walls, among the voting public and the taxpayers who play a part in keeping the wheels in motion.

If there is one subject with which this publication can find some common ground with North Dundas' officials, both elected and administrative, it's the cost of doing business.

A more specific example would be the cost of municipal buildings, given their propensity for repairs and other needs.

Now, it is not a belief that North Dundas shouldn't be in the business of operating buildings, but more that the expense shouldn't vastly outweigh the revenue. In most, if not all cases that is what is true, however. It is this fact that makes council's decision of late, to put its foot down when it comes to rental fees, all the more noble.

Giving away use of a facility for free is ridiculous, especially when rental rates are some of the lowest in the area.

Too often this current crop of councillors has approved the waiving of fees for a variety of causes, which on one hand is awfully generous.

On the other, however, it is backwards thinking. So little, in most cases, is charged that it is hardly money saved for the host group or individual.

Plus, there's the argument of non-profit versus for-profit ventures. It was this debate that got entirely out of hand a few years ago when Winchester Open Mic Night organizers took their ball and went home because the township had the audacity to expect payment for use of the village's Old Town Hall.

The math seemed simple: you charge an entry fee, therefore there is money being made, and no doubt enough to cover use of the space. But, it all boiled down into a "he said, she said" debate before an unnamed financial angel covered the rent for the foreseeable future.

Most recently, the Winchester Hawks expected zero payment for the Joel Steele Community Centre's upstairs hall during their 50th anniversary celebration. Yet, organizers charged for entry into the event.

Meanwhile, those behind Seize the Day childrens' programming asked that they not be charged for use of the same village space for its upcoming March Break camp. Attendees were going to be charged, but organizers wanted to keep the profit.

The argument isn't that these aren't noble causes, but rather that the remainder of North Dundas' tax base, many of whom likely didn't or won't be taking part, shouldn't be expected to subsidize the use.

We all know the price of hydro isn't going down, and heating large spaces in the wintertime is no easy task. If residents want these spaces, they should be paying for them accordingly.

Remember when...

1918
There would only be one C.P.R. passenger east and west in the daytime besides the Perth local. The last express would hereafter stop at Winchester and other stations between Montreal and Smiths Falls so that the taking off of one train doesn't really inconvenience any one here.

1928
The Olympics were front and centre with this week's edition of the *Winchester Press* declaring "Canadian winter sport was worthily represented by the Varsity Grads… Evidently the kind of hockey the Grads play is only a dream in Europe." In three games, Canada outscored their opponents 38-0.



An outboard motor that could cruise at 30-miles-an-hour caused a sensation of the 1928 International Motor Boat Show

1938
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stewart were all aglow after their daughter Catherine Christine won an award in the "smiling babies" contest conducted by the Toronto Daily Star. Christine, aged five, was one of two girls who placed among the top 13 contestants out of 11,000 entries.

1948
Local fireman Mr. J. T. Elnaugh was injured while breaking up a fight between two dogs during the first annual dog derby in the village. Elnaugh was entangled in the rope of one dog and fell on a sled resulting in a compound fracture of the right shoulder, a cracked rib and badly stretched ligaments of the back and chest.

1958
Morrisburg's 30-year-old arena collapsed due to a combination of age, snow and high winds. According to rink manager Bill Snyder a couple of large supporting joists cracked on Sunday afternoon.



Several men were rounded up to inspect the joists and shovel off the weighty snow from the roof, but high winds forced the men down. No one was injured in the collapse and it was estimated to cost $50,000 to $75,000 to replace the rink.

1968
"A typical old-fashioned blizzard struck the district last Saturday, with gale-force winds whipping the new fallen snow with blinding fury," reported this week's edition of the *Press*. There was near zero visibility with several accidents reported, including an eight car pile up on St. Lawrence Street that caused $1,535 in damage.

1978
Despite warnings from the Ontario Chiropractic Association, contact football was kept as a sport in secondary schools in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. The administrative council noted that a series of new rules and regulations had been developed to prevent injuries. The Physical and Health Education Subject council outlined examples of new regulations, including mandatory mouth guards, elimination of crack-back and blindside blocks and the introduction of moulded 13-spike cleats.

1988
Winchester Township residents were up in arms over a study that earmarked 12 potential sites for future regional landfills. Opponents of the study claimed that the township was only responsible for six per cent of the 57,000 tonnes of waste produced each year yet more than half of the sites were located within the township. At a public meeting in Morewood, Deputy-Reeve Claude Cousineau told the crowd of 150 people that "We're past the point of opting out."

1998
It was announced that residents of SD&G would be able to dial 911 in an emergency situation starting on April 22. The process began in 1993 when Bell Canada filed an application with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to enable all Ontario residents to have access to the 911 service

2008
Winchester Public School was named one of the "most improved" schools in the Upper Canada District School Board with a rating of 7.6 (up from 6.1 in 2007) out of 10 by Fraser Institute. The findings were summarized in the Report Card on Ontario's Elementary Schools: 2008 Edition. The ranking put Winchester in the top 15 per cent of elementary schools in this part of the province.

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What in the Sam Hill are they doing?



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

I wonder what ever happened to my old friend Roger.

I guess using the term "friend" is a stretch. We met a few times and chatted during the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. I thought about him while I watched mixed doubles curling during CBC's Winter Olympics coverage on a recent Saturday afternoon.

Roger was a photographer from Arizona. He was sent up to Calgary to shoot the Winter Olympics. Fresh out of Carleton University, I took my first ever vacation and went to the Olympics for two weeks to work as a photographer. It was 30 years ago this week when I sat on an Air Canada plane with Men Without Hats blaring out of my Sony Walkman as the plane took off for Calgary.

I met Roger in the photographer's room on my second day there. Being a friendly American with a happy disposition, he struck up a conversation.

"You know," he drawled, "I've shot hockey before and I have seen figure skating on TV, but I haven't got a clue about any of these other sports."

I smiled.

"It's pretty simple," I told him. "Most of the events are about how fast you can go down a mountain, or maybe how far you can jump off a mountain."

I paused for a minute.

"And then there's curling."

"I saw that on my schedule," he said. "What the Sam Hill is curling?"

