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Rising rec rates spurs call for facility upgrades



Steppin' up

Owen Salmon (left) and Aaron Turcotte led their North Dundas District High School Senior Devils teammates in a warm-up exercise during a recent practice. The Devils, under the tutelage of Kevin Bell, are preparing for the 2016 SD&G senior boys high school soccer season, which (tentatively) kicks off on Mon., May 2 in Williamstown. North Dundas is also fielding junior boys and varsity girls teams. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – While the township's recreation department pushes for an increase in rental rates at its various facilities, one councillor in particular is looking to justify the expense to users.

During North Dundas' Wed., April 13 meeting, recreation director Meaghan Meerburg brought forward the latest proposal for fee hikes.

This time, pricing is set to rise at all township ball diamonds and soccer pitches, as well as the cost to use the concrete slabs at both Winchester's Joel Steele Community Centre and the Chesterville and District Arena.

Meerburg was adamant North Dundas is sticking to its goal to support and subsidize recreation throughout the municipality, yet a rate increase has not taken place in several years. As expenses, most notably hydro rates, continue to climb, she added, it is imperative the municipality adjust the pricing model.

Between 2009 and 2015, the township spent $276,131.74 on ball diamonds and soccer pitches in Chesterville, Winchester, and Mountain. At the same time, rental revenues totalled just $34,020.91 – a net loss of more than $240,000. Throughout the same timeframe, slab rentals totalled a little more than $21,000.

Winchester Minor Baseball and Minor Ball are the chief revenue generators at both Legion and Sox Fields in Winchester, while a men's team, the Winchester Sox, use the village's Morgan Field.

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Change at helm of township COC

WINCHESTER – For the first time in a decade, there is significant change to the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce's executive structure.

During the organization's annual general meeting Wed., April 20, longtime president Owen Shortt, Winchester Travel owner, stepped down.

"After 10 years as president, it's time," he said. "I've enjoyed it – the ups and downs, and frustrations. The best thing, for me, is that I sat next to business people who became my customers."

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Osgoode volunteer awarded GG's first medal

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

OSGOODE – She's a self-proclaimed housewife from Osgoode, but the difference Carol Ann Nixon has made in the lives of youth in her community is that of a modern day superwoman.

As a founding member of both the Citizens Restoring Osgoode Village Parks and the Osgoode Youth Association (O-YA), Nixon has ensured that the community has a healthy park to enjoy, and that local youth have a safe place to socialize, gain life skills, and seek out employment opportunities.

She was recently recognized for her volunteer work at an inaugural ceremony in early April, where Governor-General David Johnston presented her with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

As an official Canadian honour, the Medal for Volunteers incorporates and replaces the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award (CCA), created in 1995 by then-governor general Roméo LeBlanc.

The medal builds on the legacy and spirit of the CCA by honouring the dedication and commitment of volunteers.

"It was such an honour to be recognized," Nixon said. "The thing about volunteer work is nobody is going to fire you, the most interesting jobs are always available, and it gives you an opportunity to shape the world."

Nixon started to "shape the world" around her when she first moved to Osgoode in the early '90s with her three kids in tow – and one on the way – and being a stay-at-home mom was her number-one job.

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Governor-General David Johnston (right) presented Carol Ann Nixon of Osgoode with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers during a ceremony in early April.
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Rec rates

• continued from the front

The North Dundas Minor Ball Hockey League, which is going on hiatus this year due to poor enrollment numbers, was a two-night-a-week user of the Joel Steele Community Centre slab.

In Chesterville, there is sporadic use of the village ball diamond, while the ladies' ball hockey league uses the arena slab.

The North Dundas Sonics make use of the Mountain Memorial Park soccer pitch, while minor soccer leagues use the Chesterville Fairgrounds fields.

All told, the rate increases are incremental year over year, mixed between resident and non-resident use. In the case of the slabs, it's a $10 jump in both 2017 and 2018 for North Dundas residents, while ball diamond and soccer pitch rates for residents stick at $30 a game next year, before jumping by $5 in 2018.

For minor sports leagues, which previously weren't charged for use, diamond and pitches will cost $10 per game in 2017, and slab use will be charged at $25 per game.

While politicians understood the need for the fee changes, Councillor Al Armstrong was critical of the expense to revenue ratio for maintenance at ball diamonds and soccer pitches. "That has to be mowing," he said. "There hasn't been anything done there, and if anything has been done, it's been by volunteers."

Armstrong noted that the value of and payment for use of these spaces is a philosophical question.

"We're not trying to pay for this on the backs of the players," he said. "It all needs to be tied for the service we provide. Most of the fields were donated by volunteers, and I'm okay with the rate charges so long as we take pride in what we're charging for."

Volunteer

• continued from the front

When her son began nursery school, she started volunteering her time taking care of the little ones. Eventually, she would sit on the nursery school board, and become president of the program.

When her kids got a little older, she volunteered for the parents' council, ultimately leading her to sit for three terms as president of the Assembly of School Councils – an entity that represented 150 school councils in the region.

"I have only two gears – go and stop. So if I'm doing something, I'm really doing it," said Nixon. "At the time, I was a stay-at-home mom, but I wanted to volunteer to model capable womanhood to my children. They thought woman didn't work simply because I didn't."

After the ice storm of 1998, Nixon and a group of community women decided to upgrade the local park, which was "basically a lawn" at the time. And the Citizens Restoring Osgoode Village Parks was born.

After the park officially opened for public use in 2000, the community was thrilled to have a place for kids to play in the neighbourhood – but many wondered: What about our teenagers?

The group of women who headed up the park initiative decided to continue their work with adolescents.

"We ended up consulting and surveying the local high schools, and got a very good return of input," Nixon said. "It became clear that two initiatives would cover what teenagers said they wanted to see in the community."

The first was a multi-purpose hard surface, which was built at the Osgoode Community Centre, and today doubles as a basketball court in the summer, and an outdoor rink in the winter.

The second was a youth centre. At first, Nixon started offering programs for adolescents at the community centre to gauge what the need would be. For the next six years, nearly 40 kids would show up every week without fail.

In 2006, Nixon – along with hundreds of community volunteers – were able to build what is now known as O-YA, a centre for kids ages seven to 18 that offers a variety of programs and services to help build on education, recreation, and self skills.

It was at least a $500,000 project – converting the old village fire hall into a safe space – and was completed by volunteers for just a little more than $100,000.

"Interestingly, you'd think, you build it, they come. But it didn't happen," Nixon said. "I think parents were nervous about the facility – good kids mixing with bad kids – so gradually management started to develop programs for younger children, like the afterschool homework club, and it became a cradle to all youth."

Now, many kids start out at the centre when they're young, and continue with the programs into adolescence. Fittingly, O-YA was given CHEO's Healthy Kids Community Program Award last year.

Nixon has received various awards throughout her volunteer career. The former Township of Osgoode gave her an award for her work with the Osgoode park and O-YA. The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board presented her with a Community Award for her continued involvement. She also received the Order of Osgoode, as well as a Community Builder Award from United Way.

Although her children are now grown, her involvement with youth has remained an integral part of the volunteer work she continues to do.

She sat on the board of the Nepean-Rideau-Osgoode Community Resource Centre, as well as on the board of the National Capital Suzuki School of Music, and once managed the Stellae Boreales Violin Ensemble. She also has helped fundraise for the Cornerstone Housing for Women, as well as In Concert for Cambodia, and Friends of the Cheng Squared Duel.

Her most time-consuming volunteer work to date has been organizing this year's Canadian Music Competition, a national music comp that has doubled as a "rite of passage" for Canadian musicians from ages seven to 30.

But her most rewarding work with youth?

"Definitely raising my own children," she said, smiling. "Just seeing them grow into successful young adults… Yet, I'm still highly committed to children that are not my own. I believe it takes a village to raise a child, so it's important that we all take an interest in each other's children."



Busting with success

The Township of Osgoode Care Centre's February Busting out the Brews event was a success again this year, bringing in $35,145 for the Metcalfe area long-term care home. On Tues., April 19, staff members at Osgoode's Scotiabank branch finalized their commitment to the cause with a $5,000 donation. Pictured are care centre community relations director Wendy Hill (left) and executive director Lori Norris-Dudley, bank manager Duane Morris, and Bea Wigney. The money will be used to replace mechanical lifts, six of which need to be replaced by 2017.

ND COC

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Beyond Shortt's departure, there is extensive turnover among the board.

New appointees include Rachel Potvin, co-owner of the Maple Ridge Centre, Samantha Berry, a lawyer at Winchester's Ault and Ault, and Nelson Zandbergen, editor of the *Chesterville Record* and *Eastern Ontario AgriNews*.

Some chamber stalwarts do remain, including Ed and Sandie Puddephatt, owners of Paddletales Tackle, and former Durant's Flowers owner John VanBruinessen. Shortt, meanwhile, is set to continue on with the board as an ex officio member.

Police Blotter

Service centre disturbance

MORRISBURG – Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers responded to Morrisburg's Highway 401 ONroute location just after 3 am Mon., April 25 following reports of a disturbance.

Two men were apprehended upon arrival, and police discovered quantities of marijuana, cocaine, and opioids. Also seized with the drugs was ammunition.

Two Repentigny, Que. men – Kae Leandro Nogueira-Gahttas, 28, and Samuel Forget, 25 – were arrested.

Nogueira-Gahttas faces two counts of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking; possession of ammunition; and three counts of failure to comply with a probation order. Forget was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, and possession of ammunition.

Each was held in custody pending a bail court hearing in Cornwall.

Too dang fast

MOUNTAIN – One local man nabbed for speeding has some explaining to do.

SD&G OPP officers stopped a vehicle Sun., April 24 just before 11 am travelling 134-kilometres-per-hour on County Road 43 west. Most people know that is an 80 kilometres-per-hour zone.

The 61-year-old North Dundas man had his vehicle impounded, and his licence has been suspended for seven days from the time of the stop.

Impaired driver

BRINSTON – SD&G OPP officers intercepted more than just a speeding vehicle on County Road 8 on Fri., April 22.

Police made the stop just after 7:30 pm, revealing the male driver was also under the influence of alcohol.

Stephen Lacey, 36, was arrested and charged with driving while ability impaired; driving with more than 80 milligrams of blood alcohol content; and driving with a suspended licence. He is to appear Mon., May 16 in Morrisburg court.

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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.*

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Separate grass fires keep fire detachments hopping

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – En route to a grass fire call Thurs., April 21, Winchester detachment firefighters watched as the plume of smoke grew ever higher from a blaze burning elsewhere in the township.

