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Duck racin'!



Some 800 rubber ducks were dropped into the South Nation River from the County Road 1 bridge in South Mountain Sat., May 2 during the 19th annual St. Daniel's Knights of Columbus duck race. While not a sellout, this year's event raised $2,600, with money to be distributed to local charities in the region. May 2's celebration also featured a yard sale and barbecue in the village's downtown core. Pictured, left to right, are Robert Orm, Bruce and Michael Purcell, Albert Koekkoek, Marlyn O'Connor, and Nancy Tousaw.

Press Photo – Uhrig

Calling all grads, come celebrate Winchester High

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – As the retelling goes, the school was stifling hot that day.

Both students and teachers complained about the heat, which though welcomed during a bitterly cold February, was unexpected in such a large facility.

The ending, however, is much worse.

Not long after buses had left for the day, flames burst from the walls of the former Winchester High School, leveling what at one time was the secondary facility of record for a catchment area that included not just the village, but neighbouring towns as far away as Osgoode.

It was a typical Tuesday in 1962 at the school – reading, writing, and arithmetic with physical education mixed in. Talk of weekend plans abounded, and the cadet corps looked ahead to weekly practice on Friday.

According to accounts from that time, it was staff member Euclid Forgues who, minutes after students were dismissed at 3:30 pm, noticed something was amiss, and yelled, "smoke!"

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IPM, SD&G funded $50K for increased promotion

FINCH – The 2015 International Plowing Match is to benefit from increased funding from Cornwall and the Counties Community Future Development Corporation, and the federal government.

A joint presentation was held Mon., May 4 at the Finch Community Centre. Combined, the financial investment totals $100,000, which is to be used to offset advertising and marketing costs. (The corporation is funded by the Eastern Ontario Development Corporation, which is managed by FedDev Ontario.)

The plowing match's organizing committee has been granted $50,000 to target advertising in other parts of Ontario, and throughout Quebec and Northern New York.

Meanwhile, an identical amount was given to the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry in order to showcase the region's assets and local communities during the five-day event this fall.

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Nestlé purchase date extended to May 8

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Though the Township of North Dundas has agreed to wave a good portion of back taxes at the former Nestlé Canada site, a closing date for sale of the sprawling property continues to be extended.

According to CAO Angela Rutley, completion of the purchase is now expected to take place Fri., May 8.

This is the third date to be given, with tentative deals having previously been set for Thurs., April 16 and Tues., April 28. Both passed without a resolution.

J.D.L. Finance, the first mortgagee for the site, initiated power of sale proceedings earlier this year, and in March, North Dundas was informed the property had been sold.

This development came after the municipality initiated its own tax sale proceedings in 2014, though ultimately backed off to give the mortgage company its own chance to find a willing buyer.

Armour Development, operated by Chesterville residents John and Sara Meharg, were the first principals to express interest in purchasing the site, and were believed to have been intent on closing a deal.

Now a new prospective purchaser has entered the fold. Chris Napior, who is listed as principal with an outfit known as ASI Alignment Strategies, an international business development firm based in Manotick, has entered the fray.

It is unclear at this point what Napior's plans are for the site, while the Mehargs are no longer in talks with North Dundas.

These developments come after township politicians voted in late March to accept $300,000 for payment of back taxes attached to Nestlé's former processing facility.

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Put it in gear

It's spring, and with it comes the Winchester Press*'* Spring Car Care Guide. *The supplement is full of helpful advice for those looking to extend the life of their vehicles. Also featured inside the special section are stories and photos about the automotive industry and maintenance tips, as well as information about local services and businesses.*



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Reunion

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Forgues then went to the basement to investigate. On the boys' side of the area, he found a portion of the downstairs room was engulfed in flames. He then managed to enter the shop room before being beaten back by the fire.

Unable to return to the upper entrance of the school, the direction from which he had come, he cheated death and escaped out a rear door of the school.

Though it went unnoticed, it seems the fire had been smouldering in the walls of the school much of the day. Had it broken out sooner, it could have been one of the largest tragedies to ever hit Winchester.

"I do remember people telling me about the heat that day… They couldn't believe it," Dwayne Holmes, who graduated in 1961, a year before the fire, said. "I knew another student who was talking with a teacher when the fire started… They barely made it out alive."

Quickly lost was a facility that had stood just off St. Lawrence Street for half a century. Damage was tentatively estimated at $500,000; though it was clear students would never be returning to class. Not at Winchester High School, at least.

For years, two stairways on opposite sides of a grand entryway led young learners to their homerooms. One side was for the boys, the other for the girls. There were no lockers in those days, but hooks.

"You hung your jacket, and carried your books. That's the way it was," Holmes said.

Built in 1914, many years of graduating classes had gone through those doors.

After the fire, students were dispatched to church halls and other spaces to continue their studies. Ultimately, North Dundas District High School was built at Maple Ridge, and pupils had a new home of their own.

But what about those who had already graduated? What of their memories of Winchester High School? The purple and gold. The football games and track events. The bitter rivalries with schools from Chesterville, Morrisburg, and elsewhere.

A group of graduates has planned a reunion event for Sat., May 30 at the Winchester Curling Club. It includes a barbecue lunch between 11 am and 1:30 pm, and a chance to reconnect with old friends from 2 to 5 pm.

"It's been a while since some of the people have seen each other… Some not since high school," Bob Guy said. "The last reunion, I think, was 40 years ago. This will likely be a last hurrah; a final get together for those that are still alive."

For information, contact Guy (613-989-6095), Holmes (613-774-6123) or Marion Carkner (613-774-3156).



For the yellow and gold

Winchester High School reunion organizers Dwayne Holmes (left), Marion Carkner, and Bob Guy. Each graduated from the former educational facility, which was consumed by fire in February 1962. The trio is pictured looking at an old copy of the *Commercial Reporter,* the high school's student-produced publication.

Press Photo – Uhrig

IPM

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"There has never been a bigger opportunity than this [celebration] to have tens of thousands of visitors come to [the region], many of them for the first time," Jim Brownell, chair of the organizing committee, said. "These funds will make sure we are able to promote the event [abroad] in different forms to draw visitors to our region this September."

It is estimated that the gate attendance between Tues., Sept. 22 and Sat., Sept. 26 will be between 80,000 and 100,000 people.

"It is important that we take advantage of the many visitors during the plowing match," Terry Besner, the united counties' economic development officer, said. "We want to put together a topnotch display to promote other local tourist attractions in the counties, and showcase what a great place SD&G is."



Winchester High School students were an integral part of the community throughout the facility's many years of operation. Pupils took part in a variety of activities throughout the village, including this Christmas parade in December 1958.

Nestlé

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At that time, the balance of outstanding funds was north of $500,000.

By accepting the deal, North Dundas has agreed to forfeit roughly $210,000. However, it has been ordered that the municipality receive payment in cash before the plant sale closes.

Meanwhile, despite the 373,000-square-foot facility's closure in 2006, water use at the site has continued to be metered, with charges owing on that account also. There is already an outstanding sewer bill in the amount of $1,221.21 with a second bill issued in March.

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Hot spots

Firefighters with the Township of North Dundas' Winchester detachment responded to the scene of a brush fire mid-morning Thurs., April 30. According to the detachment, the property owner at 12074 County Rd. 13 had been doing some outside work when the fire started. The landowner did attempt to quell the blaze on his own, but it grew larger and firefighters were called in.

Photo – Guy

POLICE BLOTTER

Death threats lead to arrest

MORRISBURG – On Fri., May 1, at approximately 11:17 am, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers responded to a report of threat incidents at the village plazas in both Morrisburg and Iroquois.

According to police, Larry Aumell, 64, threatened employees at stores in both locations. He now faces two counts of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm. Aumell was held in custody pending a bail court appearance in Cornwall.

Domestic investigation

MORRISBURG – On Mon., April 27, at approximately 7:38 pm, officers responded to a report of a domestic situation at a residence on County Road 4. The investigation indicated that an altercation between an adult male and his girlfriend resulted in the female being assaulted.

Further information revealed past incidences of assault. The accused was also in contravention of conditions imposed from a previous incident.

A 27-year-old Township of North Dundas resident was arrested at the scene. He faces charges of spousal assault (three counts), and failure to comply with a probation order (three counts). He was held in custody pending a bail court hearing Tues., April 28.

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

Headed down right path: Duncan

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – The Township of North Dundas' fourth annual mayoral breakfast drew more than 250 people to the Joel Steele Community Centre Thurs., April 30.

Mayor Eric Duncan's "state of the township" address took a more informal route this year, with the municipality's top politician going "off the cuff" and going without a prepared speech.

Instead, he read bullet points from a note he had cobbled together, highlighting efforts made by not only North Dundas, but also the upper-tier United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

"It's about need to know; communicating with the public and letting them know what we're doing," Duncan said. "Continual improvement, and doing better."

The scope of the work is also important, and ensuring people understand what their tax dollars are used for.

"The challenge we find is the bills are more than roadwork and garbage pick-up," he said. "One-fifth goes to local school boards, the rest goes to roads, recreation, buildings, bylaw enforcement, fire department, police, ambulances, libraries, social housing, courts, water, drainage and more… It's a matter of getting value for where the dollars go, and recognizing and appreciating the wide array of services."

Another key pillar to the region's success, according to Duncan, is embracing technology and its continued changes.

"The number one question people have about the area where they want to live is what the access to Internet is like," he said.



Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group president Jeff Hunt served as the municipality's mayoral breakfast's guest speaker Thurs., April 30.

Press Photo – Uhrig

Hundreds attend mayoral breakfast

Duncan highlighted the Eastern Ontario Regional Network as a key piece of infrastructure in the region. The 5,500-kilometre network of new and existing fire optic cable, with 160 new access points, is making high-speed Internet available to rural customers throughout Eastern Ontario.

"People couldn't believe it, said it couldn't be done," he said.

The project is a partnership between the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the federal governments, as well as lower-tiered municipalities and Internet service providers.

"We've now got 95 per cent of rural Eastern Ontario with topnotch access to the new way we have to promote ourselves," Duncan said.

The next major project planned by the caucus, with Duncan at the helm for a one-year term, is to improve mobile phone coverage in the region, and erasing current gaps in service.

Next, Duncan opened himself up to criticism, discussing "the cost of doing business," namely the wealth of funds spent annually to maintain municipally owned facilities.

"It's one of the biggest challenges we face," he said. "There used to be parties every weekend at the halls, and then this year, the New Year's Eve event was cancelled because not enough people wanted to go."

In Winchester alone, he said, there are 21 different places to host a meeting. "We look at that, and try to balance things out," Duncan said. "We try to be as accountable and open as we can."

The mayor also stressed the importance of economic development in North Dundas, which last year alone totalled $32 million in declared construction value.

"Our backbone is agriculture, and about $20 million of that was in the commercial and light industrial sectors, including SynAgri, Ideal Pipe, and Parmalat," Duncan said.

But the process is not without its challenges, as the township needs to up its residential rates in order to better support retail merchants.

"But we are going in the right direction," Duncan enthused.

