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Bunny hugs

Easter arrived early for local children at the Royal Canadian Legion Winchester Branch 108 on Sun., April 1. Cookie decorating (and endless consuming) was but one of many activities open to all. Also available were pictures with the day's special guest the Easter Bunny, posing here with Sydney LeBlanc. For more photos from the event, see page 23. *Press Photo — Uhrig*

Wind turbines in Dundas County a familiar sight?

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER — It appears that some of the expansive open space in the region might soon be dotted by industrial wind turbines.

ProWind Canada is moving along with its South Branch project plans, which will see about 14 wind-energy turbines added to locations near Brinston.

Meanwhile, as the Toronto-based company (with a local office in Kemptville) continues toward completion, two more companies have been soliciting leases from various landowners in the area.

Invenergy, a Chicago-based alternative energy conglomerate, has been consulting in the Hulbert area, while representatives from the London-based company Elexco have been exploring options in the Chesterville and Morewood area.

Three firms eyeing region for separate builds

Opposition still fighting

Although the South Branch Wind Opposition Group intends to continue its vendetta-like feud with the company, ProWind has seemingly surpassed much of its administrative hurdles.

In the coming weeks, the company is expected to submit its final report to the province's Environmental Registry, at which time the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) will review the submission to ensure all necessary components are completed.

Should the MOE grant approval, ProWind's report will then be unveiled to the public, and a 30-day review period will begin.

However, project opponents are still working to put a halt to the efforts, with the latest attempt being a public meeting with area provincial politicians.

On Tues., April 10, Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell, along with Leeds-Grenville MPP Steve Clark, will be in Dixons Corners to address concerns about the project. (Clark has been invited as ProWind also has plans to erect turbines near Shanly, which is located in his riding.)

Both politicians are members of PC leader Tim Hudak's shadow cabinet, and the provincial opposition has consistently called for a moratorium to be placed on wind farms.

The South Branch opposition has also been working toward some sort of legal action.

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NDDHS continues to slide in Fraser Institute rankings

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER — North Dundas District High School (NDDHS)'s mark in the annual Fraser Institute rankings has fallen for the second consecutive year.

In total, 718 secondary schools throughout the province, including those in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) and the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB), were reviewed by the Vancouver-based think tank.

In the overall ranking system for the 2010-2011 school year, NDDHS sits in the 606th position, while the overall rating received by the educational facility was a 4.3 out of 10. That mark is down slightly from the 4.6 received during the 2009-2010 school year, when NDDHS placed 559th among 727 schools.

Metcalfe-based Osgoode Township High School (OTHS) placed 559th in the overall rankings, receiving a 4.8 ranking.

• see FRASER INSTITUTE on page 2

Branding decision expected soon

WILLIAMSBURG — Having fallen to the backburner since its unveiling earlier this year, the future of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G)'s latest branding strategy is expected to be known soon.

Two slogans — "The Counties @ 45," which signifies the area's location along the 45th parallel, and "Gateway Counties," a tip of the cap to the region's proximity to major Canadian cities and the U.S. border — are being considered as the region's tagline.

"We don't know yet [when a vote will be made]," Township of South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelds said during his municipality's council meeting late last month. "But, we're assuming it may come to the next meeting."

That meeting is scheduled for Mon., April 16.

Ottawa-based company Banfield Seguin — to which SD&G council provided a $35,000 budget — developed both taglines. The agency created the slogans following months of consultation with stakeholders throughout the counties. (In order to invigorate the region's brand identity, and in an effort to save money, individual municipal economic development officers formed a working group to advise and provide input to the consultants.)

However, following presentations to councils in both North and South Dundas, it was clear that neither option would soothe objectors' concerns.

Ultimately, a decision whether to scrap the ideas or proceed with one will be made by SD&G council representatives.



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Fires plague South Dundas

WILLIAMSBURG — Firefighters in the Township of South Dundas were kept busy last week.

On Tues., March 27, members of the Iroquois detachment of South Dundas Fire and Emergency Services responded to a fire at Iroquois Enterprises at approximately 1:25 pm.

According to fire chief Chris McDonough, crews arrived to find flames coming from the side hatch, and from the lower portion of the dust collector at the business.

Morrisburg firefighters were called for assistance, and the blaze was quickly extinguished; however, it took about three hours to remove excess sawdust, and to ensure there were no remaining hot spots in the collector.

McDonough said he has put the owners on notice, and made them aware of the maintenance that is required under the fire code regulations.

No injuries were reported.

The day prior (Mon., March 26), Williamsburg firefighters responded to a blaze on County Road 18 west of the village.

When crews arrived, the roof of the home was fully involved, with flames visible, and spreading quickly due to the very windy conditions.

Members of the Morrisburg detachment were called in for assistance, while the tanker truck from the Township of North Dundas' Chesterville detachment was also called to the scene.

Due to the weather conditions, the blaze was difficult to bring under control, and, consequently, the home was destroyed, McDonough said.

Despite the extensive damage, no injuries were reported.

Wind farms

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Bruce Albers, group member, had previously told the *Winchester Press* they were hoping to retain the services of high-profile environmental lawyer Eric Gillespie.

The Toronto-based attorney was the representative for a Stayner, Ont. couple who sued wind developer WPD Canada Corporation, the company that erected turbines near their property.

Opponents have also received the backing of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), whose members have called for the suspension of Feed In Tariff (FIT) contracts for industrial wind turbines development projects.

While stating its support for the *Green Energy Act*, the OFA calls wind farms untenable, with projects having seriously polarized rural communities.

Recently, the provincial government lowered the financial amount guaranteed from industrial wind turbines from 13.5 cents per kilowatt hour to 11.5 cents. The move was made in an effort to help curb Ontario's ballooning deficit; however, Chris Bentley, provincial energy ministry, said the government is still committed to green energy projects.

Turbine timeline

ProWind's South Branch project is expected to be up and running by the spring of 2013, while both Invenergy and Elexco have yet to receive necessary approval from the Ontario government.

Fraser Institute rankings

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The total percentage point has dropped significantly for OTHS, down from 7.0 (225th among all schools) in 2009-2010. (The mark is lower still than the 8.2 garnered in 2007-2008, which placed the educational institute as one of the top Ottawa-area schools.

NDDHS' Dundas County counterpart, Iroquois' Seaway District High School, finished in the 194th position, with an overall rating of 7.1. The rating is an improvement from 6.3 in 2009-2010, which saw the school place 351st among provincial schools listed.

Locally, Tagwi Secondary School in Avonmore has been ranked among the fastest improving schools in the UCDSB.

The educational facility placed 299th among all schools, with a 6.5 overall rating.

Institute list controversial

The results, based on academic performance, are gathered following Grade 9 students' completion of the annual Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) test and Grade 10 students' completion of the Ontario Secondary Literacy Test (OSSLT).

The EQAO tests students' math skills, while the OSSLT is administered to assess reading and writing skills.

To be eligible, schools must have had at least 15 students who wrote either of the EQAO math tests, and at least 15 first-time eligible or previously eligible writers of the OSSLT.

However, private schools, including federal government funded schools operated by the First Nations, are not required to administer the standardized assessments, and are therefore left off of the ranking. As well, schools with fewer than 15 students in either grade are omitted.

This practice has been deemed controversial by a number of the province's schools boards, including the UCDSB.

To view the complete listing, visit www.fraserinstitute.org.



George Beverly Shea

Winchester's own George Beverly Shea being featured in documentary

WINCHESTER — Documentary filmmakers creating a piece about Winchester's legendary gospel music sensation, George Beverly Shea, are set to arrive in the village today (Wed., April 4).

The video project is scheduled to be featured in a series called Canada Heart and Soul on CTS Television. The time and date to air the piece have yet to be determined.

Shea is an Academy Award-winning singer. Now 103, Shea's trademark baritone vocals are widely recognized and respected in the Christian music industry.

Anyone who wishes to help out the documentary producers by providing insights or additional background information can contact Ron Moore at 289-939-4878 or loronent@gmail.com.

Can you find all the Easter eggs?

Attention kids 12 and under!

There are lots of eggs hidden in this edition of the *Winchester Press*.

For your chance to win one of two Easter baskets, fill out this ballot and attach it to a sheet of paper that lists where each egg can be found (including the page number) and return it to the *Press* office by Wed., April 11. The two winners will receive their Easter baskets — and have their photos taken for the newspaper.

The eggs will have a variety of patterns and colours. Here are some examples:



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Harassment charge

MOUNTAIN — On Sun., April 1, at approximately 10 pm, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on Boundary Road. The investigation revealed that a male was following his ex-girlfriend after he had been advised to avoid contacting her.

The 19-year-old male was arrested and faces a charge of criminal harassment – beset and watch complainant. He is scheduled to appear in Cornwall court on Tues., May 1.

Impaired driver charged

HALLVILLE — On Sun., April 1, at approximately 5 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Kerr's Ridge Road.

The investigation revealed that the 48-year-old male driver (Larry Simms) was operating a 1996 Buick when he lost control and went into the ditch. He was found to be operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Simms was arrested and faces charges of: Impaired operation of a motor vehicle, and exceeding an 80 milligram blood alcohol content level while operating a motor vehicle.

He is scheduled to appear Thurs., April 12 in Cornwall court.

Vandals sought

CHESTERVILLE — During the weekend of Fri., March 30 to Sun., April 1, SD&G OPP officers responded to a number of mischief calls on Main Street.

The incidents consisted of unknown suspect(s) throwing rocks through the doors of two local businesses, as well as one residence in the village.

The investigations are ongoing.

Drugs found following stop

MORRISBURG – On Sat., March 31, at approximately 7:30 pm, SD&G OPP officers had occasion to conduct a traffic stop on Highway 401. The stop resulted in the seizure of approximately 14 kilograms of suspected marijuana.

The 28-year-old male driver was arrested and faces charges of: Possession, possession of cannabis resin, and possession of cannabis marijuana.

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

The approximate street value of the seized drugs is $70,000.

Racing charges

SD&G OPP officers stopped two separate vehicles on Highway 401 on Sat., March 31, both of which were travelling faster than the posted 100-km/h speed limit.

Officers stopped an eastbound Toyota travelling 154km/h, while an eastbound BMW was spotted doing 158km/h.

Breach of conditions

WINCHESTER — On Wed., March 28, at approximately 3 pm, SD&G OPP officers observed a 21-year-old male (Joshua Simser of Winchester) contravening his earlier release conditions. The male was near a property that he was not to attend. He was arrested and faces charges of: Failure to comply with undertaking before an officer in charge, and breach of a probation order

Simser is scheduled to appear in Morrisburg court on Tues., May 1.

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Details published in the police blotter are provided by the OPP. The Winchester Press *typically publishes information about alleged crimes occurring in and around Dundas County, as well as other information of interest to our readership. All suspects are considered innocent in the eyes of the law unless proven otherwise in court.*



Take a seat

Two park benches have been added at separate locations in Winchester, including this one outside of the village's United Church. The seat honours Dr. J.J. (Gerry) McKendry, a former village physician credited with being the driving force behind Winchester District Memorial Hospital's construction.

Press Photo — Uhrig

Park benches spring up around town

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The Winchester Downtown Revitalization Committee has quietly gone about the addition of more features in the village.

This time, two park benches have been added. One has been installed near the United Church, while a second has been placed outside of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

While both efforts are appreciated, it is the addition on Caleb Street that holds the most historical significance.

According to Vince Zandbelt, revitalization committee member, the bench was supplied thanks to family members of the late Dr. J.J. (Gerry) McKendry.

"I guess he had a practice close by, and lived above Mary's [Restaurant] at the time," he said.

Zandbelt explained that it was a relative of the former doctor who contacted the revitalization committee, and asked about making the donation, while also agreeing to fund the effort.

McKendry is credited with being the first champion of bringing a hospital to the village.

In a Sept. 7, 1944 letter to the *Winchester Press*, the doctor called for support of his effort, and laid the foundation for the 1948 opening of Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

His request was founded on the fact that rural communities "are rather inadequately supplied with doctors," and "this condition is much enhanced by doctors having to leave home for the hospital."

"Very often, long waits, running in some cases into days, cause, not only loss and disorganization of practice at home, but also often a serious handicap to the public," McKendry wrote.

