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Dollar dip crippling DCFB's efforts

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – While the sagging Canadian dollar is making waves throughout the country, it is also handcuffing the buying power of local agencies.

At the Dundas County Food Bank in particular, the black-eyed loonie is the key factor in the upward spike of the charity's food purchasing budget.

"The food budget, for sure, has gone up steadily in the past five years," administrator Ian McKelvie said. It is estimated in that time the buying total has pushed past the $80,000 mark, while records show that it once was as low as $10,000 or less.

"It is reality for us that we do have to pay more for food to supplement the donations," McKelvie said.

As is the case nearly every year, donations spiked in October and November 2015 as students headed back to school and the fall approached, though they dipped in December as more was redirected to the North Dundas Christmas Fund.

With January having arrived, and the situation expected to worsen as winter's wrath takes hold, the rise in food prices is on a collision course with the anticipated increase in need.

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Judy Hilson (left), co-ordinator at the Dundas County Food Bank's Winchester site, and volunteer Muriel Cossaboom are seeing a greater repeated need among those users in the area. The sinking Canadian dollar, meanwhile, is making it more difficult for the charity to have the ability to make necessary food purchases.
Press Photo – Uhrig

ND fire department calendar hot ticket



by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Having snapped countless photos at the 2015 Eastern Ontario Firefighter Association Games, an area photographer was left with an idea for a fundraising endeavour.

Heather Cooke-Erwin spent the weekend last June behind the lens, capturing the North Dundas Fire Department entries in various competitions.

"I have been wanting to do this for a couple of years, and when the fireman games were in Winchester, I decided 'it's now or never,'" she said.

What it is she's wanted to do is create a 12-month calendar that depicts the faces of the men and women who volunteer for the municipality's four separate fire detachments.

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Family, friends head to hockey arena to honour legacy of local man killed

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE – Tyler Pellerin-Gagnon's family and friends aren't letting grief keep them from honouring the legacy of the onetime Winchester resident.

A graduate of North Dundas District High School, and prior to that both Inkerman and Nationview public schools, Pellerin-Gagnon had moved to Ottawa, and it was in the Nation's Capital that he was killed on Canada Day 2015.

For reasons never shared publicly, the 22-year-old was attempting to cross the multi-lane Queensway just before 11 pm that evening when he was struck and killed. A single vehicle hit him while he was running into traffic near the Metcalfe Street exit.

As traffic began to slow, two off-duty city firefighters stopped to investigate the scene after spotting a backpack lying on the road. Looking further, the pair saw Pellerin-Gagnon's body, and tried in vain to revive him before other first-responders arrived.



Tyler Pellerin-Gagnon

The driver of the car, who was uninjured, also stopped at the scene, as did multiple other motorists. But, there was little anyone could do.

"Coping since the loss of Ty has been very difficult for the family," his sister, Amie, told the *Winchester Press*. "When you lose someone, there's always an emptiness. Everywhere you go, and in everything you do, there's an empty seat. We're trying our best to cope, but the grief will never go away. Time doesn't heal all wounds – no matter how much time has gone by, we will always grieve his loss."

To keep his memory alive, family and friends have organized a memorial hockey game for Sat., Jan. 23 at the Chesterville Arena. Puck drop is slated for 12 pm.

"Ty had a huge heart, and wanted the world to be a better place," Amie said. "[Those who loved him] want to continue his legacy by supporting a need in our own community, a need that's close to our hearts."

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Food bank numbers down, visits up

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"If you're a family on the edge [of poverty], with both parents making minimum wage, that's a factor making a difference between using the food bank or not," McKelvie said. "Maybe they won't be in every month, but certainly several times in a year."

At the DCFB's Winchester site, the number of visits did drop from 2014 (885) to 2015 (879), but only slightly. However, it is the number of people served that continues to rise, with 2,488 last year, a 17 per cent increase from the year previous.

In Morrisburg, visits also dropped year over year – 1,178 to 1,134 – as did the number of people served – 3,913 to 3,692. The total of adults served also fell to 6,180, but the children total is largely unchanged from 2014 (2,653) to 2015 (2,654).

"While we are down overall in 2015 compared to 2014, we still had substantially more visits, and served substantially more people and children when compared to 2013," McKelvie said. "The trend this year, particularly in Winchester, is we served more families with children than singles or couples with no children compared to 2014."

The other outlier? The DCFB is also bracing for an anticipated drop in donations as individuals and families rein in budget spending to account for food price increases, and grocers perhaps limit donations to keep better track of their bottom line.

"How much [rising food prices] will affect that, like donations at the checkout at Foodland, we don't know yet," McKelvie said.

One bright spot in the coming year's budget is the economic spinoff from the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train's stop in Finch last year. All proceeds generated were directed to the DCFB, with more than $3,000 in cash handed over, on top of 5,350 pounds of food items.

"That was a huge boost for us, but we don't know that it will be the same in 2016," McKelvie said.

No matter, the price of food staples is what handcuffs the food bank most. According to Statistics Canada, the cost of apples jumped from $3.74 per one kilogram in November 2014 to $4.12 last November, while the price of celery jumped nearly 40 per cent from $2.22 to $3.08. The cost of other items like ground beef, fish, and eggs is also increasing.

"It will be crucial for us to keep an eye on sales, and buy things as reasonably priced as possible going forward," McKelvie said.

POLICE BLOTTER

Mischief

CHESTERVILLE – A Morewood man faces charges after a Sat., Jan. 16 incident at a Connaught Road home.

When Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers arrived shortly after 8:30 am they found that the man had caused damage within the home.

Brady Leblanc-Clost, 20, was arrested at the scene. He now faces two counts of mischief.

His court date has been set for Tues., March 1 in Morrisburg.

Assault charge

WINCHESTER – A 48-year-old Winchester man faces an assault charge following a Fri., Jan. 15 altercation.

Police arrived at the Holmes Road (County Road 38) home just before 11 am that day, and found that an altercation between an adult male and his girlfriend resulted in the female being assaulted.

He was arrested and charged with assault, while his court date is set for Thurs., Feb. 4 in Cornwall.

A string of offences

BERWICK – On Jan. 15, at approximately 10:40 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a disturbance at a Concession Road 5 home.

The investigation revealed that an adult male was in contravention of conditions imposed from a previous incident. Once in custody, the man had an altercation with officers at the detachment. He threatened and assaulted officers, and also attempted to disarm another officer.

Patrick Ethier, 23, of Ottawa faces charges of assault of a peace officer; uttering threats; eight counts of failure to comply with conditions of a probation order; disarming a peace officer; and failure to comply with conditions of recognizance.

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

Youth charged

WINCHESTER – A 16-year-old village youth faces charges following a violent outburst at his home.

SD&G OPP officers arrived at the residence Mon., Jan. 11, just before 2 pm, following the report of a family dispute.

The investigation indicated the male youth had caused damage within the home, and was in contravention of conditions imposed from a previous incident.

He was charged with mischief under $5,000, and two counts of failure to comply with conditions.

The youth was held in custody pending a bail court hearing in Cornwall.

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Banking on kindness

During the holiday season, the Connor, Clark and Lunn (CC&L) Financial Group makes donations to a wide variety of charities across Canada in order to have a meaningful impact on those less fortunate. This year, the Dundas County Food Bank was chosen as one of those charities by Richard Pope, vice-president of CC&L Capital, former resident of Winchester, and a graduate of North Dundas District High School. Pope (left) is pictured presenting a cheque for $1,000 to Terry Triskle, the food bank's board chair.

Calendars

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With countless photos in her collection, Cooke-Erwin's task first began with selecting those pictures that would make the final 2016 edition.

While the bulk of the photos show detachment members in the thick of competition during the firemen games, there are other more candid shots, including various training exercises, visits by Sparky the Fire Dog, and mothers and fathers with their children in bunker gear.

Another key photo shows firemen taking a break following a train derailment in the early '90s.

Cooke-Erwin's calendar, which was created by *Winchester Press* graphic designer Linda Johnston, will serve as a fundraiser for the department.

"I have and have had friends that are volunteers, and I know they are always trying to find new ways to raise funds," she said. "[I want them] to purchase equipment that is needed to help perform their job."

Interested in supporting the cause? If so, contact Cooke-Erwin at 613-552-4796 or email heathercookeerwinphotography@gmail.com

The calendars are $20 apiece.

"[Ultimately], I'd like to sell all of them," she said.

Memorial

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It is the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association that will benefit from the Tyler Pellerin-Gagnon Memorial Fund, an initiative launched to provide financial assistance with registration costs.

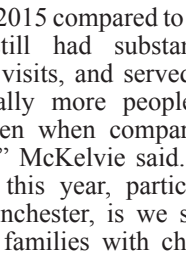
"It would mean so much to him, and it means so much to us to know that through this loss we can help parents pay for hockey registration, to help purchase equipment, and to assist with travel expenses for tournaments," Amie said.

