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2018 marks 20 years since the 'storm of the century'

The Ice Storm of January 1998 came with little warning, starting with a steady rain and then air too cold to allow it to evaporate. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the weather phenomenon, which brought life for many to a standstill, and forced communities to band together to ride out the storm. In the aftermath, resiliency set in and North Dundas, and its neighbours, persevered. Follow along with the Winchester Press *as we recount the calamity and the recovery.*

by Tom Schoch
Press staff

WINCHESTER – It was a storm unlike any this country has ever seen. It didn't show up with a bang, but rather a slow drizzle that eventually accumulated into an avalanche of ice that left 250,000 people in the dark.

Freezing rain, for most people, is merely an annoyance. It cripples traffic, extends the commute and cancels school buses. But in 1998, freezing rain became an emergency condition.

Between Jan. 4 and Jan. 10, an unprecedented 80 millimetres of freezing rain fell in the area, throwing the power grid and regional infrastructure into chaos. It was a trial by fire for the newly amalgamated Township of North Dundas and then mayor, the late Claude Cousineau.

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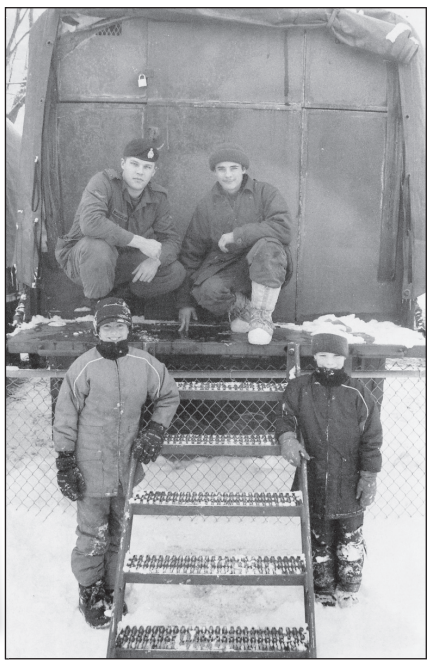



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Winchester District Memorial Hospital's first baby of 2018 entered the world just before 2 pm Mon., Jan. 1, when little Ayah was welcomed by first-time parents Evan Jebur (left) and Talib Al-taie.

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WDMH's first baby of 2018

Baby girl rings in New Year

WINCHESTER – While not first out of the gate in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) has welcomed its first baby of 2018.

Just before 2 pm Mon., Jan. 1, first time parents Evan Jebur and Talib Al-Taie celebrated the arrival of their daughter, Ayah. She weighed in at seven pounds, six ounces.

The Ottawa couple, largely Arabic speaking with some comprehension of English, told the *Winchester Press* through a translator that they are "counting their blessings" for the arrival of Ayah. They came to Canada three years ago.

Becoming a mother has long been a dream for Jebur, though she struggled to conceive for nearly nine years. The couple chose to deliver at WMDH on the recommendation of their obstetrician, Dr. Shamsa Deeb.

When asked if it was a difficult labour, Jebur noted that while it was tiring, she needed to be strong for her little girl.

"It's very special," Al-Taie added.

Mom and babe were resting comfortably in the hospital's postpartum wing when the *Press* visited the next day (Tues., Jan. 2).

Cornwall's first

A Morrisburg couple can lay claim to having the first baby born in 2018 at Cornwall Community Hospital.

It was only minutes after midnight Jan. 1 when Landon Curtis MacNeil entered the world, the first son for Julie Edmonds and John MacNeil.

Ice Storm

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"People were just working their butts off," Cousineau told the *Press* in a 2008 interview, 10 years after the storm. "We had crews working in the garages [repairing generators] around the clock. And we had real good support from the army guys."

A state of emergency was declared on Thurs., Jan. 8 with more than 45,000 customers in the Winchester area alone without power. Cousineau also called an emergency council meeting that day and staff pulled out emergency plans from the previous four municipalities to get everyone organized.

Countless volunteers stepped forward as community shelters were established at the Oddfellows hall in South Mountain, the Morewood Community Centre, the Winchester Curling Club, and North Dundas District High School (NDDHS). Local businesses also pitched in. Andy's Foodland, Seaway Valley Pharmacy in Winchester and Mike Dean's Super Food Store in Chesterville all stayed open, despite not having power, so residents could get supplies.

In those first few days, it was up to the municipality, OPP and the local fire department to make sure everyone stayed safe. Tony Fraser had only been with the fire department for three years at that point and remembers it well.

"What really stood out to me, and still does today, was the co-operative effort. Firefighters' spouses, families and even people with no connection to us, showed up to volunteer, they wanted to help."

One of the most lasting memories for Fraser is of the quiet that fell on the rural landscape in the aftermath.

"The utter quiet and solitude when we would go out on those country roads. The whole look of the landscape had changed. It was eerie and peaceful. It was as if Armageddon had come and gone," remembered Fraser.

At that time there were about 100 volunteer firefighters and almost every single one of them worked around the clock for as many days as they could. They would do everything from replacing and repairing farm generators, pumping out flooded basements, carrying firewood and responding to emergency calls.

While many volunteers like Fraser were providing essential services, they also had families at home. With his wife battling pneumonia, Fraser's family and friends made sure that everyone was well looked after. Fraser thinks that while it was a difficult time, it gave people and families a chance to reconnect.

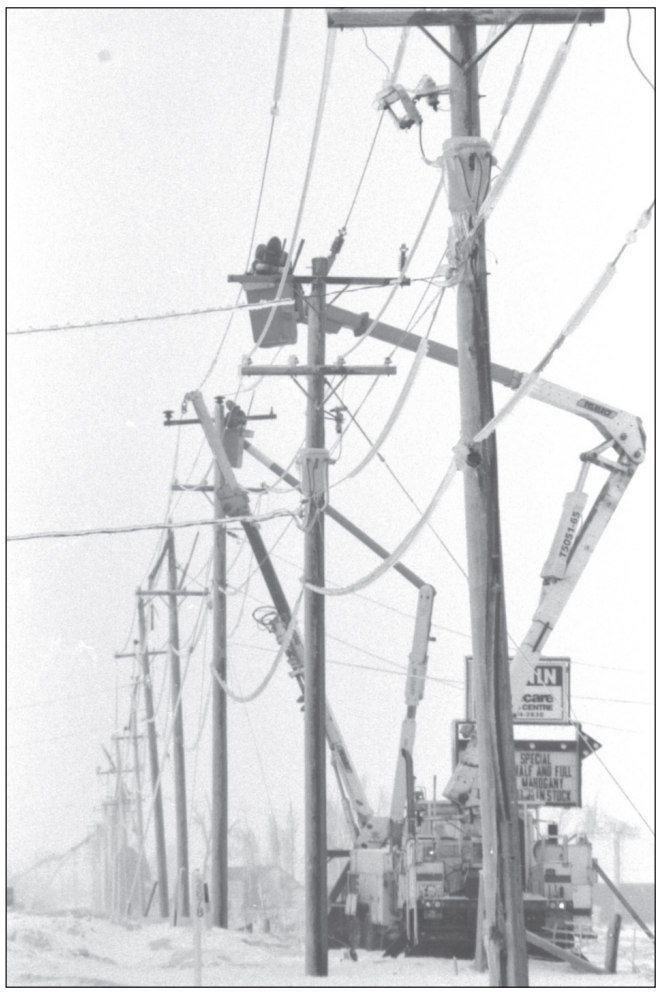
"We would go to different farm houses and sometimes there would be two or three different generations all around the fireplace. Almost like a reunion. It was a return to a time that you've only read about," Fraser said. "My in-laws had a garage with a woodstove in it. People would drop by at all hours to play ping-pong, table top hockey or just have a warm meal. There was a lot of benefit to it. People got to know each other again."

On Mon., Jan. 12, the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons moved into the area. There were 114 soldiers stationed at NDDHS, 68 at Winchester Public School, 25 at command headquarters at Ontario Hydro in Winchester and more than 200 in Kemptville. More than 15,000 personnel were deployed in total, making "Operation Recuperation" the largest peacetime deployment of troops in Canadian history. The military's arrival couldn't have come at a better time and for many people they were a godsend. Capt. Fernando Martins, second in command with the Royal Canadian Dragoons at NDDHS, knew there was much to be done.

"We're here to help with physical labour, pulling up lines, and delivering supplies. We also have trained mechanics with us, who are helping to fix hydro vehicles," Martins told the *Press* at the time. "We are a self-sufficient organization. We have our own cooks, our own kitchen, mechanics, and other trades people in our ranks. We can help out in many ways."

Tyler Patterson, a Grade 12 student at NDDHS at that time, remembers it well.

"I had to shower at the school because we had no running water at the house. We had to melt snow to get drinking water or to do dishes. But having those military LAV vehicles in the parking lot of the high school was pretty cool."



Not only were the Dragoons in town, Premier Mike Harris, federal minister of agriculture Lyle Vanclief and Prime Minister Jean Chretien all paid a visit to the area.

Vanclief made it to the farm of Denis St. Pierre a mere three hours after power had been restored to the farm. He spoke with farmers about damage to property, insurance, farm credit, and government reimbursement for lost livestock and milk that had to be dumped during the crisis.

"There has to be patience. We've never been here before," Vanclief said during the visit. "We're not faulting anybody – we just weren't prepared."

The mention of price gouging brought a disappointed response from the minister

"It's disgusting. A situation like this brings people together, but it brings out bad things too," Vanclief added. "Keep your chins up. You've all shown how you can pull together through the community. This will be a stronger community and country when this is all over."

Price gouging wasn't the only example of questionable activities as six volunteers who came from Western Ontario left a restaurant bill of $1,100 with council. The bills, charged at Kay Tab's, included chili, lasagna, pizza, chicken wings, 26 double rye and cokes, 40 beers, seven tequila shots and 12 double Crown Royals.

In an unprecedented visit, Chretien met with soldiers and hydro representatives at the Winchester Community Centre, which served as the emergency operations base. "Everybody is helping everybody; farmers are helping other farmers, and volunteers are moving in. A big thank you to everybody – you are all acting as great citizens," he said. The prime minister also visited Parmalat Canada's operation where he promised financial assistance.

