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Grisly discovery made south of Morewood



Pies aplenty

Those looking to complement their Easter feast with delectable desserts should have been at the Winchester Fire Station Wed., April 16. That evening, the village's detachment of the North Dundas Fire Department hosted its annual pie auction. In the end, the event raised $6,720 for the detachment, with funds earmarked for the purchase of needed equipment. Firemen Stu Biickert (front, left) showcased the treats up for bidding while local auctioneer Hugh Fawcett did the calling.
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Press Photo – Uhrig

Human remains found in ditch along Steen Rd.

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

MOREWOOD – Two walkers made a gruesome discovery Thurs., April 17 while travelling along Steen Road south of Morewood.

At approximately 8:20 pm that day Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers responded to the scene as human remains were located in a ditch near where the roadway intersects with Thompson Road.

According to the provincial police force's spokeswoman, Sgt. Kristine Rae, there is no indication at this time whether the remains are that of a male or female, the age of the individual, or a cause of death. Police also remain tight-lipped about what the remains included, and have not confirmed whether it was a full body or associated parts.

Although she would not speculate, Rae did conclude the remains appeared to have been in the Steen Road ditch for some length of time.

A preliminary investigation by officers at the scene determined the remains were human, and they have now been sent to the chief coroner's office in Oshawa. A post-mortem examination was scheduled to take place Tues., April 22.

The SD&G Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP's criminal investigation branch, continues to look into the discovery.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 613-534-2223 or 1-888-310-1122.

The Steen and Thompson Roads area, meanwhile, is no stranger to loss of human life.

In February 2007, Randy Rankin (known locally as Koo Koo the Clown or Lunch Box Louie) was shot and killed inside his Thompson Road home. Police at that time said a single bullet fired through a basement window of the house hit Rankin in the skull.

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Lifespan of Kemptville campus extended

by Matthew Uhrig
& Sandy Casselman
Press staff

KEMPTVILLE – The provincial government has provided the University of Guelph's Kemptville campus a financial lifeline.

Brad Duguid, minister of training, colleges, and universities, was in the Eastern Ontario town Tues., April 22 to announce $2 million in funding for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The money is to allow the university to provide skills training in trades that support the region's agricultural sector, including agricultural equipment technician, heavy-duty equipment technician, truck and coach technician, welder, horticultural technician, and dairy herdsperson.

In addition to schooling, the campus is to continue to offer pre-apprenticeship programming, as well as the co-op diploma apprenticeship program, which allows participants to earn a college diploma while completing in-class training.

> $2 million influx will keep classes in session for one extra year

"Our government understands and appreciates the importance of students in Eastern Ontario having access to high quality agricultural programs and services," Duguid said. "I am thrilled with the collaborative work that has been done to help ensure that classes at the Kemptville campus can continue in the near future, and I look forward to local community partners working toward a long-term solution that will help this campus thrive."

Students currently enrolled in the educational facility's associate diploma programs in agriculture, equine care, and food science are to be able to complete their programs in Kemptville throughout the 2014-2015 academic year.

"These skills programs are important to this region, and to the agriculture industry across the province," Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP Grant Crack, who also serves as parliamentary assistant to the rural and francophone affairs ministers, said.

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Ditch discovery

Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry OPP officers taped off the area of Steen Road, where it intersects with Thompson Road, after human remains were discovered in a ditch along the roadway Thurs., April 17. *Press Photo – Casselman*

Remains

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Various reports claim Rankin, who also worked as an announcer at Rideau Carleton Raceway, was outspoken about harness racing corruption, venting his beliefs on websites connected to the sport.

It is believed by many that Rankin was murdered because of the accusations he made.

Rankin's killer has never been found.

Meanwhile, in September 2002, the body of 58-year-old Fern Patenaude was discovered in a burnt-out pickup truck on Lafleur Road just east of Steen Road.

No one has ever been arrested in relation to Patenaude's death, while at that time his property had been subject of up to as many as 15 fires, and two of his horses were shot, one killed and sexually mutilated.



The lifespan of the University of Guelph's Kemptville campus was extended Tues., April 22 with a $2 million provincial government investment. Classes will remain in session throughout 2014 and 2015. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

Kemptville

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"There is a great opportunity – and willingness on the part of many – to find a community-focused solution that works for everyone."

In March, the University of Guelph announced it would be closing both its Kemptville and Alfred campuses by 2015 due to a financial shortfall on the part of the publicly funded institution.

However, a fight to keep the two agricultural schools open began immediately.

Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell is one of many area politicians who has taken up the cause.

"The Kemptville and Alfred agricultural schools have served Eastern Ontario with distinction for almost a century, and can take much credit for the region's success in the agri-food industry," he said during an address at Queen's Park. "I was shocked to hear the news that this government was closing [the campuses] without any prior public consultation."

In Alfred, however, it appears two separate Francophone colleges will be partnering to save the village's campus.

Both St. Lawrence College, which has sites in Kingston, Brockville, and Cornwall, and Ottawa-based Algonquin College are reportedly in talks regarding a partnership to save the 97-year-old Kemptville institution from closure.

Duguid addressed that possibility April 22, noting that discussions between the two parties and the province are ongoing.

What remains unclear, however, is what, if any, involvement the University of Guelph will have with the campus at the conclusion of 2015.

The Kemptville College Renewal Taskforce, made up of community leaders, school graduates, and members of the region's agricultural industry, is also working on outcomes that will see continued operation of the educational facility.

The University of Guelph's initial decision to close the campuses came on the heels of a $32.4 million budgetary deficit, which is to be offset by the shuttering of the two sites.

Pair rounded up in local drug bust

BRINSTON – Two people face a string of charges following a police raid of a Cook Road home.

Officers descended on the property earlier this month, while information about the bust was released last week.

Known as Project Paradigm, members of the OPP's organized crime enforcement bureau, drug enforcement units, tactics and rescue unit, emergency response team, canine unit, and officers with the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry OPP detachment took part in the execution of a search warrant.

Once inside the home, police seized marijuana, hash, OxyContin pills, and a small quantity of cocaine. The projected street value of the seized drugs is $2,000.

Corey Greenwood, 25, and Amanda Vandenoetelaar-Perry, 34, now face numerous charges, possession of cocaine, oxycodone, marijuana, hash, and failure to comply with undertaking.

Greenwood was also charged with failure to appear in court as scheduled.

The two were held in custody before a bail hearing in Cornwall.

Area woman dies in freak accident

OTTAWA – What was supposed to be a happy visit with a loved one at the Ottawa Hospital's Civic campus turned into a tragedy Sat., April 19.

Tammy Conley (nee Casselman), a 54-year-old mother of two, was struck by an SUV on Parkdale Avenue. She ran out in front of the vehicle in an attempt to help the driver, her 79-year-old father, parallel park, and was accidentally struck, leaving her with fatal injuries. Residents were alerted to the tragedy by the cries of Conley's 15-year-old daughter.

Conley, originally from Morrisburg, lived in Trenton with her husband, and her teenage son and daughter.

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The Winchester Fire Department's sixth annual pie auction took place Wed., April 16, helping to reel in more than $6,500 for the village detachment. Firefighter Tim Wasylko, who also serves as executive chef at the prime minister's Ottawa residence, again donated a 50-pound apple pie. Local auctioneer Hugh Fawcett kept the event, which featured 161 desserts up for bidding, rolling along.

Press Photos – Uhrig

Hearty appetites push pie auction total up

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – With 161 desserts up for bidding, nobody went home empty handed at the end of the Winchester Fire Department's sixth annual pie auction.

Held Wed., April 16, the event reeled in more than $6,500 to help in the purchase of items needed for the village detachment of the North Dundas Fire Department.

"It was a super night… An excellent night," Tony Fraser, deputy chief, said. "The tremendous support of our detachment is wonderful to see."

Again this year, the biggest splash at the auction weighed in at 50 pounds. Mixed together with an absurd amount of flour and butter, among other ingredients, including a mixed bag of both granny smith and gala apples, the evening's lucky draw winner went home with an obscenely large pie.

In the end, Karen Lewin, a firefighter with North Dundas' Mountain detachment, was the recipient of the prodigious pastry.

The treat had quite the backstory, as well. Tim Wasylko, a firefighter with the Winchester detachment in his spare time, makes his living as the executive chef at 24 Sussex Drive in Ottawa, home to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his family.

Wasylko, a nearly 20-year veteran of the culinary industry, has been working at the state residence since 2010, and made use of the kitchen at 24 Sussex to create his masterpiece. In fact, Laureen Harper, the prime minister's wife, owns the pan in which the pie was baked. As well, Laureen took to social media to inform her more than 7,500 Twitter followers about the pie and its creative process.

Fraser said the funds raised (which far outpaced last year's $3,918 gathered) will be used in the purchase of heavy-duty spreaders to complement the detachment's upgraded Jaws of Life cutters. The needed equipment has a price tag of about $12,000.

LHIN hospitals join forces for healthier food

WINCHESTER – Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) is teaming with a number of medical facilities in the Champlain region to promote healthy food.

Facilities, as part of the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) initiative, are focusing on providing more nutritious offerings for staff, visitors, and patients. Currently, attention is being given to cafeterias, vending machines, franchise, and gift shop operations.

Randy Penney, CEO of Renfrew Victoria Hospital and chair of the healthy foods in hospitals leadership taskforce, and Laurie Dojeiji, health promotion network manager for the Champlain Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Network, outlined the plan during a recent LHIN board meeting.

To date, a dietic work group has been formed, while nutrition framework is in development. Food audits have been conducted at specific sites, and implementation benchmarks have been drafted. Feasibility assessments at certain hospitals are underway.

According to Penney, the initiative will make hospitals better corporate citizens by helping to improve the health of their communities.

The plan is to increase healthy offerings and decrease, or completely remove, less healthy items. Appropriate portions will be provided, and calorie and sodium information displayed.

WDMH joins hospitals in Almonte, Carleton Place, Hawkesbury, Renfrew, and Ottawa in the project.

Two Flaherty condolence books available for residents to sign

WINCHESTER – Area residents looking to pay tribute to Canada's former finance minister can do so at two locations.

Books of condolence for Jim Flaherty have been placed at Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon's constituency office in Cornwall, and at a satellite location at the Township of North Dundas' headquarters in Winchester.

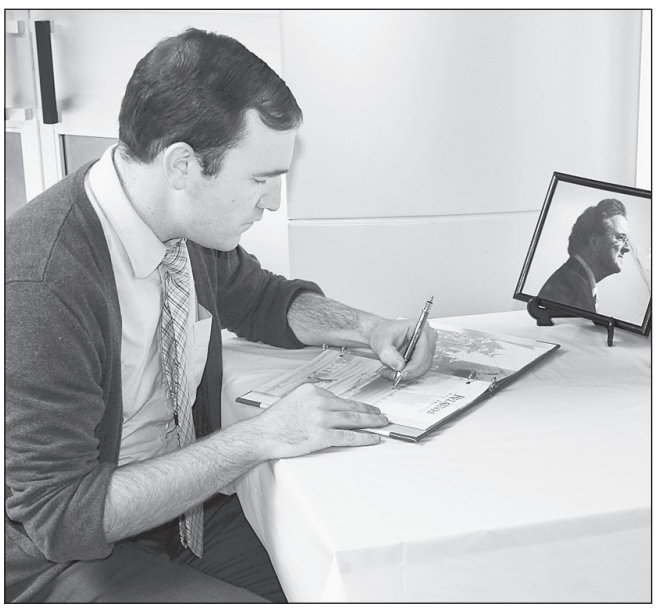
"[My wife] Frances, my staff, and I have been overwhelmed with the condolences and nice tributes to Jim in the past few days," Lauzon, who served eight years in the Conservative caucus alongside Flaherty, said.