"We will use this hockey game not only as a way to honour him, but also to leave a legacy – to impact the local community in a meaningful way," she added.

To date, the fund has raised $2,010 through a GoFundMe page (search Tyler Pellerin-Gagnon Memorial Fund), while a trust fund has been created at Scotiabank (account number 904720121312).

Although complete details for the Jan. 23 game have not been finalized, there will be a ceremonial face-off beforehand, and Pellerin-Gagnon's old North Dundas Demons jersey will be raised to the rafters.

"We're welcoming anyone who'd like to come out to do so," Amie said. "Stop by and say 'hi,' come share a happy memory or two, help us remember Ty in the way he would want to be remembered, and support his legacy."



NDDHS Notes

by Patricia Barlow

MAPLE RIDGE – Final exams at North Dundas District High School begin Wed., Jan. 27, and continue through until Tues., Feb. 2.

The schedule is as follows: period one, period two, period three, and period four. All exams will be written in the morning, therefore students will only have one exam per day.

To ease the stress, "Exams = I've Given Up" Day, also known as "comfy" day, will be held Tues., Jan. 26.

Bust out those sweatpants, fuzzy socks, sweatshirts, and all things comfy.

Good luck to all students!





Hospital parking fees capped by province

WINCHESTER – The Ontario government has announced it will be making hospital parking more affordable for frequent visitors by reducing rates, and capping daily parking fees throughout the province.

As of Oct. 1, 2016, hospitals that charge more than $10 a day for parking will be required to provide five, 10, and 30-day passes that are discounted by 50 per cent off their daily rate.

WDMH well under capped daily rates

The passes are required to be transferable between patients and caregivers, equipped with in-and-out privileges throughout a 24-hour period, and good for one year from date of purchase.

The province has also directed Ontario hospitals not to raise their daily parking rates for the next three years beginning immediately.

"Parking fees should never be a barrier for patients when they go to the hospital… We are providing relief from the high cost of parking at some hospitals in Ontario," said Eric Hoskins, minister of health and long-term care. "By making parking more affordable for patients and their loved ones who visit the hospital often, we are helping to reduce the burden of parking fees and putting patients first."

According to Hoskins, Ontario hospitals generate about $100 million every year from parking fees.

The announcement won't impact any costs at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH), however, as the local facility's daily parking rate amounts to $5 per day. According to WDMH communications lead, Jane Adams, WDMH has only had one parking increase in the past 15 years.

In Ontario, 45 hospitals currently offer free parking, and 54 charge $10 or less per day.

It is estimated that 36 hospitals charge more than $10 a day, and about 900,000 patients and visitors – including 135,000 seniors – are expected to benefit from reduced parking fees each year.

Between now and Oct. 1, hospitals will work directly with their Patient and Family Advisory Councils (PFAC) to implement this new policy, ensuring that it is well promoted and easy to understand. Each hospital will provide details on its specific parking policy and discounts.

Susan Kuczynksi, a member of Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer, noted during the announcement that she has seen the price of hospital parking increase significantly since she began to frequent Toronto's SickKids in 1995, when her daughter was diagnosed with cancer.

"We are thrilled that our concerns around the high cost of hospital parking have been addressed in a meaningful way that will help defray the cost of hospital parking for families of children with cancer in Ontario," Kuczynski said. "You heard our voices, included us in the consultation, and have come up with a plan that reflects that in a very positive way."

The ministry noted that it consulted with patients, patient advocacy groups, hospitals, and the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) last year to find a fair plan that would reduce the financial burden of parking for patients and their visitors.

But OHA president and CEO, Anthony Dale, said in a news release shortly after the province's announcement: "The decision to cut revenues could not come at a worse time."

"After four years without an increase in base operating funding, hospitals are now at a turning point. Hospitals are facing extremely challenging budget decisions aimed at containing costs while meeting the increasing service needs of patients," he said in the release. "Revenue generated from parking fees is always used for patient care, towards the purchase of capital equipment and projects, infrastructure, clinical research, and day-to-day operations such as facility maintenance."

He also suggested that a future investment in hospital operating costs would help to ensure stability within Ontario's healthcare system.

The plan to cut parking rates is part of the government's "Patient First: Action Plan for Health Care," which is providing faster access to the right care, better home and community care, and health care information.

UCDSB reaches tentative agreement with teachers

BROCKVILLE – The Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) reached a tentative settlement Thurs., Jan. 14 with the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) Upper Canada Teacher Local.

Terms of the settlement will remain confidential until ratified by both parties.

This local settlement will complete the bargaining process for elementary teachers, and complements the agreement on provincial issues achieved in November 2015.

The ETFO Upper Canada Teacher Local represents 1,200 elementary teachers working in UCDSB schools.

"I am very pleased to see we have reached an agreement with our elementary teachers," said board chair Jeff McMillan. "The hard work and commitment of all of those involved in the negotiating process brings us closer to focusing our attention completely on our mission of improving student achievement – thanks to all."

The details of the union's ratification vote will be announced in the coming weeks, with trustees holding their ratification vote Wed., Jan. 27.



Séan McCann, founding member of the renowned folk band Great Big Sea, is set to perform in the village Sat., Feb. 27 at Winchester's Old Town Hall.

Former Great Big Sea member to perform here

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

WINCHESTER – There are plenty of fish in the sea, but only one Séan McCann – and he's coming to Winchester to perform next month.

McCann's passion for Newfoundland and Labrador folk songs shot him to international fame decades ago as a founding member of the renowned group Great Big Sea, and he has continued with that legacy through his new music.

He is set to perform Sat., Feb. 27 at the Old Town Hall at 8 pm, with doors opening at 7 pm. Tickets are $30 in advance, and $35 at the door (cash only for door sales).

"The smaller locale will make for a super intimate concert, which is exactly what [McCann] envisioned," said Gina Welch, the township's community development programmer, and a longtime fan of Great Big Sea. "The last time I saw him was in a big hockey stadium, so this will be a lot more of a raw performance from him."

According to Welch, McCann just recently moved to the Ottawa area, and wanted to expand his brand by performing at smaller, local shows. The smaller shows are reminiscent of the times when he first started playing music, and it's been a way to bring him back to his roots for a more "genuine" sound.

When he was given a tour of Old Town Hall recently, Welch said McCann was impressed by the building's history and locale – a perfect fit for the seasoned star.

McCann is the biggest household name secured to perform in Winchester since Dan Hill in 2014, and Welch added that if all goes well, it would become an annual performance.

"This was an opportunity that we had to grab, and McCann has been so excited about coming to Winchester," said Welch. "We want to start organizing big concerts like this every three or four months."

She also added that if tickets sold out in advance, a performance block would be opened up for Fri., Feb. 26.

During the concert, there will be a cash bar, as well as CDs and books available for purchase (cash only). Tickets for the show are available at Agora, at the Township of North Dundas office, or online at www.northdundas.com/events/Sean-McCann.

"He won't be in a centre filled with thousands of people…He will be there right in front of you," said Welch. "I think that's the appeal of this concert."

Long-shuttered Green Food Box initiative to return to South Dundas

MORRISBURG – After a lengthy absence, the Green Food Box program is returning to the Municipality of South Dundas.

The initiative was once operated solely by the township, but was abandoned some time ago.

Now, in partnership with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Linking Hands is teaming up with the Dundas County Food Bank to return the service to the south end of the county. (Also involved is the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County Library, Community Living Dundas County, and Riley's Valumart.)

The program is open to all residents in the county, and comes in two separate dollar value sizes. While both will see variations in the types of fruits and vegetables included each month, the more costly option will provide items not regularly seen in the less expensive version.

For $10, staples such as apples and bananas will be included, while the $15 bag sees the addition of more exotic fruits, like mangos.

While participants aren't eligible to select the fruits and vegetables found in the bags, those taking part do have the power to ensure greater variety. More orders means a greater buying power, which leads to more versatility in choosing items.

"This buying power is why we recommend that all residents, regardless of their annual income, participate in the program," Parent said.

Ultimately, the program endeavours to provide residents with healthy, nutritious fruits and vegetables in an easy and convenient package while encouraging them to try something new.

The program has been a success in the Township of North Dundas for some time, with an average output of 70 bags per month. Mike Dean's Super Food Store is the north end supplier, delivering the goods to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester for packaging.

Already, the relaunch of the South Dundas initiative has 15 orders submitted, while the pick-up days at each site have been scheduled for two weeks apart to facilitate residents wishing to participate in both.

Wed., Feb. 10 will be the first day of orders in the south (deadline for entry is Fri., Jan 29). Bags will be collected from the food bank's Ottawa Street location in Morrisburg.

"The success of this program depends entirely on the people of South Dundas," Linking Hands co-ordinator Sandy Casselman said. "We need a number of regular buyers to not only ensure a good variety of vegetables and fruits, but also validate potential future expansion of order and pick-up sites throughout the municipality."