North Dundas Fire Department members from Mountain first joined their comrades to tackle flames burning in a ditch along Oak Valley Road near Winchester Springs. Firefighters were dispatched to the scene around 2 pm.



North Dundas Fire Department detachments in Winchester and Mountain responded to separate grass fires Thurs., April 21. Firefighters were first dispatched to Oak Valley Road near Winchester Springs before heading to a Baker Road field (pictured) south of Winchester.

Press Photo – Uhrig

Burn ban in effect throughout township

Within a half-hour a second call alerted members to a grass fire in progress on Baker Road south of Winchester.

"We could see the smoke on Baker at the time, but it didn't look that bad and we hadn't yet been called," Winchester's deputy-chief Tony Fraser said.

Both blazes come at a time when the municipality is under a burn ban, as is the neighbouring Municipality of South Dundas.

At Oak Valley, Fraser surmised that a cigarette flicked out the window of a passing vehicle might have been the culprit.

"It's scary dry out there right now, and careless smoking is a concern," he said.

The Baker Road fire erupted as the sun beat down on the dry land. Farmers working the field tried to pile debris atop the flames, but with the breeze blowing embers across to a nearby field, corn stubble was ignited.

"There were no burn piles, so I don't believe it was that," Fraser said.

Despite that, however, the deputy-chief is concerned that property owners aren't obeying the burn ban. Earlier last week several residents reported burn piles in a field just west of County Road 3.

"What we really need is to get people using better judgement," Fraser said. "As these two fires showed, it really stretches our resources to be called one place and pulled to another – 2 pm is not really a good time when we've got guys at work in Ottawa or elsewhere."

No matter, Fraser noted that a recent agreement for tandem coverage between Winchester and Mountain detachments during the day is proving beneficial.

Despite the bit of rain throughout the region Fri., April 22, there is little precipitation in the forecast and the dry conditions are likely to continue throughout North Dundas.

"People need to be aware of that," Fraser said.

IOOF directs fundraising efforts to county seniors' support sites

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE – For members of the Williamsburg chapter of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), it is a matter of witnessing how their fundraising dollars benefit the broader community.

Most recently, the club profited from a successful Surf and Turf event earlier in the year, and redistributed the funds generated in order to affect some positive change.

With that, the group cut the money down middle, donating $4,000 each to the Nor-Dun Seniors' Support Centre in Winchester, and Williamsburg's J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre. (A donation from Morrisburg's Scotiabank branch helped bolster the overall dollars made.)

"The Odd Fellows want to make sure our seniors are looked after," club member Edwin Baker said.

In Williamsburg, the funds were distributed during the MacIntosh centre's luncheon Wed., April 20.

Executive director Janet Levere said the "wonderful gift" will be beneficial in continuation of various centre initiatives, including the weekly diners club, Meals on Wheels, and more. Last year alone, the Williamsburg hub supported 700 seniors.

The IOOF's funds distribution parade next rolled into Chesterville Sat., April 23 during the Nor-Dun fundraiser at the village's Royal Canadian Legion branch. It was the Winchester facility's annual celebration of the centre, this year featuring music from local band Hillbilly Highway.

"This money is absolutely fantastic – from the bottom of our hearts, thank you," team leader Caroline Rooney said.

It was a poignant moment for Nor-Dun, Rooney said, since the centre has come to rely heavily on outside donations in the face of continued funding cuts.

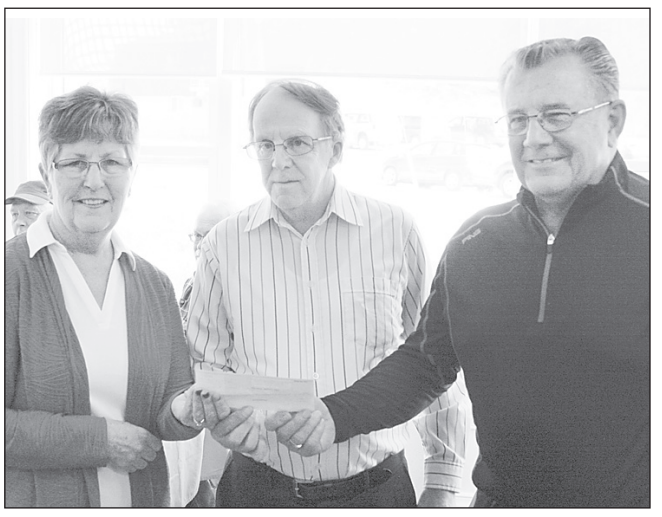
"In this day and age, everyone is fundraising, but that is not the fun part of my job," she said. "It is one of those jobs that is part of your job. All the money goes back to seniors' programs, but 27 years ago [when Nor-Dun opened] there was no need to fundraise."

Nor-Dun's operating budget is made up of contributions from the Champlain Local Health Integration Network, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, user fees, and fundraising.

"You really have no idea some of the people that cross our door, and how heartbreaking their stories are," Rooney said. "It is not easy to hear, and many of us go home with heavy shoulders some days. But we try to help, and we work hard to help. We're so, so fortunate to do."

In 2015, Nor-Dun distributed 12,000 meals to area seniors, thanks to the efforts of 130 volunteers.

The Winchester site also received a $1,000 donation from Ye Olde Bargain Shoppe in Chesterville.



Members of the Williamsburg chapter of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows hosted the group's annual Surf and Turf event earlier this year, and both Winchester's Nor-Dun Seniors' Support Centre and the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg are reaping the benefits. Both sites received $4,000 in contributions. Odd Fellows Edwin Baker (middle) and Dave McIntosh made the club's donation to the MacIntosh's centre's executive director, Janet Levere, during a luncheon Wed., April 20. *Press Photos – Uhrig*



The Nor-Dun contribution was handed over during a fundraiser for the Winchester facility Sat., April 23 at the Royal Canadian Legion Chesterville Branch 434. Pictured are Baker, Caroline Rooney, Sue Chambers, John Toonders, and Joanne Havekes.

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Council notes from
North Dundas

Consultant hired

WINCHESTER – A consultant has been retained as part of the Township of North Dundas' ongoing efforts to expand the Boyne Road landfill. During the municipality's Wed., April 13 meeting, politicians approved the hiring of Orangeville-based Walmsley Environmental Consulting. The firm's fee is not to exceed $27,500.

Walmsley will be tasked with completing an environmental assessment of the area, separate from work that's already been completed by Golder Associates.

The expansion plan was formulated last year when it was discovered the lone municipal dump was beyond its capacity load. Two scenarios emerged – shutter the landfill or make it larger.

The vote for expansion was unanimous, as long-term costs for closure exceeded $18 million, while expanding the existing dump comes with an estimated price tag of about $7.1 million.

Portapotty okayed

The Chesterville Kayak Club's request for a portable washroom at the village's Veteran's Memorial Park has been approved.

A deal with the municipality will see club members install a portapotty on park property, affixing it the ground with steel bars. The washroom will be installed this season on an interim basis, and must be removed by early November.

North Dundas will contribute $400 for the needed concrete pad.

Grants approved

The township has approved several community grants.

On the receiving end of $400 each is St. Daniel's Knights of Columbus in South Mountain, the Chesterville and District Historical Society, and UnderOne, the local faith-based organizers of various events, including a concert series at Winchester's 100 Club Park this June.

New trucks come with surprising pricetag

WINCHESTER – North Dundas' roads department is getting two new half-ton pickup trucks, thanks to a joint tender with the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

However, township politicians were left questioning the process during council's Wed., April 13 meeting.

In an effort to save costs, lower-tier municipalities have begun a process of tendering work with the counties, with limited headaches to date.

This time, though, the purchase of the trucks will cost North Dundas $9,000 more than anticipated. During this year's budget process, $64,000 was allocated for the trucks, while the total purchase rings in at $71,528.

According to public works director Dan Belleau, counties council approved the plan without his input.

"This is the first time this has happened," he said. "There was miscommunication somewhere… Some tenders are good to go with, and some aren't."

Councillor Tony Fraser was seething about the outcome.

"We're finding out after the horse has left the barn," he said. "It is unfortunate that the counties proceeded this way, and didn't let Dan know. It makes me wonder about the process of dealing with the counties."

Mayor Eric Duncan, who also sits at the upper-tier's council table, said the fluctuating Canadian dollar has been a problem this year, which factored in to the higher than anticipated cost.

"But there should still have been communication, and we should have had the ability to pull out," he said.

Meanwhile, Councillor Al Armstrong questioned the decision to buy new trucks in the first place.

"Eight or nine years ago we used to buy used," he said. "We turned to buying new for a while because used trucks were hard to find, but I think we should be buying used and recycling them [through township departments]."

Roadwork allocations lining up

WINCHESTER – With spring in bloom throughout the Township of North Dundas, road construction is just around the corner.

Armstrong Road on agenda

At the municipality's meeting Wed., April 13, public works director Dan Belleau outlined the projects to commence this year. Three Winchester-area gravel roads are to receive attention.

The long-debated Armstrong Road project will commence following several years of ratepayer backlash – many of whom believe their concerns about the road's poor state have been ignored by the township.

Merkley Road, which is adjacent to Armstrong, will also be tended to, as will Harmony Road further north.

In each case, geotextile cloth will be installed, and 16 inches of compacted gravel will be added.

Afterward, Belleau said, the roads will be left to sit throughout the winter months, and if spring inspection is favourable, each road will be considered for surface treatment in 2017.

The roads make up more than $650,000 in expenditure budgeted for 2016. Also included in that total is surface treatment for Rodney Lane in Ormond and Spruit Road north of Winchester.

Both had their bases prepared last year, and were left to sit this past winter. Each will receive double surface treatment, with the work awarded to Smith Construction for $206,750.

Belleau has also budgeted $100,000 for sidewalk repairs throughout North Dundas, though no areas have been selected to date.

Councillors, meanwhile, have asked Belleau to find some extra funds for paving of village streets throughout the municipality.



Armstrong Road north of Winchester is one of three that will be updated this year with geotextile cloth, and further gravel. If the base project is a success, the road could be considered for surface treatment next year. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

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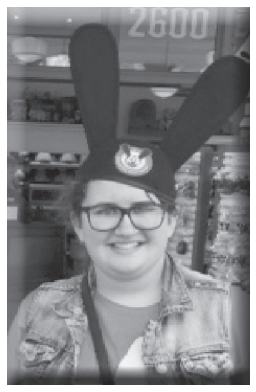

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 11: Footcare – Call to make your appointment
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11: 12:30 pm Entertainment by Gertrude Letourneau on Flute
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TUESDAY, MAY 24: Shopping trip to Kemptville leaving at 10:00 am. Call to reserve your seat.
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Rural areas on hook for provincial budget cuts

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MORRISBURG – A 2016 provincial budget cut may cost rural municipalities a fair shot at securing government grants to help boost economic development plans.