Curling was making an appearance at the Calgary Games as a demonstration sport. It would be added to the list of competitions for the following Olympic Games in Albertville. I thought about how I would describe it to him.

"It's kind of like shuffleboard," I told him.

"Shuffleboard? Like what seniors play at retirement homes?"

"Kind of, but it's a little more complicated."

"What are the brooms for?"

I know nothing about curling, but I thought I might be able to answer this.

"If the sweepers sweep, the can make the stone curve, or curl, a bit, and they can make it go further."

He paused for a minute.

"I went over to the arena where curling is to check it out," he said, "and did you know they have ashtrays on stands there? Are you allowed to smoke while you curl?"

I laughed at his observation.

"I think smoking and drinking is mandatory."

He kind of laughed and continued flipping through the media material.

"Okay, here's one I totally don't get," he said.

"What's that?"

"These dudes cross country skiing with guns on their backs. Do they like shoot each other during the competition?"

I laughed.

"No," he continued. "I don't mean do they kill each other – though they probably do that in Russia or East Germany to people trying to escape. But are they like paint ball guns where they can hit their competitors and get points?"

I laughed again.

"No, it's biathlon," I told him. "They ski, and a few times during the race, they have to stop and shoot at targets. The more tired you are, the harder it is to shoot."

He paused, processing it.

"So if they go over the jump with their gun, do they shoot at targets while they are in the air?"

"No," I said, "but that would be really cool."

He continued looking through his stuff.

"Are you shooting the USA-Czech hockey game tonight?"

"Yeah, I'm going for sure," I replied.

"Do you think the Americans can win gold like in Lake Placid?"

"I don't think the Russians would let that happen again," I replied.

"Do you think the Americans will beat the Czechs tonight?"

"That should be a good game," I answered him. "The Americans are good. I heard Mike Richter is a really good goalie, and they have some guys like Brian Leetch and Tony Granato who should do well in the NHL. The Czechs have this really good goalie – some guy named Dominik Hasek. I was reading about him in *The Hockey News*. He's supposed to be amazing."

He thought for a minute.

"Maybe when we play the Russians, they can let everyone wear guns on their backs," he said. "That would boost the ratings."

The Czechs beat the Americans 7-5 that night. Richter let in seven goals, and Hasek got yanked after three. You would never have guessed that they would end up as NHL All-Stars.

After the game, I saw Roger again.

"So what are you shooting tomorrow?" I asked.

"I've got some fun stuff coming up," he said. "I've got figure skating – I could watch Katerina Witt all day – and then they want me to take pictures of this nut from England who is a ski jumper, but he is just a beginner. And then I have to shoot these crazy guys from Jamaica who are in bobsledding. I guess they want photos of all these guys in case they kill themselves competing."

We both laughed. I hadn't heard of either the Jamaican bobsled team or Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards by that point, but within days, they would be household names.

"Hey, Jeff," Roger said. "I got one more question for you, and it's a Canadian thing.

"What's that," I asked.

"What the Sam Hill is 'Roll up the Rim to Win'?"

I smiled.

"You have to drink coffee," I said, "with a gun on your back."

I always wondered if he thought I was serious.

And I should have asked him who Sam Hill was.

The teapot was always ready



Cook's Corner

by Mary Cook

It never left the back of the Findlay Oval. The big white enamel teapot was always at the ready for anyone who wanted a cup of tea, and it seemed to me, that went on most of the day.

Green tea, mostly, but black was used occasionally, though it was green tea that Father preferred.

Mother would bring the water to a boil on the front burner in the teapot, and never measuring, she would just jab her hand into the tin can that held the tea, and toss it into the pot. I noticed, too, the leaves were different between the green and the black.

Once the green tea had been steeped to Mother or Father's liking, and poured into a cup, and drank in just a few gulps, the leaves were much larger than those left by black. They seemed to fill the whole bottom of the cup. But Mother preferred black tea. I heard her tell Uncle Lou when he was visiting that she had never laid eyes on green tea in New York, and that it took some getting used to it out there on the farm in Northcote.

My sister Audrey said Mother couldn't read the green tea leafs since they sat on the bottom of the cup like wet grass. But when she finished a cup of black tea, she would take a pencil and move the leafs around, and she vowed she could tell what was going to happen down the road just by looking in the bottom of the cup. Audrey said Mother could actually see the future in the black leafs, which scared the living daylights out of me.

I knew there was a fortuneteller in Renfrew, and she was often called a witch, and I lived in dread that someone in Northcote would know Mother could read tealeaves, and call her a witch too.

The last one I wanted to know about Mother's ability was bad Marguerite who would soon tell everyone at the Northcote School. So I kept it pretty quiet about Mother's fortune telling talents.

The big pot wasn't just used for just boiling water, though. When Mother needed more than she could get out of the big shiny kettle, the white teapot was filled to the brim and brought to the boil too. This water would be added to the washtub on Monday mornings, or the big oval tub when we had our Saturday night baths.

The reservoir at the end of the Findlay Oval was always full of water, but it was never clear like the water coming out of the teapot, and always had floating at the top, what my very wise older sister Audrey said was rust. So it would never do for anything that would go into our mouths.

It was the big white teapot that Mother used to water the houseplants. She would take water from the pail that sat on a counter near the back door, fill the teapot, and tend to her geraniums, and if there was a bit of green tea left in the pot, all the better. She said it was good for the plants.

She was fussy about what the teapot was used for, too. Once Father took it off the back of the stove and was about to carry it to the barn to stir water into some feed he was mixing. Mother grabbed the pot from him and said no pot we were drinking from would go anywhere near the barn!

And no matter how often it was washed, the inside eventually took on the colour of the tea. This caused Mother to scour the pot within an inch of its life. She liked a clean white teapot, inside and out. The pot was always moved to one of the front burners when a meal was about to be served. Brought to a boil, the handful of green tea tossed in, and in a few minutes, it was ready to serve. The big white pot, it seemed to me had many uses.

There wasn't a kitchen in Northcote that didn't have one sitting on the back of the cook stove, ready to serve up a cup of tea for any neighbour who happened to drop in at any time of the day.

Like a warm hand of friendship, the big white enamel teapot was always ready.

