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DRAWING A CROWD

Construction of the new MacEwen station in Chesterville is finally nearing an end, welcome news to the driving public in an area without a local fuel provider for months now. Youngsters in the village, however, may be sorry to see the heavy machinery go. The excavator operator had an audience last week as Happy Face Nursery School students and their teachers stopped for a quick look at the ongoing work.

Uhrig Photo

No cause for concern with chlorine levels

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WINCHESTER — Deputy-Mayor Al Armstrong has heard it all before.

Year after year the chorus of complaints remains the same — there's too much chlorine in North Dundas' drinking water system.

But, is there?

Staff from the Ontario Clean Water Agency was before township politicians Tues., March 26. What was meant to serve as more of a routine overview of the municipality's operating system spun off into a discussion of water safety.

Far from implying there were issues, Armstrong said repeatedly he was "looking to set the record straight."

This comes after what may have been a last ditch effort for support in last fall's municipal election when then deputy-mayor Gerry Boyce brought the concern about chlorine to the council table.

He was fresh off being questioned about the chemical element's use in an all-candidates session, and wanted to "know if there is anything that can be done."

The response he received was direct, as fellow council members and North Dundas staff ensured that all indications are that the water in the township is safe for drinking.

At the March 26 meeting, Stephane Barberie, senior operations manager with the water agency, was clear in his response.

"We are not putting too much or adding extra chlorine for no reason," he said. "In fact, 99 per cent of all water plants in Ontario use chlorine."

North Dundas' municipal water system, which services homes and other properties in both Winchester and Chesterville, functions thanks to a series of wells. In some, there is an increase of naturally occurring ammonia, which forces the need for chlorine to reduce the smell and eliminate the occurrence of anything harmful.

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BURN BAN UPDATE

CHESTERVILLE — "It's been a long time coming," said North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser at the Dundas Federation of Agriculture's (DFA) annual general meeting Fri., March 29.

Fraser was no doubt voicing the exhaustion felt on both sides of the table as they creep toward the finish line of the contentious burn-bylaw battle.

After more than two years of deliberations and consultation Fraser reported that the document is "at the stage now where legal people are looking at it."

The most recent incarnation of the bylaw discussed by council in January allowed agricultural fires if a permit was issued by one of North Dundas' fire chiefs after they had inspected the site and if size and distance restrictions were met.

Despite the lengthy process and the sometimes heated debates, Fraser feels it was a positive one.

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Sunshine List continues to grow

BY MATTHEW UHRIG
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WINCHESTER — Familiar names lead the way among top earners in the province's annual salary disclosure listing, which published last week sees Winchester District Memorial Hospital lead the way in Dundas County.

The document, commonly referred to as the "Sunshine List," is a mandate of the Ontario government, detailing all yearly salaries exceeding $100,000 for employees of provincial crown corporations and organizations, including municipalities, school boards, hospitals, post-secondary institutions, and police services.

Topping the list locally is village hospital CEO Cholly Boland, who took home $245,083.33 in 2018.

Coming in behind Boland was Michelle Blouin, the hospital's senior vice-president for corporate and information management, who earned $161,460.41.

Other top administrative employees include: Lynn Hall, senior vice-president for clinical services and chief nursing officer, $161,460.12; Sean O'Brien, chief information officer, $114,051.60; Hassan Alikhan, senior systems analyst, $104,864.71; Nazer Aboobaker, team lead for SharePoint Analyst, $103,150.65; Patty Hoy-Berrea, employee health services and infection control, $101,430.54; Laura Landry, clinical nurse manager, $100,394.15; Kirsti Weekes, learning specialist, $100,352.58; and Joanne Leclair, pharmacy manager, $100,314.83.

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Morewood's Lucky Dollar listed for sale

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MOREWOOD – A landmark on a downtown corner property in this North Dundas village is for sale for the second time in the last decade.

The real estate signs went up last week at The Lucky Dollar, with owner Kiomi Arias looking to make a move that benefits not only her, but also her young son.

"I can't do it myself anymore," she told the *Winchester Press*. "I have a seven-year-old son who needs my attention. He wants to play soccer, and I can't get him there because I'm at the store. It's not fair."

In 2016, Arias took ownership of the store with her then husband.

Since the end of that relationship, it's been her alone operating the convenience store.

It's not a sustainable situation, given that her older children live in Ottawa, and aren't interested in the store's ownership.

"I'm happy about the decision.... Excited," Arias said. "But I do love this community, and I will miss Morewood. I love how close the community is, and they are so supportive. I've always felt welcome here."

It's been nearly three years since Arias took over the store from longtime operator Ada Mahfouz. She and her late husband, Refaat, purchased the store in 1988, continuing on for the next 28 years.



Kiomi Arias behind the counter of the landmark cornerstore, The Lucky Dollar, in Morewood. Last week, the sale signs went up as Arias looks to leave ownership behind.

Uhrig Photos



The building itself has undergone many changes throughout the years, as it has served as a community corner store since 1862 under a variety of owners. Most notably, Andrew Douglas Hunter purchased the stock from Thomas Reveler, and ran his store at this location until 1901. He sold medicine, as well as bulk goods. There was a set of scales outside the store, which was used to weigh loads of hay or stone.

Burn ban update

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"I don't know of any other process where another group gets involved in helping us fashion a bylaw. I think that speaks well to the relationship. We want to get better at communicating with each other," he said.

DFA vice-president Ryan Devries had also presented council with a three-page document in January identifying key areas where the review committee would like to see changes, most notably the use of burn boxes.

Fraser thought the boxes were an ideal compromise.

"As council members it's something we think has great advantages to it. We'd like to see that put in place so that with a permit and the proper application at the township level you could use that, burn ban or not," he said, adding that a phone call to the township was also necessary.

"Everyone's got a cell phone. It's an easy thing to do," he added.

The bylaw process was kick-started after a spike of false alarm calls to the North Dundas Fire Department from passersby mistaking a farmer burning brush for an emergency.

Police Blotter

Wanted man arrested

WINCHESTER – A 47-year-old North Dundas man was part of a joint police force takedown Wed., March 27.

Local OPP and Community Street Crime Unit members worked together to locate the accused, who was wanted by police.

The investigation also indicated that the man was in contravention of conditions imposed following an earlier incident.

Christopher Cinnamon was arrested and charged with two counts of failure to comply with undertaking, three counts of failure to comply with conditions of a probation order, and one count of failure to attend court.

He was held in custody ahead of a bail court hearing in Cornwall.

Thefts

CHESTERVILLE – Police are on the lookout for missing pieces of construction of equipment.

OPP responded Tues., March 26 to a Chesterville property on Main Street.

Taken were a 2018 Mikasa jumping jack packer, orange and grey in colour, and a Stihl 420 quick cut saw, orange and black in colour.

The investigation continues.

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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.*

Sunshine List continues to grow

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Five registered nurses also made the list, many of them included thanks to their salaries and overtime payments: Nancy Lowe, $124,732.79; Karen Froats, $107,225.30; Sherry Roberts, $104,876.34; Janet Vallance, $103,416.90; Tanya Watkins, $102,085.81; Brittany Coleman, $100,978.93; Kristina Duncan, $100,942.23; Tracy Bradley, $100,296.51; and Jennifer Ducross, $100,293.42.

In all, the 19 hospital employees listed account for $2.23 million in expenditure.

Sticking with the medical field, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit has 16 employees listed. Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, CEO and medical officer of health, remains the region's highest earner, topping the ranking with a 2018 salary of $333,953.19.

Other health unit staff members listed included: Patricia Gauley, director of health promotion and prevention (SD&G), $149,936.44; Nicole Laplante, director of health promotion and prevention (Prescott-Russell), $161,037.52; Frank Spagnolo, director of finance, $138,816.45; Therese Bourgeois, director of corporate services, $130,521.37; Linda Cleroux, program manager (infectious diseases), $110,633.61; Shawn Pilon, officer manager and manager of emergency preparedness, $106,957.86; Sylvain Diotte, officer manager and manager of property maintenance, $106,132.97; Chantal Sabourin, program manager (oral, child health and speech), $105,872.81; Joanne Porporo, manager (information and technical systems, and physical resources), $105,848.64; Nadine Stumpf, office manager, $105,133.06

Suzanne Beauchesne, officer manager, $105,132.98; Mario Pinard, officer manager, $104,785.48; Lysanne Trudeau, program manager, $104,382.88; Louise Simmons, program manager, $104,347.07; and Sandra Labelle, manager (continuous quality improvement), $100,600.62.