By Jan. 19, life was starting to return to normal with the municipality focusing more on recovery and most kids back in school. However, some residents, like Patterson and his family, would still be without power for days.

"I made a bet with my teacher, Mr. Jean, to see who would get power sooner or who could last longer without it," Patterson laughed.

His recollection of the Ice Storm echoes many of the sentiments shared by the people that lived through the event, including Fraser.

"I look back at it with a sense of fondness, not grief… It was something that caused us to come together, bind us together. For me it was a great learning experience. It proved the mettle of the community. It was a real coming of age," Fraser said.





COLD ENOUGH FOR YA?

by Tom Schoch
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Mired in the winter's first real cold snap, people looking for a break in the weather will be left out in the cold.

With daytime temperatures hovering on the wrong side of minus 20 degrees Celsius, this season has all the makings of being a true Canadian winter. With nighttime lows of -35 as the norm rather than the exception, records are being broken across the province and the country. Ottawa set a new cold record for Jan. 1 of -28.6 degrees Celsius. The previous record was -27.2 Celsius in 1947.

Many people have shouted down the excitement over the recent weather trend claiming this is typical Canadian weater, but this is unusual given how early it is in the winter season. For example, the average daytime high is -5.4 degrees Celsius and the average low is -13.6 degrees Celsius on Dec. 31. Kevin Ramage, lead seasonal forecaster for Instant Weather, said this was expected and with the new La Nina weather pattern. This weather to continue well into the new year with the strongest effects still to come in January.

"This is exactly what we were looking at happening. This cold is really going to hang on through late January," he said.

A high-pressure system continues to pump frigid Arctic air across Canada and into the Northern U.S., even causing freezing temperatures as far south as Atlanta and Florida.

The cold temperatures prompted U.S. President Donald Trump to tweet "In the East, it could be the COLDEST New Year's Eve on record. Perhaps we could use a little bit of that good old Global Warming that our Country, but not other countries, was going to pay TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS to protect against."

Despite Trump's expert weather analysis, 2016 was the hottest year on record, according to the World Meteorological Organization and 16 of the 17 warmest years on record have now occurred since the year 2000.

The temperatures aren't necessarily pleasant, but they pale in comparison to some of the coldest on record. In Alaska, the settlement of Prospect Creek got down to 62.2 degrees Celsius below zero in January of 1971, but that still wasn't a North American record. That distinction belongs to Snag, Yukon where the thermometre bottomed out at -62.8 degrees Celsius on Feb. 3, 1947. Luckily the temperature skyrocketed to a balmy -48.9 degrees Celsius later that day. The Siberian city of Yakutsk, the largest city built on permafrost with a population of more than 280,000, calls itself the coldest city in the world. A low of -64.4 degrees Celsius was recorded in February 1891, but average highs in the winter are rarely above -30.

In Eastern Ontario, the coldest weeks of the year traditionally fall in the middle of January when any heat reservoirs in the ground and water stop releasing warmth. Couple that with a cool summer, record rainfall, and unusually high water levels on the Great Lakes, there simply isn't as much heat as there would normally be. This could also cause colder than normal temperatures for longer periods.



The temperature at Joel Steel Community Centre provides a chilly reminder that winter is here in full force. Normal daytime highs are around -5 degrees Celsius for this time of year. Cooler than normal temperatures are expected to continue well into the new year.

Press Photo - Schoch

Ramage also warned that a couple of major snowfalls in the first few weeks of January may be headed our way. There's a trough that's going to sweep across the country from the west that will pull up a lot of moisture from the Gulf Coast. He also reiterated that the snowpack would stay later than normal this year extending the cool weather well into April.

According to Environment Canada, warmer temperatures are expected early next week but the relief will be temporary. So, throw another log on the fire and stock up on thermal underwear, this has the makings of a long, cold Canadian winter.

MTAS welcomes new hall manager

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – The Mountain Township Agricultural Society's hall in South Mountain has come a long way from its onetime use as a pen for barnyard animals during the village's annual summertime fair.

The years have been kind to the structure, with an increased square-footage to shift its use to a hall for all occasions.

Throughout the last 10 years, one woman has overseen a lot of this change. But, as the phrase goes, all good things must come to an end.

A new year means a new manager for the hall, with Rhonda Holmes capping her decade-long run as the facility's manager.

"It's amazing," she said. "To look at what it was, to what it is now, it's a changed hall."

More than anything, it's a wonder what an upgraded facility will do for its character, and its view to the public.

At the South Mountain hall, change has been consistent with the physical nature of the space, with an updated exterior and interior, fully accessible entrances, a new dance floor, and bar and kitchen space, not to mention improved washroom facilities.

Much of this work came thanks to a community that gave when called upon by agricultural society members. The public's good fortune proved to be a welcomed recipe for success and updates at the hall.

"It's been a honour to be part of this, and to be part of this community," Holmes said.

To put it into perspective, the hall has gone from limited use, to bookings nearly every weekend and upwards of 70 weddings yearly.

Taking the reins is Joanne Havekes, a longtime agricultural society supporter and chairperson for the baby show, who also dabbles with other township causes, including Community Food Share.

"I'm totally excited," Havekes said, adding that Holmes will be hard to replace, but she remains just a phone call or text away.

Agricultural society president Alan Burns noted that the organization is "extremely happy" with Havekes' hiring.

"We're sad to see Rhonda go, but we'll be in good hands with Joanne," he said.



Mountain Township Agricultural Society president Alan Burns is pictured alongside Joanne Havekes, the new hall manager for the organization's facility in South Mountain. Havekes takes over from Rhonda Holmes, who oversaw the hall for the past decade.

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‘We’ve seen a lot of growth this year’

Q&A with South Dundas Mayor Evonne Delegarde

Iroquois native Evonne Delegarde was elected as the first female mayor for the Municipality of South Dundas nearly three years ago – a feat that has come with both its rewards and challenges. As she heads into her last year at the head of the council table, Delegarde says that she is satisfied with everything she has accomplished in the municipality so far. Alicia Gosselin recently sat down with Delegarde to discuss the highlights of the past year, what goals she hopes to reach before her time is up, and whether or not she wishes to seek re-election in 2018.



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– South Dundas Mayor Evonne Delegarde

Q Last year, you mentioned the municipality was forced to face several curveballs due to the potential school closures. How did that affect the start of this year’s term?

A Luckily, we ended up with a very positive outcome in South Dundas – for the most part, the Upper Canada District School Board retracted many of their proposed closures in our area. It was a pivotal moment that set the tone for the rest of our year. The whole community got involved when the closures were announced. It was a time where we saw every age group from zero to 100 get involved, all the local businesses stepped up, organizations and service groups banded together, and whether or not residents had children in schools, it was a situation where everyone really seemed to bond together. If we would’ve lost our schools, it would’ve affected the whole community – we maybe wouldn’t have seen the growth we did in the community this year.

Q What type of growth are you referring to?

A First of all, from the school situation, we ended up with a major partnership between the municipality and Ross Video – they donated 30 laptop computers to [Seaway District High School] to expand the learning laboratory. During the closure discussions, Ross Video was also on the fence about its 40,000-square-foot expansion in Iroquois. When it was announced the schools would remain open, we were glad to know that it would go ahead as planned. As well, we saw several new businesses take root in South Dundas – Quesada, Barnfull O’Goodies, Stone Crop Acres Winery and Vineyard, Max Smoke Shop, the Great Waterway Hearing Clinic, In the Now Yoga, The Travel Agent Next Door, Design Farm, and ID Communications. It’s a variety of services and commercial stores that have opened, and of course, our first winery, which was something new and special for the municipality. We also still have plans for an Innovation Centre, which [economic development officer] Rob Hunter has been working on with Carleton University and the Cornwall Innovation Centre. They are trying to get that up and running – it’s just a location we’re looking for.

Q What do you feel has been the most challenging issue to face as mayor in 2017?

A This year, I think we had a lot more exemption requests from individual residents. They wanted us [council] to make exceptions, which made for some difficult decisions on behalf of council. I don’t think a lot of people understand that we are so governed by the provincial government as to what we can and can’t do. A lot of the time, our hands are tied. That’s probably the hardest part of the job – you have to say “no” to people. Everybody has to be treated the same. We can’t make these exceptions, and that makes it tough. It’s not really accepted well by residents, unfortunately. We sometimes can’t be involved in some things – for example, the committee of adjustment hearing. There’s some things that council cannot make decisions on and we are not involved in, and that’s hard to explain to the residents.

Q What was the largest municipal project that was knocked off the list this year?

A There were two major projects that took a lot of staff time this year – the asset management plan, and completing the building and property review, which went hand-in-hand. Staff did a lot of behind-the-scenes work on the asset management plan, which will soon be a mandated exercise that all municipalities will have to complete come 2019. So that puts us ahead of the game. It was a huge undertaking to get all of that done. Staff had to research each municipally-owned property, figure out what we could and couldn’t do with them – if there were any covenants on them. That was a lot of work to get all the history. We also did a complete building review of all the municipally-owned buildings. We completed engineering reports, which is something that hasn’t been done since before amalgamation [20 years]. The estimates that came in to restructure, recondition, or upgrade all buildings amounts to about $2.5 million. Of the four public works garages, we’ve sold the one, and we’re hoping to amalgamate the Morrisburg garage with the two in Matilda, and that’s where we’re at – completing a potential expansion on the Matilda garages, which will be coming to council during 2018 budget. In the property review, we identified 50 municipal properties that we owned across the municipality. We were able to put five of the properties up for auction, so we were very successful and pleased that the process worked, which was the first time it was done in South Dundas.

Q Are you satisfied with the projects that were completed during your third year as mayor?

A Some of the top projects completed this year include the economic development strategy, the streetscape plan, and revamping the municipal website. In our recreation department, we replaced the slab at the Morrisburg Arena, which was also a big project for us this year. There were also several improvements to the Iroquois Beach, and additions to the Matilda Memorial Park in Brinston – both spots that are coming alive in South Dundas. From the counties perspective, we benefitted from the construction of the Iroquois roundabout, as well as upgrades to County Road 1 and County Road 4. It’s in the works to download County Road 1 in early 2018. County Road 4 won’t be downloaded until all the work is done. We also increased the bylaw officer position to full-time, and he’s been very busy. When we replaced the landfill attendant, we replaced it with a supervisory position, and the gentleman who was hired has credentials to do more assessment and planning of landfills, and the future of our landfills. So we have some more expertise in our landfill department. That was a great addition.

