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Do you text and drive? Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID) says distraction is simply another form of impairment. Read our story on page 3 about an innovative campaign designed by North Dundas District High School's OSAID members, who asked their peers to make one promise: "We'll never text and drive." Marshall Steele and Katherine Fleury were two participants in last week's White Face Day, which remembers young victims of impaired driving.

Press Photo — Smith-Millar

Online 'donate by vote' begins

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — The House of Lazarus hopes local residents will boot up their computers and make a donation this year — simply by voting online.

Each week until Fri., Feb. 10, Kraft Food for Families is inviting residents to visit www.kraftassists.ca and vote for their favourite Canadian food bank.

A total of $1,000 per week will be handed out to one of about 30 qualifying organizations, and the House of Lazarus is on Kraft's list.

Kraft Food for Families is a program designed in partnership with Food Banks Canada to improve nutritional access in communities like Mountain. Donations received through Kraft Food for Families will help organizations like the House of Lazarus throughout the holiday season.

House of Lazarus eligible for $1,000 per week until Feb. 10

Competition organizers are reminding the public to vote daily for their favourite food bank. Canadians can add their online signatures every day until each Friday of the contest at 8:59 am, Eastern Time. After that, the totals reset at zero, and the contest restarts from scratch for seven days, through until Feb. 10.

The first weekly winner was Niqinik Nuatsivik, Nunavut Food Bank, located in Iqaluit.

While the Kraft Food for Families voting page does offer visitors a chance to sign up for correspondence from Kraft, visitors are not forced to do so. A valid email address is required, however.

Phase two begins

The Kraft Food for Families initiative has embarked on the second phase of its fund distribution campaign.

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Dunbar to get new recreation centre

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WLLIAMSBURG — It's not often elected officials receive a standing ovation, as well as a round of applause, after making a decision.

But that's exactly what happened during the Township of South Dundas' Tues., Dec. 6 council meeting.

After council members voted in favour of rebuilding the Dunbar Recreation Centre, a group of about 30 broke out in enthusiastic applause, clearly happy with the politicians' decision.

Fire tore through the structure in late October, causing roughly $290,000 in damage. Fire chief Chris McDonough said at the time that the likely cause of the blaze was a wayward cigarette butt, stuck in a planter outside the centre's front doors.

The building housed a full kitchen, stage, and dance floor, along with recently purchased tables and chairs. Nothing could be salvaged following the fire. (As well, in 2008, the facility received a new roof, while a wheelchair ramp was installed in June 2011.)

Council members also directed staff to investigate the well on the property, as it does not currently have potable water.

The municipality's insurance provider will be contributing the funds necessary for the rebuild, which will likely take place some time in 2012.

"This gives us our asset back," said Mayor Steven Byvelds. "I do believe we have a devoted community [in Dunbar], and we have a group that wants their hall back. I think it's best we take this opportunity and rebuild it."



The Dunbar Recreation Centre was razed by fire in late October, but last week, Township of South Dundas council members voted in favour of constructing a new facility to serve the hamlet and surrounding area.

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Loot For Luke fundraising nets $800 for Hyland family

WINCHESTER — This community just continues to give.

This time, by continuing the recent trend of paying it forward, a select group of organizers have helped support a local family going through a very difficult time.

On Sat., Dec. 10, Loot For Luke, a community swap meet, took place at the Winchester Wesleyan Church.

In the end, $800 was raised for the family of Luke Hyland, a four-year-old South Mountain resident diagnosed with leukemia this fall. Since that time, he has been receiving specialized treatment at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

"I'm thrilled… Absolutely amazed," said Amanda Jorgenson, a family friend and event organizer. "I want them to know that this is just a little bit of love from a big community."

The total will now be added to the more than $15,000 raised through an online auction, as well the $1,000 generated during a dinner evening in Kemptville.





At left:
Amanda Jorgenson was the lead organizer behind Sat., Dec. 10's Loot For Luke event at the Winchester Wesleyan Church. The fundraiser, in support of the family of Luke Hyland (above), raised $800.
Press Photo — Uhrig

Going forward, Luke will require years of treatment in order to battle against the disease's effects, while the family is likely to carry the financial burdens while paying for the gas necessary to drive to CHEO, and paying to park their vehicle, among other expenses.

"[Luke] has had his ups and downs," said Jorgenson. "Thankfully, his prognosis is positive, and that's really giving the family something to hang on to."

Police Blotter

Teen charged with assault

MORRISBURG – A 13-year-old girl is facing assault and property damage charges (under $5,000) after a verbal altercation at a Morrisburg home. The Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP arrested the girl after she apparently assaulted a family member and damaged the Victoria Park Cresc. residence. Her court date: Thurs., Jan. 12 in Cornwall.

False name

WILLIAMSBURG – Last week, OPP charged a 17-year-old with "personation with intent" after he allegedly gave a false name to avoid a speeding fine. The ticket was issued after the teenager was pulled over on County Road 18 in November. He's set to head to Cornwall court on Thurs., Jan. 12.

Domestic incident

IROQUOIS — On Fri., Dec. 9 around 7:30 pm, OPP officers responded to a report of a domestic incident on Dundas Street.

The investigation in Iroquois revealed that a female and her 19-year-old boyfriend were involved in a verbal altercation that resulted in the male being arrested, then charged with: assault; domestic mischief; obstructing/resisting a peace officer; and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

He was held in custody pending an appearance in Cornwall court.

Details published in the police blotter are provided by the OPP. All suspects are considered innocent in the eyes of the law unless proven otherwise in court.

Service, dinner to give comfort this Christmas

WINCHESTER – The holidays aren't necessarily a happy time for everyone. That's why members of the church community have arranged for two initiatives to take place at the Winchester United Church this Christmas: a special service on Wed., Dec. 21 and a dinner/carolling session on Christmas Day.

The Dec. 21, 7 pm event aims to help anyone grieving a loss this Christmas — those who have lost loved ones, yes, but also people enduring illness, divorce, job loss, decreasing independence due to age, and more.

"This service is specifically on Dec. 21, known as the longest night, in order to support anyone in need," said Rev. Christine Lowson. "Someone could be mourning the death of a friend/a loved one. It could be a loss of a dream or a need to connect with other people for hope and peace. I have attended many [services like this] and every time I've come away knowing I am not alone and have felt a gentle peace within."

Dec. 25 dinner

On Christmas Day, Winchester United Church will host a Christmas dinner and carolling.

"Last year's event was a huge success," said organizer Clara Edwardson. "No one should be alone on Christmas."

Donations of food and help are being received at the church (613-774-2512).

"There is no charge for the dinner. Your smile is your admission," added Edwardson. "This is an opportunity for people to come together and enjoy singing Christmas carols and having dinner with others from the community."

There will be a church service at 10 am, while carol singing will begin around 11:30 am, and dinner will be served at noon.

Donate

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Phase one saw $2,514 produced for the House of Lazarus.

It's a blessing that the Mountain-based ecumenical outreach mission made Kraft's list, according to House of Lazarus staff.

"Our food supply has not been this low in the nine years that I have worked here, and our demand for food and services is steadily increasing," food bank co-ordinator Kim Merkley noted.

"These funds will be spent locally," added Pauline Pratt, executive director of the mission. "[Kraft's funds] will provide food and an increased capacity to store the increased food required to meet the needs of our families."



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‘I won’t text and drive’

NDDHS students make paint-sealed promise for all to see

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — The tech-loving Millennial Generation solemnly swore off so-called “texting and driving” last week, sealing their commitment with a handprint.

As part of Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID) Week, activists at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) rolled out a paper banner at lunch on Wed., Dec. 7. Willing students pledged to eschew “texting and driving” — as well as other forms of distraction associated with mobile devices — by rolling up their sleeves, painting one hand, and including their handprint on the paper as a symbol of their commitment.

If caught by police, texting motorists can be slapped with a $155 fine in Ontario. However, OSAID is trying to combat a “you’re only in trouble if you get caught” attitude towards phone use at the wheel.

“A lot of people still do it,” said Grade 9 pupil Laura Carruthers, who included her handprint on the banner.



Laura Carruthers and Braeden Visser pledged never to text and drive during OSAID Week 2011.
Press Photo – Smith-Millar

OSAID member Alex Keyzer-Cournoyer noted that many people know it’s wrong, but still fiddle with their phones because the devices are within arm’s reach: “It’s really tempting,” she said, wryly adding: “But it should also be tempting that you don’t want to die.”

She acknowledged that not everyone whose handprint appears on the banner will necessarily take their promise seriously — but some will.

According to the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry OPP, impaired driving, aggressive driving, improper seatbelt use, and distraction remain major causes of fatalities and serious injury on Ontario roads. In 2010, the OPP laid 8,522 charges under Section 78.1 (known as “distracted driving” legislation) of the *Highway Traffic Act*, which makes it illegal for motorists to use hand-held communication or entertainment devices.

“Our detachment is very serious about road safety,” stated Insp. Mike McDonell, SD&G OPP detachment commander. “We will continue our quest to discourage and target drivers who practice this unacceptable habit which could result in deadly consequences.”

Grade 7 philanthropist starts Operation Sock Monkey drive

MAPLE RIDGE — Socks transformed into pretend primates last week at North Dundas Intermediate School.

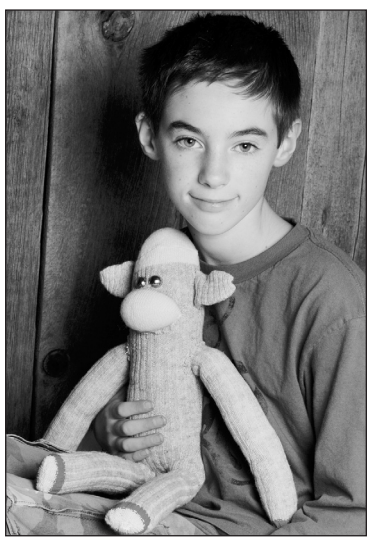
Jeffrey Cane, a Grade 7 student, successfully convinced his teacher and class to hone their stitching skills to support Operation Sock Monkey (OSM), an initiative through which volunteers sew together toy monkeys using specialized kits — and, yes, socks.

The stuffed animals can be sponsored and sent to kids in disadvantaged communities around the world, or purchased and kept by their creators. Monetary proceeds support humanitarian organizations like Clowns Without Borders (CWB), whose mission is to provide laughter, hope, and healing to communities around the world affected by disease, disaster, and social or political turmoil.

Cane explained that his mother told him about OSM, and he wanted to get his class involved. The students (who attend the new Grade 7-through-12 secondary school with their fellow North Dundas District High School pupils) created about 50 monkeys on Fri., Dec. 9 and finished them up the following Monday.

“I think all the kids enjoyed it,” said Cane, adding: “The monkeys are going to kids who have nothing.”

Students paid $10 to keep their creations, or $3 if they simply used the kit’s supplies and wished to donate their monkey to the OSM program. Proceed totals weren’t available by press time.


Jeffrey Cane spearheaded the Operation Sock Monkey initiative at North Dundas Intermediate School.
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Council notes from South Dundas

Morrisburg stop for commuter bus?

WILLIAMSBURG — Township of South Dundas residents may soon benefit from a daily bus to Ottawa and back.

At the municipality's Tues., Dec. 6 council meeting, Nanda Wubs, co-owner of Winchester-based Wubs Transit, appeared before council to gauge support for a commuter bus service between Morrisburg and the nation's capital.

