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Pipeline opponents rally against project

by Jeff Morris

NORTH GOWER – The camps were very clearly divided at the TransCanada Energy East Pipeline public meeting held at the Alfred Taylor Recreation Centre in North Gower Thurs., April 3.

One side saw tremendous positive economic impact and a wealth of forward progress in the project. The other saw nothing but a deadly and costly environmental disaster waiting to happen.

There was no middle ground in sight.

A large crowd of more than 1,000 people turned out to learn more about the proposed pipeline that will connect the oil sands of Alberta to three refineries in Eastern Canada.

As people went inside the community centre to see the TransCanada display, they walked through a protest set up by Ecology Ottawa. Many listened to the environmental concerns of the group. Some signed a petition against the pipeline. Others debated and even argued the virtues of the group's mission to stop a project that could have a greatly positive economic impact on rural South Ottawa and both Grenville and Dundas counties.

> More than 1,000 attend public information session

The protests are nothing new to TransCanada.

"It's the same at most of our information sessions," Philippe Cannon, the company's director of communications, said. "But that's why we have these sessions. We want to inform people. We want to answer their questions, and the more they learn about the project, the more questions they will have. We want everyone to know how serious we are about safety, and how the company has spent $1 billion on a pipeline safety program."

In 2013, the company held more than 60 open houses from Alberta to New Brunswick on the project.

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Early Easter

Children, with their parents in tow, made their way to the Royal Canadian Legion Winchester Branch 108 Sun., April 6 for the organization's annual Easter celebration. Charlette Godda is pictured getting a little help from her mother, Cassandra Gibson, at the arts and crafts station. For additional coverage of the event, please see page 12.

Press Photo – Casselman

Funding puts HOL on track

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

MOUNTAIN – A provincial grant of $79,983 has served the House of Lazarus (HOL) well.

The partnership with the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities allowed the Mountain-based community outreach mission to accomplish several goals, all of which were showcased during a Fri., April 4 celebration.

The 29-week project, which began in October 2013, provided work and training for six people, who collaborated to create procedure manuals for HOL's donations (food, household items, and clothing), organized the mission's inventory, and assisted with the introduction of programs to keep items out of the Township of North Dundas' Boyne Road landfill. (The municipality also partnered in the venture, donating $6,200 of in-kind work, and providing information and support on waste management.)

Cindy Kelly, Will Irwin, Lesley Johansen, Samantha Sheldrick, and Gerard Szaulis were chosen to participate in the alliance with HOL newcomer Everett Anderson taking on a supervisory role. Shortly into the project, both Irwin and Szaulis found jobs, which Pauline Pratt, the mission's executive director, said was the whole point of the exercise.

The manuals are now all but complete, and new employees and volunteers have enhanced guidelines to follow, Pratt said. In addition, the warehouse area has been organized, a donation information pamphlet has been created, and an artists' event has been scheduled to introduce people to the many benefits of using recycled items to create visual masterpieces. (The event is scheduled for Wed., April 23 from 6 to 8 pm.)

"This project has really helped give us some direction," Pratt said. "This has been a dream of mine for the last 11 years."

Silver finish for *Press* at provincial awards

VAUGHAN – The *Winchester Press* recently received second place honours among newspapers in its circulation class in Ontario.

At an awards ceremony in Vaughan on Fri., April 4, the *Press* received a plaque recognizing its silver finish for general excellence in the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's 2013 Better Newspaper Competition.

This is the paper's third honour in as many years, having finished first in 2012 and second in 2011, as well as capturing a best editorial prize in 2010.

"It is truly a humbling experience to be judged as one of the top three weekly newspapers, in its circulation class, in three consecutive years," *Press* co-publisher/managing editor Allen Van Bridger said. "The *Press* has been serving Winchester and the surrounding area since 1888, and has always strived to provide both its readers and advertisers with comprehensive service."

Van Bridger also acknowledged the paper's experienced and dedicated staff as being key to the production of a quality product, which is continually recognized by its peers as being at the head of the class.

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In the groove

Dancers from Winchester's Academy of Dance and Fitness held a spring showcase for friends and family at North Dundas District High School Sat., April 5. Although the stage was somewhat smaller than what they were used to, instructor Holly Clayton told the audience it was a great opportunity for students to practice in front of a crowd, as the young dancers are to travel to Gatineau this weekend for their first competition and then on to Brockville for another event next month.



Above:
In this Broadway-like number, Patricia Barlow used props and lip synced to "Shimmy Like They Do."

At left:
Jordyn Francis floated across the stage to "Paganini Rhapsody."

Press Photos – Casselman

Pipeline

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One was held in Stittsville, which like North Gower, sits in Ottawa's Rideau-Goulbourn Ward.

The pipeline that TransCanada is planning on using through the area is a natural gas pipeline, which cuts southeast from Stittsville along Malakoff Road, around Barrhaven and into the Kars area. It goes under the Rideau River near Dilworth Road, and then heads east toward Winchester. It then dips south toward Iroquois, along the St. Lawrence River. A new pipeline would be built from Iroquois to head east, north of Montreal, and then continuing through Quebec and into New Brunswick.

According to Cannon, an existing TransCanada pipeline in the area would be put in use for natural gas. TransCanada has, in the past, successfully converted a pipeline from natural gas to oil usage.

The pipeline, part of the Keystone Pipeline, was converted in 2010 and has delivered more than 550 million barrels of oil to the U.S.

The Energy East Pipeline would bring 1.1 million barrels of oil sands oil per day through the pipeline. That total would represent 130 million litres of crude oil per day through the pipeline, and through the region. It would be piped from Alberta with a final destination of one of three refining centres – SunCorp in Montreal, Volero in Lévis, Que., and Irving in Saint John, N.B.

Oil would be shipped to the Quebec refineries as early as 2016, with the full pipeline operational by 2017.

The economic impact on the immediate area would be the creation of numerous jobs. In addition to the installation projects along the pipeline, numerous pumping stations would be built along the route, including one in Iroquois where the construction of the new stretch of pipeline will begin.

"Many mayors across Ontario have come out and supported this project because of the economic impact the pipeline will have on their communities," Cannon said.

One of those politicians is David Gordon, mayor of the Municipality of North Grenville, who was positive about the pipeline's proximity to Kemptville when the project was announced last year. Gordon said the pipeline was a benefit for Eastern Canada, and added that it would give us a secure oil supply.

"At this point in time, we're at the whims of foreign oil," he said. "It's going to create jobs."

One of the people who signed the petition against the pipeline was Barrhaven resident Jim Sauer. Not only was he concerned with the environmental impact of the pipeline, but also he was skeptical of the economic impact. He was also concerned about the effects the pipeline would have on natural gas availability. With natural gas bills in the area spiking up 40 per cent last month because of a shortage in the area, he was not the only person with that concern.

"They told me that they have alternative arrangements for natural gas, but the information seems a bit vague," Sauer said.

"They are spending billions of dollars, but I wish they could have upgraded the railway with that money. And even though they say they are paying all this money on safety and investing all this money, don't forget that we are the customers, and it's us that is paying for all this in the long run. Indirectly, we're paying for the oil no matter how it gets to us," Sauer said.



During TransCanada Energy's Thurs., April 3 open house at the Alfred Taylor Recreation Centre in North Gower, Ben Powless of Ecology Ottawa showed Karen Switzer-Howse of Winchester the map of the proposed Energy East Pipeline. The pipeline will run right behind Switzer-Howse's farm at Jennings and Spruit Roads. *Jeff Morris photo*

Karen Switzer-Howse, meanwhile, lives on a farm at the corner of Jennings and Spruit Roads near Winchester. The pipeline will be directly behind her home.

"I have a lot of questions, and I want to find out as much as I can," she said. "Of course they are going to make a lot of promises, and try to reassure us about the safety of the pipeline. Where the real test for this company will be is when something goes wrong, and how they will handle it."

Mike Fletcher of Ecology Ottawa is a professional in bio-fuel engineering and energy management. He said that oil sands oil, known as bitumen, is much different to ship than refined oil.

Diluents, light, and flammable hydrocarbons must be added to the bitumen to allow it to flow through the pipeline. Those materials are then removed and shipped back across the country.

Fletcher said that while the perception is to get the oil sands oil off of the railroads to prevent the type of disaster that happened last year at Lac-Mégantic, Que., the pipeline will add as many as 450 cars per day to our rail system. The cars will be carrying toxic and highly flammable diluents.

"The risks associated with the pipeline are too high for Ottawa to take," Fletcher said. "It is not a question of if a spill will happen, but when, and it raises a lot of questions about whether we're prepared for such a scenario."

OCNA award

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"Our loyal readership, and the support of the region's business community, who have called on us in both good times and bad, to promote their services and products has made this a successful independent publication," he said.

A panel of judges evaluated entries for the quality of numerous factors, including front page, community news, editorial and op-ed pages, presentation, photography, advertising content, ad designs, classified advertising, and production quality.

The *Press'* amassed score of 790 out of 975 was second to the *Haliburton County Echo* (851), but ahead of the *New Hamburg Independent* (771). The *Press* was also judged to have had the highest score in three sub-categories: advertising content, sports section, and classified advertising.

"The *Press* is a cleanly laid out paper. The paper should be particularly proud of their special inserts and advertising features. These were very well done, especially the wedding planner," wrote the judges in their comments. "I would be happy to have the *Press* dropped at my doorstep each week."



Winchester Press editor Matthew Uhrig accepted the paper's second place plaque for general excellence during the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's Better Newspaper Competition ceremony Fri., April 4 in Vaughan. *Mike Carroccetto photo*

Other honours

Sister papers to *Press* also received some hardware during the April 4 ceremony.

The *Manotick Messenger* took second place honours for feature writing, while Jeff Morris finished as runner-up in both the columnist and humour columnist of the year categories. The *Messenger* also had a third place finish for best spot news photo.

Meanwhile, the *Prescott Journal* received second place for best news story.



Boyne Road solar project receives $50 million boost

WINCHESTER – The ongoing construction of what will become the first of two major solar projects in the Township of North Dundas recently received a major financial investment.

Canadian Solar's "MightySolar" 10-megawatt installation is nearing completion, with an operational start date sometime this spring.

Before that, however, the firm has been approved for $50.5 million in construction and term financing from the Manufacturer's Life Insurance Company (better known as Manulife).

The money, according to Dr. Shawn Qu, chairman and CEO of Canadian Solar, was allotted because of the company's "scale and track record of both execution and quality continues to help attract both world-class financial partners and sought after end buyers."

Construction of the project began last fall with the land being cleared and backfilled with gravel. Installation of 5,200 helical piles (posts) followed, along with the attachment of racks to hold 48,000 photovoltaic panels.

A solar park of this size, according to company representatives, can cost upwards of $40 million to build, not including land costs.

Once operational, the project will be handed over to another firm, Concord Green Energy, which purchased the Boyne Road facility along with four other Canadian Solar sites for $290 million.

Despite the company's financial windfall, North Dundas staff members and politicians have routinely expressed their discontent with the project.

One of the biggest complaints is that while many millions change hands between renewable energy firms, the property tax revenue for the township is not comparable.

As well, many Canadian geese are beginning to arrive in the region, and often settle in the fields along Boyne Road. North Dundas had requested project construction begin after the bird's migration period, but it was not adhered to.

Council members, most notably Tony Fraser (deputy fire chief in Winchester) and Al Armstrong (fire department commissioner), have lodged complaints regarding fire response measures for the site. To date, proper procedural guidelines have not been received.

The other noted complaint is the fact the area in which the solar farm is located is a known floodplain, and routinely becomes inundated with water during spring runoff. Site workers were left scrambling Fri., April 4 and throughout much of the following days as warm temperatures and heavy rains flooded the Boyne Road location.

Canadian Solar's second local project, on Gibeault Road east of Chesterville, is also on track for construction to begin this year.