Q Speaking of staff positions, will council be working on finding a replacement for the public works director? The position has been vacant since August.

A Yes, we have the public works director position vacant at this time. We’ve looked to three of the gentleman who supervise the different departments of public works – water and sewer, roads, and landfill sites. We’ve basically taken the public works department and split it into three positions for the supervisors. It will be the solution until council looks at the whole picture of the organization chart in 2018 during budget time. With the changeover in staff, public works has been moving slower than usual – we lost most of our construction season, the bridge study we’ve been waiting almost a year on it, and some roads weren’t completed this year, including Pigeon Island Road, which will be a top priority in 2018.

Q Is there anything you want to complete before your term as mayor is up?

A All in all, I’ve pretty much hit everything on my list, so it’s just cleaning things up that we have on the plate for 2018. We will be getting a handle on the roads needs study, which hasn’t been done since 2009. We will also continue to work on our Morrisburg streetscape project, with the priority being crosswalks in the community. The tender for the Ottawa Street and Fifth Street sidewalk projects and the parking lot expansion at the South Dundas Municipal Centre will also being going out early next year. Another thing we are looking to firm up [in 2018] will be finding a location for the Dundas County archives. We also should be getting a draft of the Community Improvement Program from [EDO] Rob Hunter by March. That will be a huge opportunity for business owners to improve their facades and more.

Q Will you be seeking the position of mayor again in 2018?

A That remains to be seen. There’s a lot of stuff to do before the campaign begins in May. That’ll be a decision I still have to make. It’s not the right timing yet to answer that. The campaign used to start right away in January, a window that municipalities have been pushing to be shortened. In 2014, [the campaign] was such a long period of time, we basically lost the whole year. I will make the announcement probably in May sometime. At that point, I’ll know if [my husband] Ron is retiring or not, so that’s part of the decision-making. If he’s ready to retire, we want to do some travelling. Right now, it’s 50/50.



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‘We’re starting to see the benefits of working together’

Q&A with North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan

Winchester’s Eric Duncan was first elected to North Dundas’ council table in 2006 as a 19-year-old. In 2010, he breezed to victory in the year’s mayoral race, and did so again by acclamation in 2014, as well as serving consecutive terms as warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry. Duncan recently sat down with Matthew Uhrig to discuss highlights from 2017, as well as what he expects during this council’s last mandate in 2018, which will also be his last as a municipal politician.



“I’m doing soul searching, but it’s not about whether I run [for mayor] again, it’s about what I do next.”

– North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan

***Q** This is the traditional looking back on the year, what are your standouts from 2017?*

A How fast it flew by. I say that when I look back at the year I would summarize it as starting to initialize a lot of things we’ve been talking about for a long while, and building the foundations we’ve set for the last several years. The biggest thing I always think of is economic development. A key thing, with my county council hat on, is how the counties are stepping up and getting more into the game, or the frontlines of things. We see that with tourism, and now we’re looking at the regional community improvement plan. Those are tangible examples of where we’re going to see more and more come to fruition – seeds were planted this year. It’s nice to see that they’re stepping up to the plate and modernizing themselves, as that’s been something that needs to happen.

***Q** You’ve been focusing mainly on your mayoral duties this year, a first. What’s that been like without something else lurking in the background?*

A Instead of 15 things on the go, I’ve got 10 now. It’s been good, and it has given me a chance to focus on some things before I step away next year. I’ve probably driven some of the staff nuts being more accessible, or more annoying than normal, but it’s a chance to get some of that ‘bucket list’ of stuff done to pass on to the next group and team that comes in. I’m also taking the time to figure out what I want to do next, but time hasn’t solved that yet… I’ve got a year to decide, so we’ll see.

***Q** Shifting gears, happy mustn’t begin to describe the feeling of seeing 11 new businesses open in seven weeks this year. From that perspective, it must have been a positive and rewarding year?*

A It’s nice to see, yes, but I always say this: the township can’t make a business come here, but we can create an environment where people want to come here, and I’ve said that for a long time. Now we’re starting to see the benefits of the chamber and the township, and the business community working together to see some of that come forward. When we look at building permits and the number of ribbons we’ve cut, it’s been great. More than anything it has been nice to get the compliments of how nice the business environment has been working together. We’ve seen the growth in agriculture again, which has been consistent and it’s always good to see more of that. But, our retail front is something I’m really proud of, with Winchester being the spotlight. Though I also give kudos to people like Ruth Liscumb from Flair with Fabrics in Chesterville and Marg Loughlin from Loughlin’s store in Hallville, and other businesses across the township that are bringing people in and doing really well. It’s been great – a lot of good news on the business front, and I think a lot of that has to do with the local community improvement plan plus the overall environment of attitude being a small thing that makes a big difference.

***Q** On that note, the community improvement plan was renewed for another five years. What, to you, do you think makes that plan work?*

A It’s a good program, a fair program, a generous program, but people see the benefit of what we’re able to do. The interest free loans don’t cost us a lot of money, we’re just out the interest that we would have had if the money was in our bank account. That gives leverage, or bridges finance to things, but we’re able to see what makes it work so well because people go and do more than they might have done if they didn’t have the funding opportunity. It’s one of those things when people see other successes it’s like a snowball that goes – when other buildings in town are doing it, it really rolls. It’s good because it has been helpful, and it’s creative.

***Q** Canada 150 was obviously successful, not just for the country, but for North Dundas with Meet Me on Main Street. What do you think it was about that idea that got the buy in so significantly?*

A North Dundas has a history, outside of council or outside of the township itself, of coming up with some neat events, Dairyfest being one, and the Parade of Lights being another. Meet Me on Main Street was another version of something unique and different that hadn’t been done before. We weren’t sure that first night in Morewood when we set up if we were going to have 50 people or what we were going to have, and we were overwhelmed with the crowd and the morale, and the positive environment there. The fact that we did five of them, I’m really happy. With the five [and five more in 2018], we give some attention to communities that don’t have a lot, particularly Morewood and Hallville. They were a huge success, and we’re looking forward to more… I have people asking for the dates now because they are planning their vacations around them.

***Q** Forest cover debates still go on, and council’s been working on a burn bylaw plan. It hasn’t taken shape yet, but we all know it is coming. Would you say that’s a priority for 2018?*

A On the fire bylaw, it will be coming in 2018 at some point and we’ll continue to work with people in the ag community on that. After that meeting where it all kind of came to a head I got a lot of calls and made a lot of calls the week after. I look back and say communication could have been better on that. When [farmers] see the size of them, and the impact, I think it was realistic and fair – giving time for people to make accommodations on it. But from a common sense perspective we’re talking about large burn piles and certain limits on them. There are always those balancing factors – you have the ag factor, the neighbouring residences factor, and the fire department and availability of their resources. Forest cover as well is never an easy one, but there is a couple of things we can make some efforts on, including tax incentives. I’ve got my ear to ground on all of this.

***Q** Will another focus be residential growth in the coming year?*

A Our numbers have stayed consistent for the number of new builds, and the number of subdivisions is improving. But it’s a multi-stage process. I tell people that the work that goes into getting these things right saves us money in the long run. Most people we deal with are very good, and they know they need to get it right too. All the geological stuff, and water and sewer lines, it’s complex stuff. When we look at new builds, we’re at 30 to 50 a year, which is good and healthy for a municipality our size. But, yes, if we get more people living here, that’s more people shopping here and helping businesses. This is always one of those files that continues on, and I think in 2018 you’re going to see more shovels in the ground and houses in the ground in a couple of new subdivisions.

***Q** Are there key priorities you’re putting above others in terms of what to accomplish in this last term of the current council?*

A There are a few things, one being the economic development of the local community improvement plan and the regional one, and areas on the tourism front that can help with job creation and getting more people into the area. And one of the things that is underrepresented on the scale of things we talk about is succession planning, especially with the number of retirements coming in the municipal sector. We talk a lot about roads and bridges, but we don’t talk about our staffing positions. Those are human capital and very important. We have a few staff that will be retiring, and in the next five years we’re probably going to lose [more than] 100 years of municipal experience in North Dundas. That means a lot for people who know the area, know how it works, know what we need to do, and know the players involved. One of the things that I want to focus on as well is passing the baton, not only to the next council, but providing a road map for how we can make sure services stay the same by having qualified, trained staff that keep doing a good job here.

***Q** Last question, and it needs to be asked. Will you do any soul searching and think about running for re-election?*

A No, I’m doing soul searching, but it’s not about whether I run again, it’s about what I do next. I tell people that it is flattering that they have given support and a lot of positive of comments, and I’m proud of what we’ve been able to do. I’m not on the ballot next year, but I will be vocal next year. I do plan, likely, to endorse and give my feedback on people who I think would be good in public life. I don’t have an agenda of A, B, or C, but I do think at the end of the day what people have come to expect is civility and professionalism at the council table, and people with good judgement to tackle the problems that come up. We need good people in public life, and I plan to encourage people to run, and support some good people that I think are going to run in 2018.

PICKS OF THE WEEK



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SPENCERVILLE - Sitting on 20 acres, this 2-bed bungalow is cute and cozy with its woodstove, refreshed flooring and trim, and newer deck! There is also a large barn set up for a hobby farm! MLS #1083128 **$289,900**



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July


WINCHESTER PRESS
Provincial funding flows WDMH's way
Subdivision dream dead
Out for a spin at the Manor

• A major change to healthcare funding in the region was announced this month. At the WDMH Foundation's annual general meeting it was noted that the fundraising collective was to become the chief finance generator for Dundas Manor. The proposal came at a time when the long-term care home's executive and board of directors plan for an all-new home.