Government spending

The Township of North Dundas had two entries on the list.

CAO Angela Rutley was paid $129,620.37 last year, while director of planning, building, and bylaw services Calvin Pol took home $105, 578.78.

In the Municipality of South Dundas, CAO and treasurer Shannon Geraghty earned $136,957.07.

Five United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry employees made the list. They are: Trevor Baker, manager of operations, $100,776; Ben de Haan, director of transportation and planning, $144,999.40; Vanessa Metcalfe, director of financial services and treasurer, $144,999.40; Tim Simpson, CAO and deputy-clerk, $174,498.10; and Helen Thomson, director of council services and clerk, $100,144.19.

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, which operates Upper Canada Village, had nine employees making the ranking. Hollee Kew, the newly appointed general manager and CEO, took home $156,645.27, while Roger Holgerson, who was temporarily appointed to role after the sudden departure of Darren Dalgleish, earned $207,113.51.

Tracey Ogilby, Upper Canada Village's manager, was paid $108,851.15.

Other top salaries included: Susan Leclair, director of marketing and customer experience, $116,723.08; Gary Waycik, director of historic sites, $127,304.01; Al Adibi, director of corporate services, $122,960.54; Jennifer Tarini, director of parks and recreation, $113,769.35; Shannon Moulton, human resources co-ordinator, $101,267.43; and Mark Bennett, programs supervisor, $101,754.67.

Politicians pay

Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell earned $124,976.12, while George Darouze, Osgoode Ward councillor for the City of Ottawa, took in $105,463.95.

Education earnings

All public school principals in the area find themselves on the list.

This includes: Angela Grandy, NDDHS principal, $129,688.07; Michael Deighton, former NDDHS vice-principal, $115,360.89; Karen Paterson, Winchester Public School principal, $101,586.14; Anne-Marie Bulbeck, Seaway District High School principal, $136,948.07; Darryl Beck, Chesterville Public School principal, $120,369.15; Krista Mano, Morrisburg Public School principal, $120,369.15; Jill Pensa, Iroquois Public School principal, $120,369.15; and Karen Bryan, Nationview Public School principal, $120,369.15.

Four North Dundas District High School teachers were also included: Scott Reaney, $102,308; Cheryl Williams, $102,308-17; Patti Hall, $102,308; and Jennifer Onstein, $102,308.

Among top level Upper Canada District School Board officials, Stephen Sliwa, director of education, led the way with a salary of $237,783.46.

The full listing of all $100,000 or more earners is available for view at www.ontario.ca/page/public-sector-salary-disclosure.

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OSPCA'S POWERS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Animal cruelty law changes concern farmers

BY TOM SCHOCH
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CHESTERVILLE – As of April 1st, and for the first time in 100 years, the province no longer has an agency to investigate and enforce animal cruelty laws with livestock.

The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA), which enforced both provincial and Criminal Code animal cruelty laws under the *OSPCA Act* that became law in 1919, notified the government in March it would not renew their contract with the province.

This shift in direction comes on the heels of a January ruling by an Ontario court that found the OSPCA's powers to be unconstitutional. The judge gave the government a year to address the issue.

For Jackie Pemberton, Dundas County representative for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the announcement by the OSPCA didn't come as much of a surprise.

"There has always been some concerns that the OSPCA is a fundraising organization that was doing regulatory enforcement," she said.

While critics agreed that the OSPCA wasn't the right outfit for the job, what organization steps in and fills the void?

Pemberton addressed the issue at the Dundas Federation Of Agriculture annual general meeting.

She broached the possibility of turning to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) or the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) when speaking to members of the Dundas Federation Of Agriculture at the annual general meeting.

"If the OSPCA is not looking after livestock, who do you call? Where does the call go? Police have enforcement and they always have. Could it be the MNRF because they have those powers?," questioned Pemberton.

OSPCA is still under contract for a three-month transition phase until June 28 but the clock is ticking and action is needed.

"It's happened very quickly and we've been working very hard on trying to get an immediate and long-term solution," said Pemberton. "There are really no specifics on who's taking the lead. This is one thing that looks to me like we are working together. Dairy, beef, feathers. They're all concerned."

One of the major considerations is that not only will the enforcing authority change, but the *OSPCA Act* could undergo significant changes as well.

"If they're changing the regulation, the Ontario Prevention and Cruelty Act, [all we ask] is that agriculture has some input in that," said Pemberton. "We are very much self-regulating. We have codes of practice for our livestock that we follow. There's always that perception from others that it's the fox watching the hen house, but we are the best ones to know animal husbandry, how to care for animals and to help design a piece of regulation or some ideas that are able to facilitate this gap that is going to happen."

The OSPCA receives $5.75 million in provincial funding annually, but has publicly stated it wasn't enough to carry out their enforcement duties. The OSPCA will continue to provide animal shelter, collect evidence in animal cruelty cases and offer veterinary services.

BABY'S GOT THE BENDS

It's a sure sign that this winter has been a long one in the region. Not to be fooled by what the calendar states, spring has been a longtime coming and it's certainly true given the snowfall seen this past weekend. North of Morewood, this stationary sign, welcoming travellers to the boundary of the Township of North Dundas, best represents the exhaustion brought on by a lengthy hibernation. Hang in there, however, because surely the sunshine of summer must be on its way.

Uhrig Photo



FARMERS ELIGIBLE FOR CARBON TAX EXEMPTION

WINCHESTER – The new carbon tax fuel surcharge in Ontario came into effect Mon., April 1, but Ontario farmers are eligible for an exemption.

Farmers will have to fill out an exemption form available from their fuel provider or the Canada Revenue Agency. Farmers will not receive back pay for any fuel purchased before submitting an application.

Larry Davis, director of Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) stated on Thurs., March 15 that the exemption doesn't fix the problem for farmers.

"The OFA believes the fuel tax exemption for farmers doesn't go far enough. The taxation of inputs to food production is a regressive tax if it can be passed on to consumers. Or it is punitive to farmers if it cannot be passed on in the price of food. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) and its members, including OFA are advocating for full exemption on all farm fuels, including natural gas and propane. We are hopeful this full exemption may be available some day. The federal government's spring federal budget would be a good place to see it," said Davis.

Exemptions apply to some forms of fuel for tractors, including clear diesel, trucks and machinery used on the farm.

Municipal partnership fund split in SD&G

WINCHESTER – The news is in, and in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry it is a toss-up for Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations.

Vic Fedeli, the provincial finance minister, made note of the contributions late last month.

In all, four lower-tier municipalities in the tri-counties will see a bump up in their share, while four others will be faced to work with less.

Fedeli, in his statement to governments throughout Ontario, said the program and funding would "remain virtually the same as 2018" while the Ford government continues to review the system.

The funding is a blend of different grants dished out to municipalities, and in many cases makes up a significant portion of operating budgets.

North Dundas will see its share go up by $3,300 from 2018 to $906,700, while South Dundas' jumps by $64,000 to $1.13 million.

Also receiving more is the City of Cornwall, adding $132,800 to its $3.96 million, and South Stormont whose $890,300 contribution rose by $68,600 from the year previous.

Faced with a funding cut is North Stormont, which had $101,600 shaved off its 2018 contribution to $576,000 this year, and SD&G itself, which counts a loss of $200,700 to $1.1 million.

The Glengarries both took a hit. In the north end of the county, municipal administrators will work with $98,500 less at $2.2 million, while the southern township saw just $400 taken for its 2018 total to $981,500 in 2019.

Chlorine

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"Every well has different demands, with some needing more chlorine than others," Barberie said. "That's our challenge with the multiple sources."

He added that testing has been done with different products, though to date it is chlorine that remains most effective.

"So it's not like we have a different option... I mean, we could redo the entire system, but taxpayers wouldn't like that," Armstrong said. "This is still the safest way for people in the township to have the cleanest water, correct?"

Barberie's reply was an emphatic, "exactly."

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IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK

American history buffs flock to Winchester United

By Bert Hill

WINCHESTER

The gracious Limestone Lady of St. Lawrence Street has drawn admiring glances all the 136 years it has sat at the heart of Winchester. But if Winchester United Church could blush, she would be bright red over the praise that followed a recent visit by American architecture and history experts. The church likely will be attracting many more U.S. heritage buffs this summer.

