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Early numbers set SD's tax hike near 6%

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MORRISBURG – South Dundas homeowners may see a 5.85 per cent levy hike on their portion of the municipal property tax bill this year, according to the early numbers of what CAO Shannon Geraghty is calling a "no fluff" budget.

The proposed increase would cost taxpayers an extra $27.52 on a home valued at $100,000.

Half of the municipality's 2017 revenue will be generated from property tax, 19 per cent from reserve funds, 17 per cent from user fees and interest, and the final 14 per cent from government grants and funding.

14 municipal bridges taking priority

According to Geraghty, operating expenditures could increase this year by $360,000 from last (at $8.3 million), while an extra $1.2 million was proposed for capital projects (set at $4.5 million).

"It's no surprise to anyone around the table that bridges and buildings are a priority this year," noted Geraghty, referring to the municipality's current asset management plan.

"Our goal is to address the concerns of the municipality, but also keep our taxes, and our residents, in mind when we do a budget," he added.

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Snowy skills

The weekend's spring-like weather gave Ben (left) and Ashley Roberts, Nathan Milne-Servage, and April Roberts the perfect snow to create a top-contending snowman during the Inkerman Winter Classic's snowman building competition Sun., Feb. 19. For more carnival coverage, see page 20.

Press Photo – Gosselin

Armstrong irate with county road clean-up efforts

WINCHESTER – An ice storm earlier this month has left at least one Township of North Dundas councillor questioning the level of snowplow service offered by the region's upper-tier government.

The area was hit hard Mon., Feb. 6 and into the morning of Tues., Feb. 7, leaving local roads nearly impassable as the ice level had built up substantially.

At Tues., Feb. 14's meeting, Councillor Al Armstrong, who drives a transport for South Mountain-based JED Express, was vocal in his condemnation of the county roads crew.

"The ice on the road during the morning commute was at an unacceptable level," he said.

Armstrong stopped short of implying no attention had been paid, and no salt spread, ahead of the morning commute, but did indicate not enough was done.

He punctuated his displeasure by referencing the four vehicles that ended up in the ditch not far apart just north of Winchester on Feb. 7. One of them was an Evans Bus Lines commuter shuttle.

"Thankfully no one was seriously injured," Armstrong said.

County data, however, shows that a plow operator completed two passes on County Road 31 before 6 am, and all plows were out on the regular routes, including the highly travelled County Road 43. Plows also continued operation throughout other portions of the morning after the storm.

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Final schools report now in UCDSB trustees' hands

KEMPTVILLE – The final staff report on the *Building for the Future Pupil Accommodation Review* is now in the hands of Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) trustees.

The board's elected officials received the report during a public meeting Wed., Feb. 15 at North Grenville District High School.

Updates in the document reflect a variety of changes following the draft report's release in September 2016. It's a wide-ranging number of alterations, most notably dropping the number of schools targetted for closure from 29 to 12.

Locally, both Iroquois' Seaway District High School and Morrisburg Public School have been temporarily spared.

Longue Sault Public School has also been removed from the closure list.

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Area Service Ontario sites to remain open

WINCHESTER – The provincial government has backtracked on its earlier plans to close numerous Service Ontario outlets.

It's especially good news for the region, which stood to lose locations in Morrisburg, Kemptville, and Embrun.

This comes on the heels of a review process launched following the May 2016 announcement that the province was aiming to be "fiscally responsible" in its approach to closing various Service Ontario locations.

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SD budget

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Some of this year's top projects include a $400,000 contribution for bridges; $400,000 for buildings; $321,600 for pedestrian infrastructure along Ottawa Street and County Road 2; $210,000 to add parking space at the South Dundas Municipal Centre; $50,000 for the website redesign; and a contribution of $50,000 for streetscape enhancements.

According to Geraghty, how council ultimately decides to allocate funds for bridgework will determine the municipality's spending for the next five years. The $400,000 recommended contribution is merely the minimum for the 14 bridges within the jurisdiction, which have been put on the backburner for many years.

"We are now being hit with something that should have been dealt with 30 years ago," said Mellan.

The grants and funds portion of the budget, with a cap of $19,000 this year, was also earmarked for several local initiatives, including the Bluegrass Festival, a grant for the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, the Santa Claus parade, and Canada festivities in both Iroquois and Morrisburg.

Ultimately, only $11,000 was approved for donations.

Final budget talks will continue Thurs., Feb. 23.

Roads

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"The ice rain event was significant, and continued throughout the night and morning," Mayor Eric Duncan said.

"I don't blame people for being frustrated with the ice rain, but they can be assured that our county and township crews were out all night, and into the day, to address it," he added.

Schools

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Rothwell-Osnabruck High School in Ingleside would revert to a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school, with senior grade students being shifted to Tagwi Secondary School in Avonmore.

Finch's North Stormont Public School, meanwhile, also remains on the closure list, but that's pending ministry approval of expansion funding for Roxmore Public School in Avonmore. If the financing is approved, North Stormont students would then move to Roxmore.

"We are thankful to the public for the feedback received throughout this process," board chair Jeff McMillan said. "This report shows that the public's voice was heard about how to improve our school system."

The UCDSB, meanwhile, has committed to hosting one further public meeting, set for Thurs., March 2, at North Grenville. (An additional meeting a day before, Wed., March 1, will be added if necessary.)

"[This] will enable us to make decisions that will allow us to best serve our students in a sustainable way," McMillan said. "I want to stress that no decisions have been made at this point, and this report is only a recommendation."

Final decisions about the accommodation review are to be made during a board meeting Thurs., March 23 in Kemptville.

Service Ontario

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In a media release, the province noted that the government agency "is committed to continually refining our services, and service delivery options in order to better match customer needs."

The Kemptville site, at 10 Campus Dr., will continue as a Service Ontario only outlet, offering help with licence and health card renewals, among other things. The Morrisburg and Embrun outlets, meanwhile, will also continue to provide those services, as well as serving as land registry offices.

Each location is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm.



Green Food Box program in second year

IROQUOIS – The Green Food Box program in South Dundas, co-ordinated by Linking Hands Dundas County, recently launched its second year of service.

The program geared up at the beginning of February with 132 food box units.

Green Food Box co-ordinator Ralph Pulfer was on site in both Iroquois and Morrisburg for the deliveries, as items are packed separately in the two locations.

South Dundas Mayor Evonne Delegarde stopped by the Royal Canadian Legion Iroquois Branch 370 to congratulate the many volunteers, including lead volunteer Dianne Fawcett, on their hard work and success.

Fawcett has organized several volunteers to arrive for unloading and packing, and others for afternoon distribution and re-ordering duties.

"The number of people willing to volunteer, donating their time and energy to making sure this program is available in Iroquois, is really quite amazing," said Linking Hands co-ordinator Sandy Casselman. "We also have a core group of very loyal and hard-working volunteers at our Morrisburg location [Community Food Share on Ottawa Street] as well. Without all of our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to offer this program to the residents of Dundas County."

The program offers two bag sizes – small for $10 and large for $15. Food items found in the bags depend largely on current produce availability and pricing, as well as how many orders are submitted. The greater number of orders leads to greater buying power.

The Green Food Box is available twice per month in Dundas County. Pick-up for South Dundas is the second Wednesday of the month, while pick-up for North Dundas is the last Friday of the month.

For more information on the program or other Linking Hands projects, call 613-989-3830 or email rpulfer@houseoflazarus.com. Linking Hands is a non-profit initiative dedicated to reducing poverty in Dundas County.



Local volunteers and community members recently celebrated the first anniversary of the Green Food Box program in South Dundas. Pictured at the Royal Canadian Legion Iroquois Branch 370 are distribution crew members Sandi Decker (left), Lorraine Bottan, Ann Banford, Faye McCurdy, Anne Presley, Charlotte Duncan, and South Dundas Mayor Evonne Delegarde.



Saluting the flag

Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon had a visitor to Parliament Hill Wed., Feb. 15, which was also National Flag of Canada Day, who is intimately familiar with the two red stripes and the bright red maple leaf. Joan O'Malley is credited with sewing the original Canadian flag, which first flew above Parliament in 1965.

O'Malley was summoned to the job by her father, Ken Donovan, who served as an assistant purchasing director with the Canadian Government Exhibition Commission. She sewed the flag using the Singer machine (featured on the table in the background). Lauzon presented O'Malley with hand-drawn flags from area students.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1: Footcare – Call to make your appointment
MONDAY, MARCH 6: Soup, Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Cookies - Lifeline Presentation
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8: Foot care – Call to make your appointment
THURSDAY, MARCH 9 & 23: Health & Wellness Clinics at Beachcroft Apt. - 8:30-11:30 am
FRIDAY, MARCH 10: Hearing Aid Clinic – Call 613-233-4374 to make an appointment
FRIDAY, MARCH 10: Shopping Trip to Carlingwood – Call to reserve your seat.
TUESDAY, MARCH 14 & 28: Health & Wellness Clinics at Millview Apt. - 9:30-11:30 am
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15: Footcare – Call to make your appointment
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15: Soup, Roast Beef, Cheesecake - Entertainment by Ice-No slice
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Family of five chosen for Habitat build

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Though behind traditional timelines for a build, Habitat for Humanity Seaway Valley representatives aren't sweating the tardiness when it comes to their upcoming Dundas County project.

Through the usual sequence of events, the partner family is selected near the mid-way point of the year ahead of construction. This time around, however, it took a bit more time to find the right family fit for the organization.

In fact, it wasn't until an encounter at North Dundas' Parade of Lights in December 2016 that the fivesome – dad Alex Pinard and mom Sarah Beatty, and their children, Owen, Avery and Jonah – officially connected with Habitat for Humanity.

"All of us were grinning ear to ear when the application came in from them," Joanne Mohamed, build projects and finance administrator for the local Habitat chapter, said.

During an unassuming ceremony on Valentine's Day (Tues., Feb. 14), perhaps a fitting day for such a gift, the Pinard-Beatty family was officially unveiled.

"This is our 13th project, the third in Dundas, and we are thrilled to be working in an area with a wonderful history of generosity and community spirit," board chair Hank Blasiak said.

The sticking point, however, is that a build location in the county hasn't yet been finalized.



Winchester's Pinard-Beatty family has been selected as the Dundas County recipients of the next Habitat for Humanity Seaway Valley house build. Pictured during the official announcement Tues., Feb. 14 are dad Alex Pinard, mom Sarah Beatty, and children Owen, Avery and Jonah. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

Habitat did come calling in late 2016, and both North and South Dundas council members committed to finding a suitable property.

North Dundas ultimately settled on a site in Mountain, formerly hosing the hamlet's community hall, as a potential donation to the organization. But, that piece of land doesn't meet the standard set out by Habitat.

"The hybrid septic system alone would eat up our budget," Breckyn Fowler, the organization's resource co-ordinator, said. "It's a lot more specialized then we typically take on with a build site."

Ideally, Habitat wants a property with ready access to a municipal water and sewer system. North Dundas is presently looking at other options, and checking in with private landowners about site donations.

South Dundas, meanwhile, still has an iron in the fire, and as Fowler acknowledged, the Pinard-Beatty family is signed up for the Dundas build, so they could end up with their new home being built in either end of the county.

"Typically we try to keep them in their home village, or community, so we're obviously hoping for land in North Dundas," Fowler added.