The Boyne Road location for Canadian Solar's "MightySolar" project flooded Fri., April 4. The area, which will see the installation of 48,000 photovoltaic panels, is situated in a floodplain, often swelling with water during spring runoff.
Press Photo – Casselman

SNC warns of localized flooding

WINCHESTER – Above freezing temperatures and heavy rainfall have two area conservation authorities on alert for flooding throughout the region.

South Nation Conservation this week issued a flood outlook statement, acknowledging the gradual increase in temperatures, which causes snow to melt and run-off to watercourses.

A high of 13 C is expected this week, while many millimetres of rainfall is anticipated.

Currently, all the stream gauge stations in the watershed are reporting above normal water level for this time of year. Due to the warmer temperatures experienced, the snow pack is gradually reducing. However, the remaining snow on the ground is higher in water content and will increase runoff.

In addition, ice covered areas have decreased, but the ice sheet remains in several areas of the watershed, increasing the potential for jamming.

Residents are advised to stay away from rivers as the forecasted weather may rapidly increase river flows, cause slippery riverbanks, and weaken ice cover.

The Rideau Valley Conservation, which borders SNC's jurisdiction, is also warning of increased water flow from the Rideau River, and other points throughout its territory.

Both conservation authorities will continue monitoring activity daily until flood threat levels decrease.

Who spent what:

Dundas County municipal politicians' disbursements

WINCHESTER – It is well known that the role of a rural municipal politician can be a thankless task, which provides little in the way of compensation.

But, of the money that is handed over, taxpayers want to know how it is spent.

For the Township of North Dundas, in 2013, each of the municipality's five politicians collected their annual stipend, while filing for additional expenses.

Mayor Eric Duncan had the highest total for the year, ringing up $35,902.66, including his salary of $25,500. Some of Duncan's other claims included $3,300 for conference allowances, $1,502.48 for a mobile phone, and just $64.38 in mileage expenses.

Councillors Al Armstrong, Tony Fraser, and John Thompson had identical conference totals as Duncan, while Deputy-Mayor Gerry Boyce filed for $1,650.

The 2013 total for the remaining council members included: Boyce, $20,155.17; Armstrong, $19,146.47; Fraser, $18,790.67; and Thompson, $17,694.86.

South Dundas

In the Municipality of South Dundas, both Mayor Steven Byvelds and Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke elected to claim no mileage expenses.

Locke also made no claims and did not have any filings under conferences, conventions, and seminars, making him the lowest paid politician in the township. Despite an honorarium of $14,636.04, which is $3,000 more than that paid to councillors, Locke made $16,896.84 in 2013.

Combining stipends and expenses, the municipality's three councillors received the following payments: Jim Graham, $17,770.19; Archie Mellan, $17,688.65; and Evonne Delegarde, $17,169.19.

The highest paid politician, meanwhile, was the mayor, with Byvelds' total hitting $26,385.74.

POLICE BLOTTER

Impaired charges

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – On Mon., April 7, at approximately 6:30 pm, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers responded to a report of a single vehicle collision on Lough Road.

The investigation revealed that a 29-year-old male driver (Christopher Clayton Beattie) was operating a vehicle when he drove off the roadway and struck a pole.

He was arrested and faces charges of driving while ability impaired, and driving with more than 80 milligrams blood alcohol content. He is scheduled to appear Tues., May 13 in Morrisburg court.

Break and enter

HALLVILLE – On Thurs., April 3, at approximately 5:30 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a break and enter on County Road 1.

The investigation revealed that sometime during the day unknown suspect(s) attended a residence and removed a laptop computer, an iPad and a computer tower, as well as various items of jewelry. The investigation is ongoing.

Traffic stop nets drugs

MOREWOOD – On Tues., April 1, at approximately 2 pm, SD&G OPP officers had occasion to conduct a traffic stop on Main Street.

The stop resulted in the seizure of a small amount of suspected marijuana. The 21-year-old male driver (Cody Edgerton) was arrested and faces a possession charge.

He is scheduled to appear Tues., May 13 in Morrisburg court.

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

Cornwall filmmaker named SD&SG Liberal candidate

CORNWALL – It was close but no cigar for Morrisburg resident Del Jones.

On Sat., April 5 Jones lost his bid to secure the Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry provincial Liberal candidacy to Cornwall filmmaker John Earle.

"I am excited for the opportunity to be the voice for this riding at Queen's Park, where job creation is at the forefront of our government," Earle said during his acceptance speech in Cornwall.

Earle defeated Jones, an educator with the Upper Canada District School Board and former Municipality of South Dundas councillor, after roughly 200 votes were cast by members of the region's provincial riding association.

This is Earle's first foray into the political landscape, and he said he was compelled to do so because of the example set by longtime Liberal MPP Jim Brownell, and because current MPP Jim McDonell's "values aren't the same as ours."



Cornwall filmmaker John Earle secured the Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry provincial Liberal nomination during the candidacy meeting Sat., April 5.

It will be a big test for Earle during the next election, which many anticipate will take place later this spring, as McDonell handedly won the riding of SD&SG following the 2011 provincial campaign. The victory for McDonell ended a long run of Liberal victories in the area, which were set by Brownell and the late John Cleary.



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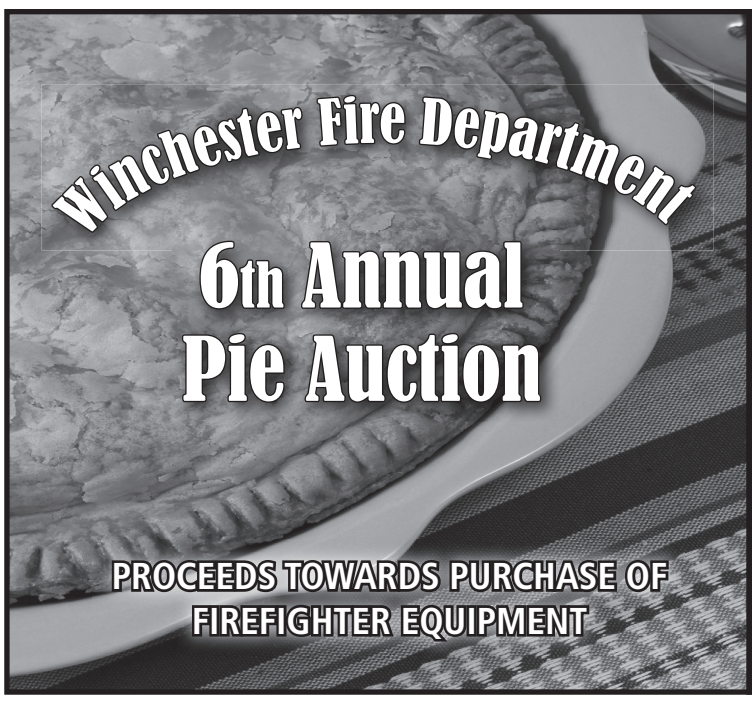

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Iroquois school raises flag for autism awareness

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

IROQUOIS – In what was an inaugural event for the educational facility, Iroquois Public School (IPS) raised a ceremonial flag in honour of World Autism Awareness Day Wed., April 2.

The flags were distributed to participating municipalities and schools in the province by Autism Ontario, parent volunteer Lisa Vreman said.

Vreman's middle child, 11-year-old Benjamin, was diagnosed with autism at the age of four.

"He could hardly talk," she said, explaining that Benjamin was completely focused on playing with his trains and paid little attention to anything or anyone else.

Things became more manageable once Vreman and her husband learned their son had autism spectrum disorder, she said.

"We learned more about it and then [we] were better able to help him," she added. "Connecting with other parents who understood made a big difference too, knowing that we weren't alone. It was nice to know there were reasons for his difficult behaviours, and his lack of communication."

Today, Benjamin attends school, talks quite well, and is social.

At the time Benjamin was diagnosed, Vreman said one in 150 people were diagnosed with autism in Ontario. Today, she added, the number is one in 94.

When most people think of someone with autism, they think of Dustin Hoffman in *Rain Man*, Vreman said, but there is a wide spectrum to the disorder.

Four-year-old IPS student Baran Bazinet was diagnosed when he was about two-years-old. He was non-verbal until a year after the diagnosis, Jen Dill, Bazinet's mother, said. In addition, his social skills remain a work in progress, fluctuating daily.

"Like all parents of special needs kids, the parents [of autistic children] are a bit more stressed trying to meet their needs, but one of the more difficult things to accept is that you have to either wait years for help or [find a way to] pay for it yourself," Vreman said. "Or, even after you wait for years, you may be refused help for your child if he doesn't meet their specific criteria. For an issue that is as time sensitive as kids' learning, the waiting only hurts the kids."

In terms of local support, Vreman said Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Developmental Services was helpful. She is also a member of Autism Ontario and belongs to a local parents support group. Benjamin has also visited Community Living Dundas County's Snoezelen Room.

Mayor Steven Byvelds said a few words at the April 2 event, pointing out that it is important to help those with autism integrate into society and become part of the community.

"Autism not only affects the family, but the community as well," he said.



Iroquois Public School recognized World Autism Awareness Day on Wed., April 2 with the raising of a ceremonial flag. Holding the flag are Benjamin Vreman (left) and his sister, Emily. Kneeling in front are Baran Bazinet (front) and his mother, Jen Dill. Also pictured are Councillors Evonne Delegarde (back left) and Archie Mellan, Mayor Steven Byvelds, principal Kelty Grant, Lisa Vreman, and Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke.

Press Photo – Casselman



Russell Lions Club president Marc Bourque (left) and club members Ted Morrisson and Henry Staal presented $30,010 to Winchester District Memorial Hospital CEO Cholly Boland and hospital board members Karen Thompson and Tom Deacon following the second installment of DocFest Sat., March 29. The money raised is earmarked for the purchase of additional infant Panda Warmers for the medical facility's birthing unit.

DocFest's second act generates $30,010 for WDMH birthing unit

RUSSELL – Nearly 300 people gathered at Russell High School Sat., March 29 for the second annual DocFest event.

A fundraiser for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation, the evening celebration, featuring a cocktail hour, dinner and entertainment, reeled in more than $30,000.

Organized by the Russell Lions Club, the funds raised are earmarked for the purchase of additional infant Panda Warmers for the medical facility's birthing unit. With the acquisition of two more units, each room in maternity will be equipped with the machinery. This piece of equipment, identified as a priority need, is an all-in-one device used for every birth, but which is also used for premature births, and more.

More than 640 babies were born at WDMH in 2013, and that number is expected to increase this year.

The first DocFest fundraiser took place in 2010, raising more than $34,000. The Lions Club International Foundation matched the proceeds, bringing the total to roughly $70,000 for WDMH's ophthalmology unit.

Legion's provincial command fulfills need for hospital eye care equipment

WINCHESTER – A $7,100 donation from the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation will help in the purchase of a slit lamp for Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

The specialized piece of equipment is used to diagnose eye conditions, such as cataracts, conjunctivitis, macular degeneration, retinal detachment, and many others. It is one of the key diagnostic tools used by physicians and residents working in the medical facility's emergency room.

The Ontario Command and the Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation is a partnership of the branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and their auxiliaries. There are 400 facilities and 297 ladies associations in nine districts and 43 zones throughout Ontario. Branches and auxiliaries fund its charity operations through poppy tagging and activities such as bingo and raffles. Funds are then disbursed to support veterans' welfare, medical research, and equipment.

"We are very grateful to the members… Their gift will ensure that physicians have the tools they need to better serve [hospital] patients," Troy Cross, foundation executive director, said.

Graduation



*Mr. and Mrs. Larry McMillan are proud to announce that their daughter, **Kiersti**, has received a Bachelor of Science degree in the Environmental Science Honours program with a concentration in Biology from Carleton University. Congratulations Kiersti! Love Mom, Dad, Kenzie and Parker.*

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Lakeshore Drive project in home stretch

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff



The Lakeshore Drive rehabilitation project in Morrisburg is soon to begin again with the anticipated warm weather.