Flaherty died earlier this month after suffering a massive heart attack at his Ottawa condominium. He had stepped down from his role as finance minister only a few weeks before his death. A state funeral was held for Flaherty in Toronto last week.

A book has been placed at North Dundas' Winchester office because of Mayor Eric Duncan's connection with Flaherty. In 2004, Duncan completed a North Dundas District High School co-op placement in Flaherty's Whitby constituency office.

The condolence books are available for signing Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm until the end of April.

Lauzon will present the books to Flaherty's family later this spring.



Township of North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan is pictured here signing the book of condolence for Jim Flaherty, former federal finance minister, at the Township of North Dundas' Winchester headquarters.

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Lone complainant 'beat back' by solar farm process

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE – Being the lone wolf in the fight was not an ideal situation for Philippe Thomas.

While the Coyne Road resident still harbours grave concerns about the planned Citylights solar project east of his home, he told the *Winchester Press* recently it was in his best interest to drop the complaint he had made to the province's environment ministry.

Thomas, a wildlife biologist with Environment Canada, filed the grievance in February, and it was to be heard during an environmental review tribunal in Chesterville last month. However, he withdrew the submission just days before the hearing. (It should be noted that while Thomas is employed by Environment Canada, the government agency is not involved in his complaint.)

The developer, Canadian Solar, is likely to begin the Gibeault Road project (located on land used by the Domaine du Cervin winery) this year following government approval, which may come sooner now that the appeal has been dropped. The firm's plan for the 103 acres is to erect an 11.5-megawatt solar project, similar in size to the ongoing 100-acre Mighty Solar Farm (on land owned by Simon Buma and family) on Boyne Road east of Winchester.

Thomas and his wife, Sophie, moved to the Coyne Road property in September 2011, and their home now falls within the 120-metre boundary setback of the planned solar project. If not for trees, the area where panels are to be erected would be visible from the couple's backyard.

"I admit, there is a NIMBY [not in my backyard] aspect to this; I don't like it," he said. "I moved here not to be next to a solar farm. But, put that aside, my concern is for the wildlife. I think [the energy company] grossly underestimated the area in terms of its uniqueness and what we're trying to do is mitigate any risks."

Thomas said his uneasiness about the project began not long after purchasing his home. It was a neighbour that informed him of the planned solar farm, not the realtor that listed the property.

Meanwhile, the project's preconstruction consultations infuriated him further, as the company went without a hyrdogeological study, despite Thomas' insistence that a potential impact on groundwater in the region is evident.



Coyne Road resident Philippe Thomas recently withdrew the environmental complaint he filed in opposition to the planned Gibeault Road solar farm east of Chesterville. Thomas did so because of lack of support from regional partners, and a shortage of finances. He is pictured here in his backyard, adjacent to the project area, with his wife, Sophie, and son, Zach. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

"It's a flawed model we'll all end up paying for," he said. "These devices have the ability to ruin farmland, and one day we'll all be hungry, but we can't eat solar panels. People would kill to have land like this, but Eastern Ontario is too damn nice to do anything about it. I'm insulted that Toronto companies come in and take advantage of landowners struggling to turn a profit."

Thomas also had harsh words for Canadian Solar's environmental expert, Dillon Consulting, which completed a biodiversity field assessment of the Gibeault Road site in just 15 hours. The review turned up none of the three bird species protected by the *Species at Risk Act.*

"That is not a good snapshot of the conditions," he said. "[The consultants] use cookie cutter templates and fill in the information in boxes provided on the page. Specific aspects are not being captured."

Thomas noted that his educational background allows him the benefit of noting various species, and time and again he has viewed barn swallows, eastern meadowlarks, and bobolinks on his property. Each bird is listed in the species protection legislation. There are also deer regularly trekking through his yard. In fact, Thomas' neighbour, Len Marriner, observes and counts the local deer population in his capacity as a member of the Ministry of Natural Resources Deer Advisory Committee.

Thomas said he intends to follow along as the Gibeault Road project continues, but it will be simply as an observer to the construction process. Both South Nation Conservation and the Township of North Dundas shied away from helping with his environmental complaint, and none of his neighbours have expressed interest in fighting the solar installations. He also doesn't have the finances necessary to hire a team of legal experts.

"Sure, these projects are attractive, but they are changing the landscape," he said. "They are really driven by short-term gain, and the gain is just money."

Geocachers get set to 'clean-up' in Russell area

RUSSELL – The fifth annual South Nation Cache In/Trash Out event is scheduled for Sat., April 26, beginning with an 8 am catered outdoor breakfast at the W.E. Burton Conservation Area in Russell.

Organized by Geocachers of Eastern Ontario and South Nation Conservation (SNC), clean-up efforts are to focus on roughly 10 sites in the Russell, Metcalfe, and Embrun areas.

"While [the environmentally-focused project] is designed primarily for experienced geocachers, it's a great opportunity for beginners to pick up some of the basics," Tim Jackson, SNC geographic information systems technician, said. "It also provides the added bonus of helping to improve the environment."

The basic idea of geocaching, Ian Mitchell, a veteran participant in the event and an experienced geocacher, explained, is to locate containers hidden outdoors, examine the contents, and share the discoveries online. The game is enjoyed by all age groups and builds a strong sense of community and support for the environment.

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Murdered police officer may be memorialized with bridge designation

MORRISBURG – If OPP officer Justin McKenna has anything to do with it, Ronald Pitt, a Morrisburg police officer killed in the line of duty nearly six decades ago, will soon be memorialized with signs at the County Road 31 overpass.

Following the province's Bridge Dedications for Fallen Police Officers program's regulations, McKenna attended the Tues., April 15 Municipality of South Dundas council meeting to elicit support from the township's politicians.

In an attempt to apprehend suspected car thieves, Pitt was shot several times in the early hours of August 24, 1957. He died several weeks later in a Montreal hospital.

A native of Scotland, Pitt had only been in Canada a short time and on the police force for two months when the fatal incident occurred. He left behind a wife and two sons, seven-year-old Ronald Jr. and three-year-old Ian.

The two unknown gunmen escaped in Pitt's cruiser. They were never apprehended, and the case remains unsolved.

If McKenna is successful, four signs reading "Ronald Pitt Memorial Bridge" will be erected, with two placed along Highway 401, and two along County Road 31 at the bridge entrance.

Council members unanimously agreed to support the request.

McKenna also asked council to consider erecting signs along the Morrisburg waterfront, as the shooting took place in the village's former downtown core, washed out some years ago in order to expand the St. Lawrence River. Mayor Steven Byvelds said it would be something for the waterfront committee to consider.



Morrisburg police officer Ronald Pitt, who was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1957, may soon have his name immortalized on commemorative signage at the County Road 31 overpass.

Ice request modified to include free, paid time for area schools

MORRISBURG – A request from the local high school hockey team has led to free ice time for all Municipality of South Dundas educational facilities.

Mayor Steven Byvelds received a letter from a Seaway District High School hockey team parent requesting a break on the $85 per hour ice rental fee, which Byvelds then forwarded to recreation program co-ordinator Ben Macpherson.

At the Tues., April 15 council meeting, Macpherson recommended that the request be denied, as the team's rental fee, when compared to those in neighbouring municipalities, is already low enough, as it is set to the non-prime rate.

However, in response to the parent's inquiry into township support for student fitness, Macpherson said he would recommend every school receive two free one-and-a-half-hour ice rental spots per year at the Morrisburg Arena. These would not be open for the hockey team to use, he added, but rather for the entire school population.

Macpherson said the issue dates back to a 2011 agreement with the team for a $50 ice rental fee, but that was meant to be a one-year deal rather than a long-term contract.

"Based on what I have seen, we maintain the $85 non-prime," he said, suggesting that council set the rate at non-prime to keep the issue from returning year after year.

Council unanimously agreed with Macpherson's recommendations and going forward Morrisburg Public School, St. Mary-St. Cecilia Catholic School, Timothy Christian School, Iroquois Public School, and both Seaway District Intermediate School, and Seaway District High School are to receive two free ice rentals each per year.

Council notes from South Dundas

Institution turns residential

MORRISBURG – Politicians approved manager of planning and enforcement Don Lewis' recommendation to rezone the former St. Cecilia Catholic Church property in Iroquois for residential use at Tues., April 15's Municipality of South Dundas council meeting.

Lewis said Swank Construction is in negotiations with the religious facility's board to purchase the land for the development of semi-detached dwellings. The property in question includes seven lots and is located between College and Charles Streets.

Funding deadline extended

The municipality has been granted an extension for use of provincial funding acquired to construct a modern wastewater treatment facility in Iroquois. The original deadline was Mon., March 31.

The new target date, Tues., March 31, 2015, will give township staff time to evaluate and decide the best use for the remainder of the funds, CAO Stephen McDonald said.

New Williamsburg library to be finished for election day voting

MORRISBURG – If all goes as planned, residents of Williamsburg will see their branch of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) County Library up and running by October's municipal election.

At Tues., April 15's Municipality of South Dundas council meeting, CAO Stephen McDonald updated politicians on the status of the project, which is to see the North Williamsburg Recreation Centre undergo renovations to allow for the addition of the library. Project tenders are due early next month, while a contractor is to be in place by the end of May.

When asked if there was a specified completion date for the renovations in the tender package, McDonald said the library would be ready by Mon., Oct. 27 to accommodate voters.

Mayor Steven Byvelds suggested staff speak with those involved in the village's annual festivals, such as Harvestfest, to ensure that the work does not negatively impact community events.

Opening day in Morrisburg

The Morrisburg branch of the SD&G County Library, currently housed below the Morrisburg Arena, is set to close on Mon., May 5, and is to re-open in its new location at the South Dundas Municipal Centre Mon., May 12.

Streetlight retrofit to save energy

MORRISBURG – Streetlights in the Municipality of South Dundas are scheduled for an energy-saving overhaul.

At Tues., April 15's council meeting, politicians approved recreation program co-ordinator Ben Macpherson's recommendation to hire Erth Holdings to perform a full streetlight retrofit at a cost of roughly $446,322. A one-time, one-year Ontario Power Authority (OPA) retrofit rebate of approximately $20,155 is also available.

Macpherson suggested financing the amount through a five-year loan with Infrastructure Ontario, which could be paid back in installments made up of the expected energy savings. (During a presentation from Erth representatives, council was told they could expect to see a roughly $83,000 in savings per year.)

The municipality's 757 lights are to be retrofitted with adjustable ampage technology. The fixtures come with a 10-year warranty, and have a lifespan of 20 years. The project is to take seven to eight weeks to complete.

The project is a municipal requirement under the province's *Green Energy Act*.

Erth previously secured streetlight replacement contracts in North Dundas and South Stormont.

Municipal buildings

Municipal politicians approved a $5,000 budget for the retrofitting of lighting in its small business buildings, in accordance with Ontario's regulations, earlier this year.

In an update, Macpherson informed council members of an OPA initiative, which is to provide funding up to $1,500 for new energy-saving lighting and equipment in buildings consuming less than 50 kilowatts per year.

He also reported that in early March, Four-O-One Electric performed an audit on the municipality's eligible buildings, which included the Morrisburg and Iroquois public works garages, the former township municipal office, and the justice building.

Subtracting the $1,500 funding allotment from the project's total cost, the township is to pay roughly $2,648. The remainder of the $5,000 budget will be used for future energy saving projects, Macpherson said.