Currently, the local company operates a Monday-to-Friday shuttle service, which begins in Chesterville and makes stops in Winchester, Vernon, Metcalfe, and Greely, before drop-offs at various transit stations in the city.

"We've heard there are a number of [South Dundas] residents interested," Wubs said. "This is an opportunity for me to let council know what we're hoping to do."

A survey is available on the website www.wubs.ca, and about 15 people have expressed interest in the service.

"We would need at least 35 committed riders to make it viable," Wubs said.

Financial fine-tuning

Council has voted to no longer waive hall rental fees for municipally owned buildings, as well as to only provide insurance under South Dundas' policy for selected events.

Clerk Brenda Brunt, who has been working on the files for some time, brought the two recommendations forward.

"We've set [hall rental] fees to cover costs, and if we keep forgiving them, we're going to be in the hole at the end of the year, and that's not our goal," said Councillor Jim Graham.

All but two of the fees are under $100, and the politicians agreed the figures were fair.

As for the insurance issue, only Old Home Week, Antiquefest, the Tubie Festival, Canada Day activities, Williamsburg's HarvestFest, Iroquois' AppleFest, the Morrisburg BIA Plaza Party, and the annual Santa Claus Parade will be eligible for blanket coverage from the township.

"It's an ability to save these groups some money," said Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke. "I think it's the route to go."

All other events taking place on South Dundas property will be required to obtain their own insurance coverage.

Sewage agreement secured

An official agreement between South Dundas and South Nation Conservation has been reached, which will see the conservation authority provide sewage system inspections for the municipality. Council voted in favour of SNC in October, after the Eastern Ontario Health Unit announced it would no longer provide the service beginning Jan. 1, 2012.

At the Dec. 6 meeting, Don Lewis, the township's manager of planning and enforcement, said the contract would last one year, at which time South Dundas staff and council would be free to evaluate the service provided, and determine a future course of action.

Docksyde deal reached

The Morrisburg and District Lions Club's Docksyde venture will live on for at least one more year.

The service club has been operating the concession stand at the village's waterfront since 2004, and is planning to continue in the summer of 2012. After that, it's unclear whether or not the venture will continue. Currently, the outcome is dependant on the findings of the Morrisburg Waterfront Committee, and what that group would like to see in the area.

Council voted to continue the Docksyde one more season, and to allow the Lions to lay interlocking brick underneath the tent adjacent to the concession stand.



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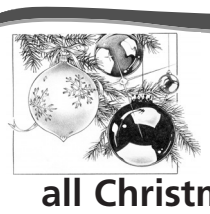
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Wind farm debate reaches SD council table

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — A crusade is ongoing in the Township of South Dundas.

A portion of the municipality, in the Brinston area, has been targeted by ProWind, a Hamilton-based company that plans to erect about 14 wind energy turbines. (The company also has plans to erect wind turbines in the Shanly area, which is governed by the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal.)

At the township's most recent council meeting on Tues., Dec. 6, more than 50 members of the South Branch Wind Opposition Group occupied council chambers in an effort to solicit support among the elected officials.

"We're in our infancy, but we're certainly moving in leaps and bounds," said Leslie Disheau, spokesperson for the opponents. "These [turbines] have not been proven safe for our community, and they come with serious health concerns, not to mention they have killed a number of birds and bats, and they devalue properties."

In an effort to emphasize the opposition group's case, Disheau circulated a series of documents, containing a number of appendices, which features written testimony from a number of wind farm critics.

"We all know [Premier Dalton] McGuinty wants these wind turbines in, but there is something wrong with this whole process," she said. "There are a lot of opposition groups in the province of Ontario, and quite a few are stepping up to the plate now."

However, after the Dec. 6 meeting it's still unclear what South Dundas can do to stop the construction of a wind farm in the region.

Other than providing suggestions and comments, municipalities are handcuffed in this process, with approvals and regulations handled by the Ontario government, a stipulation of the *Green Energy Act.*

"We hear your concerns," said Mayor Steven Byvelds. "But, you know a lot of our hands are tied. A solution that's really far off will be challenging. We're less than six months away, and you've only started now."

Disheau admitted the opposition group is behind, but vowed the fight would continue as long as it needs to in order to stop shovels from hitting the local ground.

"We didn't start sooner because we didn't think this was going to happen," she said. "We're Brinston; we're prime agricultural land."

Disheau continued, offering options the township could choose to pursue in order to stop the wind farm construction, including: placing a moratorium on the construction to allow a third-party epidemiological study; pass a municipal bylaw restricting night time nuisance noise; or make an appeal to the Environmental Review Tribunal.

"This project isn't something that should be taken lightly," she said.

Council members, however, were unsure of which, or any, action to take.

"As I said, our hands are rather tied," Byvelds added. "I wouldn't recommend council use laws that may or may not work… If we're going to fight battles, we should at least have a chance of winning."

As well, the mayor said, ProWind has been "fairly upfront" throughout the planning process.

"I advise council to make sure you read both sides of the story," he said.

Councillor Evonne Delegarde agreed: "We definitely need to review this information… A lot of it is speculation," she said.

Council voted to return to the topic at the first meeting of 2012.

Project history

ProWind began consultation regarding the possible Brinston-area wind farm in 2007, when the company undertook studies in the region. At this time, five local landowners have agreed to partner with ProWind for the South Branch project, offering up prime acres where the turbines can operate, free from obstructions.

As well, the company has already secured a Feed In Tariff (FIT) contract with the provincial government to produce 30 megawatts, enough power for an estimated 7,500 homes per year.

ProWind has held a series of public consultations throughout this process, and has scheduled another in January at Matilda Hall.

The company also has plans for a similar type of wind farm on Kerr's Ridge Road near Hallville, but the project is on hold while the company waits for approval through the FIT program.

Festival shelved until 2015

WILLIAMSBURG — Lower-than-expected attendance in 2011 has led Morrisburg's Old Home Week Committee to retool its planning strategy.

At the Township of South Dundas' most recent council meeting on Tues., Dec. 6, Councillor Evonne Delegarde, who is council's committee representative, announced that the summer festival would be shelved until 2015.

"The committee has decided to only host the event every five years," she said. "In the meantime, they are still going to fundraise."

Delegarde said the celebration's return in 2010, after years of dormancy, was highly successful, but attendance numbers this past summer dwindled significantly.

With South Dundas' budgeting process expected to get underway in the next few weeks, and with the municipality having been a key financial supporter since the beginning, Mayor Steven Byvelds said an update about the event's future was appreciated.

"It's always a challenge to match success," he said. "Hopefully [Old Home Week] will come back better than ever."

Both the Tubie Festival and Antiquefest, which have been held in conjunction with Old Home Week the past two years, are expected to continue in 2012.

Boil water guidelines expected to be tabled

WILLIAMSBURG — At the Township of South Dundas' Tues., Dec. 20 council meeting, a clearer guideline for the municipality's handling of any future boil water advisories should be presented.

At the township's Tues., Dec. 6 meeting, CAO Stephen McDonald said a draft protocol had been developed, and it is expected to help give a clearer picture of the municipality's responsibilities in those circumstances.

The document was developed in the wake of this past summer's 24-hour boil water advisory implemented in both Morrisburg and Iroquois, which had some residents questioning South Dundas' handling of the situation.

UCP auction nets $17,000

MORRISBURG — The annual Upper Canada Playhouse (UCP) Christmas Auction raised approximately $17,000 this year.

The funds will be used to construct additional storage area in the theatre's production department, as well as the possible addition of new seats.

According to auction co-ordinator Geraldine Fitzsimmons, the event, which was held at the Morrisburg Meeting Centre, was one of the most successful ones in recent years.

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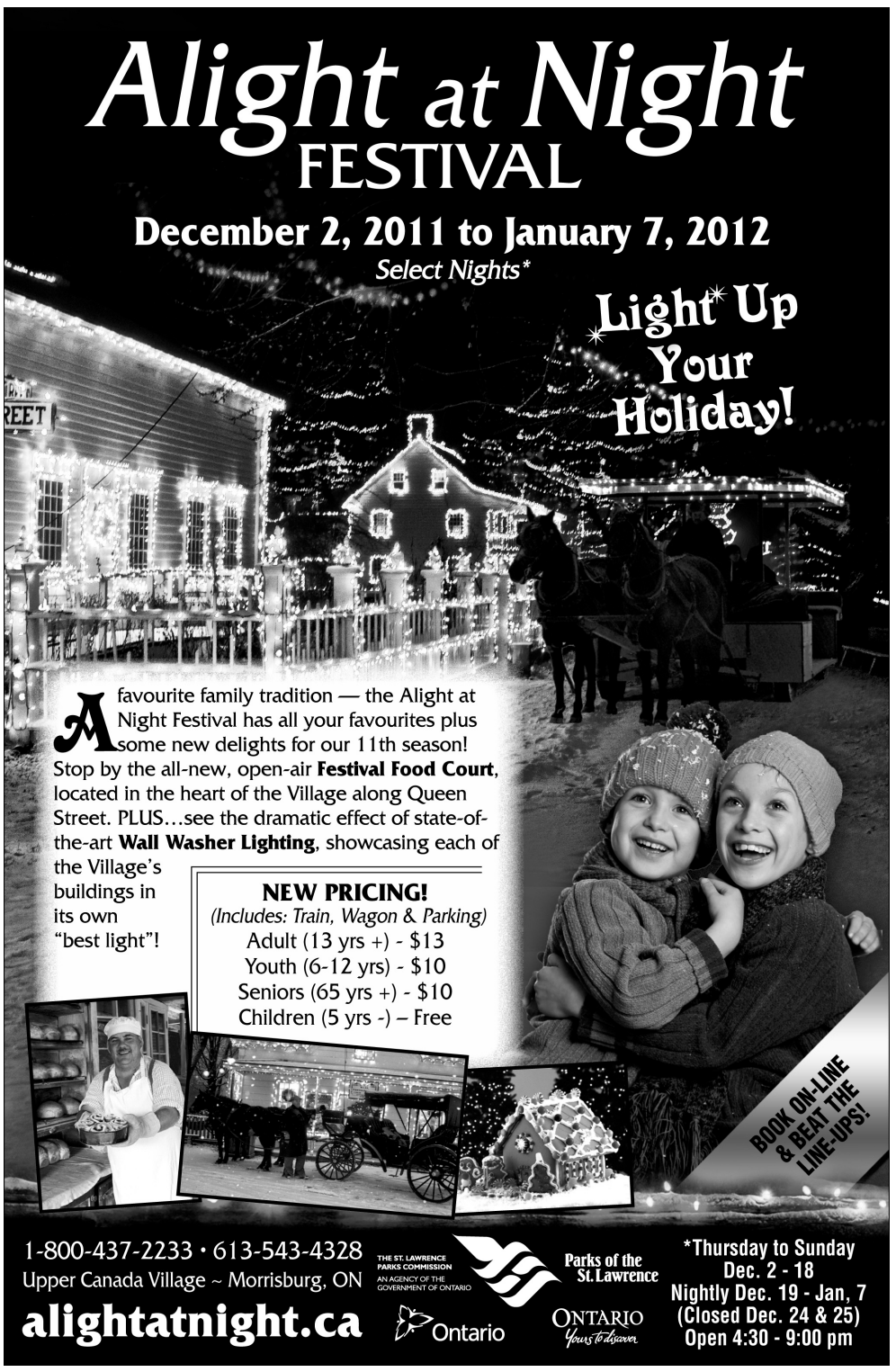

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Arrive alive with sober, safe driving this winter

North Dundas District High School has wrapped up OSAID Week. This year, the Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving awareness group at the school focused on a special topic: "texting" behind the wheel.