• Milk trucks roaring through the village are a familiar site for many. However, those days could soon come to an end. Bruce Shurtleff, director of operations at Winchester's Parmalat plant, told the *Press* this month that redirecting truck traffic off of the village's main streets is a strategic plan that has the possibility of becoming a reality. Parmalat officials have been discussing this proposal with North Dundas staffers for a number of years. Questions remain, however. Most notably where the route would be placed.

• A familiar face in the area's agricultural scene was looking to make a jump to the provincial level this month. Former Dundas Federation of Agriculture president Jackie Pemberton announced she'd be vying for the Zone 11 regional director position with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Later in the year, Pemberton would claim victory over longtime director Eleanor Renaud.

• With more than 300 community members gathered not far from his doorstep, there was no better time to surprise North Dundas' latest Community Builder Award nominee. The scene played out this month during the inaugural Meet Me On Main Street event in Morewood, the first in a series hosted by the municipality to mark Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation.

• Just days after graduation in June, full-scale renovations got underway at North Dundas District High School, with bulk of it continuing this month. The school's library was being fully transformed to make way for the area's TR Leger campus, which officially vacated its Williamsburg location in September. The school's front entrance was also updated aesthetically, and much more was done. The full price tag for the rehabilitation efforts was tagged at $1.9 million.

• Two tubes sat waiting to be opened ahead of South Dundas council's meeting this month. The cylinders dated back to 1992, years before amalgamation reduced Dundas County's government structure to two, and at a time when Canadians coast-to-coast were celebrating the country's 125th anniversary. Morrisburg's village council of the day was not to be outdone, having launched its own "125 days of summer" in honour of the milestone. One of the many initiatives was the burying of two time capsules outside the then municipal headquarters on Fifth Street. At the meeting, the capsules were opened after being unearthed, and inside was a variety of items, including documents from the Morrisburg government, copies of both *Morrisburg Leader* and *Ottawa Citizen*, and canvas posters signed by hundreds of area residents.

• Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon wasn't shying away from a dark part of his past this month. The longtime area politician gathered with friends, family and other supporters to launch his autobiography, From Lawbreaker to Lawmaker. In the story, Lauzon sheds light on his personal life and his struggles with alcohol addiction.

• Entering its 50th season, the Winchester Hawks Hockey Club unveiled its new coaching staff this month. Head coach Bob Gould, assistants Mike Guolla and Derek Froats are guiding the Hawks through the 2017-2018 Central Canada Hockey League 2 season.



August


WINCHESTER PRESS
Gear up!
Youth to go 'Peanuts' this weekend for DCP
Local grocer Mike Dean passes away
Dance studio takes creative steps to promote businesses

• Word came this month that longtime independent grocer Mike Dean – the man who became a household name throughout the region – passed away at the Garden Villa in Chesterville after a long battle with liver disease and cancer. He was 67 years old. His legacy all started on May 11, 1976 when Dean bought the former Laflamme's Grocery on King Street in the village. In 1979, he married Nancy McMillan of Grantley, and the Dean family began to grow. His first purchase would eventually become the flagship store of Mike Dean's Super Food Store operation, which expanded throughout the years into a chain of six locations in Winchester, Chesterville, Vankleek Hill, Bourget, Almonte, and Sharbot Lake.

• Before taking a tour of the grounds, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took selfies with fans at the 70th anniversary of the Glengarry Highland Games this month. He showed up dressed in a Sinclair tartan kilt, to honour his mother's heritage, in celebration of the seven-decade milestone.

• The Iroquois Beach had a busy season, the best in sometime, after several new additions and upgrades. Phase two of the Iroquois Waterfront Committee's 20-year vision was celebrated this month with an opening ceremony to inaugurate the new deck and renovated canteen at the beach. Both upgrades joined two new picnic shelters built by the Iroquois Matilda Lions Club, which offers extra space to enjoy a picnic lunch or to relax near the water.

• The onetime home of Andy's Foodland in downtown Winchester will soon be a buzzing downtown hub once again. It was revealed by the *Press* this month that a team of village doctors will be transferring their existing practice to the site. The Nation River Health Clinic, which currently operates out of a Fred Street East location, is set to "pull up stakes," as Dr. Bart Steele referred to it. Steele along with doctors Teisha Legault and Vika Bhagirath are the primary care providers in the clinic. It is also part of a consolidation plan, which will see the closure of the clinic's Chesterville practice.

• A storm system tore through the region on a Saturday morning this month, leaving a path of destruction in its wake. Iroquois was particularly hard hit, with trees leveled at the Iroquois Golf Club and throughout the village (including one that landed on a pick-up truck) and debris was strewn about at Seaway District High School where upgrade efforts had been ongoing in recent weeks.

• Nothing is final, but North Dundas politicians this month were unequivocally in favour of switching Winchester's York Street to one-way use only. During the municipality's monthly meeting, a number of comments gathered during a public open house were shared. In all, 44 people attended the session to view concept plans and provide comments for or against the work.

• To friends and family in Canada, he was known simply as "Grandpa Dave." A former resident of Mountain, David McCord was known for his outgoing nature and sense of adventure, and gave back to his community as best he could. He was part of redevelopment efforts at the community park, using the handyman skills he acquired through a lifelong career as owner of Solstar Construction. McCord died this month in a paragliding accident in Vik, Iceland, near Reynisfjara beach.

• War has been a constant for centuries, but in Canada we're further removed from it than ever before. Battles play out daily around the globe, but in an age perpetuated by the latest Internet sensations, they are often overlooked. In the tiny hamlet of Mountain there stands a monument that is a testament to the sacrifice of those who came before us, and many of those who paid the ultimate price. It was the very memorial that was the scene of a major celebration this month. For it marked the centennial of the Battle of Hill 70, which for sometime was the lone symbol of remembrance for the military engagement in the world.

September


WINCHESTER PRESS
SD water main issues resurface
Funding flows ahead of SLAS' new season

• The village gained and lost with the recent closure of Annable's Jewellery and Gifts. What's gone is a longtime anchor in Winchester's business community, but what's gained is an expansion of an already thriving clothing boutique. Main Street Clothing Company co-owner Lisa Williams announced this month that she'd be branching out to meet the needs of all consumers in the region. What is meant is a reworking on the shop's original location to become Main Street Clothing Company Family Apparel, while 513 Main St. was overhauled to become Main Street Clothing Company Ladies Fashions and Accessories.

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• News came this month of South Dundas' need for a new public works director. The position became officially vacant when Chris Bazinet made an unexplained exit from the municipality. He was the third department manager to resign since the current council was elected in 2014.

• A big hole this month marked the beginning of a significant expansion at Ben's Pioneer Gas Bar. It was the first official sign of a project that was a longtime coming at the County Road 31 business. Continual delays pushed the start-date further into the future, but progress ultimately persevered. Once completed, the overhauled land will feature more gas pumps, an increased convenience store and an onsite Tim Hortons drive-thru, and a car wash.

• A mother and daughter were killed in an early morning crash on Dalmeny Road near Vernon this month. The head-on collision involving a car and an SUV happened around 7 am. Police later confirmed the two women killed were travelling east in a small sedan when it collided with a westbound vehicle attempting to pass a third car. The crash happened on a portion of Dalmeny, near Swale Road, where the land runs high and then low. The deceased were later identified as Holly Booth, 40, and her mother, Margaret Mitchell, 67. Mitchell was in the area visiting family while on sabbatical from her job in healthcare at a Florida hospital. The pair were travelling to see one of Mitchell's grandchildren board the bus for their first day of school.

• Staff at the newly-opened Pharmasave at Winchester Crossing on Main Street were betting this month that the village is more than capable of making a second pharmacy successful. An official opening event took place more than a week after the shop quietly began operation.

• A concept plan to beautify Morrisburg's main street was unveiled at South Dundas council this month, showcasing the potential to create a pedestrian-friendly downtown area. According to WSP project manager Johnathan Loschmann – who spearheaded the design concept with the help of the municipality's economic development office – the plan encourages greater pedestrian comfort in an environment that is currently dominated by vehicles.

• There was excitement in the air as the Winchester Hawks Hockey Club tweaked the final details prior to launching the team's 50th season this month. The introductions of the participants for the opening ceremonies along with the almost entirely new roster, as well as the unveiling of the Hawks' retro uniforms, all went off with out a hitch. Rhonda Steele, wife of the late Joel Steele, the Hawks team founder, dropped the ceremonial puck between Hawks captain Jordan Chagnon and Ottawa Golden Knights' Matt Crowley before the game got underway.

• North Dundas' seventh annual wine and cheese evening this month was a standing-room only affair at the former Nestle Canada plant in Chesterville. Now the official headquarters of Installation Deliveries Plus (IDP) Group, the second floor meeting area served as the host site for more than 200 attendees. Hosting an event of this type marked a pivotal turning point for the once derelict factory, which ceased operation under the Nestle brand in 2006 and saw a mix of uses in the ensuing years.

October


WINCHESTER PRESS
St-Albert promised more juice
Hydro One seeks to shake bad reputation
SD to operate outdoor rinks with volunteers
Silhouettes reflect local history

• This year, Sobeys partnered with the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 to celebrate Canadians from all over the world who have helped build the grocery business in this country. Locally, Winchester Foodland's deli manager Archel "Archie" Imperial – born and raised in the Philippines – was chosen to star in a short video created by Sobeys telling her story of immigration to Dundas County.

• When introducing a new sport, why not call on an expert? The Matilda Memorial Recreation Committee did just that this month when they brought in a member of their own community, Jim Duncan, to first set up the pickleball courts at the park in Brinston, and then demonstrate what is being called the fastest growing sport in North America.



• The world-renowned cheese plant in St-Albert got a much needed boost this month thanks to Hydro One's continued efforts to reframe its perception among paying customers. Provincial energy minister Glenn Thibeault toured the sprawling St-Albert Cheese Co-operative as part of a swing through the region. Hydro One representatives joined him, and together announced the total number of amps were fed to the plant would be increased in order to provide the producer with enough power to meet its output needs.

• A partnership between North Dundas and the Marionville Citizens Committee has produced a series of lasting impressions for the hamlet. This month, 13 silhouettes were mounted on Bell Canada poles along the south side of Marionville Road, each depicting a feature of the area's past or present.