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MPP stops in SD to get feedback, suggestions for budget

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Provincial grants and funding opportunities should be based on the needs of each municipality in order to be fair.

That was just one suggestion Municipality of South Dundas council members had for Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonnell during a special meeting Tues., Jan. 12 to discuss pre-budget plans, and talk about any concerns they had with the position of the provincial government.

"We would like the provincial government to come up with a formula for grant applications that is more fair to rural and northern communities," mentioned Mayor Evonne Delegarde. "We find that a lot of the funding, especially transit funding, is focused to the cities – whether it's the [light rail transit in Ottawa] or the subway expansion in [the Greater Toronto Area]."

Council put forward two applications last year under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) for the rehabilitation of Upper Canada Road – but was denied both times.

It was a road that was owned and maintained by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) for many years, up until May 2015, when council members were notified that the throughway had since been determined as owned by South Dundas.

According to the administrative report, the road was transferred to the former Township of Williamsburg in 1975 as Crysler Memorial Park Road.

The SLPC also stated that the road would be due for rehabilitation soon, and their cost estimate for the project totalled nearly $900,000.

It was an unexpected cost for the municipality. When the infrastructure fund became available, it seemed an opportunity to cover most of the road's rehab costs. If approved, the OCIF would cover up to 50 per cent of the total project cost not exceeding $1 million.

One of the guidelines of the application was that the project has a connection with Canada's confederation, with priorities given to communities asking for one third of the project's cost. Council members requested $300,000 in the application.

But when council members turned up two denied applications – out of 360 applications, South Dundas was denied as other applications "demonstrated more clearly that there was a critical health and/or safety problem and how the proposed project would address it," – they were left wondering: Was the process fair?

> Fairer funding formula, municipal liability insurance burden among South Dundas' concerns

McDonnell acknowledged that he "never liked grant allocations," because they didn't have streamlined guidelines, which posed a challenge for municipalities with various needs.

"Anything that has a safety aspect, anything that is falling down, generally takes priority," McDonell said.

He also added that provincial funding oftentimes becomes granted to the municipalities that are financially hurting.

"But when a municipality has no debt, it's hard to get the funds," he said. "It seems to be if you manage your township well, looks like you don't get the benefits…I think that's a mistake because it encourages everybody to spend."

Council members agreed that the only way to afford Upper Canada Road's rehabilitation costs was to secure a provincial grant in 2016.

Nobody wins with Ontario's municipal liability rule

Another concern on the minds of council members was the issue of the province's municipal liability model, nicknamed the "one-per cent rule."

Just a fraction of fault can force municipalities to pay huge monetary settlements or damage awards, even if they are found to be one per cent at fault. They are often targeted deliberately as "insurers of last resort," such as when there is no other insurance to compensate an injured plaintiff. As a result, since 2007, liability premiums for municipalities have increased by 22 per cent, and are among the fastest growing municipal costs, according to a survey carried out by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

During a recent case, an Ontario municipality was named in a $13-million lawsuit because an impaired driver, with a suspended license, in a stolen car, hit a pedestrian on a residential street. The driver pled guilty to criminal negligence causing bodily harm, theft, and breach of probation. However, the municipality had to pay because it did not have sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Municipal governments have been advocating for liability reform as the current model of joint and several liability makes municipalities an easy target for litigation.

"We were pushing the issue last year – not sure why they're not moving on it," said McDonnell. "I know of a municipality that was having a hard time finding insurance, and getting a quote on insurance, because they weren't demanding that anyone renting their city facilities provide their own insurance policies – we're talking ice time, any local groups using it."

Delegarde confirmed that South Dundas has been very "conscious" of the liability rule, and therefore, covers only a few events under the municipal policy, and has all township facilities, such as the arenas, geared so that residents have to purchase their own insurance.

"It's not very popular, but we have to do it," Delegarde said.

McDonnell encouraged council members to keep putting pressure on AMO for liability reform.

"It's a big deal, it's a big expense being put back on the community that really shouldn't be there," said McDonnell. "It discourages a lot of use of facilities – some volunteer groups are worried about spending $500 to $600 on insurance, for what? So they can raise money for the community?"

The firm Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada is the current insurance provider for South Dundas.



Grade 11 and 12 North Dundas District High School students taking part in the agriculture specialist high skills major program recently toured Tibben Farms in the Brinston-area. Pictured are: teacher Ray Bougie (left), Austin Chatten, Jess Harrison, Bobby Walker, Emily Beach, Lynette Klein Boonschate, Walker Baldwin, Chantal Puenter, Joey Benoit, Kyle Backes, Kyle Dejong, Sawyer Vanden Bosch, Brandon Scheepers, Jared Schoenfeld, Thomas Gutknecht, Jacob Centen, Kyle Findlay, Zander Mark, Avery Holmes, Tyson Sherrer, Jaclyn Crump, Noah Jaquemet, Mark Tibben, and teacher Kelly Durant.

Aggies give on-farm learning thumb's up

BRINSTON – What better way to learn about life on the farm than visiting one of the region's more successful agricultural families?

That's exactly what 21 Grade 11 and 12 students from North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) did recently.

The collective toured Tibben Farms' Brinston-area operation, getting an inside view as the hosts, brothers Mark and Mike and their parents Ralph and Japke, described the ins and outs of the facility.

Each student is part of NDDHS' agriculture specialist high skills major program, a streamlined learning experience launched by the Upper Canada District School Board a few years ago.

While on the farm, the group viewed the robotic milking system, the automated calf feeder and robotic feed sweeper, as well as the sand bedding, manure system, various machinery, and the nearby industrial turbines of the South Branch Wind Farm.

According to teacher Kelly Durant, the students' questions during the event covered an array of topics, including the pros and cons of sand bedding.

One positive is that cows love it, as it is a natural surface for them, allows for good traction, and cuts down on health issues because it is very hygienic.

The drawback, though, is that it wears on the automatic cleaning system, needs to be regularly added to, and creates new challenges (though forces solutions) when cleaning out manure holding tanks.

Overall, however, there has been a lifestyle improvement for the farm team since the addition of the robotic equipment, and an improvement to herd health, making for happier cows and increased production.

SD&G to consult on official plan updates

CORNWALL – The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) council will be holding a public meeting at its Cornwall headquarters Mon., Jan. 25 at 9 am to consider updates to its official plan.

> Public's input sought on proposed revisions

Council is required by law to review the plan every five years, and the meeting will give the public an opportunity to voice their opinion on the need for changes.

Throughout the past two years, planning staff has been completing a variety of studies to comply with provincial planning legislation, which will form the basis for the expected updates.

County staff will be highlighting some recent changes to planning and how they impact the current plan within SD&G.

If council members agree that the plan needs to be updated, they will be hosting additional public meetings throughout the tri-counties in spring 2016.

The spring meetings will provide residents the opportunity to review and comment on the current and proposed revisions to the plan, which was first approved in 2006.

"SD&G's official plan provides the road map for our future economic, ecological, physical, and social development," said newly installed United Counties of SD&G Warden Jamie MacDonald. "The proposed public meetings planned throughout [the region] this spring will provide our residents with the opportunity to have input on how SD&G can and should grow."

Details about the official plan review and public consultation process are detailed on the county's website at www.sdgcounties.ca.

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As the loonie loses, so, too, does Canada's economy

There is something nagging about the Liberals' first few months in federal office.

Sure, the sweeping election victory in October 2015 came with plenty of optimism. Gone were the cold, callous days of the long-ruling Conservative party, and the empty rhetoric shared by area Tory MPs.

At once, Canada had "a party for the people," and a more kinetic form of government. A party that split its cabinet appointments 50-50 between men and women; a party that shared a vision for an inclusive Canada; and a party promising a bright future for the country.

Well, the future is now it would seem.

The national economy is facing a much more aggressive uphill climb than before the federal election, and it seems a new direction is in order.

We're staring down the barrel of a slipping loonie, a shaky stock market, skidding oil prices, and an unsettling downturn in the value of other commodities.

An immediate investment in much-needed infrastructure may be just the push the country needs to manoeuvre through the hard times. It is the stagnant nature of things that Canadians should keep in mind when digesting news that the Liberal government is "actively considering" (their words) speeding up the promised spending on infrastructure projects.

It was a key plank in the party's election platform – a nod, though one that remained silent, to the Conservatives' efforts during the two-year Great Recession.

Doing so would no doubt lead to a larger-than-anticipated deficit this year, but the demand is evident, and desperate times call for desperate measures. Canadians can't hang their hats on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's remark that "the budget will balance itself."

Ontario continues to struggle as the erosion of manufacturing jobs continues, and plummeting oil prices have sent Alberta into a tailspin. These effects of the latter are spreading across the country.

Other commodities have lost value, too, which drives the loonie further down – it sank to 69 cents U.S. recently for the first time since 2003. At the same time, the stock market stumbles.