South Dundas council members became aware at Tues., April 19's meeting that the Ontario government has suspended intake of applications to the Rural Economic Development (RED) program, with plans to integrate the program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund (JPF).

Politicians passed a unanimous resolution requesting that the province reconsider the suspension and integration of the RED program, ensuring that it stays as an avenue of support for capacity building in rural municipalities.

According to Rob Hunter, South Dundas economic development officer, the JPF is narrowly focused, and is restricted to private sector organizations and industry partners. There is also an emphasis on large projects that meet a minimum of $5 million or $10 million in eligible project costs, which will significantly restrict benefits from this fund for rural areas.

"The [JPF] is not specifically designated for rural areas, and will likely favour more urban areas of the province," said Hunter. "We need to have a voice, and let the province know that we do not want this program suspended or folded into another fund."

At one time, the RED program supported businesses located in communities with less than 100,000 people, helping subsidize business retention expansion projects, community improvement plans, downtown revitalization projects, economic development strategies, and marketing plans.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, the RED program "will be better integrated with the Jobs and Prosperity Fund… Rural communities and businesses will continue to have access to funds as we move forward with the restructured program."



Council notes from
South Dundas

SOUTH DUNDAS

SD gets through few roadblocks

MORRISBURG – The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) and the Municipality of South Dundas are swapping roads.

South Dundas Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke, who also sits on county council, notified South Dundas council members at Tues., April 19's meeting that the counties had agreed to take ownership of Upper Canada Road, with the condition that South Dundas takes on a section of County Road 1.

But before the swap, the counties will be upgrading County Road 1, south of County Road 2, and incorporating the work into a roundabout project in Iroquois at the intersection of County Roads 1 and 2.

A bylaw was also passed at the meeting for the erection of stop signs and yield right-of-way signs at various intersections throughout the municipality, after a 2014/2015 review identified many signs non-compliant with ministry standards.

A complete inventory was completed, which identified improper reflectivity, conditions, mounting heights, and placement at intersections.

All signs have been bar-coded for tracking purposes.

Matilda Hall to get 'steel' of a deal

South Dundas council members approved a project to remove and replace the steel siding on the southwest side of Matilda Hall in an effort to improve the curbside appeal of the facility.

According to Don W. Lewis, director of parks and recreation, the work will be done in-house with 16 sheets of gold steel siding covering about 50 feet of the building.

Council members discussed the possibility of replacing the siding on all sides of the building, but decided to forego the complete revamp this year, and will revisit the possibility during the next budget process.

SD&G to honour 'early builder'

The SD&G Highlanders' Regimental Foundation was successful in its application for an Ontario Heritage Trust plaque to recognize the Regiment's first commanding officer, Col. Darby Bergin.

Council signed a letter of support last year recommending that the Ontario Heritage Trust place a memorial for Bergin in the Precious Blood Cemetery in Glen Walter.

According to the Highlanders' request application, "Bergin played an important role within the area in the late 1800's as a doctor, member of Parliament, and entrepreneur, as well as being a soldier…We feel that it is important to introduce residents of the area to one of its early builders."

The plaque will be unveiled at a ceremony at the Cornwall Armoury on the evening of Tues., Nov. 8, which will take place during Veterans' week.

Contract a go for underpass work

The Ministry of Transportation recently awarded a contract for underpass reconstruction at Brinston and Aultsville Roads to Pomerleau Inc. The project involves the demolition of the existing structures, construction of new structures, and associated roadwork.

The two structures are located on Highway 401 east of Carman Road, and west of Dickinson Drive.

Construction has begun (Tues., March 29), with both the Aultsville and Brinston Roads closed until November.

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SBCF application process flawed, SD wants changes

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Although three rounds of applications have already come and gone through the South Branch Community Fund (SBCF) to date, South Dundas politicians are still trying to find a way to attract "bigger" projects that will benefit municipal property.

Representatives from EDP Renewables Canada came out to the latest council meeting Tues., April 19 to discuss the fund's structure and application process to make it more transparent and streamlined for the public.

As part of the approval process for the South Branch Wind Farm, EDP is required to contribute $30,000 to the fund annually for a term of 20 years.

The agreement was created for the benefit of the immediate community around the wind farm, and the funds are intended for public recreation facilities or programs, community gathering facilities, events, and educational programs related to renewable energy.

But finding applications that meet all of the fund's requirements has proven a difficult task for SBCF committee members – either the applications have been put forward by private groups, or do not meet the guidelines.

The only approved project on municipal property last year was the outdoor rink structure in Dundela that was put forward by residents Wes Moore and Dean Beckstead.

Although many community members informally drop ideas on how to allocate the funds – including a revamp at Brinston Park – most residents don't want to go through the headache of putting an application forward, according to Councillor Archie Mellan.

"I'm hearing from people around Brinston, 'Well, I don't want to bother with the application process, it's too complicated,' especially for municipally owned facilities," said Mellan. "So if we can bypass the formal application process, and get an informal process going where we get suggestions and ideas to the committee for work on our property, then we can run with those projects."

The way the agreement stands now, SBCF committee members review applications put forward by community members, decide if they meet the criteria or not, and once approved, are brought forward to council for the final say.

If a committee member has an idea for the funds, they are ineligible to vote for the application to be approved. The structure was set as a way to ensure that the fund would remain a "community minded" initiative.

However, Councillor Marc St. Pierre had his own ideas about how the SBCF should work.

"To me, it seems like the [SBCF committee] is just another level of authority that people have to go through… Maybe the committee would like the opportunity to bring forward projects, like [Mellan] said, without a formal application process," he said. "I just think the group should have the capabilities to bring projects forward. If the group hears of a project that they want to see, I think that's basis to get the committee started and researching it. I'd like to see their roles expanded."

The SBCF committee had planned a workshop for Wed., April 20 where members of the community could bring their ideas forward – without an application.

"Maybe that's the first step to this changing," added St. Pierre.

EDP rep Ken Little said that he had no problem with changes being made to the terms of reference for applications, as long as the process remained "fair and open."

Going forward, South Dundas staff will be revamping the terms to be less formal, with the hopes that bigger projects will make some headway in the municipality.

The application deadline for the current intake is Fri., May 6.

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Improved rec facilities needed to justify jump in fees

It's not a secret to anyone trying to manage a household budget or meet the bottom line of a small business — the cost of simply getting by is ever-changing and, in most cases, rising.

The same scenario is ongoing in the Township of North Dundas where after years of floating by with dwindling facility use (yes, this again) the municipality is aiming to increase fees.

It is an across-the-board sweep, starting first with ice rental rates, jumping next to costs to use township-owned buildings (the who should and shouldn't pay fiasco), and now settling into an agreement to increase fees at North Dundas' ball diamonds, soccer pitches, and spring and summer rental of slabs at its two arenas.

Each case has been seemingly justified, as the hydro to run the lights alone is beginning to far outstrip the costs of the past.

Continued escalation of electricity rates throughout Ontario have to be borne somewhere, and this time around it is falling back on the users that haven't experienced a significant increase in several years.

The cost of doing business, as it were.

But, debate about the latest increase has certainly brought up some interesting tidbits.

Firstly, no one really has any idea how much it costs to simply mow grass. From 2009 to 2015, North Dundas' recreation department has reportedly spent more than $270,000 on maintenance at ball diamonds in Winchester and Chesterville, and soccer pitches in Chesterville and Mountain.

It is believed much of that is the price of mowing the grass alone.

Right, well the grass needs to be cut, one cannot argue that.

Arguments arise now, however, when fees are to rise for use of ball diamonds that have hardly been maintained — and if they have, they have been maintained poorly.

Many in Chesterville will argue their ball diamond has simply been ignored, as was the case for a longtime in South Mountain. At Winchester's diamonds, fences, in the past, have heaved with the spring thaw, the pitching mound at Morgan Field has been whittled away because recreation employees can't seem to keep from driving a tractor overtop it and weeds have been allowed to spring up through the infield.

Now, remediation is finally in order, with fresh infield topping added at Morgan Field, and stonedust being a welcomed addition at all diamonds.

Benches have also finally been bolted into the ground to sway thieves from making off with them each and every summer.

The simple fact here is a cost increase should never be a surprise. Most teams factor it in yearly as nothing more than commonplace.

Coupled with it, though, must be pride from the recreation department to make these areas attractive to users.

An aspect undoubtedly lacking to date.

Remember when…

1936

"Plans have been prepared for a $25,000 new high school at Morewood, about 40 miles southeast of Ottawa, the original building having been destroyed by fire in March."

1946

"His Excellency Field Marshal the Right Honourable Viscount Alexander was sworn in as Canada's 17th Governor-General since Confederation."

1956

"With the announcement this week that two more teachers had resigned, the North Dundas District High School Board is presently faced with an acute shortage of teachers, five in all. According to reports, the wholesale walk-out may not yet be over. Latest to hand in their resignations are Principal James Cunningham of Chesterville High School, and teacher Miss Giselle Senecal."

1966

The *Press* reported this week that government loans would be available to farmers who had lost their crops due to poor weather conditions the previous year: "Interest-free loans up to a maximum of $1,000 for the purchase of seed and fertilizer will be made available to Ontario farmers who suffered 25 per cent or more crop loss in 1965."

1976

"Fire ravages 140-year landmark," was the featured headline in this week's *Press*: "The beautiful stone structure, erected more than 140 years ago, had recently been purchased by George Creelman, who not only completely renovated the structure, but added another wing and hoped to move in with his wife and family in six weeks. Damage is estimated at $100,000."

1986

"The school committee at North Dundas District High School will be recommending to the school board that smoking be banned 24-hours a day for everyone in the school," said the *Press*. "At present, only teachers are allowed to smoke in the high school. Students must smoke outside in a designated smoking area."



This week in 1986, students from Maple Ridge Senior Public School travelled to Upper Canada Village to take part in a program called "Loyalists – the first year." Esther de Bruijn (left) and Martha Link were among the Grade 8 students who recreated the arrival of the Loyalists pioneers in Ontario.

1996

"Local kids and adults will have a place to swim for this summer at least, despite any technical difficulties," said the *Press* this week. "The pool at the Winchester Community Centre will be open for the last week of June, but will need some major renovations. It's possible the cost of keeping the pool running could jeopardize the village's swimming program next year."