Jeff Hunt, president of the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group, served as the event's guest speaker, touching on a number of topics, including the revitalization of Lansdowne Park and construction of TD Place, to operation of the Ottawa 67's junior hockey team, the Canadian Football League's RedBlacks, and the Ottawa Fury FC.

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Talent at Timothy's

From Kindergarten to Grade 8, children of all ages practiced their performances in the Timothy Christian School gymnasium for the upcoming annual evening show, Timothy's Got Talent, on Thurs., April 30. Bethany Biemond (above, left) and Grace DeJong, two Kindergarten students performing the song, "Down by the Bay," along with their classmates.



Heidi Blokland playing the guitar as her students perform the song, "Down by the Bay."



Noah Van Dyke entertaining the public in between performances.
Photos – Guy

Council notes from
North Dundas

Partner for FCC funding

WINCHESTER – As work to rehabilitate the aging Mountain Township Agricultural Society (MTAS) Hall in South Mountain continues, organization members are looking for a little extra funding to cover costs of the project.

During the Township of North Dundas' Tues., April 28 council meeting, politicians approved a motion that will see the municipality partner with the agricultural society in an application to Farm Credit Canada's AgriSpirit Fund.

The program awards rural community groups between $5,000 and $25,000 for community improvement projects. All projects must be in communities of less than 150,000 people, and selected groups have to complete their projects by Dec. 31, 2016.

MTAS is applying for the full amount the fund will disperse. If awarded surplus cash, the money is to be used to assist with interior renovation costs for both the hall and kitchen, and to purchase needed appliances.

"It's an easy way for us to partner," Mayor Eric Duncan said.

Open-air burning amendment

Rural landowners have been granted permission to supersede enacted burn bans, so long as they apply to do so.

North Dundas politicians approved a supplemental burn permission request April 28 that will permit select controlled burning during township-wide shutdowns.

Area farmers requested the change in order for them to be allowed to burn brush piles that resulted from winter land clearing efforts. Burning is required in order for them to work the fields during spring planting.

Any fires to take place must be done in or near the middle of an open field, thus keeping the fire from spreading beyond the pile.

The cost of the application is $100, and a township fire official must attend the burn site before a permit is issued.



Sweet treats

Parishioners at Winchester Wesleyan Church hosted a spring tea and bake sale Sat., May 6 inside the religious facility's rear community hall. Many fresh-baked goodies were available for sale, while numerous discounted items, including many books donated by the Winchester Curling Club, could be purchased. Pictured in with the treats is Peggy Holmes. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

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North Dundas Leos member Jackson McMillan and Wendy Weagant, Dundas County Food Bank board member, took part in the food drive at Andy's Foodland in Winchester Sat., May 2.
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Weekend haul tops 1,500 pounds for food bank shelves

WINCHESTER – The Dundas County Food Bank's latest collection drive, which is aiming to fill the plates of those in need this summer, brought in more than 1,500 pounds of food in its first weekend.

Food bank supporters stationed themselves outside local stores Sat., May 2 in order to encourage the public to help fill the shelves at the charity's locations in Winchester and Morrisburg.

Food drives took place at Andy's Foodland in Winchester, Giant Tiger in Morrisburg, and Iroquois' Foodland.

According to Ian McKelvie, the food bank's administrator, 1,524 pounds of food items was collected, while cash offerings totalled $887.45.

The DCFB has also joined forces with food banks throughout Canada in the "Every Plate Full Food Drive," with other local organizations and service groups taking the lead to collect on behalf of the area food bank.

A fourth and final food drive, meanwhile, is planned for Sat., May 9 at Riley's Valu-Mart in Morrisburg.

Latest seniors' euchre winners

WINCHESTER – The white-card winners at the latest Winchester Seniors' euchre event held Thurs., April 30 were Joyce McIntosh and Elaine Sypes. The yellow-card winners were Phyllis MacIntosh and Judy Little.

Carole Villeneuve and Lisa Streng were the door prize winners, while Kathy Crump (twice) and Charlotte Malowsky took home the "share the wealth" offerings.

The group's next euchre event has been scheduled for Thurs., May 14.

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NDDHS Notes

by Abby Fawcett

Schedule filling up

MAPLE RIDGE – Tomorrow (Thurs. May 7), student council will be hosting the final dance of the year at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS).

It will be a Glow Dance held from 7 to 10 pm, and glow-in-the dark paint will be available for students to use at the door.

Tickets will be sold outside of the guidance offices, for the cost of $12, right up until the day of the dance. Everyone is reminded to wear white, and behave appropriately for a school event. Police officers will be present at the dance.

All week long, students, from Grades 7 to 12, can continue to buy-out for the NDDHS Prom Fundraising Fashion Show, which is now scheduled for Fri., May 15 at 1 pm. The cost to buy out of classes to watch is $2, and the event will be open to the public.

Also continuing this week are sign-ups for the NDDHS Pan Am Summer Games for teams of five or six, and the cost is $50 a team for students in Grades 9 to 12.

However, sign-ups for the annual 4-on-4 Ball Hockey Tournament begin Fri., May 8 for teams of five and the cost of $25 per team. This event is for Grades 9 to 12, and is a prom fundraiser. There will be a barbecue held on that day with all proceeds also going toward lowering the cost of prom tickets.

Lastly, there will be a spirit day, Hillbilly Day, May 8 for all Grades 9 to 12 students.



Pictured, left to right, during Sun., May 3's Hike for Hospice is Joan Larmour, Gord Fairbairn, Joanna Larmour, Connor Dumoulin, and Maiah Horne.
Press Photo – Uhrig

Hike for Hospice nets $4,300

MORRISBURG – The sun shone bright Sun., May 3 as participants took to the shores of the St. Lawrence River to take part in the region's third annual Hike for Hospice.

Participants took off from the Morrisburg Beach area, traversing either 2.5 or five kilometres.

In total, about 50 walkers took part, netting roughly $4,500 for the Dundas County Hospice.

According to Kathryn Mulder, director of client services, the funds will be used to offset expenses associated with the local palliative care organization's equipment loan program, its day hospice initiative, and complimentary therapies.

The inaugural event, held in 2013 at the Iroquois Lock, brought in more than $2,000, while last year's hike in Winchester generated $3,800.

Though co-ordinated nationally (this year celebrating its 13th anniversary), the intent of the hike is to keep funds raised through regional events in those communities.

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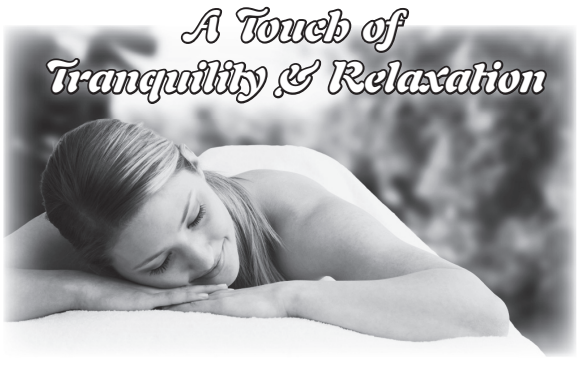

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Cutting costs did nothing more than put lives at risk

The pesky auditor general has called out the Ontario Liberal government once again.

In Bonnie Lysk's recent report, issued last week, she targeted the ruling party's calamitous program for clearing provincial highways of snow and ice in winter.

The document outlines the numerous reckless decisions made and shocking lack of government oversight.

These are the same accusations Premier Kathleen Wynne made about the PCs ahead of last year's election, highlighting the May 2000 tainted water tragedy in Walkerton where seven people died and thousands were sickened because of E. coli contaminated water.

This time around, the spotlight was honed on the Liberals.

Lysk has found that beginning in 2009, when Dalton McGuinty was still premier, the ministry of transportation, in order to save money, began to limit its snow and ice-clearing operations. The government department did this knowingly, putting the lives of Ontario's many motorists at increased risk.

Changes were made despite warnings from staff, including engineers, that using low-price contractors was a disservice to drivers because they wouldn't be able to do the job properly.

Were people killed because of poorly maintained roadways? It's likely, but that has not been the sole factor indicated.

Though preliminary data does indicate an increase in highway deaths in 2013 involving snow, slush or ice was charted, after years of a drop in the number of fatalities thanks to operational improvements made by vehicle manufacturers.

As well, 200 lawsuits have been launched against the government by those involved in serious automobile accidents on provincial highways.

According to Lysk's report, the transportation ministry spent $171 million on winter maintenance in 2013-2014, compared to $202 million in 2008-2009. The budget dropped to $166 million in 2012-2013, less than what was spent in 2005-2006.

The OPP investigated 33,131 motor vehicle collisions in 2012-2013, and 41,424 the following year.

Winter accidents typically spike in November, during a period when drivers are still adjusting to winter conditions, and officers dealt with an all-time high of 10,605 accidents in January 2014.

Though the ministry contends that winter-related deaths have dropped significantly between 2002 and 2012, it does little to satisfy a frustrated public.

The auditor general contends that more could have been done to save lives had the government not acted with reckless abandon.

Instead, the average time taken to clear highways after a snowstorm was more than doubled, spiking to 4.7 hours from 2.1 hours.

Contractors were largely left to police themselves, though Lysk found that some economized further, using inferior equipment or less anti-icing liquid, with the government often turning a blind eye to the infractions.

Even the fines imposed on negligent contractors didn't stick. With $13.3 million imposed during the winter of 2013-2014, $4.8 million were cancelled and $5.2 million reassessed.

All told, a lack of government oversight has left drivers traversing Ontario highways throughout parts of the province known for unforgiving winter weather.

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1925

"It looks, at first sight, like some huge prehistoric monster, but closer investigation reveals that its only an old Ford with a slim low body and long tail, painted yellow, and the driver is Beatty Fisher, who we believe is the designer and builder of the freak car," the *Winchester Press* said.

1935

This week: "With this issue, the *Winchester Press* enters its 49th year of publication, 20 of which have been guided by the present editor, [J.H. Ross].



This week in 1975, Karen Wilson (left), Grenata Van Noppen, Heather Cameron, and Garry Chamberlain were pictured during the Winchester Lions Club's fundraising walk for their new hall: "179 walkers trek 21.5 miles for $5,000."

1945

"Fire of undetermined origin on Monday destroyed the Fulton Block in the heart of Chesterville Village," the *Press* reported. "Prompt work by volunteer firefighters, aided by apparatus rushed to the scene by the Winchester Fire Department, prevented the fire from spreading to the remainder of Chesterville's business section."

1955

"Bob Simpson, all-star end of the Ottawa Rough Riders football team, ended all conjecture about his staying in Ottawa when he signed his contract for the 1955 season last week," the *Press* reported. "At the same time, he announced the purchase of the popular 'Ottawa House Hotel' in Berwick, which he expects to take over on June 1."

1965

This week's front page reported on the death of Old Fort Henry's 12-year-old mascot, David: "Visitors to [the] historic [site] will no longer be greeted by its most popular guardsman. David, the purebred white Sanen goat, official number 235, who served as mascot since 1953, died at the age of 12 years."