No matter the missing property, because the family has been unveiled, fundraising for the project can officially begin. The family will now be tasked with completing 500 hours of "sweat equity" at Habitat's ReStore location in Bonville (soon relocating to Cornwall), as well as taking part when construction of their house begins. This comes in place of a traditional down payment for their home.

Winchester BMR co-owner Ken Boje has again signed his store on to help with the build, making this the fourth such project for the village store.

Lisa Williams, owner of Main Street Clothing Company, is also helping out in her own way, selling "Raising the Roof" caps, mittens and hats in support of the project.

"Any little way we can help them is what we're here for," she said.

Because of the already altered timeline, financing for the build will be secured throughout the remainder of 2017, while construction of the home, wherever that may be, will commence next year.

All stakeholders invited to SD&G tourism summit

LONG SAULT – The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SD&G) will be hosting a regional tourism summit Sat., March 4 at the Long Sault Community Hall for local businesses and special events.

The summit will include keynote speaker, director of digital marketing for Ottawa Tourism Beverly Carkner. A networking lunch and open "coffee house" will also be held.

The event will feature eight brief "tourism talks" on common issues involving local attractions and events, including digital marketing, The Great Waterway, Canada 150 initiatives, funding opportunities, volunteer management, event WiFi, insurance and food safety, as well as numerous opportunities for networking within the tourism industry.

"Our region has many great assets that should be highlighted and shared, and it is our goal to make SD&G a top visitor destination for tourists in Eastern Ontario," said Warden Jim Bancroft. "Events like the tourism summit bring together like-minded individuals willing to work together to make our entire region better."

During the summit, there will be opportunities to connect with operators, industry professionals, and business owners; share information while building your network; and learn how to leverage your business or organization to grow and prosper.

"The summit will be an excellent opportunity for all SD&G tourism stakeholders to learn current trends and share best practices in an open learning environment," said SD&G tourism co-ordinator Shauna Baggs. "Many organizers are facing similar challenges and opportunities and the summit will provide a chance for everyone to share in each other's success."

Registration is $20 per person, including lunch and refreshments throughout the day, and begins at 8 am. The tourism talks run from 8:30 am to 3 pm, and will wrap up with a networking hour.

Tickets can be purchased at www.eventbrite.ca/e/sdg-tourism-summit-tickets-31168723491.



Mary Ellen Gowland made the trip from Dunvegan to take part in the 18th annual Spin In at the village's Royal Canadian Legion branch Thurs., Feb. 16.



Chesterville's Gordon Moat demonstrated the working mechanisms on this wheel during the daylong event. *Press Photos – Uhrig*

Despite winter storm, wheels were spinning

CHESTERVILLE – Just days after a winter storm dumped upwards of 30 centimetres on the region, another system made its was in on the morning of Wed., Feb. 15.

No matter, however, as calm would ultimately prevail and spinners with their wheels in tow touched down in Chesterville for the day.

More than 60 people crowded into the hall at the village's Royal Canadian Legion branch for the 18th annual Chesterville Spin In.

"Despite the weather, we've attracted spinners from throughout much of the surrounding region," Nancy MacMillan, lead organizer, said. "There are a lot of guilds represented."

The 2017 theme was rare breeds, and many incorporated that into their daylong efforts.

18th annual Spin In largest yet

Participants travelled from Alexandria, Vankleek Hill, Richmond, Stittsville, and Ottawa to take part, though there was a large number from the Kingston area to the Quebec border that had been invited.

Chesterville resident Gordon Moat, meanwhile, brought along his "mini museum," which featured several historic spinning wheels and storyboards depicting the history of the art form.

As for the event itself, McMillan said she is increasingly impressed by its growth year after year.

"This was started 18 years ago at the Historical Society [building] by Margot Dixon, and this is the first time we've needed the extra space… It's nice to have," she added.

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Council notes from
North Dundas

Status quo for ice rental rates

WINCHESTER – Having finalized a major overhaul of its ice rental rates last season, the Township of North Dundas is moving forward with the status quo for the 2017-2018 campaign.

While it may seem premature on the part of the municipality, area organizations making use of the ice surface at both the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester and the Chesterville and District Arena are looking to set rates for their spring registration, so they're needed now.

The rates going forward vary from $50 to $166 depending on the user group, and time of use.

North Dundas bumped its totals in 2016 to combat growing costs to operate the two facilities. This led to the township's minor hockey association ditching some of its scheduled timeslots in favour of cheaper alternatives.

North Dundas Minor Hockey Association president Peter Forrester was in attendance during the Tues., Feb. 14 vote, and credited the municipality for working with the organization to meet its fiscal requirements.

"Thanks for the co-operation this year, and going forward – it's been great," he added.

Fleet addition?

North Dundas' public works director, Dan Belleau, thinks he has found a deal for his department.

During Feb. 14's meeting, Belleau made the pitch for the purchase of a rubber tire excavator. A well-known area contractor is liquidating assets, and a 1998 model is available for $61,000.

His rationale for the purchase is simple – having an excavator of this type in the department's fleet will save the municipality money in the long run.

In the last five years, the township has spent more than $450,000 contracting out brushing, ditching, and culvert replacement. With the excavator at the ready, all the work could be brought in-house.

For 2017 alone, $50,000 has been budgeted for these services.

Council directed Belleau to investigate the purchase further, ensuring the excavator is in working condition.

Ditch clearing

With spring on the horizon, North Dundas is turning its focus to the year's drain maintenance needs.

For 2017, seven have been targetted for upgrades and cleaning. These include the Roy Melvin Municipal Drain, the Kendrick drain, the Jeffrey Branch of Barkley Creek, the McLean drain and branches, the Castor extension, the Quart Municipal Drain, and the Durant Anderson Municipal Drain.

It is a limited number of drains targetted than in the past, as Belleau said the public works department often "overshot" on the number that could be addressed in a calendar year.

Festivals returning

Again this year, North Dundas has thrown its support behind a handful of area events.

Each is returning throughout 2017, and each will receive help of some sort from the municipality.

First is Chesterville's Art on the Waterfront Festival in June, followed by Canada Day in South Mountain, hosted by Lions Club members from Winchester, Chesterville, and Mountain. August's fairs in South Mountain and Chesterville will also receive a helping hand.

Township preps for major investment

WINCHESTER – The village's sewage treatment system is in need of upgrades, and it's going to be costly.

During the Township of North Dundas' Tues., Feb. 14 council meeting, politicians awarded an engineering contract to J.L. Richards and Associates. The Ottawa-based firm is now tasked with completing a mandated environmental assessment of the County Road 3 property.

The bill for the work totals $108,198, but it is a drop in the bucket when compared to the overall cost of the expansion.

Public works director Dan Belleau estimates that any upgrades will likely "be in the millions" of dollars when everything is finalized.

Added CAO Angela Rutley: "It will be costly, that's true, but right now we're looking at all viable options."

North Dundas' water contractor, the Ontario Clean Water Agency, is also helping with engineering specifics.

Once a report is finalized, it will be passed on to the provincial environment ministry for approval.

"This is not sexy stuff, but it is necessary," Mayor Eric Duncan said.

Budget rubber-stamped

WINCHESTER – There were no sudden changes Tues., Feb. 14 to alter the numbers for the year's coming budget in the Township of North Dundas.

As it was left last month is how it passed during the recent meeting.

Township taxpayers will see a 3.58 per cent levy increase – a total that translates to $5.9 million, or $204,249 more than last year.

Despite that, however, when all spending allocations are factored in, having taken some money from reserves or rolling over spending not used in 2016, the total actually reflects a tax rate decrease of 2.52 per cent when compared to last year.

Though outside auditors haven't yet seen the budget totals, township treasurer John Gareau said he is confident North Dundas will see a "healthy surplus" from 2016.

Number crunchers are expected to see the municipality's work later this month.

Should the totals add up as Gareau and his staff expect, the recreation department in particular will be happy.

Director Meaghan Meerburg is looking for additional money for further upgrades at the Chesterville and District Arena, and the Morewood Community Centre, which needs a new waterline and, possibly, a septic system.

More reporting on the expected surplus will be available at Tues., March 14's meeting.



Helping neighbours

The Township of North Dundas' recipient of Linking Hands' Good Neighbour Award, Mike Barkley, was acknowledged ahead of the municipality's Tues., Feb. 14 council meeting. Having been nominated by some of his peers, including Elva Rutters-Patterson, Barkley was feted for "being amazing and giving so much of himself." This comes in the form of helping low income families with food donations, and helping to fill the backpacks of area students with necessary school items. If not for Barkley, it was noted, these youngsters may not get what they need otherwise. The winner is pictured alongside Cathy Ashby, executive director of the House of Lazarus. *Press Photo – Uhrig*



Family Day fun

The hill behind the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester was the place to be Family Day (Mon., Jan. 20) as village firefighters hosted countless community members for a day of sledding. Though high temperatures through the weekend limited the snow level on the hill, it didn't stop those who came out from having fun. Even North Dundas Fire Department members took a run (or two) down the hill, as well as a serving up different treats to the crowd. Pictured are firemen Tim Lacasse (left), Ryan McRostie, Kreg Raistrick, and Mike Sharpley.



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SNC encourages residents to think spring tree planting

FINCH – Although it may be the middle of winter, it's not too early to start thinking about spring tree planting.

Residents living in South Nation Conservation (SNC)'s jurisdiction can order conifer and deciduous trees, and even shrubs, through the authority at a reduced rate until Wed., March 1.

"Trees provide unique benefits – they increase property value, add aesthetic appeal, and provide wildlife habitat," said SNC forestry technician Cheyene Brunet. "Based on our orders to date, [more than] 100,000 trees will be added to SNC's jurisdiction in 2017 through our tree planting program."

A minimum of 100 seedlings in multiples of 50 per species can be ordered while quantities last. Red maple, red oak, and white and red pine are among the many tree species still available for order.

SNC will host two days in the spring for landowners to pick up their tree orders.

All seedlings are sourced from SNC's seed zone and are native to Ontario. Saplings are locally sourced from Kemptville-based Ferguson Forest Centre.

"We also have tree-planting subsidies available for projects with more than 1,500 trees for a windbreak, or 2,000 trees for block planting on 2.5 acres of land or more," added Brunet, who also noted that tree supply is limited.

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Crysler carnival 'small but mighty'



Sisters Avah (left) and Jordyn Caddie were some of the participants in the Crysler Winter Carnival's indoor games Sat., Feb. 18, but took a break to hang out with the carnival bonhomme. At right, Luc Leduc the Duke of Magic wowed the crowd with various tricks and illusions, including making a dove appear seemingly out of thin air.

CRYSLER – More than $3,000 was generated during the 24-hour Rock-a-thon event at the 51st annual Crysler Winter Carnival (Wed., Feb. 15 until Sun., Feb. 19) in memory of the village's longtime volunteer and chip-stand owner Tony Brière.

Proceeds pledged to the fundraiser will be used for the village's outdoor rink, a project close to Brière's heart, along with the Cornwall Carefor Hospice where Brière and his family spent his final days.

The five-day carnival brought families from both the north and south side of the village's river to compete in the North vs. South competition, with points tallied by participation.

The North vs. South ice hockey game ended up moving to the street as the weekend's spring-like weather forced organizers to close the slushy rink.

At the end of the weekend, those from the north took home the title for the second year in a row.

According to carnival organizers, various donations and sponsors allowed for the carnival finale to set off more than $1,200 worth of fireworks.