A big reason is the fascinating man who directed construction – a formerly enslaved black American who fought and was wounded in the U.S. Civil War. Steven Engelhart, executive director of the Adirondack Architectural Heritage organization (AARCH), was delighted with a tour of the building. "It is absolutely first-rate," he said after studying the handsome exterior stone work, exploring the interior and enjoying the soft spring sun seeping through stained-glass windows. A showstopper was the unique circular Sunday School with classrooms rising in tiers to a lofty ceiling. The tour of the church tipped the balance in an AARCH debate on expanding tours into Canada.

"We know what people like to see," Engelhart said. "I can tell you this is fantastic stuff." The Adirondack heritage organization has more than 1,000 members and runs more than 40 tours of choice sites in northern New York State annually, as well as international trips to places like Armenia and Slovakia. It is based in Keeseville, N.Y., about 90 minutes south of Montreal. Business at the non-profit outfit is so good that it has to use a lottery to manage ticket demand. It also provides advocacy and preservation services for campaigns to save old buildings from demolition.

The man who built Winchester United is a big part of the story. Isaac Johnson was born to a free mixed-race family in Kentucky, a slave state, in 1844. Family life appeared normal in the face of enormous racist pressure. But his white father ultimately deserted his black mother, and had the family, including four sons, auctioned for $3,300. The seven-year-old boy never saw his family again despite years of search. Johnson was starved and whipped by his new owner. He watched in horror as another slave was slowly tortured to death. That man, Bob, had been born in Canada and told Isaac of the freedom north of the border.



Steven Engelhart, executive director of the Adirondack Architectural Heritage organization, is pictured during a recent tour of Winchester United Church. The landmark in the village's core has caught the eye of American history buffs thanks to its builder, former slave and U.S. Civil War veteran Isaac Johnson (inset).

Johnson tried repeatedly to run, but could not get away until the Civil War broke out. He was wounded fighting for a black Northern regiment in the war, losing a finger and taking three bullets that were never removed. After working as a sailor on the Great Lakes, he settled in Winchester and for eight years learned the stonemason trade and construction business at a quarry in the south end of the village.

When the director of construction at the new Winchester church suddenly died, Johnson stepped into the breach. He discovered that a church wall, which had reached to the top of windows, was a half-inch out of alignment. He stopped work, had the wall torn down and started over.

Johnson likely worked on other projects, including the Redmond House, now the Winchester B&B, just across from the church at 528 St. Lawrence Street.

Said Engelhart: "It's lovely… A fairly high-style example of the Italianate [architecture] style," adding that the house's stonework, roof line, windows and distinctive brackets "have stood the test of time remarkably intact."

Johnson fathered two of his seven children in Winchester in a log house about two kilometres south of the church, and near the quarry where the granite was cut. As his business grew, he moved to a new base in upstate New York at Waddington and later Ogdensburg. He worked on both sides of the St. Lawrence River, winning building projects, including a stone-arch bridge, and a state psychiatric facility and municipal hospital at Ogdensburg. He also wrote a searing memoir that revealed the true life of slaves, and dispelled romantic notions surrounding the Confederate South.

Sales of the book helped support his family after injuries cut short his working life. He died of a heart attack in 1905, and is buried in a veteran's cemetery at Ogdensburg.

On the recent tour, the Adirondack group also explored St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg, a church and town hall at Waddington, and another upstate New York church built by Johnson. Cornel "Corky" Reinhart, a retired history professor, and Nolan Cool, the Adirondack organization's director of education programs, were part of the trip. Engelhart said that Reinhart's research opened the door to fresh discoveries of the broad extent of Johnson's projects.

Twenty-five years ago Reinhart visited Winchester, and played a key role in the re-publication of Johnson's memoir.

"What a treat to see the old church again and to see all the restorative work," he said.

Engelhart said public interest in heritage is strong, particularly "how members of under-represented groups like Native Americans, African Americans, disabled or ordinary working people prevailed." "The Isaac Johnson story will be a great story for many people," he added.

Engelhart praised the members of Winchester United for their hard work in preserving the old building, particularly after an earth tremor knocked down a large portion of stone in 2013

Many churches are closing as memberships dwindle, but the village church raised $320,000 for repairs.

"They had a challenge and they faced it," said Engelhart.



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POLICY OF TOOTH

What is the purpose of policy?

If you ask an insurance salesman, it's to protect you. If you ask a cynic, it's to bore you. If you ask the Internet, the purpose of policy is to address pertinent issues, such as what constitutes acceptable behaviour. If you ask the dictionary it's "a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by a government, party, business, or individual."

Like it or not, a large part of our lives are influenced directly by policy both official and unofficial. In its most basic form, it can be broken down to a general guideline of accepted and unaccepted practices of human behaviour. As such, we all adhere to a general conduct policy. Or in other words, we don't act like fools in public.

The most official kind of policy usually comes from politicians. If they produce anything, other than a plethora of hot gas and horse plop, it's piles of paperwork and guidelines that shape our future communities, and on a larger scale, our nations.

Inevitably, these items put forth by our elected officials act as an indicator for the public's appetite for meaningful change.

In recent weeks, municipalities across Ontario have been drafting tree canopy policies as mandated by the province. This is an effort to protect our dwindling tree cover at the local level; however, what is in this policy leaves much to be desired. Most of them picked and pecked together from a pile of policies and in the end it doesn't pack any punch. There is no mention of banning the large-scale, shortsighted clearing of trees, or an enforcement plan, and isn't that a primary cause of tree canopy loss?

The *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act,* established in 1919, will no longer investigate or enforce animal cruelty laws with livestock. It has become a policy with no teeth and this causes a series of problems for farmers, protestors and consumers.

If there is no watchdog that presides over the agricultural industry, and make no mistake it is an industry, short cuts will soon be taken.

There is also no one to turn to if livestock abuse is occurring and farmers will have no one to protect them from over-zealous animal activists.

If the consumer is truly concerned about how their food is treated and the health of agriculture, this lapse in enforcement and policy should have their full attention.

The Liberal's carbon tax and subsequent rebate is an example of a political party attempting to push policy and appease everyone. It's nothing more than smoke and mirrors, and leaves the public confused and the nation no further ahead in fighting climate change.

Approval of new codes of conduct, guidelines or even a new tax, must result in payoff or limit destructive behaviour to the benefit of the community.

The positive must outweigh the pain of enduring a change in behaviour and there is most definitely pain in that process. Just ask the most famous creature of habit – the smoker.

If a policy lacks clarity, definite action or enforcement, it isn't worth the paper that it is written on. It means that we have no appetite for real change and are simply paying lip service to a set of ideals or actions that we don't feel are important, yet.

If we are to measure ourselves by this standard, then we have little concern for the welfare of our environment, the animals that feed us, or those who depend on it.

Our lack of attention will only hurt us in the end.

That's not a policy. That's a promise.

— T.S.

Remember When





1929

He likes plain living in his plane house. A German vaudeville performer in Berlin added a stove and a few other comforts to this old aeroplane and has taken up his residence in it.

1939

An estimated additional $43,000 would be spent in the spring of 1939 to dredge the Nation River in order to alleviate flood conditions. The provincial government contributed funds for the work, which had already started around Plantagenet.

1949

Melvin Motors celebrated its 33rd year of continuous service to Winchester and surrounding area.

Morewood's Frank Casselman was selected as Liberal party candidate for the Grenville-Dundas riding during the 1949 federal election.

1959

For the second time in 19 years, the Hallville home of Joseph and Lanson Hyndman was destroyed by fire. No one was injured in the latest fire, but it did cause $30,000 in damage. The fire started when a can of floor wax that was being heated on the wood stove exploded, sending debris and flames shooting through a ceiling register and igniting a rack of clothing on the second floor. It took two hours for the large stucco house to burn to the ground.

1969

Metcalfe's Stanley Hicks was named the new chairman of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Hicks said he was confident that he could run the hospital in a cost-effective manner, and he outlined his plan to the board of directors at a meeting that week.