2006

This week, Mayor Alvin Runnalls welcomed 34 Manitobans to the Cass Bridge Conservation Area: "The delegations are seeking information on best practices when establishing and operating watershed management authorities."

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Missing our beautiful song of spring



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

Something is different this spring.

The beautiful song that fills the air in our family rooms and living rooms every night will not be heard this year. It will mark the first time since 1970 that "O Canada" will not be played during the Stanley Cup playoffs.

There isn't quite the urgency for families to go into lockdown at 7 pm every night for the playoffs this year. For the first time since Bobby Orr flew through the air after scoring the winning goal for the Boston Bruins, there are no Canadian teams in the playoffs.

To me, I will watch playoff hockey regardless of who is playing. But I miss "O Canada."

I have been thinking about the national anthem a lot after a March visit to Baltimore, where Francis Scott Key penned "The Star-Spangled Banner" to the tune of an old Irish drinking song. The original lyrics to the anthem are on display in a museum in that city's beautiful inner harbour.

A few blocks away from there is another museum that was an absolute treasure on our trip. The old townhome that Babe Ruth was born in has been converted into a Babe Ruth Museum, and a display and film there told the story and answered a question that most of us had never thought to ask.

When did the tradition of playing the national anthem at sporting events begin?

In 1918, the City of Chicago was in a glum state. A terrorist bomb hit the Chicago Federal Building the previous day, killing four and injuring 30. The Boston Red Sox were in Chicago to take on the Cubs for the 1918 World Series. Only 19,000 fans turned out to 30,000-seat Comiskey Park, and the crowd, according to media reports, was quiet and sombre. The *Chicago Tribune* would report that for a World Championship game, it was the quietest on record.

The First World War dampened the mood of the entire baseball season. More than 100,000 American soldiers had been killed, and many returned wounded and shell-shocked from mankind's first encounter with mechanized, mass killing machines. The U.S. government ordered that baseball's regular season be finished by Labour Day, as baseball players were being pressed into military duty.

During the seventh inning stretch of that first, however, something special happened that would forever change large events, sporting or otherwise.

With the Red Sox on the field and ahead 1-0 and the Cubs awaiting their turn to bat, a military band that was at the game to play in the seventh inning stretch began to play "The Star-Spangled Banner." Boston third baseman Fred Thomas, who was on furlough from the Navy and was granted permission to play for the Red Sox in the World Series, immediately snapped into a salute and faced the American flag at the stadium. His teammates saw this, and removed their caps and put them over their hearts.

The crowd, already standing for the seventh inning stretch, started to sing. Before long, the song was echoing through the stadium while every man, woman and child in attendance would begin to sing along.

The pitcher, standing on the mound with the ball in his hand through all of this, was none other than Babe Ruth.

For the next two games, the Cubs promoted the baseball games as a way to express patriotism. The crowds grew larger, and the singing became more passionate.

When the series moved to Boston, the Red Sox' brass decided to kick it up a notch. They moved the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" to the beginning of the game. They also paraded wounded soldiers, who received free tickets, onto the field to be introduced to the crowd.

The Red Sox won the series in six games. Babe Ruth pitched 16 straight scoreless innings, setting a record that would stand for 43 years. The Red Sox would not win another championship for 86 years. The Cubs are still looking for their first title since 1908.

Learning about this story was a surprise, as three of the most poignant moments of my life came during the national anthem at sporting events. In 2001, I was in Seattle and went to the first baseball game played after the 9-11 attacks.

Although Seattle and New York are a continent apart – the I-90 stretches across America between the two cities – tears flowed everywhere during the anthem and in the seventh inning stretch, when "God Bless America" was played. That tradition, born after 9-11, still remains in Major League parks with the exception of Toronto.

Two days after the October 2014 attack on Parliament Hill, I stood and watched and sobbed through "O Canada" as a giant flag covered the TD Place Stadium football field. The following night, the Ottawa Senators had a beautiful tribute and ceremony before an emotional anthem that also made a sold out crowd weep.

Since then, I can't hear "O Canada" or "The Star-Spangled Banner" without thinking of our two great countries and the sacrifices made by brave servicemen from each country.

Fittingly, the 1918 World Series ended on Sept. 11, the day that America would be attacked 83 years later.

The playoffs will come and go, and around the time that it ends, I will attend my first Ottawa Redblacks game of the season.

I miss football, and it's always exciting to welcome a new season.

But even more so, I miss standing with my hat over my heart while I sing "O Canada."



NDDHS Notes

by Patricia Barlow

Prom fundraiser a fashionable hit

MAPLE RIDGE – The annual North Dundas District High School fashion show was a huge success!

Special thanks to our generous local businesses – Winchester's Bridals by Al-Mor and Main Street Clothing Company, Juliannah's Bridals in Moose Creek, and Stella and Dot selling agent Amy Tibben – for dressing out models to impress.

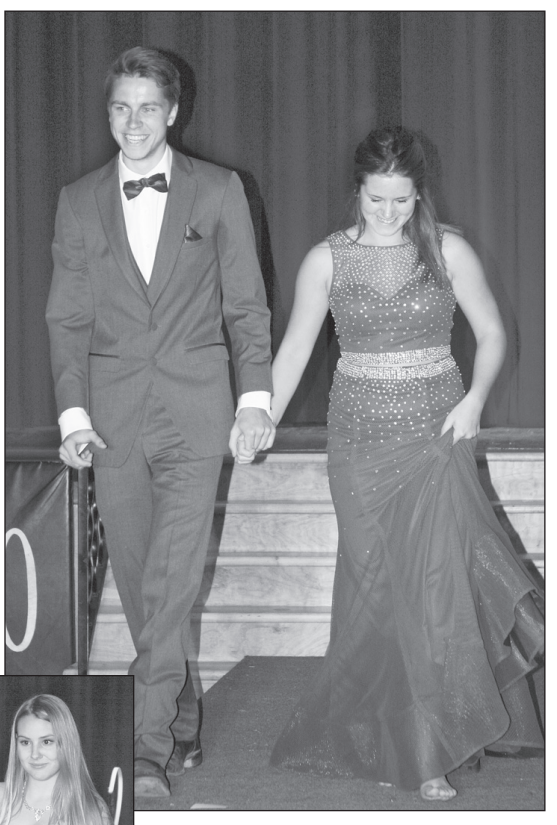
We couldn't have done it without their kindness and contributions.

Next up is the prom fundraising Paint Night on Thurs., May 5. Come on out for an evening of art and refreshments.

Prom tickets are now available for Grade 12 students to purchase. Tickets are $65 each, with the big event taking place Fri., June 3 at Strathmere in North Gower.



Calla Brugmans and Brayden Cochrane had some fun at the audience's expense.





Stylin' n' profilin'

North Dundas District High School's senior students, some of them prom organizers, hosted the educational facility's annual fashion show Fri., April 22 with fashions provided by Juliannah's Bridals in Moose Creek, Winchester's Bridals by Al-Mor and Main Street Clothing Company, and jewellery from Amy Tibben, a selling agent for Stella and Dot. Pictured, at left, Spencer Kelly made sure Kelsey McShane's bedazzled sneakers were a centrepiece. Above, Sawyer Vanden Bosch and Kelsey Byers.

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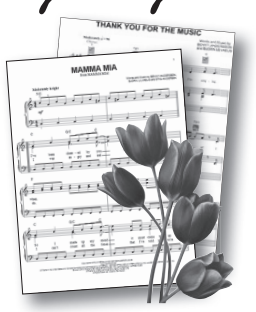

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New owners to take over Morewood's 'meeting place'

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MOREWOOD – The walls of the Lucky Dollar, Morewood's lone cornerstore and post office outlet, have become plastered with customer photos throughout the years.

The store not only stands as a longtime business venture for the Mahfouz family, but has also grown into a community gathering place for the locals who call the village home.

And as business owner Ada "Mama" Mahfouz sits on the front steps of her family-owned shop each day, dedicated clients honk and wave at her as they drive by.

But after 28 years under Mahfouz' ownership, locals will be forced to wave one final time, as the shop keys are to be handed over to new owners by the end of the month.

"Just because I'm selling, does not mean I'm leaving," said Mahfouz matter-of-factly. "I will not leave, these people [customers] are too special to me… I just want everyone to respect the new owners, and welcome them like they did to us 28 years ago."

The new owners – Kiomi Arias-Rojas and José Lopez – are a husband-and-wife duo with four kids who will be moving to Morewood to operate the general store going forward.

They will be on-hand to meet patrons at a farewell open house Fri., April 29, where customers will not only have the opportunity to bid adieu to Mama Mahfouz, but also welcome the new family owners.

Although Mahfouz is looking forward to some downtime during her retirement, including a welcomed vacation to Hawaii, the transition doesn't come without a bittersweet taste – for both Mahfouz, and the deep-rooted customers who come to the store every day looking for her sass and humour to cheer them up.

"She's a lot to take if you don't know her…She's so upfront, but that's what we love about her. For me, it's like losing a longtime friend," said Laurie Rae, a Morewood resident who has frequented the store nearly every day for the past three decades. "Our kids basically grew up together…And for most of us, the store is a meeting place. In the mornings, it's full of neighbours and friends."

That friendly feel is exactly what the Mahfouz family envisioned when they first bought the store in April 1988.

Growing up, Mahfouz was no stranger to the running of a retail store, as her father operated a storefront in the Glebe. When she married Refaat in the late '70s, the duo also owned a store in the heart of Ottawa.

After a few years in the nation's capital, the couple decided to spend some time with Refaat's family in Brazil, leaving the country with two kids in tow. Five years later, the Mahfouz family returned to Canada – this time with four kids – and decided they wanted to get back to business.

"The first moment I came up Morewood Road, I knew that it was my home here…It was the country life I wanted – the smell of manure, the cows, the people, it opened me up to something new," said Mahfouz. "When we looked at the store, I saw the coffee pot, and knew it could be a place where the locals gathered – I told Refaat, 'That's the one, baby.'"

Refaat and Mahfouz renovated the building, including a storage room above the store that they converted into a beautiful five-bedroom apartment that was perfect for their family. For years, the family-owned store became engrained in the culture of Morewood.



The building has served as a cornerstore to the Morewood community since 1862 under a variety of owners. Above, the store is pictured as the Hunter General Store.

When Refaat passed away suddenly seven years ago, Mahfouz took a hard hit, and ended up putting the store on the market not too long after. But it took seven years for her to find the "right people" to take over.