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MORRISBURG – Spring's anticipated thaw is set to put rehabilitation of Lakeshore Drive in Morrisburg back on track.

Chris Bazinet, the Municipality of South Dundas' manager of public works, updated politicians on the status of the multi-faceted project at the township's Tues., April 1 council meeting.

Sewer work was completed on time, as per the government funding regulations, he said. As well, water line work is complete, with only two small tie-ins left to complete.

Meanwhile, it is storm sewer work that has been problematic, Bazinet said.

The township is currently awaiting approval from the Ministry of the Environment for the new outlet to the river for the new section of storm sewer on the very west end of Lakeshore, which, he added, is not related to the problem storm sewer in the east end. (There is a 100-metre span between High and Augusta Streets, which Bazinet said will need to be excavated for repair.)

During their work, contractors discovered an old cement pipe running north/south into the river, which is connected to the storm sewer that runs along the riverfront. Using a scope to investigate, they discovered that a gas line was run through the cement infrastructure, and plans now include excavation behind the gas line to determine the condition of the pipe.

"Depending on our findings, we are hoping to adjust the replacement pipe to increase the flows into the river," Bazinet said.

As for pavement, sidewalk, and lawn repairs, the public works manager said asphalt is to be poured sometime in June, at which time lawns and sidewalks are to be completed. In addition, Bazinet plans to include the Morrisburg Waterfront Committee's suggestion of a redesign to the easterly egress at the boat dock, as well as a new portion of sidewalk.

"The easterly intersection design will be built under the unit prices of the Lakeshore contract and should be relatively inexpensive, as the contractor is already on site," Bazinet said. "[The] same goes for [the] sidewalk, which will run around the curve on Lakeshore on the south side to Canada Way."

$30,000 promise kept

MORRISBURG – With the South Branch Wind Farm officially operational, it came time for EDP Renewables to follow through on a promise.

At the Tues., April 1 Municipality of South Dundas council meeting, project manager Ken Little presented local politicians with the company's recommendations for how the South Branch Community Fund might be spent.

Every February, for the duration of the project's 20-year contract, EDP is to give the township $30,000.

Providing a detailed map, Little said the company is hoping the money will benefit the people living in the area surrounding the energy-producing facility. Following suggestions from members of council, it was agreed that municipal staff would work with EDP to come up with an eligibility map with mutually agreed upon boundaries.

In its list of suggestions, EDP recommended funds be used for public recreational facilities and programs, community gathering facilities, events, and other activities, as well as for educational and job training related to sustainability or renewable energy. It was also suggested that for applications of $5,000 or more that the municipality consult the company.

"We want these funds to reach as many groups as possible," Little said.

In the end, once the money is in South Dundas' bank account, it becomes the municipality's responsibility to enact eligibility criteria and monitor the grant application process.

Mayor Steven Byvelds said he does not see this money as a "payoff," but rather as a fulfillment of a promise made by EDP's predecessor, Prowind Canada.

New faces on garbage day

MORRISBURG – Municipality of South Dundas residents are expected to see a change in garbage collection next month.

At Tues., April 1's council meeting, politicians approved public works manager Chris Bazinet's recommendation for a switch in service providers.

The Miller Group is to take on a five-year contract beginning next month at a cost of roughly $2.3 million, approximately eight per cent less than the previous waste collection agreement, and the lowest of four eligible tenders submitted earlier this year.

Bazinet said the company is set to order new trucks, similar to those currently being used in South Dundas, but until then will use older trucks from its fleet. These, he said, will not be more than two years old.

"I am confident the Miller Group can do the job," Mayor Steven Byvelds said.

Residents are to expect some changes in pick-up time during the transfer of providers, and are reminded to have their garbage at the curb by 7 am.

In addition to new garbage collectors, the township is also set to see a switch in grass cutting services.

Council members approved recreation director Don Lewis' recommendation to hire Spring Breeze Yard Care on a one-year contract at a cost of roughly $55,000.

When asked if he was confident the Russell company could do the job, Lewis said he had some reservations about the amount of work to be done in Morrisburg and Iroquois, especially since the new contractor is to be using six-foot rather than 12-foot mowers. However, he maintained that the contract is to stipulate that grass be no lower than two inches, and no higher than 3.5.

"I'll trust you on this," Byvelds said. "It comes down to the contract."

Council notes from
South Dundas

Doctor commitment complete

MORRISBURG – It was brought to light at a council meeting in early March that the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic was looking for a fifth doctor, advertising the same monetary incentive as it had for the past four physician recruitments.

Municipality of South Dundas Councillor Evonne Delegarde wanted clarification as to whether the clinic expected the municipality to pay for the incentive, and a discussion amongst politicians on whether it should be considered. (Council members had approved the termination of the doctor recruitment reserve during the February budget deliberations.)

At Tues., April 1's council meeting, CAO Stephen McDonald reported the original new physicians' incentive agreement between the township and the clinic, which was finalized in 2007, included a municipal payment of $10,000 per year for four years for three interns. He added that South Dundas has already set aside money for a fourth doctor.

Council members unanimously agreed the township had more than completed its commitment.

Finance intern on the way

South Dundas, along with its neighbour to the north, recently received news that their joint application to the 2014 Municipal Finance Internship Program was approved.

A grant with the Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA) is to pay for half the intern's salary, while the remaining portion, plus benefits, is to be divided between the two townships with each taking responsibility for roughly $12,500.

MFOA has provided 40 intern applications for consideration. Once the neighbouring municipalities have the candidates narrowed down to three, interviews will begin, South Dundas treasurer Shannon Geraghty said. The chosen intern will begin in June, while a divided work schedule has yet to be determined.

Taking over subdivisions

The municipality is now responsible for maintenance and upkeep at both the Meadowbrook and Doran Creek subdivisions.

Bylaws approving these changes were passed by local politicians at April 1's council meeting.

Advanced voting

The protocol for advanced voting for this year's municipal election is to remain the same as in past years, despite Councillor Archie Mellan's push for additional stations throughout the township.

On Wed., Oct. 22, advanced polling for all voters will commence via Internet and telephone. (In addition, the option of using a paper ballot has been added to this year's selection.) Except for stations set up at Morrisburg's Hartford Retirement Residence and Williamsburg's J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre, the South Dundas Municipal Centre is to be the sole location for advanced voting. As well, secure Internet sites are to be available at all township libraries.

Graduation



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BA.H., M.Ed.

A graduate of Queen's University with a BA.H. in Sociology/Psychology, and a Graduate Certificate in Autism and Behavioural Science from St. Lawrence College in Kingston, Molly recently completed a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology: Special Education (M.Ed.) at the University of Victoria in British Columbia. Molly currently resides in Victoria where she is employed as a Psychometrist at the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health in Victoria.

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Hydro hikes adding up

A scar is only so when a cut runs too deep, and if there is one thing that hurts the most recently, it is energy price increases.

It comes as no surprise then that consumers have been at near riot level of late, especially with the news of rising hydro prices. Mixed in with price hikes this winter, due to the ebb and flow of weather from one extreme to another, the average current monthly residential bill of $137 will rise to $167 in two years. In five years time, bills will hit $177 and continue to $210 in roughly 20 years. This rise comes as the cost of other needs – groceries, gasoline, and more – balloon, but workers face wage freezes and many scrape by at minimum wage.

The Ontario Energy Board approved a three per cent rate increase that took hold Nov. 1, 2013, while Hydro One's delivery charge jumped two per cent at the beginning of 2014.

With these impending increases, a break for consumers would be welcome, and the report late last month that the debt retirement charge hydro users have been funding for at least 14 years is to be eliminated could not have come at a better time.

On average, consumers pay about $5.60 a month toward the debt. While it is not a big hit, and the complete elimination is not expected for another three years, every little bit knocked off hydro bills will go a long way.

Locally, a change would do many good. At the Winchester Curling Club, members of the 87-year-old community staple shelled out more than $40,000 between December 2011 and December 2013. Rates fluctuate greatly based on usage, and the number of days billed.

Between Aug. 28, 2013 and Oct. 28, 2013, the club was hit with a $6,790 hydro bill. Months earlier, from April to August, when the club is rarely in use and the ice has been removed for the season, two bills totalling $1,886 were received.

Across the parking lot, at the Joel Steele Community Centre, total billing in 2013 hit $167,058 down slightly from $168,414 the year previous. At the Chesterville Arena, it is a similar scenario - $98,184 in 2012 and $89,510 in 2013.

While that may be one example of a decrease, the bills remain sky high, especially for two community facilities that rarely (closer to never) break even, and are continually funded by a small taxpayer base.

Debt retirement elimination is expected to be included in the provincial Liberals' spring budget announcement, with plans to remove the charge between 2015 and 2018. It is anticipated the government's 10 per cent gas rebate will end next year and Ontario's ruling party is looking to take away the repayment charge at the same time to create synergy among the changes.

The debt now sits at $3.9 billion, and comes after former Conservative premier Mike Harris privatized Ontario Hydro, creating Hydro One and Ontario Power Generation, as well as various municipal utilities. From there, the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation was formed to handle the debt and other issues from the former electrical monopoly. This left $30 billion in accrued debt, which was dropped to $19.4 billion after the new companies were assigned shared assets. This total was chipped away further to $7.8 billion after the payment of taxes, gathering of profits, and other charges.

PC leader Tim Hudak has argued the total has been eliminated, and no more billions need be paid. Government officials, however, say the stranded debt remains, but will soon be eliminated.

Ratepayers can only hope that for the first time in a long time Ontario's provincial leaders hold true to their projections.

Remember when…

1924

"A meeting to organize the temperance forces in Winchester was held in the school room of the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening of last week, at which there was a good attendance," reported this week's *Winchester Press*. It was discussed and decided that Winchester should organize itself as a branch of the Ontario Prohibition Union, and officers were elected.

1934

It was labeled the worst flood in 14 years, and the *Press* reported water rising more than three feet off the highway's roadbed near Cass Bridge: "The swift current tended to sweep the trucks and automobiles off the road into the ditch on the left hand side of the highway. [Meanwhile], farmers in the district are going to and from their barns in boats, while the cattle are high and dry on rafts built inside the barns."

1944

Minister of Labour Humphrey Mitchell announced this week larger call-ups of women for military service, as the war in Europe developed. He noted that the U.S. was considering cancellation of all postponements of call-ups of women between 18 and 26 regardless of whether they were engaged in agriculture or ward industry. Deferments from military service for Canadians were to be reviewed, he said.



One-and-a-half-year-old Tracy Shields was pictured on the front page of the 1974 Easter edition.

1954

The *Press* printed an advertisement for Coca-Cola this week, which was selling at six bottles a carton for 36 cents: "Reward your Easter-egg hunters with what they like best – ice-cold bottles of delicious Coca-Cola. The unmatched flavour and frosty goodness of Coke are always as welcome as springtime to young and old. Be ready with wholesome refreshment… Get extra cartons of Coke today."

1964

The Vernon Debs met at the home of leader Mrs. Lee this week. The meeting's theme was "the club girl keeps fit physically, [and] during the lesson period the girls delved into points on cleanliness, proper food, and posture. The members practiced posture by using correct methods to pick objects off the floor, sitting correctly in a chair, standing erect, and other exercises."

1974

The 1974-75 Winchester Lions Club executive was listed in this week's edition: Rudy Topolinsky, past president; Jim Helmer, president; Jim O'Gorman, first vice-president; Gerry Cross, second vice-president; Reg Fetterly, third vice-president; Glen Droppo, secretary; Cecil Harrison, treasurer; Ken McLaren and Murray Summers, two-year directors; Peter Boretos and Keith Marquette, one-year directors; Ken McNalty, lion tamer; and Grant Edwards, tail twister.