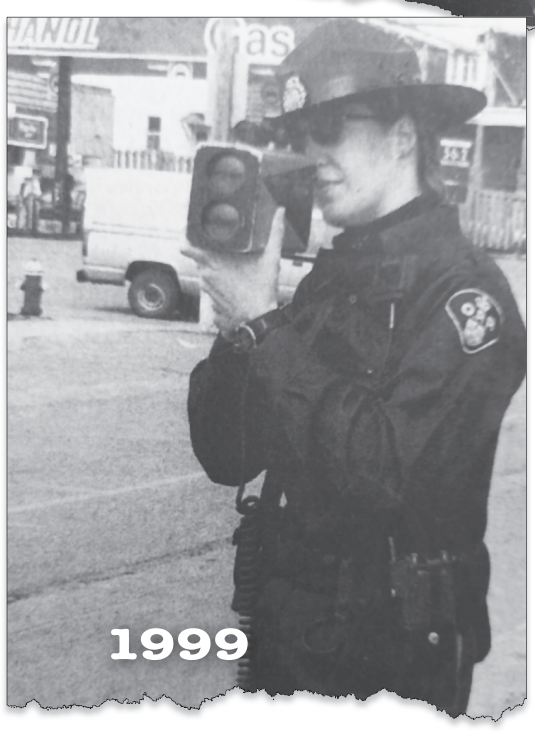
1979

Winchester Reeve Larry Gray and Deputy Reeve Bob Carkner had a heated discussion at a village council meeting regarding the never-ending search for more water for the village. Carkner wanted to pursue the search for water, regardless of what other business had to be put aside to do it, while Gray said he didn't want to neglect other council business for the task.

1989

Double Beauty Esthetics opened its doors on April 3 and Jeannette Bourgeois was the 20-year-old entrepreneur behind the new business. "It's a big investment for a 20-year-old. You have to be positive," said Bourgeois.

The province was considering a multi-million dollar solution to its garbage woes: a greenhouse, fuelled by the incineration of waste pellets. But before a feasibility study could be started, the province had to get the backing counties' council and the rest of eastern Ontario.



1999

Officers with the Winchester detachment of the OPP had been learning the finer points of their new laser speed guns. The new tool used a concentrated beam of infrared light to track the speeds of specific cars rather than radar which wasn't as accurate.

2009

After sifting through the debris of the fire that destroyed the barn of Dave and Rose Stewart on County Road 13 west of Morewood, OPP as well as Ontario Fire Investigation Services, noted the source of the fire was "undetermined" and arson was still being considered. Approximately 40 beef cows were lost in the blaze with an estimated $500,000 to $1 million dollars in damage.

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THE CAT CAME BACK

Cook's Corner

Mary Cook



It certainly seemed like a good idea.

It would take some planning, but my little friend Joyce said she was sure it would all work out. The snow was gone, but there was still a bit of a nip in the air the Saturday we decided to put our plan into action.

Joyce lived closer to the Northcote School than I did – in a brick house with a real flush toilet! And real toilet paper, not the old Eaton's catalogue that hung in our outhouse.

Now, Joyce had something else that I loved with a passion. She had a wooden pencil box! While most of us carried our pencils and eraser in a drawstring bag, made from the same navy and white striped material used on our pillows and feather mattresses, Joyce had this wonderful pencil box that you opened with your thumb nail. Then the top part could swivel and show a second portion below the first.

Joyce knew I loved that wood pencil box.

I couldn't remember how the subject came up, but one day at recess we were talking about all the new kittens we had in the barn. And in the barn they stayed! I lost count of how many we had. Mother would never allow an animal in the house. Even our old Collie dog Sport was fed in the summer kitchen and slept on a mound of hay in the cow byre at night.

Joyce said the only cat they had on the farm was a mouser that got in the house only when her Mother saw a mouse. She would dearly love a kitten to call her own. One that could sleep on her bed at night, and be rocked in the rocking chair by the window in the kitchen.

And so a deal was made between Joyce and me. She'd swap her pencil box for one of the kittens from our barn. I couldn't believe my good fortune.

We decided the trade would take place on the Northcote Side Road that Saturday. I'd walk out the lane with one of the many kittens from the barn, and Joyce would meet me somewhere near Briscoe's General Store with the pencil box.

I grabbed one of the kittens scurrying around the barn, and headed out the lane. Because we had so many cats, I never did feel a real attachment to any of them, and I knew this kitten would have a good home with Joyce, whose family was so much richer than ours.

It would probably be eating off a real china plate too, I thought.

Joyce and I met just before Briscoe's General Store. She had wrapped the pencil box in a piece of the *Renfrew Mercury,* and the swap was made. I ran all the way back to the lane and couldn't wait to show everyone the great deal I had just made.

Joyce who had less road to cover, would have made it home with the kitten before I got home with the pencil box. Mother was on the phone when I went in the kitchen, and she certainly didn't seem too happy.

"I understand completely," she said at least three times. And then, "yes, of course, right away."

"You can march right back out the lane, young lady," she said, glaring at the now unwrapped pencil box and me. "Joyce will meet you at Briscoe's".

When we met up, Joyce said, Mother hates cats. And she said that pencil box was hers when she went to school, and there was no way it was going to be traded for a barn cat."

I took the kitten, and Joyce took the pencil box, and we went our separate ways.

Back went my pencils in the drawstring bag, back went the kitten into the barn, and on Monday morning, there was Joyce at the Northcote School with the wood pencil box that was mine for less than an hour.

TINDALE HOUSE DEMOLITION NEEDS ANSWERS



by Anne Presley

IROQUOIS – Tindale House or Lockmasters House has joined the growing ranks of a number of Dundas County historical sites that future generations will never know existed or what they meant to the community.

Anyone driving up to the Iroquois Locks will now see a scar left on a beautiful rural setting where the dwelling once stood. One has to wonder whether the area will be cleaned up or left in its current state of disarray?

Originally built in the late 1870s by James Tindale as a family home, it survived the building of the Seaway from its prominent perch atop Point Iroquois overlooking the St. Lawrence River.

Tindale arrived in Iroquois in 1874, and established a jewellery and bookstore in the Tindale block of downtown Iroquois. His store carried precious stones, watches, clocks, pins and rings. His son joined the business, and he added a watch repair and fancy goods department to the store.

The Tindale contributions to the business sector of old Iroquois were extensive, but that is a topic for another day.

The family also owned 28 acres of land surrounding their home on Point Iroquios, which consisted of 600 to 700 McIntosh apple trees.

After Tindale's death, his two daughters carried on the apple business and their apples were widely shipped across Canada and Europe. It is believed that they even shipped apples to Queen Elizabeth.

With the coming of the Seaway, the family was forced to relocate and their home was used as offices for the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.

Once the Seaway was completed it was designated for use as a house for the Lockmaster. This practice continued until 1998 when a new Lockmaster was appointed and he chose to retain his dwelling in Cornwall.

The Tindale House was then earmarked for demolition, but a local group called Dundas, Iroquois and Matilda Ontario Natural Development Shorelines (DIAMONDS), chaired by Don Graham, attempted to save it. The organization's goal was to ensure the tradition of public access to beautified spaces, like the Tindale House, along the Galop Canal and the St. Lawrence River.

DIAMONDS eventually had to withdraw their effort because of costs associated with conditions put in the lease by the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation.

It is tragic that despite all the efforts made, Tindale House has ceased to exist and we have lost another piece of our history. This time it happened with no warnings, no public consultation, and not even a chance to say goodbye.

Does the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation no longer care about the wishes of the people whose lives they totally disrupted in the 1950s? Do they think the younger generations no longer remember what was done to their families?

SOME THINGS...

Some things we've heard...
Some things we've seen...
Some things we've read...
Some things we think...

Does outrage from 1980 drift around until it can alight on you in 2019?

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Spring's arrival is slowly creeping in, with early sunshine hours and quiet streets in the village, as only the steam from Parmalat and those early morning breakfast seekers at Cup of Jo's emerge before the remainder of the day takes hold. It's proof that we're lucky to live the way we do.

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Sleeping is a wonderful experience. It does so many good things for your body and mind. It's like dying, but without the commitment.

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The spring season means flooding in most places, and in more than one area basement. It's funny to think that such a huge investment like a home is protected by an incredibly efficient $90 sump pump from the local hardware store.

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The economy is important, as is quality of life. Marrying the two together is more than a parlour trick and not unlike herding kittens. Fun to watch, but not if you have been hired as the shepherd.

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Truly it is a shame the Canadian Women's Hockey League has folded due to economic hardship. Having a team in China will do that. There just aren't enough Air Miles points to make that long trip efficient.

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Hands up, now. Who is proud of the job being done by Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell and his fellow puppets in the Ford government? Are we truly ignorant enough to believe in the "fixing what wasn't broken and breaking what didn't need to be fixed" mandate?