"Crazy to think the carnival is over for another year – it really does take a village," said organizer Danielle Linnett. "Thank you to all who came and supported our events, without you we couldn't do what we do… We are small but mighty."





Community members sported their brightest colours and tackiest outfits to Friday night's '80s dance.



Jamie Levitt was close to the bull's eye (or in this case, the snowman nose) during the children's activities.

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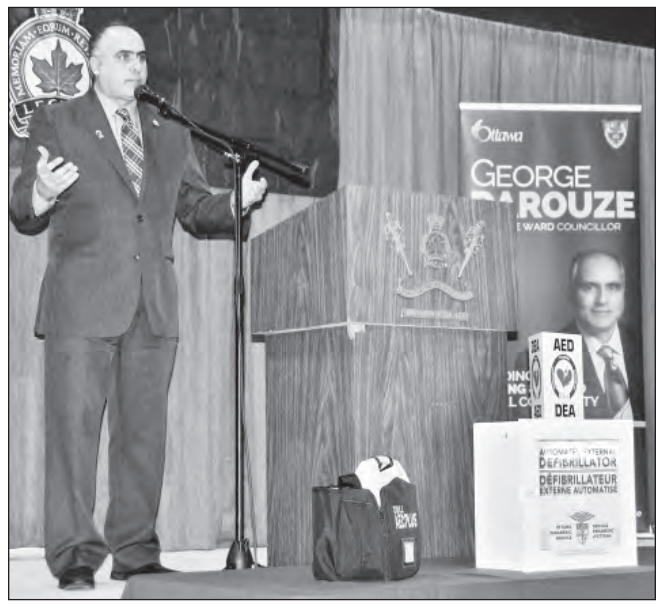

Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze announced the installation of a defibrillator at the Royal Canadian Legion Greely Branch 627 on Tues., Feb. 14. *Photo – Morris*

Darouze leads drive to put defibrillators into Legions

by Jeff Morris

GREELY – The heart is the symbol of Valentine's Day, and it was front and centre at the Royal Canadian Legion Greely Branch 627 on Tues., Feb. 14.

Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze was joined by the city's general manager of emergency and protective services, Anthony Di Monte, and deputy chief Brent Winchcombe of Ottawa's paramedic service, along with many members of the Legion, to announce that defibrillators would be installed in all city branches that do not presently have one.

"I was at the Osgoode Legion during Remembrance Day, and one of the members asked me if they could get a defibrillator," Darouze said. "I was shocked that they did not have one. I had no idea."

Darouze quickly got the ball rolling, and found out that only six of the 14 Legions within city limits had defibrillators. The Heart and Stroke Foundation previously donated the equipment.

"I'm proud to be a part of this great life-saving initiative... and this is for all the hearts that visit the Legions," said Darouze

Di Monte said that it was important to have equipment like this accessible for veterans, and other patrons. "If we can save one heart, it will make our day better," he added.

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A storyteller silenced much too soon

Canadians from coast to coast lost a familiar, and iconic, voice last week with the death of Stuart McLean, longtime host of CBC radio's The Vinyl Cafe.

For two decades, McLean delighted fans with stories about Dave, a humble record store owner with a penchant for misadventure, and his wife, Morley, along with their two children, Sam and Stephanie.

There was also the family dog, Arthur, whose death in one of McLean's many stories sent ripples across the country as those listening were flooded with memories of pets here and gone.

Until its hiatus in late 2015, CBC audiences tuned in Saturday mornings and Sunday at noon to the week's Vinyl Cafe offering, and the popular story exchange segment.

It was a staple in countless homes or automobiles, as upon McLean's death, having succumbed to melanoma, countless listeners shared stories of roadtrips with McLean travelling along with them.

Though he wasn't physically in the car or truck, his easily recognizable voice made it seem as though he was.

Ahead of two shows at the Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg in 2012, McLean took some time to chat with the *Winchester Press*, and then reporter Matthew Uhrig.

"I feel very strongly about the things that we Canadians have done together to build this country into what it is. I have tried in my quiet way to reflect and talk about those values, and to slip them into conversations."

That was one of many standout quotes from the interview that made it into the subsequent story.

Our region found itself included in a few McLean stories, since the writer spent some time here years ago when researching for his book *Welcome Home: Travels in Smalltown Canada.*

In another tale, McLean tells the story of Orma Melvin's first encounter with Maynard Helmer in September 1946. Melvin arrived in Winchester as a 23-year-old newly minted teacher, instructing courses in English, French, and physical education at the village high school.

Helmer was well known to many in the village, someone who today would be described as having developmental disabilities. He'd eventually earn the nickmame "The Boss," always seeming to be at the scene of the village's latest happening. This was his town, and a plaque in the 100 Club Park says so.

These were the types of stories McLean told, and we the audience are richer for them.

So, like his shows would often end, so long for now, Stuart, so long for now.

Remember when…

1937

This week, the *Winchester Press* editorial warned drivers of a silent killer that was taking the lives of several Canadians: "Beware of carbon monoxide gas when at the wheel of your motor car. Scarcely a week passes but news dispatches report more victims. Always drive with one window open to allow fresh air to enter the vehicle. It pays in the end to take this precaution."

1947

The *Press* reported this week that a record turnout of more than 2,000 people jammed into the Winchester Arena during the 100 Club's annual Night of Fun: "The event raised more than $500, proceeds from which were donated to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital building fund."

1957

"Bill Sherwood pumped home two goals and assisted in another to lead the Winchester Juniors to a 6-4 win over South Mountain," reported this week's *Press*. "The victory gave the hometown team first blood in the best-of-seven Central Ottawa Valley Junior Hockey League finals."

1967

"Leona Cameron was crowned queen of the Club 31 Carnival in Vernon," reported this week's *Press*. "She rose to the top of a group of 10 other contestants to win the title. First runner-up was Dianne Mullins, and second runner-up was Karen Graham, both of Metcalfe."



This week in 2007, a masquerade ball was held at the Winchester Community Centre to celebrate mardi gras. Dairyfest committee member Janine Stevenson (left) co-chaired the organization of the event along with John Orton.

1977

This week, the *Press* reported that North Dundas District High School senior Julie Holmes set a new Canadian record in the senior ladies' 200-metre indoor sprint: "[She] was named Eastern Ontario's top athlete for 1976 at the Eastern Ontario regional meeting of the Ontario Track and Field Association."

1987

In this week's *Press*, an article noted that members of the Winchester and District Minor Hockey Association were preparing to vote on the issue of a full amalgamation with the neighbouring Chesterville and district association: "The vote would first dissolve the Winchester association, opening the door to create an association that would blanket North Dundas."

1997

"Local track and field athlete Sharon Spear is working hard to raise funds to finance her future training, specifically for trips to the junior championships in British Colombia, and the Pan Am Games in Cuba," reported this week's *Press*. "Spear was ranked fifth in the country for the 400-metre hurdles."

2007

This week, the *Press* announced that noted Canadian comedian Rick Mercer would be making a special appearance at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation's annual gala: "Mercer's comedy will tie in with the event's theme 'This Land is Your Land.'"

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Play that funky music white boy

From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris



Sweg.

It's a word that Steven, my middle stepson, uses a lot. I don't think it's really a word. It may be just his mishearing or misinterpretation of the word 'swag.'

Maybe.

To him, something that's really good is sweg. His Vans are sweg. His American Eagle shirt is sweg. His skinny pants are sweg. I have never heard it used outside our home, but he assures me it's a word that "everyone uses all the time."

Me?

I'm not sweg. I have never been sweg, and I never will be sweg. I am unsweg. I lack swegness.

The real issue with me is that I am a middle-aged white guy. Sure, I am, literally, the whitest guy I have ever known when it comes to skin tone. The insides of my forearms could light up the basement of an abandoned mansion in a Scooby-Doo cartoon. I have to use sunblock two hundred million. When I am in the sun I go from white to pink to lobster to peel to white. The only things I can take away from it are a blinding migraine and a few more freckles.

But when I say I'm the whitest guy ever, I am not talking about yet another four-year term as the Mayor of Pasty-ville.

It's much worse.

Culturally, I am the quintessential white guy. Look at me! Look at my suburban life with my khakis and my greying temples, walking my little Yorkie and cleaning up his poop, and driving my car and getting my John Tesh-on with some sort of Phil Collins or Coldplay or George Jones music thumping out of the speakers of my Chevy Cruze, the official sedan of the average white guy.

When I look back at my life, I thought I was sweg. I was a pretty good basketball player in high school. But my game was, well, vanilla. I was slow and I couldn't jump. I played like, um, a white boy.

In football, I was even whiter than I was in basketball. After high school, I was a punter – the bottom feeder of the sweg foodchain.

I remember causing and recovering a fumble on a tackle during a semi-pro game in Buffalo. For a fleeting moment, it was the highlight of my football life. But, of course, a black teammate would then give it to his black friend who had lost the fumble.

"C'mon, man, you let that white boy piece of sausage make you fumble the ball?"

Maybe, in another context, those comments would be taken as racist. But they aren't and they weren't. I turned around and even I laughed at that one. It was the perfect metaphor. I was the scraps on the floor of the sweg shop, all tightly wound into a white boy punter.

My whiteness stretches far beyond sports.

In 1988, my teammates and I with the Ottawa Bootleggers got the chance to go into a studio and record a rap song. It got radio play, and, for a while, I thought I was sweg. Then one of my friends heard my part in the rap, and he deswegified me.

"Oh my god," he said, "You sound soooo ridiculously white."

Okay so I sucked, but I like to think I paved the way for white rap artists like Vanilla Ice and Snow to be successful. Then again, they weren't exactly sweg either.

Let's just face it. For middle-aged white guys, we pretty much suck at everything that has an impact on pop culture and what is sweg. We have no fashion sense. The only thing we can call our own are lumberjack clothes and those big square furry hats with the ear flaps that we wear in the winter. And even that's only because anyone who isn't white, with the exception of Flava Flave, would never be caught dead wearing them.

We may not be able to dance and we may not have hops on the basketball court, but we can get through power point presentations and stare at spreadsheets for hours. We can shred documents like Henry Burris can shred a Cover 2 defence.

The Diva and I were at Maddy's Gala at the Shaw Centre in Ottawa recently. Alter Ego, an 80s cover band, brought me back to an era when I was a purveyor of whiteness on the dance floor at Oliver's at Carleton or at the Brewery in Ogdensburg. I popped and waved and threw down my best moves from my old K-Tel How to Break Dance with Shabba-Doo and Boogaloo Shrimp Betamax tape, acting like some sort of Napoleon Dynamite starter kit.

The Diva buried her face in her hands, embarrassed. Everyone laughed at the novelty of an old, fat white guy bustin' out some 30-year-old moves. They laughed at me, not with me, but I didn't care. I was having fun. I thought for a moment about spinning on my back, but I had a quick vision of a dislocated shoulder, a broken hip, and not being able to get up. It wouldn't bother me, though, because the concussion I would suffer would have blurred the moment.

I opted to stay on my feet and go look at the silent auction items.

So maybe I'm not sweg and I will never be sweg.

But, at least in my own mind, I'm pretty fly for a white guy.

Auxiliary's whopping donation funds bedside X-ray technology

WINCHESTER – Already daily figures at the village medical facility, members of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary recently finalized another major commitment.

The blue-smocked members man the front entryway, oversee the operation of the Gift Shoppe, and provide help with directions inside the hospital, while among other things they are also excellent fundraisers.