Interested in Mary's books? Email her at wick2@sympatico.ca

Letters to the Editor

PM's peculiar spending panned

The Editor:

On Dec. 20, 2017, for the first time in Canadian history, a sitting prime minister was found guilty of breaking federal ethics law.

That's inexcusable. Yet it does not stop there – Canadians have been stuck with the $200,000 bill Justin Trudeau spent in order to illegally travel to a luxury island.

No one begrudges the prime minister the usual security costs when he travels for official business. But Justin Trudeau needs to respect the tax dollars he relies on.

Sadly, he did not. In fact, he showed Canadians that he is even willing to spend their tax dollars on illegal trips. All this at a time when Canadians are paying even more for his spending choices while the Liberal government continues to raise their taxes.

This leaves us to wonder what better use this money could have had?

I know that there are many worthwhile projects across Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG) that could have used this money, as opposed to a luxurious vacation for the prime minister.

Canada's Conservatives have always been the voice of the taxpayer. That's why we're demanding Justin Trudeau pay it back: the constituents of SD&SG deserve to have the $200,000 used to fund this illegal travel returned to them.

They deserve no less.

Guy Lauzon
Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MP
St. Andrew's West

Keep the Cook columns coming

The Editor:

I really like getting the *Winchester Press*, and I enjoy seeing the variety of happenings among its pages.

The delivery is very slow – not the mailman's fault.

In the last edition, there was a Mary Cook column, which I really enjoyed and hope it's a regular feature. Thank you.

Marie Waddell
North Augusta

Many thanks to snow shovelling 'angel'

The Editor:

I am writing this letter to commend a local woman for her kindness, above and beyond anything I ever expected.

Too often, we are quick to write a complaint about someone, but seldom do we offer public accolades to those who are paying it forward and doing such an exceptional job. I, for one, would like to give credit where it is definitely due.

This is a bird's eye view of one part of my recent day. I am a senior living alone, and in my 70s. I'm still active but, nevertheless, a senior. I opened my door to a young woman who is working for the Township of North Dundas selling dog tags. I told her that I didn't have a dog, and we conversed pleasantly for a few minutes. I joked that, although I didn't need a dog, I definitely needed a portico over my front door as the snow, melting in the sun, had been sliding off the roof and landing on my front porch. We laughed and I cautioned her, when leaving, to be very careful while stepping over the accumulated snow.

Probably, with a little embarrassment, I added that I had some back issues so hadn't shovelled my porch. I continued saying "since it's going to be sunny tomorrow and rain on Wednesday, I thought I would just let Mother Nature do the job!" Again, we chuckled and the said goodbye. She went to her car and I went inside.

A few minutes later, I heard another sound at my door and wondered who it was this time! As I got closer, I determined it was the sound of a shovel scraping across my porch. I went to the door only to find this *angel* clearing my step. I was pretty speechless and made a few attempts to thank her amid telling her that she really didn't need to do that. She graciously continued, saying that she certainly didn't mind and that it would be a little easier in the event that I needed to get out or someone needed to get in. She and I continued to talk while she cheerfully worked away.

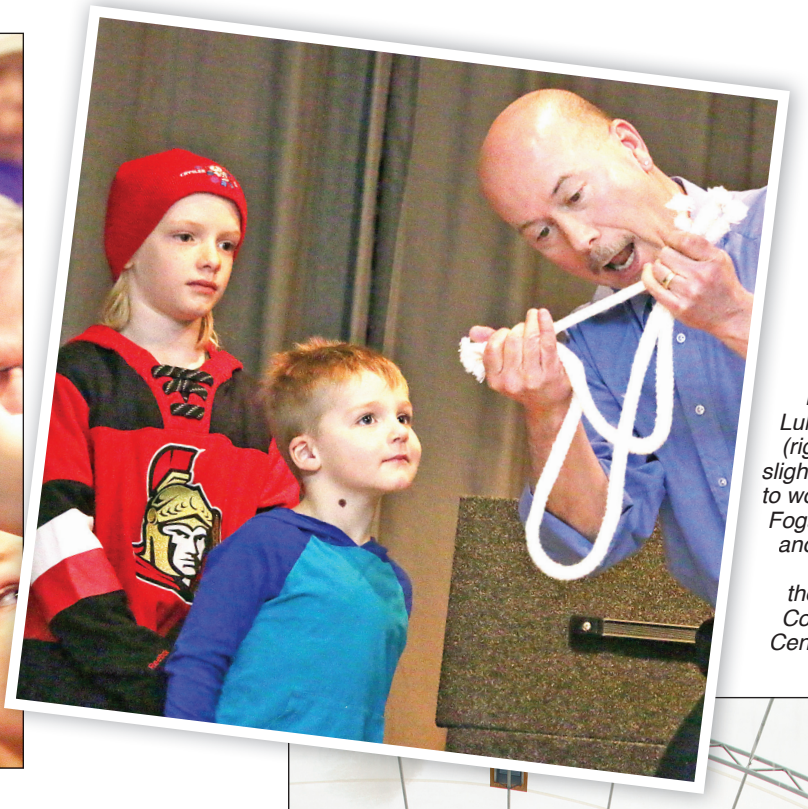
I was totally amazed. I was still in awe as I wrote this letter.

Years ago, in my youth, this would not have been so surprising as people were more apt to look out for one another and, as the saying goes, commit random acts of kindness. Unfortunately, today, in my experience, not so much. This young lady has definitely been a living witness to and a prime example of goodness, kindness, compassion, concern, and honour. There was no grandstanding or looking for praise; she saw a need and compassionately decided to fill it.

Please, if you see Wendy Carkner, convey, once again, my thanks to her and let her know how truly special she is.

Lynda Mackie
Chesterville





Magician Luke Leduc (right) used slight of hand to wow Kaleb Fogarty (left) and Connor Sliva at the Crysler Community Centre Sat., Feb. 17.



Jamie Linnette (Left), Dryden Coleman and Kaleb Fogarty were all smiles after meeting Bonhomme Carnival.

CRYSLER WINTER CARNIVAL

Pure magic!