1984

"Expose yourself and Seaway will reward you… An offer you can't refuse!" This was the tagline in a Seaway Valley Pharmacy advertisement in this week's paper. "The first 100 customers from now until Easter bringing in photo work (films, reprints, enlargements) will receive one free replacement film plus a free Wintario ticket."

1994

The *Press* reported that roughly 30 high school students from Yarmouth, N.S. were expected to arrive in Dundas County for a short stay from April 13 to 16. Bringing along their east coast musical influence, the students were to team up with North Dundas District High School's music students to offer a community concert, Spring Aire from Nova Scotia on April 14. The following year, NDDHS students were to travel to Yarmouth.

2004

North Dundas District High School student Arielle Maler was featured on the front page of this week's *Press* after winning awards in five categories at the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Science Fair for her project, Rise and Fall of Balance, which studied ways people can preserve their balance as they age. Maler became interested in the research being done on balance at the University of Ottawa, as she was a volunteer at the educational facility. Maler earned a free weeklong trip to St. John's, Nfld. to compete in the Canada-wide science fair.

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Canada

The little apartment that helped change the world



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

Rachel Robinson has lived through 91 summers. And still, to this day, as she hopes the long winter will finally end on her 60-acre farm in Connecticut, there is one special summer that stands out.

She and her husband spent the summer of 1946 at a small and unassuming apartment in Montreal. You would hardly expect the little place at 8232 Avenue de Gaspe to be a home that tourists would flock to. In fact, had you not been aware of the historical significance of that home, you would wonder why it was a site revered by the U.S. civil rights movement.

But it was.

In late March, locals, visitors, and tourists lined up to see the old apartment. It was Old Montreal meeting the long line of cars endlessly snaking their way to Kevin Costner's baseball diamond in the middle of a cornfield at sunset.

For an African-American couple who had just been married, moving to Canada and, specifically, to Montreal in the summer of 1946, it was a dream come true. It wasn't just a dream come true for Rachel Robison and her about-to-be-famous husband, Jackie. It was a dream that millions lived vicariously through them.

Brooklyn Dodgers general manager Branch Rickey had wanted to pick the right person to break the archaic and cruel colour barrier in professional baseball. While baseball is, today, just a game, generations ago it was more than that. People clung to baseball like many people in Canada cling to hockey. The World Series was like the gold medal hockey game at the Winter Olympics. People followed baseball, both literally and figuratively. Baseball gave us our greatest heroes of the time – from Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio to Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Roberto Clemente, Reggie Jackson, and so on.

There was no greater hero than Jackie Robinson.

In the movie, *42*, Rickey is portrayed by Harrison Ford. He knew that young Jackie was going to go through Hell as baseball's first African-American player integrated into white baseball. His most poignant line in the movie was when he told Jackie that he didn't want to sign a player brave enough to fight back, he wanted a player brave enough not to fight back.

Rickey felt that Montreal, home of the Dodgers' farm team, was the perfect place to start changing history.

"They gave us a list of apartments that were available from the newspaper," Rachel recalled during an interview years ago. "I remember walking up the steps of the first apartment we looked at. I knocked on the door and even though the woman was French, she greeted me in English. I was expecting to have the door slammed in my face. She offered us the apartment, furnished, and then invited me in for tea. She insisted that we use her things – her linen and her china."

Rachel paused to catch her breath.

"Being black in the 1940s, it was impossible to rent anything," she recalled. "We had been beaten down by every type of racism and discrimination imaginable when we arrived in Montreal. So to be welcomed like that, I can't even begin to tell you how wonderful that felt."

While Jackie was endearing himself to the people of Montreal for his incredible talent, his exciting style of play, and his humble nature, Rachel was soaking in everything good about Montreal.

"There was a family with eight children living upstairs," she recalled. "Even though they couldn't speak English, we formed a close friendship. We communicated through gestures and smiles. I would leave a bowl of fruit for them outside the door in the morning. When they saw me bringing groceries home, they would rush to help me carry the bags.

"That's what I remember most about Montreal and that little apartment. It wasn't so much the building; it was the people who lived there. It was the people of Montreal who made that year special."

Jackie and Rachel were newlyweds, but because of the demands of Jackie's baseball schedule, they were never able to have a proper honeymoon. Rachel would often say that their summer in Montreal was their honeymoon.

In Montreal, Jackie became a hero. His popularity had equalled the great Maurice Richard. The Royals had even given Robison the Rocket's iconic number 9. People looked up to both of them. They were celebrated symbols of hope.

My father used to tell me stories about Jackie and that summer. Years ago, we saw the little monument at Delorimier Downs, which was once a stadium where the Royals played. He would tell me that while Jackie was the subject of threats and abuse in the U.S., he was treated with admiration, dignity, and respect in Montreal.

Robinson would lead the Royals to the Little World Series as minor league baseball champions that year. After the final game, the crowd cheered loudly, until Robinson made a curtain call. After more than a half hour of cheering, Robinson emerged from the dugout, already showered and changed, to a thunderous ovation. The fans even followed Jackie to his home on Avenue de Gaspe, literally chasing him down the road.

Sam Maltin, a Montreal sportswriter and a friend of Robinson's, captured the moment with words that will be forever linked to 1946.

"It was probably the only day in history that a black man ran from a white mob with love instead of lynching on its mind."



From Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon

Health transfer myths and facts

OTTAWA – Unfortunately, there has been a lot of misinformation spread about federal health transfers.

I would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight. In 2011, our government announced a major new investment in health care, and committed to continued growth in health transfers to the provinces and territories. Our plan has provided record growth to all provinces, and these transfers will continue to grow by six per cent every year for the next three years.

In 2014-15, our government will provide Ontario with $12.33 billion through the Canada Health Transfer – an all-time high. This is more than $4.6 billion (a 60 per cent increase) than under the previous Liberal government.

These record transfers are providing long-term, stable funding so that our health care system is there when Canadians need it. To ensure health funding for the provinces continues to grow in a sustainable way, transfers will grow in line with the economy starting in 2017 and is guaranteed to increase by at least three per cent.

Our government is working with all the provinces and territories to ensure the health-care system is sustainable and delivering the care that Canadians need. In addition to transfers being at an all-time high, we are also funding nearly 13,000 health researchers across Canada, and investing roughly $1 billion every year for health research.

Since we formed government, health-care transfers have increased by almost 50 per cent. This record funding will reach $40 billion by the end of the decade, and provides stability and predictability to the system. We are focused on working with the provinces and territories on innovative solutions to ensure the health-care system is sustainable and delivering the care that Canadians need.

The fact is that health transfer dollars are the highest they have ever been in Canadian history. The federal opposition needs to get serious on this issue, and stop opposing our budgets that deliver these record health transfer dollars. Our Conservative government is also committed to innovation to ensure our health-care system is sustainable. The minister of health will be creating a wise person's panel to examine the state of innovation in Canada's health-care system, and ensure our federal policies align with our goal of creating a more innovative, effective, and financially sustainable health system.

Through record transfer dollars and significant investments in research and innovation, we are supporting the provinces and territories in delivering the quality of care that Canadians and folks right here in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry expect.

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

Letters to the Editor

Wind farm complaint process discouraging

The Editor:
Who is really representing the residents directly affected by the South Branch Wind Farm?

Members of the community liaison committee (CLC), as reported in the Wed., April 2 edition of the *Winchester Press* ("Wind facility receives first official complaint"), are a retired dairy farmer, a cash cropper (who originally signed up to host four wind turbines in the Shanly area), and a Municipality of South Dundas employee.

According to the CLC mandate, committee members are responsible for identifying areas of concern. However, all three of these men live outside of the South Branch project area. Have they come to your door – 350 in total – and compiled the list of concerns or problems? Are they really committed to obtaining our information and taking action to resolve issues?

I, for one, have not had a conversation with any one of them, and I have been active in voicing concerns about this power project for four years.

This CLC is simply meeting a mandatory requirement of the *Green Energy Act*, and is only required to operate for two years, or four meetings in total. It serves no benefit for those of us who are directly affected by noise and shadow flicker issues on a daily basis.

Interesting how the first public meeting was held in the afternoon on a workday, not ideal for community attendance. And EDP Renewables failed to inform residents within one-kilometre of a turbine about the official government complaint process.

In late February, I emailed Ken Little, project manager, about the importance of communicating not only EDP's complaint protocol, but also the Ministry of Environment (MOE) Spills Action Line 1-800-268-6060, which is the only official tracking of complaints.

The compliance protocol for wind turbine noise is very specific, and contacting the MOE is the only recourse residents have to hold EDP Renewables accountable.

So with the record of community engagement thus far, I ask – just how is this CLC group going to resolve any problems?

Leslie Disheau
Brinston

Highs and lows of WDMH's care system

The Editor:
I was disappointed to learn about the pending bed cuts at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) in the Wed., March 26 edition of the *Winchester Press* ("Union rallies to save WDMH from bed cuts").

I spent a considerable amount of time with my father during his stay in the complex continuing care unit. While there, I witnessed the wonderful nursing care provided to my father and other patients in the unit.

At the same time, however, the discharge planning process left much to be desired. It was a process lacking in transparency, clear communication, and family involvement – an administrative exercise to move patients out of hospital rather than a seamless transfer of care.

Near the end of my father's stay, it seemed like he was being pushed out. In the apparent urgency to free up a bed, post-hospital care options were being offered that we now know would have been totally unacceptable.

In the end, it was the concerted efforts of our family that made it possible for my father to be transferred into palliative care at the Bruyere Continuing Care Centre in Ottawa.

Setting aside poor discharging planning, I have nothing but praise about the quality of patient care being offered at WDMH.

A provincial funding model needs to be established, one that ensures as many beds as possible remain open at not only the Winchester-based medical facility, but also all small community-based hospitals throughout the province.

Richard Heystee
Toronto

Don't let WDMH become 'storefront' facility

The Editor:
Why is it that closing beds and laying off staff is always the quick fix for a deficit?

According to the published "sunshine list" in the Wed., April 2 edition of the *Winchester Press*, I don't see how nursing is the problem.

We need to start asking more questions and writing our MPP. We need those beds, and the caring staff that works there to look after our aging population, which makes up so much of this community. Management and politicians come and go, but we use this hospital for most of our lives.

Don't let their chipping away at it turn Winchester District Memorial Hospital into a "storefront" facility where it looks like a hospital on the outside, but inside is nothing more than offices and empty beds.

Carol Munro
Chesterville

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Maguire brothers look to make history in local politics

MANOTICK – Throughout history, be it in entertainment, sports, or music, there have always been brother acts.

For the first time in local history, politics now has a brother act.

Liam Maguire has registered to run for Osgoode Ward councillor, and his name will appear on the ballot alongside his brother, mayoral candidate Mike Maguire.

It marks the first time since amalgamation that brothers have appeared on the same ballot.

For Liam, it will be his first time running for political office. Mike ran for mayor in 2010, and although he finished a distant fifth, he was publicly declared a winner in more than one mayoral debate.

Mike said he is confident that his second run as a candidate for mayor will be much more successful.

"You usually have to run at least twice before you win an election," he said.

Mike has been visible in local and regional politics for the past two decades. At times, he has been at the forefront of political races, and at other times, he has been active behind the scenes. Mike was influential in getting Councillor Scott Moffatt's political career off the ground.

Known in political circles as a conservative, Mike's mayoral campaign has a back to basics theme, which includes less government and less spending, as well as more decision making at the local level.

"The advent of social media changes the playing field," he said. "To run an effective campaign does not cost big money. I have more than 70 people on my team. This is going to be a fully funded, serious run for mayor."

Liam Maguire challenges in Osgoode Ward while brother Mike contests for mayor

A municipal finance and policy expert, Maguire said he is "more qualified to be mayor than our current mayor [Jim Watson]."