With those facts alone, the doctor urged those in power to consider a hospital to be built in the village, to serve not only its residents, but also the entire district.

"This community can well afford a hospital of 25 beds, which, for the present, would be adequate," McKendry wrote. "Such an institution will be self-supporting, will provide a much needed public service, will add to the health of the community, and will mark a progressive step in the history of this locality."

In the following edition of the *Press* (Sept. 14, 1944), the editor agreed with McKendry's claim, and urged local politicians to consider the request.

A public meeting then took place, with the consensus from the politicians being that such a facility was needed, and "the hospital will not be a renovated residence, but rather a new, modern building with ideal surroundings."

Committee continues

The benches have been reinforced onto poured concrete pads, with ample room for the future addition of garbage receptacles and flower planters, Zandbelt added.

As well, future pieces expected to be installed at Sweet Corner Park include a permanent awning over the stage, a water fountain, and a four-sided clock, similar to the feature in Chesterville.

Not funny: OPP

WINCHESTER — The East Region Crime Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating numerous mischief complaints that have been occurring throughout the East Region.

People are receiving a text message on their cell phones indicating that someone was possibly murdered. To date, all of the messages have been confirmed as a hoax, the OPP confirmed.

The OPP want to warn everyone, that making/initiating a false text, such as this, is a criminal offence, and the creator of the text may be charged with mischief.

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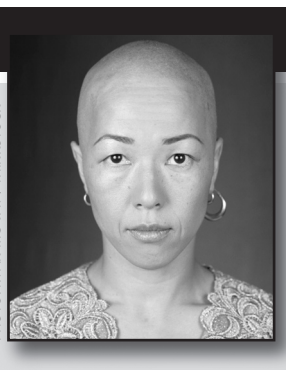

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Repair anticipated for Morrisburg legacy piece

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

MORRISBURG — Harry Oakman spent a lifetime in this country's commercial aviation industry, and along the way, he became known as one of Canada's top aerial photographers.

Throughout his career, Oakman's work was featured on countless post cards, and in various publications.

He helped share a view of this country's towns and cities that very few people were given the opportunity to see. From high up above, the Peterborough native snapped shots of various landmarks and landscapes.

From the French River to Sturgeon Falls, Oakman made a living by capturing on film those places that truly resemble the vastness of this land.

One such piece of work is an Oakman original of scenic Morrisburg, shot prior to the St. Lawrence Seaway's expansion — before water flooded the village's shores, taking with it a piece of history.

In the photo, one can clearly see the former Morrisburg Collegiate Institute building, along with the running track next door. On the left-hand side of the photo is County Road 31, which for years has intersected with County Road 2, leading revelers to the shores of the St. Lawrence River. Other familiar landmarks include the Morrisburg Shopping Plaza, the Justice Building, and many of the centuries old homes located in the village.

However, much like times effects on the human body, the photo has reached a weathered state, with mold stains eating away at a portion, while the canvas has begun to chip in other areas.

Although, it is likely that improper storage played a large part in leading the work to its current state.

South Dundas fire chief Chris McDonough told the *Winchester Press* that when firefighters with the Morrisburg detachment were cleaning out the hall's overhead loft, they found the piece tucked into a corner, well out of plain view.

"The boys called me and asked what should be done with it," he said. "I think they thought we would just throw it out."

Yet, McDonough said he is happy to have received the phone call, as he recognized the value in the work, and is hopeful it can be saved.

"It would be awesome if it could be fixed and put into the old lobby [at the Morrisburg Collegiate Institute]," he added.

According to CAO Stephen McDonald, that plan may just have legs. South Dundas is likely to commission a local artist to take a look at the work, and determine what, if anything can be done to save it.

If the piece can be salvaged, it is expected to become a focal point once the municipality moves into its new headquarters at the former educational building.

"Right now, we just really need to see if [the photo] is worth saving," McDonald said.



The Township of South Dundas is in the midst of acquiring a local artist in hopes of salvaging a piece of Morrisburg's history. This photograph, taken by famed aerial photographer Harry Oakman, shows the village as it was in the years before the St. Lawrence Seaway expansion.

Press Photo — Uhrig

Morrisburg library move earns approval of counties

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

MORRISBURG — The Morrisburg branch of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) County Library is soon to be on the move.

Bill McGimpsey, chair of the county library board, has announced that the village's branch will eventually be located in the current home of the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic.

The progress comes as the Township of South Dundas is in the midst of preparing for the overhaul of the former Morrisburg Collegiate Institute, in which the medical facility is adjacent to.

If all goes as planned, the municipality's headquarters will occupy two of three floors in the building, while medical staff will move into the main floor.

The clinic's departure of its current operating space leaves room for the library to move in. At present, the Morrisburg branch operates out of space at the village's arena. (Although not yet official, it is expected the Dundas County Food Bank's Morrisburg location will then move into the arena space.)

Benefits of the library move include a space that is accessible to all, air conditioned, and properly lit, McGimpsey said.

The square-footage of the clinic space, however, is smaller than the existing site, yet library executives don't expect it to be an issue. Washrooms, the main foyer, and various archives are to be incorporated into the revamped educational building, leaving necessary operating room for library staff.

Meanwhile, McGimpsey said, the new site of the Morrisburg branch will very closely meet the guidelines set by the Administrators of Rural and Urban Public Libraries of Ontario, which encourages at least 3,200 square feet of space for a facility serving a community the size of Morrisburg, and its rural environs.

"This facility will showcase what a modern library can and should be," he said. "A centre for education and information for the public, as well as a forum for presentations or a place to simply sit, chat, and read a book."

McGimpsey added that, once the move takes place, library hours are likely to be shifted in order to better align with both the medical centre and township office.

Restorative work on the former educational facility is expected to begin later this year, while an exact timeframe for completion has not been given.



Morrisburg's Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County Library branch will be included in the overhaul of the former Morrisburg Collegiate Institute building. With the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic moving into the main floor of the three storey building, the library will be moving into space currently occupied by medical staff.

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Separate budgets leave farming communities feeling the squeeze

Taxpayers were treated to a rare occurrence this week, as both Ontario and federal budgets were unveiled just days apart.

As the provincial Liberals released a plan that attempts to stop the bleeding and rein in the ballooning Ontario deficit, the federal Conservatives attempted to stay the course, toeing the line of fiscal, well, conservancy.

However, at both levels of government, the released budgets have neglected a key element: rural communities.

In Ontario, the ruling party appears to have focused a concerted effort on going to war with the province's labour unions, including those that represent teachers and healthcare workers. On the federal stage, meanwhile, both Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his finance minister, Jim Flaherty, have targeted the elimination of civil servant jobs, among other things, as a key factor in curbing Canadian debt.

Yet, lost in the hubbub once again is the nation's farming communities.

Lost in the hubbub, once again, is the nation's farming communities.

Locally, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) Warden Ian McLeod is crying out for help on behalf of farm families.

His targets, especially, include the McGuinty government's plan to slash $20 million from the income stabilization plan, which agricultural groups fought for years to get.

Not only that, McLeod said that rising electricity rates are crippling the bottom lines of many of the region's business owners.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, meanwhile, is also expressing Ontario's doldrums, reporting the future forecast for Eastern Ontario is bleak.

It won't get any easier, as it seems likely that infrastructure funding from the province will be derailed in the near future.

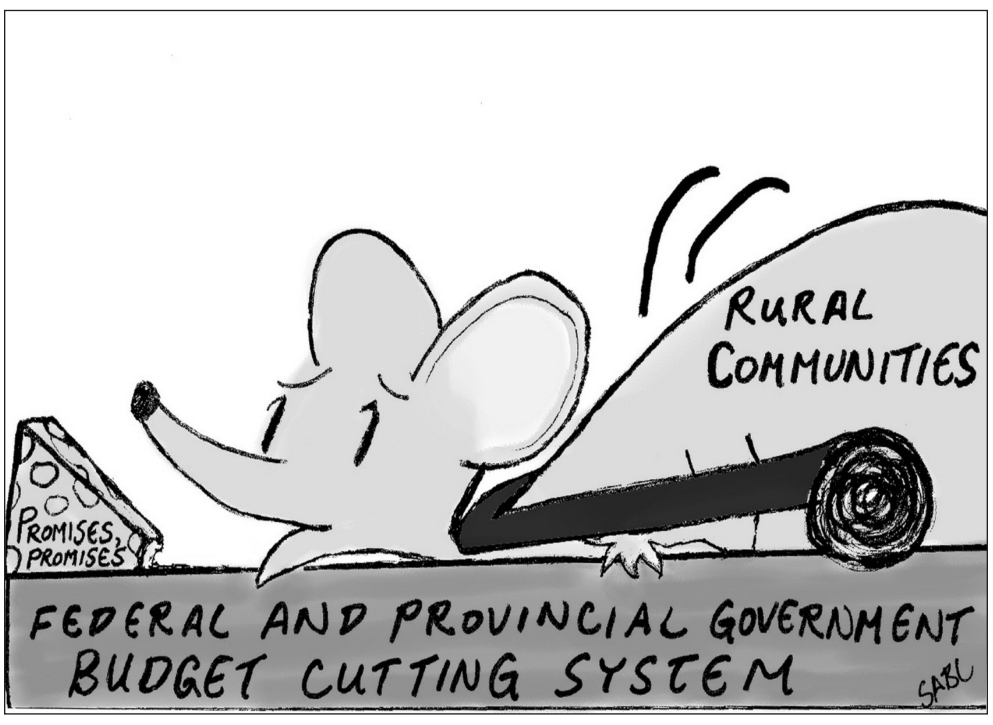
Federally, the Conservatives are focused on job creation, but much of it appears to be in urban centres. Meanwhile, the feds intention to increase the dollar amount on goods travellers can bring back duty-free from the U.S. seems absent minded.

Should shoppers not be staying home in an attempt to hold up the country's fragile economy?

It is clear that times are tough across the board; however, hope does spring eternal, and there is reason to believe both Ontario and Canada can return to prominence, with each digging themselves out of burdening debt.

Both of riding's government representatives, MP Guy Lauzon and MPP Jim McDonell, have promised laser-eyed focus on astute spending in an effort to curb inflating deficits, and it is certainly hoped their words will ring true.

Big business in Ontario and Canada is great, but both regions were built on the backs of those who have farmed this land, and in times of need, politicians should not be turning away, but, instead, offering a helping hand.





Winchester Reeve Bruce Kerr was sure a solution to the region's ongoing need for water was provided this week in 1992, as a huge water reservoir was discovered immediately beneath the Winchester Arena. "I feel like Jed Clampett!" Kerr told the Winchester Press. (Attentive readers, however, would have noticed the week's edition was published on April 1.)

Remember when . . .

1932

Prince George's confession that he had a keen appetite for novels, but was tired of their incessant harping on sex, was a reminder that he was the book lover of the royal family, the *Winchester Press* said this week.

1942

People were realizing this week that war rationing was going to make rubber increasingly hard to get in any form, the *Press* said. "Rubber articles in the home had to be given the greatest care to make them last longer," the writer stressed upon readers. Rubber was just one of many items that became scarce during wartime.

1952

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Anderson of Winchester received word this week that their son, Robert, recently wounded on the battlefront in Korea, was taken to a military hospital in Japan to recover. Robert's wounds were of a serious nature, but according to the report, he was progressing as well as could be expected.

1962

Floodwaters from the Nation River were quickly receding this week after producing one of the biggest and most sudden floods the district had experienced, the *Press* reported. During the past weekend, fast-rising waters began pouring over County Road 31 at Cass Bridge, causing workers to keep an overnight vigil to ensure traffic was kept away from the area.

1972

The Community Centre Hall, located above the Winchester Arena's foyer, was slated for its official opening this week, the *Press* reported. A gala event was to be held in order to mark the occasion, while a sell-out crowd was expected.

1982

Residents of Crysler this week were travelling by canoe through the centre of the village. More than four feet of water was reported in several low-lying sections, forcing residents to abandon their homes.

1992

"I feel like Jed Clampett!" That's how Winchester Reeve Bruce Kerr described the discovery of a huge underground water reservoir immediately beneath the Winchester Arena. Estimates were that the reservoir was immense, stretching from South Mountain to Finch. The natural geyser shot several hundred metres in the air behind the arena. (Attentive readers noticed that this week's *Press* was published on April 1.)