Proof of that comes in the form of a $191,675.47 donation to purchase a new portable X-ray machine. This will provide for the latest technology right at the patient's bedside.

"We are so grateful to our volunteers," team leader Shirley Rose said. "The mobile unit allows us to go to patients who are too ill to come to the department. It provides instant images for physicians to review, and a reduced amount of radiation for patients. And it's ergonomically friendly for our technologists."

The Auxiliary generated the funds through a community dance, bridge games, the aforementioned Gift Shoppe, and more.

"We are proud to support our local hospital," president Peter Sorby said. "And we thank the many community members who have supported our fundraising efforts to make this possible."

The hospital's old X-ray machine, meanwhile, has been donated to a facility in Haiti.



At left: *Taking part in the recent donation of $191,675.47 to fund the purchase of a new portable X-ray machine at Winchester District Memorial Hospital were Peter Sorby (left, Auxiliary president), Karen Graham, Denis Arseneau, Judilyn Weatherbee, Shirley Rose, Chantal Tremblay, and Alan Archer.*

OTHS partners with prestigious film school

METCALFE – Today's new media environment is changing the supposed paradigms about learning. Remarkable experiences exist beyond the brick and mortar classroom, and that's something Osgoode Township High School (OTHS) students recently had the opportunity to discover firsthand.

A group of communication technology students from the Metcalfe-based educational facility were treated to a sit down with instructors from the prestigious Vancouver Film School (VFS) via a live stream feed.

Participants learned about careers in the booming creative economy, including animation, 3-D design, gaming, and mobile programming.



Communication technology students at Osgoode Township High School recently took part in a live stream learning experience with the Vancouver Film School.

It is an emerging creative economy producing a demand for qualified employees that far outstrips supply.

Last year, in Vancouver alone, 27,000 jobs were generated in the creative economy. Of these jobs, roughly 13,000 remain unfilled.

It is these remarkable learning and employment opportunities that led to OTHS' partnership with the film school.

Collaborative efforts moving forward will help to provide students with the expert professional mentoring necessary. This will help in the development of cutting edge skills, and the type of portfolios that could grant participants direct access into the prestigious programs at VFS.

At present, the Metcalfe school is the only educational facility in the Ottawa region with this type of partnership. OTHS teacher Marc Dubeau helped to secure the working relationship, and is working with the VFS to develop a series of scholarships for students who excel in this creative field.

For OTHS students, these opportunities may help facilitate access to the internationally recognized film school.

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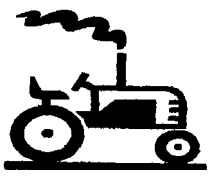

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Celebrating agriculture

North Dundas District High School (NDDHS)' High Skills Major Agriculture program partnered with area experts Thurs., Feb. 16 in celebration of Agriculture Day in Canada. Representatives from the Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA), the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association (DSCIA), the Dundas Farm Safety Association, the Dundas County Milk Producers, Dundas County 4-H, and South Nation Conservation were on hand throughout much of the morning to speak with interested students. Pictured above are NDDHS teacher Kelly Durant, who helped organize the event, and DFA president Jackie Pemberton. *Press Photos – Uhrig*



DSCIA member, and Sevita employee, Michael Staebler had a series of questions for the students, handing out candy to those who answered correctly.



DFA vice-president Marty Derks was hit with several questions from inquiring minds.



Andreas Jampen focused on all things farm safety.

SNC tapping into hands-on learning

FINCH – One of the sweetest educational opportunities ever to be experienced is returning to the South Nation jurisdiction for a 17th season.

South Nation Conservation (SNC), in partnership with Sand Road Maple Farm in Moose Creek, is once again offering its popular Maple Education Program, which provides a unique, hands-on history of the production of maple syrup.

Guided by SNC interpreters, pre-booked Kindergarten to Grade 12 school groups enjoy a leisurely hike through the sugar bush while learning how maple syrup makes it from the tree to your breakfast table.

The bilingual program is offered Tues., March 7 through Fri., April 7, and interested schools must book their visits with SNC in advance. Tours are also available for adult groups. The Sand Road log cabin remains open to all visitors even while tours are being conducted.

The two-hour event, which follows the Kindergarten to Grade 12 science curriculum, starts at 9:30 am or 12:30 pm. To offset expenses, the cost per participant is $7, which includes the tour and a maple treat, and must be paid in advance. Pancake meals are also available starting at $5 per person. The minimum number per group is 15.

To help make the program more accessible, SNC offers a busing subsidy of up to $150 per eligible school. Additionally, SNC is offering Maple Education Lesson Kits to be loaned to schools and groups who are unable to visit the programming site.

Participants learn all about the evolution of the sugaring process, from boiling sap in a hollowed-out log as the First Nations did, to the huge cast iron kettles of the early settlers, to today's modern evaporators that transform sap into sweet-tasting maple syrup. And, if the weatherman cooperates, participants will see maple syrup being made.

"While there's plenty of fun to be had during an SNC-Sand Road outing, the true emphasis is on education," program co-ordinator Kelsey Smith said. Students learn how to identify various tree species, woodlot management, and the role forests play within watersheds.

"It's all about connecting students to our natural environment with the understanding that people are part of the environment and not separate from it," she added. "Lessons learned at Sand Road can last a lifetime."

OVSG renews support for agricultural causes

WINCHESTER – Reflecting the spirit of Canada's Agriculture Day Thurs., Feb. 16, Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association directors awarded $8,600 to worthy Eastern Ontario agricultural causes during their recent regular meeting.

The money is part of the proceeds from the Ottawa Valley Farm Show organized annually by the organization. The 90th anniversary show will be held Tues., March 14 to Thurs., March 16 at Ottawa's EY Centre.

Among the awards are $3,000 to co-sponsor the summer meeting of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association; $2,000 to fund the banquet at 4-H Foundation Golf East 2017; $1,500 for membership in Farm and Food Care Ontario; $1,000 to renew membership in the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame; and $1,000 (plus $100 for promotional items) in support of the annual meeting of French-language farm action group l'Union des cultivateurs franco-ontariens to be held in Embrun Thurs., March 2.

"It's one of the ways we give back to the regional agricultural community, which has been supporting the farm show since its inception," OVSG president Cecil Cass said of the donations. "These are all important projects and organizations in our area and across the province."

DFA gala to celebrate local farmers as inaugural 'hall of fame' inductees

WINCHESTER – The Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA) will host its third charity gala event Sat., March 25 at the Joel Steele Community Centre starting at 6:30 pm.

This year's event will mark Canada's 150th birthday, and for the first-time ever, recognize local farmers who have made a significant contribution to the rural community as the first inductees into the Dundas Agricultural Hall of Fame.

The inductees will be honoured virtually on the Agricultural Hall of Fame page to be located on the DFA website (www.dundasagriclture.com) until a permanent location can be determined.

DFA has joined forces with several ag groups – including the Chesterville and District Agricultural Society, the Dundas Dairy Producers, Dundas Beef Farmers, Dundas Junior Farmers, the Dundas County Soil and Crop Improvement Association, and the Dundas County 4-H Club – to provide an evening of fun, fundraising, and celebration.

The event will consist of a dinner starting at 7:30 pm, catered by AJ's catering, along with a live and silent auction.

Tickets for the event are $30 per person, and groups are encouraged to purchase a table of 10 seats where family members, friends, businesses or organizations can gather together to celebrate the inductees.

Proceeds raised will support Community Food Share and other county charities.

For tickets, call DFA president Jackie Pemberton at 613-774-5914 or visit the organization's website.

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Local esthetician Allison Belanger (left) and makeup artist/hairstylist Karley Kuzevski are spearheading the second year of "SD&G Makeover Project," calling all SD&G high school girls for the chance at a free prom makeover.

Grad gals have chance at free prom makeover

CORNWALL – Twenty-six lucky ladies attending high schools in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) will have a chance again this year of being chosen for a completely free glamorized prom night makeover.

It's the second year in a row that two local entrepreneurs – makeup artist/hairstylist Karley Kuzevski of Hott Stylz Salon, and esthetician Allison Belanger of Poppin Makeup and More – are spearheading the "SD&G Makeover Project," with help from various sponsors across the tri-counties to cover more than $250 in services for the graduating students.

The duo will be selecting two girls from each of the 13 SD&G high schools – including North Dundas District High School, Rothwell-Osnabruck School (Ingleside), and Seaway District High School (Iroquois) – to receive gifts, a photo session, and get their makeup, nails, and hair done.

Kuzevski and Belanger will be choosing the winners based on nominations from peer students, friends, or family members. Whether the nominations are based on academic excellence, community involvement, someone with limited means or self-esteem issues, they will be reviewing all applications.

"Last year was beyond successful," said Kuzevski. "The most rewarding part was seeing the difference in these girls, both physically and emotionally. There were so many smiles and laughter, even moments of tears [because] these girls were so happy."

Added Belanger: "It was successful in just seeing all their faces and how happy they were along with their parents – parents were pulling us aside and hugging us because their daughter felt glamorized, special, and beautiful. That's the point of the project."

Chantale Leger, owner of The Loft in Cornwall, has agreed to host the event at her salon again this year.

Nominations should include the student's first and last name, contact information, school name, and a 100-word description as to why the student should be chosen.

Submissions are to be sent to sdgmakeoverproject@hotmail.com before Mon., April 24.

Tax time:



Five reasons why you should entrust your tax return to a professional

Every year, when the time comes to complete your tax return, you wonder what would be the best way of going about it — ask a member of your family who's good with numbers, use some accounting software, or go see an accountant? One thing is certain: you can never go wrong with an expert. Are you hesitating because of the cost? Here are five reasons why a professional is your best option.

1. ***You're not comfortable with numbers.***

Completing a tax return requires some skill in bookkeeping and personal finances. You may waste a lot of your time if you're not comfortable with numbers.

2. ***Your situation is complex.***

If you're self-employed, a business or rental property (income property) owner, or if your life situation has changed recently (divorce, early retirement, illness, etc.), your tax return could give you some problems.

3. ***You're not immune to error.***

While some software programs are easy to understand, completing a tax return is often more complex than it seems. One small mistake can be far more costly than the services of an accountant.

4. ***Maybe you don't know everything.***

Taxpayers who file their own tax returns often omit such things as medical expenses, for example, and don't always know which refunds they are entitled to and which programs they are eligible for.

5. ***You'll get sound advice.***

Lastly, calling on the services of an accountant means benefiting from the best possible advice, especially with regard to the best time to make a claim.

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Squeeze play

Winchester Hawks' forwards Christophe Lemay (No. 17) and Zach Cohen (No. 10) battled Ottawa West Golden Knights' Daniel Straits (No. 4) and Terrance McLean for puck possession during last Friday's (Feb. 17) CCHL2 tilt at the Joel Steele Community Centre. Lemay (1-1-2) and Cohen (0-2-2) each earned a pair of points in the Hawks' 6-2 loss.

Press Photo – Van Bridger

Hawks stumbling toward finish line

Lose to Canadians, Golden Knights

WINCHESTER – With the end of their Central Canada Hockey League Tier 2 (CCHL2) regular season schedule in sight the Winchester Hawks need to put together a strong finish.

The Martin Division Hawks (19-23-2-2) can't reach the 500 mark since they lost back-to-back games to the Ottawa Canadians (4-2) and the first-place Ottawa West Golden Knights (6-2). But, the fifth-place squad has managed to secure a post-season berth along with the fourth-place Clarence Beavers (22-21-2-2) who have 48 points, six more than Winchester's 42.