Staff is set to move forward with replacements at all four facilities, he added.



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The troubling trail of coal

It came as nothing more than an innocuous email, the provincial government trumpeting yet another achievement it perceives as world changing. The item was far from headline news, but the closing of Ontario's last coal-fired power generation plant is a milestone worth celebrating.

In typical fashion, the political wheel didn't turn quite as fast as many hoped it would on this file, but some 10 years after the Liberal government promised to eliminate coal as a source of electricity, the conversion of the Thunder Bay Generating Station to advanced biomass was completed.

This change makes Ontario the first jurisdiction in North America to end its dependency on the combustible rock – an historic achievement indeed.

Going offline, of course, has been a long time coming. Coal's functionality as a source of power was supposed to be eliminated provincewide in 2007, but the Ontario government continued to delay the end as it streamlined nuclear output and acted as the overseer of renewable energy projects.

"Getting off coal is the single largest climate change initiative undertaken in North America, and is equivalent to taking up to seven million cars off the road. We celebrate a cleaner future for our children and grandchildren while embracing the environmental benefits that our cleaner energy sources will bring," Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli said.

Say what you'd like about the man, but he is right. With the serious health and environmental harms associated with coal, it is better late than never.

In this instance, give the Liberals their due. In 2003, when the party took power, coal use accounted for 25 per cent of Ontario's power supply. Now, the amount is zero.

Even with the party rooted in a glut of backlash related to the Southern Ontario gas plant cancellations, and other missteps, this is a Liberal legacy that can be applauded.

Coal, for all intents and purposes, is simply bad news for the environment. Not only do production plants produce high levels of carbon dioxide, a main cause of global warming, but they are also eyed as accessories to acid rain, smog, and toxic air pollution.

Quitting coal, though, appears hard to do for many jurisdictions. In a number of areas and countries, including Alberta, parts of the U.S., Europe and China, it is a big source of energy and an economic driver. Worldwide, coal supplies about 30 per cent of energy use, but on the flip side, it is responsible for about 44 per cent of carbon emissions.

Still, for some, the financial imperatives trump environmental concerns, and health hazards are swiftly dismissed. Much like manufacturers, advertisers, and doctors defending smoking as positive for many decades, coal supporters overlook the toxic substances that come from burning the rock, despite the fact it threatens millions of lives.

According to World Health Organization estimates, more than a million people die every year around the world from coal burning. A 2005 report issued by the Ontario government said that 660 premature deaths, 920 hospital admissions, 1,090 emergency room visits, and more than 330,000 minor illnesses could be avoided by switching off coal-fired power generation plants. In Alberta, the province's lung association, in conjunction with the Asthma Society of Canada and the Pembina Institute, released a study in 2013 that indicated Alberta's coal-fired power plants cost the prairie province $330 million per year in health expenditures.

Overwhelmingly, evidence does not favour coal's usefulness. In North America, Ontario is leading the pack toward its extinction.

This is the frustrating part of the Liberal track record, however. On portfolios such as the environment, the party's policies have been strong on paper, but poor on follow through. (Wind and solar projects creating energy the province doesn't need, as an example.)

Thorough environmental policies are crucial, because with them there is much to be gained.

Remember when…

1924

This week's *Winchester Press* featured an advertisement placed by Dr. P. McLaughlin, the medical health officer: "Notice is hereby given that all residents of Winchester are required forthwith to clean their cellars, drain yards, pig styes, water closets, outbuildings, and other premises, and remove all dirt, manure, and other substances [that] may endanger the public health."

1934

The following obituary appeared on the front page of this week's *Press*: "There passed away at his residence, Morrisburg, on Friday last, a well-known resident of that place in the person of Capt. Walter V. McGannon. The deceased was a preeminent figure in marine circles and had for many years sailed the lakes as a captain. He later took over command of the Morrisburg-Waddington ferry."

1944

A letter to Emma Gardner from Capt. Frederick M. Cass, who was stationed in London, England at the time, was printed in this week's *Press*: "I see many of the local lads over here; it hardly seems possible that some of them can be old enough to be in this war! Lately, Earl Empey, Bob Barkley, Desmond Dixon, Ken Summers, Ken Boyd [Vernon], Herbert and Earl Ellacott have been in; last week when over in Aldershot I had a big visit with Edward Annable, and this week Harold Beach."

1954

Winchester High School student Beverley Hunt reported on the fifth form students' visit to the Parliament buildings: "We had the opportunity of hearing the leader of each party speak as they expressed their regrets concerning the recent death of Rt. Hon. Angus MacDonald. We remained here long enough to learn the general procedure of the House of Commons, then left on a conducted tour of the building."

1964

Winchester's Reynolds' Dairy advertised in this week's *Press*, urging readers to: "For goodness sake, drink milk." Quart bottles were available for 20 cents, while cartons were available for 21 cents.

1974

Coverage of the Ault Foods annual banquet, which was held at the Country Kitchen, could be found in this week's *Press* with the owner honouring retiring employees. Frank Bailey was acknowledged for his 23 years of service, while Grace Gillard received a gift for 15 years of loyal service, Gerald Cassidy for 17 years, and Arthur Folkard for seven years.



Diane Lapensée (left) and Sylvie MacDiarmid were photographed this week in 2004 during the Moose Creek Mall's Daffodil Fashion Show, which raised more than $3,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

1984

This week's *Press* revealed Canada's conversion to the metric system was "still" causing some headaches for local grocery store owners. "It's confusing people more," Jim Beverdam of Beverdam Quality Meats in Winchester, said. "Ninety-eight per cent of Winchester still orders meat in pounds. There are a lot of senior citizens in the area who won't change for anything. You can't tell people what to do."

1994

"It is still in the planning stage, but the South Dundas Recreation Council has its sights set on building a $6 million recreation complex," reported the *Press*. "The first phase of the project, which [co-ordinator Paul McAllister] hopes to begin in 1995, could include a 25-metre swimming pool, four squash courts, a fitness centre, rooms for aerobics, arts and crafts, yoga, dance, martial arts, a lounge area, babysitting facilities, and office space."

2004

The Dundas County Junior Farmers spent a Sunday afternoon cleaning up roads in the township, as they had accepted a garbage-clean-up challenge from the Mountain District Lions Club.

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Pray for the Soul of Betty



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

Time has a funny way of changing speeds.

It was a little more than 15 years ago that I walked into my office in Denver and saw Betty, one of the ladies that worked in the warehouse, holding a phone in her hand and crying like I had never seen anyone cry before. I would say that she was leaning against the wall, but it was more like the wall was holding her up, as life and consciousness had drained from her legs.

The world changed forever that day. An outer surface of innocence was vigorously sandpapered off of our souls. The day also gave new meaning to the word "Columbine," which just a few hours earlier referred to a nice family-oriented community in Denver that my real estate agent had been driving me through.

I had been with our realtor looking at houses in the Columbine area when the tragedy happened. We did not have our radio on, so, at the time, we did not know why people were running around crying and hugging or why helicopters were circling the area.

When we returned to our office, things had come to a standstill, as our staff huddled around the radio, their expressionless faces blanched by a cocktail of shock, horror, and disbelief. Then, after a while, Betty got the phone call. She stood in front of us, on the phone with her sister, and she screamed and bawled and cried, as an emotional layer of her heart was mercilessly peeled and ripped away from her.

Few people know that when Dylan Kleibold and Eric Harris walked into Columbine High School and opened fire that day, it was Plan B. Plan A had failed. Thank God. The two students sat in a van, waiting for the explosives they had planted in the school cafeteria to go off. Had Plan A worked, several hundred people would have been killed.

Kleibold and Harris were the definition of disconnected, upper middle class, nonparented, and misguided children. They had trouble fitting in, and they had little support at home. Their dark side led them down some twisted paths. Their murders were a tribute to Adolf Hitler, whose birthday falls on April 20. Some called them a sacrifice. Either way, the two wanted to make a statement and they wanted to be remembered.

It was not the first horrible thing connected to that date. A number of horrific acts, including Timothy McVeigh's Oklahoma City bombing, have been tied to April 20. In New Brunswick three years ago, a plot to shoot up a high school was stopped by a student who stepped forward.

The scars from that day seem fresh. Yet, looking at the calendar, I was dumfounded to realize that it has been 15 years since that tragedy occurred. It's hard to think that the victims in that awful tragedy would be in their early 30s now. They would probably be settled down and married. Maybe they would have young children.

Nine years after the tragedy, I found myself in a conversation with a police officer. It was early April. I asked him if the police take any extra precautionary measures on that day, but he had never heard of the April 20 connection. Three days later, the Virginia Tech shooting happened. The killer wanted to be the first to commit a mass murder and make the news that week. In a video released two days later, he paid tribute to Kleibold and Harris. When I met with the officer on April 20, he fully understood the importance of the date to our counterculture.

Less than two hours after I left the Kanata police station, Holy Trinity High School, just blocks away, was shut down by a threat. Ironically, we had just been talking about acts like this before it all went down. We had an interesting debate. The police thought that the media should not raise awareness of the April 20 phenomena because it would attract potential copycats.

My point was that the sick and deranged already know about April 20 through social media and through their countercultural activities. Raising awareness of it would help people look for signals and make people aware of the dangers and threats. Lives were saved in New Brunswick, and they could be saved anywhere.

Sadly, the Columbine tragedy was not the last, and it will continue to be the tragedy that all others are compared to. We saw that with the Sandy Hook tragedy two years ago.

This year, April 20 fell on Easter Sunday. My first thought, when I saw this on the calendar, was that a perfect tempest had been created for some sick minded assassin out there who wants to make a statement by claiming the lives of innocent people. It's bad enough that Dylan Kleibold and Eric Harris have an entire generation looking over their shoulders. It's sickening to think that people have committed murder to pay tribute.

I haven't been back to Denver since 2001, but the friends I made there are always on my mind this time of year.

When I look back at my time there, I would like to think of the celebrations of the Broncos' two Super bowl victories. Instead, I think of Betty. I think of the pain and heartbreak of that day.

Ten years ago, there was a popular band called Pray for the Soul of Betty.

Every April 20, that is exactly what I do.

Letters to the Editor

More than permit answers blowing in the wind

The Editor:
In February 2014, the *Cornwall Standard-Freeholder* ran an article entitled "Permit answers are blowing in the wind." It stated, "EDP Renewables recently got a 20-year $49 million finance agreement with Ontario Power Authority for the South Branch wind farm." Unfortunately, the source of this information was not identified.

In 2013, I requested information from the Library of Parliament about the revenue expected for the FIT contract at the South Branch site in my riding. According to the information I received, the contract amount based on the project's design for 30 megawatts of capacity and a market electricity price based on 13.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. EDP Renewables already confirmed that the South Branch wind energy project receives revenue only for electricity actually generated.

The numbers I obtained report a much different amount than the $49 million throughout 20 years reported.

Thirty megawatts multiplied by one-third (actual efficiency) equals 10 megawatts multiplied by 24 hours per day for 365 days per year equals 87,600 megawatts per year multiplied by 0.135 (the dollars per kilowatt contract electricity price) multiplied by 1,000 (kilowatt to megawatt conversion) equals $11.8 million in revenue for power generation in one year.

The subsidy amount is not the same as the revenue for generation.

The $11.8 million in revenue minus the $2.3 million market price (87,600 megawatt hours multiplied by 0.0265 multiplied by 1,000) equals a $9.5 million subsidy amount provided by the Ontario taxpayer in one year.

Throughout the 20-year FIT contract lifespan, EDP Renewables has the potential to receive a $190,092,000 subsidy, a much different amount than the $49 million reported.