• Fred and Carole Brouse gave back to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation in a big way this month. Hard work and financial know-how allowed the Brouses to leave philanthropic gifts for four different charities after this time on this Earth came to an end. The foundation received its share from the $400,000 left by couple, with other funds directed to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation, and the Ottawa Hospital Foundation. The first transfer to WDMH rang in at $100,909.

• A village man charged in connection in relation to an ongoing cold case investigation saw the charges against him dropped this month. Area lore had long linked James "Jimmy" Wise to the killings of Fern Attenuate, Randy Rankin, and Raymond Arnold Collison. Yet, the crown suddenly dropped the charges, and gave no reason for doing so. It was the Collison case that led SD&G OPP to raid Wise's Caleb Street apartment in November 2016. The process reportedly led to the discovery of items somehow linked to Collison, whose badly decomposed remains turned up in a Thompson Road ditch in April 2014, first spotted by two walkers passing by. Wise was ultimately hit with 10 criminal charges. Despite other known run-ins with the law, he has continually denied his connection to the unsolved murders. The 73-year-old is in failing health, having suffered a stroke that led to an extended hospital stay, and now calls Dundas Manor home.

• The Royal Canadian Legion Winchester Branch 108 celebrated its 90th anniversary this month with close to 40 members being officially recognized for their continued dedication to the local service group. Legion president Janet Morris and past-president and zone commander Don Swerdfeger also accepted a plaque from the Ontario Provincial Command in recognition of the local branch's nine decades in the community.

• After 121 years of serving the Embrun community, co-owners Jacques Maheu and Suzanne Lemieux began their goodbyes this month ahead of the closure of their family's local furniture shop. Maheu BrandSource Home Furnishings started in 1896 as a general store, eventually morphing into a go-to spot for customers across Eastern Ontario to buy furniture appliances, and accessories for any room. The brother-sister duo have been managing the store's operations for more than 30 years, but with no one to take over the business, they are taking a step back into retirement.

November


WINCHESTER PRESS
Christmas fund back to fill need
Fries boost beautification efforts
North Grenville flexes muscle with college land purchase

• The village streets were bustling this month as hundreds of shoppers, passports in hand, navigated local businesses and explored exclusive promotions and events around town during the third annual Winchester Shop Crawl. Sixteen locations were marked on participants' passports, and shoppers were able to collect stamps from each along the way. At the end of the day, completed passports were put into a draw for a grand prize totaling more than $300 worth of items donated by local businesses.

• The Global Kids Club at Winchester Public School spent four days this month making efforts to put a scare into hunger locally. Having enlisted the entire school body, as well as putting out a call to the community, the club's "We Scare Hunger" initiative served as a fundraiser for Community Food Share. In the end, 484 non-perishable food items were collected, blowing past the goal set by club members.

• An in-principle agreement announced this month will see the Township of North Grenville purchase the former Kemptville College campus from the province. The municipality's part in the process will see it assume ownership of a fair portion of the 633-acre campus, with more than 50 buildings being transformed into an "education and community hub."

• A trailer park in the rural Ottawa hamlet of Edwards struck water this month. It's hardly an element that many would think to celebrate, but to Lynwood Gardens residents it is reason to trumpet an exciting arrival. For the community has a nearly 30-year history of water woes. Tenants have long-complained that the water is murky and undrinkable. The city's health department warned residents to not drink the water as recently as 2016, having discovered high levels of arsenic. The water routinely left brown spots on laundry and those living there simply adjusted to bathing in yellow or brown water. However, the trailer park's landlord, Killam Apartment REIT, commissioned a new water plant for the community, which comprises 64 sites on nearly 21 hectares of property off of Yorks Corners Road.

• Lilias Lancaster was the toast of the ballroom at Winchester's Beachcroft this month as many of the complex's residents gathered to wish the centenarian a happy 100th birthday. The festivity included acknowledgement of several November birthdays, though it was Lancaster's that received the most boisterous applause. Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland on Nov. 29, 1917, Lancaster came to Canada with her family in April 1921, her father wanting a better life for the lot of them after his service in the First World War. They'd land in Dunrobin, with Lancaster ultimately heading to Ottawa for schooling. Sometime after the death of her first husband, she married a farmer whose land was expropriated for creation of the Queensway. Lancaster and her now mixed family would then move to the Winchester area.

• Despite concerns that a weekday stop would diminish crowds, nearly 2,000 onlookers showed up this month in Finch to catch a glimpse of the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train's local spectacle. For the third year in a row, the train rolled to a halt in front of James Street decked out in Christmas lights and decorations, blowing its horn to announce its grand arrival. A charitable initiative, the proceeds from Finch's event were put toward Community Food Share, which this year received $1,533 in cash donations and 1,072 pounds of food for local food banks.

• It was a Christmas miracle for the community this month. As countless customers throughout Dundas County and beyond prepared to say goodbye to Williamsburg's Whitteker Meat Market this weekend, some intervention has ensured the venerable village institution won't go extinct just yet. Lloyd Wells, owner of Wells and Son Construction, and his family have reached an agreement with Heather Whitteker for the sale of the business. While the particulars were still being worked out with lawyers, it seemed a sure bet that the Whitteker name would continue on.

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The Winchester Press proudly presents...

Babies of 2017



Emma Hope Denyse Bossi

March 22, 2017

Little beauty of Kate and Blair Bossi. Joyfully welcomed by Gramma Doreen, Opa Rick and Uncle Ryan VandenTillaart and Nona Denyse, Poppi Dave, Auntie Crystal and Brooklyn Bossi.



Owen McManus

October 31, 2017

Son of Kylie Hayden and Skylar McManus. First grandchild for Roseanne and Michael McManus.



Introducing the community's newest arrivals!



Christine Annie Geraldine Knapp

April 5, 2017

Daughter of Kirk & Jenn Knapp. Love from Daddy, Mommy, sister Katie, Grandmas, Grandpas, Uncles and Aunts.



Henry Crosbie

December 26, 2016

Son of Darren Crosbie and Dana Westenbroek-Crosbie.



Aurora Rae DeJong

July 20, 2017

Ecstatic parents Kristin & Carly DeJong. New playmate for big sister Scarlett. Very proud Grandparents are Nana (Jackie Watson) & Grammy & Grampy (Pete & Amy DeJong).



Keenan Russell Leader

October 23, 2017

Mommy, Daddy and Deklan love you so much little man.



Evelyn May Fabiano

December 12, 2016

Daughter of Mario & Kristin Fabiano.

Happy 1st Birthday! Love Grandma & Grandpa.



Beckett Adrien Duhaime

October 13, 2017

Son of Dany & Cara Duhaime. Little brother for Nathan. Shirt #11 on the Team! Proud grandparents are Ben & Anja Berends.



Ava Ann Roosen

April 28, 2017

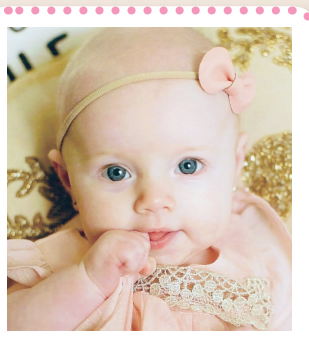
Daughter of Mark and Kara Roosen. Little sister to Emma. Granddaughter of John and Donna Roosen & Eric and Beth Ruiter.



Sloan Russell Davidson

March 24, 2017

Son of Mike Davidson and Amanda Thompson.



Emma AmyJo McMillan

July 3, 2017

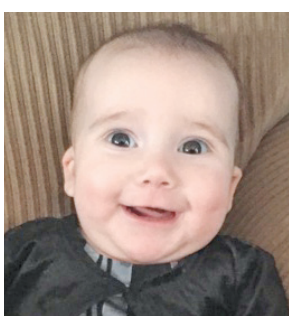
Daughter of Grant & Sarah McMillan. Proud grandparents are Gary & Dana McMillan and David & Kathy Myers.



Cohen Thomas Jeffrey Heuff

September 18, 2017

Son of Amanda Heuff & Tommy Cinnamon. Brother to Austin. Proud grandparents: Jeff & Maureen Heuff; Cathy & Dwayne Cinnamon



Ariah Quinn Cinnamon

July 14, 2017

All our love Mommy & Daddy, Alayna & Olsen.



Ava Elizabeth Berends

February 8, 2017

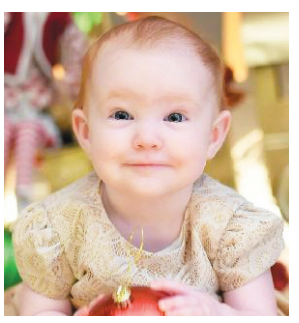
Daughter of Michael & Suzanne Berends. Little sister for Lucas. Shirt #10 on the Team! Proud grandparents are Ben & Anja Berends.



Kip Boyer

May 17, 2017

Much loved by parents Catlin & Jessica Boyer and big sister Brileigh-Anne



Emma McInnes

March 22, 2017

Daughter of Mike and Liz McInnes. Granddaughter of Connie McInnes and Koop & Kathryn Mulder



Brianna Claire Mulder

November 25, 2017

Daughter of Sid Mulder and Jen Cant. Grandchild of Ron & Kathy Cant, and Koop & Kathryn Mulder

Babies of 2017

Congratulations to all the parents who have welcomed new arrivals in 2017.



Maëlle Emery Mitchell

July 3, 2017

Daughter of
Laure & Cam Mitchell
and baby sister for Leo & Eli!
Proud grandparents are
Mary Lou Bossel,
Laurie Mitchell & Rick Dancey,
and Gary Mitchell.



Blake Acheson Noble

January 31, 2017

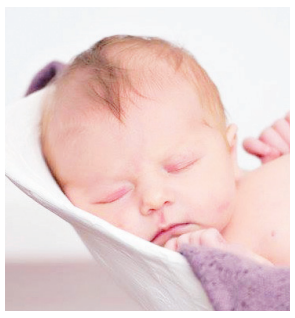
Precious son of Adrianne and Ryan Noble, little brother to Noah Noble. Grandson to Darice (John Harkin) and Bruce Cochrane, Sue and Ross Noble. We couldn't love you more Blakey. xox



Odin & Adley Rushford

February 16, 2017

Son & Daughter of Laura and Chris Rushford.
Proud grandparents are
Brian & Patsy MacKinnon and Gerry & Donna Rushford.