Drinking and driving went from socially acceptable, to "uncool," to illegal. However, we're starting to realize that distracted driving is equally problematic. Teens being the technology lovers that they are, the OSAID group decided to ask youth at the school to commit to not "texting" and driving. Of course, phones have evolved so much in the last few years that sending text messages only describes a fraction of dangerous activities people perform when they should have their eyes on the road.

Multi-functioning devices have become an increasingly important part of everyday life. They're photo and video cameras, calendars and day planners, address books, music players – and, oh yes, telephones, too.

We all have the responsibility to reduce risk on our roads. It's easy to make excuses, though.

We live in a rural area, where driving is simply a part of life. The longer a driver is sitting in his or her car, the more tempted he or she will be to fiddle with the phone. It's nice to see teenagers taking that first step and committing to keeping their hands off their mobile devices while behind the wheel – tempting as it may be to just read one Facebook update or scroll through a playlist.

On that note, we all have a responsibility to reduce risk on the roads. Just because you're sober doesn't mean you're safe. Stats released recently by insurance company Aviva Canada show a 49-per-cent increase in auto claims between December and February in comparison to the rest of the year.

According to data from Canadian Tire Roadside Assistance, compared to average call volumes, calls skyrocket by 529 per cent during days of extreme winter temperatures (categorized as minus 10 degrees Celsius or below). Thus, it's important to ensure your vehicle is ready for winter. That means checking your battery, replacing old wiper blades, topping up your windshield washer fluid (and keeping a bottle in your car, just in case), keeping a snow scraper and emergency kit at the ready – and, of course, putting snow tires on your vehicle.

According to a survey commissioned by Canadian Tire, only 43 per cent of Canadian drivers outside the province of Quebec (where winter tires are mandated by law) plan to install winter tires.

Maybe it's time to make it the law in Ontario, too?

We can't control the weather, but we can control human risk factors. Alcohol, distracted and aggressive driving, fatigue, speeding, and poor maintenance of vehicles are all causes for concern.

It's easy to make excuses for why we neglect to be "road safe." Nobody's a perfect driver. But let's all make an advance New Year's resolution to arrive alive.

Remember when...

1921

The call was put out this week for election candidates for the approaching 1922 votes. Nominations were being sought for councillor and village reeve positions. Public school trustee nominations were also requested.

1931

Melvin's Garage was advertising the "new 1932 Chevrolet" this week. Calling it the "sensation of the automobile world," prospective buyers were invited to come "see this wonder car. See its beauty, its special features, and its perfection."

1941

Winchester village council agreed this week to purchase a new water pumper. The LaFrance Model was similar to that used by the Kemptville Fire Department, and came with a $4,338 price tag. The *Winchester Press* reported, "the price is considered reasonable for a pumper of this type."

1951

Readers this week were encouraged to wrap up their Christmas shopping, as only nine business days remained before the big day. As well, those who had yet to mail out their holiday cards were reminded to include a two-cent stamp, as the price had doubled in order to pay for the increased processing undertaken by Canada Post at this time of year.

1961

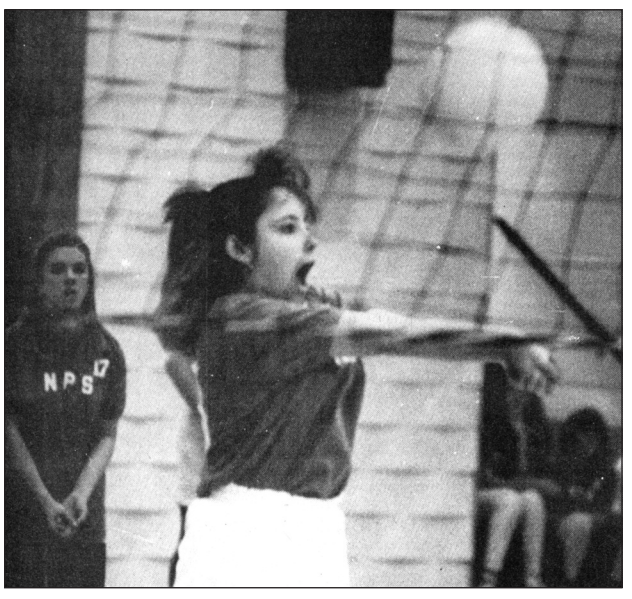
The Winchester Wesleyan Church this week was the site of a rededication ceremony. Renovations to the aging facility had recently been completed, allowing for the addition of more seating and extra Sunday School rooms.

1971

Williamsburg farmer Harold Pemberton was honoured this week with the County Farmer of the Year Award at the annual Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association banquet. The dinner event was held at Henderson Hall in Winchester.

1991

Printing of this week's paper rolled off the newly installed press at Windmill Web in Johnstown. The six-unit community press was jointly owned by the *Press*, the *Chesterville Record*, and the *Prescott Journal*, and brought printing of all the Morris Group's publications under one roof.



Nationview Public School's girls' volleyball team defeated Stampville Public School this week, en route to claiming the 1991 Dundas County Senior Girls' Volleyball Championship. During game action, Anne Charron (foreground) made a play at the net, while teammate Jennifer Wylie looked on.

2001

Marilyn Guy retired this week following 25 years of service at the Winchester Post Office. For her efforts, Guy received a watch and a certificate of appreciation from her employer, Canada Post. Throughout the years, Guy said she had watched many changes take place, including a growing volume of mail, new staff members, and an increased number of box users.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Men simply don't talk about prostate cancer: reader

The Editor:
I wish to thank all the men who grew moustaches to promote Prostate Cancer Awareness during Movember. Very little promotion is done locally to promote awareness of prostate cancer, which is the most common cancer among men. This cancer is most common in men over 40, with more than 25,500 men being diagnosed, a number which does not include cases of men who go undiagnosed due to unwillingness to go for an annual checkup. An estimated one in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, of which one in three will die. Men just do not talk about it. About 4,100 men will die from prostate-related cancer this year.

The rates of prostate cancer are comparable to rates of breast cancer among women, but women are far more aggressive in promoting awareness and in testing than men are. The pink ribbon is recognized for breast cancer, while the blue-striped tie is the symbol for prostate cancer.

Early diagnosis is the key, so men visit your doctor and get your PSA and "digital" test done on a regular basis. The PSA (prostate-specific antigen) is the antigen released into the blood from the prostate. The PSA test may not indicate cancer unless there is a sudden spike in the number, which indicates that further testing is strongly recommended.

I did not know I had a problem, as I felt healthy, but because of my yearly visits to my doctor for PSA testing and rectal checkup, I became aware of a possible problem. A sudden spike in the PSA indicated that I should undergo more testing. Yes, I had prostate cancer, and I required treatment as soon as possible.

Then, it was information overload to learn as much as possible to know about the cancer and about what to do. I met with a urologist, then an oncologist, to learn more about my cancer and seek advice on what my treatment should be. It was a journey that involved both me and my wife, as it is a cancer that affects both people. My treatments have ended so now, it is wait-and-see with follow-ups to the doctors.

Since my diagnosis, I have talked to all my friends regarding their prostate testing. A number of them went for testing and found out they had prostate cancer and have undergone treatment.

So, men, we need to talk more about this cancer, work with our doctors to get tested on a regular basis, and know our PSA score. Early diagnosis is the key, as the cancer is treatable before it spreads.

Again, I thank my doctor, Dr. John Burke, for his surveillance and for transferring me to specialists when he suspected my problem. Likewise, I congratulate all those that promoted prostate cancer awareness throughout the month of Movember.
Tom Clapp
Winchester



Marvellous moustaches
Clear Cut Installations in South Mountain recently wrapped up their Movember efforts – and have the facial hair to prove it. Front row: Félix Caza (left), Steve Caza – president, and Norm Hull. Middle row: Rodney Servage (left), Paul Garneau, Ben Fleming, Jeff Leizert, and Dave Cardinal. Back row: Dave Froats (left), Don Levere, Chad Markell, Gary Kendall, Dave Weatherall, and Steve Marsolais.

Sportsmanship in hockey alive

The Editor:
At a time when those of us who are involved in the administration of minor hockey are constantly bombarded by the negative aspect of it, I feel compelled to relay this story of chivalry and sportsmanship.

During our tournament this past weekend, I witnessed a Pee Wee House "B" final game that featured South Stormont against Brockville. The game ended 1-0 for Brockville and was one of the best games I watched during the tournament.

At the end of the game, I came out on the ice to present the Player of the Game Awards and the Championship Trophy. The Brockville team, of course, stayed on the ice to celebrate and have their picture taken. The South Stormont team also remained on the ice for reasons unknown.

My immediate reaction was: "What ugliness am I about to witness?" The referees were also apprehensive and urged the South Stormont team to leave. Before they could do so, the Brockville team began making their way to the only exit from the ice surface. Normally, this is a recipe for disaster, but in this instance, the South Stormont team formed two lines and raised their sticks to form an archway for the winning team to exit first.

I stood in slack-jawed amazement! Never, in all my years of coaching, being an executive, or the 10 years I have been closely involved in the running of our own Mega Tournament have I witnessed such a display of sportsmanship.

I was later told that the players themselves decided to pay this homage to their opponents. Words cannot begin to express the respect I would like to convey to the South Stormont Minor Hockey Association, coaches, and in particular, this group of young men.

Thank you for giving us a reason to continue the battle against all the negativity that we are forced to endure.
Hans Hutten
President,
North Dundas Minor Hockey Association

Political correctness misguided

The Editor:
Some of our "political correctness" seems misguided. I have many acquaintances who are immigrants to this country of all different faiths, and they have never asked for or wanted anyone to stop calling a Christmas tree a Christmas tree.

In fact, it makes them quite uncomfortable because they feel people think it is their fault these changes — such as having to call it a "Holiday tree" — are being made.

The truth is, it was some bureaucrat who came up with this nonsense. Left to our own devices, I believe the majority of people in this country (all colors, all faiths, all cultures) are much more sensible than that and are fine with a Christmas celebration that welcomes everyone in the spirit of tolerance, peace, and love.

Don't get me wrong, I applaud any event that brings diverse cultures together, but these "PC" catchphrases seem a tad forced and frankly divisive, the opposite of their intended mandate.

I just wonder if we transferred that effort into sharing and learning more about each other's beliefs and customs, rather than trying to roll them all up under one generic "holiday," the world might end up being a better place.
Janice Atkey Videto
Winchester

Many contributed Loot for Luke

The Editor:
We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the good people who contributed to the hugely successful Loot For Luke fundraiser, held at the Wesleyan Church in Winchester on Sat., Dec. 10. We raised $800 for the Hyland family, and the winner of the raffle for a set of Christmas bells was Barbara Byers of Winchester.

A special thank you goes out to Rev. Thurland Brown and his wife, Lorraine, of the Winchester Wesleyan Church for donating the use of their church hall. As well, we would like to thank Papa Gus for donating pizza for the hungry volunteers, and Andy Hamel of Andy's Foodland for donating plastic shopping bags to carry away the loot!

This event could not have happened had it not been for the generous donation of time and hard work by our volunteers: Charity Miles, Samantha Rutherford, my dear husband, Mark Jorgensen, my mom, Ann Brady, and many others.

A fun time was had by all as the community came together to help the Hyland family cope with the challenges ahead. We will be hosting many more Sharing With All People (SWAP) events, all of them to benefit our caring community.