It was a weekend full of magic, mad science, rock n roll and winter fun at the 52nd annual Crysler Winter Carnival. There was something for everyone and even something for those looking for a comfortable seat. The family day long weekend event included a cribbage tournament, magic courtesy of Luc Leduc - the duke of magic, laser tag, mad science, sleigh rides, public skating, a 24 hour rock-a-thon in honour of Tony Briere and a rock-n-roll Saturday (Feb. 17) night with Ambush. Fireworks wrapped up the event on Sun., Feb. 18 leaving everyone wide-eyed and exhausted.



Chloe Pelletier took aim at her target during a game of laser tag.



Hit the snow showers! Barrett Rutters took to the ice during public skating to practice some hockey moves.



Stack of smiles

Paige Armstrong (left), Elizabeth Hurst, Julianna Hurst, Kalyna Seguin and Cayden Armstrong enjoyed a stack pancakes during the Shrove Tuesday dinner put on by the Morewood Presbyterian Church at the village's community centre.





Cayden Armstrong (above) put on his best pancake face. Right: A full dinner of pancakes was followed by cake in celebration of Valentine's Day.

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Weak U.S. dollar cuts into crop prices for 2018

by Tom Schoch
Press staff

KEMPTVILLE – Farmers looking for an inside scoop on the crop markets found a continued surge in demand for corn and soybeans, and potential lower markets due to a weaker U.S. dollar.

The thirst for corn and soybeans seems to be insatiable with the upward trend of the staple crops continuing revealed Parrish and Heimbecker grain merchant Stephen Kell during his presentation at the Eastern Ontario Crop Conference Tues., Feb. 13. When compared to other markets, corn is in a class of its own.

"In the last four years, demand for North American corn has grown by 11 per cent. There's essentially no market that grows 11 per cent in four years," said Kell.

However, in 2017 the American farmer planted less corn and in 2018 they're forecast to plant another million acres less corn. The story here is a little different, as Kell outlined the critical edge Canada obtained with the new European trade deal.

"Canada is now the only non EU country that can export corn into Europe without paying a ton of tariffs. It's important because the Americans are not. We now have a price advantage with the corn going out of the Great Lakes. You're going to see an enormous amount of Ontario corn heading to Europe this summer," he said.

Soybeans also continue to rise steadily. More than 20 years ago there were about 70 million acres of soybeans. Today that number has ballooned to more than 91 million acres with 2018's crop projected at 92 million acres at approximately 46 bushels per acre. The crop is so popular it's even carved out a place in Western Canada.

"We produce an unbelievable amount of soybeans and the footprint of where you can produce soybeans keeps getting bigger and bigger. There's going to be almost as many soybeans in Manitoba as there is in Ontario. Demand for soybeans continues to grow and continues to grow fast. So it doesn't really matter how many soybeans there are. It matters how many soybeans people want to buy," said Kell.

China continues to be the biggest market for soybeans, but the bulk of what Canadian farmers produce is shipped to Europe. The reason is simple: it's a shorter trip. Two-and-a-half million tons of Canadian soybeans are shipped to Europe every year.

What does all this mean for this year's price? Kell pointed out that right now the market is anxious with the dry weather in Argentina and Brazil, but that should play out in the next few weeks. Overall, the soybean crop will be bigger this year and due to some other factors, Kell believes farmers can expect a lower price for soybeans this year.

"Based on this bigger crop size, you need to estimate that you're going to be somewhere in that 40 cents a bushel less than last year's price. So $15 to $18 a ton less than last year. If you were guessing that you're making last year's price, you need something really cool to happen to the Canadian dollar," he said.

> ***"Based on this bigger crop size, you need to estimate that you're going to be somewhere in that 40 cents a bushel less than last year's price...."***
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> *— Parrish and Heimbecker grain merchant Stephen Kell*

One of the major factors at play is the weaker U.S. dollar. The Canadian dollar hasn't really changed much in the last calendar year, but since January 2017, the American dollar has dropped in value by 12 per cent. Kell points out that this was a deliberate strategy by the American government.

"The Republicans made a decision in the last federal campaign, they're going to fix the balance of trade, they were going to buy America first and they were going to make it really hard for other people to deal with them in terms of importing things into the United States. The easiest way to do that is to make the dollar go down. Because now things that are made in America are now cheaper than things that are made outside of America... So we're 10 per cent lower than the price last year because of the American dollar heading for the sewer," he said.

The only thing that can make up that shortfall, barring a major weather event, is where the Canadian dollar goes.

For farmers looking to diversify or get out of the commodity soybean business, Kell suggested taking a look at the food grade soybean market, but to do it quickly.

"Our American friends don't really like to be bothered with that much work and the South Americans aren't really that good at it all... I think in a year like this where the cash price of crushed type soybeans may not be all that special, this might be one of the years where you take a pretty serious look at that. Look at it really, really quick, because the total demand for that that type of soybean is not that big. An extra 150,000 acres would swamp the market... He who signs up first gets it," said Kell.

Wheat also continued to be a hot topic of conversation. Parrish and Heimbecker recently constructed the first new flour mill in Ontario in more than 70 years. Situated in Hamilton, this mill spits out 500 tons of flour per shift. The surplus inventory has been chewed up recently, but demand hasn't wavered.

"Hard Red Springs went from 235,000 tons down to 162,000 tons so almost 40 per cent of the inventory dropped... that comes from that big drought that they had in Southern Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta, Dakota and Montana. Those hybrid springs are getting incredibly tight. You really can't make bread out of anything else. So demand for those is exceptionally good. It's like seven bucks a bushel now. Two-hundred-and-seventy-five a ton for that class of wheat."

The wheat market can be a bit misleading at times because they take all the information and roll up into one number leaving most people to believe there is a lot of wheat around. While that may be true for soft wheats, the hard wheats with good, high protein levels are extremely scarce.

"If you want to see an industry that's growing, keep an eye on that one. People haven't stopped eating," said Kell.







Celebrating local agriculture

Local dairy farmer Chris Johnson (above, left) and Leslie Johnson of the Dundas County Milk Producers in front of their display at North Dundas District High School Tues., Feb. 13. The Maple Ridge-based facility welcomed local members of the agricultural community and their exhibits for students to view on Canadian Agricultural Day. Above right: Ashley Johnson of the Dundas County Junior Farmers. At left: Marty Derks of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture was one of several taking part.