Kendall Chaput

April 25, 2017

Merry
Christmas!



Hudson Ace Wagner

October 5, 2017

Son of Talia & Terry Wagner.
Big sisters are
Chloe & Mia Ziegler.
Proud grandparents
are Pat Ace
and Keith Wagner.



Sara Ellie McDonald

April 3, 2017

Proud parents are
Amy and Shawn
McDonald.
Little sister for
Lily and Emma.



Easton Harold Shirley

October 10, 2017

Proud parents are
Ryan Shirley
and
Laura Somerville.



Teyla Riddell

October 25, 2017

Daughter of
Robert and Caitlin Riddell.
Proud sister is
Emma.



Isabella Swerdfeger

February 8, 2017

Ryan Swerdfeger & Michelle O'Reilly would like to announce the arrival of their daughter Bella born Feb. 8, 2017 weighing 9 lbs 2oz.
Proud grandparents are
Donald Swerdfeger, Michel O'Reilly
and Steve & Vivienne Rice.

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December



• North Dundas Deputy-Mayor Gerry Boyce had what can only be called an off-script moment this month. Before a crowd of nearly 300, all gathered for Mayor Eric Duncan's annual breakfast, Boyce took the lectern to introduce Duncan, who won't be seeking re-election in the 2018 municipal campaign. But, the deputy-mayor instead led with the news that he'd be vying for the township's top council position.

• There was little doubt this month that North Dundas Parade of Lights attendees had a hankering for french fries. Thanks to 850 pounds of potatoes washed and sliced up just right, the Winchester Downtown Revitalization Committee made off with $3,000 at the end of the day. Proceeds were generated thanks to use of Al and Judy Graham's Fries for Charity wagon.

• Local history buffs came together this month to tell the tale of real classic hockey played in rural Ottawa more than a century ago. The Osgoode Township Historical Society Museum launched its latest publication, 1907: Metcalfe Wins the Cup! during the first-period intermission of a Metcalfe Jets game at the Larry Robinson Arena. Released to coincide with the NHL Heritage Classic game in Ottawa, the Canada 150 project tells the story of the scrappy team from Metcalfe that took home the trophy in the inaugural season of the Russell County Hockey Association in 1907.

• The Biemond family had cheese on the brain this month. It was good reason too, thanks to a $20,000 federal government grant that will help Upper Canada Creamery churn out its own flavour. What's been created thus far, and what the product will be known as is Biemond Family Cheese. It's been described as a Pinconning style, which takes its name from the city in Michigan where the type of cheese was first created.

• Two of three North Dundas District High School rinks entered in the 2017-2018 Gore Mutual Schoolboy/Girl Zone 1 curling championships, held at the Winchester Curling Club this month, qualified to compete for the regional title in a competition to be held in Alexandria in February.

• The village's hospital campus will be completely smoke-free to start 2018. Winchester District Memorial Hospital administration announced that individuals will no longer be permitted to smoke anywhere on hospital property, including in vehicles in the facility's parking lots. In implementing the measures, the medical facility is not alone as all Ontario hospitals must comply with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and the Electronic Cigarettes Act, both of which ban smoking on all hospital properties.

• There was little doubt. If Guy Lauzon was going to enter the 2019 federal election race, he was going to do so as the Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry Conservative candidate. And despite rumours of retirement, that is the case. Lauzon officially received the nod this month, well ahead of the fall election more than a year from now. By doing so, he'll be vying for his sixth election victor since 2004.

• In the 20th year of the Christmas Wish Tree, the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation renamed the annual fundraiser after the woman who started it all, Judy Lannin. What started as a simple tree has blossomed into an amazing fundraising gift for the hospital, having generated almost $850,000 to date.







Bidding on sweets

North Dundas District High School held an auction Thurs., Dec. 21 where students and staff were in bidding wars for cakes and pies. Each graduating student was asked to bring in a dessert that would be auctioned off, with all proceeds going toward covering the cost of prom next spring. At left, NDDHS graduate Brandon Scheepers played the role of auctioneer as staff and students placed their bids.

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Gawww-leee, I really embarrass the Diva sometimes



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

The Diva stopped what she was doing and gave me that look.

You know the one. It's kind of got an exasperation base, seasoned with some disbelief, and the embarrassment really shows up in the aroma.

"Golly?" she said. "You said 'golly?' What are you, 95 years old?"

"It's not 'golly.' It's more like 'gawww-leeee.'"

"Seriously? You actually said that? You are so embarrassing."

"I always say gawww-leee," I replied.

"I've never heard you."

"Well, I say it around other people more because I knew you would bust my chops if I said it around you. Ask the kids."

"They aren't here," she said. "Besides, you need to come up with something other than that. You're back in Canada. You moved out of Texas years ago, and again, you're not 95 years old."

"So what do you want me to say?" I replied. "Should I just say 'Holy F#$%#$% S#%$' or something like that?"

"Well, at least it's a bit more contemporary than 'golly'," she said.

"It's not 'golly,' it's more like 'gawww-leee," I said.

"Thanks Tips," she replied. "I got it the first time."

As the next couple of days went on, I kept thinking about it. 'Gawww-leee' was something I clearly picked up living in Texas, and it always kind of stuck. It was a mainstream word, and I heard it all the time. So was 'fixin'.' It's a word that means going to, or planning to. There is no Rosetta Stone Texas program, but if there was, it would clearly have phrases like, "I was fixin' to cut all y'all's grass, but, gawww-leeee, my lawnmower done got broked up."

I still use "fixin'" sometimes, but, gawww-leee, I would never say it around the Diva.

And, since I often listen to KCTK 1310 Dallas-Fort Worth on the Internet radio while at work, I hear a whole lot of gawww-leeee. Sometimes it just sort of dribbles out.

The whole thing made me think about our language and about trendy words and filler words. I always imagine my dad and his friends in the 50s saying words like gee whiz, and swell, and, well, golly.

But that's golly, not gawww-leee. Got it, Daddy-O?

He would probably put on some threads, get in his hot rod, burn rubber, and split. Of course, we are only saying this if we are visiting him at his pad.

The 60s brought in a whole new culture and language for us, and many more phrases and expressions that the baby-boomers brought in for use.

It was a decade where everyone would pile into a car and go cruising. Doing that may not have been referred to as swell anymore, but it sure was keen! It certainly wasn't a drag.

And how about "man?" Is that the ultimate hippy word, or what? Man?

I will never forget my uncle, Robin, who may have been the prodigal son of the 60s, with his long hair and facial hair. I don't ever remember him saying, "Give me some skin, man," or perhaps, "lay it on me, man," to his friends, but I can sure picture it happening. Looking back, Robin had far too much respect for the English language to get caught up in 60s-speak.

Golly and gee whiz were replaced with "outta sight!" And if something was really good, it was no longer swell, it was primo.

What was keen in the 60s was far out in the 70s.

Television in the 70s gave us some buzzwords that we tried to use on a regular basis. Who can forget Henry Winkler as Arthur Fonzarelli saying, "Heyyyyy!" The Fonz also popularized the still-popular thumbs up motion. And opposite the Fonz on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m., you may have been watching J. J. Walker saying his signature, "Dy-No-Mite!"

Disco came along and made us all want to boogie down, and the discos were filled with brick houses and cool cats. You didn't usually see chumps at the discos. The whole scene was too groovy for them.

The 80s started out with Moon Unit Zappa popularizing phrases like "grody to the max," and "gag me with a spoon," in her song "Valley Girls." In the 80s, which I am still accused by the Diva of being stuck in, we also had "wicked," and later, "gnarly" and "tubular." The Diva's youngest son throws gnarly around a lot. Personally, I think that word is bogus.

As far as the 90s goes, well, what…ever!

A lot of our 90s phrases were popularized by Seinfeld. "Yada yada yada," was one, as were phrases like "can't spare a square," "master of my domain," and "close-talker." But yo, the 90s was da bomb! Word to your mother.

Once we got into what my son Wade used to call "the zeroties," we had some more new ones. Your peeps, which were your nifty new glasses in the 50s, were now your friends. And we can't forget the damage that Snoop Dog did to our language. "Fo' shizzle, dizzle."

That's just cray-cray.

So, now, I'm not sure what to say anymore. I don't want to sound 20 minutes ago. I want to have some street cred.

But, then again, I am a middle-aged man on the back nine of life. It's over. Maybe I will have to face the fact that I will never be cool again.

Gawww-leee.

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Returns to roots

Meet *Press* reporter Tom Schoch

by Tom Schoch
Press staff

WINCHESTER – You can always go home again, unless your Mom changes the locks and doesn't tell you. Luckily, that hasn't happened and Mr. Uhrig gave me my own key to the office.

I'm very proud to be joining the wonderful staff at the *Winchester Press* and writing about an amazing community that I grew up in. My childhood is full of memories of the people and places within Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. In many ways, this community molded me into who I am today.

I spent the better part of my adult life working as an on-air radio host and television personality in cities and towns across Eastern Canada with stops in Fredericton, N.B., Orillia, Barrie, and Kingston. Throw in some travel time in Australia, Europe and even a stint as a teacher in my homeland of Switzerland, and I've had my fair share of unique experiences. But one thing that I've taken out of all of these adventures is that I love a great story. No matter the situation or location, there is a great tale waiting to be told and it can only be heard if you are willing to listen.

I consider myself very lucky to live amongst the monuments and pillars of my past that taught me more than how to be a good person. It taught me the power of community, the strength of honesty and the freedom of hard work. I hope to bring that passion to the *Press* and to uphold a standard that has been set by many talented individuals in the long history of this publication.

CFS broadening reach for healthy food promo

WINCHESTER – It's a good food (and news) story.

Community Food Share, with outlets in Winchester, Morrisburg, Crysler and Finch, has joined Community Food Centres Canada's Good Food Organizations program.

This helps the area charity to showcase its commitment to offering impactful community food programs based in principles of health, empowerment and respect.

With more than 130 other Good Food Organizations and eight Community Food Centres throughout Canada, all are working toward a healthy and fair food system.