Economic turmoil in China, a huge market for Canada's raw materials (isn't outsourcing grand?), is also the cause of much grief. And so, the trickle-down effect begins.

While it's impossible to expect Ottawa to sort out the troubles of a foreign country, stimulating economic activity and job creation at home is a task of importance they can handle.

The first step is being wise with infrastructure spending that will be particularly useful in all areas of the country – creating jobs for those in need, and bringing with it economic spinoff for other sectors.

As uncertainty looms, it is nothing short of imperative that our federal government recognizes that and implements measures to beat it back.

Don't let the taps run dry — do what's best to keep them flowing.

Remember when…

1936

"The Ford V-8's, local Town League leaders, journeyed to Williamsburg last evening and took a 6-5 beating at the hands of the Williamsburg team," said the *Winchester Press* this week. "In the encounter, Ken Ault, stellar goal-minder of the Ford team, got a nasty gash on the chin when struck with the puck. Two stitches were required to close the wound."

1946

"Willola Daisy Supreme has been chosen as the All-Canadian Holstein Heifer Calf for 1945. She is owned by W.J. Fawcett, Winchester, and was first-prize winner at the Eastern Ontario Championship Show held last fall at Kemptville," reported this week's *Press*.

1956

This week's *Press* editorial talked about the value of advertisements: "A man who, in 10 years, parlayed a $44 stake into a business that grossed $6,000,000 last year, says the secret is advertising. Charles Lewis, Toronto appliance dealer, told a seminar of the American Marketing Association, 'Doing business without advertising is like winking at a pretty girl in the dark. You know what you are doing, but nobody else does.'"

1966

The *Press* reported this week that a new stop sign had been erected in Winchester: "A series of minor accidents and close calls at the corner of York and Louise Street near the hospital entrance caused council to take action and erect a stop sign at the crossroads. Traffic proceeding to and from the hospital now has the right-of-way both coming and going. Decision to erect the sign was because of frequency of [hospital] traffic."

1976

In this week's *Press*, a new wage hike was observed: "Labour Minister John Munro announced on Dec. 19 that the minimum wage for employees in industries under federal jurisdiction will be increased to $2.90 from $2.60 an hour, to take effect in April 1976. At the same time, the minimum wage for employees under the age of 17 will be increased to $2.65 an hour from $2.35. The present minimum wage has been in effect since July 23, 1975."

1986

A letter to the editor in this week's *Press*, written by Raymond Dawes, noted the reader's displeasure with snowmobile use in the village: "I observed several snowmobilers repeatedly cut diagonally across our yard, and in fact, even turn circles in our front yard. Furthermore it is not at all unusual to hear these vehicles late in the evening interfering with both television reception and with sleep for those who retire early…It is now time for our new council to ban their use completely."

1996

This week, the *Press* reported that Olympic gold medalist Linda Thom visited North Dundas District High School to give motivational talks to female physical education students: "She told the young women to examine their lives to see how they were limiting themselves. She said it's important that they keep reminding themselves of their goals and visualizing their success, noting how she believed in her champion status even before she proved it to the world."



In 1946, Cpl. Leslie Summers (pictured), son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Summers, was said to have returned home on the Queen Elizabeth after serving overseas for two years with the Radar Division of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Other local and district boys who arrived on the same boat were Spr. G.D. Windsor, Cpl. L.A. Summers, Pte. R.J. Barrett, and L.A.C. Robt. Shane of Winchester; Lieut. G.A. Casselman of Iroquois; Sgt. S.J. Bowman and Pte. C.H. Duvall of Morrisburg; and Tpr. F. Burt of Chesterville.

2006

"Many heroes of [1998] Ice Storm remembered," was a headline in this week's *Press*: "Eight years later, Osgoode Ward councillor Doug Thompson has organized an evening of exhibits, song, and fellowship in honour of the many heroes who helped Osgoode get through the frozen emergency. Thompson said the Ice Storm brought about volunteering at its best. He remarked that the lines at shelters located throughout the township looked like scenes from a third world country where Canadian troops were on a peace-keeping mission."

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No tears, just a legacy of strength



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

The wind and rain whipped around the Pinecrest Cemetery on a recent visit.

Friends and family gathered, as they do every year in early January, to release balloons for a little girl who lost her life after a quick battle with an inoperable brain tumour.

It's hard to believe that Maddy Otto would have turned 14 years old this month. Yet, nine years after her passing, family friends still make a point of coming out to the cemetery to release balloons, many of them super-hero themed, as Maddy loved Spider-Man and Batman.

"It's hard to believe she would be 14 now, because, in my heart, she will forever be my little five-year-old girl," said her mom, Jeanine.

Jeanine, her husband, Dean, and their older daughter, Hannah, have created an incredible legacy for little Maddy. It started with a balloon release and then a gala with a lofty goal to raise $10,000 for Roger's House, the children's hospice located on the campus of CHEO.

"We have now raised $400,000 for Roger's House in Maddy's name," said Jeanine. "It's really incredible because her legacy and the gala keep growing, long after we thought everything would fade away. But that's how powerful Maddy is."

While the gala has become a major fundraiser for Roger's House, the balloon release remains intimate. It represents joy and celebration and love for a little girl who filled every room she walked into with positive energy and life.

"People keep coming," Jeanine said. "They call and ask when we are doing it every year. Then we all go to East Side Mario's to celebrate."

It was Maddy's favourite restaurant.

It took the Otto family a long time to get to where they are now from the time when Maddy suddenly passed away in July 2007.

Maddy had been at the family cottage when she awoke from a nap and her parents noticed something was wrong. She was taken to the hospital, and was then rushed to CHEO. Maddy had an inoperable tumour on the stem of her brain, and it was bleeding. Two days later, Maddy passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family and closest friends, at Roger's House adjacent to the CHEO campus.

The family had their world turned upside down. But, somehow, these two shocked parents and a devastated little girl seized Maddy's spirit and used it to bring the community together. In an effort to create a legacy for their daughter, the Otto's will have raised half a million dollars for Roger's House by next year. They have also touched the lives of many other families who have grieved, passing on some of that hope and inspiration.

"It wasn't really a conscious decision we made," said Dean. "It just sort of happened."

But how was a family shattered with pain and sorrow able to muster strength and courage from out of thin air and turn a tragedy into something so positive?

At Jockvale Elementary School in Barrhaven, where Maddy would have been going into Senior Kindergarten the summer she passed away, there was a garden dedicated to her and a special event to honour her.

Maddy's Gala, which started out as a gathering of just friends and family to remember Maddy, has turned into a much larger event and is now open to the public. This year, Maddy's Gala takes place at the Brookstreet Hotel in Kanata Sat., Feb. 6.

Perhaps that is because the Otto family has met so many people and touched so many lives that there just aren't that many people connected to Roger's House that they have not yet met.

"Maddy only spent three hours at Roger's House," Jeanine said. "But Roger's House has become such a big part of our lives. They gave us support and counselling, they are such wonderful people there. We wanted to do something for them and give back to them in some way. We were just there to speak to a group, and we want them to know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel."

The Otto's have been recognized for their work and their strength, but receiving accolades is not why they do what they do. They received the Mayor's City Builder Award from Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson. They were guests at the Amazing People Gala in 2014. They were recognized at an Ottawa Senators game last year with the Algonquin College Community Builder Award.

But these awards, in their minds, are Maddy's awards. She remains the driving force behind everything going on, and it is still gaining momentum in a miraculous way.

"I got an e-mail from a woman [recently]," Jeanine said. "She is the aunt of a girl on Hannah's volleyball team. She wanted to donate $10,000 to the gala. I was shocked. I didn't know what to say. I told her that we would arrange to at least give her a table at the gala, but she refused, saying that she was already purchasing one. I didn't know what to say. It's incredible."

As many smaller children released balloons at the cemetery ceremony, Jeanine smiled as she remembered her little girl.

"These young children would not have known Maddy, but they have heard the stories about her and they want to take part," she said. "It's a life lesson for them – to show love and support and that you care."

That's how you build a legacy.

Ballooning bureaucracy damaging Ontario's healthcare system

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor:
Congratulations to Dr. John Burke and Dr. Marilyn Crabtree for speaking out against the recent, and numerous, programs coming out of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

What the government has done is set up regulatory colleges for each and every healthcare service or modality. These colleges are directed at doctors, nurses, and other healthcare providers such as physiotherapists, chiropractors, psychotherapists, naturopaths, and more.

The at times unrealistic demands by certain colleges are wreaking havoc on the lives of many healthcare providers, and ultimately on patients.

Many of us patients have written letters to health minister Dr. Eric Hoskins, but to no avail. Actually, the patient advocacy groups that I'm involved with have sent hundreds of letters and numerous petitions to the health minister, and to the college.

One of my many letters was responded to recently – nine months after it was first sent. An excerpt from the response: "Please note that health regulatory colleges, including this particular college, are independent from the ministry of long-term care, for regulating the profession effectively and in the public interest, neither the minister nor ministry staff can intervene or become involved in the affairs of the college as this may be interpreted as breaching the independence and integrity of the self-regulatory authority of the college."