Electricity pricing for generation and for subsidies is a topic that will be affecting us all throughout the next 20 years and beyond. I believe that, within our current system, more generation equals more subsidies and higher market rates equals less subsidy.

Regardless of how we look at the numbers, the bottom line remains the same. Ontario taxpayers are subsidizing the Houston, Texas-based EDP Renewables millions of dollars to produce electricity that is declining in demand.

Ontario tax dollars are what is really blowing in the wind.

Leslie Disheau
Brinston

Soaring resource prices will bankrupt us all

The Editor:
I have been reading many articles, listening to radio talk shows, and watching television shows such as *Doc Zone* about the negativity surrounding green energy. I fear it will cause Ontario to go bankrupt.

One article I read about the Brinston wind farm concludes that it will cost Ontario $10.3 million per year at a cost of $205 million throughout the duration of the contract.

It also says that it is for power in Ontario, but the province already has a surplus of hydro. The government, however, continues to pursue the ventures as they say the projects provide jobs.

Yes, jobs are created to build these monstrous white elephants, but at what cost? Ontario's building industry is floundering and factories are closing, and private enterprises will likely be forced out of business due to inflated electrical bills.

Yet, the government continues to look for other tax revenue. The harmonized sales tax (HST) on hydro bills, which they will never eliminate as the cash strapped province cannot get enough of our taxes.

The next big hit Canadians will endure is the farming industry, as inflated fuel and hydro costs will handcuff farmers, who will then be left with no choice but to lease their land for unneeded solar and wind farms.

It is sad to see this land go to waste only to supply the U.S. with surplus hydro at our expense, and the expense of our children.

We must elect people to power that will listen to the citizens of this country, and elect responsible people with common sense. What will it take for the provincial government to realize and wake up? Food and manufacturing plants are closing, eliminating Ontario jobs, and moving to the U.S.

There is no doubt in my mind that the provincial government, Ontario Power Authority, and Hydro One are intentionally sabotaging our existence, at the expense of our families and jobs, for their benefit.

They cannot explain why hydro rates are so high; they cannot explain why gas prices are so high; and they cannot explain why the province is giving away hydro for free when it is being financed by taxpayers.

Yet, they will continue to charge all of us exorbitant rates that will not only bankrupt industries, but a lot of families as well.

Bert Geertsma
Dunbar

We're 'blessed' to live in caring community

The Editor:
I would like to commend and thank the Ministerial of North Dundas for the wonderful opportunities they provided our community last week to come together to worship and mingle with each other.

The Lenten lunches, Monday and Thursday services, and Good Friday all gave us a special time to be with friends in the community.

The Saturday evening service at Inkerman Wesleyan Church was also a special time of uplifting music.

So thank you clergy for all your work to make this happen.

As well, to demonstrate what a wonderful community we live in, the Winchester Firemen's Pie Auction was again a wonderful example of how our community engages and supports.

The number of desserts donated was amazing, and the generosity of those in attendance was pretty exciting.

We are so blessed to live in a community where people care for each other.

Jan Clapp
Winchester



From Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon

The trouble with vouching

OTTAWA – Two guys walk into a bar and order a beer. The bartender asks for identification (ID) from one of them. The other guy chimes in and says: "It's okay; he's legal, I will vouch for him."

Later two young women go into a convenience store to each buy a pack of cigarettes. The storeowner asks one for an age of majority card, so the other intervenes and says: "Don't worry, she's of age, I can vouch for her."

Should that be good enough? Here is what is odd: the opposition parties think that vouching is good enough when it comes to voting in a federal general election. Yet did you know the use of vouching for another person to confirm their identity is not allowed in our upcoming municipal elections? So tell me then why vouching is acceptable to vote in a federal election?

Bill C23, the *Fair Elections Act*, has come under scrutiny since it was introduced. Since there has been a lot of attention focused on this bill, I thought it might be helpful to explain it in a bit more detail.

Most of the concerns have centred on the merits of vouching. While vouching has not been eliminated in the bill, it has been revised with logical conditions established. Now some may wish to construe motives to the rationale for the bill, but you may not be aware that in the last federal election, according to Elections Canada, there were some 50,000 errors associated with vouching. Put another way, there were irregularities in 25 per cent of cases where vouching was used. This is not insignificant, and when you consider that several constituency races were decided by less than one vote per poll, you can see how irregularities could change the results in an election.

The *Fair Elections Act* is totally intended to protect the integrity of your vote. It cracks down on voter fraud by amending and putting stricter terms around the vouching process. Voter information cards will not be deemed as acceptable ID because they have been misused in past elections. Yet the ID options are extremely fair, such that no one should be disadvantaged as a result. In addition, voters will have 39 forms of authorized ID to choose from to prove identity and residence. I would challenge readers to go to their wallet or purse and count how many pieces of ID that you have that would qualify. If you have one or two of the required forms of authorized ID, there is no issue. I have heard about the potential for students who could lose their vote, but that's just not the case. Show me a student, and you will see someone with a student card, a health card, an age of majority card, and more. Here's the good news: if someone is in ID limbo, they still have another 18 months to get acceptable ID. Provincial government ID can be obtained at Service Ontario locations in Morrisburg, Winchester, or two sites in Cornwall. It's not hard.

My feeling is that once people have a chance to understand this bill they will think it is fair, responsible, and reasonable. It is intended to maintain the integrity of the voting privilege. There are other aspects of this bill, but as vouching seemed to be the primary area of commentary, I chose to focus on that issue in this week's article. I hope it helps.

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Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon submits weekly columns to the Winchester Press.

Auxiliary's dessert, card party Monday

WINCHESTER – The Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) Auxiliary's board of directors gathered earlier this month.

In an update from chief liaison officer Alan Archer, members learned volunteers provided 1,526 hours of service to the hospital in February and March. (Volunteers are always needed and application forms are available at WDMH's information desk.)

The auxiliary's annual dessert and card party is to be held Mon., April 28 at the Royal Canadian Legion Chesterville Branch 434 from 1 to 3 pm. The event is to include desserts, a door prize, a raffle, and games of bridge and euchre. Admission is $5, and all proceeds are earmarked for the group's purchase of a portable X-ray machine at a cost of roughly $250,000.

The board's annual general meeting is scheduled for Thurs., May 8 at the hospital beginning at 12 pm. The membership meeting is to follow at 1:30 pm.

The Tag Day fundraiser is set for Sat., May 31. Auxiliary members are to be stationed at local businesses throughout the area with donation boxes. All funds are to contribute to the portable X-ray machine campaign.

Prior to the closing of the meeting, members discussed the group's strategic plan in terms of reaching future goals, which includes attracting volunteers to positions on the board of directors.



Breakfast with Lions

The Winchester Lions Club held its annual Easter Pancake Breakfast on Sat., April 19. In addition to a hot meal, this year's event included an Easter egg hunt for the younger visitors. Above, Don Hoople (front) and Al McRoberts took charge of the breakfast.

Ladies Aid celebrates Easter

by Kathy Spruit

WINCHESTER – Doris Baker opened the St. Paul's Ladies Aid most recent meeting with an Easter poem.

Donna Wilson offered a tribute to Anskje Leyenaar, a devoted member of the group who was active in both the Ladies Aid, as well as the Women's Missionary Society, who passed away earlier this month. In describing Leyenaar, the words "faithful," "kind," "caring," and "giving" were used.

An Easter worship service, as outlined in The Glad Tidings mission publication, was followed with members participating by taking turns reading from various sections of the program.

Following the service, members completed a word puzzle whose answer came from the book of Mark, chapter 16, verse 15: "Go everywhere and announce the message of God's good news to one and all."

Several items of business were discussed. A barricade or gate is to be installed at the top of the stairs by the kitchen, and cupboards from a local apartment building are to be installed in the church's kitchen, replacing older ones.

A Spring Fling fundraiser is being planned for Sat., May 31. The event is to include booths and displays from local vendors, as well as a tea room. More details are to be available soon.

A paint can has been provided for "Pocket Change for Paint Change," and church members are encouraged to drop in change to help offset the cost of painting the sanctuary.

A few years ago, members from each of the three-point-charge – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Chesterville, St. Paul's in Winchester, and Morewood Presbyterian Church – participated in a contest on suggestions on how the church could reach out to the community. The Fully Relying on God (FROG) team developed the theme of sending out ripples of God's love in the community. They won the monetary prize, which is to be used to send three local young people to Gracefield Presbyterian Camp and Retreat. The Ladies Aid is set to cover a portion of the cost still needed.

Libby Pelkey has agreed to create a church display using pictures of St. Paul's congregants.

Roll call asked for a favourite author. Members also brought books to share. Pelkey quoted various authors who described books, including Cicero's "a room without books is a room without a soul."

Lunch was provided by Sherrill Johnston and Donna Wilson.

The next Ladies Aid meeting, which is scheduled for Tues., May 6, is to include a guest speaker on the topic of women's health.



Megan (left), Daryle, Sylvia, and Martine Payne made it a family event. *Press Photos – Casselman*

Euchre winners

WINCHESTER – The blue-card winners at the latest Winchester Seniors' euchre event held Thurs., April 10 were Ray Robinson, Paul Choquette, and Don McIntosh. The white-card winners were Jim Robinson, Betty Holmes, and Freida Armstrong.

Door prizes went to Charlotte and Gary Malowsky, while Ruth and Glen Liscumb, and Joan MacIntosh took home the "share the wealth" winnings.

The seniors' next euchre event has been scheduled for tomorrow (Thurs., April 24).

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Province maps plan for rural success

EMBRUN – Communities in rural Ontario are expected to see continued improvements as outlined in the provincial government's "rural roadmap."

The report, released Thurs., April 17 in Embrun, outlines key priority areas determined by Ontario's rural affairs ministry and aimed at building on the strengths of regions outside urban centres.

"As a government, we are proud of the achievements we've made in creating a healthier, more prosperous rural Ontario," Rural Affairs Minister Jeff Leal said. "At the same time, we recognize that more must be done. [The strategy] we've developed in collaboration with our rural partners sets out our priorities, and going forward, we will refine the plan to ensure rural Ontario's remains a key contributor of the province's economy."

Six items featured in the report include: developing a small, rural, and northern municipal infrastructure program based on consultations with community leaders to provide more predictable budget funding; continued focus on the manufacturing industry; rural specific health care investments through the Small and Rural Hospital Transformation Fund; communities revitalization through the Rural Economic Development Program; advancing framework to help grow Ontario's digital economy and address existing gaps in broadband connectivity; and creation of a formal process to ensure government policies and programs reflect the needs of rural communities.

> Ontario looks to its rural communities to grow economy, short and long-term

"Growing Ontario's economy in both the short and long-term is dependent upon the continued success of our small and rural communities," Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP Grant Crack, who also serves as parliamentary assistant to the minister of agriculture and food and the minister of rural affairs, said. "[The strategy] not only outlines key Ontario government priorities for rural Ontario, but also serves as a building block that will ensure rural residents, businesses, and municipalities have the tools they need to succeed in today's economy."

The latest report comes after the province earmarked $100 million through the Small, Rural, and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund, while $167 million in 468 Rural Economic Development Program projects has been distributed since 2003. This has generated more than $1.2 billion in economic activity, having created more than 35,000 jobs.

In 2012, Ontario's rural communities contributed $106 billion in economic output, totalling nearly 20 per cent of the province's gross domestic product.

Ontario horse racing industry thrown lifeline

OTTAWA – Ontario's reshaped Horse Racing Partnership Plan came into effect earlier this month.