1975

In local politics: "In an effort to get more efficiency out of council meetings and councillors and to alleviate long, tiresome sessions, members of Winchester Village Council Monday night voted in favour of a 10:30 pm curfew. The curfew, expected to be implemented at the next session of council, will make it mandatory that all meetings finish by 10:30."

1985

Readers, this week, learned about gristmills: "For the Loyalists, the building of a grist mill was second in priority only to the building of their own shelters… The construction of a grist mill at Upper Canada Village is complete, and the restored building, Bellamy's Steam Flour Mills, is to be officially opened May 20… The mill, built in the early 1820's on the banks of the Rideau River at North Augusta, has been restored to the mid-1860's period at the village."

1995

"Attending school next year will be a little easier for some students at Winchester Public School. Construction started this week to add two classrooms to the building's ground floor, allowing the school to house Grades Junior Kindergarten to 6 on one level and making it more accessible [for others]."

2005

Dr. Larry Gray made the front page of this week's edition, as he was celebrating 50 years as a veterinarian. He was pictured with Max, the St. Bernard he and his Winchester clinic had adopted from the humane society.

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The boy inside the man



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

Ryan Reeves was just a kid when he decided that he would someday become a professional wrestler.

It was as a kid that he got his first taste of the squared-circle, and all of the adrenaline that goes with it.

"A local radio station ran a contest," Reeves recalled recently during some down time at a WWE event in Green Bay. "They wanted kids to enter the contest, so I wrote a letter about how much I loved wrestling, and I won tickets to the event. As part of the event, I got to ring the bell."

It was a memory that would last with Reeves forever. It also served as a baseline for a dream to be built upon. The 33-year-old Las Vegas native is now a WWE superstar, known in the wrestling and entertainment world simply as Ryback. Last night (Tues., May 5), Ryback joined other superstars like Daniel Bryan and Roman Reigns during a WWE event at the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa.

For Reeves, being a part of each and every WWE show he is in is part of a journey – a journey of a kid's dream that keeps coming true every time he steps in the ring and hears the roar of the crowd.

"When I was a kid, I loved wrestling," he recalled. "I think Hulk Hogan had a lot to do with it – not just for me, but for all kids of my generation."

During the late 1980s and early 1990s, there were many athletes that were looked upon as role models. Basketball had Michael Jordan, and a generation watched him win championship after championship and then star in a movie with Bugs Bunny. Hockey had Wayne Gretzky, the greatest hockey player of his time – whose polite, humble and selfless nature set an example for a generation of Canadians. Football had leaders like Joe Montana, Troy Aikman, and Steve Young.

But, Reeves said, Hulk Hogan was just as influential on the youth of North America as any athlete in any sport.

"I guess I was a little Hulkamaniac," Reeves remembered with a smile. "He was a guy we all looked up to. He represented everything positive, and he became someone that every kid looked up to."

On the night when a young Ryan Reeves got to ring the bell, Hulk Hogan was part of the card in Las Vegas.

"I remember Hulk Hogan coming out in his yellow tights and ripping his t-shirt and the crowd going wild," he said. "And I remember Andre the Giant was there, too. He was wrestling against Hulk Hogan, and he came out in his black onesie. Bret "The Hitman" Hart was there, too. They were big – larger than life. I was wearing my Razor Ramon t-shirt, and it was a night I will never forget."

And how could a 12-year-old kid not be awestruck?

Hogan, the inspiration of a young generation, was 6'7" and was cut and ripped at 280 pounds. Andre the Giant, meanwhile, stood 7'4" and weighed 555 pounds. He wore a size 24 shoe and had hands so big that he could hide cans of beer in them.

Ryan Reeves left the show that night, and went straight into the weight room. He wanted to be big, and he began to work out. He would soon earn the nickname "Silverback" from his friends, as they would say that his growing back resembled that of a silverback gorilla. He became a star football and baseball player in high school, and would go on to play college baseball.

But his real love was wrestling. He would become a contestant on *Tough Enough*, and would eventually start out his professional wrestling career with Ohio Valley Wrestling. He started out as Silverback Ryan Reeves and then became Skip Sheffield. In 2008, he was introduced to the wrestling world as Ryback, a big wrestler with a Terminator-like edge.

Life in wrestling for the past decade has been a grind, both physically and mentally, but it's been a ride that Reeves has embraced every day.

"There is so much energy at every show," he said. "It never gets routine. Every event, whether it is live, or if it is taped for television or a pay-per-view, is special. You feed off the energy of the crowd, and you always have to remember that the people that are there that night may have never seen a WWE event live before, and it may be the only time in their lives that they ever get to see a WWE event."

Reeves' experience as a wrestler has not come without challenges. The training is intense, and the time in the gym and in physiotherapy is part of the life that a wrestler lives.

Ryback may be a 6'3", 290-pound, cut-and-ripped beast, but under all that muscle, there is still that young boy who got to ring the bell. For Ryan Reeves, ringing the bell is a memory he will hold onto forever. For Ryback, it's the perspective that will always remind him of what the WWE is all about.

'Self-important power tripping' bureaucrats killed open mic night

Letters to the Editor

The Editor:
The pungent odour of pig manure wafts over the Township of North Dundas, carried gently on the evening breeze, a sure indication that spring has finally arrived in Winchester and the surrounding area.

Speaking of pig manure, the recent decision of the small-minded bureaucrats of the Township of North Dundas to shut down the Thursday Night Open Mic at the Old Town Hall in Winchester smells much worse than anything the township's farmers have been spreading on their fields in recent days.

It seems that this council is either unable or unwilling to distinguish the difference between cost and value. It seems, also, that the only thing of importance to this council is the immediate gratification felt by the clinking of coins in the township coffers.

These councillors obviously have not stopped to consider the value of the open mic to this community. To them, it seems to be only about cost – shameful! They know the cost of everything, but the value of nothing.

The open mic provided musicians, both accomplished and beginners, an opportunity to experience the excitement of learning and performing in front of an audience. In addition, this was a place where music lovers, musicians, newcomers, and people from all over could get together to learn, perform, bond, and to promote other events taking place in the community.

This weekly event attracted not only locals, but people from all over the area and beyond, as coordinator Ann Brady pointed out in her letter last week ("Squabble over fees forces open mic hiatus"). Ann seems to be the only person involved in this dismal affair who understands the value of the open mic to this community. Sometimes value is separate, and much more important than cost. This seems to be a case in point. If this in itself is not valuable enough to cut the open mic organizers some slack and forgive the cost in view of the inherent value of the event, then I am at a loss as to what goes through the minds of the moneygrubbers at North Dundas' headquarters.

These visionless thinkers at town council would rather bully a dedicated volunteer out of the picture and let the facility lie dormant – a dog in the manger attitude, if I have ever seen one.

So, what has the North Dundas council done to promote the potential of the Old Town Hall in Winchester? Absolutely nothing, as far as I can see.

Ann Brady, in her letter to the editor last week, mentioned that she and the arts council were willing to sit down with council to discuss the merits of promoting the potential of the Old Town Hall. But, typical in a self-important, tin-pot bureaucracy, nothing was done. Shame again. What vision. What statesmanship. What leadership. What a pack of shortsighted, money-grubbing bullies.

If North Dundas council is serious about recouping costs, then perhaps they should try to exercise some forethought and creativity to figure out what to do. It is not rocket science, it simply requires a bit of thought and some work, but, in order to do so, the puffed-up attitudes of the likes of Mayor Eric Duncan and Councillor Al Armstrong should be reined in.

For Armstrong to express his self-righteous indignation ("Who owns the Old Town Hall, anyway?") when Brady "respectfully declined" to pay the "pound of flesh" fee is nothing short of ignorant hurtfulness and nastiness. Ms. Brady has worked tirelessly, without any compensation whatsoever, to keep the open mic going for the past three years. She has asked for nothing in return, other than a venue to host an event that has value to this community.

This is a sad and overblown situation. But, what can you expect other than self-important power tripping when most of the people on council, including the mayor, were awarded their seats by acclamation. Big fish in a small pond. Hopefully, the small pond will get more crowded in the next election so that these seats have to be earned by actual votes rather than being awarded.

This entire clown show reminds me of a once-popular television commercial:

Old Town Hall rental: $994.40

North Dundas council members: A dime a dozen

Open Mic Night: Priceless

Michael M. Henry
Winchester

Editor's note: While the Thursday evening Open Mic events have been saved by an anonymous donor, Michael M. Henry's critique of North Dundas' council and staff remains valid. –M.U.

Facts back up letter from clear-cutting critic

The Editor:
It was so nice to see someone expressing concern ("Earth Day soured by ongoing clear-cutting," *Winchester Press*, Wed., April 29) about the rampant cutting of every tree, shrub and bush – the newest "fad" in our county.

Be it field edges or any piece of property with a tree left standing, the chain saws and hi-hoes are ripping them up with little regard for the environmental consequences. Everyone says that the big equipment guys "insist" on it. If I were the paying customer, I would insist they work around it or I would find someone else to hire. Everyone says that it allows for more profit.

These responses, however, are shortsighted when the facts prove otherwise. Agricultural studies have shown time and again that forest surrounding fields acts as a protector of the crops, the land quality, the water quality, and actually increases crop yield. Trees clean the air and keep our water supply drinkable. In six years, we have watched as a beautiful field-and-forest county has been turned into ugly barren flatlands just waiting for a severe drought to wipe everything out. Don't think it can happen? Talk to anyone who farmed during the Great Depression. That disaster was caused by human greed and disrespect for nature.

So before you fire up your chain saw, take a moment to consider the following benefits of trees (in part from Tree Canada) and base your decision on fact not 'fad':

• Trees have medicinal uses: one of four pharmaceutical products is plant-based. Some examples are chemotherapy drugs, aspirin and many creams. So if you use any medicines to stay healthy and alive, thank a tree!

• Trees provide food for people and animals, including fruit, berries, and nuts!

• Trees make the air more breathable by reducing pollution particulates – the smallest particulates of pollution are the ones that get deepest into our lungs and have been connected with cancers!

• Trees release clean oxygen into our air and remove toxic carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Without trees, we would suffocate. If you breathed in fresh air today, thank a tree!

• By planting trees and shrubs, you can reduce noise pollution!

• Tree-lined streets increase traffic safety by making streets appear narrower!

• Trees capture carbon and become "carbon sinks," which reduce the greenhouse effect and therefore assist in stopping global warming which, top international scientists agree, is the greatest single threat to our existence on this planet. Cutting down trees adds to global warming!

• Trees' root systems help prevent soil erosion, as well as preventing water pollution. That means they help keep our water table, and therefore our wells, healthy!

• Trees provide shade that cools water, benefiting many fish species. Trees' roots and branches provide space for fish to hide from predators, so if you enjoy sport fishing, thank a tree!

• Properties with trees are valued higher in the real estate market!

• Trees provide recreation, attract tourists, and make for beautiful views. That means trees help with our county's economic development initiatives!

• Trees provide shade in summer, which saves on air conditioning costs, and trees insulate homes in the winter, which saves on heating costs! Want to beat Hydro One? Plant more trees!