Balderdash! When the government says they are doing something "in the public interest" be wary. It is in the interest of government, and it comes under the title "bureaucratic control."

One college I know of hired private detectives to spy on specific healthcare providers. They picked on Ontario's "cream of the crop," likley hoping that taking those practitioners down would lead to others falling like dominos.

What I have witnessed is shocking, and incredibly disgusting. They stooped to public shaming, false accusations, and confusing miscommunication – all meant to "set up" individuals to fall.

Why is this happening? Is there a wealthy controlling power that wants to get rid of competition?

We cannot believe that such actions are happening in a country that is supposed to be a democracy. Others are asking, "Is this the onset of implementation of the United Nation Agenda 21?"

It appears that some individuals in power are abusing their power to the detriment of us all.

Do we need these blasted colleges? In the past haven't healthcare modalities been self-regulatory, but under government guidelines? Didn't that system work well?

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CEO rebuts reader's remarks about WDMH

The Editor:
This is in response to the letter ("'Compassionate and high quality care' lacking at WDMH: reader") in the Wed., Jan. 13 edition of the *Winchester Press*.

While we cannot comment on a specific patient situation, we wish to correct and clarify some of the statements in the letter.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) surveys thousands of patients every year. Results range from 90 to 100 per cent satisfaction. The comments from surveys, cards, letters, emails, and stories we receive consistently remark how caring and compassionate our staff, physicians, and volunteers are.

However, we do receive complaints and do make mistakes. In those instances, we try very hard to improve on how the patients have been affected.

Throughout the past several years, the hospital has steadily reduced its administration to the point where we have the smallest hospital administration virtually anywhere. While all hospitals are struggling with reduced funding, WDMH has been able to add services such as a sleep clinic, social work, additional physiotherapy, cancer care navigation, cardiac rehabilitation, and has recruited new physicians.

The reason we have large parking lots is for the increasing number of patients who come to the hospital for these services.

Our complex continuing care unit has not been closed. It is still in operation, and in the same location as it has always been.

Everyone associated with WDMH is very grateful to the community for its support of the hospital. Those contributions, together with all the people involved with the hospital, have helped make WDMH one of the finest, most caring hospitals anywhere.

As always, if anyone has concerns, compliments or suggestions about your hospital, contact us. We will be happy to discuss them with you.

Cholly Boland
WDMH CEO
Winchester

Where has all Canada's butter gone?

The Editor:
Last December, Canada imported nine million pounds of butter. You would think that with a country as large as ours and its top-notch dairy cows we could manage to produce enough for our own use.

Two factors came into play here: First, we have been, for the last 50 years, bombarded with false information that fat is bad. After the Second World War, food processors, through the media and the lobbying of medical professionals, convinced the public that margarine was healthier than butter.

Butter was rationed during the war, and opened a market for a cheap replacement. When the war was over, they did not want to lose that market and so the "marketing" campaigns began.

I remember as a child my mother bringing home a bag of white manmade processed fat in a sealed plastic bag with an orange dye button attached to it that you manually broke and kneaded the dye into the fat to make it look yellow. My mother had heard that it was "healthier" for us. Luckily, my father had ghastly memories of the margarine fed to him in the U.K. when he was in the air force, and no more bags of fat came into the house. Only real butter appeared on our table.

As early as 1978 we knew in the nutrition department at the University of Guelph that margarine contained trans-fats, and that the human body had no enzyme to break that bond.

So what were all those trans-fats doing in our bodies? Not surprising that the companies making margarine and shortening never mentioned this problem in their advertising campaigns. After all, it is always about the money.

It took more than 60 years to prove that trans-fats were indeed detrimental to our health.

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Family in need has community of help

The Editor:
Success, it seems, comes through well-written articles.

Thank you to the *Winchester Press* and reporter Alicia Gosselin for the continued updates on the area family in need.

The *Press* coverage has helped to open the hearts of many to contribute.

As well, I'd be remiss if I did not thank Butch Oldford and his team, the donors of firewood, and the continued financial support and food items from folks from Chesterville, Morewood, Winchester, Morrisburg, and elsewhere.

Our need now is for someone with a truck and trailer to volunteer to pick up the wood from two places – Van Camp Road and County Road 43 near North Dundas District High School. Ultimately it will be delivered to the needy family.

To date, we have them up and starting to make progress in self-sufficiency.

So, again, thanks to everyone who has helped out.

Elva Patterson Rutters
Morewood

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Bureaucracy

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Patients have rights, too. We are sometimes being denied the care we require to be healthy, and to survive. The blame falls on government and its bloated, burgeoning, power hungry, sometimes corrupt, un-caring bureaucracy. They draft regulations without researching the ultimate effect or outcome it may generate upon innocent people.

However, let me say this: there are a lot of dedicated and really good bureaucrats who do perform admirably, but they too are trapped in a system that is frustrating to them as well.

Walk through any hospital and witness what has happened to our doctors and nurses. They have been obliged to sit at their desks for hours, to fill out forms and reports to satisfy the excessive demands of OHIP and bureaucrats. Ask any of them where they would rather be spending this time, and I'm sure the answer would be "attending to the patients who need TLC."

Please don't criticize our doctors. Our community is blessed by their dedicated service. They are coping with a system that can often stifle their best intentions. Do question how our doctors and other healthcare providers are being treated by the college system.

This college system being set up by the province of Ontario appears to be nothing more than a superfluous new layer of expensive, invasive bureaucratic control.

As you read this letter you may be thinking there is nothing you can do, and it probably doesn't affect you anyway. Be warned. The province is actively setting up colleges for all the trades.

Recently, some excellent seasoned mechanics lost their jobs. They were required to write an exam to be licenced. The test was not so much to check their skills as a mechanic, but moreover it was testing their academic skills. How safe is your job?

I encourage the citizens of Ontario to write to the premier, ministers and your MPP, and tell them we don't need this new layer of bureaucracy called "colleges."

Let's bury them with letters.

Dianne Harkin
Winchester

Butter

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Consumers were told that consuming fats was bad for their health. Again, nutrition scholars knew that it was not fat that made you fat, it was sugar. High sugar levels in the blood tell your body to store it as fat, and lead to type 2 diabetes.

Up until the mid-'70s, very few people were obese. Then came the fat-free food craze with added sugar. We even have fat-free sour cream. Is that not an oxymoron? Now we have a huge obesity and diabetes problem starting in childhood.

The fat-free craze affected the dairy industry. It was not that long ago when they stopped paying for milk based on butterfat, and switched it to protein and penalized shipments that had more than three per cent butterfat.

So what happened to the Jersey herds that produced five per cent or more butterfat?

Now the industry is back to paying for milk based on butterfat, but good fat producing herds are gone.

Meanwhile, consumers have returned to consuming butter – with a nine million pound shortfall last December.

Of course, if we increase our butterfat supplies, we will have excess skim milk. If you ever check the ingredients on the dairy items you buy you will see "modified milk ingredients," which is processed milk powder that can be imported from anywhere. I picked up a package of Philadelphia Cream Cheese last week, and that was the first listed ingredient. No milk or cream anywhere. Check out your sour creams, yogurts, and frozen desserts no longer labelled "ice cream."

Last year, only three milk processors in Ontario did not have enough capacity to dry the skim milk, but good news has appeared in the form of $450 million in federal government spending for upgrades.

Looks like we will displace some of those imported ingredients and consume "local," a win-win for all.

Theresa Bergeron
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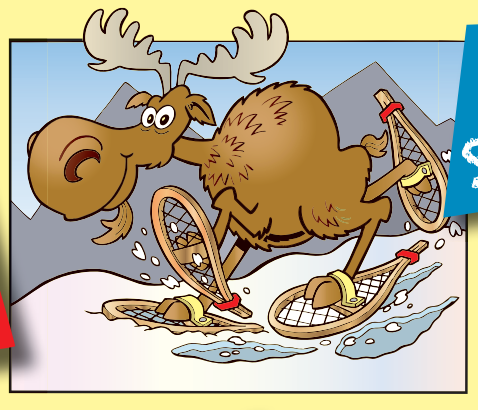
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Hawks nip Beavers 4-3

Starcevic goal ends Hawks' losing streak

CLARENCE CREEK – Veteran defenceman Eric Starcevic set up a goal by Diego Gagnon and then cracked the game winner at 7:49 of the third period as the Winchester Hawks edged the host Clarence Beavers 4-3.

Sunday's (Jan. 17) Central Canada Hockey League 2 victory put the breaks on a four-game losing skid the fifth-place Hawks had been in and moved their Martin Division record to 13-16-1-4. They are currently 12 points behind the number-four ranked Alexandria Glens (20-10-2-1).