The province's five-year strategy is to provide up to $500 million to support the horse racing industry with the tools needed to develop new sources of revenue and to build business relationships that will support a sustainable industry.

The comprehensive plan includes: increasing purses and race dates across the province; enhancing support for Ontario's racehorse breeders; integrating horse racing into the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation's modernization plan; encouraging the creation of an alliance of innovative, leading standard-bred tracks; and increasing operational support for regional tracks.

"This plan is the result of a true partnership," Premier Kathleen Wynne, who is also minister of agriculture and food, said. "Everyone involved – government, industry, owners, breeders, and track operators – have worked to put in place a shared vision. I'm confident this plan will not only create a sustainable racing industry in Ontario, but will create jobs and provide more opportunities for success."

Horse racing is a year-round sport in Ontario, with both live racing and simulcast racing brought in from other jurisdictions.

The plan appears to be good news for Rideau Carleton Raceway.

"[We are] delighted that the premier has fulfilled the promise to sustain racing across the province," raceway spokesperson Alex Lawryk said. "The commitment to regional racetracks will ensure the continuance of the industry and competitive racing in Ottawa."



Wolf wagon winners

Alex Potvin (left) and Wyatt Itterman (right) rose to the top during the 1st Winchester Timber Wolves annual wolf wagon rally last month. Members gathered at Winchester Public School's gymnasium where they built their wagons and then raced them. Potvin was acknowledged for designing and building the top car, while Itterman won for best-dressed car. Also pictured is leader Kent Merkley.

SNC advises caution as water levels recede

FINCH – South Nation Conservation (SNC)'s flood watch alert has been downgraded to a flood outlook.

While higher than normal water levels are still present throughout most of the watershed, and some nuisance flooding may still be observed in low lying areas, water levels throughout the region are receding and returning to normal.

However, residents are still advised to stay away from rivers, as water levels remain high and riverbanks are slippery. Parents are encouraged to explain these dangers to their children. Residents are cautioned to be aware of the potential for flooding, fast flowing water, and the associated risks.

SNC staff is to continue monitoring the water levels and weather forecasts as part of the flood forecasting and warning program.

The public is encouraged to visit the conservation authority's website (www.nation.on.ca), and to also provide feedback on changes in water related conditions in their local areas, such as high water elevations, road inundation, and ice break-up.

For more information, contact Jason Symington at jsymington@nation.on.ca or Sandra Mancini at smancini@nation.on.ca or phone 613-984-2948.

4-H Update

Lego club winds up season

by Logan Verspeek

CHESTERVILLE – The Dundas County 4-H Lego Club was to hold its sixth and final meeting of the season at the Gathering House in Chesterville earlier this month.

Prior to that, however, the group's two previous meetings were also held in the same location during the last week of March, and both included snacks and juice.

The fifth meeting opened with the 4-H pledge, followed by the minutes of the last meeting. Members then broke into two groups. While one group made towers to see how tall they could get them before they fell to the ground, the second group's members were blindfolded and asked to see what they could build without looking.

In addition, the leaders, along with two additional parents, were challenged to a building competition, where group members became the judges and were tasked with explaining why they liked one more than another.

At the fourth meeting, following the pledge and minutes, an older member taught the rest of the group some games that encouraged teamwork. Members were then given free time to build whatever they wanted with their Lego, and were challenged to think about what they might build for their achievement day in August.

Pizza club on sugar high

by Kyra Streng

CHESTERVILLE – The second meeting of the Dundas 4-H Pizza Club began with the recitation of the organization's pledge.

The minutes of the previous meeting were also read.

Members were then split into two groups. One group baked two meat pizzas with pepperoni, bacon, and ham, while the other group baked two dessert pizzas, which were made with peanut butter cookie dough for the crust, melted chocolate and butterscotch chips for the sauce, and crushed nuts and Smarties for the toppings.

Members agreed the pizzas were delicious, and discussed plans for the next meeting's pizza recipes.

Dairy club critiques snacks

by Brandon Scheepers

CHESTERVILLE – The Dundas Dairy Club met for the first time last month at The Gathering House in Chesterville.

This year's leaders include Eric Vandenbroek, Dianne Scheepers, and Charmaine Verspeek. Officers were elected and Janessa Pol is to be president, while Christine Crawford will act as vice-president, Mallory Hutchinson as secretary, and Brandon Scheepers as press reporter.

Members played a get-to-know-you game, and then judged snack bars on nutritional value and taste making sure to give reasons for the critique.

The outline for the club's activities this year was studied and discussed with special attention given to achievement day and local fairs.

The group's second meeting was to take place at La Ferme Gillette in Embrun.

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Fun, fun, fun at Maple Ridge

The Maple Ridge Centre's first annual Good Friday Fun Day, which was held on Fri., April 18 at the County Road 43 facility, featured a wide range of holiday-themed activities. Reid Acres provided a horse and wagon ride, escorting guests to an outdoor Easter egg hunt, while Vanderlaand the Barnyard Zoo showcased rabbits and other critters at its outdoor station. Inside, visitors could choose to take a romp on Tribeck Inflatables' bouncy castles, have their faces painted, make some crafts, or play video games. Nicolas Desaulniers, supported by his Dad, J.P., met the Easter Bunny.





Above: *Allen Reid (left) and Alex Dallaire escorted guests to the outdoor Easter egg hunt by way of a Reid Acres horse-drawn wagon ride.*

At left: *Paige Holmes (left), along with Taylor, Hailey, and Brooke Brennan posed for a photo with the Easter chicken.*

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Golden toes

The Academy of Dance and Fitness, one of several groups that participated in the Inspire Dance Challenge held in Gatineau recently, received a second overall studio award in the level one division. With 15 dancers competing, the Winchester studio took home 12 gold, 11 high gold, and one platinum medal. Meanwhile, Anna Chambers placed first for her ballet solo in the seven-to-nine age group, and Jordyn Francis placed third in the nine-to-12 age group. Pictured are Chambers (front, left), Faith Jorgensen, Madison Giles, and Olivia Pereira. Back: Francis (left), academy owner Hollie Clayton, Alexandra Giles, Patricia Barlow, Abbie Scheepers, Shyla Crowder, Toni Steele, Emily Ryan, and Nakita Steele.

UCP season lineup begins with the sounds of the '60s

MORRISBURG – The Upper Canada Playhouse will be taking a musical trip back to the 1960's during the kickoff to its 2014 season.

Memories of the Summer of Love, a 40-song show featuring a live band and four singers, is set to take the Morrisburg-based theatre's stage beginning Tues., April 22 and ending Sun., May 4.

Audiences are to be immersed in the music of The Beach Boys, Gerry and the Pacemakers, The Monkees, Peter, Paul, and Mary, Sonny and Cher, Bob Dylan, Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell, Simon and Garfunkel, Roy Orbison, and more.

The concert was created by Chris McHarge and Colin Stewart to reflect the age of the folk movement, civil rights, peace, love, and good vibrations with such songs as "Me and Bobby Magee," "I Got You Babe," "Daydream Believer," "Blowin' in the Wind," and "Bridge Over Troubled Water," among others.

McHarge and Stewart also produced UCP favourites *Johnny and June*, *Blue Suede Shoes*, and *Vegas Knights*.

Derek Marshall, star of 2013's *Vegas Knights*, is set to return to the stage for *Memories of the Summer of Love*.

"It's been a long winter," artistic director Donnie Bowes said. "If there's ever been a time for the kind of entertainment UCP provides, it's now. Bring it on!"

The remainder of the season begins with *A Bedfull of Foreigners* from Thurs., June 5 to Sun., June 29, followed by Norm Foster's *The Ladies Foursome* from Thurs., July 3 to Sun., July 27. Then, UCP is set to feature *Lend Me a Tenor* from Thurs., July 31 to Sun., Aug. 24, Foster's *On a First Name Basis* Thurs., Sept. 4 to Sun., Sept. 28, *Memories of Rock and Roll*, a fall concert starring Aaron Solomon, from Thurs., Oct. 16 to Sun., Oct. 26, and a family holiday musical, *Lights, Camera… Christmas! The TV Christmas Special That Nearly Never Was* from Thurs., Nov. 27 to Sun., Dec. 14.

Flex passes are available until Thurs., June 5, while regular tickets can be purchased all year.

For more information, call 613-543-3713 or visit www.uppercanadaplayhouse.com.

Area non-profits invited to apply for free tickets

MORRISBURG – The Upper Canada Playhouse (UCP) is set to host its 13th annual charity fundraising event, which has helped more than 200 local charitable organizations. The local theatre house is to donate all of the tickets to its Sat., Aug. 23 matinee performance of *Lend Me a Tenor* to 15 area non-profit organizations. Each group is to receive 18 free tickets, which they are encouraged to sell for UCP's regular adult price of $34 to get the maximum benefit for their organization.

"It's a fun and easy way for our valuable community organizations to raise some funds," artistic director Donnie Bowes said. "They receive their tickets, sell them, and keep the revenues for their group's work."

Interested groups are to submit their group's name, mandate, and contact information, along with a statement that declares their organization is a non-profit. Selection is first-come, first-served.

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Devils test rugby skills in pre-season tourney

SMITHS FALLS – A three-game pre-season tournament in Smiths Falls has provided the North Dundas District High School girls rugby team with the first in-game situations of the 2014 SD&G sports season.

Coach Gilles Lepage and the Devils traveled to Smiths Falls last week (Thurs., April 17) where they played three games in preparation for their tri-county campaign. North Dundas opened battling Brockville's BCI Redmen to a 10-10 draw. They then faced the host Smiths Falls District Collegiate Institute Redhawks and fell 15-5. Prescott's South Grenville Giants provided the opposition in the final test and blanked the Devils 17-0.

Coach Lepage felt that with so little practice time the girls did very well.

"The girls played really well," said Lepage. "They were competitive in all three games."

The Devils are scheduled to host their first league games on Fri., May 2 at 1:30 pm.

Because of the length of the winter season, which has left the soccer/rugby field wet and unusable the Devils soccer teams have yet to participate in outdoor practices.

The Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) has delayed the use of all school fields for two weeks (Mon., April 21 to May 2).

Val Allen, superintendent of education, made the announcement last week (Thurs., April 17) in consultation with the board's facility department due to the wet spring weather.

The Devils are fielding a senior boys soccer team, junior boys and girl's varsity team.

"We hope to get outdoors this week," said senior coach Kevin Bell. "We have been conditioning indoors to get ready for a compressed three-week schedule."

The North Dundas track team has attended a couple of indoor meets in Ottawa as they tune up for their season.



Turf testing

The North Dundas District High School girl's rugby team took to the field last week (Thurs., April 17) in a pre-season tournament hosted by the Smiths Falls District Collegiate Institute Redhawks. The Devils battled Brockville's BCI Redmen to a 10-10 tie before falling 15-5 to the Redhawks and 17-0 to the South Grenville Giants. If field conditions permit, the Devils will host an SD&G league game on Fri., May 2.

Lepage photos

Johnston, Benoit strike SD&G silver medal

MAPLE RIDGE – Mackenzie Johnston and Joey Benoit returned to the podium after striking silver at the 2014 SD&G secondary school badminton championships.

This year's junior/midget competition was held in Cornwall on Wed., April 9 while the senior tournament was staged last week (Wed., April 16).

The Winchester team of Johnston and Benoit debuted in 2013 and claimed the gold medal as midget players. This spring, the North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) Devils' duo moved up to the junior division and struck silver in the mixed doubles bracket.

Coach Cindy Steele is hoping the school's medal winners will carry their success and talent into the senior ranks next year.