• see LETTER: TREES on next page

Mayor's breakfast deserving of kudos

The Editor:
We wish to thank Township of North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan and his team for a very successful breakfast event Thurs., April 30.

All who attended experienced a great program with Jeff Hunt being the main speaker followed by Eric who updated us on council's current focus.

All need to be recognized for the event, the North Dundas staff for the set up and co-ordinating, Winchelsea Events for their meal and service, council members for their input and the speaker, Hunt. Also thanks to O'Farrell Financial Services for sponsoring the event.

Council puts in a lot of time managing the affairs of the township. We appreciate the work they do, and although sometimes we do not agree with their decisions, they do have our best interests in mind in building a great community to live and work in.

Financial stability is difficult, and they do their best to work on priorities.

Thanks for the opportunity to come to this event to meet and greet other community business folks and friends.

We are indeed fortunate to live in North Dundas.

Tom and Jan Clapp
Winchester



The 2015 Russell Ladies' Night fundraiser held Fri., May 1 generated $30,000 for Crohn's and Colitis Canada. Pictured, from left to right, are Lynne Rochon, Marie Baker, Cindy Pichette, Sarah Dupont, Angela Lavoie, Linda Duhamel, Kristine Bercier, Kelly Jobson, Michelle St. Pierre, and Judy McFaul.

Ladies' Night puts fun in fundraising

RUSSELL – The Russell Agricultural Society's 12th Ladies' Night dinner and auction raised awareness and $30,000 for Crohn's and Colitis Canada at its Fri., May 1 event.

"We are grateful for the generous donations of products and services, the support of our event partners, sponsors, and the contribution of the ladies who attend our event every year," Judy McFaul, organizing committee co-chair, said. "Special thanks to the auctioneers, honoured guests, and many volunteers who graciously donate their time and skills."

All proceeds from the silent and live auctions totaling $25,000, plus $5,000 through Scotiabank's Team Scotia Community Program, were donated to Crohn's and Colitis Canada to help fund research toward a cure, and to improve the lives of children and adults affected by these chronic diseases.

> $30,000 for Chrone's and colitis research

"We are thrilled to be the recipient of proceeds from this year's Ladies' Night auctions, and we want to thank everyone who attended and donated," Daniel Knox, regional director for the Ontario chapter of the nationwide organization, said. "Canadians have more reasons to be concerned about Crohn's and colitis than anyone else in the world. As many as one in every 150 Canadians has Crohn's or colitis, and rates are rising for all ages. Support from local events such as this help fund significant and needed investments in research, patient education, and advocacy programs to help individuals."

Since 2004, the Ladies' Night event has raised more than $300,000 for various charitable organizations.

Letter: Trees

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• Trees shade roads and parking lots, which cools the asphalt and extends its life, making for fewer costly repairs! Less infrastructure costs lower our taxes!

• Trees planted in fields shield against wind and snow, help protect crops and actually increase yields. They do not "suck up all the water," but actually protect the land from drought by making the land and the water healthier. Agricultural research has shown that fields without trees have lower crop yields, and are vulnerable to permanent sustained damage from extreme weather conditions!

• Trees produce shade, which discourages invasive species. The spread of invasive species in our county (such as poison parsnip and other noxious weeds) can be blamed in part on the rampant cutting of trees!

• Trees provide shelter for wildlife. Biodiversity makes for a healthy ecosystem!

• Trees provide health benefits such as stress reduction. Areas with trees and shrubs experience less crime. Trees have been shown to speed the healing process. Hospital patients who have a view of trees actually heal faster!

• Trees bring us closer to nature, and learning about them broadens our minds and helps us reconnect with our natural world!

Janice Atkey Videto
Winchester

Out with the old ...in with the new

by Nina Guy

WINCHESTER – Disaster won't keep this auction house down.

Rideau Auctions hosted its fourth annual anniversary liquidation sale last week, beginning Thurs., April 30.

The Winchester-based liquidation centre was selling clothes, furniture, electronics, and much more at reduced prices. Some of the items were discounted up to 50 per cent, especially the clothing items. All of the items came from major box stores and stores going out of business.

At the end of the sale, whatever furniture hasn't been sold will be auctioned to the highest bidder.

"We've got lots of stuff," Hunter McCaig, owner of Rideau Auctions, said. "We hope everyone enjoys [this sale.] We're here to move the product, and it's different all the time."

After a devastating fire destroyed the liquidation centre back in June 2011, the business has been stronger than ever.

Rideau Auctions moved to Kemptville for nine months, allowing time for the renovations to be completed, before moving back to their Winchester location.

Since then, the business has been ongoing, and hundreds of customers come out each day to the anniversary liquidation sale.

"When we decided to rebuild, we also decided that we were going to get [a] bigger [inventory,] and we have," McCaig said. "Every year, we just keep adding more product, and I keep buying them."

The liquidation sale continues until Sat., May 9. The furniture sale will occur once the anniversary sale is complete.

"We're moving all of that furniture that's left in the [tent to the auction house], because we're not moving it back out!" McCaig said.



Thousands of clothing items are for sale during Rideau Auctions' anniversary liquidation sale, ending Sat., May 9.

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IPM visitors, sit yourself down

Tagwi students working to put bums in seats at plowing match

AVONMORE – There will be 1,100 acres of rural fun and agricultural education during this year's International Plowing Match (IPM), and some Tagwi Secondary School students will have a big part of it.

Thanks to a partnership between the Avonmore-based educational facility and local building supply companies, visitors to the Finch event in September will have more places to sit and rest between demonstrations, entertainment, and more.

Tasked with raising operating capital for the event, the IPM's sponsorship committee solicited donors to have their names attached to a bench for $300.

According to organizers, it proved to be a "very popular initiative," selling out quickly. Bench sponsors have the option of taking the souvenir bench home at the end of the five-day event.

"The project seemed daunting at first," Stephen O'Donohue, who's facilitating the project, said. "But things just started to fall into place."

Jamie Poulin's construction technology students at Tagwi got on board, and J&R Adam Building Supply in St-Albert and Winchester BMR donated supplies.



Pictured are Tagwi Secondary School students Christian Racine (left) and Dylan Campbell constructing one of 140 benches that will be placed throughout the International Plowing Match site during this September's event in the Finch area.

The initial request was for 75 benches, but quickly grew to 100. When the project reaches its end, students will have constructed 140 benches to be placed throughout the plowing match site.

According to Poulin, it has been a good assignment for the students because they have been able to take advantage of the assembly-line nature of the project.

"All the students have had an opportunity to work on cutting, sanding, planing the wood, and assembly," he said. "It also covered the curriculum requirements."

The construction class is part of the specialist high skill major program offered at Tagwi, which is a newly launched initiative by the Upper Canada District School Board.

The program allows students to make decisions geared toward post-secondary education, helping to move into the workforce and apprenticeship training.

Poulin estimates the students, Grades 9 through 12, will contribute 2,000 hours to the project by the end.

It has also made for more productive class time, as the students know what is expected of them.

"They know that the match is coming, and they are motivated by the teamwork, as well as the sense of community and responsibility to get the work done and meet the deadline," Poulin said.



Orange haze

Topline Trailers and Equipment Sales hosted its annual spring ride and drive event Sat., May 2 at the business' County Road 31 location north of Winchester. Participants could test-drive a variety of equipment, including lawnmowers, tractors and loaders, and other utility vehicles. Pictured are Rene Piette (left) and Steve Kerkhof. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

Metcalfe market opens Saturday, others to follow

METCALFE – Marketgoers in the region will soon have their seasonal stomping grounds returned.

On Saturday (May 9), the Metcalfe Farmers' Market reopens following a winter's long hibernation.

The site will be in operation 8 am to 12 pm every Saturday through to October.

At this year's launch, Mother's Day will be celebrated. Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze is to be in attendance for a ribbon cutting early in the morning, followed by cake.

Country singer Don Tuttle will provide entertainment.

Visit the market's website (www.metcalfefm.com) for more information.

In Chesterville, opening day for the village's farmers' market is Sat., May 23.

Market organizers are also taking part in the Chesterville Agricultural Society's online scavenger hunt. Visit www.chestervillefair.com for details.

The Winchester Sunday Market, meanwhile, is slated to launch its inaugural season Sun., May 31.

4-H Update

4-H cheese club meets

by Cassidy Porteous and Brooklin Begg

MOUNTAIN – The fourth meeting of the Dundas County 4-H Cheese Club was held late last month at the home of Rose Stewart.

After the 4-H pledge was recited and the minutes from the previous meeting approved, members discussed upcoming meetings.

In keeping with the cheese theme, participants played a board game called Mouse Trap. The goal of the game was to get the most cheese, and to stay alive as long as possible. Some members went into panic mode when their mouse ended up caught in the trap. Fortunately, no actual mice were hurt during the game.

Members also discussed their upcoming trip to the new St-Albert Cheese Co-operative.

Once the meeting was adjourned, participants enjoyed cheese and crackers.

Tour dairy, goat operation

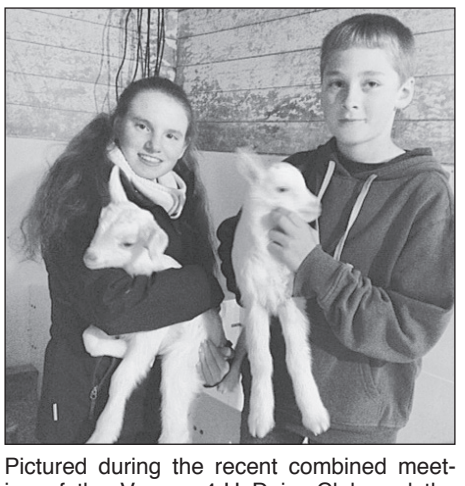
OSGOODE – Late last month, members of both the Vernon 4-H Dairy Club and the Crop Club met for a combined meeting.

Forty participants took part in a tour of a dairy and goat operation, owned by John and Noemi OudeEgberink, on Belmeade Road. The event included a visit to the Saanen goat nursery, group pens, and milking facilities. Kirk Reaney thanked the OudeEgberinks at the end.

Members also selected the executive for the upcoming season. For the Dairy Club, Cassidy Reaney will serve as president, with Justin Velthuis as vice-president, and Nicole Velthuis the secretary. Lesa VanBokhorst is the press reporter.

The club leaders are Connie McDiarmid, Karen Velthuis, Julia McDonald, Cheryl Sullivan, Eleanor Robinson, and Joan Morrison.

The group's next meeting is to be held later this month.



Pictured during the recent combined meeting of the Vernon 4-H Dairy Club and the Crop Club are Lesa VanBokhorst and Simon OudeEgberink.



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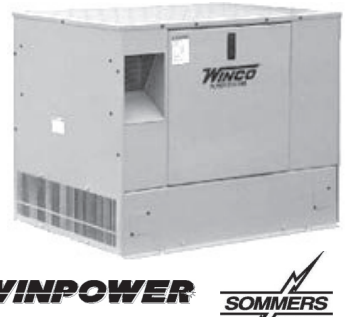

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North Dundas District High School's Envirothon team finished first at the recent regional competition held in Cornwall. Members, left to right, include Emma Grubb (left), Alysha Lee, Malerie Paterson, and Kelly Durant (teacher supervisor). Missing: Emma Paterson, Curtis McLean, and Sarah MacFarlane.