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4-H Update

Cooking for allergies

by Austin Pole

MOREWOOD – The first meeting of the newly formed 4-H Cooking for Allergies Club took place at leader Rose Stewart's home earlier this month.

Elections were held, and then members discussed the top food allergies, how to look for allergies, and what can trigger certain reactions.

The seven participants present learned how to read labels on numerous food packages, looking for the key ingredients for allergies and food sensitivities.

Difficulty in finding the right choice, and because the cost is much higher proved an interesting topic of discussion.

Heather McDiarmid and Rachel Hewetson are co-leaders, while the group's next meeting is set for Wed., Feb. 28 at 6:30 pm.

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SAT., FEB. 24 HIGHLIGHTS

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION – *Mary-Howell and Klaas Martens,* Mary-Howell and Klaas are regular contributors to *ACRES USA. Mary-Howell and Klaas Martens farm about 1,400 acres of organic grains and vegetables, and own Lakeview Organic Grains seed and feed mill in the Finger Lakes region of New York.*

WORKSHOP: NATIVE POLLINATORS VS. HONEYBEES: A DISCUSSION – Kim Fellows, Kim oversees "Pollinator Fedge" project at a community garden and is active in her Bee City hometown of Kitchener, Ontario.

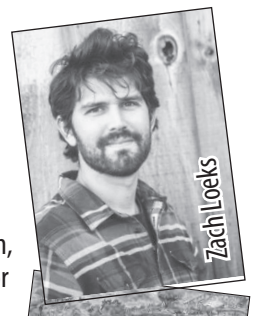
WORKSHOP: SEED SAVING AND CROP SELECTION AS PLANT BREEDING AND SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT – Telsing Andrews, owns the small seed house Aster Lane Edibles that works to provide unique plants including forgotten (by many) vegetables and new takes on old standards.

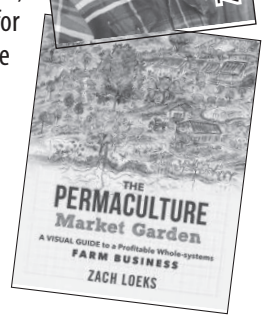
WORKSHOP: CLIMATE CHANGE – Todd Leuty, Agri-forestry Specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs since 1997, integrating tree-based industries of orchard horticulture and forestry.

WORKSHOP: ORGANIC GARLIC PRODUCTION IN A DIVERSE MARKET GARDEN SYSTEM – *Zach Loeks,* an educator, designer/consultant and farmer in Ontario. His book: The Permaculture Market Garden shares his method for permaculture gardening, property design and a vision for the future of food. This is an intermediate level workshop and assumes basic knowledge about growing garlic. This workshop explores garlic from seed to seed by following its production cycles over 12 months, including the importance of garlic diversity, seed selection, pest and disease, harvest, curing, and an in-depth discussion of Permabed management for Organic garlic production.

SUN., FEB. 25 HIGHLIGHTS

FULL DAY WORKSHOP: POLYCULTURE LIVESTOCK – *Dr. Hubert Karreman and Suzanne Nelson Karreman.* Dr. Hubert Karreman and his partner Suzanne Nelson Karreman pasture seven types of livestock, as a single cohesive system, on about 400 acres of land in North Carolina. During this day-long workshop, they will address health management strategies for individual livestock species. In addition, they will discuss proven approaches for combining multiple species in a single pasturing system.





FULL DAY WORKSHOP: THE PERMACULTURE MARKET GARDEN – *Zach Loeks*. Topics include: Introduction to Permaculture & Farm Ecosystem Services; Whole Farm Mapping & Holistic Planning; Design Management; and the Permabed System.

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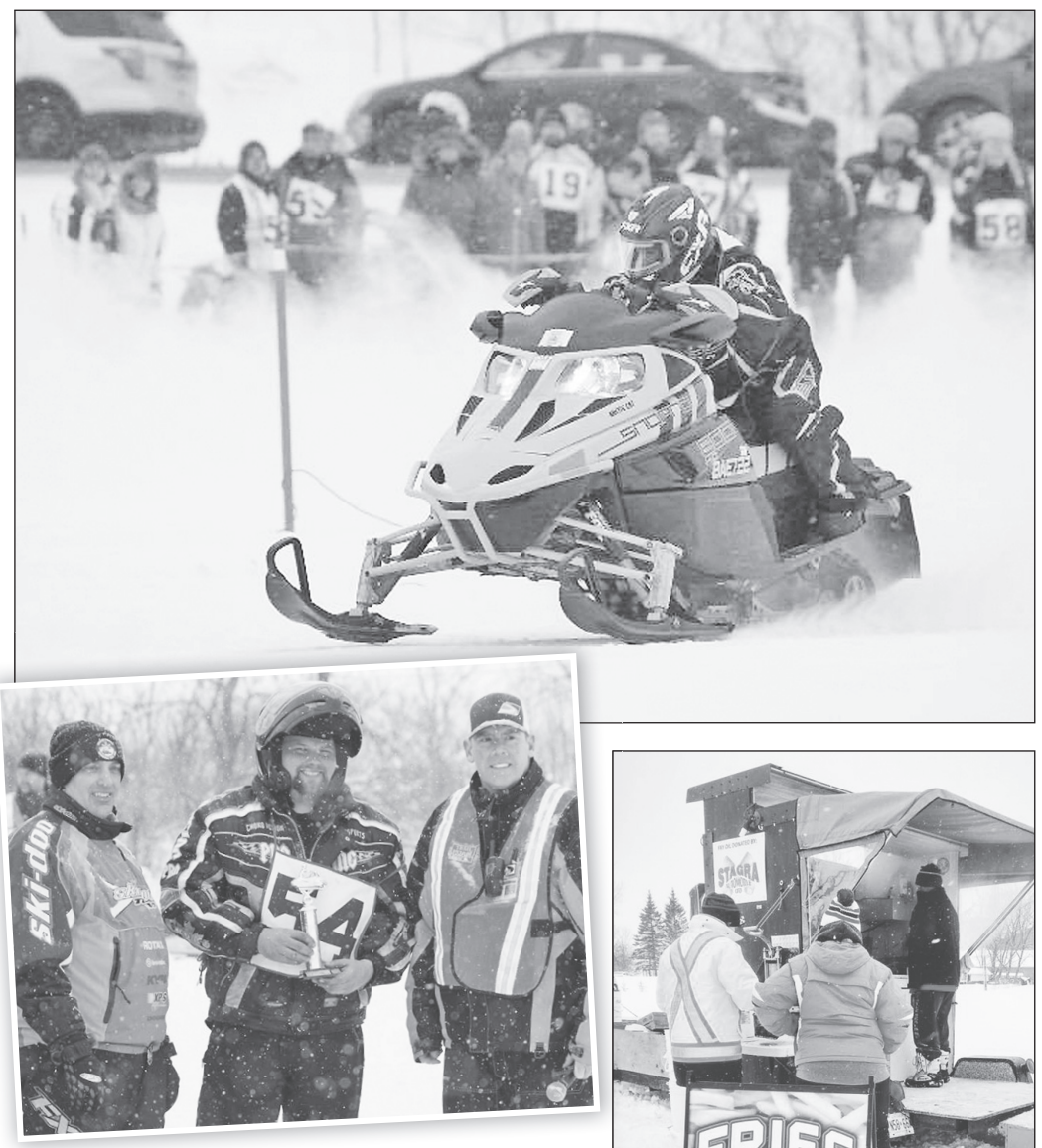