Final games

The Hawks played a re-scheduled game last night (Tues., Feb. 21) in Williamstown against the last-place Char-Lan Rebels (10-32-1-2) and will host the third-place Metcalfe Jets (30-15-0-1) at the Joel Steele Community Centre Friday (Feb. 24) at 8:15 pm.

Dates for their best-of-three quarter-final against Clarence have yet to be determined.

Canadians 4 – Hawks 2

The Canadians gained a 2-1 lead in the opening 20 minutes of last Tuesday's (Feb. 14) game in Ottawa and carried a 3-2 lead into the final frame.

Joe Vaughan (Franco Gagnon, Zach Cohen at 18:24) counted the Hawks' first-period goal. Franco Gagnon (Cohen, Erik Starcevic at 9:02) dented twine in the second session.

Devin Saumur, Geoff Hebert, Joshua Filoso and Andrew Robichaud put pucks behind Hawks' Kevan Dumouchel.

Winchester outshot Ottawa 34-30.

Knights 6 – Hawks 2

Winchester trailed the high-scoring Knights 2-0 after 20 minutes and 5-1 after two periods of Friday's home game.

Franco Gagnon (Christophe Lemay, Cohen at 15:35) and Lemay (Franco Gagnon, Cohen at 6:25) cashed the Hawks' goals.

Riley Hennigar, Justin Turner, Jean-Michel Caron, Adam Cooke, Connor O'Reilly and Luke Mulvihill were the Ottawa West marksmen.

Cameron Parr (33-31) posted the win and Dumouchel (28-22) took the loss.

NDDHS curlers qualify for EOSSAA

WINCHESTER – North Dundas District High School's rich tradition of winning SD&G curling championships has been extended.

The school's girls rink of skip Grace Cave, vice Chloe Ziegler, second Emily Cooper and lead Amy Proulx won all four of their draws, claimed the SD&G championship and qualified to represent the board at EOSSAA, which will be held in Kingston (March 1-2).

Matt Roach skipped a mixed team of Mya Woods (vice), Joey Williams (second) and Amy Proulx (lead) to a second-place finish, which earned the Devils a trip to Kingston.

Coach Melissa Cooper guided both teams through their four-game schedules and a field of 15 teams. The tri-county competition included two draws in Morrisburg (Thurs., Feb. 9) and two more last Tuesday (Feb. 14) on their home ice at the Winchester Curling Club.

Cave opened the SD&G showdown shaking hands with Holy Trinity following a 10-0, four-end decision. The Devils then knocked off Char-Lan (7-1) in six ends. The St. Lawrence Saints then fell 11-1 in another four-ender. A fourth dominating six-end decision, 10-2 against the St. Joe's Panthers, secured the gold medal.

Playing with just three curlers in day one the Devils mixed squad first met the R/O Lancers and trailed 3-1 until the final end when Roach threw his first rock as a take out, scored four and won the game 5-3.

Game two against St. Joe's was tied 4-4 after six ends, but North Dundas emerged with a 6-4 extra-end victory.

Back on Winchester ice, North Dundas cruised to a 14-0, four-end win against the Seaway Spartans before falling 9-4 to the defending EOSSAA champion Glengarry Gaels. The Devils' 3-1 record was good enough to book a trip to Kingston.

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Atom Rep 'B' Demons eliminate Cornwall 5-1

CHESTERVILLE – A 5-1 opening round series win has qualified the fifth-place North Dundas Atom Rep "B" Demons for round two of the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's post season.

North Dundas (8-12-4) eliminated the fourth-place Cornwall Colts (9-1-4) five points to one from their four-point series. The Demons will now advance to round two of the East Division playoffs against the first-place Char-Lan Rebels (21-2-1). Game dates to be determined.

North Dundas and the Colts battled to a 1-1 draw in game one (Feb. 13) in Cornwall.

• see ATOM REP 'B' on next page

Rockets take opener 3-1, trail Bandits 2-1 in quarter-finals

CHESTERVILLE – Alexis Diotte cashed the game-winning goal as the visiting Cumberland Bandits nipped the North Dundas Rockets 3-2 and gained a 2-1 lead in their National Capital Junior Hockey League quarter-final series.

Sunday's (Feb. 19) victory set the stage for the third-place Rockets (18-14-0) to face the fifth-place Bandits (16-16-0) in game four in their barn (Ray Friel Arena) last night (Tues., Feb. 21). Game five is slated for Chesterville Friday (Feb. 24) at 7:30 pm. Game six (if necessary) will be played at the Ray Friel Arena on Saturday (Feb. 25) at 7:30 pm and game seven (if necessary) is scheduled for Chesterville on Sunday (Feb. 26) afternoon at 3 pm.

Rockets' general manager Robyn Sadler said he was excited to be involved in the post season.

"I wanted the team to finish with a winning record, which we did," said Sadler. "I wanted to make the playoffs, which we did."

"Next objective is winning at least this series with Cumberland, which I think is a good match for us," added the GM.

Cumberland led game three on Sunday afternoon 2-1 after 20 minutes and 3-2 after two periods. Nicholas Thibault and Patrick Daoust sniped the Bandits' other two markers.

Landon Veenstra and Shawn Simms netted the North Dundas goals. Josh Hansen, Brandon Mullin, Lee Seguin and Bryden van Kessel drew the assists.

Rockets' Jason Buma and Bandit 'tender Danny Thibaudeau were unbeatable in the final frame.

Game 2

Cumberland evened the series 1-1 posting a 7-5 win in game two on Saturday (Feb. 18) at the Ray Friel Arena.

The Bandits set the tone early blasting into a 4-0 lead in period one. They then pumped three more pucks home in the second stanza and carried a 7-2 advantage into the third period.

• see ROCKETS on next page



Award winners

The National Capital Junior Hockey League president Ian McRae (left) was on hand to present the league's Top Scorer, Regular Season MVP and Best Defenceman awards prior to the start of the opening game of the quarter-final series between the host North Dundas Rockets and Cumberland Bandits on Friday (Feb. 17) joining McRea were Rockets owner and vice-president Kent Young, Bryden van Kessel (MVP and Best Defenceman), league director at large Jeff Moore, captain Brandon Mullin (Top Scorer), Rockets owner and president Kevin Byers (league appreciation award) and Rockets GM Robyn Sadler.

Press Photo – Van Bridger



Busy skaters

The Winchester Skating Club (WSC) is presently engaged in a busy competition season. The group pictured (Olivia Drouin is missing) took part in a recent interclub competition at Centre 76 in Athens where they were successful in both individual and team events. Members of the WSC will be participating in its CanSkate Challenge and Showcase at the Joel Steele Community Centre on Sat., March 4. The public is encouraged to attend and witness the skills the CanSkaters (younger novice skaters) have developed this season. The club's senior skaters will also demonstrate their solo, interpretive or "similar pairs" routines. *Courtesy photo*

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RECENT RESULTS
Feb. 14:
Ottawa 4 - Winchester 2
Char-Lan 11 - Metcalfe 6
Feb. 15:
Char-Lan 5 - Brockville 1
Alexandria 6 - Clarence 2
Feb. 16:
Metcalfe 6 - Ottawa West 4
Casselman 6 - Clarence 3
Feb. 17:
Ottawa West 6 - Winchester 2
Perth 3 - Richmond 2
Arnprior 8 - Brockville 3
Casselman 5 - Alexandria 2
Metcalfe 7 - Renfrew 1
Feb. 18:
Richmond 7 - Athens 4
Perth 7 - Prescott 3
Ottawa 5 - Char-Lan 3
Feb. 19
Richmond 10 - Renfrew 2
Ottawa 4 - Clarence 3
Athens 9 - Prescott 2
Perth 3 - Arnprior 2 OT
Feb. 20:
Perth - Athens

STANDINGS

Martin Division	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Ottawa West	37	7	2	256	162	76
Casselman	35	8	3	230	130	74
Metcalfe	30	15	1	209	160	61
Clarence	22	21	4	203	213	48
Winchester	19	23	4	151	181	42
Alexandria	17	26	2	159	164	36
Ottawa	15	27	5	148	192	35
Char-Lan	10	32	3	157	254	23

Richardson	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Perth	37	7	1	219	111	75
Arnprior	33	12	3	249	168	69
Richmond	31	10	4	231	161	66
Athens	23	14	9	188	166	55
Westport	24	17	6	195	170	54
Brockville	17	28	1	140	208	35
Prescott	12	28	7	150	258	31
Renfrew	8	35	4	119	286	20

TOP SCORERS

Winchester Hawks	G	A	PTS
Franco Gagnon	36	22	58
Christophe Lemay	18	28	46
Diego Gagnon "A"	17	28	45
Zach Cohen	16	25	41
Kurtis Keohane	21	12	33
Nicholas Raponi De Roia	7	21	28
Tyler Newell	12	10	22
Erik Starcevic "C"	8	11	19
Jonathan Dutrisac	7	8	15
Jordan Chagnon "A"	6	9	15
Jordan Currie	2	13	15
Joe Vaughan	5	9	14
Evan Landry	3	9	12
Brett Lannin	3	7	10
Evan Durant	2	6	8

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Winchester Hawks
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Fri., Feb. 24
vs. Metcalfe Jets
8:15 pm

National Capital Junior Hockey League

RECENT PLAYOFF RESULTS
Feb. 14:
Morrisburg 5 - St. Isidore 2 - Lions win tie breaker.
Feb. 17:
North Dundas 3 - Cumberland 1
Embrun 6 - Morrisburg 3
Feb. 18:
Cumberland 7 - North Dundas 5
Embrun 9 - Morrisburg 2
Gatineau-Hull 5 - Papineauville 4
Vankleek Hill 5 - Rockland 0
Feb. 19:
Cumberland 3 - North Dundas 2
Embrun 4 - Morrisburg 3
Gatineau-Hull 4 - Papineauville 3
Rockland 8 - Vankleek Hill 2

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Embrun	22	8	2	171	99	46
Papineauville	20	12	0	163	105	40
North Dundas	18	14	0	160	174	36
Vankleek Hill	17	14	1	127	140	35
Rockland	16	15	1	159	166	33
Cumberland	16	15	0	144	129	39
Gatineau-Hull	12	18	2	129	117	26
Morrisburg	9	21	2	127	195	18
St. Isidore	9	21	2	118	161	18

TOP SCORERS

North Dundas Rockets	G	A	PTS
Bryden van Kessel	23	44	67
Brandon Mullin "C"	19	50	69
Liam Morrow	26	27	53
Shawn Simms	27	17	44
Chris Marchand	16	16	32
Joshua Trapper	4	9	13
Landon Veenstra	9	3	12
Quinton Jolly	7	5	12
Trevor Petawabano	5	6	11
Tyler Cayen	4	7	11
Cam Dykstra	3	6	9
Tristan Staff	2	6	8
Josh Hansen	4	3	7
Travis Marshall	2	4	6
Lee Seguin	3	2	5
Margus Gregory	2	3	5
Dylan Marshall	0	5	5
Jarred Benac	0	4	4
Tyson Sherrer	0	4	4
Jack van Kessel	1	1	2
Tanner Barnett (AP)	0	1	1
Joe Dykstra	0	1	1
Paul Marhauser	0	1	1