2002

Work began this week on what was dubbed the Community Heart — Community Centre Winchester Arena project. Following more than 10 years of fundraising, an expansion at the facility was to begin, making the arena completely accessible, with new washrooms both upstairs and down, as well as an elevator. The anticipated cost of the work was more than $400,000.

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Little Richard wanted you to read this



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

There are celebrities, and then there are famous people who aren't really celebrities at all.

Then, there's Bill Engvall.

When I talked to him last week about his upcoming show at Scotiabank Place with Larry the Cable Guy, he seemed more excited to talk about his beloved Anaheim Angels, and the fact that they have landed the best baseball player of this generation, Albert Pujols.

"I can't wait," said the Dallas native who now lives in Los Angeles. "I'm a season ticket holder. It's going to be a great year."

Perhaps that's why Bill Engvall is so different from other performers and entertainers.

He's a fan.

He gets it.

"I'm going to miss Gary Carter," he said, talking about the Montreal Expos great who recently passed away after a battle with cancer. "He got it. He loved fans. He loved kids. He knew what being a baseball player was meant to be."

We bonded.

Bill Engvall has been a nationally known entertainer in the U.S. for more than two decades, but he is an unchanged "regular guy." His comedy has been described as country or blue collar, but it is not as redneck as the comedy of his buddy Jeff Foxworthy or the over-the-top redneck shtick of Larry The Cable Guy. His humour is clean, every day, grass roots story telling. His humour is pure Americana. He is a man on a stage in a Norman Rockwell painting in a club full of people smiling and laughing.

"My dad told me a long time ago," he said, "that if you are nice to someone, they will tell 100 people. If you are mean to someone, they will tell 10,000 people. That's always stuck with me."

He told me a story of how he was waiting in line at the ticket counter at LAX in Los Angeles. You can't spend a day at that airport and not see at least one celebrity. Sure enough, in line in front of him, was Little Richard.

"He had his entourage and everyone was fussing over him," he said, laughing. "One of his people gave me a copy of his book, telling me that 'Little Richard would like you to have this.' After they had gone through and the commotion died down, someone else in line was very excited about seeing Little Richard. I gave him the book, and said, 'Little Richard said he wanted you to have this.'"

It was just one of those reality moments in life that hits you hard. It told Bill Engvall that he needed to be grounded.

"I love what I do, and I love to meet people," Engvall said. "I'm very blessed to have the life that I do, and I appreciate every fan that I meet and am thankful they come to our show. I'm thankful because I'm like them. I'm a fan. Sometimes I still can't believe that this has all happened."

Engvall always wanted to be an actor.

"I remember when we first came to L.A.," he said. "My wife was pregnant and I was auditioning for this part. I came home and she was crying, and I asked her what was wrong. She said, through her tears, that we 'put all our eggs in the basket of you becoming an actor, and you couldn't act your way out of a paper bag.'"

That's when Bill Engvall hit the reset button and began to focus on making people laugh.

"When I was a kid, my parents were always playing Bob Newhart albums, and I always listened to them," he said. "I would say that Bob Newhart, Bill Cosby, and Steve Martin were the comedians that influenced me the most. I listened to Steve Martin a lot in college because he was funny, but I never saw myself becoming a comedian."

Engvall worked as a DJ and was introducing acts and warming up the crowd. He adapted several styles and took little pieces from comedians he liked. He worked hard on the open mic nights. But eventually, it was Ron White who helped him find his own style.

"He said to just be yourself," Engvall said. "He said, 'just be who you are. Don't be in such a rush to find your style. It will find you.'"

The real success in Bill Engvall's career has not been his success at all. His true success is how he has remained a grounded, humble, and friendly people person.

He talks like an excited kid at Christmas about the time when he was doing an interview and country music star Mickey Gilley passed on best wishes saying that he was a fan and he had liked his show.

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "I had never met Mickey Gilley. I guess that's the moment I realized that I 'had made it' in this business. It was such a thrill."

He spoke of another night when he was invited to a dinner and Bernie Taupin was there.

"We were just sitting there, and finally, I couldn't take it any more," he said. "I just interrupted everyone and said, 'Mr. Taupin, forgive me for saying this, but having dinner with you and meeting you is one of the most awesome moments of my life!"

Bill Engvall is a fan.

This week, Bill Engvall will be cheering on his favourite baseball team and its new star. Then, he will be flying to Ottawa for his Fri., April 13 show with Larry the Cable Guy at Scotiabank Place. Then he will go home, and he will head back to the ballpark.

"So you really think I should say 'the Leafs suck' to start my show?"

I smiled.

"Yup."

Letters to the Editor

Keep Dairyfest the success it is

The Editor:
What are some of your fondest childhood memories? Most people recall doing something with their family, like a vacation or a special event.

The Dairyfest committee has met a few times in 2012, and the five volunteers sat around a table and discussed what we can make happen with our small but dynamic group.

We have many ideas but cannot physically do it all. Most of the planning for the four-day event takes place months beforehand. (Dairyfest 2012 is scheduled for Thurs., Aug. 9 to Sun., Aug. 12).

The committee members complete most tasks from home — calling and emailing for quotes, and investigating online. Running seven air bounces for two days can cost upward of $8,000, so it is important to look for the best prices.

For most of the festivities, volunteers are on site guiding guests and performers, running events and problem solving. It can be exciting and frustrating, but above all, it is rewarding to see your friends, neighbours, and local families enjoying themselves in their own community with affordable entertainment — not to mention the hundreds of people that come from out of town.

Since our first two meetings, a few more people have joined the committee. We'd love more. If you can return beer bottles, take tickets at a door, volunteer two hours, or even a few days, please let us know. If you would like to have your community organization run an event, we are open to that as well.

North Dundas is a small community. Our children go off to college, to university or to work in bigger towns and cities. When people ask, "What do you do for fun in North Dundas?" our young adults describe Dairyfest.

Let's keep drawing the huge crowds and continue creating the great family memories for many years to come.

Please join us!

Martha Link-Horvath
Dairyfest committee member
Winchester

Ed. note: *For more information, visit www.winchesterdairyfest.com or call 613-774-5632.*

Keep wind turbines out of area

The Editor:
A representative of Elexco, a London-based firm, has been approaching some farmers between Winchester and Chesterville for the purpose of erecting wind generators.

I am not against green energy, but most of Ontario is uninhabited. Keep the wind generators there. Last year, Ontario paid the U.S. to buy our excess power.

The jury is still out on the effects of the sound waves emitted, but I do know that a wind generator close by will devalue my property.

Who will want to purchase a house near one of these? There is no local newspaper ad saying, "Land wanted to build wind generators."

It is done "hush, hush," behind the scenes to avoid public dissent. We will now see how neighbourly our neighbours truly are.

Keep those generators away from settled areas.

Theresa Bergeron
Chesterville

Garbage does plague roadsides

The Editor:
Thanks very much for your editorial comments, which appeared in the *Winchester Press*' Wed., March 28 edition, regarding the litter in the ditches and the connection to drinking and driving.

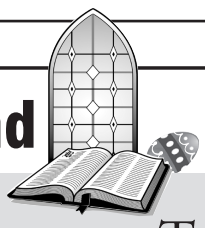
This problem is very apparent to me this year. This spring, while walking along country roads with my border collie, Abbey, I noticed an amazing amount of garbage. I started to carry a plastic bag to at least pick up those items that are recyclable.

Since the snow disappeared this year, on a one kilometre stretch of road near my home, I have picked up 144 empty beer cans, seven empty beer/cooler bottles, as well as 25 pop cans, 31 plastic water/pop bottles, an assortment of cardboard boxes and some plastic clam shells. There have been surprisingly few Tim Hortons cups, which are often blamed for roadside litter.

My collection confirms that there are still individuals drinking while driving in our township, and it is disturbing to see.

Peggy Malcolm
Reids Mills

'God be in my feet and in my grounding'



Shepherd Talk
by Rev. Christine Lowson
Winchester United Church

"God be in my head and in my understanding…
God be in my eyes and in my looking …
God be in my ears and in my hearing …."

In his beautiful book, *Pray at Night's Approaching*, Jim Cotter's exploration of an ancient prayer and its humble search for God's presence in every aspect of our human condition is profound.

All throughout Lent, the Choir sent us on our way singing this prayer as our closing blessing. It started the week right! Jim Cotter's written version spans a few pages and includes:

"God be in my feet and in my grounding …

God be in my hands and in my working …

God be in my neck and in my humbling …"

We who are the hands and feet of Christ in the world have begun afresh our Holy Week journey. We Christians are participating in the fullness of our faith. Jesus moves through the depths of our soul's dynamic development, as every year brings with it new life experiences, and, dare I say, new reasons to embrace the true meaning of being grounded in prayer and humble service.

To be humble in the Christian way is to place God first. God is the Creator and author of life, and to walk humbly with God is to love God, our neighbour and ourselves. Jesus speaks very kindly to this balanced and soulful lifestyle, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11).

Have you ever noticed that the cadence of this week shifts between day and night, city and country, animosity and friendship? Sound familiar? Perhaps, like our world in 2012? Balance is certainly needed. Each gospel writer places us with Jesus amidst the terrible fullness of his final days.

Here's a hopeful approach to the coming days. In reading the gospel accounts of Jesus' last week, experience the depths of forgiveness and gratitude. Welcome the questions that ensue. How do we become what we believe? Is there congruence in our faith and action? What do we need change in our minds and in our understanding so we can find integrity within ourselves as individuals and as a community of faith? What do we need to let die, let fall to earth so God can bring to us new life and new possibilities?

In his last week, he who is perfect love, asks his friends to offer their love and support. When Jesus who is our sign and seal of peace and shalom, asks his disciples to accompany him we know he seeks vital relationship. These beautiful and human moments tell us that it's okay to acknowledge our full humanity and to mirror his beauty and grace faltering as we can be. Christ understands! He taught us to pray for daily bread, and he still teaches us to pray openly for a heart that is free to love and serve. So, we have choices to make. Will we welcome or reject him? I truly believe that Jesus tries to move us away from brokenness, guilt, anger, and everything that immobilizes us.

This Holy Week, I pray that each of us might take slow and faithful steps in the way that leads to life. We can, with God's grace, begin to trust the fullness of our human experiences of emptiness, our doubts, and our fears knowing they are not the final word. Beyond all human emptiness is a place where Love will make us whole. It is a place for each and every one of God's beloved.

The darkness of the cross is not the end. The light of Christ's resurrection marks a new beginning!

In closing, God be in our hearts and in our loving …

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Ed. note: *In 2012, the* Winchester Press *has re-launched "Shepherd Talk" as a monthly column co-ordinated through our publication. If you attend a church in the area and would like your religious organization to contribute a "Shepherd Talk" column, please call 613-774-2524 or email news@winchesterpress.on.ca for more information.*



A team from North Dundas District High School was recently crowned 2011-2012 Reach for the Top champions. Pictured are Christopher Stewart (back left, co-coach), Geordie Jeakins, Amanda Prusila, and Kathryn Johnson. Front: Anna-Maria MacIntyre and Sabina MacIntyre. Missing: coaches Kathi Wilson and Leon MacIntyre.

NDDHS trivia team triumphs, headed to provincials in May

WINCHESTER — It's been nearly two decades in the making, but a group of North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) students have been crowned Reach for the Top champions.

The Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry District Championship was held in Cornwall on Wed., March 28, and the local team defeated three different competing SD&G high schools en route to the championship hardware.

Team members include Geordie Jeakins, Amanda Prusila, Kathryn Johnson, Anna-Maria MacIntyre, and Sabina MacIntyre.

Christopher Stewart, NDDHS teacher and co-coach, said it was the mid-1990s when a local team last won at the district level.

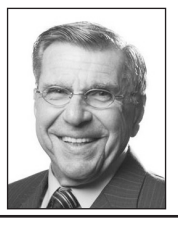
"I am very pleased with our team's performance," he added. "Their devotion to practice, study, collaboration, talent, and timely answering combined to secure the title."

The NDDHS squad defeated Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational Institute in the quarterfinals, and toppled Glengarry District High School in the semi-final round. In the final showcase, NDDHS defeated St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School.