Top: *Racer Gavin O'Rourke flew down the track on his way to win the Clarmo Auto Cup.*

Left: *Don Deugo (middle) received one of his two trophies he won on the day. OCSTC president Ken Smart (left) and OCSTC club director Ryan Downing presented Deugo with his trophy.*

Right: *Racers and spectators alike flocked the Fries for Charity shack during the event. The vendor raised $1,000 to go to the Osgoode Care Centre.*

Courtesy photos

Drag racers put on display

OSGOODE - Several hundred snowmobilers flocked to the second annual Osgoode Carleton Snowmobile Trail Club (OCSTC) Drag Races Sat. Feb. 10.

Sixty snowmobilers registered to race during the day that featured 12 different classes of sleds.

OCSTC president Ryan Downing dubbed it all a success.

"It was a really good day for us," he said. "We don't have a way to track how many spectators we had, but I estimated it was somewhere between 800 to 1,200 snowmobiles that showed up."

Another bonus to the event was that Fries for Charity raised $1,000 for the Township of Osgoode Care Centre.

The event took place last year for the first time and Downing said there was some parity in the results of the races.

"There were different winners from last year so the competition is pretty wide open each year," he said.

There is a lot that goes into organizing an event like this one, said Downing. The commitment to doing so keeps him out of the competition.

"I'd like to someday race, but I am really busy with the event," he said. "There is a lot to do, like finding sponsors to help out and securing land for the race."

Sponsors were given the distinction of having the trophy for each class be represented by their businesses' name.

The title sponsor for the event was No Limits Auto Parts while other supporters included the Red Dot Café, Allan Johnston Sales & Repair, Don Deugo Small Engine Repair and Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze.

Special thanks goes out to The Livingston Farm and Tomlinson Construction.

Results from the race were as follows:

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Dean and Wil Construction Cup (500 stock) winner – Lori Jutras (Arctic Cat ZR 500)

JRWEC Cup (600 stock) winner – Dan Dodge (Ski-Doo MXZ 600)

Krown Metcalfe Cup (700 stock) winner – Rachel Matheson (Yamaha SRX 700)

Councillor George Darouze Cup (800 stock) winner – Brandon Benedict (Ski-Doo XRS 800)

Allan Johnston Sales & Repair Cup (850-1200 stock) winner – Matt Gregoire (Ski-Doo MXZ 800)

Robertson Rent All Cup (King of the Trail stock) winner – Brandon Benedict (Ski-Doo XRS 800)

Modified classes

Clarmo Auto Cup (500 modified) winner – Gavin O'Rourke

Busy Bee Bins Cup (600 modified) winner – Dan Dodge (Ski-Doo MXZ 600)

Sue Hann, Modern Living Realty Cup (700 modified) winner – Rodney Matheson (Arctic Cat F7)

Don Deugo Small Engine Repair Cup (800 modified) winner – Paul Brisson (Ski-Doo MXZ 800)

Allan Johnston Sales & Repair Cup (850-1200 modified) winner – Don Deugo (Arctic Cat ZR1)

Red Dot Café Cup (King of the Trail modified) winner – Don Deugo (Arctic Cat ZR1)

Weekend wins propel Rockets to 2nd place

by Cam Kennedy
Sports reporter

CHESTERVILLE – The North Dundas Rockets greatly improved their playoff positioning this past weekend as the team won their final three regular season games.

The Rockets opened the series of wins with a 4-3 victory over the Cumberland Bandits Sat., Feb. 17.

North Dundas opened the scoring on the power play when Bryden van Kessel found the back of the net.

The Rockets capitalized on the man-advantage in the second period after Matt Cowley and Van Kessel set up Justin Lefebvre for his first of two goals in the contest.

Chris Marchand extended the Rockets lead in the middle frame after Van Kessel fed him a pass for his third point of the game.

Lefebvre sealed the victory for the Rockets in the third period after scoring his second of the game. Shawn Simms had the assist on the goal.

Rockets 9 – Eagles 3

North Dundas travelled to St-Isidore Sun., Feb. 18 for a contest with the fifth-place Eagles.

The Rockets scored four times in the game's opening six minutes to get ahead early.

Defenceman Tom Fingler got the scoring spree started for the Rockets less than two minutes into the game.

North Dundas then went up by a pair of goals soon after when Lefebvre netted his first of the game.

Conner Roth made it a three-goal lead after being set up by Marchand and Fingler.

Marchand capped off the surge of goals just after five minutes had past when he was fed the puck by Fingler.

Lefebvre capitalized in the middle frame on the power play to increase the Rockets' lead to 4-2.

The Rockets' power play struck again three minutes later after Roth scored his third tally of the game.

North Dundas closed out the game with three goals in the final frame, two of which came off the stick of Roth.

Rockets 6 – Vikings 3

The Rockets picked up their third win in a row Mon., Feb. 19 over the first-place Papineauville Vikings.