Goaltenders
Jason Buma 13 W- L14 L-0 T 4 GAA 5.16 GA158
Kody Helder 0 W 1 L 0T GAA 10.55 GA 16

North Dundas Rockets
PLAYOFF HOME GAMES
Fri., Feb. 24 - Game 5
vs. Cumberland Bandits - 7:30 pm
(if necessary)
Sun., Feb. 26 - Game 7
vs. Cumberland Bandits -3 pm
(if necessary)

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Feb. 14:
Red Roosters 4 - Chesterville Maulers 3
Bush Leaguers 8 - Thurler's Thunder 6

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
C. Maulers	16	5	1	140	102	33
Bush Leaguers	12	10	0	131	150	24
Red Roosters	11	10	1	135	113	23
*Thunder	5	14	2	137	162	12

*missing one result

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
*Stats for Feb. 7 games not available			
Dean Byvelds, BL	36	23	59
Steve Cameron, CM	28	31	59
Adam Schofield, BL	25	30	55
Dustin Tinkler, CM	27	24	51
Brandon Cousineau, RR	24	27	51
Jay Griffith, BL	20	30	50
Ryan Romans, RR	17	30	47
Brandon Buma, TT	21	23	44
Nik Paas, RR	21	21	42
Rob Thurler, TT	14	27	41
Clayton Khon, RR	23	17	40

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Feb. 19: Playoffs - Round two
Foodland Reds 1 - KC's Maintenance 0
Cooper Pinks 3 - Bridals 1
Annable's Jewellery 2 - WS Trucking 1

ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Annable's	2	0	0	7	2	4
Foodland	2	0	0	4	0	4
Cooper	2	0	0	6	1	4
Bridals	0	2	0	2	11	0
WS Trucking	0	2	0	1	5	0
KC's	0	2	0	0	4	0

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
A. Rylaarsdam, Pinks	1	3	4
Isabelle Dagenais, Blues	2	1	3
Amy Fraser, Reds	2	1	3
D. Corbett-White, Blues	1	2	3
Natasha Jamieson, Pinks	2	0	2
Laurena Matthies, Reds	1	1	2
Amanda Carkner, Blues	1	1	2
Heather McDiarmid, Reds	1	1	2

Eight tied with one goal

Atom Rep 'B'

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Gavin Eikelboom tied the score on an unassisted play with 17 seconds left in period two.

Game two (Feb. 15) was played in Chesterville with the Demons skating to a 3-2 victory.

The Colts led 2-1 after two periods. Mason Hummel (unassisted at 6:25) counted the Demons' second period marker. Eikelboom (Nathan Epps at 8:40) knotted the score 2-2 in period three. Cooper McCooeye (Ben Radley at 0:33) cracked the game-winning goal in the final minute of play.

Radley then took care of the North Dundas offence netting all three goals on unassisted plays in the Demons' series clinching 3-1 victory in Cornwall on Saturday (Feb. 18).

Rockets

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Tyler Fernandes (2, GWG), Gabriel Cullerier (2), Max Bertrand (PGG), Joshua Broudeau and Martin Forget counted the Cumberland markers. Aiden Cannell set up three goals while Ernie Murdoch and Patrick Sevigny each earned a pair of helpers.

Mullin (PPG, 1-2-3), van Kessel (PPG, 1-2-3), Liam Morrow (1-1-2), Simms (0-2-2), Cam Dykstra (1-0-1), Joe Dykstra (1-0-1), Dylan Nixon (0-1-1) and Veenstra (0-1-1) produced the Rockets offence.

Game one

The series opened on Chesterville ice last Friday (Feb. 17) with the Rockets skating to a 3-1 victory.

North Dundas gained a 2-1 lead in the first frame and was leading 3-1 after two sessions.

Mullin (1-1-2), Morrow (PPG, 1-0-1), van Kessel (GWG, 1-0-1) and Simms (0-1-1) did the Rockets' scoring.

Joshua Bourdeau's unassisted first-period goal dashed any hope Buma had for a perfect result. Stephan Dumoulin suffered the loss.



Tops in SD&G

Lead Amy Proulx (left), second Emily Cooper, vice Chloe Zeigler and skip Grace Cave represented North Dundas District High School in the 2017 SD&G girls high school curling championships (Feb.9 and Feb. 14), compiled an undefeated (4-0) record on their way to becoming the tri-county gold medal winners.



NDDHS mixed

North Dundas District High School's mixed team of lead Ashley Wheeler (left), second Joey Williams, vice Mya Woods and skip Matt Roach won three of four games and finished second in the 2017 SD&G mixed high school curling championships (Feb. 9 and Feb. 14). Both North Dundas rinks, coached by Melissa Cooper, have qualified to compete at EOSSAA in Kingston (March 1-2).

Courtesy photos

WDLHL round-robin play

Blues, Reds, Pinks remain undefeated

WINCHESTER – With two of three Winchester District Ladies Hockey League round robin games in the books the Annable's Jewellery Blues, Foodland Reds and Cooper Physio Pinks are all undefeated,

Foodland nipped KC's Lawn Maintenance 1-0, the Cooper Pinks took down Bridals 3-1 and the Annable's Blues doubled WS Trucking 2-1 in Sunday (Feb. 19) morning's triple bill. All three carry 2-0-0 records into Sunday's (Feb. 28) final qualification games. The league's three championship games will be played at the Joel Steele Community Centre on Sun., March 5

Cashelle Baldwin was between the pipes as the Reds blanked KC's 1-0 in the 8 am game. Laurena Matthies used a feed from Amy Fraser and Alyson Erwin to cash the GWG at 11:11 of the second half. Reds' Brina Whitley was named player of the game.

Natasha Jamieson potted two of the Pinks' three goals as they trimmed Bridals 3-1 and was declared player of the game for her effort. Amanda Rylaarsdam sniped the single and drew assists on Jamieson's scoring plays. Holly Klein-Swormink also picked up an assist.

Ashley Middleton (Alicia Jones, Andree-Ann Gagnon at 10:11) cut Bridals' deficit to 3-1 and ruined Sam Benoit's bid for a shutout in the second half of the 9 am contest.

Trucker Jessica Hendrikx (Lynda Kemp, Tory Feyko at 14:08) put her team back in the game in the second session and earned player of the game status, unfortunately the Blues emerged with the 2-1 win in the 10 am match.

Amanda Carkner (Isabelle Dagenais at 12:16) rang up the Blues' first-half marker. Deanna Corbett-White (Dawn Montgomery, Christie Derksen at 16:30) cracked the game winner early in the second half.

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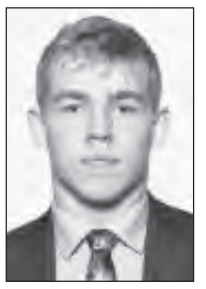
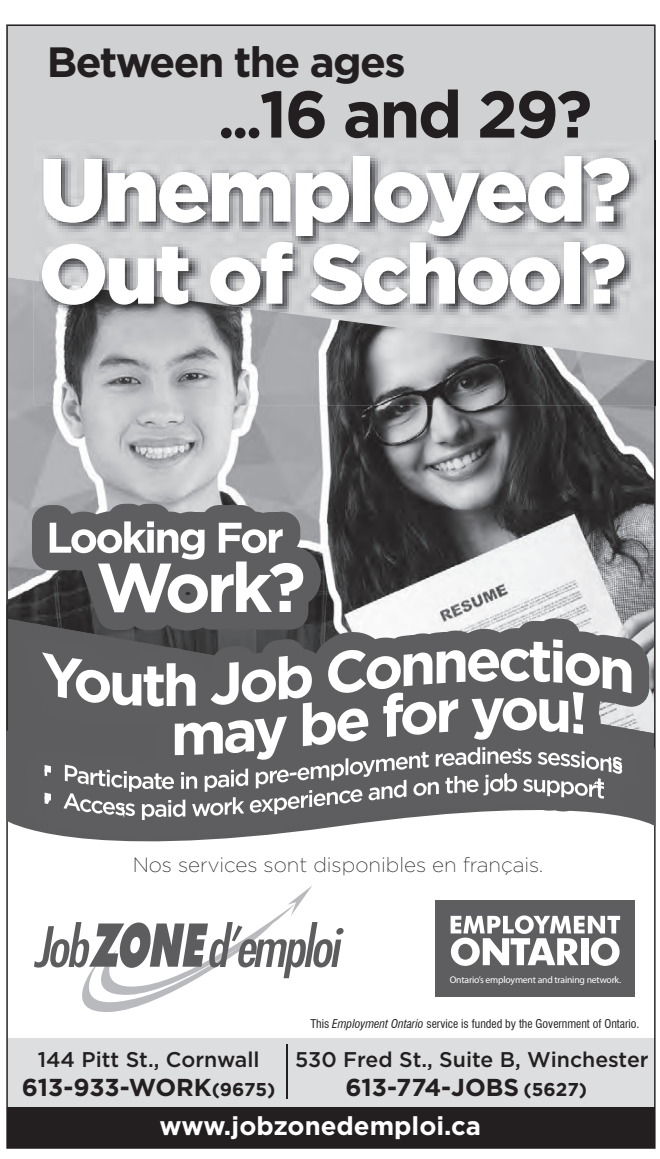


Nepean resident Zach Cohen was acquired from the Richmond Royals by the Winchester Hawks at the Central Canada Hockey League Tier 2 (CCHL2) trade deadline in January. The 18-year-old had appeared in 33 games with Richmond and accumulated 12 goals (4 PPGs), 17 assists (7 PPAs) and 29 points. In his first 13 games with the Hawks the 6', 185 lbs. forward netted four goals (1 PPG), eight assists (2 PPAs) for 12 points. Overall he holds down fourth place in team scoring with 16 goals, 25 assists and 41 points. Valiquette Source for Sports sponsors Cohen's No. 10 jersey.



Roosters edge Maulers, town league playoffs underway

WINCHESTER – Ray Smegal buried a relay sent to him by Clayton Kohn 52 seconds before the final buzzer sounded as the Red Roosters nipped the Winchester Town Hockey League's pennant-winning Chesterville Maulers 4-3.

Last Tuesday's (Feb. 14) result, coupled with the Bush Leaguers silencing of Thurler's Thunder 8-6, brought the league's regular season to a close. Last night (Tues., Feb. 21) the round robin opened with the Maulers (16-5-1) meeting the Thunder (5-14-2) in the early match and the Bush Leaguers (12-10-0) tangling with the Roosters (11-10-1) in the late game.

Roosters crow

Early goals by Brad Bingley (Steve Cameron at 25:22) and Dustin Tinkler (Derek Vingerhoeds at 23:16) opened up a 2-0 lead for the Maulers, which stayed in effect until Ryan Romans (John McGlashan, Brandon Cousineau at 9:46) cut the Roosters' deficit to 2-1.

Ben Walkowiak (Phil Duncan, Clayton Kohn at 7:59) tied it up late in the second half. That goal was answered by Bingley (Cameron, Tinkler at 4:09) who handed the Maulers a 3-2 lead.

Nik Paas (Cousineau, McGlashan) knotted the count 3-3 with 2:42 left on the clock and set the table for Smegal to crack the GWG in the final minute.

Leaguers 8 – Thunder 6

It was an end-to-end shootout between the Leaguers and Thunder, which was decided early in the second half on goals by James Gilmer (GWG, unassisted at 17:26) and Cory Brown (Adam Schofield, Matt Thompson at 16:51).