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NDDHS' Envirothon team captures gold at regionals

MAPLE RIDGE – Runners-up last year, North Dundas District High School (NDDHS)' Envirothon team made its mark during the 2015 regional competition.

Held in late April at the St. Lawrence Power Development Visitor Centre in Cornwall, the local students captured first-place honours.

Team members Alysha Lee, Malerie and Emma Paterson, Curtis McLean, and Sarah MacFarlane took part in two workshops throughout the school year, writing a test at the end of each seminar. (MacFarlane is unable to attend the upcoming provincial competition, with Lilli Grubb taking her place.)

The regional competition covered four areas – aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and soils. NDDHS' team was tops in the wildlife division, and were judged to have the best overall presentation.

In the end, the school's score was the highest among all competing educational facilities.

The team will be travelling to Lindsay for the Ontario-wide event at Fleming College Wed., May 20 to Sat., May 23.

"We are very excited," Kelly Durant, the team's teacher supervisor, said.

Great Williamsburg sale

The 24th annual Williamsburg Giant Yard Sale took place under sunny skies Sat., May 2 with ample opportunity for bargain hunters to find a treasure among the many items up for sale. Three village churches also hosted bake sales, while the Independent Order of Odd Fellows hosted a morning breakfast and the Christian Reformed Church held a lunchtime barbecue.

At left:
Ken Wood among the many items for sale outside Eastern Engines Power Equipment.







Above:
Pamela Rodrigue at the Friends of the Williamsburg Library book sale.

At left:
Benjamin and Emily Vreman displaying their many wares.

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From small town to the big screen

by Nina Guy

METCALFE – It's not often that you'll see someone from Metcalfe appear in well-known films. But Peter James Gray has done the unexpected.

He went from acting in his backyard to performing alongside Blake Lively on the big screen.

From a young age, the 27-year-old Metcalfe native had an interest in acting. According to his father, David, Gray would often act out scenes with his friends around his house, and David would record each and every one of them.

As Gray grew older, his father began doing documentary films. As it turned out, Gray often lent his voice to the narration, not only to help his father, but also because he was able to read the lines with smooth intonation.

Gray's mother, Sally, said acting was always in his blood.

"Everybody doesn't get what acting's all about, [but] he did," Sally said. "[While directing a film on the Old Testament, Peter was acting in it and] I realized he was good at it. [Peter]'s suited to acting. There were three or four fellows [in the Old Testament piece] that were really good, and you could say 'could you do this?', and they would do it right away with understanding. Peter was one of those [fellows]. That talent was there, and I guess that it was developed with experience."

While completing his bachelor in economics, sociology and international development at the University of Ottawa, Gray was deeply involved in the drama club.



Peter J. Gray and Blake Lively were featured in many well-known magazines, such as *US Weekly* and *People*. David and Sally Gray, parents of Peter J. Gray, are proudly holding up one of the magazines their son is pictured in.

Once finishing his academic studies, he travelled to Chilewhere he learned Spanish and taught English as a second language to the natives.

Soon afterwards, the acting bug caught him again.

Since being re-emerged into the acting world nearly five years ago, Gray has appeared in small roles and short films. He's also had parts in many of the film's core structure, such as casting decisions and narration. Gray also appeared in the background on many occasions, especially for well-known films.

When *The Vow* (starring Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams) was released in 2012, Gray was fortunate enough to get his first literal hands-on experience. During one of the scenes with McAdams and Tatum, you can see his hands for several moments on screen.

"For him to have had a few background roles, [such as] in *The Vow* and television movies, [I think it's helped him]," David said. "Being seen by so many people is bound to help."

Gray also appeared as a stand-in not only for Jamie Dornan's character, Christian Grey, in the latest erotic film, *Fifty Shades of Grey*, but also for Grant Gustin in the CW series, *The Flash*.

He also had a small role in another CW series, *Supernatural*, before landing his biggest role to date as Adaline's husband in *The Age of Adaline*, which was released two weeks ago.

The actor appears in the first five minutes of the film, charming audience members with his smile. Gray's time on screen is short, but despite that fact, his role impacts the how and why of the film.

And it also impacted his parents in an entirely different way.

"I never dreamt I would see anybody in our family on the big screen, so we're kind of astounded," Sally said. "This is a completely new thing for our family, [but] we're proud that he's stuck with it, and I think he's very courageous."

Gray has recently appeared in several well-known magazines, such as *US Weekly* and *People*. The pictures portray Gray and actress Blake Lively on set of the latest feature film with headlines such as "Blake's second wedding."

According to Gray's mother, this was the publicity he needed.

Aside from acting, Gray has quite the green thumb. During the summer, he enjoys planting trees not only to earn more money, but to help the environment as well and return to his roots.

Gray has several jobs lined up for the next few months, and his parents hope the best for him in this new line of work.



Helping Mother Earth

Members of the Metcalfe Girl Guides troupe took to the back field at the Osgoode Township Historical Society Museum in Vernon Sat., May 2 to plant all manner of trees throughout the green space. Above, Laura Seldon (left) and Sara Sparling flexed some muscle as they carried their plant to its final resting spot.



At left: *Lydia Lorbetski (left) and Livia Siew inspected the hole where their tree would be planted.*

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Dance school waltzes into Hallville studio

HALLVILLE – For Thea Sanders and Danah Raymondo, it's the realization of a long-held dream.

The dancing duo welcomed friends, family, and supporters Sun., May 3 to the new Hallville location of Joanne Whittaker School of Dance Evolution.

"Moving the studio for us was a big deal," Sanders said. "To have a much larger turnout than I thought we'd have is fantastic."



Township of North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan helped cut the ribbon alongside business owners Thea Sanders (middle) and Danah Raymondo at the official launch of the Joanne Whittaker School of Dance Evolution's new Hallville location Sun., May 3.

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The studio was first opened in 1982 in the Mountain Township Community Centre, bearing the name of its founder (The Joanne Whittaker School of Dance). For more than 25 years, students from throughout the region were trained in all manners of dance and produced bi-annual showcase performances.

Whittaker continued on until her retirement in 2008, and the studio was shuttered.

However, Sanders and Raymondo, two alumni who studied alongside Whittaker, partnered in 2010 to revive instructions at the Mountain-based facility.

In the five years since, the business partners have revitalized the school, increasing the number of participants, and hosting 25 classes a week in multiple dance styles.

Late last year, studio operators secured space in Hallville, moving out of the longtime community centre home.



Touring through

The *Winchester Press* had some visitors Wed., April 29 as Grade 1 students from neighbouring Winchester Public School toured the venerable newspaper's facility. The inquiring young minds had been studying the process of newspaper creation, and came to get an inside view of the process.

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Anonymous donor steps up to foot bill for open mic venue

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – The amplifiers won't go silent for long at the Old Town Hall.

It was announced Sun., May 3 that an anonymous donor has come forward to cover the cost of renting the Winchester facility.

This comes just four weeks after the event's organizer, Ann Brady, "respectfully declined" the Township of North Dundas' request to begin charging admission to the weekly gatherings in order to cover an annual bill for use of the hall.

"I am in total awe of the generosity and kindness of this person who believes in our wonderful weekly gathering," Brady said. "Our secret angel cannot begin to know how much this means to me, and to all of open mic's patrons."

During a council meeting in early April, recreation director Meaghan Meerburg noted that in order to recoup some costs, the yearly fee would be enacted.

According to Meerburg, the proposed payment structure would have seen the weekly open mic sessions charged $22.60 per booking, meaning an annual take in of $994.40.

This was meant to, she added, boost, but not fully implement cost recovery. Capital costs, Meerburg said, have been taking a toll on municipal coffers with no financial input from the open mic event.

Brady was defiant, however, and dismissed the request. She indicated that participants could not afford an entry fee, even if it was as little as $1.

A stalemate ensued, with the township unwilling to allow use of the facility at no cost, and Brady turning in the keys to the site, and cancelling open mic events until a new home was found.

With the new development, Brady said she's "glad to see a win-win resolution," and that despite the disagreement, "everyone remained on good terms."

The next open night mic is set for tomorrow (Thurs., May 7) from 7 to 10 pm at the Old Town Hall.

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Findlay snags silver at TISS

BROCKVILLE – Senior Connor Findlay was the North Dundas District High School Devils' top performer at the 39th Podium Sports Hungerford Classic Track and Field Meet at Thousand Island Secondary School (TISS) in Brockville.

The prestigious two-day (Fri., May 1 and Sat. May 2) competition, usually dominated by the host TISS Pirates, attracted 50 high schools from around the province and Quebec.

Devils coach Patti Hall reported Saturday's weather couldn't have been nicer.

"What a day!" she said. "It was our first outdoor meet of the year against some tough competition."

"Some of our athletes didn't feel that they performed their best, but it still was a great training day," added Hall.

Tomorrow (Thurs., May 7) the Devils are taking part in a meet in Ottawa as they prepare for next week's (Wed., May 13) 2015 SD&G championships at St. Lawrence High School in Cornwall.

Devils details

Connor Findlay (sr.) – 2nd pole (tie) vault 3.45m.

Jake Quinton (sr.) – 8th steeplechase 7:06.

Jamie Quinton (jr.) -10th 80m hurdles 15:49, 13th 300m hurdles 57:08.

Connor Zersch (sr.) – 11th shot put 11.26m, 15th 100m 12.46, 26th 200m 25.22.

Gavin Anderson (sr.) – 13th triple jump 10:25, 18th long jump 4.74, 21st 100m 12.97.

Bayden Carr (jr.) – 17th 100m 12.71.

Carlee Coburn (sr.) – 20th 100m 14.97.

Patricia Barlow (sr.) – 21st 1,500m 6:35.

Jordan Casselman (sr.) - 22nd 1,500m 4:56.



Fascinating

All eyes were on the ball as coach Kevin Bell put the 2015 edition of the North Dundas District High School Senior Devils soccer team through a preseason drill last week (Wed., April 29). Mason Durant (right), Sjoerd Sterkenburg, Owen Salmon, Jordan Casselman, Patrick Jaquemet, Spencer Kelly, keeper Will Zandbelt and Gavin Anderson all were intent on tracking the ball during a scrimmage. The Devils kicked off the senior boys campaign yesterday (Tues., May 5) taking on the host Glengarry Gaels and the Char-Lan Crusaders in Alexandria.
Press Photo – Van Bridger

Four veterans return to bolster Jr. Devils roster

MAPLE RIDGE – Coach Jevon Groves has four experienced players to call on as he negotiates the team through the brief 2015 SD&G boys "A" high school soccer schedule.

The North Dundas District High School Junior Devils launched the short three-week season yesterday (Tues., May 5) at Glengarry District High School in Alexandria. Next Monday (May 11), they are back in action in Alexandria before finishing up with a tournament the next day (Tues., May 12) at La Citadelle. The playoffs will be held on Wed., May 20.