The Vikings jumped ahead early in the first period after getting goals from Joey Simoneau, Hugo Lushigan and Justin Lambrosse.

However, the Rockets came within a goal as the opening frame ended. Fingler and Lefebvre found the back of the net before the teams headed to the middle period.

van Kessel took over in the second period as he tied the game and then gave the Rockets the lead. Lefebvre and Brad Stitt tallied assists on the markers.

Simms and Roth sealed the win for North Dundas in the third period.

The win clinched second-place in the standings for the Rockets, which gives the team home-ice advantage throughout the post-season

Other notes:

The Rockets took home some hardware this week as the National Capital Junior Hockey League handed out regular season awards. van Kessel captured two honours, including Most Valuable Player and Top Defenceman. Lefebvre took home the Rookie of the Year honour. The team's head coach, Nik Paas, and assistant coach, Lenard McLean, captured the Coaching Staff of the Year award and Rockets' general manager Rob Sadler was named Executive of the Year.

The Rockets will await the conclusion of the four-team playdowns series between Morrisburg, South Grenville, Metcalfe and Vankleek Hill before beginning playoffs this weekend.

Hawks drop three in a row

WINCHESTER – The struggles continued for the Winchester Hawks as the team lost three games this past week.

The Hawks lost their Family Day (Feb. 19) tilt 4-2 against the Timberwolves, in Renfrew.

Winchester jumped ahead first when Christophe Lemay found the back of the Renfrew net. Joel and Joey Driscoll had the assists.

Renfrew tied the game up at 10:15 after Andrew McIntyre and Brandon English set up Connor Noonan for a tally.

Noonan struck again in the middle frame to put Renfrew ahead at 14:11. Renfrew's Russel Denney increased the lead 20 seconds after, putting the Timberwolves up by two heading into the third.

Gabriel Morin got one back for the Hawks to put the team within a goal. However, Austin Scheuneman sealed the win on the Timberwolves power play at 15:23.

Rideaus 6 – Hawks 1

The visiting Westport Rideaus drubbed the Hawks 6-1 Fri., Feb. 16 at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

The Hawks's lone goal came from Morin who was set up by Dillon Clemen and Graeme Buffone.

The Rideaus got goals from Cameron Sinclair (2), Austin Vincent, Marcus Dorsey, Ty Nicholson and James Prebble.

The Hawks were outshot in the game, 42 to 22.

Vikings 8 – Hawks 3

The Hawks travelled to Casselman to face the first-place Vikings Thurs., Feb. 15.

The Vikings sent plenty of rubber at the Hawks net, tallying 53 shots during the game.

Winchester jumped out to early first period lead after goals from Lemay and Buffone, but the lead would prove to be short-lived.

The Vikings struck with three goals in the middle frame from Danyk Drouin, Ethan Cahill and Sebastien Plante.

Driscoll scored the lone tally for the Hawks in the second period.

Casselman sealed the win in the third period when the Vikings scored five goals. Carter Mallete (2), Jason Cossette and Plante (2) netted Casselman's final tallies.

Up next:

The Hawks close out their season on the road, taking on Ottawa West Thurs., Feb. 22 and Westport Fri., Feb. 23.

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Devils win it twice on ice



Devils' goalie Olivia Salmon (left) has been solid for the North Dundas squad, providing solid goaltending throughout the regular season. *Press Photo – Kennedy*

LONG SAULT – The North Dundas District High School girls' hockey team picked up two victories Thurs., Feb. 15.

The Devils first opened with a 8-1 drubbing over Char-Lan District High School.

North Dundas started the scoring at 11:00 of the first period when Sam Benoit beat Crusaders' goalie Ella Pasco.

Delaney Johnston scored a natural hat trick to close out the first period, putting the Devils up 4-0 heading into the second period.

Shaina Vandemheen added three goals herself to seal the victory in the game's final period. Alexis Sharpky added a single tally.

Olivia Salmon picked up the victory.

Devils 4 – Patriotes 3

The Devils grabbed another victory in the team's second game, a 4-3 win over La Citadelle.

Reise Marriner and Vandemheen gave the Devils an early first period lead. Vandemheen, Benoit and Jade Hannford added helpers on the goals.

Vandemheen tallied her second hat trick of the day when she found the back of the net twice in the second period.

Up next:

The Devils finished the regular season in third-place and will play Holy Trinity at 10:30 am in Long Sault Wed., Feb. 28. The winner of the game will play either St. Joseph's or La Citadelle in the finals at 1 pm.

Junior hockey round-up

Kemptville 73's

It has been a tough year for the Kemptville 73's to say the least. The CCHL1 team currently sits at the bottom of the Robinson Division standings with a record of 15-36-1-2. The struggles continued for the 73's when they travelled to Ottawa Thurs., Feb. 15. The high-flying Junior Senators blew out the 73's 9-0. A bright spot for the team has been assistant captain Ashton Fry. The Highlands Ranch, Colorado native has 42 points in 48 games, good for 23rd in the league's scoring race. Kemptville captain Liam Hunter is tied for sixth in scoring among defensemen with 31 points in 41 games.

Metcalfe Jets

The Metcalfe Jets have been climbing the standings of the National Capital Junior Hockey League with a record of 7-2-1 in their last 10 games. As of Fri., Feb. 16, the Jets sat in seventh-place and in a position to make the playoffs. Jets' forward William Lachapelle has had a solid season tallying 29 goals and 23 assists, putting him in the top 10 for league scoring. Goalie Danik Gervais is also one of the league's top netminders, posting a goals against average of 3.81.

Morrisburg Lions

The Morrisburg Lions have been rolling as of late, winning six of their last 10 games. The victories have helped the Lions climb into the playoff picture where they are slated to play the Vankleek Hill Cougars. The two teams will play a two game series against each other to determine who will grab the eighth and final playoff spot. If the teams each grab a win in the series, they will play an extra overtime period at the conclusion of the second game to determine who wins the series. The Lions lead the season series over Vankleek Hill 2-1. Brian Landry has led the Lions' offence this season with 32 points in 26 games. Goalie Dean Gauvreau has carried the majority of the workload in the crease for Morrisburg, picking up six wins this season.