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The constant tomfoolery at Queen's Park these day makes it unsurprising that Ford places in the top three for lowest approval rating among premiers in Canada. Let him lie (see what we did there?) in the bed he has made.

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Government can't even figure out how to do what a teenager does in high school – sell weed. Our premier was a dealer, so shouldn't this be a slam-dunk? Maybe it would be easier if we only sold hash.

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Who are these people waiting in line for the few pot shops to open? They certainly aren't regular smokers who can either grow it themselves or find it anywhere on the street.

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If we wanted this pot roll out to go smoothly, we should have just let Tim Hortons sell it as part of their "roll up the rim" promotion.

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It's hard to complain about rebates from the government, but the new carbon tax and subsequent refund leaves both sides of the argument, for and against its implementation, confused and angry.

HAWAIIAN DANCE COMING SOON

NDDHS Notes

Ashley Wheeler



MAPLE RIDGE – To kick off last week on Tues., March 26, the midget girls' volleyball team finished their season and played five games at La Citadelle.

The girls tied four games with a score of 1-1 against Char-Lan, St. Joe's, Holy Trinity, and Tagwi, and they lost one game 2-0 against La Citadelle. Good season girls!

We will be hosting a Hawaiian themed dance on Thurs., April 18. Tickets will be $10, and ticket sales started Mon., April 1. Make sure you get your tickets soon!

Also, on April 18, we will be hosting Spring Olympics during block D (12:45 pm to 2 pm). Everyone (Grades 7 to 12) can participate, and the day will be filled with fun activities for groups to participate in. We want to see you there!

Coming up at the end of April, the WE Team will be holding a clothing and small household item drive to support the House of Lazarus and Ye Olde Bargain Shoppe. Spring cleaning is around the corner, so ND asks you to keep this item drive in mind! This will take place from Tues., April 23 to Fri., May 10.

This week on Fri., April 5 there will be a PA day.

Finally, a reminder for Grade 12 students planning to graduate this year – you need to get your 40 community service hours in before you can graduate and attend prom. You can't purchase a prom ticket before you have your hours in.

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Chilly spring weather and messy roads did little to dissuade people from taking in a weekend of fine wine, antiques and fashion at Stone Crop Acres. Pictured above and at right, two of the many antique handcrafted boats that were for sale from the collection of Hanna Rycroft, the former owner and operator of the Basket Case Café in Morrisburg.

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FOOD, FASHION, ANTIQUES… WINE!

A bold glass of local wine, fashion and a wide selection of antiques were a perfect pairing Sat., March 30 and Sun., March 31 at Stone Crop Acres. More than 300 different antique pieces ranging in price from $5 to $400 from the collection of Hanna Rycroft, the former owner of the Basket Case Cafe, were on display at the weekend event. It was a match made in heaven according to Rycroft. "It fits so well together. The more you can do together the more coverage you can get. It's too expensive to put on something when you're all alone," she said. Both days included a fashion show by Juli Fashion and proceeds from the $2 entry fee went to Community Food Share.

WALKING IN THEIR SHOES

Maze event promotes understanding

WINCHESTER — What's it like to be homeless, jobless and without food in Dundas County? Here's a chance to find out.

Linking Hands is hosting a Homelessness Maze event Friday, April 12 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester.

Representatives from the local branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) will be facilitating the event, which begins with each attendee assuming the identity of a homeless person.

Different homeless scenarios will be represented.

The maze activity will offer an opportunity to experience what many individuals face when navigating the "system" to gain food, housing and finances.

More than 15 representatives from local agencies, including Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, Naomi's Family Resource Centre, and Social Housing, will be on hand to provide a realistic experience for participants.

Following the maze activity, CMHA facilitators will provide a debriefing.

Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the various obstacles they faced during the exercise, identifying the gaps that currently exist.

"Not all of us have faced poverty or the types of hurdles those living in poverty face," said Linking Hands coordinator Sandy Casselman.

"The idea behind the maze is to ensure those in power and those who work directly with people in need understand the very real obstacles, frustrations, and hardships faced by those seeking access to shelter, food and income."

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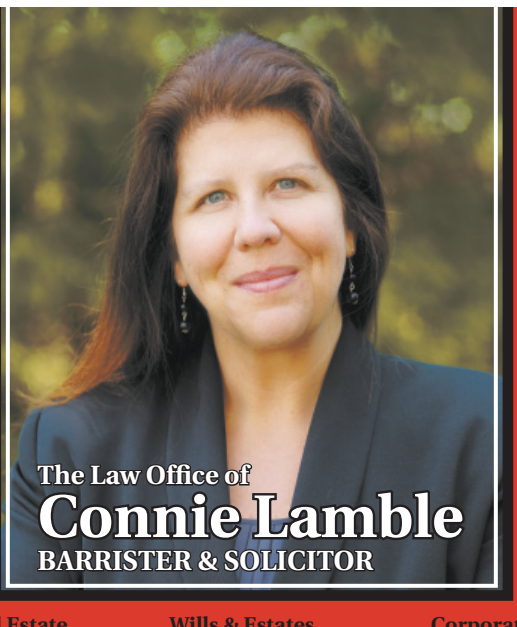

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Pictured at left: *This Swiss Cheese design by troop leader Andreas Moser may have had an advantage in size, but it left something to be desired when it came to stability. Safe to say the design had some holes in it.*





Above and left: *Kids from the 1st Williamsburg Scouts watch as the timber cars race down the new four-lane track that replaced the more than 50-year-old three-lane set.*

Right: *This timber car by Hnika Dutil-Moser shows how creative some of the handmade designs can be.*

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Proposed amendments to the **NDMHA Constitution** must be submitted in writing via email to the NDMHA Secretary by **April 10, 2019**. Please submit Constitution Amendment Proposals to **Dayna Young** via email at **demons.secretary@gmail.com**.

NDMHA EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

All positions on the 2019-20 NDMHA Executive are open for nomination.

*"All members of the Association shall provide the Nominating Committee, the **names** of their nominee(s) or a **member's intensions for nomination** to a position no later than the NDMHA April monthly meeting. The Nominating Committee will establish a **peliminary list of nominees**. Any positions that do not have any nominations or not filled, nominees may be brought forward at the AGM. All candidates for Executive Office must be nominated and seconded."*

Names of all nominated persons must be submitted **in writing** via email to the NDMHA President by **April 10, 2019**. Please submit nominations to **Peter Forrester** via email at **demonspres@gmail.com**.

DFA recaps busy year

BY TOM SCHOCH
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CHESTERVILLE – The annual general meeting for the Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA) recapped a year that would keep the most diligent farmer busy.

"It was probably one of the most unique years in the last 50," remarked DFA president Marty Derks in his opening statement at the Nelson LaPrade Centre Fri., March 29.

He went on to highlight the year's events, including hosting debates for the provincial elections and municipal elections in North and South Dundas, as well as co-ordinating with South Nation Conservation for a much-needed drainage day.

"We felt that some of the principles behind municipal drainage had been lost to everyone involved in municipal drains. We wanted to re-inform everyone of your rights and responsibilities and things that farmers should be doing for themselves," said Derks.

The DFA has taken a more active approach to lobby policy makers, MPs, MPPs and their staff, as evidenced by their approach at Ottawa Valley Farm Show, which saw positive growth in their second year.

"We took the opportunity to really explain to them what's changing, what's going on and what's coming up. It was really an opportunity to explain our concerns," said Derks. "I think our time and energy is well spent at the lobby day at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show."

The DFA president also had the opportunity in December 2018 to speak with the agricultural committee on Parliament Hill about the growing labour shortage gap, and how technology and unattended operations can fill that void.

"The technology is there, but we can't even use it," said Derks. "We thoroughly spoke about the labour shortage as I'm sure anyone that has an operating farm knows how difficult it is to find anyone to work for you."

As is normally the case, a new DFA executive was named, but it saw little change with Derks and vice-president Ryan Devries returning in their roles for another year.

Tom MacGregor, Jan Roosendaal, David Kerr, Jim Shaw, Warren Schneckenburger, Andy Corput and Bernie VanderZweep were named directors with the eighth and final director position left temporarily vacant.

Ontario Federation of Agriculture Zone 11 director Jackie Pemberton labelled her first full term in the position "an interesting year" adding that she experienced a "learning curve of how the governance of a provincial board works."