The Devils will have forwards Bayden Carr and Aaron Turcotte back in their lineup joining defenders Jack van Kessel and Brandon Scheepers.

Grove is carrying 14 players, including a pair of Grade 9 students.

This year's keeper is Brett Lannin and defenders include Justin Shay, Jordan Peterkin and Evan Durant. The forwards/mids are Jarrett Williams, Cam Reid, Patrick Norris, Kyle Dejong, Cyrill Jaquemet and Christian Francis.

Men's league opens next week

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Play in the 2015 Sandy Row Golf Course's Men's League is about to get underway.

The opening session is set for next week (Wed., May 13) and the schedule will run until Wed., Sept. 9.

League spokesman Archie Mellan reports there is once again a full slate of much appreciated local sponsors providing weekly prizes.

• see SANDY ROW on next page

Sr. Devils on the pitch, SD&G high school soccer season kicks off

MAPLE RIDGE – It is a rebuilding project for coach Kevin Bell as he and the North Dundas District High School Devils launch the 2015 SD&G senior boys "A" soccer season.

Bell has just four players with senior level experience on this year's roster with 13 of 17 from last year's squad having graduated.

The veterans include Mason Durant, Matt Laflamme, Mitchell Melenhorst and Bradley Stitt who join rookies Gavin Anderson, Quinn Angel, Brodie Barkley, Jordan Casselman, Nathan Engwerda, Patrick Jaquemet, Spencer Kelly, Owen Salmon, Ben Schoones, Sjoerd Sterkenberg, Sawyer Vanden Bosch, Josh Webb and keeper Will Zandbelt.

The Devils got their first taste of league competition yesterday (Tues., May 5) in Alexandria where they faced the hometown Glengarry Gaels and Char-Lan Crusaders.

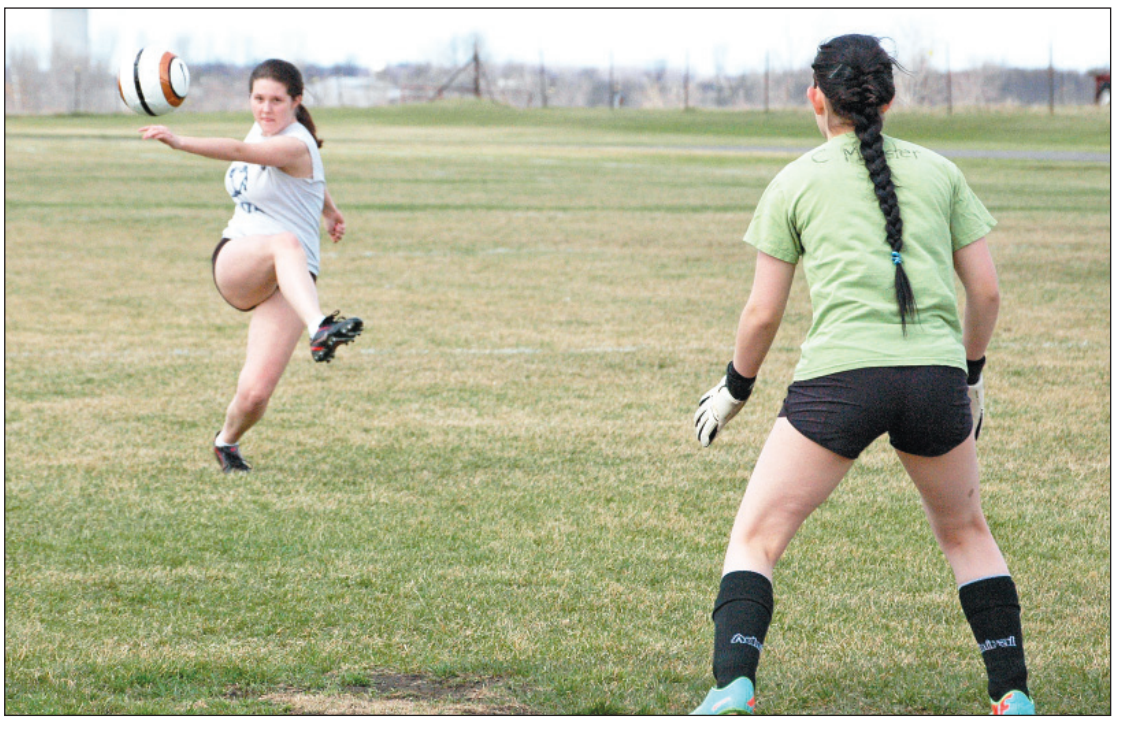
Friday (May 8), North Dundas will be in Avonmore to tackle the host Tagwi Warriors (9 am) and R/O Lancers (11:30 am).

The three-tournament season closes out in Iroquois on Tues., May 12 with games against the host Seaway Spartans (11:20 am) and La Citadelle Patriotes (2 pm).

Varsity girls

The North Dundas girls' got off to a rocky start last week (Thurs., April 30) dropping back-to-back decisions to the Holy Trinity Falcons (5-nil) and Char-Lan Crusaders (3-nil).

Monday (May 4) the Devils went to Williamstown for three matches against the Seaway Spartans, L' Heritage Dragons and Glengarry Gaels.





The North Dundas District High School girl's varsity soccer team has been on the pitch for several weeks and has played in two SD&G tournaments. Last week (Tues., April 28) coach Melissa LeRoy put the squad through a practice session in preparation for games against the Holy Trinity Falcons and Char-Lan Crusaders on Thursday (April 30). At left, Jaime Brennan curls a shot at keeper Courtney Moreau. Kerry Anne Muir (above), put a little English on this shot as she tested Moreau. *Press Photos – Van Bridger*



Greely defenders

Devin Campbell and Owen Stewart are off to the RBC Cup. The Greely defencemen are the top defensive pair for the Carleton Place Canadians, who won the Bogart Cup as Central Canada Hockey League champions (in picture) and then the Fred Page Cup in Cornwall on Sunday (May 3). The Canadians travel to Portage la Prairie, Man. this week where they will open the Canadian Junior "A" (Tier 1) championship tournament Saturday (May 9) against the Soo Thunderbirds. They will then play the host Portage Terriers (Sun., May 10), the Penticton Vees (Tues., May12) and the Melfort Mustangs (Wed., May 13). The top four teams in the round robin move into the semi-finals (Sat., May 16). The final, set for Sun., May 17 (8 pm), will be broadcast on TSN.

Mike Carroccetto photo

Whitteker, Bush, Reaney win at Cedar Glen Ladies Night opener

BOUCKS HILL – It's official, the first Ladies Night at Cedar Glen Golf Course has been played.

Last week (Wed., April 29) the ladies hit the links with Muriel Whitteker and Sheila Bush claiming the closest-to-the-pin prizes. Whitteker's leave on No. 6 and Bush's result on No. 9 proved to be the winners.

Pat Reaney booked the fewest putts, needing just 13 short shots through nine holes.

The draw prize winners included: Reaney, Donna Casselman, Barb Phifer, Nadene Harper, Barbara Barkley, Linda Murphy, Greta McGann and Joan Findlay (50/50 draw).

Lessons available

Cedar Glen is now offering golf lessons by Phil Rankin. The first session is planned for today (Wed., May 6) with instruction provided at 4 and 5 pm. The other dates are Wed, May 13 and Wed., May 20. For more information, call the pro shop (613-535-2323).

Sandy Row

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South Mountain's JED Express owner Ed Duncan is sponsoring opening day, which will feature cheese and crackers compliments of the Men's League beginning at 2:30 pm.

The cost of qualifying for prizes remains at $3 (plus green fees or membership) and tees will open at 9:00 am every Wednesday.

"Once again, Bill Robinson [Sandy Row owner] is donating a free membership [2016] to be drawn at the season-ending fun day," noted Mellan. "Everyone who registers and golfs 10 times or more is automatically entered. So, the more times you come out the better your chances."

Mellan also reports Men's League chair, Kevin Boyd, has come up with numerous events, almost on a weekly basis, to keep things interesting throughout the season.

The popular Sandy Row bus trip has been scheduled for Wed., Aug. 12, while a newsletter with events and activities is now available at the clubhouse.

"Everyone is welcome and there is plenty of space for all as Tiger, Rory and Bubba don't think they can make it this year," added Mellan.

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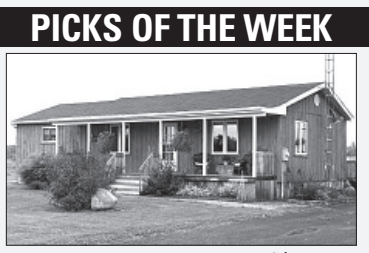

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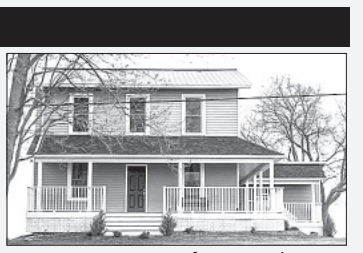

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Panthers scratch out one-try win, beat Devils 7-0

CORNWALL – In spite of dominating the host St. Joe's Panthers, the North Dundas District High School Devils absorbed a 7-0 loss.

Last Friday's (May 1) decision leveled the Devils SD&G girls 15s rugby record at 1-1-0 after North Dundas opened the new season whitewashing the visiting Holy Trinity Falcons 22-0 on April 24.

"We had the ball in their end for most of the game," reported coach Scott Reaney. "Including all of the second half, and I mean all of the second half, they [Panthers] won the game 7-0 [a converted try] on one break through run."

The coach said St. Joe's took 40 penalties to the Devils five, which led to a lot of tension.

"We were to their goal line one minute into the game and again at the end of the game, but it [line] held," he said.

In his estimation, North Dundas was the better rucking team and were faster and more athletic, but made less than ideal choices on where to go with the ball.

"To St. Joe's credit they are an older, bigger, more physical squad and good tacklers," added the coach.

Back in action

North Dundas has two road games on its schedule this week. Yesterday (Tues., May 5), they visited the Tagwi Warriors and Friday (May 8) they will be in Cornwall to meet the Holy Trinity Falcons.

Next home game is set for a rematch with the Panthers on Fri., May 15.



Pick and go

Tackled, Jessi Zandbelt posted the ball out to Mallory Hutchinson who picked it up and ran it, avoiding the ruck, out of trouble. Zandbelt's North Dundas District High School Devils teammates Frankie Moss-Nafekh (left) and Kim Roberts provided strong support on the quick pick and go.

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Local skaters selected in 2015 CCHL Midget Draft

OTTAWA – Three Township of North Dundas midget hockey players have been selected in the 2015 Central Canada Hockey League (CCHL) entry draft.

A pair of defencemen hailing from Chesterville were taken in the fifth round of the process held on Mon., April 23. The Brockville Braves added Brett Lannin (58th) and Drew Cotnam (59th) to their list of prospects. Both blue liners skated with the Rideau St. Lawrence Minor Midget "AA" Kings in 2014-2015.