Up next, Stewart said, the local team is expected to compete at the provincial level, with those championships taking place in Toronto some time in May.

Reach for the Top is a national organization that challenges teams from all "corners" of the country to participate in competitions where groups attempt to defeat their opponents by answering a variety of trivia-based problems.

Federal budget: Focus on jobs, growth, and long-term prosperity



From Parliament Hill

by MP Guy Lauzon

OTTAWA — Last week Finance Minister Jim Flaherty introduced the 2012 budget titled Economic Action Plan 2012: Jobs, Growth, and Long-Term Prosperity.

Unlike other places in the world, especially the United States and Europe, Canada's economy has recovered from the global recession much better. Since July 2009, Canada has created more than 610,000 net new jobs. However, the global economy remains fragile, and too many Canadians are still looking for work. Right here in Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG), we still have people searching for employment.

When I was conducting pre-budget consultations across the communities of SD&SG, I heard over and over again from constituents that they are concerned with job creation, economic growth, and the deficit. I am happy to report that this year's budget puts measures in place to address all of these concerns.

Economic Action Plan 2012 takes significant steps for continued job creation and economic growth by providing more support for training, extending the hiring credit for small business, and providing new opportunities for unemployed Canadians to gain access to the job market. It also keeps taxes low for small and medium-sized businesses to encourage them to hire additional employees.

An important part of our plan is keeping taxes and debt low, while returning to a balanced budget. Over the past year we've identified fair, balanced, and moderate savings measures to reduce the deficit. Overall, the savings we've found represent less than 2 per cent of program spending and less than 0.3 per cent of the economy. We will do this without raising taxes and without cutting transfers to the provinces for services families rely on, like healthcare and education.

I am thrilled that a suggestion put forth by a constituent right here in SD&SG during my budget consultations found its way into the budget. Budget 2012 increases the value of goods travellers to the United States can bring back duty free, from $50 to $200 after a 24-hour trip and from $400 to $800 after a 48-hour trip, beginning June 1, 2012.

I believe Economic Action Plan 2012 puts Canada on the right path for economic growth, job creation, and long term prosperity. The ultimate goal of this plan is to ensure a secure future for our young Canadians, families, current and future seniors, and all Canadians.

Canada's economy is leading the world, and this plan will keep it that way.

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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.*

March 29 euchre winners

WINCHESTER — The blue-card winners at the latest Winchester Seniors' euchre event held on Thurs., March 29 were Marvin Reid, Don McIntosh, and John Poole.

The yellow-card winners were Earl Hanes, Joyce McIntosh, and Allan McMahon.

Orma Earl and Billy Cinnamon took home the door prizes, while Bea Eadie, McMahon, and Reid were the "share the wealth" winners.

The group's next euchre event is scheduled for Thurs., April 12.

Busy spring agenda for seniors

by Huguette Shaver

MOUNTAIN — President Audrey Gibson opened the Mountain Seniors' Mon., April 2 meeting, acknowledging the 14 members present.

The group than sang "O Canada," followed by the recitation of the Lord's Prayer. A minute of silence for departed member Dorothy McMenomy was observed, while Iris Smith read the February minutes, which were approved as read.

Smith than reported she wants to resign her secretarial post, but will carry on until a replacement is found.

The various department reports were then read. Treasurer Dave Scharf updated the group about its financial standing, while Mavis Graham reported the kitchen news. The United Senior Citizens on Ontario (USCO) report was delivered by Shirley Levere, who informed the group that the next rally event is scheduled for Thurs., May 31 in Finch. The cost will be $10 for the meal, while there is also a $2 registration fee. The event is expected to get underway at 11:30 am, and each guest is asked to bring a door prize gift in the amount of $5, as well as a baking item that will be auctioned off during the program.

Muriel Milne added that the USCO's Walk-A-Thon event is scheduled for Wed., May 30.

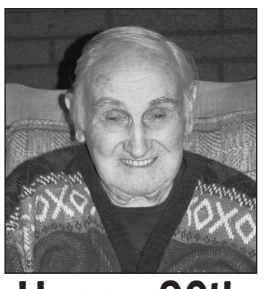
Milne also mentioned that there is a resolution information seminar to be held at Mary's Restaurant in Winchester on Fri., May 18.

Gibson then announced that the Hartford Retirement Centre in Morrisburg has again invited the Mountain Seniors to visit them sometime this spring. Huguette Shaver will be co-ordinating this outing, with the aim of visiting residents in June. More information will be available at the Wed., May 30 meeting.

There were no birthdays or anniversaries for the month of March.

The group will be hosting a euchre party on Mon., May 7th at the Mountain Community Hall starting at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, and enjoy the afternoon of cards and fellowship.

To close the meeting, Levere said Grace, which preceded a potluck luncheon.



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Local piper to perform at upcoming RCMP concert

WINCHESTER — Winchester piper Jack Yourt of the RCMP Pipe Band will play a major role in an upcoming concert at Dominion-Chalmers United Church.

Yourt is performing in, and also helping to organize, a Sun., April 15 show entitled "Tempo and Tradition: A Diamond Jubilee Celebration."



Winchester piper Jack Yourt (pictured here in a Winchester Public School Remembrance Day ceremony photo from 2011) is gearing up for a major performance in Ottawa on Sun., April 15.
Press Photo — Smith-Millar

"We're hoping to sell the place out at 1,100 to 1,200 people," the musician said.

Yourt noted that the performance at 355 Cooper St., Ottawa will showcase the RCMP Pipes, Drums, and Dancers of the National Capital Region, along with guests.

Former CBC Radio host and producer Rob Clipperton has committed to serving as the master of ceremonies.

Some of the highlights of the concert will include: a joint performance featuring the police force's dancers and the Ottawa Celtic Choir; a special segment featuring fiddler Anita Leblanc and pianist Jim Hunter; a Scottish medley delivered by vocalist Garth Hampson, retired RCMP staff sergeant, and his son, Brad, a current Ottawa Police Service staff sergeant; and a performance by the Central Band of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Yourt added that it's all for a good cause, as the $20 event tickets will raise money for The Hospice at May Court. (Children younger than 12 can watch the show for free.)

"The total concert time is about one hour 15 minutes, including a 15 to 20-minute intermission," Yourt added. Showtime starts at 2 pm.

For more information, call Yourt at 613-774-3622.



Mountain-based House of Lazarus was recently on the receiving end of a $3,764 financial allocation from Kraft Canada as part of the company's Food for Families initiative. Pictured are Pauline Pratt (left), executive director of the House of Lazarus, and Kim Merkley, food bank co-ordinator.

Press Photo — Uhrig

House of Lazarus receives donation from Kraft Canada

MOUNTAIN — One of the country's biggest food distributors will be helping the House of Lazarus to keep its shelves stocked in the coming weeks.

The Mountain-based ecumenical outreach mission recently received a $3,764 cheque from Kraft Canada as part of the company's Food for Families initiative.

Earlier this year, Kraft and Food Banks Canada teamed up in an effort to help various organizations across the country.

The House of Lazarus made its way into the competition, and through the continued support of local residents, who went online and voted, was selected as a financial recipient.

"The fact that a very rural food bank can be selected like this shows the dedication of this community," said Pauline Pratt, executive director of the mission. "We were competing against some pretty big cities and agencies."

UCDSB declares Maple Ridge school property to be surplus

WINCHESTER — At a recent meeting, Upper Canada District School Board executive members decided the fate of one of the region's former educational facilities.

By a unanimous vote, the erstwhile Maple Ridge Senior Public School building has been declared surplus to the school board's ongoing needs.

The building, up until June 2011, was the learning centre for a number of local Grade 7 and 8 students.

At the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, students were shuffled across County Road 43 and into the upper level of the North Dundas District High School building, becoming the first pupils of the newly formed North Dundas District Intermediate School.

As per past practice, it's likely that the Maple Ridge facility will first be offered at a price to other school boards or the Township of North Dundas, before being put on the open market.

In recent years, private owners have purchased closed school buildings in Morewood, Inkerman, Elma, and Dixons Corners, with each being transformed for various uses.

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Tomorrow last day to submit comments

Source water info session well attended

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

WINCHESTER — It appears there's a good deal of interest in the Source Water Protection open houses, with roughly 65 people attending a question-and-answer session in Winchester last week.

The Raisin-South Nation Drinking Water Source Protection Committee hosted an information night on Tues., March 27 at the Old Town Hall. Members of the public were invited to speak with committee and staff members about upcoming water protection legislation, and learn about how Ontario's *Drinking Water Source Protection Act* will affect the local area.

The committee has identified properties in Chesterville, Winchester, and Marionville that may — if managed improperly — threaten the well water supply.

After the Source Protection Plan is approved, the Township of North Dundas will have to hire an officer who will communicate with property owners and create a management plan to reduce the chance of groundwater contamination.

Communications specialist Karen Cooper said the public has shown plenty of interest in the process.

The information night format seems to work well, she added.

"It's sort of the way to get all your questions answered in one place," Cooper said.

Comment deadline approaching

Residents who did not attend a local session about source water can still submit written comments. However, the deadline is tomorrow (Thurs., April 5).

For more information, contact Cooper at 1-866-938-3611 (ext. 247) or visit www.yourdrinkingwater.ca.



Mini machinery fans

Green Tech Ag & Turf, Winchester hosted a John Deere Day Open House on Wed., March 28. A hot lunch, draws and prizes, kids' activities, games, and more was organized to entertain guests during the well-attended social gathering. A key point of focus was the indoor and outdoor machinery displays — one of which was inspected thoroughly by Marijka (left), Hilarie, and Annabel Devries as their mother, Angela, looked on.

Press Photo — Smith-Millar



Contest to christen Dairyfest cow

WINCHESTER — Is it Sukey, Lulabelle, or something different? The Winchester Dairyfest committee is looking for a name for the new Dairyfest cow. Send your submission by email to info@winchesterdairyfest.com for a chance to win.

The cow character is part of the festival's new branding, and will be featured on a new website where she will be the voice of a regularly-updated blog. The cow will also be included in other advertising for Dairyfest.

"She's fun-loving, a little bit silly, and a good milker," Gina Welch, committee chair, said about the mascot. "We'd like to come up with a really great name for her — something funny or clever."

The name will be chosen at the end of April, so get your suggestion in by April 27. You can enter as many times as you like. Make sure to include your name, age, and email address in your submission. The winner will receive two Dairyfest family fun packs with tickets to all the festival's events, including the dance, airbounce bracelets, and entry into the Dairy Dash.

"Things are coming together really well for this year's Dairyfest," said Welch, noting that some favourite events, such as a big dance party on Saturday night, the Dairy Dash, and the tractor parade, will return, along with some new ones. "But we can always use more help."

The Dairyfest committee is hard at work securing entertainment, and making plans for the annual celebration to be held Thurs., Aug. 9 to Sun., Aug. 12. If you have ideas or are interested in lending a hand with the many volunteer duties, email info@winchesterdairyfest.com.


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DCP to stage *Our Town* this month



WINCHESTER — Next up on the Old Town Hall stage is the Pulitzer Prize-winning production *Our Town* written by Thornton Wilder.

The Dundas County Players (DCP) theatre troupe will be staging the Broadway production six times later this month.

Under the direction of Terry Green, the cast of 24 will present the tale of love, relationships, community, and all of the little and big things that make up everyday life.

Set at the turn of the 20th century, *Our Town* follows the fate of two families in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. At the centre of the story are Emily Webb and George Gibbs, young lovers who grow up, get married, and start a family.

"This show is truly unique, and very moving," Green said. "The action takes place on a bare stage, with a minimum of props."

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 pm both Friday and Saturday nights on the weekends of Fri., April 20 and Fri., April 27, while 2 pm matinee performances are set for Sun., April 22 and Sun., April 29.

Tickets are $15 (or $10 for youth 18 and under) and are on sale at Winchester Video, or by contacting the DCP's ticket line at 613-297-0097.