Embrun Panthers

Embrun has enjoyed a successful inaugural season in the CCHL2 as the Panthers sit in third-place in the Martin Division. The Panthers, who have a record of 27-18-1-3, are currently in a battle for playoff positioning with Alexandria and Ottawa West. Two points separate all three teams as they come down to wire in the homestretch of the season. Forwards Marc Brosseau and Andrew Burke are currently tied for first among the Panthers with 55 points each. Jean-Pascal Sabourin and Jean-Sebastien Gratton have both split time in the Panthers' crease this season, providing consistent goaltending throughout the year. Sabourin has a record of 16-8-1-2 and Gratton carries a 11-10-0-0 record.

Thunder best Maulers in high-scoring tilt

WINCHESTER – The Thunder were victorious 7-5 over the Maulers Tues., Feb. 13 in Winchester Town Hockey League action.

The Thunder jumped ahead by two early into the game after goals from Dustin Tinkler and Adrian Lee. Lee, Dwyer Penk and Tinkler tallied assists.

The Maulers got one back when Rob Sadler found the back of the net. Andy Klassen and Jesse Sheppard had assists.

Shayne James would tie the game less than a minute later after taking a pass from Phil Duncan.

Sadler and Duncan scored twice more in the opening period to give the Maulers a lead heading into the final frame.

The Thunder tied the game and didn't look back after scoring four times in the second period.

John McGlashan, Rob Thurler, Michel Thurler and Ben Walrowiak had the markers for the Thunder.

Roosters 5 – Crushers 3

The Red Roosters narrowly defeated the Crushers 5-3 in their contest.

Nik Paas scored the game's opening goal from Tyler Voubert.

The Crushers evened the score a minute later when Jay Griffiths set up Brad Bingley.

Derek Froats scored with 2:09 remaining in the first period to put the Crushers up 2-1 heading into the second period.

The Roosters responded with four goals in the final frame to seal the win.

Colton Stitt (2), Ray Smeagle and Brandon Buma scored the Roosters' goals.

Hat trick opens Dore for Cooper Physio in WDLHL

WINCHESTER - Casey Dore led the Cooper offence in a 5-0 win over WS Trucking in Winchester and District Ladies Hockey League playoff action Sun., Feb. 18.

Dore opened the scoring in the middle frame with a pair of goals. Stephanie Peters assisted her second marker.

Kaila Beckstead put Cooper up by three goals midway through the period after being set up by Dore.

Christie Derksen netted a goal of her own at 5:40 and Dore completed her hat trick shortly later.

Dore was named player of the game for Cooper Physio while Kim Nelson took home the honour for WS Trucking.

Bridals 2 – Foodland 1

Bridals picked up a narrow 2-1 victory over Foodland in what was a close contest.

Hope Klein-Swormink netted the game's first goal at 12:31 of the first period for Bridals.

Michaela Morrow gave Bridals a two-goal lead in the middle frame after being set up by Alyson Erwin and Ashley Middleton.

Foodland's lone goal came from Sophie Drouin. Kathy Kerr added the assist on Drouin's goal.

Drouin was player of the game for Foodland and Klein-Swormink took home the award for Bridals.

Annable's 0 – KC's 0

Cashelle Baldwin and Kristie Wade both had shutouts in what was a scoreless tilt between Annable's and KC's.

Baldwin won player of the game for Annable's and Grace Mellano won the honour for KC's.

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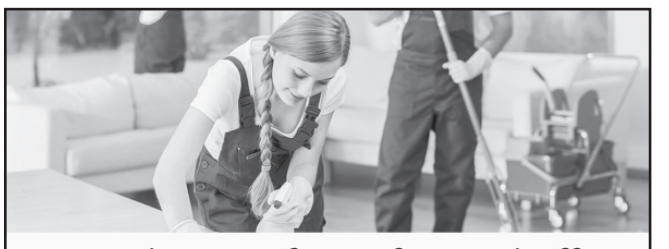
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Friends may call at the Riverview Presbyterian Church in Iroquois on Sat., Feb. 24 from 1 pm until the time of the memorial service at 2 pm. Spring inurnment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

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- Reduce the potential for family conflict over your estate after you're gone.

On death, the Income Tax Act considers you to have disposed of all your worldly possessions. This means your estate or heirs can be taxed on any income earned or accrued gains on your assets in the year of your death. The sudden tax burden can be quite considerable on large estates because the tax is often calculated at the top tax rate brackets. There may also be extra and unexpected expenses such as executor fees, accounting fees and/or legal fees).

Fortunately, advance tax planning can ensure your heirs are spared some of these costs to receive the largest gifts possible. Once the assets are in their hands (usually children or grandchildren over the age of 18), taxes on the future growth of the assets are their responsibility and typically levied at a lower marginal tax rate. Those tax savings for heirs of large inheritances can be substantial. Of course, for new graduates or homeowners, they can use your estate to pay down debt instead of producing tax-generating income, which would still put them in a more favourable financial position.

Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give

One of the biggest reasons to bestow your estate before you die is so your family and friends will enjoy them it more while they're younger and healthier. You get to see how your gift changes and improves their lives while you're still alive. Of course, the counter to this is that you'll have fewer assets for your retirement and the remainder of your life. This explains why planning is key: you want to ensure these assets aren't needed to support any of your own future lifestyle or living needs.

Caution to the wise

As with any other gift – whether it's a holiday present or a vast fortune – once you've given it to someone else, you won't have any remaining control over it and can't get it back. This may seem obvious, but you have to be prepared to accept there's no recourse if the recipient chooses to use the proceeds in ways you disapprove.

You do, however, have several different options to ensure the longevity of your gift. Your assets don't necessarily have to be given to beneficiaries in a lump-sum payment. You can choose to leave your gift in the form of an annuity to provide smaller, more regular, guaranteed payments to last throughout their lifetime. This might be an ideal plan for those family members who may be susceptible to influence or irresponsibility. Alternatively, you may also want to consider using a trust, which may provide additional control and protection of your gift.

As you plan your estate, consider these possibilities for how your bequest can help loved ones over time yet still honour your wishes. The information will help get you started for the conversations you should have with your advisor and tax professional.

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