Lastly, we extend a very special thank you to the Hyland family for allowing us to do this benefit for them. Our prayers are with you and your dear son, Luke.
Amanda Jorgensen
Winchester

Road development concerning

The Editor:
As a citizen committed to my community and its wellbeing, I would like to express my concerns over the potential development of land purchased by Lafarge on French Settlement Road.

As the largest diversified supplier of construction materials in North America, Lafarge is a multi-billion dollar corporation who is already active in our area. Through their purchase of this particular piece of land, I can only assume their intentions are for aggregate extraction as an extension of their current activities.

Our neighbourhood is rooted in a good quality of life. Many of us have long family histories here, have raised our families here, and see a bright future for generations to come. We want our children to be able to live in the kind of community we've always known this to be: safe, healthy, and clean.

The prospect of Lafarge turning their latest purchase into a gravel pit that will be void of any potential 10 years down the road once it's been gutted, severely jeopardizes our quality of life and general wellbeing.

My life and those of my family and neighbours are too valuable to risk with noise pollution, heavy truck traffic, and we fear the development could result in poor water quality, a decrease in property values, and air particles that could affect our breathing.

We want to continue to open our windows to fresh air, hang our clothes out to dry, and play outside without potentially being exposed to damaging dust. Solar panels, gardens, and crops could possibly all be covered with a dusty film, resulting in a loss of revenue.

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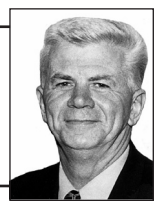

Seasonal crime-prevention tips

OTTAWA — With the holiday season upon us, the Ottawa Police Service and the many Community Police Centres would like to remind Osgoode Ward residents of a few simple steps to ensure everyone has a safe holiday season — whether you are doing last-minute shopping, visiting friends, or celebrating at home.

1. When shopping, make sure that you always lock your vehicle.

2. Place parcels in the trunk and/or minimize the number of bags that can be seen.

3. Keep track of your debit and credit cards. Always protect your PIN number.

4. Take note of where you parked and the door you entered from, so when you leave, you are not walking around with a large number of parcels and attracting unnecessary attention.

5. On garbage day, do not throw out your "big ticket" boxes all at once. Cut the boxes up and fold them inside out to hide the original content pictures.

6. If you're going away, ask that someone clean your driveway and walkway to give an appearance of occupancy.

7. Leave lights on a timer, and have a neighbour check your house daily.

Phony house calls

The City of Ottawa has received reports of unknown salespeople approaching the homes of residents and identifying themselves as city employees. They claim the city requires access to the home to perform water quality tests. The city does not currently have staff or anyone representing the city going door-to-door making such calls or checking for material buildup on water meters.

Any visits by city staff that may require access to homes or businesses are scheduled in advance, unless an emergency situation exists. Residents are also provided with advance notice of projects that might impact them.

Residents are reminded that all employees requesting access must show city-issued photo identification. Residents who are directly contacted by persons claiming to be city employees for city business are asked to check identification, and, if concerns remain, contact 311 before allowing access.

Residents are also asked to contact police and report on any suspicious phone calls or visits.

Christmas cheer

Congratulations to all members of council who participated in the special holiday bake sale at City Hall last week. The effort and quality of the treats that councillors contributed were simply overwhelming, as was the tremendous generosity of the patrons. It was a pleasant surprise to hold a bake sale hoping to make a few hundred dollars, and walk away with $1801.36, all of which was presented to the Christmas Cheer Foundation on Thurs., Dec. 8 as part of the CFRA Christmas Cheer Broadcast.

Drain your rain barrel

If you haven't done so already, the city is reminding residents to take a few minutes to winterize their rain barrels in preparation for the coming freezing temperatures. The barrel should first be disconnected from the downspout — so it doesn't refill during fall rains or with melting winter snow — and then completely drained. Disconnected downspouts must be positioned to drain away from basement walls and neighbouring properties.

Firefighters honoured

The annual District 9 Firefighters Awards Banquet was held recently at the Orchard View Reception Centre. District 9 includes the fire stations of Greely, Manotick, Metcalfe, and Osgoode. The following is a list of the seniority pins that were presented: Metcalfe - Brendan Cavan, Jonathan Heins, John Leonard, Andre Ouellette, and Sean Potvin (all five years of service); and Glen Tanner (15 years). Osgoode - Adrian Anderson, Kyle Robertson, and Rob Sugrue (all five years of service); Bob Craig and Perry Hall (10 years); and Terry Ironmonger (20 years). Greely - Patrick Kelly (10 years) and Grant Watson (35 years).

Meanwhile, Firefighters of the Year Awards were also handed out. The winners were Mike Carriere (Metcalfe), James Brough (Osgoode), and Kyle Smiley (Greely).

On behalf of all our residents, a sincere "thank you" for your dedication and bravery in protecting our homes and our lives.

Sweeping crime bill passes third reading

OTTAWA — Our Conservative government's crime agenda moved one step closer to becoming law. Bill C-10, the *Safe Streets and Communities Act*, passed third reading in the House of Commons on Wed., Nov. 30 after many, many delays, and much political posturing.

Our government tried repeatedly during our five years as a minority government to pass various individual parts of the current omnibus bill. However, our efforts always fell short. With the help of some votes from the opposition parties, we were often able to get these bills passed at second reading, only to have them gutted or changed by these same opposition members at the committee stage. Needless to say, this frustrated all members of our caucus. A great deal of time and much effort was wasted going through the motions only to have one or both opposition parties withdraw their support in committee or at final reading. We had to accept that, because we were a minority government at the time.



From
Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon

Although we now have a majority government, there are still procedural games being played to obstruct the passage of C-10. For example, before this omnibus crime bill could be voted on Nov. 30, we had to vote on 71 frivolous amendments put forth by the opposition parties. The opposition knew we would win all these votes, but they use these procedural and delay tactics to waste Parliament's time.

That is one of the reasons Justice Minister Rob Nicholson put all these bills into one omnibus bill, and this time it will become law once and for all. And it's about time! For too long, child molesters, drug traffickers, and violent criminals have received slaps on the wrist for their crimes. This will soon stop.

Enough is enough. Soon we will have a law that puts the rights of victims ahead of the rights of criminals.

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Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon submits regular weekly columns to the Press. *His provincial counterpart for the riding, Jim McDonell, submits monthly columns.*

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Living in an agriculturally-rich area, we all know the economic value of farmers in our community.

To see the dire effects of open sand and gravel mining, drive down Loughlin Ridge Road. The land is stripped, rendering it barren and degrading the landscape.

I can only hope that others in North Dundas Township, including policy makers, are similarly opposed to Lafarge developing this site. Our community and land is something we want to cultivate, not sell by the truckload for a quick profit at the expense of our future.

Teresa Shute
Osgoode

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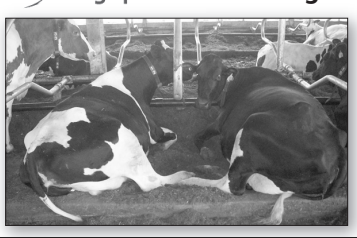

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Von Gunten family wins Farmer of the Year Award

Dundas Soil & Crop recognizes agricultural excellence in 2011

CHESTERVILLE — Felix and Valerie Von Gunten have won the Dundas Soil & Crop Improvement Association (DSCIA) 2011 Farmer of the Year/Eric Casselman Award.

Along with their two sons — Mike and Peter — the Von Guntens accepted the award during the DSCIA annual general meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion — Chesterville Branch 434, on Thurs., Dec. 8.

The family's Chesterville-area operation received kudos from the county improvement association, which acknowledged their excellence in farming.

After working as relief milkers in the early 1990s, the Von Guntens subsequently went out on their own in the industry, building their operation into what it is today – milking 450 head, with 900 animals in total.

They rent 920 acres of the 1,800-acre operation, and grow alfalfa, corn, and soybeans.





At left:
The Von Gunten family — Mike (left), Peter, Valerie, and Felix — received the DSCIA Farmer of the Year Award, presented by Jackie Kelly-Pemberton (far right), president of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture.

Below:
Tim Moher (left), presented the first-place Forage Masters Award to Mark Tibben of Tibben Farms.

Innovators acknowledged

David and Carolyn Hendrick of Hendrick AgriFoods received the Innovative Farmer Award. The couple established the business in the mid-1990s and, along with their staff, built it up to become a globally recognized contractor and supplier of exclusive lines of Canadian, non-genetically modified organic food-grade soybeans.

The sister company of Hendrick Seeds produces certified seed and performs breeding research.

This year, the Hendrick companies grew so much that a new location was needed. As such, Hendrick Seeds and Hendrick AgriFoods moved into the former Inkerman Public School, solidifying the companies' presence in the hamlet.

Award of Merit

Bank employee-turned-farmer Betty Vanden Bosch received the DSCIA Award of Merit recognizing her many years of dedication to the local agricultural scene and community at large.

Always an active partner in the Vanden Bosch business since marrying her husband, Stan, in 1962, the Chesterville resident has found time to get involved with political campaigns at all three levels of government. Along with Stan, Betty co-chaired the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's Renewing the Vision Campaign. A proud mother and grandmother, Betty has been involved with countless local service organizations and initiatives, both cultural and agricultural.

In addition, after an incident at a North Gower grain elevator, Betty was one of the key players who got involved with a strategy to provide local firefighters access to a grain rescue unit, in case someone becomes trapped in a grain bin.

Committed to conservation

Paul and Calvin Dentz of Dentz Orchards and Berry Farm in Iroquois received the DSCIA Soil & Water Conservation Award. The Dentz farm grows, packs, and ships asparagus, strawberries, raspberries, tomatoes, sweet corn, and apples to Ottawa and Toronto retail and wholesale markets. Corn, soybeans, and wheat are grown in a no-till system. Today, they continue to use techniques that promote soil and water conservation. Some examples include: planting spruce and cedar windbreaks (as well as maintaining existing breaks); using cover crops in rotation; and participating in an integrated pest management system for their fruit crops so that sprays are applied at optimum timing, maximizing control and minimizing the impact on predatory insect populations.

Forage Masters Awards

Each year, the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association asks farmers to participate in a contest in the local counties. Judges perform field inspections of crops and also analyze a sample.

The top three DSCIA competitors for 2011 were: Tibben Farms of Brinston, first place; Gerald and John Westervelt of Brinston, second place; and Tom MacGregor of Morewood, third place.

High-Yield Competition

The 2011 High-Yield Competition winners were: Tibben Farms, first place, at 226.78 bushels/acre (bu/acre); Charlie Farlinger of Morrisburg, second place, at 221.45 bu/acre; and Tim Moher of Winchester, third, at 216.05 bu/acre.



The Dundas Soil & Crop Improvement Association (DSCIA) presented several awards during its annual general meeting on Thurs., Dec. 8. DSCIA Award of Merit winner Betty Vanden Bosch, with Tibben, presenter.



Brent Vanden Bosch (left) presented the Innovative Farmer Award to Hendrick AgriFoods, accepted by business manager Michael Staebler on behalf of David and Carolyn Hendrick.



Brent Vanden Bosch (left) presented Calvin Dentz with the DSCIA Soil & Water Conservation Award. *Press Photos — Smith-Millar*

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This year's Metcalfe Santa Claus Parade and Food Drive took place on Sun., Dec. 11. Approximately 20 floats began making their way through the village just after 2 pm, en route to the community centre, where the celebration continued with free soup provided by AJ's Catering, as well as pictures with Santa and a craft-making station.



Continuing with their weekend parade duties, the Smurfs were in Metcalfe this weekend.







Both Santa (above) and Mrs. Claus (at left) were able to partake in this year's parade.