The mixed doubles team of Jaclyn Crump and Jack van Kessel made it to the semi-final round while Lexy Carruthers and Kyle DeJong advanced to the quarterfinals.

In singles competition, Noah Jaquemet advanced to the semi-finals, as did the men's doubles team of Spencer Kelly and Brayden Cochrane.

Rounding out the roster were Jared Schoenfeld (men's singles), Tyson Sherrer and Owen Salmon (men's doubles) and the ladies doubles team of Kaylie Fife and Frankie Moss.

Coaches Steele and Aaron Banford congratulated the entire Devils squad for their dedication and strong performances on the court.

Senior Devils

Senior Dan Trumper played his way into the quarterfinal round as did the ladies doubles team of Haley Geertsma and Julia Wouters.

Also representing NDDHS were: Mitchell Melenhorst (men's singles), Amber Cotton and Bruce Bufton (mixed doubles), Kennedy Scheepers and Patrick Jaquemet (mixed doubles), Dayton Kelly and Bryden van Kessel (men's doubles), Patrick Gibson and Marc Thurler (men's doubles), Anna Stubbings and Laura van Kessel (ladies doubles)

The senior boys doubles title went to Alex O'Reilly and Parker Krol of St. Joseph's Secondary School. The L'Heritage Dragons doubles team of Gabrielle Bergeron and Arielle Gravelle captured the gold medal. A pair of La Citadelle Patriotes, Sam Tremblay (men') and Chloe Menard (ladies), are this year's singles champions. The Glengarry Gaels emerged as the mixed doubles winners.

Holy Trinity and L'Heritage are co-hosting the EOSSAA championship tournament today (Wed., April 23).



Silver medalists

The North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) mixed doubles team of Mackenzie Johnston and Joey Benoit earned the silver medal competing at the 2014 SD&G secondary school midget/junior badminton championships (Wed., April 9) in Cornwall. Last April Johnston and Benoit teamed up and struck gold in the midget competition. NDDHS coach Cindy Steele (left), Mackenzie Johnston, Joey Benoit and coach Aaron Banford pose with their tri-county silver medals.

Press Photo – Van Bridger



Next shift

These junior ball hockey players were waiting for their next shift during player evaluations held at the Chesterville Arena last week (Wed., April 16).

Press Photos – Van Bridger



Spring training

The 2014 North Dundas Co-ed Minor Ball Hockey League season will open on Tues., May 6 when the seniors (12 - 16 years) take to the floor at the Chesterville Arena. The juniors (9 - 11 years) will see their first action the following evening Wed., May 7. Volunteers are always welcomed.

Sox recruit players for 2014 season

WINCHESTER – Winchester's National Capital Baseball League Tier 2 team, the Sox, has undergone some changes and is looking to recruit players for the 2014 campaign.

Infielder Adrian Delorey has assumed the majority of the managerial duties from long-time skipper Chris "Edgar" Hart, who will remain with the team as a part-time player/coach.

The Sox, founded by Owen Shortt in 2002, will be competing for the Tier 2 championship along with the Ottawa Braves, Cornwall River Rats, Expos, Marc Sports (Gatineau), the Metcalfe Mudd, River Hawks and the defending champion SweatSox.

Delorey has scheduled an exhibition game with the Tier 1 Panthers for Tues., May 6, although the City of Ottawa has banned all games, due to wet field conditions, until the playing surfaces have dried out.

He also has announced that East Side Mario's (Gloucester) is now an official team sponsor and will provide player of the game awards.

The team will also provide performance bonus money for pitchers (number of games won) and hitters (hits per-game). The Sox are also hoping to play at least four games at the Ottawa Stadium.

Delorey reminds players that this year's team fees are now past due and must be paid in full. Seven members of last year's squad have committed to playing.

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Canadian championships

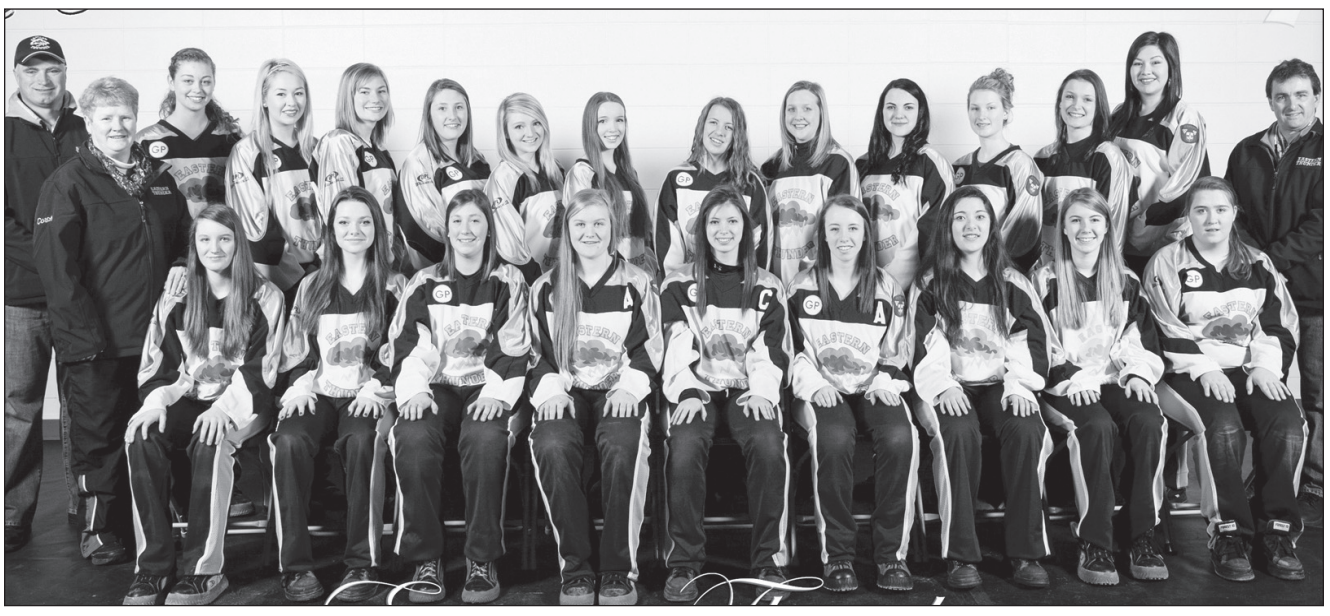
Eastern Thunder claims fifth national juvenile title

ALMA, Que. – In spite of having just six veterans returning to this year's lineup the Eastern Thunder rebuilt and went on to capture the team's fifth consecutive Canadian gold medal.

The Thunder followed their 2013 triumph in Cornwall with their latest title, which was earned last month at the 2014 Juvenile Girls National Broomball Championships in Alma, Que. The team, which had traditionally called the Finch Arena home base, had to schedule tryouts, practices and games at various regional venues due to the reconstruction of their North Stormont facility.

Still, team management was able to cobble together a roster that wound up second behind the Seaway Devils at the national qualifier in Barrie in November where they earned a berth in the Alma tournament. The third-place team from Palmerston also moved on to represent Ontario.

In February, the Thunder competed against seven other teams for the Ontario championship in Barrie and earned third-place status, finishing behind the first-place Twisted Sisters and Seaway Valley Devils. Palmerston drew into fourth place.



Nation's number one

The Eastern Thunder, representing Eastern Ontario at the Juvenile Girls Nation Broomball Championships last month in Alma, Que. went undefeated in seven games to earn their fifth consecutive Canadian gold-medal. Members of this year's champions are: front (left) – Dallas MacMillan, Maddie Leavitt, Hanna Conroy, Gracin MacMillan, Tessa Irwin, Amber Clouthier, Emily Van Oyen, Lauren Cramm, Kyara Quan; back (left) – John Irwin – coach, Ruth Brown – ass't coach, Sydney Campbell, Jasmin Namagoose, Lydia Zandbelt, Katelyn Kelly, Samantha Ferguson, KerryAnne Muir, Caitlin Clouthier, Janessa Byers, Sarrah Christianson Grant, Lily Moran, Lynn Duncan, Dawn Namagoose and Todd Clouthier – coach.

National tourney

Playing seven games in four days, the Thunder rolled to seven wins and outscored their opposition 16-3 on their way to their fifth Canadian title. Two of those goals were surrendered in the gold-medal match, in a 3-2 decision over Quebec's Amigo Jr. Becancour.

The Thunder's regional cousins, the Palmerston Terminators, were this year's bronze medalists.

Saskatchewan's Big River Crusaders fell 1-0 to the Thunder in round one. Quebec's Tigres D 'Alma was victim number two suffering a 4-1 loss. A 1-0 victory over the team the Thunder would meet in the title match, Amigo Jr. Becancour, improved the girls record to 3-0.

The Thunder then rolled to win number four blanking Saskatchewan's Odessa Flames 4-0. A 2-0 decision over Palmerston advanced the Thunder into the semi-final round with an unblemished 5-0 mark.

A slim 1-0 semi-final win over the Seaway Devils, the Thunder's archrivals, qualified them for the opportunity to extend their string of national championships.

Next year, the Thunder will attempt to extend their reign as national champions to six years in Portage La Prairie, Man.



NDDHS Notes

by Amber Cotton

Spring is sprouting at NDDHS

MAPLE RIDGE – As spring is in the air, there are many activities being planned for students at North Dundas District High School.

A quick reminder to all Grade 12 students to email your baby photos and hand in your memory slips to Mrs. Corbett-White or Brooke Cummins for the yearbook.

Meanwhile, we would like to congratulate the boys and girls who participated in badminton tournaments last week. Job well done to all!

As the warmer weather approaches, the greenhouses at the school are being utilized. If anyone has any lightly used gardening tools and supplies they no longer want, students can donate them to the school for use.

After the long weekend, it is time to get back in gear and finish out the semester strong, so to everyone – keep up the great work.

We hope everyone had a great Easter and will continue to have a wonderful week!

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Rural clean water grants now available

OTTAWA – The City of Ottawa is now receiving applications for the Ottawa Rural Clean Water Grants Program, which provides grants to projects that protect groundwater and surface water in rural areas.

Landowners completing projects in 2014 may be eligible for grants of up to $15,000 depending on the project they are undertaking. Eligible projects include buffer strips, livestock restrictions, manure storage, land retirement, stream bank stabilization, tile outlet protection, tile drain control structures, and well decommissioning. (Funding is also available to decommission wells within the city's urban boundary.)

Those eligible to apply include landowners within rural Ottawa, as well as farmers in both urban and rural Ottawa. Approved applicants must have completed the third edition of Environmental Farm Plan (farm projects) or Healthy Home Guidebook (non-farm projects).

The next application deadline is Thurs., May 1. Applications are to be accepted through the Landowner Resource Centre, which works in partnership with the city, as well as the Mississippi Valley, Rideau Valley, and South Nation Conservation authorities.

For more information, contact the resource centre at 613-692-3571 or visit www.ottawa.ca.



In and around
Osgoode Ward
by Councillor Doug Thompson

Fundraising for youth

The Nepean, Rideau, and Osgoode Community Resource Centre's third annual "Shine a Light on Our Youth" fundraiser is set for 6 pm this Saturday (April 26) at the Centurion Conference and Event Centre.

The event features a live and silent auction, entertainment, a buffet dinner, and dancing.

Tickets are $65 per person.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 613-596-5626.

Resident information session

Telus is set to host a community open house from 6 to 7 pm on Wed., April 30 at the Greely Community Centre to discuss its proposed antenna system, which is to be located at 1071 Dozois Rd. in Manotick.