Moira Law, overcome with emotion during the play's wedding scene. *Press Photos — Uhrig*

"Tain't natural to be lonesome"

The Dundas County Players (DCP) theatre troupe is in the midst of preparing for the upcoming production of the Thornton Wilder classic, *Our Town*. The play is set to open on the Old Town Hall's stage on Fri., April 20. The production features a cast of 24 actors, some of whom are gracing the stage for the first time as a member of the DCP. Pictured, above, are director Terry Green (background), along with Vanessa Anstead and Tom Schoch.

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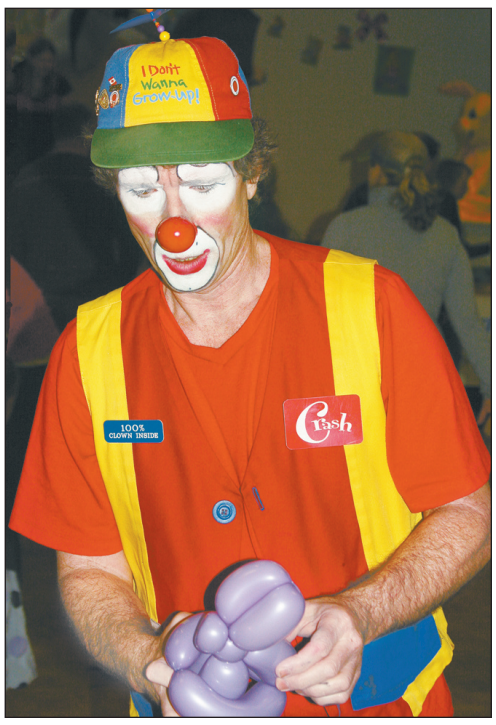
Hopping into Easter in Metcalfe

The Easter Bunny made its annual pre-holiday trip to the Metcalfe Community Centre on Sat., March 31. Hosted by the village's Cooperative Nursery School, parents were invited to bring their children to the pancake breakfast, and also to take part in the Easter-themed crafts.

At left:
Sierra (left), Rowan, and Quinn McFarlane took a moment for a picture with the event's special guest.

At right:
Crash the Clown entertained the masses.

Press Photos — Uhrig





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Ottawa becomes smoke-free

METCALFE — With the Ottawa's expanded smoke-free regulations having taken effect Tues., April 2, the city is working to ensure residents, businesses, and other affected groups are aware of the changes.

The expanded smoke-free regulations will prohibit smoking on all municipal properties, such as parks and beaches, and on all bar and restaurant patios. These changes are designed to protect non-smokers and children from second-hand smoke, and to ultimately reduce smoking rates.

Throughout April and May, bylaw and regulatory services and Ottawa Public Health staff will be reaching out to all affected groups by: Sending letters and e-mails to all affected restaurants and bars, business groups, community associations, event organizers and users of City facilities; notifying the public through www.ottawa.ca, social media, and print and radio advertising; visiting all restaurants and bars with patios or terraces to discuss the changes, and providing information and signage to ensure that employees and patrons are aware of the new regulations; offering information and training sessions for restaurant staff and other interested groups; and engaging City employees through an internal communications strategy that includes information and training sessions.

Awareness strategies will continue throughout the spring and summer to help ensure a smooth transition for the regulatory changes. Fines will not be assessed until July, and until then, bylaw enforcement officers will provide information and issue courtesy warnings where appropriate.

Green bin collection goes weekly

Beginning Tues., April 2, residents will now have their green bin and leaf and yard waste collected every week, year-round, permanently.

Food scraps, soiled paper products, and other allowable waste from residential homes can now be placed at the curb for weekly collection.

Organics recycling is an important part of the City of Ottawa's long-term waste strategy. Diverting residential organic waste away from landfill saves the city millions of dollars, and reduces the need for additional landfill sites.

Residents are reminded to: Put their green bin and recycling out with their garbage by 7:00 a.m. on collection day; lock the lid to deter animals and pests; and add leaf and yard waste to top up the green bin. For more information on using your green bin, visit www.ottawa.ca/greenbin.

Shroomfest coming soon

The seventh annual Shroomfest event is set to go Thurs., May 3 at the Metcalfe Fairgrounds.

Over the past six years, Shroomfest has raised tens of thousands of dollars that have been donated to many local organizations. As the event's location can hold just 600 people, those wishing to attend are encouraged to purchase tickets early.

This year's committee members are Al Graham, Doug Hicks, Brian Johnston, Cory Reaney, Chris Reaney, Daryn Hicks, Kevin Cavan, Brenden Cavan, and Doug Anderson.

Easter market

The Metcalfe Farmers' Market, Easter version, is scheduled for Sat., April 7 at the Royal Canadian Legion Greely Branch 627. Doors open at 9 am, while the event is expected to run until 2 pm.

Meanwhile, the farmers' market regular spring season is expected to get underway on Sat., May 12. Those markets take place at the Metcalfe Fairgrounds, and begin each Saturday at 8 am.

Art and tea

The Osgoode Township Historical Society Museum in Vernon will be the host site of an art show and tea party on Sat., April 14.

Doors open at 1 pm, at which point a number of local artists will have their works on display. Guests are also invited to sample some tea and desserts.

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Best in the East/West

Novice Demons blank Braves 3-0 in title match

WINCHESTER – Goaltender Sebastien Matte was unbeatable guarding the net for the North Dundas Novice House "C2" Demons as they whitewashed the Brockville Jr. "C1" Braves 3-0 to become the 2011-2012 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League (UCMHL) East/West champions.

Matte and his mates claimed the UCMHL championship last week (Thurs., March 29) on Winchester ice. Later the same evening, after North Dundas Minor Hockey Association (NDMHA) president Hans Hutten presented captain Amanada Shay with the championship hardware, at the same venue the North Dundas Midget "B" Demons claimed the second East/West title for the NDMHA. The midget championship was taken by the Demons following a 5-1 victory over the Smiths Falls Bears.



North Dundas Novice House "C2" Demons captain Amanda Shay accepted the 2011-2012 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East/West championship trophy from North Dundas Minor Hockey Association president Hans Hutten following last week's (Thurs., March 29) 3-0 victory over the Brockville "C1" Braves.



The North Dundas Novice House "C2" Demons needed five games but they were able to defeat the Brockville No. One Braves 3-0 in the final game to capture the 2011-2012 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East/West championship. The league's best are: front (left) – James Forrester, Michael Tufts, Jade Hannaford, Amanda Shay, Cole Eikelboom, Riley Jampen, Alex vanDelst; middle (left) – Sebastien Matte, Justin Williams, Liam Berry-Lavallee, Andrew Weagant, Spencer Billings; back (left) – Vicky Shay – manager, Peter Forrester – trainer, Chris Eikelboom – ass't coach, Marc Williams – coach and Mark VanDelst – ass't coach. *Press Photos – Van Bridger*

Final game

Jade Hannaford converted a play started by Justin Williams and Cole Eikelboom into the GWG with 7:45 left in the first period of the fifth and final game. Williams then made it 2-0 with help from Andrew Weagant and James Forrester at the 4:35 mark of the same frame. Eikelboom made it a 3-0 final scoring from Spencer Billings and Hannaford 6:08 before the final buzzer.

Game one

The East Division champion Demons opened the East/West five-point series edging Brockville 6-5 in Chesterville on Tues., March 20.

Shay and Forrester engineered the winning goal for Williams who scored with 1:05 left in the game.

Eikelboom was the offensive power cracking in four goals, two in period one and two more in the second session. Hannaford also found the net in period two. Riley Jampen (2), Liam Berry-Lavallee (2), Shay and Forrester picked up the assists. North Dundas held a 2-1 lead after a period and were in control 5-2 after two.

Game two

Brockville tied the series (2-2) posting a 5-3 decision on Sat., March 24 at the Memorial Center.

North Dundas led 2-1 after a period on goals by Hannaford (from Eikelboom and Jampen at 7:00) and Eikelboom (from Weagant at .05.8) but managed just one more in period two when Weagant (from Berry-Lavallee at 8:06) made it 3-2.

Brockville tied it 3-3 before the second was over and won it 5-3 on a pair of Liam O'Brien markers.

Game three

It was a night Williams won't forget as the two teams squared off in Winchester in game three on Mon., March 26.

The North Dundas forward cashed in all four goals – all on unassisted plays – in his team's 4-2 victory. The Demons, who owned 1-0 and 3-1 period leads, gained a 4-2 advantage in the series with the win.

Game four

The Braves evened the series at 4-4 by way of a large 10-3 victory on home ice on Tues., March 27.

They skated out to a 3-0 first-period lead and cruised into the final frame enjoying an 8-1 advantage.

Eikelboom potted a pair of goals while Williams snapped in the single. Michael Tufts set up Eikelboom for his two goals while Weagant helped out Williams.

North Dundas defeated South Grenville No. One Rangers to become the East Division champions. The Demons (18-5-1) finished third during the regular season and then eliminated the "C1" Demons 4-2, the No. 2 Rangers 4-0 and the No. One Rangers to become eastern champs.

The Brockville No. One Braves defeated the No. Two Braves to take the western title.

Midget "B" Demons sweep Bears in East/West final

WINCHESTER – A couple of hours after the Novice House "C2" Demons had claimed the first Upper Canada Minor Hockey League (UCMHL) East/West championship for the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association the Midget "B" Demons made it two in a row sweeping the Smiths Falls Bears 5-1 in the third game of their final series.

Paced by Dylan Comeau's hat trick the Demons disposed of the West Division champion Bears 5-1 in game three and 6-0 in the five-point set.

North Dundas opened the East/West showdown with a 5-2 victory on Winchester ice on Mon., March 26. They expanded the points spread to 4-0 by virtue of a 1-0 decision in Smiths Falls on Tues., March 27. Last Thursday's (March 29) 5-1 decision clinched the championship.

Smiths Falls (14-8-2) finished third in the West Division standings but knocked off the North Leeds Stars (5-2 and 5-1). The first-place Kemptville Panthers in four games, South Grenville Rangers in four games and the Athens Aeros (1-0, 2-2 and 8-2) claiming their divisional title and qualifying for the UCMHL East/West final against North Dundas.

The Demons (21-3-0) won the regular season in the East, received a bye and proceeded to work their way through the Cornwall Colts (6-1 and 8-3) and the Char-Lan Rebels (5-2 and 7-0) to the East Division championship and eventually the UCMHL title.

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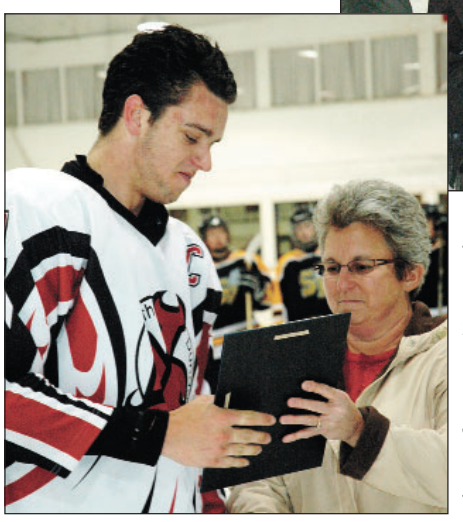

East/West champs

The North Dundas Midget "B" Demons swept the West Division champs from Smiths Falls in three games to become the 2011-2012 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East/West champions. A 5-1 win over the Bears on Winchester ice last Thursday (March 29) clinched the silverware. The UCMHL East/West champions are: Colin Giberson (front): second row (left) - Chris Gibson – trainer, Evan Durant, Dayton Kelly "AP", Mark McRae, Brandon Cousineau, Mitch Kirkwood; third row – Barry Giberson –coach, Matt Ledrew "AP", Ryan Romans, Liam Morrow, Nick Read, Stewart McKelvie; back (left) – Josh Hodgson "AP", Dylan Comeau, Josh Freake, Paul Gibson, Will Fawcett, Garrett Milne, captain Ryan Byers and Vince Cousineau – ass't coach. At left, North Dundas Midget "B" captain Ryan Byers accepted the UCMHL East/West championship plaque from Midget Rep "B" convener Beth Thompson. *Press Photos – Van Bridger*

Co-ed ball hockey league seeks recruits

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas Co-ed Minor Ball Hockey League is looking for some more recruits.

Following the final registration at the Winchester Arena on Thurs., March 29 organizer Lee Bowers reported the junior league (ages 8-11) registration was almost full but there were spaces left in the senior division (ages 12-16).