***Far left:** John Crump and his loyal steed.*

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Parades always seem to bring out the softer side in politicians, and this year's event in Metcalfe was no exception.





Making their way through the route were Nepean-Carleton's Tory tandem — MP Pierre Poilievre (above) and MPP Lisa MacLeod (above left) — as well as Osgoode Ward Councillor Doug Thompson (left).



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Pee Wee House 'C' Demons win only Mega 'A' trophy

CHESTERVILLE – Goaltender Mason McLeod backstopped the North Dundas Pee Wee House "C" Demons to three victories, including a 6-1 decision over the South Dundas Lions in the "A" championship game of the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's 2011 Guildcrest Homes Mega House Tournament.

Coach Derek Roe and the Pee Wee House "C" Demons were the only team representing the host association to capture an "A" championship trophy in the three-day (Fri., Dec. 9 to Sun., Dec. 11), 63-game competition.

The North Dundas Midget House "B1" Demons ripped the Nepean Fantoms 7-1 to take the "B" silverware in their division and the North Dundas Atom House "C" Demons whitewashed Ottawa Centre 7-0 to earn the "C" hardware in their bracket.



Surrounded

A Clarence Beavers forward was surrounded by members of the North Dundas Atom House "C" Demons as he chased down the puck during a NDMHA Guildcrest Homes Mega Tournament game Saturday (Dec. 10) morning at the Winchester Arena. North Dundas goalie Kara Turcotte kept an eye on the play. Clarence went on to defeat the Demons 4-1.
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"A" champions

McLeod finished the tournament with a 1.00 GAA, posting 6-1 victories against the South Stormont Selects, Nepean Fantoms and South Dundas.

North Dundas led South Dundas 1-0 after a period of Saturday's (Dec. 10) title match and skated into the final frame owning a 5-1 cushion.

Justin Shay counted two goals for the champions and added an assist. Josh Armstrong (GWG), Travis McInnis, Cordelle Steele and Eric Armstrong also dented the twine. Cristiano Vogrig (2), Kody Anderson, Chris Cotton, Alex Butland, McInnis, Shay and Josh Armstrong earned assists.

Tyler Palmer pumped in a pair of pucks, leading the Demons to a 6-1 decision over the South Stormont Selects in their opening game on Friday. North Dundas held a 4-0 lead after a period and was up 6-1 after two periods. Eric Armstrong (1-2-3), Shay (1-1-2), Cotton (1-1-2), Vogrig (1-1-2), Caleb Jaquemet (0-1-1), Steele (0-1-1), Jordon Peterkin (0-1-1), and McInnis (0-1-1) also produced points.

McInnis, Eric Armstrong, Palmer and Cotton snapped in first-period shots in the Demons 6-1 win over the Nepean Fantoms. Butland and Shay cracked in the second period markers. Assists were awarded to Brayden Roe, Jaquemet, Steele, Vogrig, Peterkin, Josh Armstrong, Shay, Anderson and McInnis.

South Stormont defeated Nepean 7-1 in the "B" final and Ottawa East nipped the Metcalfe Jets 2-1 in the "C" final.

"B" champs

Kevin Vandekemp pegged a pair of goals in the North Dundas Midget House "B1" Demons 7-1 verdict over Nepean F in the "B" final in Chesterville on Sunday.

The North Dundas Midget House "B2" Demons dropped a 4-1 decision to the West Carleton Warriors earlier in the day in Winchester.

Nepean K took the "C" honours blanking the South Dundas Lions 3-0.

Joining Vandekemp (2-1-3) on the score sheet were Andrew Findlay (1-1-2), Andrew Sobering (1-1-2), Shawn Buma (1-0-1), Josh Hodgson (1-0-1), Alex Porteous (1-0-1) and Craig Christophersen (0-1-1).

Hodgson (from Christophersen) netted the lone North Dundas goal in a 4-1 loss to West Carleton on Saturday in Winchester.

The Demons bounced back with a 7-4 win over Nepean K. Hodgson (2-2-4) and Vandekemp (2-1-3) each potted a pair of goals. Buma (1-4-5) picked up five points and Christophersen (1-3-4) added four. Findlay sniped the single marker. Sobering and Josh Horner each earned a helper point.

Cam Hunt and Jared Schoenfeld share the North Dundas goaltending duties.

"C" champs

Spencer Horton (2-3-5) put together a five-point game leading the North Dundas House "C" Demons to a 7-0 victory over Ottawa Centre in the Saturday's "C" final in Winchester.

Kara Turcotte and Nicholas Michaud shared the shutout while Justin Dagenais (1-2-3), Bradley Larmour (2-0-2), Mathew Gransden (1-1-2), Sarah Messervey and Owen Carkner-Pocock all contributed to the victory.

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Senior Devils' Young, Delage key in 64-16 win over Raiders

CORNWALL – Dylan Young's shooting and Victor Delage's defensive coverage were keys to the North Dundas District High School Senior Devils 64-16 victory over the host CCVS Golden Raiders.

Last week's (Fri., Dec. 9) win improved the Devils SD&G "AA" boys basketball record to 2-1-0.

SD&G "AA" boys basketball

North Dundas coach Deanna Corbett-White reported Young put on a shooting clinic, pouring in six three-point field goals and finishing with a career high 23 points.

"Victor continually frustrated the CCVS guards with his quickness and finished the game with an incredible 11 steals and nine points," said the coach. "He had the CC [CCVS] guards so frustrated he drew three technical fouls."

Bruce Bufton dropped in 13 points. Josh Freake shot 100 per cent from the floor, draining eight points in his first game back from injury.

"Excellent work by all the players who gave a full effort in spite of playing with just two subs," she said. "The team moved the ball so well – getting four or five touches in a half-court rotation."

The Devils will make their home court debut tomorrow (Thurs., Dec. 15) when they host the Holy Trinity Falcons. The opening tip off is set for 1 pm.

Devils' details

Dylan Young also had four steals, five rebounds and four assists.

Wes Schmidtke - eight points and five rebounds.

Travis Barkley - three points.

Bruce Bufton - six for eight free throws - 13 points.

Josh Freake - three for three from the field, two for three free throws, four points, four boards.

Burge busts Rangers: earns five points in Hawks 7-1 victory over South Grenville

WINCHESTER – A couple of barriers were breached in the Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks 7-1 Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference victory over the South Grenville Rangers.

Friday's (Dec. 9) win on Winchester ice enabled the Hawks to surge past the 20-win mark. It was the 21st for the Hawks (21-3-1-0) who have played one less game than the Casselman Vikings, but share top spot with them at 43 points.

During the match, St. Lawrence Division scoring leader Brock Burge potted a pair of goals and drew three assists. His five-point effort moved him above the 50-point plateau. Burge now has 23 goals, 29 assists and 52 points.

"Brock quietly had a five point night," said Hawks head coach Tom Kirkwood. "He is a very smart and skilled player who plays the whole 200 feet, the PK and the PP."

"We have Burgey and Chessel who can score goals, but if you look we have a cast of others who can score as well," said the coach.

"Chessel has that quick release and a heavy, accurate shot," added Kirkwood.

This weekend, the Hawks will welcome the third-place Alexandria Glens (17-9-0-1) for a Friday night tilt at 8:15 pm.

"Alexandria is a good team. They just went through a few games where they were short players," he said. "We look forward to the challenge."

Saturday night the Hawks travel to Cornwall Island to meet the Akwesasne Wolves (4-20-1-2).

Hawks 7 – Rangers 1

Chessel (from Nevin Guy and Aaron Dickenson at 16:05), Graham Loyst (from Dickenson and Burge at 5:39), Mike Evelyn (from Ramsay Wheeler and Burge at 1:16) and Steven Johnston (from Dickenson and Burge at 0:10) gave the Hawks a 4-0 lead in the first 20 minutes.

Burge (from Guy and Dickenson at 15:34) made it 5-0 before Sam Laughlin ruined Alex Monk's (17-3-0-0, 2.84 GAA) shutout at 3:43.

Third period goals by Burge (from Loyst and Evelyn at 5:54) and Josh Stubbings (from Chessel and Evelyn at 0:19) completed the scoring.



Pitt stop

South Grenville Jr. "B" Rangers goaltender Jarrett Pitt put the pad down and thwarted this attempt by Winchester rookie forward Dustin Tinkler during last week's (Fri., Dec. 9) Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference game. Pitt was pulled after allowing four first-period goals. Brock Burge (2-3-5), Aaron Dickenson (0-4-4) and Mike Evelyn (1-2-3) led the Hawks to a 7-1 victory.
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Hawks fans

Cam Sherrer (left), Jeff Riddell and Ethan Guy showed off the Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks team flag prior to Friday's (Dec. 9) game against the South Grenville Rangers. Sherrer and Guy, members of the North Dundas Atom "B" Demons, were the flag bearers during the pre-game skate. Riddell is the owner of Winchester Financial Services and one of the Hawks' major sponsors. His business is picking up the tab for the 2012 Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference Showcase that will be played at the Winchester Arena on Sat., Jan. 7. All 10 conference clubs will take part in the five-game event. The Hawks will face the Gananoque Islanders at 2:30 pm. The first game will be played at 9:30 am and the final one at 5 pm. Press Photo – Van Bridger

McLean Flyers defeat Maulers, move closer to second place

WINCHESTER – Adam Schofield set up three goals for the McLean Flyers as they soared to a 5-2 win over the Chesterville Maulers.

Last week's (Tues., Dec. 6) decision moved the Flyers (3-4-3) to within a point of the Maulers (4-4-2) and second place in the Winchester Town Hockey League standings.

The other half of the Tuesday night twin bill finished with the first-place Sadler's Suds (7-2-1) beating the 3-7-0 Green Berets 8-5.

Schofield engineered scoring plays for Danny Pelkey, Josh McLean (GWG) and Trevor Gilmer. Travis Leach and Matt VanDelst snapped in the single shots. VanDelst (2), McLean (2), Pelkey and Gilmer also drew assists. Chris Currie was the winning 'tender.

Justin "Footer" Morozuk (from Kelly "Rubber" Beckstead and Dean Byvelds) and Travis Froats (from Matt Baker) counted the Maulers markers.

Suds 8 – Berets 5

Rob Thurler potted a pair of goals including the GWG as the Suds prevailed in an 8-5 shootout with the Berets.

Robyn Sadler and Darrel Moore sniped deuces, while Mac McMillan and Travis Rowe supplied the singles. Jeff Lewis (2), Sadler (2), Moore, McMillan, Thurler and Rowe provided the passes. Jesse Whyte posted the win.

Dean Moore and Scott Baldwin led the Berets offence with a pair of goals. Kyle Dearing netted the other marker. Assists were awarded to Trevor Morozuk (2), Nik Paas (2), Barret Brundige (2), James Gilmer, Jon Nadobny, and Dearing.

Mega tourney

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Horton's first goal (unassisted) at 9:33 of the first period proved to be the winner.

The Demons absorbed 1-0 loss to South Dundas in a Friday night encounter and lost 4-1 to the Clarence Beavers on Saturday morning. Gransden (from Dagenais) counted the lone North Dundas goal.

Clarence captured the "A" division title with a 3-2 win over South Dundas and the Kanata Ice Strikers captured the "B" championship registering a 3-1 decision over the Ottawa East Black Dragons.

Tourney Tales

Midget House "B": "A" champs – West Carleton 4 – North Dundas "B2" Demons 1: "B" – North Dundas "B1" Demons 7 – Nepean F 1; "C" – Nepean K 3 – South Dundas Lions 0.