It took years for Mike to convince his brother Liam to run for council. Liam is better known in the city and the area than Mike, mostly because he is Canada's top hockey trivia expert. Being well known will help him, but he must also prove that his knowledge extends beyond his favourite sport.

"It can be an advantage and a disadvantage," Liam admitted. "I have been a public figure for 33 years in this city, and that's what people know me for. I've been on the radio, on national television, on *Hockey Night in Canada*, but that is only part of who I am."



Brothers Liam (left) and Mike Maguire are vying for seats on Ottawa's next city council. *Jeff Morris photo*

Mike said that he is glad to see his brother run, adding he has a very good chance of succeeding retiring Councillor Doug Thompson.

"Liam knows the community inside and out, he has owned and operated businesses, including Liam Maguire's [on St. Laurent Boulevard in Ottawa]. There is so much more to him than hockey."

While they are both running campaigns, running for mayor and running for a rural council position are as different as night and day.

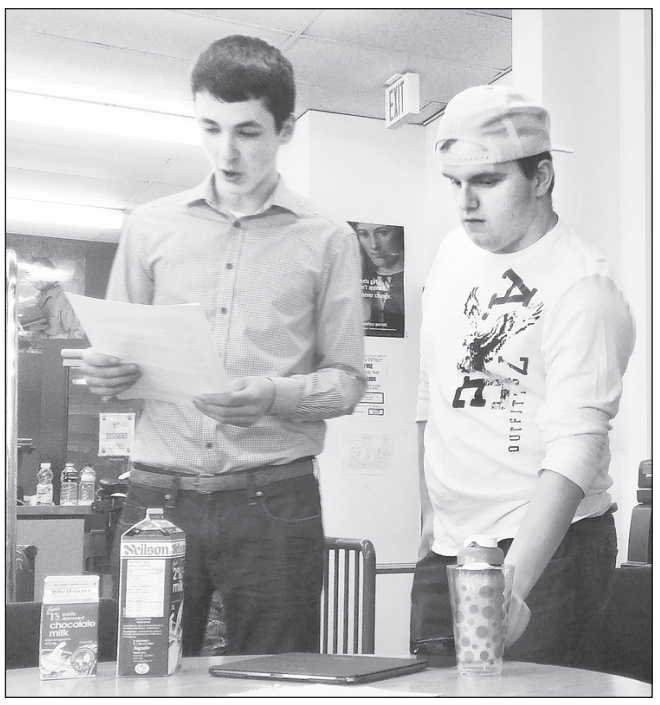
"Osgoode is a huge ward geographically, but only has about 22,000 residents," Liam said. "There are a few main population bases – Osgoode, Greely, Metcalfe, Marionville – but there are a lot of homes spread throughout the ward."

Following Mike's suggestion, one of Liam's plans is to host town hall meetings in the communities within the ward. Because of his knowledge of the local communities and decades of work in sports as a public speaker and in hosting events, hosting town hall meetings will showcase his speaking skills, his knowledge of the ward and the topics, and his ability to engage with people.

"I've been involved in the community for 50 years," Liam said. "I have been involved in fundraising, volunteering, numerous community initiatives, and countless other things. That involvement is a big part of my strength. I want to represent the people here."

Also registered to run in Osgoode Ward are George Darouze, Kim Sheldrick, Jean Johnston-McKitterick, Bruce Faulkner, and Justin Campbell.

Nominations remain open until Fri., Sept. 12, with election day set for Mon., Oct. 27.



Arguing for milk's various benefits, Adam Taylor (left) and Justin Velthuis recently took part in Osgoode Township High School's inaugural "dairy debate."

OTHS students debate milk's healthy qualities

METCALFE – Osgoode Township High School (OTHS) students recently set out to prove debating is not just for Senators on Parliament Hill because the practice is alive and well at the local secondary institution.

A burgeoning rivalry between the Grade 12 politics class and the Grade 12 anthropology class finally led to an official date and time to meet for a formal debate.

The chosen topic was one near and dear to many students — milk. Students were tasked with debating the liquid's quality, and whether people need it or can live a healthy milk-free life.

OTHS is a rural school, which has served mostly farming families in the past. Now, times have changed so much that many students and their family members pursue careers.

But, even now, with the City of Ottawa's urban sprawl reaching further, many students have a strong connection to the land and a deep understanding of agriculture.

The so-called "dairy debate" was advertised throughout the school, and milk cartons were passed out during the event.

Arguing for milk, and its myriad benefits, the politics class was led by two students who have a very personal take on the topic. Both Justin Velthuis and Adam Taylor live and work on successful dairy operations in the region. According to onlookers, both Velthuis and Taylor presented a strong case based on research and hands-on experience on the farm.

The anthropology side, according to viewers, gave strong and rational reasons for not drinking milk.

In the end, however, neither side was victorious as the debate was declared a tie.

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One of the main attractions at Empey's Maple Dale Farms open house was the DeLaval Voluntary Milking System. Paul Empey is pictured explaining the new technology to visitors.

Empeys master milk production

IROQUOIS – Two weeks after opening its doors for Ontario Holstein's Eastern Ontario Farm Tour, Maple Dale Farms near Iroquois did it again.

On Sat., April 5, Gordon, Paul, and Peter Empey shared their enthusiasm for dairy farming and technology with the public.

The Zeron Road farm, which is outfitted with 60 free stalls, has been equipped with a DeLaval Voluntary Milking System (VMS), a swinging cow brush, automated manure clearing machinery, as well as other cow-pleasing enhancements, such as large air fans and improved ventilation.



This cow waited her turn outside the single robot area, while another was milked by the system.

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Feds renew traceability program

CARDINAL – The federal government recently unveiled a $945,000 funding initiative to help in the development of a national traceability and assurance program for Canada's dairy sector.

Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MP Pierre Lemieux, secretary to the minister of agriculture, and Leeds-Grenville MP Gord Brown made the announcement at the Cardinal-area farm of John and Dawn Wynands.

Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) will receive $416,000 to design and implement the program for dairy cattle, update standards for milk producers to meet traceability requirements, as well as train and assist provincial associations with program streamlining at the producer level.

"Canadian dairy farmers have a reputation for producing high-quality and world-class products," Lemieux said. "But we can raise that bar even higher. This investment will help the dairy sector demonstrate their commitment to high standards in animal health and food safety, leading to cutting-edge national traceability and assurance programs."

In addition, $529,000 will be used to implement what is being called the proAction Initiative, a national assurance for dairy production program that demonstrates the industry's continued production of quality Canadian milk and dairy products. This includes on-farm pilot testing of assessment tools and producer training.

"Dairy farmers in Canada already invest in various products and services to improve the quality of milk and care for their animals," David Wiens, DFC vice-president, said. "As we progress with the initiative [throughout] the next 10 years, we want to demonstrate to our customers our responsible stewardship to our animals and to the environment, as well as our commitment to produce sustainable, high-quality, safe, and nutritious food."

DFC is the national policy and promotional organization representing Canada's 12,529 dairy farms, in a sector that employs approximately 218,000 people.

In 2011, the county's dairy producers generated sales of $13 billion.

Chinese agricultural delegates visit North Dundas businesses

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

INKERMAN – Sevita International recently welcomed a delegation of agriculture-focused academics from China.

Late last month, president David Hendrick, along with Jackie Pemberton, president of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, and local farmer Marty Derks, introduced Hebei Academy of Agriculture and Forestry Sciences delegates to, as Pemberton put it, "the hub of agriculture."

With the help of an interpreter, Pemberton gave a brief, but comprehensive overview of the region's dairy and crop industry, to manufacturing, shipping, and large equipment sales.

Derks shared his experience as a crop farmer near Chesterville, and fielded questions about crop rotation, genetically modified organism (GMO) versus non-GMO crops, technological innovations, government regulations, pesticides and the environment, and the farmer's need to stay on top of industry research and news.

In addition to providing guests with background on Sevita's evolution and its current business and research practices, Hendrick also offered the group an opportunity to ask questions, which primarily centered around the controversy between GMO and non-GMO crops.



Liangliang Jia (left) interpreted as Fengguo Sun (centre), the academy's director for international co-operation, accepted a gift from Sevita president David Hendrick. *Press Photo – Casselman*

Hendrick explained that Sevita currently researches, plants, and exports non-GMO conventional crops, but also sells GMO seeds to those farmers who want them.

Sidestepping the issue of which is better, he said it comes down to choice; farmers and consumers each want the opportunity to choose one or the other for themselves, and providing a selection is a business decision.

"[Sevita] is a seed company for farmers in Canada and a lot of farmers want GMO," Hendrick said.

Hendrick expressed his hope that Sevita might begin working with China through both the company's research and export divisions. (Japan and India are among Sevita's current export customers.)

"I'd love to do soybean genetic work with China," Hendrick said. "The number of non-GMO researchers [in the world] is very small; if we're going to survive, we have to work together."

While in the region, the Chinese delegation also visited University of Guelph — Kemptville Campus and Winchester's Green Tech Ag and Turf.



DSCIA lends a hand

The Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association recently made its annual donations to a handful of local organizations. Recipients this year included the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation ($500), the Dundas County Food Bank ($500), the Dundas Farm Safety Association ($500), and Dundas County 4-H ($350). Association president Warren Schneckenburger (fourth from left) presented the money to safety association rep Rhonda Schneckenburger, 4-H leader Andreas Jampen, food bank chair Alvin Runnalls, and foundation executive director Troy Cross.

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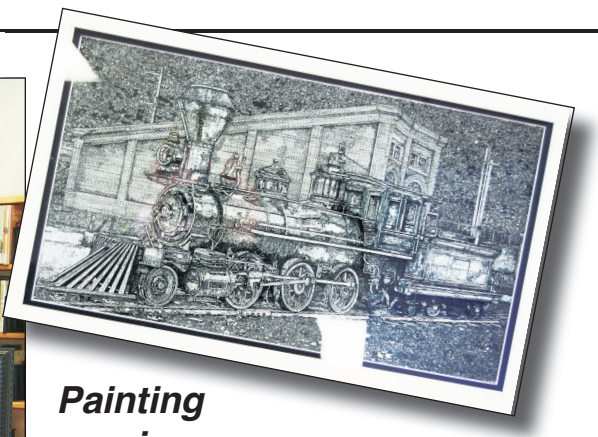

Painting preview

Ron Leclair (left) was the first North Dundas Arts Council artist to showcase his work at the group's inaugural vernissage, held Sat., April 5 at the Winchester branch of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County Library. The Chesterville native showed his versatility as an artist with acrylic paintings, pencil, as well as pen and ink drawings, and Leclair's version of pointillism. He also works with oils and watercolours, among other mediums.

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Easter's on its way

Easter arrived early at the Royal Canadian Legion Winchester Branch 108. On Sun., April 6, the Main Street hub was hopping with children hoping to meet the Easter bunny. Along with a little lunch, there was a host of themed activities to choose from, including cookie decorating (and munching), craft projects, egg painting, and a colouring contest. Above: It was Easter egg decorating time for Rowan Munshaw (left) and her brother, Hayden. They are pictured with their mother, Carrie Swerdfeger.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital

Care Close to Home

A Look Inside WDMH

Welcome to Care Close to Home – an "inside view" of Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH). Learn about our services – as well as how to take care of your own health. This month, we're talking about hospital volunteers.

Our inspiration



Pictured are Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary members Linda Miller (left) and Antoinette Marion.

WINCHESTER – The WDMH Auxiliary was created before the hospital was even built.

On Aug. 3, 1948, a small group of women met in the town hall to discuss the need for an "auxiliary" force to assist. Mrs. Chester Robinson led the efforts, while Mrs. George Elliott was the first secretary and Miss Nora Elliott handled the meagre finances at the time.