Launched in 2014, the Good Food Organizations program offers access to tools and resources, customized training, attendance at an annual conference, and chances to network and promote shared priorities.

By working together through a set of shared principles, the initiative connects Community Food Share to like-minded and progressive organizations across the country that are using food to tackle problems of poor health, inequality, hunger, and poverty.

"Over the past couple of years, Communtiy Food Share has started to evolve from the traditional food bank model to one that is broadening and redefining how we deliver food programs," administrator Ian McKelvie said. "By joining [this organization], we hope to take further action to improve access to healthy food, help develop food skills, and to inspire our community to believe in the value of good food."

Another notable member of the collective is All Things Food, which first launched from Mountain's House of Lazarus a few years ago and is today connected to the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area.

"The Good Food Organizations program provides support and inspiration to organizations across the country – community health centres, food banks, community markets, and many others – that are doing important grassroots food work," Kathryn Scharf, COO for Community Food Centres Canada, said. "We have seen how when community food programs focus on healthy food in a dignified setting that offers meaningful opportunities for engagement, there can be a profoundly positive impact on people's health and overall well-being. We want to amplify these outcomes to build a national case for an investment in healthy food for all."



Ringing in 2018

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108 hosted its annual New Year's Day levee Mon., Jan. 1. The village facility neared capacity as revellers gathered to welcome 2018, and put last year into the past. Legion executive members taking part included Tina Asselin (left), Gord Morris, Cindy MacIsaac, Ginette Wedemire, Andrew Evans, Lorrie Munro, Don Swerdfeger, and Janet Morris.
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Young and old out to skate with Olaf and Elsa

Above: *The ice at the Joel Steele Community Centre was packed with skaters of all ages for the Frozen themed public skate. on Fri., Dec. 29.*

Far left: *Siblings Logan (left) and Caroline took a break from skating to pose for a picture.*

Left: *Olaf and Elsa, the two main attractions of the skate, were big hits with the younger skaters.*

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Please allow me to indroduce myself



by Cam Kennedy
Sports reporter

WINCHESTER - During my first month as sports reporter for the *Winchester Press*, I have heard the same six words from several people: "you have big shoes to fill."

After reading some of the work that my predecessor, Al Van Bridger, has done and having heard the positive things spoken about him, I agree with those words.

This is my first gig after graduating from Loyalist College's journalism program and it is one I am excited to have landed.

Being from South Stormont, I've got a couple memories of playing sports in North Dundas. My first day on the job with the *Press*, I stepped inside the Joel Steele Community Centre and began to remember battles against the North Dundas Demons as a kid playing for the South Stormont Selects. I also remember playing travelling baseball games against Winchester at Morgan Field. That huge fence in right field was a spectacle to me as it reminded me of Fenway Park's Green Monster.

Now, I get to look forward to being on the other side of the arena boards or ball diamond fence, taking pictures and writing stories about all the sports that happen around here.

Please feel free to send in pictures, gamesheets or story ideas you have to me at: sports@winchesterpress.on.ca.

Rockets score nine to defeat Swiss team

by Cam Kennedy
Sports reporter

CHESTERVILLE – On Tues., Jan. 2, Canada faced Switzerland in the quarterfinals of the World Junior hockey tournament. On Fri. Dec. 29, there was a version of Canada against the Swiss in the form of the North Dundas Rockets taking on CP Meyrin.

The visiting Swiss club was on a seven-day tour of Canada where they played two hockey games, one in Gatineau to face the Volant and one in Chesterville to face the Rockets.

After a 6-5 overtime victory in Gatineau the night before, the Swiss club fell 9-5 to the North Dundas side.

In front of a capacity crowd at the rink in Chesterville, Brodie Barkley opened the scoring on the power play for the Rockets with Shawn Simms chipping in the assist.



Nick Sourges fired a wrist shot on goal.

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Not long after, McKay Balaton (Jack van Kessel) put the Rockets up by a pair of goals heading into the second period.

The Rockets extended their lead to 4-0 when Justin Lefebvre (Bryden van Kessel, Jason Buma) and Jack van Kessel (Barkley) scored.

CP Meyrin erased their zero on the scoreboard in short order when Maxime Piller put the puck past Rockets' goalie Buma.

The Rockets increased the Swiss deficit back to four goals when Simms scored off of a pass from Barkley.

CP Meyrin added a goal just before the second period came to a close when Romain Tavernier scored on assists from Mickael Walther and Renait Walker.

The Rockets offence exploded in the third period as Lefebvre completed his hat trick, scoring twice in the first minute of the third period.

Jace Legue and Balaton each scored in the remaining 10 minutes of the game to seal the victory for the Rockets.

After the pair of games in Canada, the style of hockey played by Canadians is much different compared to Swiss hockey, according to CP Meyrin player Mateo Genevay.

"It is a lot more physical in Canada," he said. "In Switzerland, penalties are given very easily. In Canada, you can get away with a lot."

Alain Pivron, head coach of CP Meyrin, agreed with his player.

"It is rough here," Pivron said. "The speed is faster in Switzerland with some more passing."

While another victory would have been nice, Pivron said it is a great experience for his team to travel to Canada.

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Rockets

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"It is nice for them to get to see another country and play ice hockey as well," he noted.

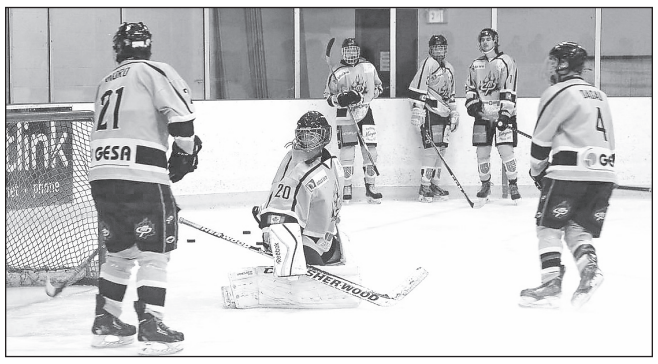
The team was also scheduled to travel to Kanata to see an Ottawa Senators game.

The experience wasn't just a good one for the Swiss team, but also for the Rockets as well.

"All of these kids on the Rockets have played against the same kids and same teams around here," Sadler said. "It was an opportunity for them to experience something different."



Captains Bryden van Kessel (left) and Bastien Marachel (right) took part in the ceremonial faceoff prior to the game.



Players from Swiss team CP Meyrin warming up prior to their game against North Dundas.

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Local junior hockey set to resume play after holiday break

WINCHESTER – Junior hockey teams in and around North Dundas will be dusting off their skates as their schedules resume Fri., Jan.5.

Winchester Hawks

After a tough start to the season leading up to the holidays, the Winchester Hawks (9-23-1) will look to finish the season on a higher note.

The Hawks currently sit in last in the Martin Division. but have had some bright spots in their season.

Assistant captains Kyle Kuehni and Hunter Randell are both hovering around a point per game average and rookie goalie Darien Johnson has five wins in his first seven games with the Hawks.

The Hawks are back in action on Sun., Jan. 7 in Arnprior to face the Packers.

North Dundas Rockets

Currently having their best season in franchise history, the Rockets (14-6-0) sit in third place in the National Capital Junior Hockey League (NCJHL).

Bryden van Kessel, the captain of the Rockets, currently sits in first place in the NCJHL scoring race with 16 goals and 31 assists.

Rockets' forward Landon Veenstra also sits in the top 10 in league scoring with 15 goals and 17 assists.

Goaltender Jason Buma has been key in many victories for the team, providing many timely stops.

The Rockets travel to Blackburn to play the Inferno on Fri., Jan. 5 and host the Bytown Royals on Sat., Jan. 6 in Chesterville. Game time is 7:30 pm.

Kemptville 73's

Sitting at the bottom of the Robinson Division of the CCHL Tier 1, the 73's (10-31-0-1) hope 2018 treats them better than 2017 did.

A bright spot for the team is Eric Conley, who currently ranks third in rookie scoring for the league with nine goals and 10 assists.

Kemptville is back in action Jan. 5 in Smiths Falls. The 73's are back at the North Grenville Municipal Centre on Wed., Jan. 10 for a date with the Pembroke Lumber Kings.

Demons in the Bell Capital Cup

by Cam Kennedy
Sports reporter

OTTAWA – The North Dundas Minor Hockey Association put two teams into the world-renowned Bell Capital Cup tournament in Ottawa last week.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the tournament is the world's biggest, featuring close to 500 teams from around the globe. Both local teams made deep runs into the tournament with the Atom "B" squad losing in the finals and the "C" Demons losing in the semi-finals.

Atom "B" House Demons

The Atom "B" House squad took on Nepean in their opening game, picking up a 4-0 victory.

The Demons opened the scoring in the first period when Cole Van Lanen put the puck past Nepean goalie Hunter Brown. Gabrielle Cotnam picked up the assist on the goal.

The scoring continued 22 seconds into the second period when Van Lanen netted his second goal of the game.

Shortly later, Merrick Crawford then extended the Demons' lead off of a pass from Michael Theos.

Crawford picked up his second goal in the third period to close out the game. Luka Drouineurts added the assist.

Demons vs. Almonte-Pakenham

In their second game of the tournament, the Demons pummeled Almonte-Pakenham 8-0.

Josh Lafrance was the player of the game for North Dundas, picking up five goals and an assist.

Lafrance scored the Demons' first four goals of the game getting assists from Reid Rankin, Cotnam, Connor England, Theos, Brody Buttivant and Kaiden West.

The Demons sealed the blowout victory in the third period, getting goals from Van Lanen, Crawford and Carter Latimer.

Demons vs. Leitrim

The Demons headed into their game against Leitrim on Fri., Dec. 29 having allowed no goals. That streak would continue, as they posted a 3-0 win against the opposing Hawks.

The Demons opened the first period with two goals coming from Crawford and Van Lanen. Patrick Guy added the assist on Van Lanen's goal.

After a scoreless second period, Bennett Wasylko Fletcher sealed the victory with a goal. Van Lanen and Michael Theos tallied assists.