The system is to consist of a monopole tower, and an equipment shelter measuring roughly 13 square-metres. Telus has submitted applications to Transport Canada and NAV Canada to confirm the requirements for lighting and markings. Once completed, the system is to measure 35 metres in height.

"I would encourage all affected residents and property owners to attend this open house," Thompson said.

Rural development

A rural communities forum is scheduled for Sat., May 3 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Greely Community Centre.

Hosted by the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre, the Nepean, Rideau, and Osgoode Community Resource Centre, the Orleans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre, the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre, and with financial assistance from the City of Ottawa, guests are invited to come for breakfast anytime after 8:30 am, and transportation and childcare assistance is available upon request.

To register, call 613-562-4073 extension 318 or visit www.ruralcommunitiesforum.eventbrite.ca.

For more information on rural community development, visit www.coalitionottawa.ca.

Fitness for youth

Osgoode's Inner Athletes Fitness Studio is now offering children's Zumba classes, as well as special drop-in pricing for high school students for yoga, Zumba, and focus pad classes.

Children's Zumba classes are to run for four weeks beginning Sat., May 17 at 2:30 pm. Participants must be between the ages of eight and 12, and there is a 12-particpant limit per class. The cost is $35 per person. To register, email inner-athletes@gmail.com.

Drop-in classes for teenagers aged 16+ are $5 per person with no registration necessary. For more information, visit www.innerathletes.net.

Yard sale

The Community Christian School yard sale is scheduled for 8 am to 1 pm this Saturday (April 26), rain or shine at the Metcalfe educational facility's Glen Street location.

Building walls

The Osgoode Township Historical Society Museum in Vernon is hosting an adult rock wall-building workshop on Sat., April 26 and Sun., April 27 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Participants are to receive training in digging and laying a wall foundation, building a dry laid rock wall using field stones, and the proper use of capstones and corner joints. The group is to build walls in the museum's garden, as they learn.

Cost is $200 per person. All tools and materials are to be provided.

Fundraiser for cancer survivorship

The seventh annual Ladies Night Out fundraiser is scheduled for Sat., April 26 at the Greely Community Centre.

Money raised during this year's dinner and auction is earmarked for the Maplesoft Centre, Eastern Ontario's first centre for cancer survivorship.

Donations of goods or services for the silent and live auction are needed, as are monetary donations.

For more information, contact Patti-Anne Scrivens at 613-203-1916.

Blooming mushrooms

The ninth annual Shroomfest is scheduled for Thurs., May 1 beginning with cocktails at 5:30 pm at the Metcalfe Fairgrounds.

The evening is to feature a buffet dinner prepared by A.J.'s Catering, as well as entertainment from Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club.

To reserve a table for eight, contact Al Graham at 613-821-7449. For tickets, call Metcalfe Variety at 613-821-3440.

TCS offers recruitment incentive to area pastors

WILLIAMSBURG – Timothy Christian School (TCS) in Williamsburg recently played host to a meeting of the South Dundas Ministerial.

Following the publication of a survey showing that a strong Christian school has implications for strong churches, the group of ministers headed to the County Road 18 educational facility for a tour and discussion.

Intermediate students escorted the pastors through the school, and a lamb was brought in as an object lesson for how a Christian school needs its area ministers to inform their flock about the school.

The survey, conducted by Cardus, a social research institution in Hamilton, in conjunction with the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, is the first of its kind in Canada. Its purpose was to find out how graduates of non-governmental schools, religious schools, home schools, and non-religious schools participate in society economically, politically, socially, and culturally.

Polling Canadian adults between the ages of 24 and 39, the following assertions about Christian school graduates were made: they are significantly more likely to volunteer in their churches than any other group; they are significantly more likely to make charitable contributions; they donate far more to churches; they acknowledge that they have much to be thankful for; they feel capable and more goal-oriented; and they are more likely to communicate their faith with friends and strangers.

TCS is offering a 30 per cent discount to pastors who wish to have their children attend the Williamsburg school.

"We're offering [this] discount because we know that our pastors are respected and loved in their congregations, and can provide leadership to others who wish to have Christ-centred education for their children," principal Gary Postma said. "We're hoping that both our Christian school and this area's Christian churches can grow working together."

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MUSICAL NIGHT
At Osgoode Baptist and Vernon United Church, 8674 Bank Street, Vernon, Sun., April 27 at 7 pm. Featuring The Ottawa Carleton Male Choir, directed by Henk Huizenga. Goodwill offering. All proceeds to Osgoode Care Centre. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome.
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6-7c

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Concert Fri, May 2 at 7:30 pm at Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church. Conductor Robert Jones. Accompanist, Margaret Whisselle. Advance tickets $10 at PharmaChoice, Morrisburg or call 613-543-3863.
6-8c

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6-7

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7c

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All welcome at a meet and greet kickoff party for Osgoode Ward 20 Candidate Kim Sheldrick on Sun., April 27, from 1-3 pm at the Osgoode Legion, www.kimsheldrick4councillor.ca or 613-821-3033.
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Chesterville Fairgrounds, Sat., May 3, 8 am. **Reminder:** first in is last out. If last in, please be there by 8 am on May 3.

7-8c

STAG AND DOE

In honour of Stephanie Gould and Matthew Alexander, Sat., April 26, 8 pm-1 am, at Vernon Community Center. Tickets: $10 each or 2 for $15 available at the door or from the wedding party! DJ, games, light lunch. See ya there!

7

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At The Iroquois Legion

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The owners of 492 Bailey Ave., Winchester have sold their home. Contents are being sold Sat., April 26 from 9 am-3 pm. Quilts, tables, chairs, linen, antique pieces, old Mason jars, small appliances, art, decor, books, records, Bushnell telescope, silver tea set, antique dresser, PartyLite, old literature, quality holiday decorations, Keurig, Chalet glass. Many items to up-cycle and so much more. Sat., April 26 from 9 am-3 pm (cash only) 492 Bailey Ave., Winchester. Stephanie St. Pierre - McAllister CPPA (Certified Appraiser on Site).

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Gone from the earth so swiftly,
Just like a flower in bloom,
So young, so fair, so loving,
Yet called away so soon.
We'll meet her some glad morning,
Resting by waters fair.
She is waiting for our coming
In the upper garden there,
Safe in the arms of Jesus.

Your loving husband, Leo

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

BILL McMILLAN

April 28, 2013

I thought of you today,
But that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday,
And days before that, too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name.
All I have is memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake
From which I'll never part.
God has you in His arms,
I have you in my heart.

Miss you so much,
Your loving wife of 53 years,
Mary

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Ann Leyenaar would like to thank all the relatives, friends, and neighbours who offered their love, sympathy, and support in the loss of our beloved Mother and Beppe. We sincerely appreciate all your cards and memorial donations. We would also like to thank:

- The staff at Woodland Villa, Long Sault, for their outstanding care,
- The staff at the Garden Villa in Chesterville, going beyond the call of duty,
- Dr. Steele, PSWs, and those who helped her while she lived at the Millview in Winchester,
- Rev. Bruce Kemp for his insightful and comforting words, and the St. Paul's Ladies Aid for the delicious luncheon,
- David Lapier and staff at Marsden-McLaughlin for excellent service, and
- The Gathering House for use of their facility for a family get-together.

We are most grateful to all of you.

Thank You

The family of the late Jane Devries would like to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of our family, friends and neighbours. We were overwhelmed by the love and support shown in so many ways in the past months to all of us. Words cannot express our appreciation for all the cards, visits, calls, prayers and all the food brought to us as we walked alongside Mom on her difficult journey with cancer.

A sincere thank you for all your loving care and compassion to Dr. Flowers, all the nurses and PSWs who came to care for Mom at home through CCAC, Dr. Leigh and all the wonderful staff and volunteers at the Carefor Cornwall Hospice.

A very special thank you to our two aunts, Jane Vedder and Cora VanDenbroek, for their devotion to Mom and their limitless help to us.

Special thanks to Pastor Ken Gehrels for his pastoral care and very special funeral service; to the members of the Kemptville CRC for the delicious luncheon. Thanks to Sean Daley and staff for your kindness and understanding. We give thanks to God, who carried us through this difficult journey and who continues to give us the strength to carry on.

Rita and Mike Heuving and family
Jeannette and John Devries and family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

BILL McMILLAN

April 28, 2013

We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore;
We did our best to the end,
'Til we could do no more.
In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away;
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay.
You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere.
We never shall and never will
Forget you, Father Dear.

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Obituaries & Death Notices

Donald Cook



Don Cook of Spencerville passed away suddenly at Brockville General Hospital on Mon., March 24, 2014. He was 63.

Don was born in Brinston on Sept. 19, 1950 to the late Acil and Greta Cook. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Patricia Cook, his sons, Larry of Trenton, Chris (Jamie) of Spencerville, and Dan (Rebecca) of Johnstown. He will also be tremendously missed by his four grandchildren, Owen, Aidan, Callie, and Danica. He is survived by his brother, Bill (Betty) Cook of Brinston, and his sisters, Marilyn (Leen) Seiling of South Mountain, and Helen (Ernie) Serviss of Williamsburg, and his brothers-in-law, Ken Yandeau and Tim (Linda) Yandeau of Cardinal. He was predeceased by his son, Kevin, and his brother, Carman.

Don spent most of his life sitting in the seat of a backhoe, first working for Fred Woods. Then, he went on to purchase his own backhoe, and his business, Cooks Backhoe Service, was established. In 1987, he went to work for Maynard Coons in South Mountain, where he was employed for 27 years. Don always took great pride in his work, and never left a job unfinished. He enjoyed doing what he did.

Don loved camping, music, and dancing. These passions were the reason that many great friendships were made. He always looked forward to the annual barbecue at the pit, and his yearly trip to Vermont. These events were ones that Don wanted to share with all his friends — the more the merrier.

Family and friends gathered at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal on Sat., March 29 where a beautiful memorial service by Rev. Kathy Petrie was held. A tribute to his life was read by his daughter-in-law, Jamie. Don's favourite songs were played by great friends Gerry, Lorraine, and Brenda. Friends and family gathered at the Royal Canadian Legion Cardinal Branch 105 after the service where many stories were shared amongst his friends.

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Don touched so many hearts. He will never be forgotten.

Donnie Irven



Donnie Irven, a lifetime resident of the Chesterville area, passed away at the Ottawa General Hospital on Tues., April 15, 2014. He was 74.

Donnie was born in Finch Township on February 16, 1940 to his parents Lorne and Helen Irven (nee Armstrong).

He worked at Nestlé in Chesterville for many years before going to work at Rohm and Haas in Morrisburg until he retired. Donnie was an exceptional person – caring, loving, kind-hearted, honest to a fault, and his life revolved around his work, his family, and the community. He was a man of love, strength, integrity, and courage.

Donnie loved sports, especially hockey and broomball. He loved fishing and hunting, and he was a crack shot. He loved growing flowers and vegetables, and he was an outstanding cook. His all-time specialty was BBQ chicken – people would come from all around for that particular meal at the Irven household.

According to his children, Donnie was the best father ever. His strength was palpable, and so reassuring. He was patient and kind, even when Billy shot all of Donnie's hunting arrows into the barn roof or left Donnie's tools strewn all over the property. There was no problem Donnie couldn't find a solution to. He was such a good listener, and gave such sound advice to his children and grandchildren, always. There was nothing he couldn't fix. He was also the best grandfather, ever. He would get up at 5 am on camping trips to spend special alone time with his grandchildren. He had the patience of Job when it came to explaining anything and everything to them. He always advised his children to take the time to talk every day to their own children, and to never raise their voices. He was the Grampa who would pull bushes down (even though his fingers might get pricked way too often) so his grandchildren could pick berries more easily. He was the Grampa who was always waiting at home to hear and celebrate any and all of his grandchildren's accomplishments – at school, in sports, in hunting or fishing.