Bantam House "B": "A" champs – Brockville 5 – Kemptville 0; "B" - Cornwall 4 – North Dundas Demons 0; "C" - West Carleton 3 – Vankleek Hill 2.

Bantam House "C": "A" champs - Smiths Falls 3 – NGS Braves 1; "B" – South Dundas 4 – Ottawa Centre 1; "C" – Nepean E 6 – Kanata 5 OT.

Pee Wee House "B": "A" champs – Richmond 3 – South Dundas 0; "B" – champs – Kemptville 3 – Brockville 1 – South Stormont 0; "C" – Athens Aeros 5 – Osgoode 0.

Pee Wee House "C": "A" champs – North Dundas Demons 6 – South Dundas 1; "B" – South Stormont 7 – Nepean Fantoms 1; "C" – Ottawa East 2 – Metcalfe Jets 1.

Atom House "B": "A" champs – Clarence 3 – South Dundas 2; "B" – Kanata 3 - Ottawa East 1; "C" – North Dundas Demons 7 – Ottawa Center 0.

Atom House "C"" "A" champs – Clarence 3 – South Dundas 2; "B" – Kanata 3 - Ottawa East 1; "C" – North Dundas Demons 7 – Ottawa Center 0.

Atom House "C"" "A" champs – Clarence 3 – South Dundas 2; "B" – Petawawa 5 – Stittsville 0; "C" – Ottawa Centre 4 – Russell Warriors 1.



Game on

The official faceoff marking the opening of the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's (NDMHA) 2011 Guildcrest Homes Mega House Tournament was held at the Chesterville Arena at 7 am on Saturday (Dec. 10). South Dundas Pee Wee House "C" Lions' captain Brody Smail (left), NDMHA president Hans Hutten, tournament director Dawna Whitehead and Metcalfe Jets captain Oliver Charron took part in the ceremony.

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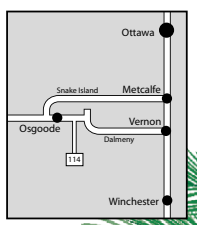

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Pee Wee 'B' Demons knock off top-ranked Bears 4-3

WINCHESTER – Rhyce Sherrer used a play created by Jacob Robinson and Brayden Roberts to break up a 3-3 tie and lift the North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons to a 4-3 victory over the Smiths Falls Bears.

Last week's (Wed., Dec. 7) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League decision improved the Demons' West Division record to 5-7-1, moved them out of sixth place into fourth and lowered the first-place Bears' mark to 9-2-0.

The visitors from Smiths Falls also drew all 16 penalties called in the game, including three game misconducts.

The Bears took a 1-0 lead at 10:47 of the first period but the home town Demons matched that when Jack van Kessel used a relay sent to him by Jacob Robinson and captain Kyle DeJong with 3:35 showing on the clock.

Smiths Falls gained a 2-1 lead in the middle stanza and opened up a 3-1 lead with 9:39 left in the game.

North Dundas had just 7:45 left to mount a comeback. That's when Cameron Reid took a feed from Sheldon Lafortune and cut the deficit to 3-2 with a PPG.

The Demons rang up a second PPG when Mitchell VanBruinessen cashed in a pass provided by Kyle Findlay and Brandon VanBruinessen tying the count at 3-3.

Sherrer then combined with Robinson and Roberts to solve the stalemate and give the Demons a 4-3 come-from-behind victory.

At home

The Demons are at home tonight (Wed., Dec. 14) to the second-place South Grenville Rangers (6-4-0). Game time at the Winchester Arena is 7 pm.



North Dundas Pee Wee "B" goaltender Bayden Carr and his teammates including Curtis Barkley (No. 10), Rhyce Sherrer (No. 9) and Sheldon Lafortune (No. 17) knocked off the first-place Smiths Falls Bears 4-3 last week (Wed., Dec. 7). Sherrer netted the winning goal and Lafortune earned an assist in the win.

Press Photo – Van Bridger

Lose three road games

Metcalfe Jets grounded

OTTAWA – The Metcalfe Jr. "B" Jets ran into turbulence navigating through three road games in four days. Landings in Ottawa, Gatineau and Arnprior resulted in three losses for the Metro Division squad.

Metcalfe suffered a 5-2 setback to the Ottawa West Golden Knights (19-6-2-0) last week (Thurs., Dec. 8) and then were beaten 6-4 by the first-place Mustangs (20-4-4-0) in Gatineau on Friday (Dec. 9). Sunday the Jets were in Arnprior where they were doubled 4-2 by the Valley Division's first-place Packers (18-6-2-0).

The number-four ranked Jets (9-13-4-1) make a return trip to Gatineau on Friday (Dec. 16) before returning to the Larry Robinson Arena for a Sunday (Dec. 18) matinee (2:15 pm) meeting with the Ottawa Junior Canadians (7-15-2-2).

Knights 5 – Jets 2

The Jets' three-game road journey was launched last week (Thurs., Dec. 8) at the Barbara Ann Scott Arena where they took on the Ottawa West Golden Knights (19-6-2-0).

The Knights, holding down second place in the Metro Division standings, jumped into a 2-0 lead in the opening 20 minutes on PPGs by Neil Clarke and Mitch Bird. Metcalfe responded with a PPG of its own when Derek Shutron scored from Joshua Gervais and Kyle Downey at 6:19.

The Knights outshot the Jets 18-17 in the middle session but the score remained 2-1.

Bird and Connor Scanlan beat Metcalfe starter Ryan McLaughlin early in the final frame, opening up a 4-1 lead for Ottawa West. Shawn Ennis teamed up with Matt Miller and cut the Metcalfe deficit to 4-2 with 7:44 left to play, only to have Ryan Sterling give his team a 5-2 advantage 2:25 before the final buzzer.

Ottawa West outshot Metcalfe 48-37 and went two for five on the PP while the Jets were one for six.

Mustangs 6 – Jets 4

Metcalfe and Gatineau were deadlocked 1-1 after 20 minutes. The Jets cruised into a 4-3 lead in the middle session but were ambushed in the final frame when the Mustangs ripped in three unanswered goals to steal a 6-4 win.

Ryan Pike potted a pair (one PPG) for Metcalfe while Joshua Gervais and Matt Miller sniped the singles. Miller, Dawson Fisher, Shutron, Jamie Quinn and Brandon Abraham earned assists.

Brett Ayres stopped 28 of 34 Gatineau shots in the loss.

Packers 4 – Jets 2

The host Packers pumped in a pair of goals in the final 5:02 of Sunday's tilt on their way to a 4-2 victory.

Miller (from Fisher and Brett Nooyen) gave the Jets a 1-0 lead at 14:19 of the opening period.

Arnprior took a 2-1 lead in the second session but Metcalfe knotted the count at 2-2 when Shutron registered a PPG after taking a feed from Nooyen and Miller.

Ryan McLaughlin worked the Jets' net and made 26 saves facing 30 Packer shots.

NDDHS opens girls volleyball season

MAPLE RIDGE – A successful pre-season tournament has given the North Dundas District High School Devils a positive start to the 2011-2012 SD&G girls volleyball campaign.

Both junior and senior squads took part in the tune-up tournament in Cornwall on Thurs., Dec. 1 competing against "A" ranked schools. During the regular season, which opened at North Dundas yesterday (Tues., Dec. 13), the Devils will face "AA/AAA" competition.

The Senior Devils, coached by Patti Hall, finished their test day with six wins and a pair of losses. They split (25-18, 16-25) with the Char-Lan Crusaders and Glengarry Gaels (17-25, 25-19), but swept the L'Heritage Dragons (25-11, 16-10 – ran over the 30-minute limit) and the R-O Lancers (25-22, 25-11).

Hall has returning seniors Blythe Armstrong, Camille Jaquemet and Olivia Wouters on her squad. Newcomers Chelsea Clark, Kelsey Ellis, Brianna Geertsma, Emma Gern, Jodie Hall, Marissa Jaquemet, Kiley Johnston, Hope Klein-Swormink and Jenna Warren all were members of the junior team last year.

The coach said she thinks the team should have a pretty good year and the future looks promising because there are so many Grade 11 girls in this year's lineup.

Junior Devils

Junior coach Cheryl Williams also reported a record of six wins and two losses in their eight-set trial.

North Dundas split with Char-Lan (25-23, 23-24 – over the time limit) and Glengarry (23-25, 25-20). They then swept their next two matches — 2-0 against the St. Lawrence Saints (25-18, 25-22) and R-O (25-17, 25-20).

This year's junior roster includes: Brittany Cooper, Amber Cotton, Brooke Cummins, Taylor Cummins, Cassandra Davidson, Beckie Doucette, Haley Geertsma, Rebecca Sallery, Kennedy Scheepers, Cheyenne Williams and Julia Wouters.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

EASTERN ONTARIO JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Rideau - St. Lawrence Conference

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 7: Alexandria 10 - Brockville 3
Dec. 8: Casselman 5 - Westport 2
Dec. 9: Winchester 7 - South Grenville 1
Alexandria 7 - Gananoque 5
Westport 6 - Char-Lan 5 SO
Morrisburg 10 - Brockville 3
Dec. 10: Alexandria 5 - Akwesasne 4 SO
Casselman 4 - South Grenville 3
Athens 7 - Char-Lan 5
Dec. 11: South Grenville 5 - Brockville 2
Athens 5 - Morrisburg 2
Gananoque 5 - Akwesasne 3

STANDINGS

Rideau	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Westport	20	7	1	133	98	41
Athens	16	8	0	156	98	36
Gananoque	15	11	0	113	105	31
South Grenville	11	17	0	97	142	23
Brockville	1	25	0	77	201	3
St. Lawrence	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Winchester	21	3	1	143	74	43
Casselman	21	4	0	141	66	43
Alexandria	17	9	0	120	96	35
Char-Lan	10	14	0	93	135	22
Morrisburg	8	15	0	93	118	17
Akwesasne	4	20	1	94	150	11

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

TOP SCORERS

St. Lawrence Division	G	A	PTS
B. Burge, Win.	23	29	52
C. Chennette, Cass.	22	28	50
JF Dubois, Alex.	20	24	44
A. Dickenson, Win.	10	33	43
D. Barr, Akwe.	23	13	36
D. Chessel, Win.	19	17	36
S. Kitchen, Alex.	15	21	36
A. Wensink, Cass.	17	18	35
J. Adam, Cass.	21	11	33
Rideau Division	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
P. Cameron, Athens	13	41	54
S. Parker, Athens	23	28	51
M. Byrne, Athens	22	18	40
N. Terpak, West.	21	18	39
M. Ming, West.	15	23	38
J. Rusk, Gan.	14	22	36
T. Murray, Gan.	18	16	34
TJ Burns, Brock.	14	19	33
B. Brayman, West.	11	22	33

Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks
HOME GAMES
Fri., Dec. 16 - 8:15 pm
vs Alexandria Glens
Fri., Dec. 23 - 8:15 pm
vs Char-Lan Rebels
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Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 6:
Sadler's Suds 8 - Green Berets 5
McLean Flyers 5 - Chesterville Maulers 2

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Sadler's Suds	7	2	1	65	43	15
Maulers	4	4	2	52	56	10
M. Flyers	3	4	3	46	58	9
Green Berets	3	7	0	58	65	6