Today, there are 176 volunteers at WDMH, and last year, they provided 11,169 hours of service. Dedicated women, men, and teenagers provide support in almost every area of the hospital.

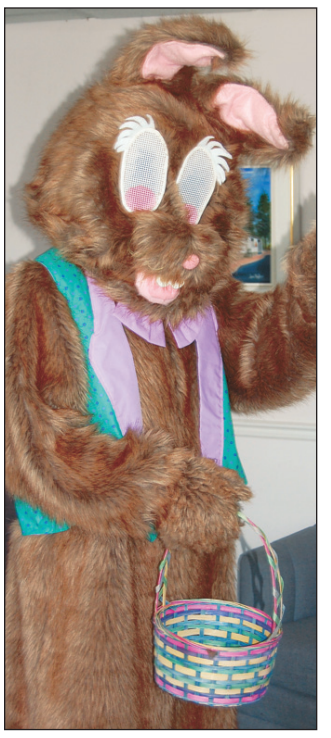
The WDMH Auxiliary leads many activities, such as helping in clinical areas, the Sunshine Circle, the HELPP Lottery, and of course, the popular Gift Shoppe.

"The day I arrived at WDMH, one of the first people I met was a volunteer greeting me at the door and helping me find my way," CEO Cholly Boland said. "Our volunteers lend a helping hand, and provide a comforting smile to everyone who comes through our doors and we can't thank them enough."

That is a sentiment with which Alan Archer, chief liaison officer, agrees.

"I have the greatest job in the world. Every day when I come to work, people who are happy to be here surround me," he said. "Their positive attitudes are contagious and their smiles are infectious. You can't help but feel great when you work with our volunteers."

WDMH also benefits from community members who volunteer their time as members of the hospital and foundation boards, and the pastoral and spiritual care team. Many others, meanwhile, raise much-needed funds to support the services provided at WDMH.





Jessie Kigouquat (above) was deep in concentration on her masterpiece. The Easter bunny (left) was guest of honour.

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Spencer Kelly served up this offering while auditioning for a spot on this year's North Dundas District High School badminton team.



Birdies have been flying in the gymnasium at North Dundas District High School, not robins or red-winged black birds but shuttlecocks. Coaches Cindy Steele and Aaron Banford have been selecting this year's Devils midget, junior and senior players for the 2014 SD&G badminton championship tournament, which will be held in Cornwall this week and next. Maddie Henderson (left), Evan Durant, Jack van Kessel and Jaclyn Crump bounced their birdies during a practice session held last week (Wed., April 2).

Press Photos – Van Bridger

Long time coming

Spring sports emerging at North Dundas

MAPLE RIDGE – This year's extreme winter has forced athletes at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) to alter their training regime.

Members of the Devils track, soccer and rugby squads have had to run the halls and work indoors because of the thick snow cover on the sports field.

Badminton coaches Cindy Steele and Aaron Banford have been recruiting the school's 2014 midget, junior and senior teams which will compete for SD&G medals in Cornwall this week and next.

"We have 42 students signed up for tryouts, which is an excellent number," said Steele.

The coach noted that cuts have to be made because entries can only include singles (male and female), mixed doubles, and doubles (male and female).



The NDDHS archery club, under the guidance of Anne McNabb, is also recruiting members at the intermediate (Grade 7/8) level as well as for the high school team.

Coach Kevin Bell has been working the senior soccer team indoors in anticipation of putting players on the turf in expanded drills.

"I have 21 players trying out," said the coach. "Many of them returnees from last year's squad.

North Dundas is also fielding a junior boys' side as well as a varsity girl's team.

Outdoor action

According to Gilles Lepage North Dundas will only field a varsity girl's rugby team again this spring with a roster composed of mainly first-year recruits.

"We have a very small team this year, just 17 girls, and it is challenging because there are only three returning players from last year," he said.

Last week (Thurs., April 2) Lepage took the team out to the still snow-covered field to work on game situations and formations.

"I had to get the girls on the field," he said "I just couldn't run this practice in the gymnasium."

He explained that with 14 rookies he has been working on the basics for several weeks but time is running out before the Devils take part in their first tournament next week (Thurs., April 17) in Smiths Falls.

"I have talked to the other coaches and basically, because of the late spring, we are all in the same situation," he said.

The Devils first league game is scheduled for Fri., May 2 at 1:30 pm. They will hit the turf again a week later (Fri., May 9). Both matches will be played at NDDHS.

Braving the elements

The North Dundas District High School Devils girl's rugby team moved its spring workout session outdoors last week (Thurs., April 2). The field conditions were far from normal, and coach Gilles Lepage explained because of the nature of the drills the practice had to be held on the field. This year's edition of the Devils features just three returnees: Cassandra Davidson (front, left), Hannah Mollema and Ashley Johnston.



Right: *Lynnette Klein Boonschate made the pass.*



Far right: *Taylor Zersch made the catch and ran the ball.*



Tops in tourney

Andy's Foodland Reds blanked the Annable's Jewellery Blues 3-0 and captured the 2014 WDLHL championship on Sat., March 29. Tops in the tourney were: front (left) – Lana Begg, Amy Murphy, Meghan Van Allen, Tabbitha Derue, Diane Downey; back (left) – Rick Darling – coach, Jennifer Wilson, Tanya Klein-Swormink, Robin Berends, Trisha Leduc, Leigh Ann Dearing and Marilyn Wade.

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Best in B

The Country Girls shut down the Cooper Physio Pinks 3-0 to earn the "B" title in the Winchester and District Ladies Hockey League Tournament on Sat., March 29. The best in the "B" were: front (left) – Sophie Drouin, Sonja Bradley, Lynda Kemp, Kelly Morrell; back (left) – Miereille Drouin, Kathy Kerr, Kelly Velthuis, Jessica Hendrikx, Isabelle Dagenais and Isabelle Trudel.

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Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

Country Girls shut out Cooper Physio 3-0 in tourney 'B' final

WINCHESTER – Sonja Bradley turned in a flawless performance backing the Country Girls in a 3-0 decision over the Cooper Physio Pinks in the "B" final of the 2014 Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League (WDLHL) season-ending tournament.

The "A" championship was captured by Andy's Foodland Reds who shutdown the Annable's Jewellery Blues 3-0 in the league's in-house tournament at the Joel Steele Community Centre on Sat., March 29.

The Annable's Blues was the only squad to go undefeated (2-0-0) during the round robin. Andy's Reds (1-1-0), Cooper Physio Pinks (1-1-0), KC's Lawn Maintenance (1-1-0) and Country Girls (1-1-0) all finished at the 500 mark. The WS Trucking Company (0-2-0) went winless.

Andy's Reds prevailed 3-0 over the Annable's Blues in the "A" final. The "B" title went to the Country Girls by way of a 3-0 decision against the Pinks while the "C" showdown between the WS Trucking Company and KC's Lawn Maintenance finished in a 5-5 draw.

"B" final

Jessica Hendrikx used a play created by Kelly Morrell and Isabelle Trudel to register the GWG for the Country Girls at the 10:30 mark of period one of the "B" final against the Cooper Pinks.

Isabelle Dagenais (Sophie Drouin) at 1:03 of the same session increased the lead to 2-0. Drouin (Morrell, Hendrikx) made it a 3-0 final 1:07 before the end of the second stanza.

Sonja Bradley posted her second shutout in three games.

The Country Girls were nipped 1-0 by KC's Lawn Maintenance in their first game. Kristie Wade was unbeatable in KC's cage and Laurena Matthies (Kaitlyn Hay, Amanda Rylaarsdam) cracked the GWG at 10:35 of the final frame.

Bradley and the Girls bounced back in their second game squeaking by Andy's Reds 1-0 on a Jessica Hendrikx (unassisted) goal 0:54 before the final buzzer.

The Cooper Pinks compiled a 1-1-0 record losing 3-1 to the Annable's Blues and wrecking WS Trucking 3-0.

Stephanie Borden potted a pair of goals and Sam Benoit earned the shutout as the Pinks shutdown the Trucking Company. Her first, set up by Heather Erwin with 7:11 to play in period one, was the GWG. Nancy McDiarmid and Heather Toll engineered her second with 6:04 left in the same frame. Erin Wilson (Jen Manley, Tory Feyko) made it a 3-0 final connecting at 3:32 of period two.

"C" final

Prior to meeting in the "C" final, KC's and WS Trucking (WST) had managed to score one goal between them, which was recorded by KC's in a 1-0 win over the Country Girls.

But, goals were plentiful in their consolation showdown, which ended in a 5-5 tie.

WST rumbled into a 4-1 first period lead on tallies by Andrea Francis (Alecia Jones, Dawn Young at 9:10), Joanne McMillan (Christina Stewart, Jenna Warren at 6:50), Jones (Francis at 1:10) and Francis (Jones, Vania Boulet at 00.1).

A goal by Matthies (Francine Brisson at 11:04) put KC's on the board.

Stephanie Scott (Brisson, Kaitlyn Hay at 3:03) connected late in period two closing the difference to 4-1.

Stewart (Dawn Young at 14:26) fired home a shot early in the final frame extending the WST advantage to 5-2 and setting the stage for KC's three-goal rally.

Scott (Hay at 12:21) sparked the comeback slicing her team's deficit to 5-3. A shot fired by Hay (Courtney Barkley at 6:41) made it a 5-4 difference. Brisson was able to deadlock the count at 5-5 burying an opportunity created by Amanda Rylaarsdam and Holly Klein-Swormink with 3:42 left on the clock.

Cashelle Baldwin (WST) and Kristie Wade (KC's) were the opposing goalies.

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Embrun Panthers resume control of NCJHL championship

EMBRUN – After a one-year absence, the Embrun Panthers have regained their National Capital Junior Hockey League championship.

With little interruption since the 2000-2001 season, the Panthers have ruled as the best team in, originally the Eastern Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League, and now in the National Capital Junior Hockey League.

Last year (2012-2013), the Cumberland Bandits claimed the NCJHL championship knocking off the St. Isidore Eagles in five games and their brief reign broke up a string of eight titles claimed by Embrun, including four straight.

But the crown has returned to the Panthers who prevailed in six games over the Vankleek Hill Cougars. Vankleek Hill won games one (6-5) and three (5-3), but fell 4-1 in game two before dropping 4-0, 4-3 and 7-3 decisions in the final three matches of the best-of-seven series.

The clincher

Embrun captured the championship rolling to a 7-3 decision last week (Tues., April 1) in Vankleek Hill.

They jumped into a 4-1 lead in the opening 20 minutes and slammed in three more goals in the final frame to take the series four games to two.

Ryan Kemp (SHG 2-1-3) led the Panthers attack. Shawn Ennis (PPG 1-1-2), Eric Garrioch (1-1-2) and Taylor Armstrong (0-2-2) all chipped in two points. Eric Dubois (GWG/PPG), Sean MacDonald and Dexter MacMillan sniped the singles. Scott Flemming, Mathieu Gregoire and Brad Hampton earned assists. Jonathan Cameron was the winning 'tender.

Jean-Luc Theoret (2) and Jacob Marley (1-1-2) keyed the Cougars offence.

Game five

Vankleek Hill had the Panthers deadlocked 2-2 after 40 minutes of game five (Sun., March 30) in Embrun, but gave up the GWG to shooter Francis Lafond who cracked all four goals helping his team gain a 3-2 series lead.

Armstrong, Garrioch, Robbie Gifford and Gregoire all drew a pair of helper points and Dana Pollex posted the win.

Maxim Carr-Chouinard produced all three Vankleek Hill markers.

Embrun eliminated the North Dundas Rockets and St. Isidore Eagles to reach the final series. The Cougars ousted the Cumberland Bandits and dispatched the regular season champion Papineauville Vikings to earn their berth in the championship series.