"I'll tell you right now, if it wasn't for me losing my husband, not even a bomb would get me out of here. This is my life here. My whole 40 years married to my Reffy, this was our life," she said, tearing up. "Even though [Refaat's passing] came to the back of my head, the special people, I didn't want them to lose this place. This is not a business – it's a family. We are so, so close with the [people] here. I can't even begin to tell you."

The decision to sell the store has come at a point in Mahfouz's life where her body just can't handle the same seven-day workload as she used to. Medical problems have forced her to put the store up for sale, stirring change once again within the building.

The building has undergone many changes throughout the years, as it has served as a community cornerstore since 1862 under a variety of owners. Most notably, Andrew Douglas Hunter purchased the stock from Thomas Reveler, and ran his store at this location until 1901. He sold medicine, as well as bulk goods. There was a set of scales outside the store, which was used to weigh loads of hay or stone by first weighing the empty wagon, and comparing against the weight when filled.



Ada "Mama" Mahfouz will be handing over ownership of the Lucky Dollar cornerstore and post office outlet at the end of April, after 28 years serving the Morewood community.
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"The history here is unbelievable – such a beautiful thing," added Mahfouz. "But these seven years have taken such a toll, it's time for me to move on."

However, Mahfouz won't be leaving right away after April 29 – she plans to stay put until the new owners are settled into their new role as the go-to people in Morewood.

"They'll have to build trust," she said. "It's all part of the small-town experience."

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Christmas Fund dependency continues

WINCHESTER – It is hard to picture Christmas at the end of April, but a group of area volunteers are nonetheless reminiscing about the most recent holiday season.

The 2015 edition of the North Dundas Christmas Fund was again a success in terms of items generated for distribution, although the level of those in need throughout the township remains bewildering.

More than 500 benefit from 2015 initiative

During last year's endeavour, more than 500 North Dundas residents received aid, with 152 snowsuits distributed to children 13 and younger.

Thanks to outside help, each child also received a pair of new pajamas.

Food baskets were handed out to 219 families, representing 353 adults and 241 children.

Fund chairman Bob Weagant said he continues to be impressed by the support in helping those in need, and "heartedly thanks" all those who contributed.

For the first time in 2015, Winchester BMR co-owner Ken Boje helped source a series of snowsuits, and stored them in a warehouse at the store before distribution.

Meanwhile, South Mountain's Scotiabank branch contributed $5,000 to the cause, with bank employees helping to solicit donations and packaging the items for delivery.

"[The branch] has been helping out with fundraising for a number of years, and we are proud to be part of it," Diana Langton, customer service manager, said.



South Mountain's Scotiabank branch contributed $5,000 to the 2015 North Dundas Christmas Fund. Pictured during the recent cheque presentation is Winchester BMR co-owner Ken Boje (left), Peter Saunders, Nancy Miller-McKenzie, Diane Langton, and fund chairman Bob Weagant.



Flourishing home furnishings

Co-owners Jacques Maheu (left) and Suzanne Lemieux recently celebrated a historic milestone for their fourth-generation family furniture store – 120 years in business within Embrun's downtown core. Maheu BrandSource Home Furnishings started in 1896 as a general store, eventually morphing into a go-to spot for customers across Eastern Ontario to buy furniture, appliances, and accessories for any room. The store was closed Wed., April 20 to host a VIP celebration, where more than 50 loyal customers, branch partners, and local dignitaries congratulated the brother-sister duo on continuing with the legacy started by their great-grandfather Omer Maheu. "I'd like to think he'd be proud to see how far we've come," said Maheu. "It's rewarding to have deep roots in the area." The celebration continued during a four-day storewide sale from Thurs., April 21 to Sun., April 24.

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Hospice helper

During the Dundas County Hospice's annual volunteer meeting Wed., April 20, the Williamsburg-based organization handed out its greatest honour. This year's winner of the Dianne Annable Memorial Volunteer Service Award was Ross Bennett (at left, middle), who shares the recognition with Bob Pitruniak. Also pictured are Annable's husband, Gary, and son, Thomas.



Think spring (fashions)

Diners at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre's luncheon Wed., April 20 were treated to a little something extra once the tables were cleared. Main Street Clothing Company owner Lisa Williams (pictured in the background) loaded up some fashions from her Winchester store, and showcased the items thanks to volunteer models. Sharon Montgomery worked the runway during the event.

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Back-to-back gold medals for NDDHS Envirothon team



North Dundas District High School's Envirothon team is back-to-back gold medalists after reclaiming the title at the 2016 Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry event earlier this month. Pictured are team members Alysha Lee (left), Morgan Smith, Lilli Grubb and Kurtis McLean, and teacher supervisor Kelly Durant (front).

MAPLE RIDGE – Make it two years in a row for North Dundas District High School's Envirothon team.

The 2016 Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry event was held earlier this month at the St. Lawrence River Institute site in Cornwall.

Participating students reclaimed the gold medal won at last year's competition, which followed-up a second place finish in 2014.

Team members Alysha Lee, Morgan Smith, Kurtis McLean, and Lilli Grubb took part in various workshops, writing a test at the end of each seminar.

The regional competition covered four primary areas – aquatics, wildlife, soils and forestry – and this year included a special topic, invasive species.

NDDHS' entry moves on to compete at the provincial Envirothon event at Lindsay's Fleming College campus from Sun., May 29 to Wed., June 1.



Loud and proud

Twelve of the best speechmakers in Grades 4, 5, and 6 at Winchester Public School put their brave faces on during a public speaking competition at the school Wed., April 19. Students spoke loud and proud to cover a variety of topics, from favourite sports and interesting animals, to raising awareness about a personal diagnosis. Three students came out on top: Mackenzie St. Louis-McIntosh (gold), who talked about his own struggles with ADHD; Emma Acres (silver), who gave insight into her favourite sport of curling; and Lauren Kluke (bronze), who delivered some myth-busting facts about the human body. The countywide event was set to take place at WPS on Mon., April 25, where students from across the district compete. Pictured are top school speakers (front row) Ryan Antille (left), Nolan Henry, Brody Henry, Noah Wilson, Evan Moore, and Madi Giles; and (back row) Melanie Crooks (left), Noah Tessier, Mackenzie St. Louis-McIntosh, Taylor Mathers, Emma Acres, and Lauren Kluke.

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Winchester's Brett Esnard (right), a Grade 6 student at St. Mary Catholic School in Chesterville, was honoured recently during the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario's Bravo Breakfast Awards. Also honoured was Monique Bouvier (fifth from left), a Grade 12 student at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School in Russell.

St. Mary's Grade 6 student acknowledged as 'unsung hero'

KEMPTVILLE – The efforts of one St. Mary Catholic School student have not gone unnoticed.

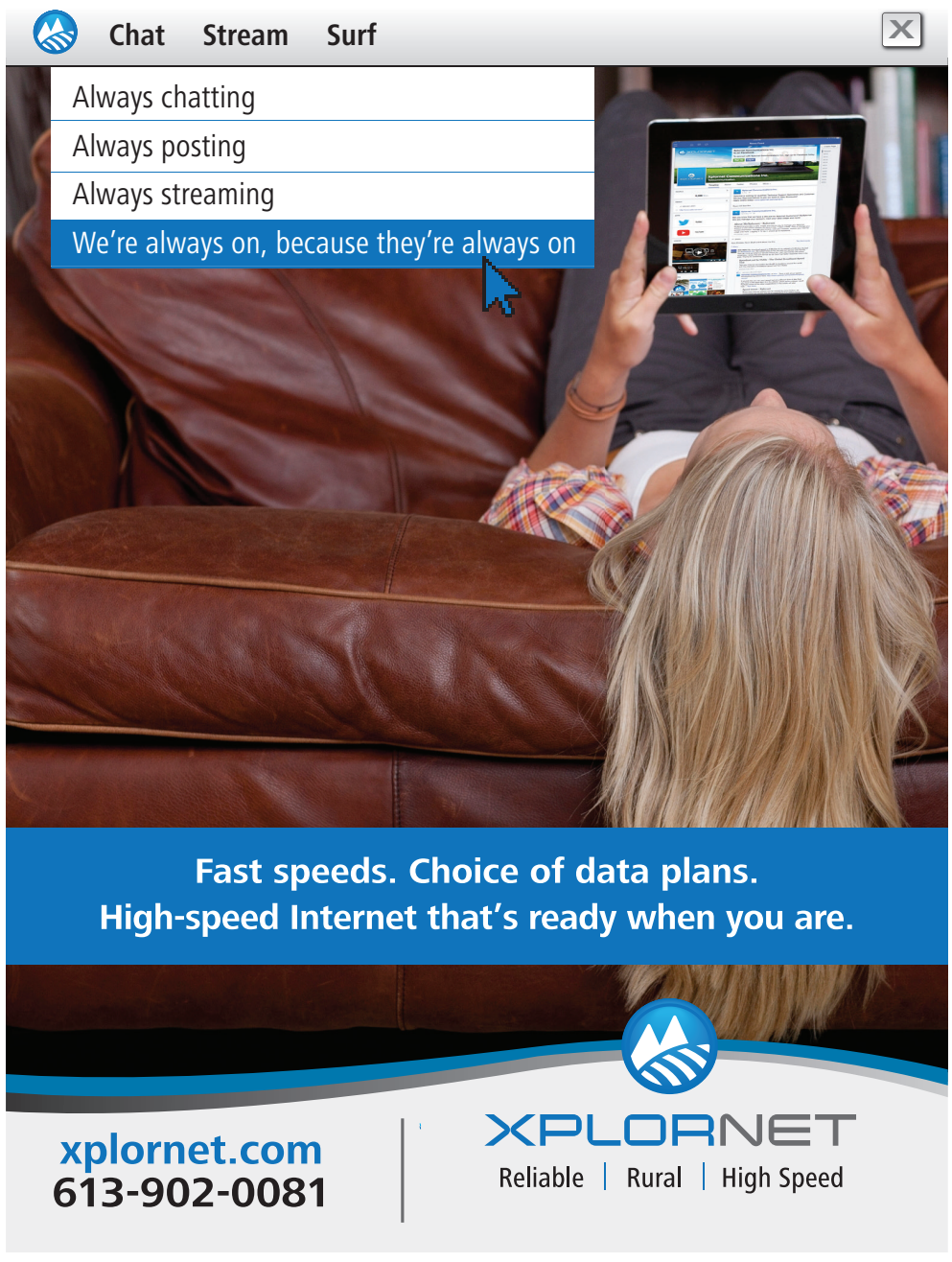
Winchester's Brett Esnard, a Grade 6 student at the Chesterville school, was recently honoured during the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO)'s Brave Breakfast Awards, held earlier this month at St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School in Hammond.