Demons vs. Rockland

West held Rockland scoreless as the team cruised to a 4-0 victory in their first of two games on Sat., Dec. 30.

Van Lanen fired up the Demons' offence in the first as he zipped the puck past Rockland goalie Brody Moyer.

Gavin Copeland put the Demons up by a pair 50 seconds into the second period, getting an assist from Crawford.

The Demons closed out the game with a couple of goals from Wasylko-Fletcher and Cotnam.

Demons vs. Stittsville

In the semi-finals against Stittsville, the Demons allowed their first goal of the tournament, but managed a 5-1 victory.

After Stittsville scored 3:07 into the first period, Luka Drouineurts evened the score up at ones shortly later.

The Demons pulled away in the second and third periods on their way to the finals of the tournament. Buttivant, Crawford (2) and Lafrance all added the remaining goals to the scoreboard.

Demons vs. Brockville

The Demons met their match in the final against Brockville, ultimately falling in a close 3-2 overtime loss.

Crawford opened the scoring 2:35 into the game for the Demons. However, Brockville's Mason Hodge scored his first of three goals to tie the game.

Hodge netted his second of the game in the second as the Braves carried a 2-1 lead into the final period.

Lafrance tied the game 7:35 into the third, a goal that sent the game into overtime.

Hodge completed his hat trick, scoring unassisted to capture the tournament title for the Braves.

Atom "C" House Demons

The Atom "C" House team squared off with the North Glen-Stor Braves to open the tournament, falling 8-3.

The Braves opened the scoring when Rowan Smith put two goals in the Demons' net in the first period.

The Demons came within a goal to close out the first period when Shawn Hollister scored for North Dundas. Wyatt Bowers and Kingsley Raistrick added assists.

After a pair of Braves' goals, Bowers scored a pair of goals with assists from Raistrick and Dylan Carkner.

The Braves dominated the scoring in the third period, putting three goals in the Demons net.

Demons vs. Nepean Flames

The Demons found their stride in the second game as they defeated Nepean 13-0.

The Demons opened the first period getting four goals from four different players (Logan Stewart, Bowers, Cody Lesage and Carkner).

Heading into the second period, the Demons would put up five goals to further increase their lead. Kylie Lesage netted a goal 31 seconds into the second period off of a pass from Stewart. Shortly later, Carkner added his second of the game from Bowers and Lesage. After a pair of goals from Michael Dean, Stewart scored his second of three goals to close out the middle frame.

The third period saw Lesage get two more goals with singles added by Stewart and Hollister.

Demons vs. Carleton Place

After the blowout win earlier, the Demons faced a tougher Carleton Place team, grabbing a 2-0 victory.

Carkner opened the scoring the second period to give the Demons an early lead. Kylie Lesage added the assist.

Logan Stewart sealed the win in the third period as he put the puck past the Carleton Place goalie. Carkner picked up the assist on the goal.

Demons vs. Stittsville

The torrid Demons offence was on display yet again during a 7-0 rout over Stittsville.

North Dundas scored three times in the game's opening five minutes to jump out to an early lead. Kylie Lesage scored the game's first goal while Logan Stewart netted the next three goals.

Michael Dean scored eight seconds into the third period off of a pass from Kalli Rose Hicks.

After Stewart scored his fourth goal, Bowers added his lone tally of the game. Reid Smith had an assist on the goal.

Demons vs. North Glen-Stor

The Demons faced their league rivals from NGS in the semi-finals of the tournament, falling 4-2.

Carkner opened the first period scoring, getting an assist from Kylie Lesage.

NGS responded shortly as Hayden Darling tied the game at 1-1.

In the second period, NGS pulled ahead as Alexandre Simon and Darling both scored.

Bowers brought the Demons within a goal to close out the second period.

Darling scored his third goal to complete his hat trick and send NGS to the finals.

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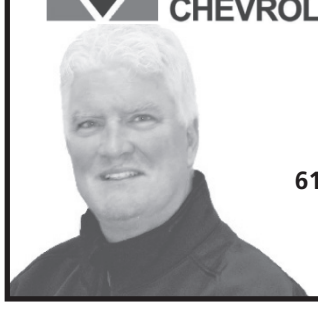
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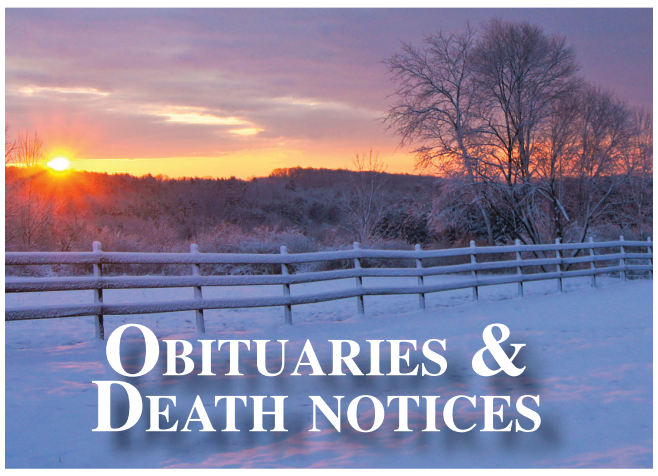

Marion Alice McEwen (nee Megill)

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Marion McEwen (nee Megill) of Metcalfe passed away peacefully in hospital, with family by her side, after a seven month battle with pancreatic cancer in the early dawn of the New Year. She was 80.



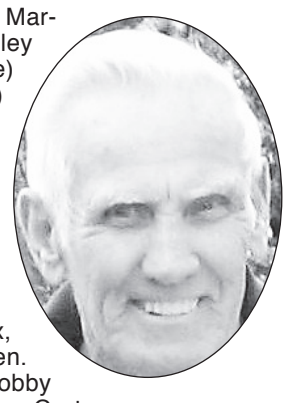
She was the beloved wife of the late Lynden McEwen. She was the adoring Mom of George, Hugh (Cheryl Cooper), and Anne (David Rubinoff) McEwen. She was the cherished Grandma of Kate and Stuart McEwen; and Rebecca and Sarah Rubinoff. Marion was the much loved sister of the late Sally Megill of Ottawa, Stephanie (Doug) Fox of Collingwood; and was the sister-in-law of Dr. Dean and Lynn MacEwen of Delaware. She was the dearly loved Aunt Marion to Tim (Kayla) and Katie Fox; Kathy (Charles) Potter; Jane (Rick) Barton; Nancy (Larry) Hartigan; and David (Jenny) and John (Elise) MacEwen. She was the cherished friend and neighbour of many. Marion devoted her life to her family, and the children she taught during her 30-year career. Her warm smile enriched the lives of those around her, and her baking was known far and wide for the love she added to each recipe.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at the Daley Family Funeral Home, 6971 Bank St. (between Scrivens Dr. and the Metcalfe corner), on Sun., Jan. 7 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service will be held at St. Paul's United Church, 3302 York's Corners Rd. in Kenmore on Mon., Jan. 8 at 11 am.

In memory of Marion, please make a difference in the life of a child. Donations to Metcalfe Public School Council or St Paul's United Church Kenmore would be appreciated by the family.

Gerald Lecuyer

At the age of 83, Gerald Lecuyer passed away at home on Tues., Dec. 26, 2017, in the loving arms of his wife Lea and his daughters Marlene, Shelley, Debbie, and Christine.



He is survived by his life partner, soul mate, and beloved wife of 60 years, Lea. He was the proud and loving Dad of Marlene (Greg) Casselman, Shelley (Ernie) Guillemin, Debbie (Steve) Brown, and Christine (Gordie) Seaby, and predeceased by his son, Barry and his wife Terrie Lecuyer. He was the cherished Grandpa (Pa) of Kelly, Ashley, and Erika; Derek (Julie), and Jennifer (Al); Jamie (Whitney) and Christopher (Jessica); Matthew and Emily; and Angel, and great-grandchildren Alex, Sophie, Tyler, Michael, and Ben. He was the dear brother of Bobby (Mavis), and in-laws Pat, Donna, Gert, Ann (Dick) Feasel, and Tom (Daphne) Arnott. He was predeceased by his parents, Norman and Gertrude Lecuyer, and his siblings, Glenna, Gordon, Doris, Lila, Norma, Emile, Earl, D'Arcy, Lois, Lomer, Elizabeth, Lloyd, Ronald, Kenneth, and Barbara. Gerry will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

By Gerry's request, cremation has taken place. The family will receive friends at the Byers Funeral Home, 2990 Church St. in South Mountain from 7 to 9 pm on Fri., Jan. 5. A Memorial Mass will be held at the St. Daniel's Catholic Church in South Mountain on Sat., Jan. 6 at 11 am. By family request, donations may be made to the Dundas County Hospice or the Nor-Dun Senior's Support Centre.

Online condolences may be made at www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com

Nettie Marguerite Hume

Nettie Marguerite Hume died peacefully on Sun., Dec. 31, 2017 at Forest Hill Long-Term Care Centre in Kanata. She was 84.



Born and raised in Mountain Township, she was the daughter of the late Allan and Margaret Kerr. Nettie was the beloved wife of the late John R. Hume of Winchester, who passed in 2002. She then resided in Russell for several years before moving to Kanata, closer to daughter Jayne and family. She was the loving mother to Allen (Phyllis), John (Ellie), and Jayne (Irvin Heiber). She was the proud "Nanny" to grandchildren Alanna (Mike Thompson), Jack Hume, Erica Heiber, and Gregory Heiber; and great-grandchildren Bodhi and Gracie Thompson. Nettie is survived by sisters, Betty James (the late Norm) and Martha Campbell (the late Ewart); and her sister-in-law, Helen Kerr. She was predeceased by brothers Henry, Arthur, Donald, and Douglas; and sister Elaine Parnell. She will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews from both the Kerr and Hume family.

Nettie's family would like to thank the staff of Forest Hill Long-Term Care Centre in Kanata for taking such wonderful care of her.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at the Daley Family Funeral Home, 6971 Bank St. (between Scrivens Dr. and the Metcalfe corner), on Fri., Jan. 5 from 12 pm until the time of the memorial service in the chapel at 1 pm.

Donations made to the Alzheimer Society would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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