The Kemptville 73's drafted Winchester's Evan Durant, also a member of the Rideau St. Lawrence Minor Midget "AA" Kings in the 11th round, 125th overall.

Another North Dundas District High School student, Mountain's Jarrett Williams, was picked up by the Kemptville 73's in the fourth round, 46th overall in the CCHL's 2015 Bantam Protected Draft.

Williams was a member of the Upper Canada Major Bantam Cyclones.

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News from Cedar Glen

Hutt, Barkley, Schell Men's Night winners

BOUCKS HILL – Mitch Hutt, Kurtis Barkley and Lyle Schell were multiple winners in Men's Night play at Cedar Glen Golf Course.

Hutt's (30) was the low net score carded in the "B" bracket, and he also put his ball closest to the pin on No. 9 and picked up an A/B skin (2 on 9) in last week's (Thurs., April 30) action.

Barkley registered the low gross score (35) in "A" class and added an A/B skin (3 on 7).

Schell belted the longest drive from the No. 7 tee and collected an A/B skin (3 on 3).

Greg VanDellen posted the low net number (34) and Dave Bird turned in the second low gross score (40) in "A" class.

Lawrence Larocque (40) finished three scores up on Kenny Mills (43) for low gross honours in the "B" bracket. Hutt (30) and Mahlon Locke (33) were one-two for the net score prize.

Jim Casselman chipped his shot closest to the pin on No. 6.

It was a slim one-shot win for Bruce Kerr (46 low gross) over Scott Helmer (47) in "C" class. Peter Elliott rang up a low net 33, as well as C/D skin (4 on 2).

It was a battle in the "D" division with Allen Crowder (52 low gross) topping Kirke Dupuis (55). John Phifer turned in a low net 36.

More winners

A/B skins: Mike Fawcett (3 on 8). C/D skins: Jim Boyd (4 on 3) and Peter Brown (4 on 7). 50/50 draw: Bill Collins.

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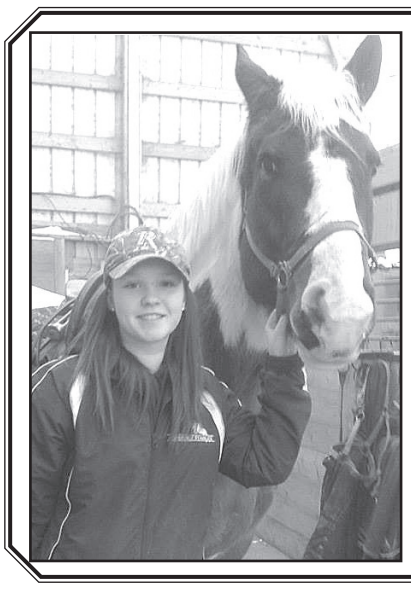

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Women's Ball Hockey League

Shane's Greens maintain first-place status

CHESTERVILLE – A 2-2 tie with Alyson Erwin's Blacks and a 3-0 whitewashing of Yellow have improved Stephanie Shane's Greens Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League first-place record to a 2-0-1.

Other results posted last week (Thurs., April 30) show Jessica Winter's Reds remain undefeated (2-0-0) thanks to a 3-1 win over Kelly Francis and her Blues (1-2-0) and Shane's Greens blanking Jenny Wright's Yellow team (0-2-0) 3-0.

Week one

The week one results should have indicated the Greens doubling the Blues 4-2, Reds beating Yellow by the same 4-2 margin and the Blues blanking Black 5-0.

Tied up

A scoreless deadlock was broken in the second half of the opening game on the triple bill when Blacks' Jennifer Whitteker cashed a relay sent to her by Lise Thurler and Lexy Carruthers 2:55 before the final buzzer.

Alex Roach handed the Greens a 1-0 lead scoring on a play set up by Molly Roach and Stephanie Shane at 13:19 of the second session. Marissa Imrie tied it 1-1 for Black after taking a feed from Whitteker at the 4:42 mark. The Greens pulled ahead 2-1 when Amy Bekkers scored unassisted with 3:42 to play in the game. That set the stage for Whitteker to make it a 2-2 final.

Roxanne Crump (Black) and Jen Bryne (Green) were the opposing goalies.

Reds 3 – Blues 1

Jessica Winters potted a pair of goals as her Reds handed the Blues a 3-1 set back in game two.

The Reds held a 2-0 advantage at the half on Winters' deuce. Leigh Ann Dearing set up the first at 7:35 while Anna Fawcett and Jill Vanderveen picked up points on the GWG with 30 seconds left in the half. Fawcett also drew an assist on Kim Elliott's insurance marker with 5:25 left in the game.

Janis Hall ruined Kelly Foster's bid for a shutout beating her on a play engineered by Lindsay Waddell at 10:39 of the second half.

Greens 3 – Yellow 0

Bryne was back between the pipes in game three as Green blanked Yellow 3-0.

Alex Roach (GWG, Molly Roach at 4:10) and Karen Edwards (Amy Bekkers at 4:31) cracked first-half markers for the winners. Bekkers (Shane, Cinnamon Boulanger at 6:10) finalized the outcome in the last half.

Top scorers

The top point producers after two weeks are: Janis Hall, Blues 4-1-5; Lindsay Waddell, Blues 2-3-5; Jessica Winters, Blues 2-3-5; Alex Roach, Greens 3-1-4; Amy Bekkers, Greens 2-2-4; Marlee Grady, Reds 3-0-3 and Cinnamon Boulanger, Greens 1-2-3.

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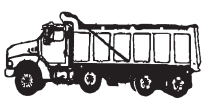

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YARD, PLANT AND BAKE SALE
Sat., May 16 from 8 am-1 pm at Allan Hall, Lakeshore Drive United Church, 19 Lakeshore Drive, Morrisburg. Full breakfast.
8-10c

GARAGE AND BOOK SALE
Fri., May 8, 2-8 pm, Sat., May 9, 8 am-3 pm, 13255 Droppo Road between Chesterville and Dunbar, off #7. Fridge, porcelain dolls, double bed, furniture, children's clothes (0-4 years old), bird feeders, toys, tricycles, teeter-totter, wagons. Something for everyone.
9

YARD SALE
Sat., May 9, 9 am-2 pm, 2596 Brentwood Ave., Metcalfe. Household furniture, children's books.
9

YARD SALE
10976 County Road 3, South Mountain (just west of the Development Road), Sun., May 17, 8 am-2 pm.
9-10

Auction Sales

ATTENTION AUCTIONEERS
HOLIDAY MONDAY DEADLINE
Monday, May 18, 2015 is Victoria Day. The Press Office will be closed. **Deadline** for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 issue will be **3 pm, Friday, May 15, 2015.**
9-10

FARM AUCTION SALE
TRACTORS, MACHINERY, CATTLE, HAY, STABLE EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER FARM RELATED ITEMS
To be held on site at Civic #1555 County Road 10, St. Eugene, Ontario. From the village of St. Eugene travel straight west 1 km – OR – from Highway 417 take Barb Road Exit, travel east approximately 6 km. Watch for signs!.
FRIDAY, MAY 8
commencing at 10:30 am
Tractors: International 986 with cab, nice straight tractor; International 3788, 2+2 with PTO, 3-pt. hitch and 3 sets of wet lines, new hydraulic system including pump last year, spent over $7000; Case IH 685 2wd, 3800 hours; Case IH 485 2wd with front end loader, only 700 hours; MF 135 diesel. **Machinery:** Hesston 4755 large square baler with computerized acid applicator; new Claas Liner 1550 Bi-fold twin rake; new Claas Volto 540S 4-star tedder; NI 5212 discbine, red; JD 335 round baler; Pequea 710 tedder; Case 435 small square baler with thrower; 3 bale thrower racks on 10-ton running gear; Horst double reach 12-ton wagon with mesh top hay rack and round bale end cradles; Case 480 36' hydraulic fold, vibra-shank cultivator with 3 sets of finger harrows on back and scraper levelers on front, very nice; IH 4500 cultivator with walking tandems and buster bars; IH 475 20' hydraulic fold disc; Big Jim sprocket packer with hydraulic transport, very nice; JD 7000 6-row corn planter with dry fertilizer corn and bean boxes, very nice; IH 510 21-run grain drill with double doors, grass seed and Brome box; NH 900 forage harvester with metal alert and 990W hay head; IH 720 harvester with 2-row corn head; 3 Dion left hand forage boxes (2 on 10 ton tandem running gears, one on 10 ton single running gear); Case 600 forage blower; Rigaud plow; Turnco trailer style sprayer; small running gear equipped with 1000 litre water tank; 3-pt. hitch sicklebar mower; bush hog; chain harrows; folding spike harrows; Kneverland 3C8NR 383 5-furrow semi-mount plow, Normand 2982 tandem dump trailer, nice; IH 575 tandem manure spreader with end gate; Turnco gravity box equipped with stainless steel hydraulic drive fertilizer auger; 72" snowblower; 3-pt. hitch Super Rhino scraper blade; hydraulic big bale clam; two 40' pipe hay elevators; approximately 100' mow conveyor; set of 20.8-38 t-rail snap-on duals; set of 18.4 R-34 t-rail snap-on duals.
Stable Equipment and Miscellaneous: Victoria 5-ring 100 ton capacity grain bin; 20x50 Harvester silo; 20x70 slab silo; Valmetal 24' ring-driven silo unloader; Valmetal 20' ring-driven silo unloader; locking cattle squeeze; Agri-Metal electric rolling mill; 22 stainless steel water bowls; 2 calf hutches; large assortment of farm gates; Valmetal 80' (approximately) belt feeder with 2 hp electric motor and directional plow; approximately 42' Valmetal belt feeder with 2 hp electric motor; 25' Jamesway belt feeder with 2 hp electric motor; Patz 42' belt feeder; Lajoie counter-clockwise stable cleaner and unit (approximately 150'); Patz clockwise stable cleaner and unit (approximately 160'); dairy equipment to include: Mueller 2000 gallon capacity bulk tank, 8 milker units, vacuum pumps, compressor, 2" stainless steel pipeline and more; quantity of scrap iron; expect 2 wagon loads of tools and small farm related items.
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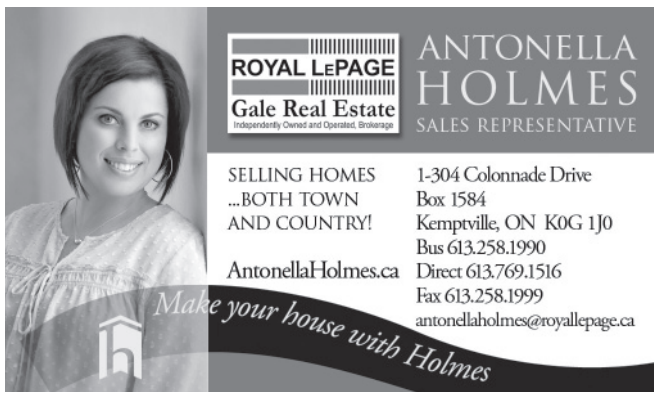