"We will take registrations right up until our player evaluations (Wed., April 18)," he said.

The junior registration fee is $60 and the senior $70.

All games are played at the Winchester Arena – senior games on Tuesday evenings and the juniors on Wednesdays.

For more information go to northdundasminorballhockey@gmail.com

Edge Midget House 'B2' Demons 7-6 in game four

Brockville Braves prevail to win East/West title

BROCKVILLE – Ryan Carr's second goal of the game was registered 2:12 before the final buzzer and sliced the North Dundas Midget House "B2" Demons' deficit to 7-6.

Unfortunately, that was as close as the East Division champion Demons could come to tying the score with the West Division titlists, the Brockville Jr. Braves. The Braves held on for the 7-6 decision on Mon., March 26, won the five-point series six points to two and became the 2011-2012 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's East/West champions.

Brockville (24-0-0) opened the final round beating North Dundas (20-2-2) 7-1 in Winchester on Wed., March 21. The "B2" Demons became just the second team to beat the Braves this season, tying the series up with a 3-0 victory in Brockville on Thurs., March 22. The North Dundas Midget House "B1" Demons also bettered the Braves 5-4 during their West Division playoff series. The Braves took a 4-2 lead thanks to a 6-2 win in Winchester on Sun., March 25. The next day (Mon., March 26) they captured the championship with their 7-6 win.

Coach Gary Embury explained that his regular and only goaltender, Ryan Embury, was sidelined by injury after game one and "AP" Cam Hunt took over by way of the goaltender exemption rule. "AP" Andrew Klempan was also added to the roster.

"Cam did us a big favour and played well for us, as did Andrew," said the coach.

"All year the players did what I had asked and that was 'win with class and lose with class,'" he said. "They all battled hard until the final horn."

Embury noted that all but five players are graduating and he, along with Keith Durant (trainer) and Sam Gibson (ass't coach) are retiring.

Final game

Game four was tied 1-1 after a period but the hometown Braves were up 4-3 after two sessions.

Austin Carruthers counted the first marker. Carr and Dylan Sosnowsky scored in period two. Carruthers, Dan McSheffery and Carr kept the Demons close. Captain Kirk Gibson, Josh Jaquemet, Lane Kirkwood, Aaron Burns, Sosnowsky and Carruthers earned assists.

Johnny Vandusen's goal, scored with 3:27 left in the game, proved to be the difference in the 7-6 decision.

Hunt worked the Demons' cage.

Braves 6 - Demons 2

Brockville gained the upper hand in the series posting a 6-2 win in game three in Winchester. They held a 3-0 advantage after a period and sealed the deal with three unanswered markers in the final frame.

Second-period goals by Jaquemet (from Colton Stitt and Devin Simzer at 12:19) and Carruthers (from Stitt and Mike Ladouceur at 1:14) got the Demons close at 3-2.

Demons 3 - Braves 0

Hunt got his first start in the North Dundas nets and blanked the powerful Braves 3-0 right in their own barn.

Patrick Speagle (unassisted) netted the game-winning goal at 9:42 of period one. McSheffery snapped in the other two goals with 9:17 left in period one and 4:19 left in the game.

Braves 7 - Demons 1

Evan Durant put the Demons on the board after taking a feed from McSheffery at 14:14 of the first period of game one. That 1-0 lead lasted until Brockville's Mark Brouwer cracked in the first of his four goals with 3:30 left in the same session.

The Braves led 5-1 after two stanzas and 7-1 at the buzzer.



Surrounded

There were just too many Braves defending North Dundas Midget House "B2" Demons forward Colton Stitt on this play. Brockville, West Division champions, defeated the East Division champion Demons six points to two to become the 2011-2012 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East/West champions.

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Thunder Kings, Hawks tops in Tournament of Champions

WINCHESTER – Prior to the first game in the Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association's (ODMHA) Tournament of Champions Hans Hutten, president of the host North Dundas Minor Hockey Association (NDMHA), and tournament director Dawna Whitehead took part in the official face off.

The veteran NDMHA executives dropped the puck between North Dundas Atom "B" Demons captain Cam Sherrer and Leitrim Hawks captain Brody Dedekker last Friday (March 30) morning at the Winchester Arena signaling three days of competition between the region's best Rep "B" teams.

Leitrim defeated the Demons 7-2 in the opening match and went on to shoot down the Athens Aeros 5-2 in Sunday's (April 1) Atom "B" final capturing the ODMHA's 2011-2012 Tournament of Champions' banner.

The next game on Sunday, also on Winchester ice, resulted in the Mississippi Pee Wee "B" Thunder Kings ripping the Stittsville Rams 7-1 to become this year's Tournament of Champions.

Final face off

Friday's ceremonial face off was also the final one to be performed by Hutten and Whitehead.

Both long time volunteers have decided to retire from the NDMHA, Hutten after 11 years, the last three as president, and Whitehead after organizing the association's tournaments for eight years.

They agree it is the right time.

"It is time to bring in some new blood," said Hutten. "Younger people will mean new ideas and it has been four years since my boys even played minor hockey. It is time to step aside."

Whitehead agreed noting that her son hadn't played in three years and figured it was the right time to leave an organization that she has been proud to have served.

Hutten wrote in his latest news letter that, "I have always found it to be an extremely fulfilling and enjoyable way to contribute to the my community, but for me to stay longer, would suggest a love of office, rather that of service. As such, it is now time for me to hang 'em up'".

"At the Upper Canada (Upper Canada Minor Hockey Association) and ODMHA meetings we (NDMHA) are always being complimented on the way we conduct our business," Whitehead said.

Hutten noted that as many as eight members of the North Dundas executive are retiring opening up positions that must be filled for the well being and longevity of minor hockey in North Dundas.

Tourney tales

A field of eight Rep "B" teams competed in each of the atom and pee wee divisions.



North Dundas Atom "B" Demons' Cam Sherrer (left), North Dundas Minor Hockey Association president Hans Hutten, association tournament director Dawna Whitehead and Leitrim Hawks captain Brodey Dedekker took part in the opening face off of the Tournament of Champions Friday (March 30) morning. It was the final ceremonial face off for both Hutten and Whitehead, who are retiring. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

The North Dundas Atom "B" Demons opened losing 7-2 to the eventual champion Mississippi Thunder Kings. Elyssa McLeod and Xavier Leclerc scored and Ethan Guy picked up an assist for the Demons. Later on Friday Guy scored the lone North Dundas goal after taking a pass from Nolan Brown and Joey Hannaford in a 7-1 loss to the Athens Aeros. The Embrun Panthers double the Demons 6-3 on Saturday morning eliminating them. Kobey Young, Ben Fingler, and Cam Sherrer recorded the North Dundas goals. Hannaford, Guy and Emily Eikelboom earned assists.

Athens defeated the Alexandria Glens 5-1 in Sunday's semi-final round while Leitrim tamed the Renfrew Timberwolves 1-0 in the other semi. Leitrim then took the title by beating Athens 5-2.

Pee Wee play

The North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons suffered a 4-0 whitewashing at the hands of the Mississippi Thunder Kings in Friday's first round. The Thunder Kings then dispatched the Embrun Panthers (5-1) and Smiths Falls Bears (5-1). They then blanked the Cornwall Colts 3-0 in the semi-finals before hammering Stittsville 7-1 in the title match.

North Dundas bounced back later on Friday with a 4-1 win over Embrun. Sheldon Lafortune (1-1-2), Jacob Robinson (1-1-2), Curtis Barkley (1-0-1), Cameron Reid (1-0-1), Sandra Morley (0-1-1), Rhyce Sherrer (0-1-1) and Jack van Kessel (0-1-1) collected points for the Demons.

Smiths Falls pounded in three unanswered goals and knocked the Demons out of contention by a 5-2 count Saturday morning. The game was scoreless after a period and tied 2-2 after two. Reid counted both North Dundas markers. Morley and Robinson drew the assists.

Stittsville earned its spot in the championship game handling St. Isidore (5-4), South Grenville (4-1) and Cornwall (5-2) to reach the semi-finals where they ousted Smiths Falls (3-1).

Casselman Vikings to meet Gatineau Mustangs for Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey championship

CASSELMAN – It will be the Rideau - St. Lawrence Conference champion Casselman Vikings clashing with the Gatineau Mustangs, Metro-Valley Conference titleholders, for the 2011-2012 Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League championship and the D. Arnold Carson Memorial Trophy.

The Vikings disposed of the Rideau Division champion Athens Aeros 5-3 in the seventh game of the conference final Saturday (March 31) in Casselman, while the Mustangs trampled the Arnprior Packers 5-3 in game six of the Metro-Valley final Friday (March 30) on home ice in Buckingham.

Casselman dispatched the Alexandria Glens (4-0) and Winchester Hawks (4-2) to take the St. Lawrence Division title. The Athens Aeros then fell to the Vikings in seven games. Athens eliminated the Gananoque Islanders (4-0) and Westport Rideaus (4-1) to become the best in the Rideau Division. Gatineau ousted the Metcalfe Jets (4-1) and Ottawa West Golden Knights (4-3) before meeting Arnprior in the Metro-Valley showdown.

Game one of the EOHJL final will be played tonight (Wed., April 4) in Casselman at 8 pm. See the *Winchester Press* Scoreboard on page 16 for the full schedule.

Vikings 5 - Aeros 2

The Vikings outshot the Aeros 53-35 on their way to a series-clinching 5-2 win on home ice Saturday.

Dillon Mazerolle's goal gave Athens a 1-0 lead at 18:30, but Casselman fired in the next three and exited the opening period with a 3-1 lead. Curtis Chennette (PPG) tied it at 14:16. Kyle Beauchamp-Lalonde made it 2-1 at 2:46 and Luc Forget gave his team a 3-1 lead 49 seconds before the period ended.

Beauchamp-Lalonde's SHG with 10:09 left in period two created a 4-1 difference.

Michael Byrne sliced Athens deficit to 4-2 with 3:55 left on the clock only to have the Vikings ice the verdict with Thierry Henry's ENG 1:14 before the final buzzer.

Alexandre Michaud posted the win and Jacob Hartman took the loss.

Aeros 3 - Vikings 1

Hartman made 32 saves facing 33 shots as the Aeros forced game seven with a 3-1 win in Athens on Thurs., March 29.

Francis Legault's goal, 21 seconds into the game, opened the scoring for Casselman.

Pat Cameron tied it for the Aeros scoring with 4:03 left in the same frame.

Cameron netted the GWG goal at 10:06 of period two. Daniel Lacroix who gave Athens a 3-1 lead with 7:15 left in the second followed him to the Vikings' net.

The final frame was scoreless.

Midget 'B'

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Game three

Dylan Comeau used a chance created by Ryan Romans and Mark McRae to give the Demons a 1-0 lead at 14:14 of the first period of what would prove to be the third and final game of the series.

Smiths Falls drew even with 4:19 left in period two on a PPG by Matt Larabie.

McRae drilled a hard shot into the Bears cage at 16:36 counting the GWG after taking a feed from Romans and Mitch Kirkwood, Romans and "AP" Dayton Kelly then engineered Comeau's second goal at 13:24 and North Dundas was enjoying a 3-1 lead.

Winning 'tender Colin Giberson, who allowed just three goals in three games, picked up an assist with 3:33 left in the game setting up Comeau's hat trick marker. Paul Gibson's unassisted shot recorded 51 seconds before the final buzzer made it a 5-1 final.

Backup goaltender Matt Ledrew, Josh Hodgson, Kelly and Evan Durant were the Demons' "APs". Nick Read served a one game suspension.

Game two

Giberson was unbeatable in game two in Smiths Falls as the Demons up their points lead to 4-0 lead by way of a 1-0 victory.

Nick Read finished an opportunity set up by Liam Morrow and Paul Gibson registering the GWG with 9:48 left in the first period.

Ledrew and Hodgson were the "APs".