The Hawks scored a moral victory at home last Friday (Jan. 15) at the Joel Steele Community Centre where a pair of third-period goals allowed the top-ranked Casselman Vikings (30-3-1-0) to steal a 2-1 win.

Winchester GM Craig "JB" Smith recently said he wanted to get through last week's stretch of games (four losses and outscored 29-10) and concentrate on collecting enough points to earn a trip to the playoffs.

The Hawks begin their 10-game, wild-card qualification this Friday (Jan. 22) when they travel to Arnprior to take on the Richardson Division's fourth-place Packers (18-14-1-0). The next Hawks home game is slated for Fri., Jan. 29 when the Stittsville Royals (22-9-0-1) will roll into Winchester.

Hawks 4 – Beavers 3

Clarence held a 1-0 lead on a first-period goal by Zachary Fournier and was up 2-0 after Olivier Brunet (PPG) scored at 13:35 of the second stanza.

Winchester sliced a goal off the deficit when Evan Bellefontaine (John Kalivas, Tanner Schroeder at 19:18) netted a buzzer beater.

A quick third-period tally by Diego Gagnon (Nicholas Pilote, Starcevic at 0:17) tied it up 2-2. Pilote (Isaac Barr, Diego Gagnon at 4:40) handed the Hawks a 3-2 advantage, and Starcevic (PPG, Kyle Richardson at 7:49) fired in what would prove to be the GWG.

Beavers' Brunet was able to close the final gap to 4-3 when he beat Brandon Lowry at the 8:34 mark. Lowry stopped 36 of 39 shots for his ninth win.

Vikings 2 – Hawks 1

Casselman dominated the visiting Hawks in their previous meeting scoring six PPGs (seven attempts) and outscoring them 11-2.

Smith said he warned his squad that taking penalties against Casselman is a sure way to take a beating.

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No room

North Dundas Devils' Logan Lacasse (No. 10) was well defended on this play during Monday's (Jan. 18) SD&G "A" boys basketball game at North Dundas District High School. The visiting Tagwi Warriors held on and defeated the Devils 35-30. Ian Koch led the North Dundas offence with 14 points. Lacasse (10), Curtis Barkley (4), and Bradley McLean (2) also got on the scoresheet. The Devils' top shooter, Jarrett Williams, who had hit for 97 points in six games, was injured and unable to play. Jordan Canham paced the Warriors attack draining 12 points. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

WSC hosting regional interclub

WINCHESTER – A two-day competition, the 2016 Region IV Interclub Competition, will bring 240 skaters to the Joel Steele Community Centre this weekend.

Individual and team events will be featured on both Saturday (Jan. 23) and Sunday (Jan. 24). Participants ranging in age from CanSkate to Gold Level will show off their talents.

The action on Saturday will begin at 8:30 am and wind up at 10 pm. Sunday's schedule starts at 9 am and will conclude at 4 pm.

Everyone is welcome to witness the action and admission is free.





Devils host tournament

The North Dundas Intermediate School Devils hosted the 2016 Region 6 Volleyball Tournament last week (Wed., Jan. 13). Competing against the host Devils were teams from North Grenville, Rockland and Russell. Both of North Dundas' boys and girl's teams finished first in the round robin and advanced to their respective gold-medal games. The boys faced the Russell Timberwolves in the championship match and lost 2-1 (24-25, 25-15, 13-15 tie breaker). The girls were defeated 2-0 (25-23, 25-17) in their title showdown by the North Grenville Knights. The Knights and Timber Wolves advance to play in the Upper Canada Cup championship event. Ethan Guy (No. 40) returned a serve while Adam Barkley looked on during the boys final. Amanda Shay (No. 15) prepared to serve to North Grenville as Kayla Sherrer (No. 0) watched. *Press Photos – Van Bridger*

Junior Rockets win two of three games

ST. ISIDORE – Shawn Simms potted a pair of pucks and led the North Dundas Rockets to their 10th win of the National Capital Junior Hockey League season.

Simms cracked the GWG Sunday (Jan. 17) in St. Isidore where the fourth-place Rockets (10-17-2) doubled the number-two ranked Eagles (15-11-1) 4-2 in a South Division contest. The decision improved North Dundas' record to 5-3-2 in its last 10 games.

The Rockets opened their three-game schedule nipping the Morrisburg Lions 4-3 in double overtime in Chesterville last week (Wed., Jan. 13). Saturday (Jan. 16) they visited the Cumberland Bandits and were handed a 6-2 loss.

This week

The Rockets are set to visit the first-place Embrun Panthers (22-5-0) Friday (Jan. 22) at 8 pm. Saturday's (Jan. 23) home game will see the St. Isidore Eagles land at the Chesterville Arena for a 7:50 pm encounter.

Rockets 4 – Eagles 2

Simms led the Rockets attack with a deuce, including the GWG, in St. Isidore. Tanner Brady and Justin Rutley sniped the singles. "AP" Jack van Kessel (3), captain Brandon Mullin (2), Ryan Romans, Dillon Clemen and Josh Hansen earned the assists.

The Rockets led 1-0 after the opening 20 minutes and 3-1 after two periods.

Bandits 6 – Rockets 2

The host Cumberland Bandits outgunned the Rockets 6-2 in Saturday's tilt.

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A Message from Graham Duke

President, Nation Valley Snowmobile Association

FLIPS AND FLOPS OF A SNOWMOBILE SEASON

So 2016 is starting out to be a bit of a bust for snowmobiling so far; people just got used to snow before Christmas for a couple of seasons and assumed that would be the norm. Usually we have a base set and have NVSA trails status at limited by the third week of January. The rain and +17 weather we had pre-Christmas have created a major problem that the average person wouldn't even notice this year: there is no frost in the ground under the snow. Most open fields have three inches but bush and swamp areas that have snow cover that is acting as insulation and the frost is only in about one inch. Hardly the eight to nine inches we are looking for to get grooming equipment through the bog trails. It will happen but we have no control over mother nature, despite what some members believe they are entitled to.

Running a snowmobile association hasn't changed much over the years, there is always the lack of funding to cover what is needed, so you must rely on fundraising. This past year we made it to the local fairs pushing our snowmobile draw tickets and lucked out having a great booth with lots of sales at the IPM in Finch. But on the downside we had to cancel a planned golf tournament this summer due to lack of participation. Our Bring on the Snow Dance held in early December left us scratching our heads with low turnout, but it was still considered a success because it didn't lose money. We are trying something different this year. We are having a couple of Wing Nights on Friday, February 5 and Friday, March 4 at the Country Kitchen Restaurant in Winchester. They are open to everyone.

Once again this year NVSA will be presenting Snowarama for Easter Seals kids. This is a fundraiser that provides equipment to become more independent to kids with disabilities. This event is also open to the public at the Riverside Rec Hall on Saturday February 6 and begins with a $5 breakfast, followed by a group snowmobile ride. For event or pledge info you can contact Leslie Disheau at 613-652-1651.

On Saturday. February 13 there is a Sweetheart Rally leaving from the Mountain Trail Blazers Club House.

We have spent over $6,000 in the past year on improved signage and more reflective posts. With a lot of open fields we felt the need for safety concerns to place reflective trail markers more often to help find the trail in poor visibility. Intersections are getting updated destination signage that includes towns outside our club boundaries to help non-locals find their way. New for this year we have put an ice crossing on the Nation River outside of Crysler to help reduce snowmobile traffic crossing the bridge in town and lowering the risk of incidents with vehicles.

One of our key components to keeping our trails open is our volunteers. They are dedicated, but some are overwhelmed, picking up the slack from others who are no longer involved. Some volunteers stake 80 kms worth of trails. Getting new people involved is an ongoing problem. Buying a permit in most riders' eyes is their contribution to the club and with that point of view, clubs everywhere are suffering. At our last meeting a member said people don't know they have a good thing until it is gone.

And with that said on Tuesday, January 19 we are having elections for executive positions on NVSA, including president, at the Winchester Club House at 8 pm. Having held the position of president for 4 years, it's time for a break and it's important to have new ideas and direction with a new president.

I wish everyone a safe, event-filled season and encourage everyone to respect landowners property you ride on. Get involved, come to a meeting and meet some new friends that share your same winter pastime.

Thanks.

Graham Duke

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Lions roar

The South Dundas Minor Midget "B" Lions, a team made up of players from both South and North Dundas Minor Hockey Associations, took part in the Amesbury Bert Robinson Tournament in Toronto on the weekend (Jan. 15 – 17). The Lions dominated their division and went undefeated in four games, outscoring their opposition 28-3. The tourney champions are: front (left) - Mason McLeod, Sam Waytowich; middle row (left) - ass't manager Donald Black, Nolan Brown (AP), Dean Lapier (AP), Jonah Bennis, Justin Shay, Oakley Beavers, Lucas Bennis; back row (left) – coach Dave Lapier, Austin Berube, Curtis Barkley, Bryce Bradford, Grant Wells, Adam Lapier, Travis McInnis, trainer – Frank Waytowich. Missing: ass't coach Jim Bennis, Chris Cotton, Williams DeJong, and Austin Robinson.