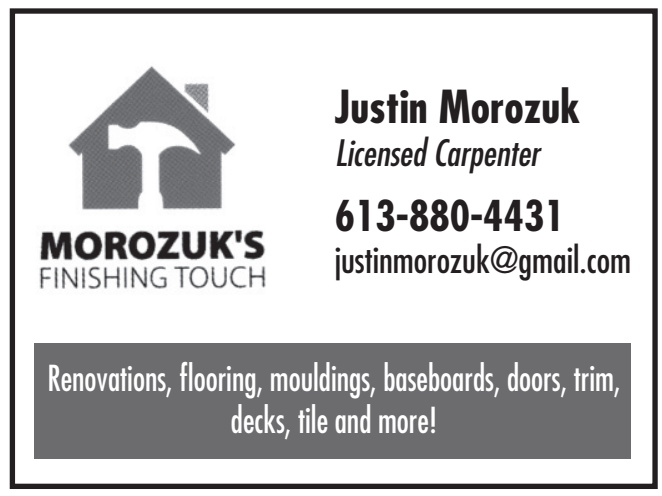

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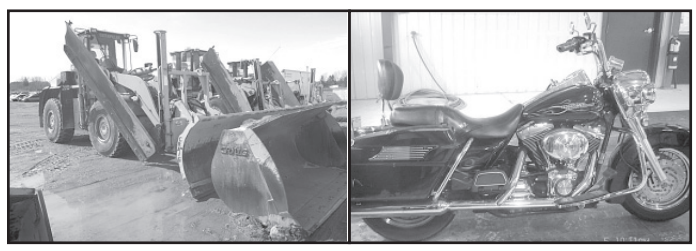

Cars: 11 Focus, 107 kms; 10 Rio, 54 kms; (2)10 Focus, 22-75 kms; 09 Sentra, 115 kms; 09 300, 163 kms; 09 Caliber, 206 kms; 09 Sebring, 207 kms; 08 Impala, 179 kms; 08 300, 160 kms; 08 Jetta, 169 kms; 08 Gr Prix, 203 kms; 08 Cobalt, 137 kms; 08 Jetta, 79 kms; 08 Fortwo, 50 kms; 07 PT Cruiser, 127 kms; 07 Yaris, 134 kms; 07 Swift, 128 kms; 07 Fusion, 284 kms; 06 6, 201 kms; 06 PT Cruiser, 175 kms; 06 Cobalt, 174 kms; 06 G6, 227 kms; 06 Pursuit, 134 kms; 06 Elantra, 107 kms; 06 Jetta, 92 kms; 06 Spectra, 127 kms; 06 Pursuit, 198 kms; 05 Impala, 214 kms; 05 PT Cruiser, 143 kms; (2)05 3, 101-143 kms; 05 Sentra, 91 kms; 05 Optra, 81 kms; 05 Sunfire, 93 kms; 05 Rio, 71 kms; 04 Impala, 150 kms; 04 Epica, 111 kms; 03 Altima, 284 kms; 03 Impala, 88 kms; 03 Focus, 156 kms; 03 Protégé, 121 kms; 03 Alero, 154 kms; 03 Echo, 197 kms; 03 Civic 206 kms; 03 Jetta, 149 kms; 02 S40, 214 kms; 02 Elantra, 190 kms; 02 Impala, 179 kms; 02 Sunfire, 155 kms; 02 Neon, 188 kms; 02 Accent, 215 kms; 02 Jetta, 202 kms; 02 XG350, 126 kms; 02 A4, 232 kms; 02 Civic, 178 kms; 01 Accent, 36 kms; 01 Protégé, 229 kms; 01 330I, 318 kms; 01 Civic, 191 kms; 01 Outback, 157 kms; 00 Impreza, 172 kms; 00 Outback, 230 kms; ***SUVs:*** 11 Traverse, 170 kms; 08 Sorento, 133 kms; 08 Escape, 86 kms; 07 Escape, 108 kms; 07 Cherokee, 156 kms; 06 Cherokee, 124 kms; 05 Sportage,166 kms; 04 Trailblazer, 224 kms; 04 Pilot, 136 kms; 04 Liberty, 210 kms; 03 Rendezvous, 242 kms; 03 CRV, 188 kms; 03 Element, 246 kms; 01 Cherokee, 250 kms; 00 Rodeo, 272 kms; ***Vans:*** 09 Montana, 138 kms; 09 Caravan, 199 kms; 08 Caravan, 124 kms; 08 Pacifica, 171 kms; (2)08 Uplander, 174-177 kms; 08 Tribute, 183 kms; 07 Uplander, 151 kms; 06 Pacifica, 132 kms; 07 Odyssey, 134 kms; 06 Tribute, 179 kms; 06 Odyssey, 202 kms; 06 Freestar, 79 kms; 05 Caravan, 235 kms; 04 Tribute, 156 kms; 03 Astro, 310 kms; 02 Astro, 154 kms; 02 Express, 218 kms; 02 Caravan, 248 kms; ***Light Trucks:*** 08 F350, 140 kms; 07 Sierra,115 kms; 07 Ridgeline, 267 kms; 03 Silverado, 245 kms; 02 Silverado, 210 kms; 98 C1500, 254 kms; ***Heavy Equipment/Trucks:*** (11) 09 Cat Loader 938H, 1652-3654 hrs; 03 F550 Reefer, 319 kms; 02 Ultimaster, 188 kms; 99 Ford E350, 163 kms; 93 Econoline, 77 kms; IH 3500 Backhoe, 2519 hrs; ***Recreational:*** 09 Yamaha BWS 125 scooter, 3 kms; 08 Aerolite C19; 06 Lynx 260 XP; 06 Jayfeather; 04 Palomino 21; 08 Chriscraft boat; 04 HD Roadking, 11 kms; 87 G350, 196 kms; ***Trailers:*** (2) 14 utility; (3) 14 Car hauler; 02 Dynaflect; ***Misc:*** small items; generators; scraper blades; finishing mower; rotor mower; Hanlor bushhog; Onan Genset; Volvo generator; Sullivan D210Q generator; Kohler 50R0ZJ91 generator; pallet forks; brush grapple; auger; farm gates; Easy Kleen pressure washers; fence posts; paddock rack

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Thank You

How do I say thanks? So many beautiful cards, food, flowers and prayers were received from family, friends and neighbours.

Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Bhagarith, who went above and beyond the call of duty for Roy. The nurses on the second floor could not have been more attentive, caring and professional to both of us.

Also thanks go to Sean Daley and his staff.

God bless you all.

Dawn Campbell and families

A Graveside Committal Service
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H. HUGH LATIMER
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Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 11 am
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Following the service a celebration of Hugh's life will be held at Russell United Church. Please confirm by email to Brenda Hoople at r.hoople@xplornet.ca

Mom... You are our MODEL

Mary was my mother-in-law and my dear neighbour for over 30 years. She loved to come to the farm and have tea in the middle of the afternoon. This photo was taken in 1975. While her husband was in Holland, she had milked the cows with the boys and modeled after the chores. She was very proud of her modeling days for the Joanne Shoppe in Winchester. Mary always looked good, was well-dressed and told me to look good! She could be a little bossy! Mary was a GREAT LADY... We miss her dearly. Her life was about her family, the farm and her love, Tony.

May is the month of Mary
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Mary Westenbroek *(third from the right)*

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Lannin Home Building Centre hosted a Traeger Canada barbecue demonstration Fri., May 1 at the business' County Road 31 location. A company employee was onsite that day to showcase the wood pellet grill, and served up treats courtesy of Greg's Meats in Winchester. Pictured are Traeger representative Matt Drouin (left) and customer Ron Pilkington.

Photo – Guy



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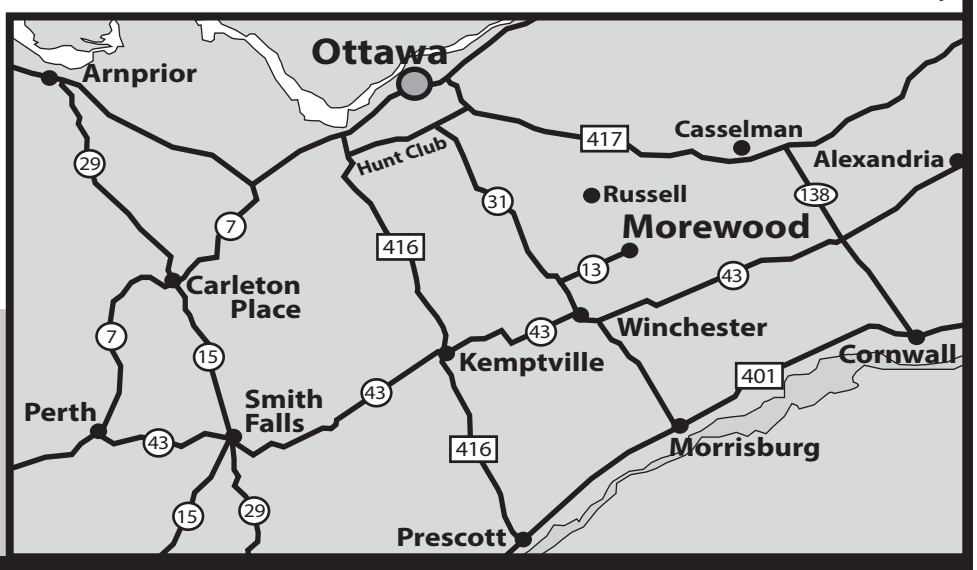

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County's top public speakers compete at Morrisburg

MORRISBURG – Students from each of Dundas County's five primary-level educational facilities faced off during the regional public speaking competition Wed., April 29.

Held at Morrisburg Public School, only one of the nine participants was crowned as the county's top orator.

In the end, it was Iroquois Public School student Olivia Mudde, and a speech about 4-H that earned her first place.

Chesterville Public School's Jaymee Cranham, who spoke about chickadees, was the runner-up.

Third place went to Morrisburg Public School student Carter Whyte, whose verbal expression focused on the process of speech writing.

Other competitors included Winchester Public School (WPS) pupils Delaney Johnson and Emma Acres, Iroquois' Sheehan Hunter, Morrisburg's Kayla Gillard, and Nationview Public School's McKenzie Reid-Stevens and Olivia Finlay.



Dundas County's annual public speaking contest was held at Morrisburg Public School Wed., April 29. Pictured are Jaymee Cranham (left, second place), Olivia Mudde (first-place finisher), and Carter Whyte (third place).

Winchester Public event

Earlier in April, WPS held its own schoolwide competition, with the selection of three top speeches.

First and second-place finishers moved on to the county event.

Acres received the gold medal for her oration about the sinking of the Titanic, while Johnson took home the silver for her speech about concussions.

Madi Giles finished in third place, receiving the bronze medal for her address focused on bullying.



Earlier in April, Winchester Public School hosted its own schoolwide competition. Emma Acres (left) finished first, followed by Delaney Johnson and Madi Giles.

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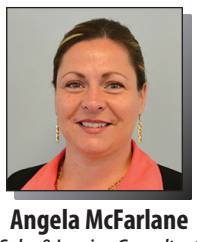
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