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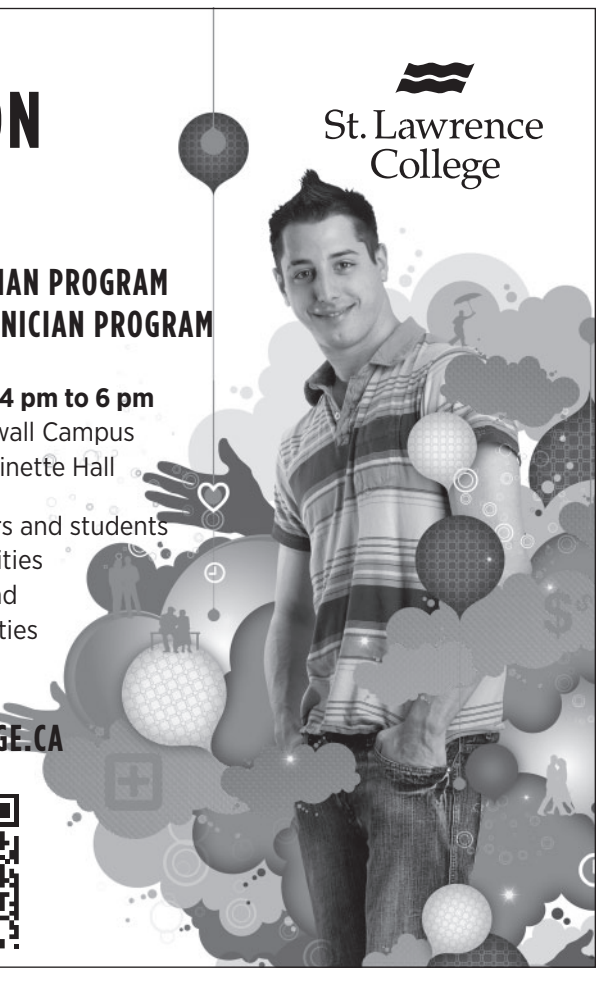



SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League

Rideau - St. Lawrence Conference

RECENT RESULTS

St. Lawrence Division Final

Casselman Vikings vs Winchester Hawks

Casselman wins St. Lawrence Division championship series 4-2

Rideau Division Final

Athens Aeros vs Westport Rideaus

Athens wins Rideau Division championship series 4-1

RIDEAU - ST. LAWRENCE CONFERENCE FINAL

March 18: Casselman 3 - Athens 2 OT
March 20: Casselman 4 - Athens 3 OT
March 22: Athens 4 - Casselman 3 OT
March 25: Athens 5 - Casselman 3
March 27: Casselman 5 - Athens 4 OT
March 29: Athens 3 - Casselman 1
March 31: Casselman 5 - Athens 2

Casselman wins Rideau - St. Lawrence Conference championship series 4-3

FINAL STANDINGS

Rideau	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Westport	34	10	1	237	158	70
Athens	30	11	0	277	148	65
Gananoque	27	17	0	210	183	56
South Grenville	16	27	0	154	223	35
Brockville	1	43	0	111	345	3

St. Lawrence	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Winchester	36	4	1	251	110	74
Casselman	32	8	0	239	118	66
Alexandria	25	15	0	194	151	51
Char-Lan	14	24	0	144	232	31
Morrisburg	13	28	0	154	219	27
Akwesasne	9	30	1	123	230	21

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

TOP SCORERS

St. Lawrence Division	G	A	PTS
J. Adam, Cass.	17	5	22
D. Chessell, Win.	13	5	18
C. Chennette, Cass.	6	12	18
Beauchamp-Lalonde, Cass.	8	6	14
A.Wensink, Cass.	6	7	13
J. Burley, Cass.	5	5	10
L. Forget, Cass.	4	6	10
T. Henry, Cass.	3	7	10
D. Widenmaier, Cass.	3	7	10
B. Belding, Cass.	3	6	9

Rideau Division	G	A	PTS
J. Clark, Athens	8	16	24
S. Parker, Athens	8	13	21
P. Cameron, Athens	8	12	20
D. Lacroix, Athens	10	9	19
N. Terpak, West.	5	7	12
D. Sinclair, West.	2	10	12
B. Brayman, West.	2	9	11
J. Harris, West.	5	5	10

Metro - Valley Conference

RECENT RESULTS

Metro Division Final

Ottawa West vs Gatineau Mustangs

Gatineau wins Metro Division championship series 4-3

Valley Division Final

Perth Blue Wings vs Arnprior Packers

Arnprior wins Valley Division Championship series 4-1

METRO - VALLEY CONFERENCE FINAL

Gatineau Mustangs vs Arnprior Packers

March 20: Arnprior 6 - Gatineau 3
March 21: Gatineau 5 - Arnprior 4 OT
March 23: Gatineau 5 - Arnprior 1
March 24: Gatineau 6 - Arnprior 2
March 28: Arnprior 7 - Gatineau 6 OT
March 30: Gatineau 5 - Arnprior 3

Gatineau wins Metro - Valley Conference championship series 4-2

FINAL STANDINGS

Metro	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Gatineau	28	7	6	217	141	63
Clarence	27	13	1	230	178	56
Ottawa West	25	12	5	195	150	55
Metcalfe	17	19	5	158	169	40
Ottawa	11	25	3	149	196	28

Valley	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Arnprior	31	7	4	212	133	66
Perth	20	16	4	194	181	46
Almonte	15	19	5	186	212	38
Renfrew	16	23	3	157	190	35
Stittsville	14	25	3	143	190	31
Shawville	9	30	0	171	249	21

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League championship series

Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference champion Casselman Vikings vs Metro-Valley Conference champion Gatineau Mustangs

Wed., April 4 @ Casselman 8 pm
Fri., April 6 @ Gatineau 8 pm
Sun., April 8 @ Casselman 7:30 pm
Tues., April 10 @ Gatineau 8 pm
Thurs., April 12 @ Casselman 7:30 pm
Fri., April 13 @ Gatineau 8 pm
Sun., April 15 @ Casselman TBA

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT PLAYOFF RESULTS

Melvin Cup final – Berets vs Maulers

March 27:
Green Berets 5 - Chesterville Maulers 2
March 28:
Chesterville Maulers 7 - Green Berets 2
April 1:
Chesterville Maulers 9 - Green Berets 3

Chesterville Maulers win Melvin Cup

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
S. Suds	15	3	1	127	85	31
M. Flyers	7	9	3	102	109	17
C. Maulers	7	9	3	102	109	17
Green Berets	5	13	1	100	118	11

TOP P/O SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Dean Byvelds, CM	10	9	19
Dana Schofield, CM	6	8	14
Scott Baldwin, GB	6	7	13
Jon Nadobny, GB	5	8	13
Dean Moore, GB	8	4	12
Travis Froats, CM	4	8	12
Barret Brundige, GB	4	7	11
Mitch Scott, CM	2	7	9

National Capital Junior Hockey League

QUARTER-FINAL RESULTS

Embrun defeated North Dundas 4-0
Rockland defeated La Peche 4-0
Gatineau defeated St. Isidore 4-1
Cumberland defeated Vankleek Hill 4-1

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

Embrun Panthers defeated Rockland 4-0

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St. Isidore Aigles defeated Cumberland 4-2

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RESULTS

Embrun Panthers vs St. Isidore Aigles
March 23: Embrun 8 - St. Isidore 1
March 25: Embrun 5 - St. Isidore 1
March 27: Embrun 4 - St. Isidore 2
March 28: Embrun 6 - St. Isidore 3

Embrun Panthers win NCJHL championship series 4-0

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
Embrun	25	5	2	162	92	52
Cumberland	21	10	1	133	104	43
St. Isidore	20	9	3	147	109	43
La Peche	19	12	1	161	127	39
Rockland	16	15	1	132	132	33
Gatineau	14	17	1	113	136	29
Vankleek Hill	11	18	3	119	156	25
North Dundas	10	20	2	98	155	22
Papineauville	8	24	0	95	149	16

WSC wraps up season with awards night

WINCHESTER – The Winchester Skating Club ended the 2011-12 season with their annual awards night and banquet on Tues., March 27 at the Winchester Community Centre. Club president Barb Menard congratulated the skaters on a successful year and thanked the coaches, program assistants, and executive members for their dedication to the sport. Reports cards and medallions were given out to commemorate the season.



Winchester Skating Club's special award winners of 2011-2012 were: Joelle Menard (front, left), Caitlin McInnis, Ashley Wasylko Fletcher, Catherine Orlicky, and Isabella St-Marseille. Centre row: Christie Douglas (left), Selina Landriault, Kaiden West, and Sebastien LaFrance. Back row: Jordan Roberts (left), Samantha Cormier, Mikayla Byers, Meaghan-Lina Arel, Alyssa Cooper, and Marina Crober.

Special awards

Skaters who received special recognition were:

BMO CanSkater of the Year – Ashley Wasylko Fletcher

BMO CanSkate Champion Awards – Kaiden West and Catherine Orlicky

StarSkater of the Year – Joelle Menard

Program Assistant of the Year – Marina Crober

Most Improved CanSkater – Sebastien LaFrance

Most Dedicated CanSkater – Mikayla Byers

Most Improved Advanced CanSkate Low Program – Christie Douglas

Most Dedicated Advanced CanSkate Low Program – Selina Landriault

Most Improved Advanced CanSkate High Program – Caitlin McInnis

Most Dedicated Advanced CanSkate High Program – Samantha Cormier

StarSkate Most Improved – Isabella St-Marseille

StarSkate Most Dedicated – Jordan Roberts

Dance Trophy – Alyssa Cooper

Spirit of Skating – Meaghan-Lina Arel

Sportsmanship Award – Marina Crober.

Embrun Panthers capture fourth consecutive National Capital Junior Hockey League title

EMBRUN – Make it four in a row and eight in 12 years. That's how many times the Embrun Panthers have been declared Nation Capital Junior Hockey League (NCJHL) and Eastern Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League champions.

The defending champs swept the St. Isidore Aigles 4-0, securing the 2011-2012 title after doubling them 4-2 on Tues., March 27 and 6-3 the following night on Embrun ice.

The first two games of the championship series indicated, the defending champion Panthers were about to take another title.

The first-place Panthers blasted the St. Isidore Aigles out of the sky, posting an 8-1 victory in the opening game last Friday (March 23). They made it two in a row, pounding the Aigles 5-1 in their own barn on Sunday, March 25.

The Panthers eliminated the expansion North Dundas Rockets 4-0 and did the same to the Rockland Nationals to qualify for the championship series.

St. Isidore ousted the Gatineau Express in five games before sending the Cumberland Bandits packing in six games to earn their berth in the final round.

Charles-Antonie Labonte led the Panthers to their 8-1 romp, potting a pair of goals and setting up two others. Andrew Hampton (2-1-3) and Francis Legault (1-2-3) each chipped in three points. Sean MacDonald, Louis Nadeau and Taylor Armstrong sniped the singles. Andries Selst, Dexter MacMillan, Matt Eberley, Jeff Campbell and Jon Bruyere picked up helper points.

Felix Lalonde ruined Eric Drouin's bid for a perfect game.

Panthers 5 - Aigles 1

Andrew Hampton potted a pair of goals in game two, as Embrun opened up a 2-0 series lead by way of a 5-1 victory.

Selst, Labonte and Eric Garrioch supplied the singles. Garrioch (2), Armstrong, Bruyere, Jeff Campbell, Hampton, Ryan Kemp, MacDonald and MacMillan were the set-up men.

Once again, Felix Lalonde was the lone St. Isidore marksman and he spoiled Philip Eberley's shutout.

Game three

Campbell, Garrioch, Kemp and MacDonald were the Embrun marksmen in the 4-2 win in game three in St. Isidore.

The Aigles led 1-0 after a period. The score was tied 1-1 after two, but the Panthers put it away with three in the third.

Bruyere (2), Legault (2), Armstrong, David Bobak, Brad Hampton and Labonte set up the Embrun scoring plays. Drouin was the winning 'tender.

Mathieu Desforges and Alexandre Lamarche pegged the St. Isidore goals.

Title match

Legault led the Panthers to victory in the fourth and final meeting scoring three times and adding an assist. Embrun jumped into a 3-1 lead in period one and carried a 6-2 advantage into period three.

Labonte, Kemp and Eberley supplied the singles. Bruyere (2), MacMillan, Labonte, Brad Hampton, Robbie Gifford, and Campbell provided the passes. Philip Eberley got the start and posted the clinching victory.

Desforges potted two of the St. Isidore markers and Corey Guertin netted the other.