Ball hockey league evaluation sessions to be held next week

CHESTERVILLE – Player evaluation sessions for the 2014 North Dundas Co-Ed Minor Ball Hockey League season have been scheduled.

Due to the major renovations being carried out at Winchester's Joel Steele Community Centre the workouts will be held at the Chesterville Arena next week - the first on Wed., April 16 and the second on Thurs., April 17.

Workouts slated for April 16 & 17

Junior aged players (8 and 9 years) will be on the floor first at 6 pm both nights. The 10 and 11 year olds will show off their skills beginning at 6:45 pm.

The seniors will take over (both nights) at 7:30 pm (12 and 13 year-olds). The 13 and 14 year olds will take over at 8:30 pm while the 15 and 16 year-olds will scrimmage at 9:15 pm.

Late registrations will be accepted up until Tues., April 15, but there will be a $10 late fee.

The organization is also searching for coaches. For more information, contact Lee Bowers by email at northdundasminorballhockey@gmail.com

The first senior league games will be played on Tues., May 6. The juniors will open the next day (Wed., May 7).

Coaches will inform players of game times.



Mauler magic

The Chesterville Maulers won six of 19 regular season games, but emerged from the 2013-2014 Winchester Town Hockey League playoffs with four wins in six starts and their team name engraved on the historic Melvin Cup. The cup clutchers, who defeated Heuff's Carpentry Doggers 6-0 on Wed., March 26, are: front (left) – Shawn Smail, Robyn Sadler, captain Justin Morozuk; back (left) – Matt Baker (injured), Michel Thurler, James Kirkwood, Chris Currie, Travis Rowe, Rob Thurler and Travis Leach. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

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Spring activities underway at OTHS

METCALFE – The weather may have been cold recently, but things have been heating up for spring within the walls of Osgoode Township High School (OTHS).

OTHS Panther Report

Late last month, students hosted a blackout/glow in the dark dance, with summer whites being dusted off in order to glow under the lights of the dance floor.

Around the same time, all Grade 10 students were busy with the provincially mandated Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.

Meanwhile, despite the snow's insistence on wearing out its welcome, the OTHS Panther track team is practicing hard and competing in meets throughout Ottawa.

OTHS also welcomed a group of Inuit students for an interactive presentation, which covered a wide range of topics. History, politics, and the arts were all part of the discussion.

Students were encouraged to ask questions, and then had the chance to try some traditional Inuit games.

Speaking of a challenge, a group of Grade 12 students took part in the school's inaugural "dairy debate," where the merits of milk were discussed at length.

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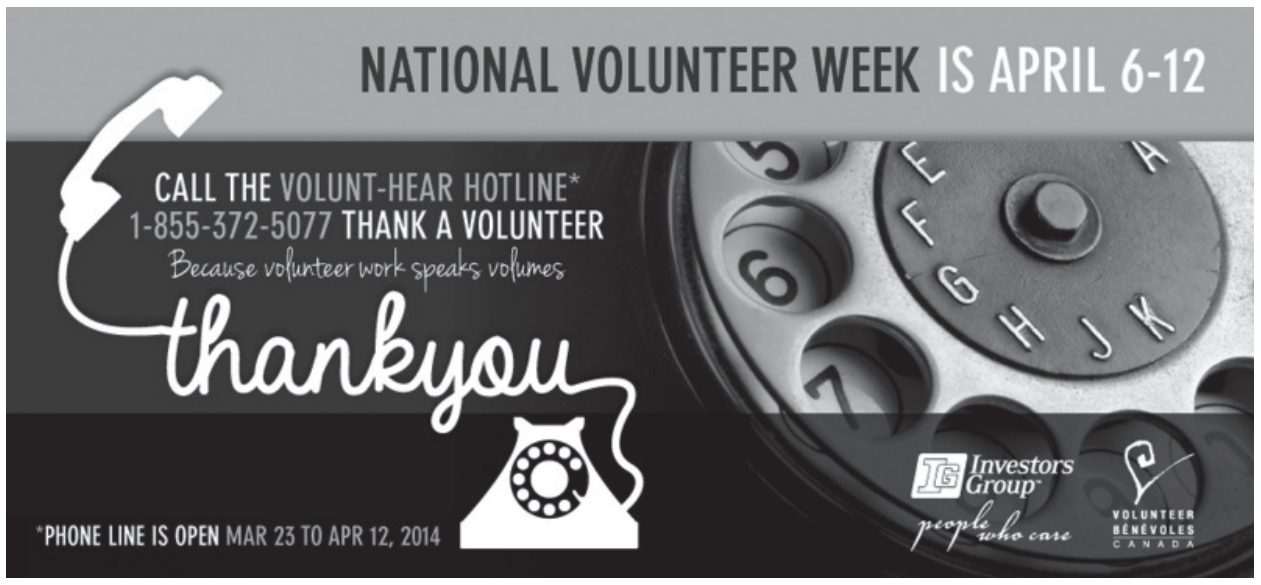

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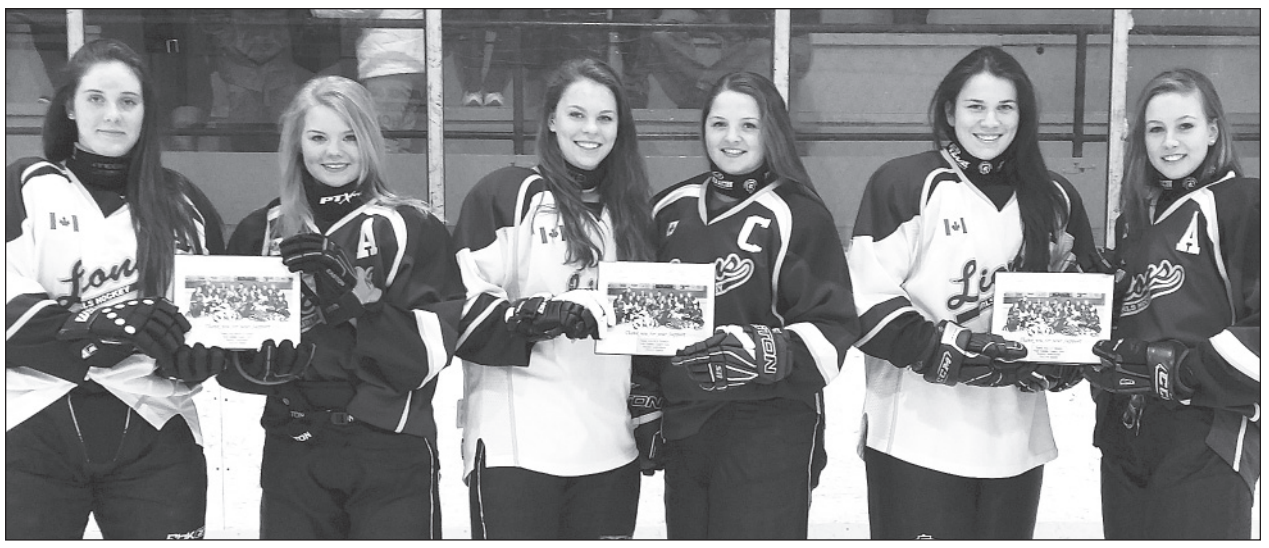

Sponsors honoured

The Dundas County Girls Hockey Association's (DCGHA) two Intermediate Midget House Lions teams recognized the generosity of their 2013-2014 sponsors at a recent Ottawa District Women's Hockey Association (ODWHA) post-season game played at the Joel Steele Community Centre. Plaques held by team captains and assistants Emma Barkley (left), Paige Morris, Melissa Stevens, Casey McNairn, Mallory DeJong and Anna Stubbings were presented to Proctor and Gamble, B/A Products, C.F. Benda and Hydro One's Employee Volunteer Program. The Dundas No. 1 Lions, coached by Lindsay Weegar and Peter van Kessel and captained by Casey McNairn, finished fourth during the regular season and fifth in the ODWHA playoffs. The No. 2 Lions coached by Barry Barkley and captained by Melissa Stevens settled into fifth place during the regular season and wound up third in the post-season standings. The DCGHA is now accepting registrations for the 2014-2015 hockey season at www.dundascountygirlshockey.ca

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SLPC announces plans to complete recreational trail project this spring

BROCKVILLE – The St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) has announced its plans to complete the final phase of the Thousand Islands Recreational Trail project.

With a $400,000 contribution from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, the nearly $2 million initiative is earmarked for completion this spring with SLPC funding the difference.

"The second and final phase of this project could not have happened this year without the significant contribution of the united counties," Darren Dalgleish, general manager and CEO, said. "We believe firmly in the future of tourism in the Thousand Islands region, and that is why we continue to invest in our facilities contributing to growth in the local economy."

The final phase of the refurbishment project is to include the trail along the Thousand Islands Parkway between Gananoque and Brockville.

"The [trail] connects many of our communities and businesses within Leeds Grenville, and supports our sustainability plan's call to promote a healthy, active lifestyle," Ron Holman, Leeds and Grenville warden, said. "We support the project and recognize the significance of the Thousand Islands Parkway corridor as a major attraction for both residents and visitors."

Throughout the past few years, SLPC has made a number of significant investments to tourism in the region, including more than $2 million in infrastructure upgrades at Ivy Lea Campground, Brown's Bay Beach, and phase one of the Thousand Islands Recreational Trail.

The commission continues to support regional efforts with roughly $200,000 of marketing spent to showcase the area.

Throughout 2014 and 2015, SLPC plans to continue investment and growth efforts, along with co-operative efforts.

"We will continue to work in partnership with all neighbouring communities to preserve the beauty of the Thousand Islands, and we will continue to spend substantial marketing dollars to showcase the area to draw attention to the region," Dalgleish said.

The Thousand Islands Parkway is a 37-kilometre scenic highway along the St. Lawrence River. The recreational trail is an integral part of the waterfront trail, which stretches from Niagara through to the Quebec border. The area is formed by the Frontenac Axis of the Canadian Shield thrusting across the St. Lawrence River into the Adirondacks. SLPC manages the parkway.

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Final sweep

The Winchester Curling Club (WCC) will hold its annual closing banquet on Fri., April 11. The club's award winners will be recognized and the end to the 2013-2014 curling season officially marked. Cocktails will be served at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. Tickets are $25 per person. Call John Sloane (613-774-2771) for more information. The WCC offered a Little Rock program, which attracted more than 20 children, and young curlers like Sam Barns (left), Matthew Pereira, Leif Hogan and Emma Lebrun received instructions in the sports' basic skills from coach Tim Mark.