Schofield (2-1-3), Kyle Dearing (1-2-3), Tyler Brown (1-2-3), Cory Brown (2-0-2), Gilmer (1-1-2), Jay Griffith (1-1-2), Kyle Gaskin (0-2-2) and Thompson (0-1-1) all contributed to the win that locked up second place for the Leaguers.

The Thunders' offence was produced by Rob Thurler (1-2-3), Chris Embury (2-0-2), Pete Klein-Swormink (0-2-2), Brandon Buma (0-2-2), Colton Stitt (1-0-1), Kyle Sobering (1-0-1) and Michel Thurler (0-1-1).



Provincial champs

The Eastern Cougars team was assembled to take part in the 2017 Ontario Juvenile Broomball Championships held in Barrie (Feb. 10-12). The girls, who compete in either the Russell or Finch leagues, went undefeated (3-0) in the tournament, claimed the gold medal and the Ontario bantam title. The Ontario champs are: front (left) – Gail Henry, Rebecca Baas, Genevieve Ouellette, Savannah Delaney, goalie Keely Zandbelt, Lindsey Johnston, Kathryn Larocque, coach Doug Sloan; back (left) – Taylor Henry, Claudie Dagenais, Kylie Clarmo, Emma Larocque, Megan McMahon, Sophie Sloan, Kristen Currie, Constance Clermont, Jordan Burnett, coach Denis Larocque and Esther Hutchinson. *Courtesy Photo*

SD&G boys' basketball

St. Lawrence Saints eliminate Jr. Devils

CORNWALL – It was a four-point decision and the North Dundas District High School Devils ended up on the wrong end of the verdict, losing 36-32 to the St. Lawrence Saints in a SD&G boys' high school basketball semi-final.

North Dundas' season came to a close last Thursday (Feb. 16) in Cornwall.

Devils' coach Deanna Corbett-White reported her squad dominated the game early frustrating the Saints' offence with its full-court press.

"Despite dominating the first half we went into half time tied 15-15," explained the coach. "By the end of the third quarter we were winning by two, but play was tight all of the way."

Corbett-White said her team's defence was relentless, but the offence couldn't buy a basket and ended up losing 36-32.

"Losing was frustrating," stated the coach, "We had opportunities to score at least 20 more points, but the darn ball wouldn't go through the hoop."

Corbett-White said she was extremely proud of the team, which went all out from the tip off until the final buzzer sounded.

"The boys out-hustled, out-rebounded, out-shot the Saints, but unfortunately didn't outscore them," added the coach.

After the game Corbett-White told her team that they played with all of the heart a coach could ask for, next aspect of their game will be learning to shoot.

The Devils roster included Curtis Bell, Nik Brugmans, Ben Fingler, Zac Hamilton, Joey Hannaford, Ian Koch, Brad McLean, Owen Richardson, Matt Roach and Cam Sherrer.

NDDHS Devils boys' hockey season over, girls play this week

MAPLE RIDGE – Back-to-back shutout losses marked the end of the SD&G boys' high school hockey season for the North Dundas District High School Devils.

Devils coach Troy Smith reported the squad played well, but couldn't bury their chances, first in a 3-0 loss to the defending champion St. Joe's Panthers and then during a 5-0 shutout by the Char-Lan Crusaders in their final tournament of the season, played last week (Feb. 14) in Long Sault. North Dundas finished the 2016-2017 campaign with a 2-3-1 record.

St. Joe's were unbeaten on the day, blanking previously undefeated Char-Lan (4-0) and North Dundas (3-0) to qualify for the semi-finals along with the Glengarry Gaels, who they will face in the SD&G championship tournament in Long Sault on Tues., Feb. 28. Char-Lan and the Seaway Spartans will meet in the other semi-final.

Seaway won both of its games, knocking off the La Citadelle Patriotes 2-0 and pounding Glengarry 8-1. Wes Alexander shut out the Patriotes while Griffith Patterson and Cal Bilmer netted the goals. Patterson cracked six goals in the romp over the Gaels. Curran Gilmore and Will DeJong sniped the singles.

St. Joe's will host EOSSAA at the Benson Centre in Cornwall on Wed., March 8.

Girls hockey

The North Dundas girls squad skated in a tournament in Williamstown on Fri., Feb. 10 and registered win number one when they shutout the Glengarry Gaels 6-0.

The same day the Devils were whitewashed 6-0 by the Char-Lan Crusaders bringing their record to 1-4-0, which place them sixth of eight schools.

The standings with one tournament left on the schedule, are: St. Joe's (6-1-0), La Citadelle (4-2-1), Char-Lan (4-1-0), Holy Trinity (3-0-1), Seaway (2-3-0), North Dundas (1-4-0), Tagwi (0-4-0) and Glengarry (0-5-0).

North Dundas will meet Glengarry (10 am) and Char-Lan (1 pm) in their final two games slated for the Finch Arena on Fri., March 24.

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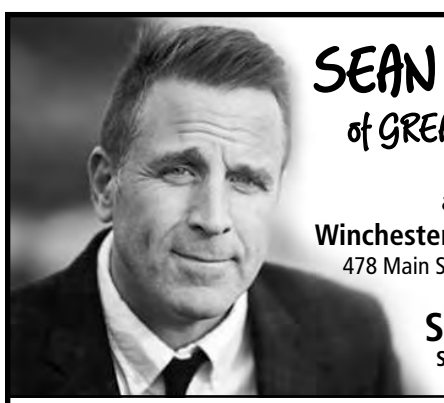

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Beside his grave we often stand
Our hearts are tired and sore.
But through the gloom
There comes the words,
"Not dead, just gone before".
– Sadly missed by Doris and Melanie
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RACINE – In memory of Penny, sister, sister-in-law, daughter, aunt, who passed away on February 26, 2011.
We loved the one we lost.
We used to do things together
But now you are gone.
But you are looking down at us now.
– Betty, April, Marc, Drew, Jane, Chris, Zina and Chloe
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SIMSER – In memory of Donald, dad, father-in-law, husband and grandpa, who passed away on February 28, 1998.
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
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So loved, so missed, so very dear.
– Always in our hearts
– Betty, Drew, April, Marc, Jane, Chris, Zina and Chloe
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In Memoriam

ROBINSON – In loving memory of a dear husband, Milton, who passed away February 2005.
He is gone but not forgotten
And, as dawns another year,
In our lonely hours of thinking,
Thoughts of him are always near.
Days of sadness will come o'er us
Many think the wound is healed,
But they little know the sorrow
That lies in the heart concealed.
– Love Janet
51

MILTON ROBINSON
February 18, 2005
He had a nature you could not help loving
And a heart that was purer than gold.
And to those who knew him and loved him
His memory will never grow cold.
– Always in our thoughts
– Jim, Joanne, Staci, Clyde, Sara, Pat
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ROBINSON – In loving memory of a dear father, Milton, who passed away February 2005.
The rolling stream of life rolls on,
But still the vacant chair.
Recalls the love, the voice, the smile
Of the one who once sat there.
– Love David
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50-51

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, 30 Mill St., Chesterville. Wed., Feb. 22, 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Menu: Delicious hamburg soup, fresh sandwiches, white cake with strawberry topping and ice cream. $7.50 per person (take-outs available starting at 11:00 am). Everyone welcome.
50-51c

57th ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER South Mountain United Church
Tues., Feb. 28, 4:30-7 pm. Pancakes, real maple syrup, sausages, homemade doughnuts, St. Albert's cheese. Adults $7, 12 and under $3.50.
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CANADIAN CLUB OF MORRISBURG AND DISTRICT
Wed., March 15, 7 pm, Morrisburg Legion. Guest Speaker: Dr. Gerry Rosenquist on "My 55 Years in Medicine". Reserved ticket deadline is February 28, 2017. Call Clara 613-774-2407 or Doug 613-543-2922 for tickets or information. Everyone welcome.
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Join us February 24-26 for a fun-filled weekend. Friday: Spaghetti and Bean dinner and Family Game Night. Saturday: Activities for kids (Playfit obstacle course, Snow Bubble Soccer and lunch). Freezer Meal Workshop, Paint Night. Sunday: Brunch and Broomball Tourney. Visit our Facebook page "Marionville Winter Carnival". Info: Julie Drouin 613-858-9514.
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PANCAKE SUPPER
Tues., Feb. 28, 4:30-6:30 pm. St. Clare's Anglican Church, 2530 Falcone Lane, Winchester. Freewill offering.
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Collectibles: East Lake mantle clock; 2 wooden chairs with Massey Harris embossed seats; Eaton's wooden wagon; Beatty tub bench; wash tub; large assortment of oil lamps, some painted, small with coloured glass, some with brackets; crocks; 14"x10" metal bell; Sportsman cigarette fishing picture; 3 Hess toy trucks in boxes; 6-piece wash set; old violin; many cast iron pieces such as pots, shelves, grates, kettle, etc; guitar; old wooden planes; advertising boxes; Shell signs; livestock signs; comics; brass bells; old Brownie camera; milk bottles; antique iron doll crib; wicker doll carriage; leaded windows; Renfrew cream separator; marbles; antique books; approximately 11 boxes of Dickens Village heritage collection; sheet music; sock stretchers; marble eggs on stands; railroad switch lantern; other lanterns; hockey, baseball and football cards; hat box; 3-storey doll house; portable Singer sewing machine; buggy wheel; milk and cream cans; collector plates; wooden pulleys; washboard; cheese boxes; buck saws; cross country skis; nail keg; original corn planter; boot scrapers; sad irons; buggy wrenches; sickles; McClary and Taylor Forbes cast irons; wooden canes; wool winder.

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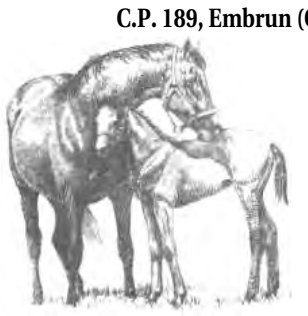

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NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE BOYNE ROAD LANDFILL, TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS

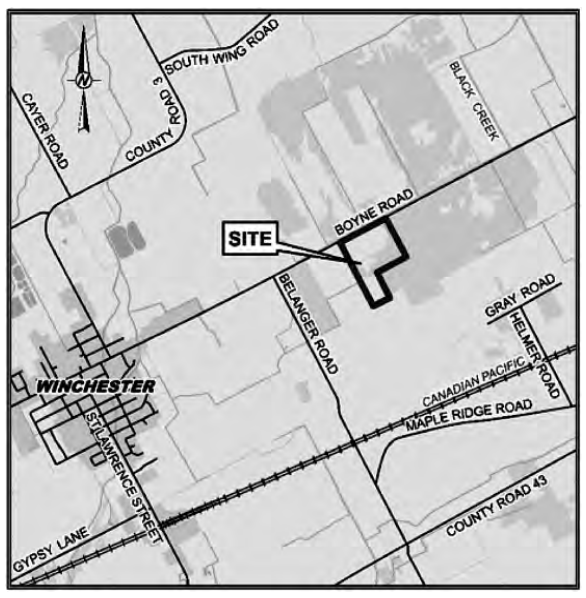
The Township of North Dundas (the Township) has initiated a study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to expand the Boyne Road Landfill Site (the site).