Each year, one elementary and secondary school in the board's various districts is selected to receive the award, which acknowledges the "unsung heroes" within CDSBEO schools.

"Each of the young people has been selected by their individual school communities for their special contribution," William Gartland, director of education, said during the ceremony.

"You have made a difference in the lives of those around you, and you have put others ahead of yourselves in many circumstances. Each of you represents what we hope all our students aspire to do and be," Gartland told the students.

Esnard was one of nine students to receive the recognition. Also honoured was Monique Bouvier, a Grade 12 student at Russell's St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School.



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No rugby at NDDHS

Spring training starts for soccer and track

MAPLE RIDGE – There just weren't enough bodies to fill out a 15s rugby team roster for the 2016 high school season.

For the first time in several years, the Devils will not scrum, ruck or score a try. A small student population at North Dundas District High School has resulted in the demise of the girl's rugby team.

"The reality is that we didn't have enough kids," stated Scott Reaney, who was instrumental in introducing the sport at NDDHS. "We had just 12 for the 7s team and we needed at least 20 to field a 15s team. And I didn't see any more kids stepping up."

Reaney also explained that family obligations didn't afford him the time to assume the head-coaching job again. He mentored both squads last year along with Deanna Corbett-White and is hoping that after a break the energy and interest in the sport will be regenerated.

Springing into action

While lack of numbers wiped up the rugby season, there will be North Dundas Devils competing in soccer and track and field this spring.

Patti Hall is in charge of the track and field squad and reports only Jamie Quinton and Patricia Barlow are returning to the fold.

"We have a small team of 14, which is bigger than last year," said the coach. "But, at least we have a small group of Grade 9s out, so hopefully we will continue to build up the program."

The Devils are slated to compete in their first event, an invitational meet in Ottawa, on Friday (April 29).

New venue

There is a significant change in the format of the 2016 SD&G championship meet. This year it will be staged at the Terry Fox Athletic Facility in Ottawa where athletes from SD&G and Prescott-Russell will compete on Tues., May 10.

Deteriorating track conditions at Cornwall's St. Lawrence High School forced organizers to change venues for their tri-county championship. Athletes from SD&G and Prescott-Russell will compete simultaneously, but not against each other in Ottawa. The top performers will then advance to EOSSAA, which will be hosted by the TISS Pirates in Brockville on Thurs., May 19 and Fri., May 20.

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Under fire

Brayden Rowe is auditioning for the keeper's position on this year's edition of the North Dundas District High School Junior Devils. He faced a deluge of shots during last week's (Tues., April 19) practice session. Coach Jevon Groves has 14 recruits training for the SD&G season opener on Mon., May 2.
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Get the point?

Jacob Centen (left), Brayden Keats-Hardy and Aaron Roberts, all Grade 12 students at North Dundas District High School, are javelin throwing rookies training for the 2016 track and field season. Devils coach Patti Hall has 14 prospects on her team list, including many Grade 9 athletes who will see their first high school action in an Ottawa meet on Friday (April 29).
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Sox take swing at another season

WINCHESTER – There were just a half dozen players out for the first Winchester Sox practice in 2016.

But, in spite of the small showing, the Sox have embarked on their 14th National Capital Baseball League season, which will (tentatively) open in mid May. Last spring, Winchester defeated the Ottawa Expos 9-8 in their first test on May 10 and followed up by knocking off the Cornwall River Rats 3-1 in their home opener at Morgan Field on May 14. Veteran right-hander Justin "Footer" Morozuk beat the Expos while James Shaw pitched the Sox to victory over Cornwall.

In 2015, the Sox (15-9-0) finished in a tie for second place with the Expos, eliminated the Nepean Cardinals 2-1 (W 5-4,L 14-5, W 3-1) in the quarterfinals before being ousted 5-1 (T 5-5, L 12-11, L 7-3) in the four-point semifinals by the Expos.

The Sox will practice again this weekend.

This season, Winchester's Tier 2 opposition will be provided by Beau's Misfits (up from Tier 3), the Braves, Ottawa-Nepean Cardinals, Gatineau Marc Sports, Metcalfe Mudd, the fourth-year Cornwall River Rats and the defending champion Ottawa Expos. The Sweat Sox have moved up to Tier 1. Seven teams will qualify for the Tier 2 playoffs.

Lady River Rat

Cornwall's line-up will include the league's only female player, Jenna Flannigan, who pitched for Team Canada at the Pan-Am Games. She is also on Team Ontario's roster looking to get another shot at making Team Canada again this year.







Wildcats hardwood action

The Winchester Public School (WPS) Wildcats competed in the 2016 Dundas Junior Elementary School (boys and girls) basketball championships. Nationview Public School in South Mountain hosted the boy's tournament last Thursday (April 21) and the girl's event the following day (Fri., April 22). Wildcats' Ella Holmes (left) and a member of the Russell Public School Wolves chased down the ball in a game Russell won 34-32. The No. Two Wildcats' Hailey Hodge, backed up by Madi Giles, defended against a Chesterville player in the "C" final won 18-4 by WPS. Winchester's Austin Reeve (right) drained late buckets and led the Wildcats to an 18-8 decision over the Iroquois Lions in the "B" final. The Russell girls, with three points, claimed their championship. WPS No. 1 finished second with two and Nationview third with one point, earned in a 34-34 tie with Russell. Russell also emerged as the top boy's team.

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Soccer scene

North Dundas is prepping three teams for the tri-county soccer season.

Kevin Bell is coaching the seniors, Jevon Groves the juniors and Erin Kennedy the varsity girl's team.

All three sides are (tentatively) scheduled to see league action on Mon., May 2, and each team will play all of their games on the road.

Coach Bell has 17 on his player's list including veterans Ben Schoones, Owen Salmon, Brodie Barkley and Evan Durant.

Groves reports leadership will be provided by Justin Shay and Jarrett Williams, the second-year players on his squad.

"I have the Grade 11's who played on Jevon's [Groves] juniors last year," Bell said.

Both agree that conditioning their players for such a short season (10 games in 13 days) is paramount.

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Thanks for volunteering

The North Dundas Minor Hockey Association (NDMHA) honoured its volunteers and named Scott Barkley (left) as the association's Coach of the Year at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Night (Sat., April 23) at Winchelsea Events. Appearing with Barkley are Volunteer of the Year Heather Sloane, NDMHA president Monique Carr and Darrin Kelly – honourary – long-term volunteer to the association. Missing John Dearing – honourary – long-term NDMHA executive volunteer. *Moore photo*

Evan Durant and two Hawks selected in CCHL midget draft

OTTAWA – Winchester's Evan Durant and two members of the Winchester Junior Hawks have been selected in the 2016 Central Canada Hockey League (Tier 1) draft.

Hawks Braedon Welk and Isaac Barr were among the top 54 selections made in Monday's (April 25) online draft. Durant went 71st overall.

Welk played 11 games on defence for the Central Canada Hockey League 2 (CCHL2) Hawks before suffering a serious season-ending injury. The 18-year-old Barry's Bay resident scored a goal and set up two more for three points while with Winchester. He played with the Ottawa Valley "AA" Midget Aces before joining the Hawks.

The Nepean Raiders drafted Welk in the second round, 15th overall.

Barr, a Cornwall resident, was a welcomed addition to the Hawks lineup in 2015-2016. Coming to Winchester from the defunct Akwesasne Wolves franchise, the left winger played in 42 CCHL2 games and totaled 15 goals, 17 assists for 32 points, fourth best on the team. He also led the Hawks in post-season scoring with five goals and nine points.

Barr, a former member of the Seaway Valley "AA" Midget Rapids, was selected in the fifth round, 54th overall by the Kemptville 73's.

A third member of the Hawks, rookie defenceman Ian Ogden of Ottawa was also eligible but wasn't selected. Ogden dressed for 42 games, drew three assists and was named the winner of the Hawks Most Improved Player Award along with the President's Trophy.



The Kemptville 73's selected Isaac Barr, one of the Winchester Junior Hawks top scorers, in the fifth round of the 2016 CCHL Midget Draft.



Winchester Junior Hawks' rookie Braedon Welk was selected in the second round of the 2016 CCHL Midget Draft by the Nepean Raiders.

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Local content

Durant, a student at North Dundas District High School and member of the Devils hockey team, also had his named called in Monday's draft.

Durant started his minor hockey journey with the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association before joining the Rideau St. Lawrence (RSL) Kings organization. This past season he skated with the Hockey Eastern Ontario Midget champion RSL "AA" Major Midget Kings.

The Ottawa Junior Senators selected Durant, a forward, in the sixth round, 71st overall. Durant's Kings teammate, Drew Cotnam of Chesterville, was also draft eligible.

The National Capital Junior Hockey League's North Dundas Rockets had two players on the eligibility list, defenceman Dillon Clemen of Morewood and goaltender Emil Lamontagne.

Top two

This year's first overall selection was Matthew Grouchy (CIH Academy Green "AAA" Midget) who went to the Gloucester Rangers.

Osgoode's Nolan Marshall (Ottawa Valley Silver Seven) was the number two draftee going to the Kanata Lasers.

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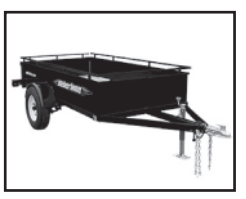

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It's a national campaign to fill the empty plates of Canadians in need. As part of this campaign, the Dundas County Food Bank is organizing the Fill-a-Bag Food Drive – a county-wide community food drive. We're asking everyone in our community to come together to make a difference.

Help us stock our shelves so that none of our neighbours go hungry this summer.

- On Saturday May 7, volunteers will drop off grocery bags at homes in Winchester, Chesterville, Morrisburg, Iroquois and Finch.
- Your bag will include details about the food drive, what items are most needed and instructions on when the bag will be picked up.
- On Saturday, May 14, simply leave your bag of groceries on the porch or in a location where it is easy to see. Volunteers will be by to pick up the food donations.
- If it's raining, please leave donations in a clear plastic bag.

If don't receive a bag on May 7 or live outside one of the communities where the food drive will take place, you can schedule a bag drop-off and pick-up.
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Crime Stoppers holding second annual Kids Ball Hockey Tournament fundraiser

WINCHESTER – The Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers is hosting its second annual Kids Ball Hockey Tournament.

The day-long event will be held at Winchester's Joel Steele Community Centre on Sat., May 28.

Organizer Tylor Copeland explains there will be four divisions – IP Group (5-6 yrs.), novice (7-8), atom (9-11) and pee wee (12-13). The games will be 30 minutes in duration of five on five. The registration fee is $100 per team, which guarantees a minimum of four games.