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5-7

Found

FOUND – Ladies prescription glasses found outside Press office on St. Lawrence St., Winchester. Stop in to claim.
5

Help Wanted

TREE PLANTERS WANTED – Local forestry contracting company requires tree planters for work in Eastern Ontario from mid-April into May. Pay is piece rate (12-16 cents/tree). Must be able to work hard and in adverse weather conditions. Some transportation available. Send resume or questions to jbols@storm.ca
3-5c

HELP WANTED – Truck driver needed. Local firm requires AZ driver immediately. Local delivery. Please call 613-558-5925.
4-5

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5-6c

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4-5

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4-5

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FOR SALE – Satin queen turquoise comforter, $25; Yamaha electric 480 keyboard, $155; green and white 54x68 afghan, $20. Phone 613-774-3225.
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5-6

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3-6

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Recreational

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3-5

In Memoriam

THOMS – In loving memory of our mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Pearl, who passed away April 12, 1996.
April comes with deep regret
It brings back days we will never forget.
Deep in our hearts your memory is kept
To love, to cherish, and never forget.
– Always remembered by Joan and Don, Faye and Earl, Scott and Stanley
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Coming Events

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4-5c

SMORGASBORD SUPPER AT INKERMAN UNITED CHURCH
Tues., April 15, starting at 5:00 pm. Takeouts 4:30 pm. Adults $13, children $5, preschoolers free.
4-5

SPRING SUPPER
Thurs., April 24 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Winchester. More details to follow next week.
5-7c

CANADIAN CLUB OF MORRISBURG AND DISTRICT
Wed., April 16, 7 pm, Morrisburg Legion. Guest Speaker: Ron Bonnet speaking on Canadian Agriculture's contribution to our economy and the world. Call Clara 613-774-2407 or Doug 613-543-2922 for tickets or information. Everyone welcome.
5-6c

TEA AND BAKE SALE
Chesterville St. Mary's Helping Hands, Sat., April 12, 10 am-1 pm, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Come and enjoy fantastic "Goodies"
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EAT YOUR FIBER
Why is Fiber so important? Community Diabetes Information Session, **Wed., April 30, 7-8 pm**. Deirdre Cooke, RD, CDE, Dillabough Board Room. All Welcome.
5c

Winchester Golden Years EASTER TEA AND BAKE SALE
Sat., April 12, 1:00-3:00 pm at the Lion's Hall, Albert Street, Winchester. Cost: $5. See you there!
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GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT
April 18 at 7:00 pm featuring the Choral Presentation "Jesus Changed Everything" to be held at Harmony Church. For information contact the Church Office at 613-774-5170 or harmonycommunitych@gmail.com
5-6c

LIVE THEATRE "THE MIRACLE WORKER"
Join Dundas County Players for the telling of Helen Keller's incredible story, "The Miracle Worker", by William Gibson. Presented on May 2, 3, 4 and 9, 10, 11 at the Winchester Old Town Hall. For information and tickets: 613-297-0097 or dcplayers.ca (or in person at Agora in Winchester.)
5-7c

WILLIAMSBURG I.O.O.F. Coming Events for April
Sat., April 12 - Cowboy Way, 8 pm-12 midnight. **Sat., April 26** - Matt Hayes and Old Friends 8 pm-12 midnight.
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Auction Sales

FARM AUCTION SALE HAYING MACHINERY, GRAIN BINS, STABLE, FEEDING AND DAIRY EQUIPMENT, HAY, STRAW AND MORE
To be held on site at Civic #19543 County Road 19, Williamstown. From the Village of Williamstown travel west on County Road 19 to the first farm on the north side of the road. Watch for signs.
SATURDAY, APRIL 12 commencing at 10:30 am
Note: Plan to attend on time for this auction will not exceed 2 hours.
Reason For Auction: After a career spanning four decades in the dairy industry the Vogel family has sold their herd and quota to primarily focus on their existing cash crop business, in conjunction with their new endeavors in the tile drainage and land clearing business.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 19 commencing at 1:00 pm
As I am retiring and selling my farm, the following will be sold:
Tractors: Three TS110 New Holland 4x4 tractors with 16 speed power shift transmissions, power seats and cabs, two with Hardi loaders, one with 5200 hours, one with 6587 hours, one with 5037 hours; MF 175 tractor, new tires, completely redone, 442 hours on rebuilt engine; Cat 416C 2001 4-wheel drive backhoe with Extenda-hoe, top condition; Case 410 2007 Skid Steer, diesel, 1343 hours with door, material bucket and hay forks.
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Trucks and Trailers: Chev 2008 Silverado K3500, 4-door extendacab dually pick-up with Durimax diesel engine, Allison transmission, 109,000 kms, new tires, certified; 1993 Soft Touch aluminum tandem stock trailer, 8' x 24' with hydraulic brakes, certified; 2003 Legault flatbed gooseneck trailer, 24' plus 7' on the deck, tandem 30,000 lbs capacity with hydraulic brakes, certified; 2008 Legault tandem gooseneck dump trailer, 16' x 8' with 4' steel sides, 20,000 gvw., hydraulic brakes, certified; Ford L8000 4-star 1987 tandem farm dump truck, as is.
Hay and Straw: Approximately 75 4'x5' round bales of hay; approximately 50 8' big square bales of hay; approximately 60 8' big square bales of straw. All stored inside.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 12 commencing at 11:00 am
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MORRIS – Jamie and Brad Morris are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ethan Bradley Morris, born on March 12, 2014 at 7:48 am, weighing 6 lb., 3 oz. He is blessed to be welcomed by his proud big sister Ella Grace Morris and by loving grandparents Diane & Garry Munro, Derek Taylor, and Jackie & Steve Morris. Special thanks to Dr. St-Cyr and the staff of the maternity ward at the Winchester Hospital for all their help and excellent care. Ethan will be christened at the Inkerman Wesleyan Church on May 11, 2014.





iT'S A BOY!

I'm Tilly and I'm really excited to announce the arrival of my baby brother, Connor James. He was born in Winchester District Memorial Hospital on February 27, 2014 and weighed 8 lb., 2 oz. Our proud parents are Jamie and Shelly Cowan and our doting grandparents are Elaine Cowan and Brenda and Karl Winter. We'd like to thank Dr. Rivington and all the nursing staff at WDMH for Connor's safe arrival and excellent care.

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LANDFILL NOTICE

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Troubleshoot and maintain plant equipment. Complete preventative maintenance work orders. Issue work permits for external contractors. Prepare and update department records. Operate forklift and perform warehouse operations. The candidate must meet the identified physical demand requirements.

Relationships:
The job holder will liaise with other departments, external contractors, and emergency services.

Applicant Qualifications & Experience Requirements:
A minimum Grade 12 education and valid Ontario 4th or 3rd Class Operating Engineer's Licence.

Candidate will be flexible to take on new duties as required; will take initiative to solve problems as they arise; and take ownership of the outcome of their work.

Oral and written proficiency in English is essential. Must be able to work independently, organize and prioritize tasks and also work as part of a team.

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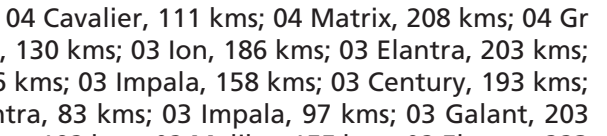

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Doreen Cross, BA

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She will be forever remembered by sister-in-law Alice Cross, nieces Debora MacIntosh and Janet Cross, and nephews Terry Cross and Mark Cross. Doreen was the cherished great-aunt of Sean, Stacey, Nicholas, Sadie, and Ella. She was predeceased by parents Irwin and Winnie Cross, and brother Gerald Cross.

She enjoyed a long and successful career as an elementary school teacher, beginning in Ottawa, and retiring from the Rocky School Division in Alberta. Doreen had a great love of music, and will be remembered as a talented vocalist and pianist.

Visitation will be held at Daniels Funeral Chapels Inc., 472 Main St. in Winchester on Sat., April 12 from 10 to 11 am. The service will follow in the chapel of the funeral home at 11 am. Interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (www.cnib.ca).

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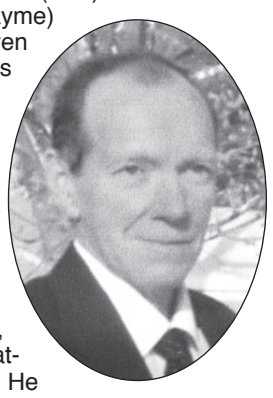
Andy Irven

Andy Irven of Chesterville passed away suddenly on Sun., March 23, 2014, in his 61st year.



He was the loving father of Michael (Lisa) of Chesterville, Karen Irven (Jayme) of Riverside Heights, and Steven (Janet) of Chesterville. He was the dear brother of Jean Nielsen (Maurice Lafontaine) of Embrun, Carol (Rene) Vandemheen of Chesterville, Linda Armstrong of Ottawa, Laurie (John) Sitka of Ottawa, Trudy Irven of Ottawa, and Mark (Mary) of Ottawa. Andy will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Cody, Tavish, Cameron, Kaitlyn, Kurtis, Jenna, Carter, Kim, Kayla, Ryan, and Kyle, and great-grandchildren Trinity and Aubrey. He was predeceased by his parents, Weldon and Dorothy Irven (nee Graham), and his brother, Dennis. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville on Wed., March 26 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on Thurs., March 27 at 11 am with Rev. Debbie Poirier officiating.

Donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Barry Cinnamon would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and co-workers for their visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, donations and food delivered to our home.

A heartfelt thank you to nurses and staff at Winchester District Memorial Hospital for the great care Barry received while a patient there. Sincere thanks to Dr. Domanko and sister Martha Ann for their support.

A very special thank you to David Lapier of Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home for his professional guidance, to Rev. Bruce North for his inspirational message, brother Benson and cousin John for their wonderful tribute and John for his heartfelt solo.

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IN MEMORIAM



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You're always in our hearts, too deeply loved to ever be forgotten. Love always, Karen, Kerry & Ken, Adam & Tara, Sara, Russell

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Lola Ace, would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers, donations, food and support given since Mom's fall on March 11th. Thanks to the Ottawa Hospital (General Campus). Special thanks to Dr. Heymans and the wonderful nursing staff at WDMH. We would also like to thank Daniels Funeral Chapel, Rev. Blair Paterson, and the Inkerman UCW for all your help and support.

The Ace Family



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Free Home Market Evaluation

Local maple producers leaving mark with sweet hobby

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE – The sap is flowing at the joint venture On the Bend Sugar Shack south of Chesterville.

Long-time friends, Frank Heerkens and Gary Gallinger, took their shared interest in maple farming a step further more than 10 years ago, turning a mutual hobby into a fully-functioning enterprise that today boasts 1,000 taps. (The goal is to eventually reach up to 4,000 taps.)

"This is a hobby and it's a lot of work, but a day like today in the bush is so worth it," Heerkens said recently during the farm's first day of spring sap collection.

It is impossible to accurately predict how successful a season will be, as much of it depends upon the whims of Mother Nature, he explained. Last year, On the Bend had its best season yet, producing roughly 110 gallons, while the year prior, the partners suffered the downside of the business.

Members of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association (OMSPA), Heerkens and Gallinger serve as vice-president and director, respectively, for the Cornwall-based chapter of the organization, which represents Eastern Ontario.

Last year, the maple sugar industry held its conference in Cornwall welcoming more than 200 producers from Ontario, Quebec, and parts of the U.S., Heerkens said. This, he added, included presentations, seminars, networking, and visits to local farms. On the Bend was one of five farms chosen for the tour. (The County Road 11 farm features 700 traditional taps and 300 on pipeline, as well as the first pellet-fired sap boiler in Ontario. There are also separate machines for making butter, sugar, and syrup.)



The most recent addition to the maple farm is the new reverse osmosis machine, which was installed by CDL Inc., a maple equipment manufacturer from Quebec. Inside the machine are filter-like membranes that are so fine they only permit liquid to pass through, separating the mineral content into sap with sugar and sap without, CDL representative Rob Berkvens said. The process reduces energy use by roughly 50 per cent, he added.

While On the Bend is operational, it is not necessarily open every day, as it is still primarily a hobby for both Heerkens and Gallinger. However, Gallinger said all it takes is a phone call and a date can be set for people to visit the farm, see the machinery in action, and purchase some sweets to take home. (The business partners currently produce maple syrup, butter, sugar, candy, and candy floss, which they have also begun selling at local fairs and markets.)

With a large new sign, a new flag, and a place on the OMPSA website, this hobby-turned-business is leaving its mark on the local maple industry.

Left: *Frank Heerkens (right) is pictured pouring a pail of sap into a larger container, as his business partner, Gary Gallinger, and his granddaughter, Madison Chrestien, watch.*

Below: *After seeing it during a maple producers' convention, Gallinger and Heerkens bought Ontario's first pellet-fired sap boiler. (To make syrup, sap must be heated to seven degrees above the boiling temperature of water, while making butter requires sap to be heated to 22 degrees above, and maple sugar to 50 degrees above, Heerkens said.)*





Left: *Rob Berkvens (left), a representative from Quebec's CDL Inc., showed Gallinger how to use the new reverse osmosis machine.*

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