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Robyn Sadler, SS	16	19	35
Dean Byvelds, CM	16	11	27
Nik Paas, GB	11	15	26
Steve Decaire, SS	16	9	25
Josh McLean, MF	6	19	25
Adam Schofield, MF	14	9	23
Rob Thurler, SS	12	11	23
Kyle Dearing, GB	12	11	23
Dana Schofield, CM	9	11	20
Travis Rowe, SS	5	15	20

Metro - Valley Conference

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 6: Ottawa 6 - Clarence 2
Dec. 8: Ottawa West 5 - Metcalfe 2
Dec. 9: Gatineau 6 - Metcalfe 4
Perth 4 - Shawville 3 OT
Almonte 6 - Renfrew 4
Dec. 10: Arnprior 7 - Almonte 5
Dec. 11: Arnprior 4 - Metcalfe 2
Perth 6 - Stittsville 2
Clarence 9 - Almonte 2

STANDINGS

Metro	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Gatineau	20	4	4	142	82	44
Ottawa West	19	6	2	131	88	40
Clarence	17	9	0	145	112	34
Metcalfe	9	13	4	92	113	23
Ottawa	7	15	2	88	106	18
Valley	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Arnprior	18	6	2	122	79	38
Perth	14	11	1	122	115	30
Almonte	8	11	3	103	113	20
Stittsville	8	17	2	88	122	18
Renfrew	8	16	1	72	115	17
Shawville	7	17	0	104	141	16

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

National Capital Junior Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 9: La Peche 8 - Rockland 7
Gatineau 5 - Cumberland 2
Vankleek Hill 5 - St. Isidore 4
Dec. 10: Gatineau 7 - Vankleek Hill 6
Dec. 11: Rockland 6 - North Dundas 4
La Peche 7 - Papineauville 3
St. Isidore 3 - Embrun 2

STANDINGS	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
Embrun	14	3	0	83	53	28
Cumberland	13	4	0	80	51	26
La Peche	12	6	0	97	68	24
Rockland	11	6	0	76	63	22
Gatineau	11	7	0	76	69	22
St. Isidore	7	8	1	57	63	15
Vankleek Hill	6	10	3	78	87	15
North Dundas	2	14	2	47	92	6
Papineauville	2	14	0	38	86	4

North Dundas Rockets
HOME GAMES
Sat., Dec. 17 - 7:45 pm
vs St. Isidore Aigles -
Sun., Dec. 18 - 2:15 pm
vs Gatineau Express -

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

No games scheduled due to North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's Guildcrest Homes Mega House Tournament

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Annable's	7	1	1	26	7	15
W.S. Trucking	6	2	1	26	8	13
Andy's Reds	6	3	0	27	18	12
Cooper Pinks	5	4	0	11	18	10
Country Girls	1	7	1	6	26	3
KC's Maintenance	0	8	1	9	28	1

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Amy Fraser, Reds	9	5	14
Edith Dagenais, WST	9	3	12
Alecia Jones, Blues	2	9	11
Lana Begg, Blues	7	3	10
A. Rylaarsdam, WST	7	3	10
Kelly Zeran, Reds	4	5	9
Sonia Clement, Reds	3	5	8
Amy Darling, Blues	3	5	8
Trish Leduc, Blues	3	5	8
Amber Theiner, Blues	3	5	8
Amy Darling, Blues	3	5	8

Meet the HAWKS

Brock Burge
No. 12
Forward



Brock Burge joined the Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks for the final 20 regular season games of the club's Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference championship campaign and registered 14 goals, eight assists and 22 points. The native of Lindsay cracked in a pair of goals and drew three assists in Friday's (Dec. 9) 7-1 win over the South Grenville Rangers and is currently leading the St. Lawrence Division's scoring race with 23 goals, 29 assists and 52 points. The 20-year-old Algonquin College student has rung up seven PPGs, one SHG and one GWG in 24 games.

Durant fires in five goals

Midget House "B2" Demons tame Kemptville Panthers 10-3

KEMPTVILLE – Evan Durant was carrying a hot stick when he fired in five goals leading the North Dundas Midget House "B2" Demons to a 10-3 victory over the Panthers in Kemptville.

Durant cashed two markers in the first period of last week's (Wed., Dec. 7) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League meeting, pumped in another pair in the second stanza and a single in the final frame, helping his team establish period leads of 2-1 and 6-2.

The win inflated the Demons' East Division leading record to 10-1-1. Kemptville fell to 3-9-2 with the loss.

Lane Kirkwood, Dan McSheffery, Colton Stitt and captain Kirk Gibson snapped in singles. Gibson engineered four scoring plays, while Durant, McSheffery, Patrick Speagle and Austin Carruthers also helped out.

Ryan Embury was the winning 'tender.

This week's home game is set for 7 pm on Sunday (Dec. 18). The Akwesasne Wolves will provide the opposition.

Rockland Nationals defeat North Dundas Rockets 6-4

ROCKLAND – Trailing 5-1 after 40 minutes, the North Dundas Rockets mounted a third-period comeback before falling 6-4 to the host Rockland Nationals.

The Nationals led the Rockets 2-1 after the first period of Sunday's (Dec. 11) National Capital Junior Hockey League encounter and widened the gap to 5-1 in the second session. North Dundas outscored the Nats 3-1 in the final frame only to lose for the 14th time in 18 starts. Rockland improved its record to 11-6-0 with the win.

RJ Wallace, Nicholas Straccini and Sebastien Saikaley each collected a goal and an assist for the Rockets. Kyle Adams sniped the single. Matt Denis picked up an assist. Wallace's marker was a PPG. Andrew DeChamplain and Shawn Hunt split the goaltending chores.

Home games

This weekend the Rockets are hosting a pair of games on Chesterville ice. On Saturday (Dec. 17) the sixth-place St. Isidore Aigles (7-8-1) are in town for a 7:45 pm start. Sunday (Dec. 18) the fifth-place Gatineau Express (11-7-0) will provide the opposition for a 2:15 pm matinee.

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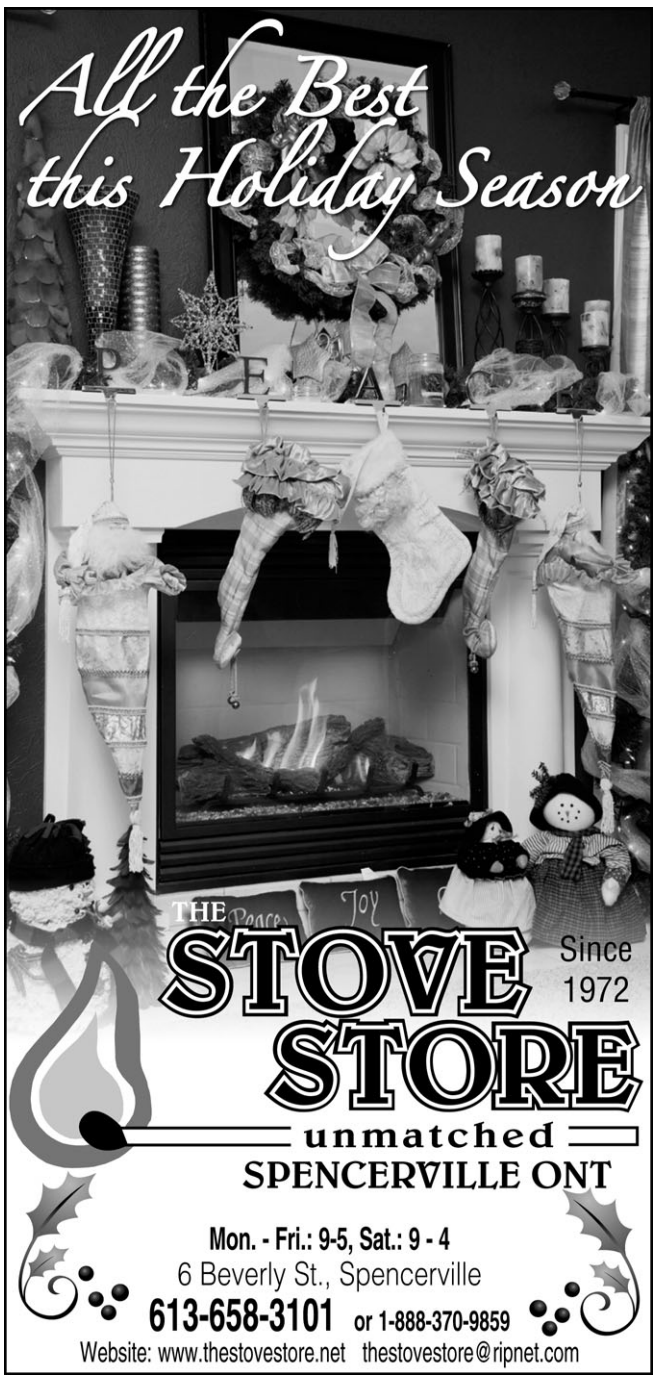

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Atom House 'B' Demons lose to Kemptville in tourney final

Mega House Tourney

WINCHESTER – Kemptville's goaltending duo of Jesse Zlomislic and Jake Geauvreau were unbeatable in the "A" final of Sunday's (Dec. 11) North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's Guildcrest Mega House Tournament.

The Atom House "B2" Panthers blanked the North Dundas Atom House "B" Demons 3-0 to become the tournament champions. The third goal was fired into an empty North Dundas net 23.5 seconds before the final buzzer. Riley Stinson was named the Demons' "Player of the Game" for his overall effort and sharp passing.

The Demons blanked their first two opponents 2-0 to qualify for the "A" final.

Their day started at 7 am with a 2-0 victory over the Russell Warriors. Liam Antille posted the shutout while "AP" Adam Barkley used a play created by Curtis Bell and Ryan King to net the winning goal with 8:03 left in period one. Nick Brugmans made it 2-0 with help from Stinson and Seth Christophersen 7:53 before the end of period two.

Defenceman Owen Richardson was tagged as the Demons' "Player of the Game" for his strong defensive play and for generating several scoring opportunities.

Antille turned in another flawless effort in the Demons 2-0 win over Ottawa Central at noon. Barkley rang up another GWG scoring from Tyson Ferguson with 3:11 left in the opening stanza. Brugmans added the insurance marker after taking a pass from Richardson with 2:07 to play in period two.

Antille was tagged as the Demons' "Player of the Game" for his stellar work between the pipes.

Local curler to compete for international championship

WINCHESTER – Jordan Mark is going to the 2012 Optimist International Under 18 Curling Championships.

Mark is the vice on skip Lauren Horton's Huntley Curling Club rink. Cassandra Lewin is the second and Jessica Armstrong throws lead rocks. Mark, an eight-year member of the Winchester Curling Club (WCC), is in her third year as a volunteer assistant coach in the club's Little Rocks program and curls regularly in the Thursday Night Fixed League.

Team Horton, the 2011 Ontario Curling Association Bantam Girls Provincial champions, squared off against the North Ontario Curling Association champion Krysta Burns of the Idylwylde Curling Club (Sudbury) in a two-game play down on the weekend to determine who would represent Ontario in the Optimist International event in early April.



Ontario champ

Jordan Mark, an eight-year member of the Winchester Curling Club, will represent Ontario at the 2012 Optimist International Under 18 Curling Championships in April. Mark is the vice on Lauren Horton's Huntley Curling Club team, which is the 2011 OCA Bantam Girls Provincial Champion.

The first game in the best-of-three challenge was curled in Winchester on Saturday (Dec. 10) and the second in Almonte on Sunday (Dec. 11). Horton won Saturday's meeting 8-1 in six ends and locked up a trip to the Under 18 championships with an 8-6 victory in Almonte.