SD&G volleyball

Jr. Devils collect three wins

CORNWALL – It was a productive day as the North Dundas District High School's junior girls volleyball team embarked on the 2016 portion of its SD&G "A" volleyball schedule.

The Devils visited the Holy Trinity Falcons in Cornwall last week (Thurs., Jan. 14) and fashioned a record of three wins and a pair of losses.

They opened their day sweeping the Char-Lan Crusaders in two sets (25-18, 25-16).

"The team demonstrated strong serves and great communication when setting up a play," noted coach Holly Henderson.

Their second match pitted North Dundas against the host Falcons. Holy Trinity won the first set 25-14, but the Devils evened it up posting a one-point 27-26 victory, which forced a tie-breaker, won 15-9 by the Falcons.

Henderson said the girls struggled in the first set against Holy Trinity.

"But, made a very exciting turnaround winning the second set 27-26," added the coach.

The juniors carried a 10-5 record into yesterday's (Tues., Jan. 19) tournament hosted by the St. Joe's Panthers. The Devils lone appearance on their home court is slated for Thurs., Feb. 11.

Senior Devils

The North Dundas Senior Devils were in action the same day at Holy Trinity where they were swept 2-0 by the Char-Lan Crusaders, losing a pair of close 25-23 decisions.

Coach Patti Hall felt it was the best showing of the season by the girls, but they still were unable to gain any points.

"Either game against Char-Lan could have been ours, but luck just didn't seem to go our way," said the coach.

North Dundas then faced the powerhouse Holy Trinity Falcons and suffered 25-12 and 25-10 losses.

"Although we didn't earn any points, I was pleased with the girls level of play," added Hall.

The seniors joined the juniors in yesterday's tournament at St. Joe's.

Hawks

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Friday, the Hawks heeded their GM's advice and drew just two minor penalties in a disciplined effort. The Vikings were whistled for five and neither team recorded a PPG.

Pilote cashed an Ian Ogden relay with 57 seconds left in the first period and the Hawks held on to that slim 1-0 lead until third-period shots fired by Maxime Choquette (9:52) and Brett Faber (12:08) gave the Vikings their 2-1 victory.

Gianmarco De Meis (36 of 37) was the winning 'tender. Lowry (46 of 48) absorbed the one-goal loss.

Rockets

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Romans (1-1-2), Kyle MacDonald (1-0-1), Jordan Leigh (0-1-1), Mullin (0-1-1) and Rutley (0-1-1) put up points for North Dundas.

Rockets 4 – Lions 3 (2 OT)

Liam Morrow turned out to be the Rockets' hero cashing the GWG in the second period of OT. He finished the game with a pair of markers.

Mullin (1-2-3), Simms (1-1-2), Tristan Staff (0-1-1), Rutley (0-1-1), and MacDonald (0-1-1) contributed to the win.

Tanner Hummel (PPG), Austin Coleman and Curtis Evans (PPG) notched the Morrisburg markers. Hummel, Justin Rousseau and Jordan Smail provided the passes. The Lions tied the game, firing in three third-period goals.

Meet the Hawks

Joey Driscoll
No. 26
Left Wing



Joey Driscoll hails from Aylmer, Que. and launched his junior career in 2014-2015 playing 10 games with the now defunct Shawville Junior Pontiacs. The 19-year old left-winger has appeared in 32 Central Canada Hockey League 2 games with the Winchester Hawks, and has registered two goals (1 GWG) and earned eight assists for 10 points. His No. 26 jersey is sponsored by W.O. Stinson &Sons.

Pierre St. Georges claimed $1,440 in Friday's (Jan. 15) Hawks 50/50 draw.

The Stittsville Royals will provide the Hawks' opposition in their next home game on Fri., Jan. 29. Game time is 8:15 pm.

Midget 'HB1' hockey

Demons lose to Rangers, defeat Lions

MORRISBURG – Shane Rodney came within 7:49 of earning a shutout when South Dundas Lions Maddie Hummel beat him in the third period of an Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game.

Rodney and the North Dundas Midget "HB1" Demons did hold on for a 2-1 win in Sunday's (Jan. 17) East Division game. The decision improved the Demons' first place record to 12-3-4 and gave them a split in last week's games after the West Division's top team, the South Grenville Rangers (16-0-1), beat them 5-2 in Winchester last Thursday (Jan. 14).

Rhyce Sherrer accounted for both North Dundas goals in the 2-1 win in Morrisburg. Jack Messervey set him up at 14:26 of the first period while captain Brandon VanBruinessen and Zack Nelson were the engineers at 10:34 of period two.

Caleb Jaquemet (Emily Beach, Brandon VanBruinessen at 7:43 of period one) and Kyle Findlay (Owen Helmer, Brandon VanBruinessen at 1:15 of period three) netted the Demons markers in the 5-2 loss to the Rangers who led 2-1 after a period and 3-1 heading into the final frame.

Bradley backs WSTC's win, blanks Annable's Blues 2-0

WINCHESTER – Sonja Bradley registered her fourth shutout of the Winchester District Ladies Hockey League season when the WS Trucking Company (WSTC) whitewashed Annable's Jewellery Blues 2-0.

Both WSTC goals were scored in the first half of Sunday (Jan. 17) morning's 8 am contest. Jennifer Wilson (Christina Stewart, Natalie Brundige) cashed the GWG with 9:40 on the clock. Jessica Hendrikx (Laura McDonnell, Nancy Nicolaassen at 4:10) made it 2-0 before the half ended.

WSTC's record improved to 4-7-4 and moved them three points ahead of the Blues (3-9-3). Blues' Roxanne Backes was named player of the game.

The first-place KC's Lawn Maintenance (10-1-4) crew got the tying goal from Vicki Van Hoof (unassisted) at 16:30 of the second half of the 9 am encounter in a 1-1 tie with the Foodland Reds (5-6-4). Player of the game Stacey Murphy put the Reds on the board with 4:10 left in the opening half.

Carrie McCadden (Reds) and Kristie Wade (KC's) were the opposing goaltenders.

Bridals 2 – Pinks 1

Stephanie Scott notched both goals as Bridals (7-3-5) nipped the Cooper Physio Pinks (5-8-2) 2-1 in the 10 am match.

Michelle Drouin earned an assist on both plays while Dawn Montgomery helped out on the first tally at 19:01 of the first half and Mal Honey picked up a helper point on the GWG with 2:30 left on the clock.

Cinnamon Boulanger (Natasha Jamieson at 12:20) counted the Pinks' first-half marker. Pinks goalie Sam Benoit was named player of the game.

Thunder rolls with win over Leaguers

WINCHESTER – Adam Schofield, James Kirkwood and Colton Stitt each struck for a pair of goals as Thurler's Thunder rumbled into second place in the Winchester Town Hockey League standings after bashing the Bush Leaguers 10-5.

Last Tuesday's (Jan. 12) outcome moved the Thunder (11-6-0) into second place, one point ahead of the Bush Leaguers (10-6-1). The late game in the weekly double dip was a close one with the top-ranked Red Roosters (12-4-1) nipping the Chesterville Maulers (3-12-2) 11-10.

The Thunder held a slim 5-4 advantage at the half, but outscored the Leaguers 5-1 in the second half. Kirkwood (Schofield, Phil Duncan) cashed the GWG at 14:06 of the second session.

Kirkwood (2-3-5), Schofield (2-3-5) and Stitt (2-2-4) paced the Thunder's attack. Pete Klein-Swormink (1-2-3), Duncan (1-2-3), Rob Thurler (0-3-3), Dustin Tinkler (0-3-3), Mitch Shay (1-1-2), Tyler Brown (1-0-1) rounded out the scoring.

Dean Byvelds (3-1-4) was the Leaguers scoring leader. Travis Froats (0-3-3), Steve Cameron (1-1-2), Kyle Gaskin (1-0-1) and Brad Bingley (0-1-1) also helped out.

Shootout

When Ray Smegal converted a play started by Brandon Buma into an 11-7 lead with 12:08 left in the game it looked as if the Roosters were well on their way to a sizable victory.

It wasn't to be so easy because the Maulers scrambled back into contention on late goals by Derek Crawford (unassisted at 7:46), Derek Vingerhoeds (Blair McMillan at 5:56) and Tyler Jones (Crawford at 1:37) to make the final count close at 11-10.

Buma (5-3-8), Alex Krumins (1-6-7), Smegal (3-2-5), Trevor Morozuk (0-2-2), Ben Walkowiak (1-0-1), Dwyer Penk (0-1-1), Travis Rowe (0-1-1) and James Gilmer (0-1-1) powered the Roosters offence.

The Maulers received their points from Crawford (3-2-5), Chris Embury (2-1-3), Vingerhoeds (1-2-3), McMillan (1-2-3), Cody Paradis (1-2-3), Derick Miles (0-2-2), Jones (0-1-1), and Justin Morozuk (0-1-1).