Pemberton also assured those in attendance that the OFA was working with all partners to monitor potential changes to the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and "that agriculture has some input in that." As of Sun., March 31, the OSPCA will not investigate animal welfare cases and enforce animal cruelty laws regarding livestock.

Pemberton also donned her other hat as a policy advisor councillor for the Alternative Land Use System (ALUS) and presented a strong case for farmers to work with the not-for-profit organization.

Active in six provinces, ALUS works with farmers to produce ecological services on Canadian farmland by restoring wetlands, reforesting and planting windbreaks, installing riparian buffers, managing sustainable drainage systems and establishing other beneficial projects.

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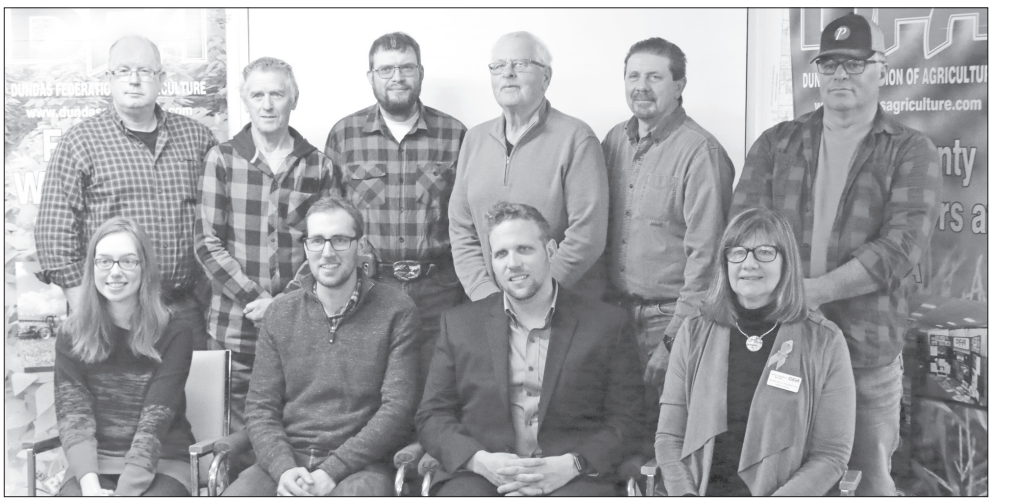
The East Region, which covers the Raisin Region and South Nation Conservation jurisdiction, currently has 35 participating farms with more than 60 active projects and they are currently looking for locations in the Morrisburg and Chesterville area.

Pemberton, who has installed a pollinator hedgerow on her own farm, thinks the success and advancement of this type of program shows that farmers have an active interest in environmental stewardship.

"Farmers, for the most part, are very involved and engaged about soil health. I think we just need to take it bit further. We've developed best management practices around buffers, but they're not regulatory. So to continue with those non-enforcement regulations we need to up our public perception that we are fostering good management practices on the land. ALUS is an avenue to support that, same with the clean water program," she said.



The Dundas Federation of Agriculture elected their 2019 executive and directors. Pictured are Tom MacGregor (back left), Bernie VanderZweep, Andy Corput, Jan Roosendaal, David Kerr and Albert Harbers, Policy Advisory Councillor. Erin Chambers, secretary and treasurer (front left); Ryan Devries, vice-president; Marty Derks, president and Jackie Pemberton, OFA Zone 11 director. Absent: Jim Shaw and Warren Schneckenburger. *Schoch Photo*



SNC BOARD ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE

Members appointed by South Nation Conservation's (SNC) 16-member municipalities were confirmed at the Authority's Annual General Meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019. Front (left to right): Doug Thompson, Past Chair; Bill Smirle, Chair; George Darouze, Vice-Chair. Middle (left to right): Stephen Blais, Ottawa; Gerry Kautz, Ottawa; Angela Coleman, SNC General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer; Dana Farcasiu, Leeds Grenville; Pierre Leroux, Prescott Russell; Peggy Taylor, Leeds Grenville. Back (left to right): Stéphane Sarrazin, Prescott Russell; Michael Brown, Ottawa; Archie Mellan, Stormont Dundas Glengarry; Daniel Lafleur, Prescott Russell. Absent: Steve Densham, Stormont Dundas Glengarry. *Courtesy Photo*



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Grace Cave (third from left), who plays out of the Winchester Curling Club, is in Sherwood Park, Alta. this week, serving as an alternate with Team Deschenes at the U18 Canadian Championships. *Courtesy Photo*

WCC star Cave fifth for Team Ontario

SHERWOOD PARK, ALTA. – There is some Winchester Curling Club representation in this southern Alberta city this week.

Grace Cave, a star in her own right at the historic village club, finds herself lining up with the Emily Deschenes rink, which captured the Ontario women's U18 title in Paris, Ont. in early March.

The U18 Canadian Championships continues throughout the week.

Skip Deschenes and her teammates, Emma Artichuk (third), Jillian Uniacke (second) and Celeste Gauthier (lead), play out of the Manotick Curling Club.

Cave is an alternate with the rink, unlikely to see any playing time, but worthy of the call up nonetheless. She's racked up her own hardware the past two seasons with successful runs with her North Dundas District High School-based rink.

At the provincial event, Deschenes and her team went 7-0 in the round robin to advance to the final.

With the hammer in the eighth and final end, Deschenes made a critical draw for the decisive single point and a 7-6 victory against Rachel Steele's outfit from Port Perry in the gold medal game.

In Sherwood Park, Team Deschenes is competing in Pool A on the women's side, opening against the Nova Scotia entry yesterday (Tues., April 2) afternoon.

Game two versus Alberta is today (Wed., April 3), and game three goes later in the day against Saskatchewan.

Yukon draws in as the competition Thurs., April 4, and Fri., April 5 it's Northern Ontario as the opposition. Team Deschenes' final round robin game is Sat., April 6 against PEI.

The championship round goes ahead Sun., April 7.

NDDHS VOLLEYBALL

Midget girls close out season

CORNWALL – It was a short season with a glimmer of success for the North Dundas Devils midget girls' volleyball team.

In Cornwall Tues., March 26, the squad hit the hardcourt for its final matches of the season.

The La Citadelle Patriotes, Char-Lan Crusaders, St. Joes Panthers, Holy Trinity Falcons and Tagwi Warriors drew in as the opposition.

Though the Devils went winless in the five matches, there were set wins against Char-Lan, St. Joes, and Tagwi.

"The group had some really good volleyball skills, and were a great group to coach," Patti Hall said. "They were very positive, and worked well as a team."

Rebels shutout Demons for title win

WILLIAMSTOWN – Sometimes there are no perfect endings.

With an Upper Canada Minor Hockey League championship hanging in the balance, the North Dundas Major Midget "B" Demons shuttled off to Williamstown Wed., March 27.

The Demons opened their quest for a title with two wins against the heavily-favoured Char-Lan Rebels, skating to a 5-4 win in game one in Chesterville and taking game two 3-2 in Williamstown.

Char-Lan also hosted game three, highlighting the offensive firepower that carried the team through the regular season with a 6-1 win.

Game four in Winchester also went the Rebels' way, a 3-2 final forcing the deciding game five last week.

As had been a factor throughout much of the series, penalties, most often at inopportune times, led to North Dundas' downfall. Game five saw the Demons play 14 minutes total shorthanded.

The Rebels broke through to take a 1-0 lead in the first period, and netted three more goals in the second season.

With a win already in reach, Char-Lan simply added insurance with a fifth and final marker in the third period for the 5-0 final.

Getting wins in games one and two was significant for North Dundas, given its losing regular season record for Char-Lan.

The Rebels swept the season series with the Demons 4-0, outscoring the opposition 21-4.

In all, the Rebels ran away with the East Division pennant with a 25-3-0 record, totalling 50 points. Throughout 28 games played, they had 127 goals for and just 49 against.

Making game five worse for North Dundas was an injury to starting goaltender Toby Byrne. A cross check in front of the net sent Demons' defenceman Owen Richardson crashing into the netminder, who was then forced out of action with a knee injury.

Liam Antille came on in relief, earning credit for a number of key saves that limited the Rebels to only five goals.

News from Chesterville Bowling Lanes

Chesterville Bowling
Pin Tales

Monday Men's: Men's High Single, Danny St. Pierre 345; Men's High Triple, Danny St. Pierre 823. Team standings: East-Ont 18, Alley Rats 12, Country Boys 12, Alley Cats 8, A-Team 7, Raiders 6.