The day's events will include a fireman obstacle course, water hose challenge, police obstacle course, police and fire vehicles on display plus the Mascot Challenge – Sparky vs. Whodunnit.

Proceeds from the event will go towards supporting Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers Program and North Dundas Minor Ball Hockey.

Contact Copeland at 613-360-0166 or by email at Tylor.copeland@opp.ca to enter your team.

Cameron Cotnam selected in Bantam Protected Draft

OTTAWA – Chesterville's Cameron Cotnam was one of three local hockey players selected in the Central Canada Hockey League's (CCHL) 2016 Bantam Protected Draft.

The draft, for players born in 2001, was hosted by the CCHL's Gloucester Rangers at the Earl Armstrong Arena on Mon., April 18.

The Kemptville 73's selected Cotnam, a centre with the Rideau St. Lawrence Bantam "AA" Kings in 2015-2016, in the eighth round.

Metcalfe's Colby Schroeder went to the Kanata Lasers in the seventh round. Schroeder skated with the Gloucester Rangers Green Major "AA" Bantams this past season.

Jeremy Cyr of Russell was taken by the Nepean Raiders in round 10. Cyr, a centre, plied his trade with the Eastern Ontario Wild Major "AA" Bantams in 2015-2016.



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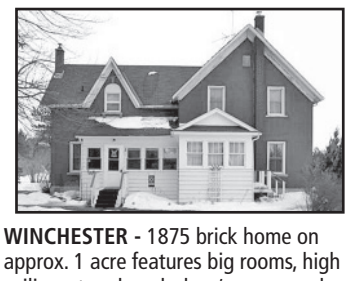

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Sun., May 8, 8:30 am-12 noon, St. Clare's Anglican Church, 2530 Falcone Lane, Winchester. Eggs, ham, muffins, fruit, pancakes and toast. Free will offering.
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SPRING FLING SHOPPING THING EVENT
Sat., April 30 from 9:30 am-3 pm at North Stormont Public School, 57 Cockburn Street, Berwick. 50 vendors. Admission is FREE.
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ANNUAL MEETING
Ormond Protestant Cemetery
Will be held Mon., May 2 at 7:30 pm at the home of Linda Skuce.
8

Yard Sales

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Sat., April 30, 8 am-1 pm, 1251 Lafortune Dr., north of Winchester. Couch, loveseat, coffee tables, some antiques, desk, household items, bike, fishing supplies, tools, plants. Everything must go, moving.
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SATURDAY, MAY 7
commencing at 9 am

Selling on Behalf of One Farm: Ford TW-25, 4WD tractor, 20.8x38 tires; NH 1412 discbine, very nice; NH BR740 Silage Special round baler, very nice; large round bale wagon, like new; NH 160 6-spinner tedder; Pequin HR15 tandem 15' rotary rake, nice.

Regular Consignments: Case 580K, 4WD extend-a-hoe backhoe; INT 3588 2+2, 4WD tractor with less than 400 hours on professionally rebuilt engine and TA, 2 new back tires, 1540 PTO, 3 sets of wet lines, 3-pt. hitch (tractor shows very nice); INT Farmall 656, 2WD (stright tractor); 65 Nufield with front end loader; Antique tractors to include: Cockshutt 20, Cockshutt 40 with loader (gas), Farmall Super A with scufflers, Fordson major (all new tires); Eeze-on 20' bi-fold cultivator; AC 20' disk; two 430 bushel Bruns gravity boxes on 12 ton Horst running gears (like new); JD 450 21-run grain drill with DD and press wheels with front mount cultiplanter attachment; 10' hydraulic dump triler; Market gravity box on 10 ton running gear; 6' Aloe rock fork (new); QA pallet fork (new); Brillion 3-pt. hitch seeder (like new); JD 337 small square baler with kicker (nice); NH 273 small square baler (very nice); 10' AC hydraulic disk; Ford 535 haybine; Hesston haybine; NH 56 side delivery rake; set of 16' chain harrows; MF 3-pt. hitch mower; 3-pt. hitch cement mixer; wood splitter; set of 3-pt. hitch Ford disks; Ford 530 small square baler; 3-pt. hitch cultivator; 3-pt. hitch scraper blade; IH 230 self-propelled swather.

Miscellaneous Items: two 20' sea containers; new 20'x20' tarp building; Giant 250 mig welder with gauges (brand new); cement/patio stone gas powered cut-off saw (brand new); 1970s 340 Ski-Doo; quantity of good used tin; large quantity of fence posts; Mathieu gas powered mortar mixer (like new, used once); firbreglass boat motor and trailer, 40hp; assorted lawn and garden items including riding mowers, push mowers, tillers and more; 2007 Mazda ex-cab 4WD B4000 truck, to be sold safetied; quantity of new ag tires including: 16.9-30, 18.4-34, 18.4-30, 14.9-28, 13.6-28, 14.9-24; backhoe tires including: 12-16.5, 19.5L24, set of 13x12.50R17 mud tires (brand new), set of 11R22.5 traction retreads (new), set of Michelin P235/65-17 with sensors mounted on Jeep rims (like new); many other articles too numerous to mention.

Sale Order: Starting at 9 am with small items, tractors and machinery will be sold at 12:30 pm sharp regardless of where we are at with smaller items.

Note: This is a very partial listing due to shortage of time at press. Over 200 lots consigned with many more items arriving daily. This is shaping up to be one of our best sales in both quality and quantity. Be sure to attend or consign. Accepting consignments until Friday, May 6 at 12 noon.

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SATURDAY, MAY 7
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SATURDAY, APRIL 30
commencing at 10 am

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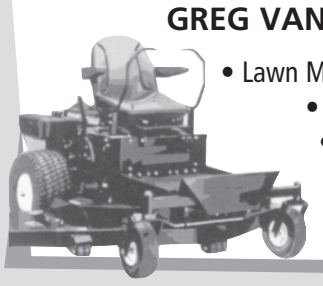

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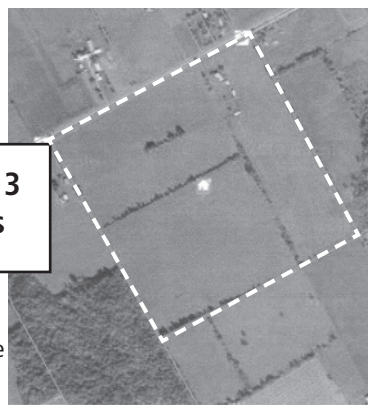

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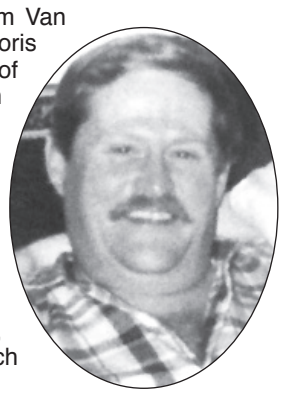
Pat Van Bridger

Pat Van Bridger passed away in Winchester on Sat., April 16, 2016. He was 65.



He was the beloved son of Jim Van Bridger (Kay) and the late Doris Utman. He was the loving father of John (Kourtney) and Jennifer Van Bridger (Scott). He was the cherished grandfather of Coby and Tyler. Pat will be sadly missed by his brothers, Al (Sharon) and Dave Van Bridger (Lorna).

A memorial service will be held at the Winchester Wesleyan Church, 537 Main St. West in Winchester, on Sat., April 30 at 11 am, followed by a luncheon at the church to which all friends are welcome.

Donations may be made to Winchester Wesleyan Church. A private interment will be held at a later date.

Condolences, tributes or donations may be made online at www.hpmcgarry.ca

The arrangements were entrusted to Daniels Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry in Winchester (613-774-1117).

Charles Guy

Charles Andrew Guy, a long time resident and businessman of Brockville, passed away peacefully at his residence on Tues., Feb., 16, 2016. He was 89.



Charles was born in Inkerman on Oct. 14, 1926 to John Wylie Guy and Iva Sophia (nee Fawcett). He attended a one room schoolhouse for his elementary education in Inkerman and boarded in South Mountain for high school.

A member of the famous Inkerman Rockets for one year, Charles maintained a special friendship with coach and former teacher, Lloyd Laporte.

In the fall of 1942, he and another boy from Inkerman, Angus Hurley, boarded a train and headed west to help with the harvest during wartime. They landed in Fillmore, Sask. and were housed in a bunkhouse still standing over 50 years later on a revisit.

Being raised on a dairy farm, when an opportunity to buy a farm in Brockville or Ottawa became available, he purchased a piggery operation in Brockville on Chemical Road in September of 1947; a place he would call home for the next 68 years.

Charles married Kay on Oct. 7, 1947 in a quiet, private service with only their two mothers as witnesses.

Charles added a hennery operation a short time later, which became Kay's responsibility. Along with Lawrence Lalonde, they were instrumental in the introduction of Landrace pigs into the Canadian market. He was a member and officer of the Federation of Agriculture in Leeds County for many years.

In the early 1960s, a passion for flying became a reality when, as a member of the newly formed Brockville Flying Club, he received his wings from the initial flying instructor Willie Neelan.

During this time, Charles began purchasing property in the South Mountain area. He saw a business opportunity and began cash cropping corn. He became a distributor for Pioneer Seed Corn, and he and Kay enjoyed a Caribbean cruise and a trip to Hawaii with other distributors.

In the summer of 1964, Charles, along with partner David Berry and promoter Ralph Hurley, founded Highland Golf Course on the property directly east of his piggery and hennery operation. In the ensuing years as the popularity of the game increased, it was decided to cease his farm operation in Brockville and expand to 18 holes, which opened in the summer of 1970.

Charles enjoyed hunting, and fishing in his younger years. He enjoyed trips to Northern Ontario for moose hunting as well as deer hunting trips with special friends. From his fly-in fishing trips in Northern Quebec to tuna fishing off Newfoundland, salmon fishing in Michigan and British Columbia, to fishing at Great Bear Lake or in the Gulf of Mexico for grouper and snapper fishing, he enjoyed the camaraderie with family and friends as well as the trophy or catch.

He spent many winters in Florida, where he was able to relax, enjoy more time with friends, and even find time to golf.

After receiving treatment for prostate cancer, he formed a tournament committee, donating his course and raising funds for prostate cancer research. During the 12 years the tournament ran, more than $610,000 was raised and split between Kingston and Ottawa Cancer Centres.