Donnie was fortunate to have found love twice in his life, for 50 years with his dear wife, Marlene who passed away in 2009, and then again later in life with Millie. Their life together was not for very long, but it was a wonderful love story filled with joy, contentment, and fulfillment.

Donnie is survived by his wife, Mildred Stewart, his children, Lisa Irven (Glenn Brousseau) of Dunbar, and Bill (Tammy) of RR #1 Chesterville, and his grandchildren, Kaitlin and Natalie, Matthew and Haylee. Donnie will be fondly remembered by Mildred's children, Robby, Sharon, and Roger. He was a dear brother to Dorothy (Oscar) Godard of Brockville, Greta (Ken) Harrison of Stittsville, Marie Kinnear of Russell, Lorna (Bob) Lobb of Ottawa, and David (Kim) of Chesterville, and brother-in-law of Betty Irven of Ottawa. He was predeceased by his wife, Marlene Barkley, his infant brother, Dalton, and his brothers, Harold and John. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville on Fri., April 18 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was held at Christ Church United in Chesterville on Sat., April 19 at 11 am with Rev. Debbie Poirier officiating, followed by interment at Morewood Cemetery. The pallbearers were Gordon Elliott, Garry Elliott, Brian Waddell, Mike Barkley, Mark Barkley, and Ralph Merkley.

Donations to the Ottawa General Hospital Palliative Care Unit would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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Barry and Terri Lecuyer

In loving memory of Barry Lecuyer, and his wife, Terri Lecuyer, who were tragically taken from us on Sun., Dec. 29, 2013, in a car accident in British Columbia.

Barry is survived by his only beloved daughter, Angel; his parents, Lea and Gerry; sisters Marlene (Greg), Shelley (Ernie), Debbie (Steve), and Christine (Gordie); five nieces, four nephews, one great-niece, and two great-nephews.

Terri is survived by her children, Dan (Megs), Michelle (Kris), Candace (Sid), Crystal, and Brent (Sam).

The Lecuyer family invites family and friends to attend a Celebration of Life for Barry and Terri on Sun., April 27 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain.

Gwendolyn Smith



Gwendolyn Beatrice Smith, a lifetime resident of Chesterville, passed away at The Garden Villa in Chesterville on Fri., April 11, 2014, following a brief illness. She was 86.

Gramma Gwennie, as she was called by many who knew her, was born on March 21, 1928, one of 11 children of her parents, John and Annie Elliott (nee Schoefield), and she was raised and grew up during the Great Depression of the 1930's.

She met her husband, Douglas Smith, after he returned home from overseas following the Second World War, and they married in 1947. A short while later, their happy little family became three, when their son, Howard, was born. Douglas and Gwen came from very modest backgrounds, and both were hard working, salt-of-the-earth folks who believed a person received nothing and you expected nothing, unless you earned it.

Gwen was, for the most part, a happy-go-lucky person, taking each day as it came along. She was a very simple, unassuming, down-home type of person who loved the simple, ordinary things that life offered, and she knew how to make-do with the things she had. From that, she taught her family honesty and integrity, and how to accept and be content with those things in life that they could neither change nor do anything about.

She loved music, dancing, and her many friends. Music was a natural and fulfilling part of her life. A frequent occurrence was having friends and neighbours over for a Friday night card game, but more often than not, those card games would evolve into a musical hootenanny, complete with guitars, banjo, and mandolin, and all the participants singing old Hank Williams and gospel songs into the wee hours of the morning. Gwen also danced a pretty mean jitterbug, and could jive along with the best of 'em on the dance floor. It's no secret where granddaughter Paige gets her love of dance and singing from.

Gwen had a very kind heart, and cared for everyone she knew, whether they were family, friend, or just living in the area. She was always willing to help if she believed you were in genuine need. She dearly loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with her nieces and nephews, and throughout the years she always looked forward to their visits with her, almost on a daily basis. She loved to hear their stories and tales, and in the last few years, she especially enjoyed visits from her great-granddaughters, Alexandra and Olivia, and loved playing beauty shop with them as they curled her hair and painted her nails.

Douglas' death at the age of 48 devastated Gwen, and she had a difficult time adjusting to life without him. But all those grandchildren, nieces, and nephews came to the rescue, spending countless days and nights with her, keeping her from being afraid and lonely, and bringing her happiness and much contentment. Todd, Shirley, Kathy, and Vicky practically lived with her in their younger years. As time passed, Gwen looked forward, more eagerly each year, to family get-togethers such as, Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving, and birthdays. She loved chatting with everyone and having a happy time at each affair, and being teased by Scott and Colleen. She appreciated and loved her daughter-in-law, Lezlee, who pampered her tirelessly throughout the years.

In the last while, Gwen began to tire and remarked on not feeling well most days. Her family began to see she was not her usual self. It was not long after that the family received the devastating news that Gwen had incurable cancer. Her wish was to spend her last few months with friends she knew at The Garden Villa, where she made more friends and simply loved the attention paid to her by Heidi and her wonderful staff.

Gwen is survived by her son, Howard (Lezlee) of Chesterville; her grandchildren, Todd (Sonya), Scott, and Paige, all of Chesterville; her great-grandchildren, Alexandra and Olivia; and her siblings, Marjorie Bouck of Chesterville, Clair (Jackie) Elliott of Winchester, and Shirley (Keith) Beckstead of Williamsburg. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, her sisters, Lillian Guidon, Nelda Purchon, Audrey Nelson, and her brothers, Grant, Eric, Ronald, and Terry Elliott. She will be fondly remembered by several nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville on Thurs., April 17. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on Fri., April 18 at 11 am with Rev. Wendy Wright-MacKenzie officiating. The pallbearers were her family, Howard Smith, Lezlee Byers-Smith, Todd Smith, Sonya Smith, Scott Smith, Paige Smith, Alexandra Smith, and Olivia Smith. Interment of cremated remains at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville followed the service.

Donations to Maple Ridge Cemetery or the Canadian Cancer Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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Dorothy Baldwin

May 12, 1919 - April 14, 2014



Dorothy Mildred Winifred Baldwin (nee Francis) passed away peacefully at home on Mon., April 14, 2014, in her 95th year.

She was the daughter of the late John Francis and Margaret Holmes. She was the beloved wife of the late Gordon Baldwin, and the much-loved mother of Lorraine (Gordon) Reoch of Vernon, Dwayne (Sonja) of Almonte, Gerald (Valerie) of Calgary, and the late Lorna Hill. She was the cherished grandmother of eight, and loving great-grandmother of many. She was predeceased by nine brothers and sisters. Dorothy will be sadly missed by her extended family, neighbours, and her dear caregivers, Helen and Ann.

Dorothy's garden — her "baby" — will miss her tender care, and we will all miss the bounty, which was so proudly shared. Family and friends will be hugged for years to come through the afghans, sweaters, scarves, socks, and mitts she knitted and crocheted for us. There is love in every stitch.

Friends called at the Daniels Funeral Chapels Inc. in Winchester on Wed., April 16. The funeral service was held in the chapel of the funeral home on Thurs., April 17 at 10 am followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

For those who wish to remember Dorothy, online donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation (www.heartandstroke.on.ca) or Winchester District Memorial Hospital (www.wdmh.on.ca).

Condolences may be made online at
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Jane Devries

In Cornwall Hospice on Wed., April 2, 2014, the Lord called Home Jane Devries (nee Staal) of Osgoode, in her 75th year.

She was the beloved wife of the late Ranger Devries and the cherished mother of Rita (Mike Heuving), and Jeannette (John L. Devries). She was the loving Oma of Jonathan (Danielle), Jessica (Andrew Ross), Randy, and Erica Heuving; and Jennifer (Andrew), Henri, Ryan, Marilee, and Nicole Devries. She was great-Oma to Caden, Finnegan, and Caleb. She was the sister of Bruce Staal, Cora (Henk VanDenbroek), Basil (Grace) Staal, and the late Hank (Bev) Staal, and Herman Staal (Ger (Wim Schep). She was the dear friend and sister-in-law of Jane Vedder (the late Fred).

Jane was born in Terschuur, Holland on Nov. 1, 1939. She immigrated with her family in 1956, first to North Muskegon, Mich. for six months, and then to Navan. Jane married Ranger on July 8, 1960, and they moved to their farm in Dalmeny where she lived for 54 years.

She was a volunteer canvasser for the Canadian Cancer Society for more than 45 years, and was actively involved in her church.

The funeral service was held on Mon., April 7 at the Kemptville Christian Reformed Church followed by interment at Reids Mills Cemetery. The pallbearers were her nine grandchildren.

Alys M. McIntosh



Alys McIntosh of Winchester Springs passed away peacefully at Brockville General Hospital on Thurs., April 17, 2014 in her 87th year.

She was the wife of the late George P. McIntosh, and the much loved mother of Barry (Sandra) of Prescott, and Dale (Lyn) of North Gower. She was the cherished grandmother of Lance (Cheryl), Laine, and Erin (Geoff) Campbell, and loving great-grandmother of Landon and Brooke McIntosh, and Quinn Campbell. Alys was the dear sister of Clare McIntosh of Prescott and Muriel Levere of Winchester. She will be sadly missed by her nieces and nephews.

Alys rested at Daniels Funeral Chapels Inc. in Winchester on Mon., April 21. The funeral service was held in the chapel of the funeral home on Tues., April 22 with Rev. Christine Lowson officiating followed by interment at New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg.

Donations to Winchester Springs United Church would be appreciated.

Condolences may be made online at
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Discount consists of: $850 in no-cost options and $2,500 DVD Incentive that will be deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. 2014 Dodge Journey SXT with Ultimate Journey Package (JCDP4928K). Discount consists of: $2,495 in no-cost options and $2,500 DVD Incentive that will be deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. Some conditions apply. See your retailer for complete details. *Consumer Cash Discounts are deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. †4.29% purchase financing for up to 96 months available on new select models through RBC, Scotiabank and TD Auto Finance. Retailer order/trade may be necessary. Example: 2014 Dodge Dart (25A) with a Purchase Price of $16,995, with a $0 down payment, financed at 4.29% for 96 months equals 208 bi-weekly payments of $114/$114 and a total obligation of $23,657.39/$23,657.39. ➤2.79% purchase financing for up to 96 months available on new select models through RBC, Scotiabank and TD Auto Finance. Retailer order/trade may be necessary. Example: 2014 Dodge Dart (25A) with a Purchase Price of $16,995, with a $0 down payment, financed at 2.79% for 96 months equals 208 bi-weekly payments of $91 with a cost of borrowing of $1,987 and a total obligation of $18,981.81. ††0% purchase financing for up to 36 months available on new 2014 Jeep Cherokee/2014 Dodge Dart models to qualified customers on approved credit through RBC, Scotiabank and TD Auto Finance. Retailer order/trade may be necessary. Examples: 2014 Jeep Cherokee Sport 4x2 (24A)/2014 Dodge Dart SE (25A) with a Purchase Price of $24,495/$16,995 with a $0 down payment, financed at 0% for 36 months equals 78 bi-weekly payments of $314/$217.88 with a cost of borrowing of $0 and a total obligation of $24,495/$16,995. §Starting From Prices for vehicles shown include Consumer Cash Discounts and do not include upgrades (e.g., paint). Upgrades available for additional cost. 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