Tuesday Afternoon Mixed: Men's High Single, Ron Robinson 258; Men's High Triple, Ron Robinson 622; Ladies' High Single, Beth Reid 201; Ladies' High Triple, Sandra Bloom 514. Team Standings: Faith 19, Love 15, Hope 15, Charity 11.

Defenders: Men's High Single, Max VanOers 204; Men's High Single, Max VanOers 555; Ladies' High Single, Sue Trudel 308; Ladies' High Triple, Sue Trudel 629. Team Standings: Andy 13, Glendon 11, Brian 10, OLD 7, Peanut Gallery 4.

Wednesday Ladies: Ladies' High Single, Dianna Moffat 207; Ladies' High Triple, Dianna Moffat 563. Team standings: Dianna 321.5, Mary 301.5, Carol 301, Pat 258.5, Lorna A 257.5.

Finch Mixed: Men's High Single, Mike Sanders (spare) 310; Men's High Triple, Mike Sanders (spare) 733; Men's High Average, Noel Lalonde 221; Ladies' High Single, Shelly Osborne 227; Ladies' High Triple, Isabelle Bissonnette 598; Ladies' High Average, Isabelle Bissonnette 214. Team standings: The Better Justin's 113, SAMJC 88, 3 G's 84, SHAT 83, The Other Justin 76, Becky's Babes 58.

Matilda: Ladies' High Single, Shelley Osborne 258; Ladies' High Triple, Shelley Osborne 677; Men's High Single, Kevin Osborne 261; Men's High Triple, Brent Fawcett 609. Team standings: Kim's Dreamcatchers +137, Carolyn's Empty Bottles +136, Connie's Roadrunners -38, Kathy's Empty Buckets -79, Inge's Pickers -166, Anita's Highrollers -168.

Thursday Seniors: Men's High Single, Bas Vanwinden 209; Men's High Triple, Ross Bennet 574; Ladies' High Single, Catherine VanMoorsel 187; Ladies' High Triple, Joke Vanwinden 488.

Avonmore Mixed: Ladies' High Single, Jeannette Scott 230; Ladies' High Triple, Corrie Bourgon 570; Men's High Single, Kevin Osborne 287; Men's High Triple, Kevin Osborne 718. Team standings: Dynamic Magentas 11,830, Yellow Grooves 11,439, Whispering Whites 11,209, Totally Blacks 11,156, Cherry Reds 11,066, Majestic Blues 10,984.

Les Dynamiques: Men's High Single, Pierre Briere 337; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 962; Ladies' High Single, Rejeanne Lefebvre 255; Ladies' High Triple, Rejeanne Lefebvre 638.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men's High Single, Garry Hutt 263; Men's High Triple, Paul Deschamps 708; Ladies' High Single, Erin Drapeau 198; Ladies' High Triple, Erin Drapeau 485. Team standings: Desperado's +347, Top Dawgs +271, Outlaws +203, Western Stars +145, John's Roadies +100, Moonshiners -16.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men's High Single, Darryl Britton 286; Men's High Triple, Darryl Britton 793; Men's High Average, Matt Hartle 219; Ladies' High Single, Pat Middleton 266; Ladies' High Triple, Pat Middleton 637; Ladies' High Average, Pat Middleton 179. Team standings: Pink Ladies 271, Tam BADD 269, Henry's Team 259, Sunny Dayz 254, Team RamRod 247, Lucky Strings 236.

YOUTH BOWLING CANADA

YBC Peewees: Girl's High Single, Robin Sanders 152; Girl's High Double, Robin Sanders 256; Boy's High Single, Lucas Seguin 134; Boy's High Double, Lucas Seguin 263. Team standings: Leafs 2,633, Bruins 2,596, Sharks 2,592, Kings 2,510.

YBC Bantams: Girl's High Single, Paige Michaud 161; Girl's High Double, Annika Michaud 293; Boy's High Single, Clark Sanders 173; Boy's High Double, Clark Sanders 291. Team standings: Blackhawks 2,919, Red Wings 2,854, Avalanche 2,721, Rangers 2,679, Coyotes 2,658, Flames 2,571.

YBC Juniors: Girl's High Single, Caroline Sanders 253; Girl's High Triple, Caroline Sanders 614; Boy's High Single, Owen Vanwylick 181; Boy's High Triple, Alex Robinson 464. Team standings: Sabers 2,539, Senators 2,003.

YBC Seniors: Girl's High Single, Alayna Gaudette 246; Girl's High Triple, Alayna Gaudette 607; Boy's High Single, Mathew Ridge 202; Boy's High Triple, Matthew Ridge 527. Team standings: Panthers 4,501, Flyers 4,451, Canucks 4,374.

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– Mary Ann, Maggie, Con, Kathleen and families
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CARD OF THANKS – To everyone who attended, for the many cards, phone calls and the well wishers who made our 50th Anniversary celebration so very special. We have been truly blessed with family and friends. Thank you so very much.
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The family of Ron Timmins would like to thank you all very much for the phone calls, visits, messages, flowers, food and kind expressions of sympathy shown following his sad passing.

Special thanks to the staff of WDMH and to Vicky and Ken from Byers Funeral Home for your care and compassion.

His celebration of life and the many that attended was a wonderful tribute. He would have been beyond happy to see so many family and friends gathered together, young and old, sharing hugs and laughter.

Thank you Marg Loughlin and staff, of Loughlin's Country Store, for the amazing food. Joanne Havekes of MTAS Ag Hall for the perfect setup, and Bryan and Cathy Mclean, our special taxi drivers.

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ALMON ADAMS

Almon Adams of Hulbert passed away peacefully at home following a brief battle with lung cancer on Fri., March 29, 2019. He was 59. The world lost a great friend.



He was the loving companion of Barbara Lacroix, and the stepfather of Dan Blanchard (Kelly Forsyth) of Colorado, and Chantal Blanchard (Jamie Crites) of Rockland. He was the stepgrandfather of Jordan, Madison, and Lexi. Almon was predeceased by his parents, Ray and Jean Adams (nee McIntosh); his sisters, Eleanor Francis and Lana Barkley; and his brother, Lee Adams. He was the special uncle of Janet Adams and Rob Barkley.

There will be no visitation at the funeral home. A private family graveside service will be held at Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston at a later date.

Donations to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com

MARGARET ISOBEL McDIARMID

Margaret McDiarmid passed away on Sat., March 9, 2019, at Winchester District Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

She was the beloved wife of the late Kenneth McDiarmid (2017), and the loving mother of James (Connie), Marilyn (Bob), Kim, and Dan (Nancy). She was the proud grandmother of David (Jillian), Craig (Ashley), Trevor (Kelsey), and Garrett McDiarmid; Stacey (Doug Rivoire), Bradley (Kayla), and Shelley Acres (Shane); and Adam and Dylan McDiarmid (Cassidy). She was the great-grandmother of Chandler and Murphy McDiarmid. Margaret was the only sister of Ken Lewis (Marie). She was the sister-in-law of Douglas (Edith), the late Clarence (Isabel) McDiarmid, and Beverly (the late James Robinson). She was the daughter of the late Clinton and Isobel Lewis.



Margaret was born in Ottawa on Jan. 10, 1940. The family moved early in her childhood to take over the Dalmeny General Store. She married Ken McDiarmid in 1958, and farmed in the Belmeade area for 50 years. Marg enjoyed being a part of the BWMS of Osgoode Baptist Church and the Vernon W.I.

She enjoyed time with family, friends, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. Later in life, they enjoyed trips to see parts of Canada, the United States, and the Netherlands.

A memorial service was held at Daley Family Funeral Home in Metcalfe on Thurs., March 14 at 11 am.

DALE McNAUGHTON

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Dale McNaughton passed away suddenly in Florida on Mon., April 1, 2019.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ross and Joyce McNaughton. Dale was the loving and devoted husband, and best friend of Dorothy McNaughton (nee Maynard) for 47 years up, until her death on June 20, 2017. He was the loving father of Jason (Lori Stephenson), Troy (Shelly Liston), and Jada (Brad Chamberlain), and will be fondly remembered by his five beautiful grandchildren, Ella, Alia, Ava, Mhari, and Dara. Dale was the dear brother of Scott McNaughton (Lorraine), Pearl McNaughton (Emile Genier), and Jayne McNaughton-Silverman (Howard), all of Hemmingford, Que. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, and his dear friend, Jane Belliveau, of Lockport, N.Y.