As that committee ended, Charles saw the need to support the local hospital, and another committee was formed to support the unfunded Cardiovascular Rehab Program with the help of the Civitan, Kinsmen and Lions Clubs. Over the past five years, they were able to raise approximately $325,000.

He leaves behind his wife, Kay (Hurley), and his children, Carol Dunn (Garry) of Brockville, and Cathy Thomas (Robert) of Mallorytown. He was a loving grandpa to his four-legged grandkids Knickers, Muffy, and Sophie.

Charles was predeceased by his parents and brother, Ralph. He is survived by sisters-in-law, Geraldine (Ralph) Guy and Billie (Frank) Yates. as well as nieces and nephews David, Bryan and Cheryl (Davies) Yates; and David and Heather Hurley. He is also survived by several cousins.

Visitation and funeral took place at Barclay Funeral Home on Sat., Feb. 20. The service was conducted by Rev. Kirk Perry of Brockville Wesleyan Church. The pallbearers were Chris Guy, David Guy, Blake Fawcett, Bob Mustard, Sheldon McCarthy, and Michael McMahon. The honourary pallbearers were Jim Fairfield, Paul Fournier, John Ross, Jack Gorman Alex Stillwell, and Shep Laporte. Interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville followed the service.

John Coulombe

John Coulombe passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Thurs., April 21, 2016. He was 78.



He was the beloved husband of Patricia McCleave. He was the loving father of Darren Coulombe and Roddy Coulombe (Brenda Harlow), and the cherished Grandpa of Stéphane, Kyle, Devlyn, and Draedyn. He was the stepfather of Stephen McCleave, Wendy O'Connor, David McCleave, Lori McCleave, and Shawn McCleave. John will be sadly missed by his sister, Laurie Mitchell; brothers, Rick Coulombe (Judy), and the late Roger Coulombe; nephew Jason; and niece Karen.

John was an active member of the St. Clare's Anglican Church and Parish Council. He was also an active member of the NATO Veterans' Organization of Canada. He was a proud and accomplished wood-turner. Friends and family are invited to visit St. Clare's Anglican Church, 2530 Falcone Lane in Winchester, on Thurs., April 28 from 1 to 2 pm. A Celebration of John's Life will be held in the Sanctuary at 2 pm.

Donations may be made to the University of Ottawa Heart Institute or St. Clare's Anglican Church.

Condolences, tributes or donations may be made online at www.hpmcgarry.ca

The arrangements were entrusted to Daniels Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry in Winchester (613-744-1117).

Angela Doreen Daly

June 27, 1968 – April 22, 2016

Angela Doreen Daly, proud partner of Mountain Ridge Farm, passed away peacefully after a brave battle with cancer at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Fri., April 22, 2016, in her 48th year.



Angela spent her last days continuing to live as fully and joyfully as if she had the rest of her life, keeping busy with her volunteering, and spending time with family. She was the dearly loved wife of Andreas Jampen, and the "amazing Momma Bear" to her four children, Kyleigh, Caitlin, Patrick, and Riley. Angela was the loving sister to Erin (Mike) and Liam (Saxon), and dear daughter of Doreen and the late Reggie Daly. She was the daughter-in-law of Rudolf and Irene Jampen, and the sister-in-law of Ruedi (Eleanor), Pia (Burkhard), Stephan (Alejandra), and Christoph. She was the aunt to her many nieces and nephews. She is remembered by her family and friends for her caring nature, her dedication to those around her and for what she did.

Visitation was held at the Daniels Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 472 Main St. in Winchester (613-774-1117) on Mon., April 25 and Tues., April 26. The funeral service will be held in St. Andrew's United Church, 10532 Church Rd. in Hallville today (Wed., April 27) at 1 pm. A private family interment will follow. Following the service, all are invited to attend a reception at the Mountain Township Agriculture Society Hall, 2967 Lough Rd. in South Mountain.

As an expression of sympathy donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital, the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre or the Dundas County Hospice would be appreciated.

Condolences, tributes or donations can be made online at www.hpmcgarry.ca

Daniel Hall McLaren

Daniel Hall McLaren, of South Mountain, passed away peacefully at The Perley Rideau Veterans' Health Centre on Tues., April 19, 2016, in his 90th year.

He was the beloved husband of Dorothy (nee Wood), and the loving Dad of Berdeane Cook, Shirley Kruis (Jack Baker), Dave McLaren (Bev), Patricia Allen (Kevin), and Tamie Hehn (Rob Frederick). He was the cherished Grandpa of Larry, the late Kevin, Samantha (Janice), Robert, Michael (Kim), Christopher (Sara), David (Suzette), Bobby Joe (Tracey), Ryan (Naomi), and Trevor, and great-grandchildren Mia, Lila, Crue, Lexi, Kane, and Jaden. Daniel was predeceased by his siblings, Jennie Durant, Johnny, Harold, Horace, and Dalton. He was the dear uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Dan rested at the Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain (613-989-3836) on Fri., April 22 from 10 am until the time of the service in the chapel of the funeral home at 12 noon, followed by interment at South Gower Cemetery.

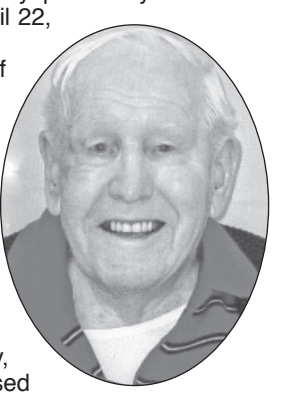
By family request, donations may be made to The Perley and Rideau Veterans Health Centre Foundation.

Online condolences may be made at www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com

Duncan Daniel Levere

Feb. 23, 1925 – April 22, 2016

Duncan Daniel Levere passed away peacefully at Groves Park Lodge in Renfrew on Fri., April 22, 2016, in his 92nd year.



He was the beloved husband of the late Margaret Jean Levere (nee Judd). He was the loving father of Faye (Doug), Danny, and the late Karen (Joe). He was the proud grandfather of three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a special uncle to his many nieces and nephews. He will be especially missed by his niece, Dawn; great niece Jenna (Matt); and their children, Wyatt, Ty, and Cody. Duncan was predeceased by his mother, Mabel, his father, Harold, and his three sisters, Audrey, Joy, and Joyce. Duncan was an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a very proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion Winchester Branch 108.

Family and friends are invited to visit at the Daniels Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 472 Main St. in Winchester, (613-774-1117) today (Wed., April 27) from 6 to 8 pm, and on Thurs., April 28 from 9:30 am until the funeral service in the chapel at 11:30 am. Interment at Springhill Cemetery in Metcalfe will follow the service.

As an expression of sympathy, donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital, 566 Louise St., Winchester, Ont. K0C 2K0 or to the Royal Canadian Legion Winchester Branch 108 would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Condolences, tributes or donations may be made online at www.hpmcgarry.ca

Alton David Lagrove

Alton David Lagrove passed away peacefully at the Brockville General Hospital, Charles Street site, on Thurs., April 21, 2016. He was 87.



He was the beloved husband of Nelda, and dear father of Stephen Lagrove, and Deborah Richardson. He is survived by five grandchildren, three step grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, four step great-grandchildren, and by his daughter-in-law, Marilyn Doonan (Jack Boyle). He is survived by a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is predeceased by his son, Brian, and by brothers, Loyal and Floyd Lagrove, and by a sister, Alma Cooper. He was predeceased by his parents, Foster and Edna Lagrove.

Family and friends paid their respects at the Irvine Memorial Chapel at Roselawn, 2451 County Rd. 15 in Maitland, on Tues., April 26 from 5 to 8 pm. A ceremony celebrating Alton's life will be held today (Wed., April 27) at 11 am at the Irvine Memorial Chapel at Roselawn in Maitland.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Brockville General Hospital Palliative Care Service or Christ United Church Lyn will be gratefully acknowledged.

Send condolences, place a donation, light a memory candle or share a special thought of Alton online at www.irvinememorial.com

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In Appreciation

The family of the late Brad Tinkler, who passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, wishes to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the phone calls, cards and messages received, and also the food sent to our homes.

Special thanks to Gerry and Lorna Boyce, South Mountain; David Lapier and staff at Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg; and Linda Duvall for the luncheon served.

Your kindness has been comforting and greatly appreciated.

Norman, Doris, Cheryl, Brian, Brent and their families

South Dundas shows off 'trade' secrets

MORRISBURG – It was a jack-of-all-trades event during the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce (COC)'s annual Spring Home and Trade Show hosted Fri., April 22 and Sat., April 23, where close to 2,000 people walked through the doors to check out all the business community had to offer.

The Morrisburg Arena was filled to the rafters with more than 70 local business owners, organizations, and local committee members showcasing their skills and specialties.

This year, the trade show rose to new heights, reaching the largest number of participating vendors at one event, with many new faces to add to South Dundas' business radar.

"I'm really happy how involved everyone has been – this show is always really well attended, and great for our business community," said COC general manager, Geraldine Fitzsimmons. "Never could we get this many people through our doors within a 24-hour period, and the economic spin-off from the show happens at every turn."

Many community organizations were also involved in the trade show, including members of the Morrisburg and District Lions Club and Leos Club, who cooked up a barbecue dinner for patrons to enjoy on opening night.

Dignitaries from across the jurisdiction came out for the opening ceremony Friday night, welcoming businesses and community members with a ribbon-cutting tradition.

"Every year, I come in and it's even more packed than the last time," said Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell. " It's great to support the local businesses who help the community thrive. It's a way to give back, and show how much we appreciate them."

The COC's big push this year was promoting the 56th annual Tubie Festival's junior division, which will be opened up for youth to participate.



The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce (COC)'s annual Spring Home and Trade Show kicked off Fri., April 22 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, where Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG) MP Guy Lauzon (left), Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke, Mayor Evonne Delegarde, Councillor Marc St. Pierre, SD&SG MPP Jim McDonell, and Councillor Bill Ewing showed their support.



Patti Primrose, manager of Jim's Performance Plus in Iroquois, showcased some of the best outdoor toys, including ATVs, snowmobiles, and outdoor equipment. Patrons had the option to put their name into a draw for one of the dealer's ATV helmets.



Charles Leclair, resource and volunteer co-ordinator with Habitat for Humanity Seaway Valley, came out to the show to let families know that the next home build will be in 2017 for a family in Dundas.



Grace (left) and Abigail Smail, and Sarah Stewart from the Morrisburg and District Skating Club lead the crowd in the singing of "O Canada."



Morrisburg and District Lions Club members Paul Gunther (left), president Brian Erratt, and Kyle and Travis Merkley provided the public with barbecue chicken dinners on opening night. *Press Photos – Gosselin*

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