The site is the only municipal waste disposal site available for residents and businesses located in the Township. In late 2014, as part of regulatory approval processes, the Township was made aware that it had exceeded its approved landfill disposal capacity. To continue using the site in the short-term, an emergency Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) was received and required the Township to evaluate waste management alternatives. The evaluation considered: site closure and waste export, site expansion, a new landfill and alternative waste technologies. The result of the comparative evaluation was that expansion of the existing site was the preferred alternative. Based on the findings of this evaluation, the Council directed Township staff to pursue approval to expand the site. The site expansion requires approval under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* and is the reason for this Notice of Commencement. The purpose of the environmental assessment is to identify alternatives and study the potential effects of the proposed landfill expansion on the environment.

The Township is located in Eastern Ontario, in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, approximately 40 kilometres (km) south of Ottawa. The site is located along Boyne Road, approximately 1.5 km east of the Village of Winchester on Lot 8, Concession VI in the former Township of Winchester. The location of the site is indicated on the map below.

The Process

The first step in Environmental Assessment process is the development of a Terms of Reference, which includes opportunities for public review and input. The Terms of Reference provide the framework for: defining the scope of the studies to characterize the existing environment; public consultation methods; identification and assessment of alternative methods of implementing the project; the methods for the prediction and assessment of potential effects of the proposed undertaking on the environment; mitigation measures to avoid or reduce adverse effects; as well as follow-up monitoring and contingency plans. The Terms of Reference will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for approval. Once approved by the Minister, the framework from the Terms of Reference will guide the work and studies that will then be completed during the Environmental Assessment.



Want to Get Involved?

Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are invited to actively participate in the planning process by attending open houses. An initial public open house to introduce the project, discuss the Terms of Reference, the Environmental Assessment and the consultation processes is scheduled for March 7, 2017 between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm at the Council Chambers located in the Township Office at 636 St. Lawrence Street in Winchester. Information regarding this open house will be posted on the project website at http://northdundas.com/town-hall/landfill-recycling/landfillea/.

Members of the public or interested parties are also invited to attend and participate in helping the Township of North Dundas identify issues, interests or ideas to be addressed during the Environmental Assessment. Further consultation events, including a second public open house are scheduled for the summer/fall of 2017. Consultation opportunities will be advertised in local newspapers and through the Township's website at http://northdundas.com/town-hall/landfill-recycling/landfillea/.

Comments may also be submitted by the public or interested parties through the Township's website www.northdundas.com and by mail, email or fax, to the contacts for the project provided below.

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Veuillez noter qu'il vous est possible de nous communiquer vos commentaires ou vos questions sur le projet en français en les adressant à Trish Edmond aux coordonnées indiquées ci-dessus.

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NDDHS Notes

by Alexis Henderson



Today's Pink Shirt Day at school

MAPLE RIDGE – Congratulations to both the junior and senior girls volleyball teams for each finishing their season in fourth place.

The girls curling team won gold at the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) Championships in Winchester last week, while the Mixed Curling Team won silver at the same event. Congratulations to both teams. They will both advance to play in the EOSSAA Championships in Kingston next month.

The Intermediate Winter Carnival was a lot of fun for Grade 7 and 8 students on Fri., Feb. 17.

Today (Wed., Feb. 22) is Pink Shirt Day because this is the day that all Canadians celebrate diversity and inclusion for all – wear pink to stand up against bullying.

Today is also the last day for students in Grades 7 and 8 to purchase their Intermediate Winter Formal Dance tickets. The dance will be taking place on Fri., Feb. 24.

The Intermediate Open House starts tonight at 6 pm for families of students who will be transitioning from Grade 6 to Grade 7 or Grade 7 to Grade 8 next year.

Finally, the Cake Sale will take place on Fri., Feb. 24 to help fundraise to lower the cost of individual prom tickets. Grade 12 students can bring in full sized cakes and pies to have them auctioned off during lunch to staff and students.

OBITUARY

Audrey Effie Harper (nee Casselman)



Audrey Effie Harper (nee Casselman), formerly of Winchester, passed away peacefully Tues., Feb., 14, 2017 at Caressant Care in Bourget. She was 88.

She was born on Sept. 20, 1928 to George and Marsella Casselman (nee Hayes) of Morrisburg. She was the sixth of seven children. On Nov. 9, 1945, she married Gerald Harper, who predeceased her in August 1991. They had three sons.

Audrey was a retired Registered Nurses Aide at Winchester District Memorial Hospital for many years.

She was predeceased by her husband, her parents, and her siblings — Pearl (Merite) Summers, Floyd (Jean) Casselman, Bessie Casselman, Viola (Edward) Beckstead, Willie (Nelda and Marion) Casselman, and Shirley Casselman. She is survived by her sons, Gary (Susan) and their children, Shaun, Patrick, Tammy, and Joanne; Carl (Carol), and their children Jennifer, Kelly, and Christopher; and Alan (Marlene) and their children, Jessica and Ashley. She is also survived by several great and great-great-grandchildren.

There will be no service. Interment of cremated remains will take place in the spring at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

The arrangements are entrusted to Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Homes in Williamsburg.

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

Diane Annable

A beautiful daughter, who left us much too soon on February 22, 2014.

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We miss you more than anyone knows.

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Never forgotten,
Mom & Dad
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and brothers – Wayne (and Debbie);
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Diane Annable

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Keenagers given Middle Eastern perspective

ORMOND – Members of the Keenagers group gathered at Harmony Church mid-January to learn about bridging the gap between North American Christians and those coming from the Middle East.

Guest speakers George and Ellen Jarjour spoke about their experiences facilitating refugee settlement in Canada from the Syrian crisis.

George, a recent immigrant to Canada who speaks Arabic, told the group he was moved by the events on 9/11 to use his extensive training in Islamic Studies to bridge the divide.

"There is a lot of ignorance on both sides in regards to the others' beliefs," said George, whose hometown of Aleppo today lies, for the most part, in ruins due to civil war to which racial and religious differences are at the heart of the conflict.

He also said that his seminars have developed into a network of contacts that keep him busy travelling back and forth between Regina, Sask., and Halifax, N.S. with weekly trips to Montreal keeping him away from their Ottawa home much of the time.

George has also been asked to go into a local Ottawa high school to help the staff and administration relate to the now-majority Muslim student population.

Recently, George, a Kurd by tribal identity, decided to have his DNA tested to see what the historical background of his ancestors were that came from Southern Syria. Much to his surprise, he found that he had Jewish blood in him, according to the results.

"God must have a sense of humour," said George. "Because I was raised to hate the Jews most of all and now I found out that I am one!"

Together, the couple talked about one specific refugee family waiting to immigrate to this country, and their perilous journey to escape the besieged city of Aleppo. The family of four is currently scratching out an existence in Beirut, Lebanon as they await a sponsor.

Ellen explained that because this family is of a specific minority group, they cannot go to the refugee camps for help where they would be persecuted.

The group reflected on what could be done locally to divide the gap.

A potluck lunch following the presentation gave members the opportunity to continue to ask questions.

The latest Keenagers meeting was held at Harmony Church Wed., Feb. 15.



At the latest Keenagers meeting, the group heard about bridging the North American-Middle East gap from Canadian immigrants Ellen and George Jarjour. Pictured are Rev. Bob Votary, Ellen, George, and Rev. Bruce North.
Courtesy photo

Survivor of Hungarian uprising tells tale to Seaway Presbyterial

by Donna Wilson

MORRISBURG – The Brockville Presbyterial Womens' Missionary Society met in late January at Knox Presbyterian Church in Morrisburg.

Margaret Reynolds and Janet Jones welcomed members and visitors from Ottawa, Brockville, Cornwall, and surrounding areas.

Members from the Morewood Womens' Missionary Society led the worship sessions, using the theme of spiritually creative gifts. The focus was on God's gifts to us, and individual offerings to praise him were on display, as well as expressions of thankfulness shown on slides and through music offered by Kathy Spruit and Ann Langabeer.

Although Colleen Campbell and Ruth Pollock led the worship, Elva Rutters' organization of the presentation was recognized as her gift.

Romans 12:6-8 tells us "to use our different gifts in accordance with grace that God has given us."

Reports and a donation to Gracefield Presbyterian Camp were approved. In groups, we looked for gifts in others and ourselves not yet explored, after which lunch was served.

Pianist Janell Moore led a sing-along to energize the group. Then Phyllis MacMaster of Winchester introduced the guest speaker, Cornwall-based author Katalin Kennedy.

Kennedy escaped, alongside her parents, from war torn Hungary on Christmas Eve 1956, and ultimately landed in Canada.

She has written three novels, including *The Women Gather* and *Reconnecting*, and now the story of her life, *Echoes of Footsteps*. She cannot help but inject pathos, humour, and hope in all her writings and talks, using a caring and contemplative manner.

Her beloved husband, Rev. D.S. Kennedy, whom she called her soulmate, passed away in 2006.

For 10 years, Kennedy was a monthly columnist of "Kindness" for the Seaway News, and in the past has managed national projects with Health Canada's Family Violence Prevention Program.

She continues to be involved with various organizations.

Catherine Blatch thanked Kennedy following her presentation.

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Classic carnival fun draws fans to Inkerman



Wyse Harrington (left) and Sawyer Stewart took a moment to warm up and roast marshmallows on the open bonfire Sun., Feb. 19 at this year's Inkerman Winter Classic.



Sawyer Stewart and Joshua Lafrance went head-to-head in the boys' division of the pancake-flipping competition.

One of the most popular activities at this year's edition of the Inkerman Winter Classic (Sat., Feb. 18 and Sun., Feb. 19) was a new game of human ice bowling, where teammates launched their partners into an array of water jugs to knock them over.

Organizer Hugh Fawcett said he was happy to see such a great turnout for the event, with more than 100 people showing up to the outdoor rink and surrounding area for free family activities and friendly competitions.

Throughout the carnival, there were horse-drawn sleigh rides, a bonfire for roasting marshmallows, classic carnival races for all ages, a woodsmen competition, pancake flipping, a Carnival princess competition, and more.



Lia (left) and Brian McIntosh from Bri-Mc Farms provided the horse-drawn sleigh rides for free throughout the day.





Lisa Williams of Main Street Clothing Company in Winchester was one of the sponsors of this year's carnival princess competition, and provided winner Margot Guy (left) with leggings, a shirt, and scarf from her store. Emily Ryan (centre) was the runner-up.







Above:
Becky Gilmer and her three-year-old twins Addison (left) and Easton had the sleigh all to themselves for a ride.

At left:
Lual Corbut, pictured, was one of the first participants during the human bowling competition, along with his brother Joshua.

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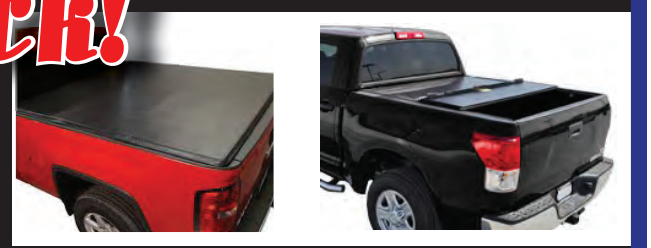

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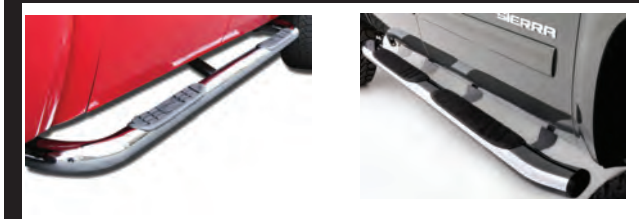

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