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'B' champs

The North Dundas Novice House "B" Demons celebrated winning the "B" championship at the Eric Gutknecht Memorial Novice "B" Tournament in Kemptville following a 7-1 win over the Ice Dogs on Sun., March 18. The champs are: front (left) – Adam Barkley, Mason Carr, Curtis Bowman, Maxime Paquette; back (left) – Jaymen Heuff, Lucas Menard, Max Messervey, Delaney Johnston, Austin Rivet and Joshua Foley.

Novice House 'B' Demons win 'B' title in Kemptville tourney

KEMPTVILLE – Adam Barkley cracked in four goals and set up another for Jaymen Heuff as the North Dundas Novice House "B" Demons skated to a 7-1 victory over the Ice Dogs to become the "B" champions in the 2012 Eric Gutknecht Memorial Novice "B" Tournament in Kemptville.

North Dundas held a 2-0 lead on the Ice Dogs after a period of the "B" final on Sun., March 18. Barkley potted both of those goals. Heuff and Barkley scored in period two opening up a 4-1 lead. Barkley, Heuff and Max Messervey pounded in the final three markers in period three. Curtis Bowman (2), Heuff (2), Lucas Menard, Delaney Johnston and Barkley all earned assists. Mason Carr was the winning 'tender.

North Dundas opened the tournament blasting the Nepean Bullets 16-1 on Fri., March 16. The next day they lost 4-1 to the Kemptville Panthers but bounced back with a big 10-0 decision over the Metcalfe Jets. Sunday morning a 5-2 decision over the Embrun Panthers qualified them for the "B" final.

Getting there

Mason Carr ripped home four while Bowman and Barkley each pumped in three goals in the Demons 16-1 win over the Nepean Bullets. Lucas Menard took over the goaltending chores and registered the win.

Heuff (2), Austin Rivet, Josh Foley, Messervey and Johnston supplied the single markers. Johnston (3), Rivet (3), Foley (2), Barkley (2), Heuff (2), and Messervey provided the passes.

Rivet put on the pads for a meeting with the Kemptville Panthers and absorbed a 4-1 loss. Barkley used a pass from Messervey to put the Demons on the scoreboard with 9:47 left in the game.

Maxime Paquette took his turn in the North Dundas nets and registered a 10-0 shutout victory over the Metcalfe Jets. The Demons built up a 5-0 lead in the first frame and carried a 9-0 advantage into the final frame.

Johnston's first-period goal, set up by Heuff at 9:36, proved to be the winner. Carr led the offence with a four-goal effort. Johnston (2), Heuff, Bowman, Foley and Barkley also buried the biscuit. Foley (2), Barkley (2), Heuff (2), Menard and Bowman drew assists.

Menard was back between the pipes for the semi-final tilt with Embrun and emerged with a 5-3 win.

First-period goals by Bowman (from Barkley and Heuff at 3:07) and Heuff (from Barkley at 0:26) gave the Demons a 2-0 lead. Barkley snapped in back-to-back markers with 4:03 (from Bowman) and 3:30 (unassisted) and Heuff, on an unassisted effort with 1:38 left in the same frame made it 5-1 after two periods.

Embrun added a pair of goals in the third period but came up short losing 5-3.

Barons beat Knights in Finch Youth Pee Wee broomball final

FINCH – Ceilidh McRae's first period goal held up as the second-place Barons nipped the regular season champion Knights in the "A" final of the Finch Youth Broomball's Pee Wee Co-ed House League play-off round robin.

Titans edge Rebels in "B" final

Goaltender Philip McLean and his defensive crew held the Knights off the board, handing them their first loss since Nov. 19.

Tyler Sloan netted the deciding goal as the Titans nipped the Rebels 4-3 in the "B" final on Sat., March 17.

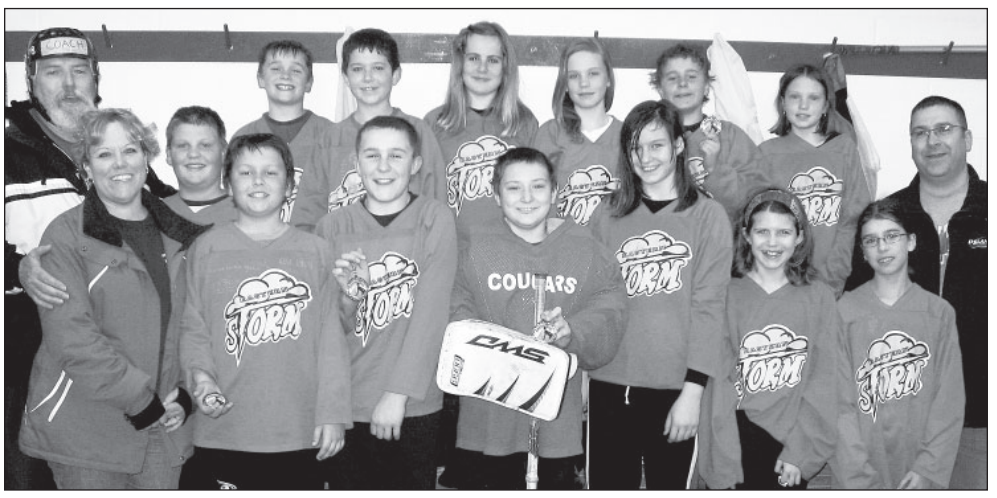
Dallas MacMillan (unassisted) gave the Rebels an early lead scoring 40 seconds into the game. Mikaela Kunz replied for the Titans finishing a play set up by Sloan and Kyara Quan. Sloan put the Titans ahead 2-1 scoring from Mackenzie Kunz and Patrick Daoust on his first shift in period two. The Rebels moved ahead 3-2 midway in the session, thanks to a pair of goals by Nicolas DeVries, who buried passes from Britney VanLoon 35 seconds apart.

Kyara Quan's point shot, set up by Mikaela Kunz, pulled the Titans into a 3-3 tie with 4:18 left in the game. That set the stage for Sloan to convert an opportunity created by Mackenzie Kunz and Kyara Quan into the game-winning goal 3:20 before the final buzzer.



Regular season's best

The Knights were the top team during the 2011-2012 Finch Youth Broomball Co-ed Pee Wee House League season and finished as the "A" finalist losing 1-0 to the Barons in the title match. Front (left) – Mathieu Lafrance, Byron Steptoe, Nicholas Pilon, Garrett McLaughlin, Ethan Bonnell; middle (left) – Eric VanLoon, Brandon Watkins, Caitlin Clouthier, Mylene Levert, Josee Lauzon, Rachel Devlin, Erika Joyce; back (left) – Denis Lauzon – coach and Todd Clouthier – coach.



Barons the best

The Barons edged the Knights 1-0 to become the 2011-2012 "A" champions of the Finch Youth Broomball Co-ed Pee Wee House League. Front (left) – Anne McLean – coach, Noah Simzer, Michael Norbert, Philip McLean, Maxine DeRepentigny, Jasmine-Jean McNairn, Elizabeth Lorange; back (left) – Bruce Currie – coach, Matthew Sullivan, David Nobert, Justin Reid-McNairn, Laine McMillan, Ceilidh McRae, Ysahnn Leonard, Sadie Kirwan, Barry McNairn – coach.

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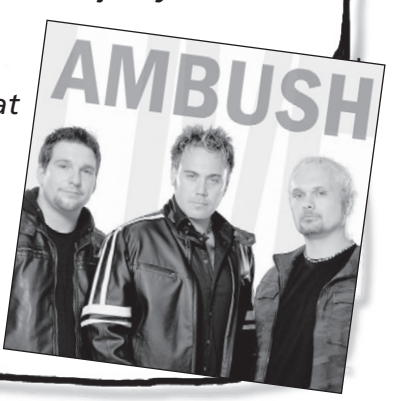

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He was the beloved husband of the late Rita. Earle was the dear stepfather of Lisa Summers (Kyle), and the late Jason, and the step-grandfather of Cassandra, Jared, Jayda, and Kamryn. He was the loving brother of Marian McMillan (John). He was the cherished uncle of Tracy Ahern (Tim), and their children, Joshua, Emma, and Annie.

A visitation was held at the Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain (613-989-3836) on Sat., March 31 from 11 am until the time of Memorial Service in the chapel of the funeral home at 1 pm. Spring interment will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

By family request, donations may be made to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre Foundation.

Special thanks to the doctors and staff at the Ottawa Hospital General Campus.

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DEATH NOTICE

Sean O'Duffy

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Sean F. O'Duffy of Ingleside, surrounded by his loving family, on Thurs., March 29, 2012, at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 70.



He was the loving husband of Pat (nee Ladoucer). He was the proud and caring father of Christina O'Duffy (Rob), Cheryl O'Duffy-Staye (Larry), and Patricia Lagrue (Jason). He was the precious grandfather of Callahan, Shannon, and the late Shelby Staye.

Sean's spirit lives on with his wife, three children, two grandchildren, and three sons-in-law.

An informal celebration of Sean's life will take place Sat., April 7 at the Trinity United Church hall in Ingleside from 1 pm until 4:30 pm. Relatives and friends are welcome with their fond memories of Sean.

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The family of Jack Gibson would like to thank our extended family, friends,neighbours and co-workers for your kindness and support during this very difficult time of losing a much-loved and dearly missed husband, father and grandfather/papa. Your expressions of sympathy and support through prayer, visits, phone calls, food, cards, flowers, online tributes, donations, hugs and the occasional shoulder to cry on, touched us deeply.

A special thank you to Dr. John Burke and staff Lorna and Bonnie, homecare workers Dorothy and Tracey, homecare nurse Kathy McLean, and the WDMH 2nd floor nurses for their exceptional and compassionate care, all of whom went above and beyond to make Jack's last days as comfortable as possible.

Many thanks to Rev. Thurland Brown, Rev. Charles Jackson and Paula Gadbois for officiating the funeral service, and to the Winchester Wesleyan Church ladies for their lovely luncheon that day. A special thank you to Jack Yourt for the bagpipe tribute.

A deep and heartfelt thank you to Dave Lapier of the Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home for not only guiding us through this difficult journey but being a friend along the way.

Our sincerest appreciation,
June Gibson and families

Synodical set for April 13-14

by Donna Wilson

BROCKVILLE – The Brockville Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society (WMS) has been quite busy in 2012, with many events taking place recently and others coming up in the near future.

The annual meeting for Quebec and Eastern Ontario's synodical will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Carleton Place on Fri., April 13 and Sat., April 14.

In addition, on Wed., May 23, the next Brockville Presbyterial WMS meeting is scheduled to take place at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Kemptville. Registration is scheduled to take place from 9:30 to 10 am. The guest speaker will be Druse Bryan, past president of Canada's Women's Missionary Society.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Winchester was the host site of a spring rally on Sat., March 24 at 1:30 pm. Catherine Blatch, president of the Brockville Presbyterial WMS, discussed a recent exposure tour she attended, during which she learned about Montreal's immigration centre and the work of Action Réfugiés Montréal.

Before that, the Brockville Presbyterial WMS met on Thurs., Jan. 26 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Morrisburg for the annual meeting. The speaker was Rev. Ken MacLaren, executive director of the Ottawa Innercity Ministries. MacLaren discussed the issue of homelessness and the fact that many homeless people in Ottawa come from the Ottawa Valley area. He also discussed the Passion 4 Youth Art and Music Program for street kids, which helps to improve self-esteem, develop talent, and promote healthy relationships.

In 2012, the Brockville group donated $200 to the Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre. Another $200 has been provided to a national Christian youth group, which is scheduled to meet at Brock University in St. Catharines.

ROBERT ST. PIERRE

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During a difficult time like this, we learn how much our friends and family really mean to us. Thank you so much for loving Robert as much as we do, and for sharing our sorrow.

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Eager for Easter

Plenty of springtime (even if the weather indicated otherwise) fun entertained local children at the Royal Canadian Legion Winchester Branch 108 on Sun., April 1. The event, which involved various community groups and sponsors, raised funds to support 108's ongoing activities in the region. Above, Drew (left) and Graham Sleeth got in on the egg-colouring action.



Ashlin Johnstone posed for a picture with the event's special guest, the Easter Bunny. *Press Photos — Uhrig*

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