Friends and family may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville on Sat., April 6 from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 pm. A Celebration of Dale's life will be held at Christ Church United in Chesterville on Sun., April 7 at 1 pm followed by a reception at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 Chesterville. Spring interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

Donations to Dundas County Hospice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com

KIMBERLEY BACKES

Kimberley Ann Backes (nee Goodwin) of Finch passed away unexpectedly on Tues., March 26, 2019. She was 46.

She was the beloved wife of Kevin Backes, and the loved mother of Brianna Backes (Jarrett), and Clayton Backes (Ashley), all of Finch. Kimberley was the cherished daughter of James and Kathleen (nee Baker) Goodwin of Smiths Falls. She was the dear sister of Kevin Goodwin (Michelle) of South Mountain. She was the daughter-in-law of Norman Backes (Betty), the late Claire of Chesterville, and the sister-in-law to Tim Backes of Chesterville, and Steven Backes (Louise) of Williamsburg. She will be sadly missed by several nieces and nephews.



To honour Kimberley's wishes, cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held on Thurs., April 4 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. A service in celebration of Kimberley Backes' life will be held at St. Luke's-Knox Presbyterian Church in Finch on Fri., April 5 at 11 am with Rev. Dr. Cheryl Gaver officiating.

As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.brownleefuneralhomes.com

ALMA STEWART

Alma Stewart (nee Douglas) passed away peacefully at the Ottawa General Hospital on Thurs., March 28, 2019. She was 79.

She was the beloved wife of 42 years to Osbourne. She was the much loved mother to her one and only, Lisa. Alma was the dear sister to Gordon Douglas (the late Ruth) and David Douglas (Bethel). Alma will be remembered fondly by her long-time friends and colleagues from her memorable career at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

She lived a full life and will always be remembered for the smile on her face and her witty remarks.

Visitation will be held at McEvoy-Shields Funeral Home, 1411 Hunt Club Rd. in Ottawa, on Fri., April 5 from 10 am to 1 pm, the time of the funeral service in the chapel. The family invites you to attend the 1 pm service and a reception will follow afterwards. A private burial will be at a later date.

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The hospital's latest Commitment Award winners have one thing in common, and it has to do with the heart. Whether they are caring for cardiac patients, showing heartfelt support to their patients and families, or being the heart and soul of the WDMH team – the latest Commitment Award recipients definitely have heart.

WDMH celebrated cardiologist Dr. Kamal Sharma; volunteer Marilyn McCurdy and the WDMH Recreation Committee including Catherine O'Neill, Chelsea McIntyre, Chris Barkley, Cindy Peters, David Scharf, Debbie DeCooman, Jennifer Nelson, Joyce Smith, Kirsti Weekes, Kristen Casselman, Maryse O'Shaughnessy, Michelle Blouin, and Shelley Summers.

As part of WDMH's cardiac care team, Dr. Kamal Sharma is approachable, compassionate and truly cares about his patients and the staff that he works with. "He is an excellent combination of both cardiology and internal medicine and goes above and beyond, treating each patient as a whole and not just focusing on their cardiac issues," said his nominators.

In addition, he is an excellent teacher for both staff and students. "We are truly lucky to have a physician that is capable of practicing in a specialized institution like The Ottawa Heart Institute and is still willing to come and dedicate himself to our small rural hospital, allowing our patients to receive the care they truly need close to home."

Volunteer Marilyn McCurdy saw a need and stepped up. One day, while in Emergency with her husband, she noticed there was no volunteer at the front desk. So, she grabbed an Auxiliary vest and spent several hours helping out. "Marilyn demonstrated the exact reason why WDMH has earned a reputation for trying to go the extra distance," explained her nominators.

The Recreation Committee helps foster a 'one team' philosophy at WDMH. This creative group plans events and celebrations that promote excellence in the workplace. From paint nights to family outings to fundraising activities, there is always something going to promote team spirit. "They make us all conscious of how fortunate we are to work at WDMH. We are also fortunate to have so many engaged employees and volunteers on the WDMH Recreation Committee," summed up their nominators.

The Commitment Awards shined a light on individuals or teams that demonstrate the values that result in compassionate excellence.



The latest Commitment Award recipients are, left to right: Dr. Kamal Sharma, volunteer Marilyn McCurdy, and recreation committee members Jennifer Nelson, Chris Barkley, Kirsti Weekes, Kristen Casselman, and David Scharf. (Missing: Catherine O'Neill, Chelsea McIntyre, Cindy Peters, Debbie DeCooman, Joyce Smith, Maryse O'Shaughnessy, Michelle Blouin, and Shelley Summers.

Morin Photo



FOND FAREWELL

After nearly five decades in the industry, Sandra Cheney (left) has called it a career, being feted by her peers at McDougall Financial and Insurance, and other friends and family members last week. Held at Morrisburg's McIntosh Country Inn, Cheney was regaled for her 48 years with the company, which started as Biccum and McIntosh Insurance before transferring to Brister Insurance, and finally McDougall in 2015. Among those toasting Cheney were longtime local pharmacist Wayne Burns, who shares a birthday with the recent retiree, and Brenda Brown, Cheney's maid of honour.



Cheney is pictured here alongside Don Stanton (left, McDougall's president), Doug Bush (former owner of Brister Insurance), Jack McIntosh (former owner of Biccum and McIntosh), Ray Brister (former owner of Brister Insurance), and Ross McDougall (company CEO).

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Phil Duncan was a popular man at the Oschmann Forest Thurs., March 28 as he served up maple on a stick, produced with sap collected at the newly-owned South Nation Conservation property in Ormond.

Something sweet in Ormond

BY MATTHEW UHRIG
news@winchesterpress.on.ca

ORMOND – What a sweet way to learn.

Last week, South Nation Conservation officially relaunched its Maple Syrup Education Program at Ormond's Oschmann Forest.

It's a return from hibernation for the learning experience, which for years operated out of the Sand Road Maple Farm, co-owned by the conservation authority's general manager, Angela Coleman.

Donated in 2017 by George Oschmann, to serve a lasting legacy to his late wife, Gertrude, the 18-acre forest features a woodlot that was actively managed for maple syrup production for five decades.

Upwards of $20,000 in funding from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry and another $18,000 from TD Bank helped get the property back in working order, while the Township of North Dundas chipped in with the purchase of a neighbour acreage that now serves as the forest's parking lot.



The property still features a shed erected by George Oschmann decades ago, which served as the site for boiling. While the authority isn't yet using the infrastructure, plans are being hatched to repurpose the building with modern equipment. *Uhrig Photos*

Throughout the grounds, groomed trails are adorned with interpretive signs and maple sap collection infrastructure, all of it providing area students a chance to learn a little bit more about the process.

Forest ecology and First Nations natural heritage also factor heavily in the teaching.

"It's a great feeling to finally see students connecting with the local environment here," John Mesman, the authority's communications lead, said. "We've worked extremely hard over the past year to fundraise for the new program, and work on improvements to render this forest fit for sap extraction, education, and recreation." While no boiling is taking place at this time, the sap collected is being sold off to other area providers at whole sale pricing.

"The Oschmann land offers tremendous potential for engagement," Bill Smirle, the authority's board chair, said. "Protecting and enhancing local forests are not only beneficial for students, but also for the communities that rely on our forests."

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FIRST ANNUAL
Green Run Iroquois
& Vendor Fair!!

Green Run Iroquois taking place on April 13, 2019 is being held in recognition of Earth Day (April 22) and will be run as a Green/Eco-Friendly event. The event will include a 1 km kids run and a 5 km walk/run for all ages. All participants will have the option to time their run (including kids). The 5 km run will start at the Locks following a scenic loop down to the beach and back. Participants and spectators are invited to wear Green in support of the event.

A vendor fair featuring local small businesses will also be open to the public during the event. Please contact us if you are interested in having a table at the fair. Visit our Facebook page for more information.

Pre-Registration is required by Friday, April 12, 2019.
Visit www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=15926 to register

Age for Youth - 18 and under. Age for Senior - 55 or over.
Family 5K - Includes 2 adults and 2 children (under 18)

DETAILS
Race Kit Pickup: April 13 - 8 am to race start at Iroquois Locks

RACE TIMES
- Landex 5 km Run: 10:00 am
- Cochrane Construction & Renovation 1 km Kids Run: 9:00 am

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