Team Horton earned the OCA Bantam Girls Provincial championship by winning the Zones in January (2011) in Arnprior and the Regionals the same month in Smiths Falls. That qualified them to compete against the top eight teams (east of Kingston). Following a win at that competition the Huntley foursome then captured the Ontario gold in Tweed.

Jason Camm and his Navan Curling Club team took part in the boys challenge hosting Jordan Potters foursome out of the Port Arthur Curling Club in Navan on the weekend. Camm will join Horton at the Optimist International after winning the best-of-three showdown two games to one.

Junior provincials

Team Horton won the "B" side of the Junior Regionals in Smiths Falls (Dec. 3 and 4) and will now compete in the 2012 Junior Men's and Women's Provincial Pepsi Curling Championships being hosted by the Russell Curling Club from Wed., Jan. 4 to Sun., Jan. 8.

Warriors defeat Demons for title

WINCHESTER – The West Carleton Warriors defeated the North Dundas Midget House "B2" Demons 4-1 to earn the 2011 North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's Guildcrest Homes Mega House Tournament championship.

The Warriors skated into a 2-0 first period lead on the Demons and carried a 4-1 advantage into a scoreless third period in Sunday's (Dec. 11) championship game.

Captain Kirk Gibson prevented the Demons from being shutout when he converted a relay from Austin Carruthers into the lone North Dundas goal with 54 seconds left in period two.

North Dundas opened the two-day event whitewashing Nepean F 3-0 in Chesterville at 5 pm on Saturday (Dec. 10) and blanking Nepean K 5-0 later the same day in Winchester.

Ryan Embury worked the North Dundas nets and registered the back-to-back zeros.

Ryan Carr recorded the GWG in the 3-0 win over Nepean F, capping a play started by Patrick Speagle at 9:28 of period one. Josh Jaquemet made it 2-0 with help from Gibson and Carruthers with 6:19 left in the game. Carr made it a 3-0 final scoring from Embury and Carruthers 18 seconds before the final buzzer.

Nepean K fell victim to Embury and the Demons absorbing a 5-0 defeat. Carruthers (unassisted) popped in the GWG at 8:16 of period one. Carr, Jaquemet, Evan Durant and Gibson counted the remaining tallies. Assists went to Colton Stitt, Embury, Jaquemet, Carruthers and Durant.

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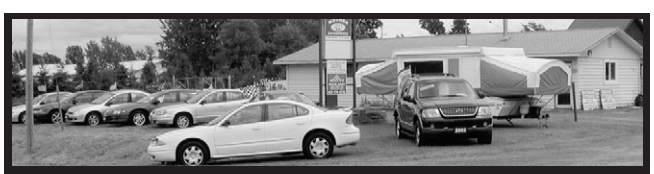
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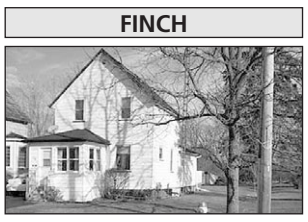

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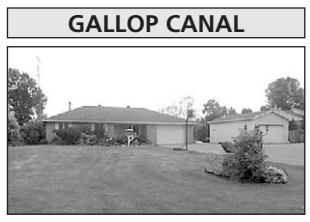

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Carson St. Pierre

Carson St. Pierre, a lifetime resident of the area, passed away at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Sat., Nov. 26, 2011. He was 55.

Carson was born in Cornwall on Oct. 31, 1956. He was adopted when he was two by Keith and Marion St. Pierre (nee Murphy), and lived most of his life in the South Mountain and Williamsburg area.



Keith was involved in harness racing so, naturally, Carson got involved in it as well, and it played a huge part in his life until five years ago when he retired because his job made it impossible for him to continue training and racing horses. Carson enjoyed playing hockey when he was younger, and he liked watching hockey on television as well, but only when his beloved Detroit Red Wings played or when the Team Canada junior team played at Christmas. During the last five years, he came to enjoy watching NASCAR racing on the television as well. Carson would help anyone that asked, and he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He will be missed by many as he always had a smile on his face and a practical joke up his sleeve.

Carson is survived by his wife, Anne (nee Collins); his children, Karla St. Pierre (Robert) of Winchester and William of Hanesville; and his stepchildren, Nathan Humphries (Becky) of Sarnia, Aaron Santilli (Ashley) of Ottawa, Samantha Santilli-Jacques (Joe) of Whitby, and David Humphries of Ottawa. Carson will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Ashley, Jordan, and Travis Roderick; Chelsea, Justin, and Jacob Humphries; Alexia, Anne-Marie, Shawn, and Austin Santilli-Jacques; and Michael Santilli. He was a dear brother of Ethel Greene (Joe) of Westport, and Charlotte Geddies (Buck) of Carp. He was predeceased by his parents, Keith and Marion St. Pierre (nee Murphy). He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

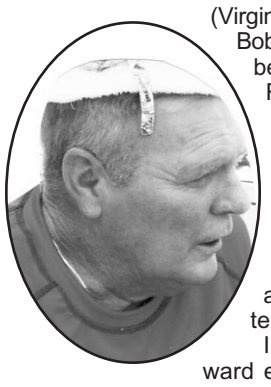
Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Wed., Nov. 30. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on Thurs., Dec. 1 with Rev. Ralph Collins officiating, followed by cremation.

Donations to the Dundas County Hospice or North Dundas Minor Hockey Association would be appreciated by the family.

Obituaries & Death Notices

John Gordon Henry

Entered into God's sovereignty on Fri., Dec. 9, 2011, John Gordon Henry, in his 67th year.



He was the son of the late Dowler and Ina (Virgin) Henry, and brother of the late Bobby. He leaves to mourn his loss, his best friend/partner Elva Patterson-Rutters, her children, Shawn, Cynthia (Jason Bosset), David (Sheri Thomson), Trevor (Tracy Turner); his Aunt Lois Henry; his children, Carrie (Peter) Oberman and David (Amy) Henry; and grandchildren.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate his life on Sat. Dec. 17 at 1 pm at the Winchester Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions toward expenses or donations to the Ottawa Heart Institute would be appreciated.

For more information, please call 613-448-2836 or email epr@sympatico.ca

Orval Gerald Baker

Orval Baker of RR #1 Iroquois, passed away at the Ottawa Heart Institute on Mon., Dec. 5, 2011 at the age of 82.

He was the beloved husband of Betty. He was the loving Dad of Gerry of Iroquois and Larry (Pam) of Munster, and the cherished Grandpa of Aimee, Jessica, and Ryan. He was the dear brother of Russell (Lorraine) Baker.

Orval rested at the Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain (613-989-3836) on Thurs., Dec. 8. A funeral service was held in the chapel of the funeral home on Fri., Dec. 9 at 11 am, followed by interment at South Gower Cemetery.

By family request, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Online condolences may be made at www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com

Hilda Agnes Dyer

Hilda Dyer (nee Loughridge) of Morewood passed away peacefully at the Maxville Manor on Fri., Dec. 9, 2011. She was 98.

She was the beloved wife of the late Lewis Dyer. She was the loving Mom of Brenda Dyer (Brian Rathwell) and the cherished Granny of Robin Simms (Glen), Patricia St. Louis (Ralph), Michael Minarik, and Tanya Minarik (Corey), and great-grandchildren Shane, Matthew, and Jenna; Johnathan and Christy; Zachary; Paige and Michael; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by all of her siblings.

By Hilda's request, there will be no visitation or service. Cremation with interment to follow in the spring.

By family request, donations may be made to the Maxville Manor.

The arrangements were entrusted to the Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain (613-989-3836).

Obituaries
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Walker submits final column

Diabetes activist completes Cayman Islands Marathon

Throughout recent months, Winchester resident Joanna Helmer has submitted columns about her athletic journey preparing for her trip to the Cayman Islands Marathon in support of diabetes awareness and research. Below, she provides details of her trip and thanks the community for its support. The Winchester Press *would like to thank our columnist for her dedication to the series — and for being such a reliable volunteer. Thank you, and congrats! – A.S.M.*



Best foot forward

by Joanna Helmer

WINCHESTER — I did it! I did it! I feel like just repeating that sentence over and over again, but that wouldn't make for much of a column.

On Sun., Dec. 4, we got up at 3 am, and were on the bus at 4 am. I did not know how grateful I would be for this early start until much later in the day.

While we waited for the start, we took pictures, we talked, we laughed, we stretched, and we counted down.

The announcers all but apologized for how "cool" it was that morning. My guess would be about 75F ...we all chuckled nervously.

We started right at 5 am. We were in the dark for more than an hour, but the Christmas lights were lovely.

More than 1,000 people participated in the Cayman Islands Marathon, with 43 of us on Team Diabetes from Canada. By getting to the start line, we had already achieved so much. Between us, we raised more than $297,000 for the Canadian Diabetes Association. It was a bonus and a privilege for us to be able to do the marathon together as well.

We had runners and walkers, doing both the half and the full marathon. Unfortunately, not all of us finished. Some had a personal best, some a personal worst, and lots of us were doing it for the first time.

The heat affected me more than I expected it would. They had water stations set up at each mile, and for the last four miles, I would take one water to drink, and one to pour down my back just to cool off. The last leg of the race was through a residential neighbourhood where everyone's favourite house was the one where the owner was out on his front lawn spraying us all with his garden hose. It was heavenly!

My time was four hours, 29 minutes, and three seconds. And I wasn't even last! I told myself I just wanted to finish, which was true, but I also didn't want to be last. I was hoping for a time under four-and-one-half hours, and I even did that (barely).

When I was approaching the finish line, they announced my name and where I was from, and the crowd clapped and cheered! For me! That just doesn't happen every day. And then, they put the participation medal around my neck. I felt like Rocky at the top of the steps. It was the best feeling in the world.

I was incredibly sore and tired, and for a short time, I thought I might lose two of my toenails (pretty common among marathoners), but I am now healed and feel better than ever.

This was truly one of the most memorable experiences of my life, and I want to once again thank all my supporters and contributors. I couldn't have done it without you. You've been wonderful.

If anyone would like more information on Team Diabetes, please let me know. It's a great cause, and a wonderful organization.

I'm now deciding which event I will do in the Ottawa Marathon in May. I'm thinking of doing a half-marathon again, or possibly just a 10-kilometre event. I will be doing it for Team Diabetes regardless. A year ago, I would never have imagined doing anything like this, and now I'm calling it "just a 10 km." Wow. What a difference a year can make!



Joanna Helmer recently returned from the Cayman Islands Marathon. She's pictured here with her participation medal.

Press Photo – Smith-Millar



Who wants cake?

Winchester's Royal Bank branch was the site of a customer appreciation day on Fri., Dec. 9. Customers were invited to drop by throughout the day for a cup of coffee or a slice of cake, the bank's way of saying "thanks" for patronage. Pictured are bank employees Joshua Wood and Jamie Taylor.

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3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups flour

Everyone will love Santa's Treats!

Preheat oven to 350° F. Microwave chocolate and butter in large bowl until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted into the mix. Stir sugar into the bowl, then add eggs and vanilla, and then add flour. Mix well, then refrigerate for about 15 minutes or until dough is easy to handle. Shape the dough into 1-inch balls. Place balls 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Press down centres. Bake for 8 minutes or just until they set into flattened shapes. (DO NOT OVERBAKE!) Let stand for 1 minute before moving them. Allow to cool completely.

VARIATIONS: Caramel Topped Brownie Drops - Press half of a caramel square into each warm cookie. Candy Cane Topped Brownie Drops - Press coarsely chopped candy canes into warm cookies.

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