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Central Canada Hockey League Tier 2

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Casselman 12 - Ottawa 2
Jan. 15: Casselman 2 - Winchester 1
Perth 4 - Westport 2
Alexandria 9 - Prescott 2
Arnprior 4 - Renfrew 2
Metcalfe 8 - Clarence 4
Jan. 16: Westport 5 - Prescott 4 SO
Athens 7 - Char-Lan 4
Jan. 17: Winchester 4 - Clarence 3
Athens 5 - Metcalfe 0
Perth 12 - Arnprior 2
Stittsville 6 - Renfrew 4

STANDINGS

Martin Division	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Casselman	30	3	1	199	96	61
Metcalfe	22	11	3	155	133	47
Ottawa West	21	10	2	155	120	44
Alexandria	20	10	3	159	110	43
Winchester	13	16	5	121	153	31
Char-Lan	10	18	6	126	168	26
Clarence	12	23	1	112	162	25
Ottawa	10	22	1	90	143	22

Richardson	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Perth	30	4	2	205	97	62
Stittsville	22	9	1	160	127	45
Westport	21	13	1	141	126	43
Arnprior	18	14	1	123	118	37
Athens	17	15	1	112	123	35
Renfrew	14	18	2	147	163	30
Prescott	9	22	5	113	164	23
Brockville	5	30	0	77	192	10

TOP SCORERS

Winchester Hawks	G	A	PTS
Kyle Richardson "C"	10	18	28
Isaac Barr	13	14	27
Tanner Schroeder	16	8	24
JD Samson "A"	10	13	23
Evan Bellefontaine	13	8	21
Andy Clarke	11	10	21
John Kalivas	6	14	20
Franco Gagnon	5	15	20
Diego Gagnon	4	13	17
Kris Johnson	6	10	16
Shawn Simms (APJ)	10	3	13
Bryden van Kessel "A"	6	7	13
Eric Starcevic "A"	5	8	13
*Niko Roy	4	7	11
Joey Driscoll	2	8	10
Jonathan Gillis	1	9	10
Jonathan Dutrisac	6	3	9
Nichola LeGuerrier	1	7	8
David Ouellette	3	4	7
*Liam Morrow	1	5	6
Nicholas Pilote	2	3	5
*Raphael Lecours	3	1	4
Ian Ogden	0	3	3
Brandon Lowry	1	0	1
Brandon Mullin (APJ)	1	0	1
Dillon Clemen (APJ)	0	1	1
Justin Cyr (APJ)	0	1	1
Nicholas Tsiobanos	0	1	1
Harry Wyss (APJ)	0	0	0

Goaltenders
Brandon Lowry W 9 L 13 OTL 101 GAA 4.13
*Logan Gauthier W 2 L 1 OTL 0 GAA 3.30
ap Shane Rodney W 0 L 0 OTL 0 GAA 0.00
John Gilmer W 2 L 2 0TL 1 32 GAA 5.61
ap E. Lamontagne W 0 L 0 OTL 0 GAA 6.00
*** Inactive player**

Winchester Hawks Home Games
Fri., Jan. 29 vs. Stittsville Royals, 8:15 pm

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Jan. 12:
Thurler's Thunder 10 - Bush Leaguers 5
Red Roosters 11 - Chesterville Maulers 10

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Roosters	12	4	1	119	92	25
Thunder	11	6	0	103	77	22
Leaguers	10	6	1	118	107	21
Maulers	3	12	2	91	117	8

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Brandon Buma, RR	35	28	63
Dean Byvelds, BL	35	27	62
Steve Cameron, BL	27	29	56
Nik Paas, RR	23	27	50
Dustin Tinkler, TT	20	20	40
Derek Crawford, CM	17	21	38
Trevor Gilmer, BL	21	15	36
Rob Thurler, TT	18	18	36
Ray Smegal, RR	18	17	35
Adam Schofield, TT	12	19	31
P. Klein-Swormink, TT	10	21	31

National Capital Junior Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Jan. 13: North Dundas 4 - Morrisburg 3 2OT
Jan. 15: Papineauville 4 - Gatineau 2
Embrun 6 - Vankleek Hill 2
Jan. 16: Cumberland 6 - North Dundas 2
St. Isidore 6 - Vankleek Hill 4
Embrun 10 - Morrisburg 0
Rockland 6 - Outaouais 1
Jan. 17: Cumberland 5 - Rockland 4
North Dundas 4 - St. Isidore 2

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
North Division						
Papineauville	18	5	2	135	79	38
Rockland	16	12	2	123	116	34
Cumberland	16	11	1	123	106	33
Gatineau	13	12	3	132	127	29
Outaouais	6	20	1	66	117	13
South Division						
Embrun	22	5	0	160	66	44
St. Isidore	15	11	1	126	97	31
Vankleek Hill	14	13	0	111	110	28
North Dundas	10	17	2	99	144	22
Morrisburg	2	64	0	41	158	4

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
North Dundas Rockets			
Justin Rutley "A"	13	21	34
Brandon Mullin "C"	14	19	33
Ryan Romans "A"	8	14	22
Kyle MacDonald	8	11	19
Jordan Leigh	9	6	15
Kyle MacDonald	6	9	15
Mackenzie Bacon	5	10	15
William Fawcett "A"	5	10	15
Josh Hansen	4	11	15
Trist Staff	4	7	11
Sheldon Holmes	1	10	11
Shawn Simms	4	4	8
Owen Bourgeois	3	4	7
Liam Morrow	4	2	6
Tanner Brady	4	1	5
Owen Salmon	3	2	5
Harry Wyss	2	3	5
Justin Cyr	4	0	4
Tyson Sherrer	0	4	4
Jordan Ruby	1	2	3
Jack van Kessel	0	3	3
Brett Hayes	0	2	2
Dillon Clemen	0	2	2
Mitchell Melenhorst	1	0-	1
Chris Marchant	1	0	1
Dakota Boulanger	0	1	1
Mason Durant	0	1	1

Goaltenders
E. Lamontagne 5-10-3 GAA 4.93 GA 88
Thomas Lastewka 2-5-0 GAA 5.03 GA 43

North Dundas Rockets Home Games
Sat., Jan. 23 vs. St. Isidore Eagles, 7:50 pm

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Jan. 17:
WS Trucking 2 - Annable's Jewellery 0
Foodland Reds 1 - KC's Maintenance 1
Bridals 2 - Cooper Physio 1

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
KC's	10	1	4	28	9	24
Bridals	7	3	5	24	16	19
Foodland	5	6	4	23	26	14
Cooper	5	8	2	24	25	12
W.S.T.	4	7	4	14	25	12
Annable's	3	9	3	14	27	9

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Katrina Holmes, KC's	13	3	16
Edith Dagenais, CP	9	5	14
Vicki Van Hoof, KC's	12	0	12
Michelle Drouin, Bridals	3	7	10
Isabelle Dagenais, CP	2	8	10
Lyndsay Enright, Reds	4	5	9
Amy Fraser, Bridals	2	7	9
Kaila Beckstead, Bridals	2	7	9
Jessica Hendrikx, WST	5	3	8
Cinnamon Boulanger, CP	5	2	7
Jenna Warren, CP	3	4	7
Andrea Francis, Reds	3	4	7
Stephanie Scott, Bridals	5	1	6
Deanna Corbett-White, AJ	3	3	6
Pyper Weiss, Bridals	2	4	6
Natalie Boulianne, KC's	0	6	6
Nancy Pothier, Reds	3	2	5
Lauren Preston, Blues	3	2	5
Natasha Jamieson, CP	2	3	5
H. Klein-Swormink	2	3	5
Francine Drouin, Bridals	1	4	5
Dawn Montgomery, Bridals	3	1	4
Mal Honey, Bridals	3	1	4
Sarah Cavan, Reds	3	1	4
Stephanie Scott, Bridals	3	1	4
Trisha Lacombe, Reds	3	1	4

Jampen leads Pee Wee Demons to slim 7-6 victory over Panthers

CHESTERVILLE – Riley Jampen cracked three goals and drew an assist on a fourth scoring play as the North Dundas Pee Wee "HC" Demons 7-6 outlasted the Kemptville "HC2" Panthers 7-6.

Jack Link (Michael Tufts, Jack MacGregor) registered the GWG with 7:21 left in the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League contest played in Chesterville last week (Thurs., Jan. 14).

MacGregor (Link, Tufts at 1:00) scored the Demons first-period goal. Ben Dellah (Jampen, Chase Berube at 10:31) and Jampen (Jason Larmour, Dellah at 1:20) connected in period two.

Tufts (MacGregor, Link at 16:32) opened the third-period scoring. Jampen then followed up potting a pair, the first was unassisted at 15:12 and the second was set up by Tayte Bouchard at 13:49 and preceded Link's GWG. It was the Demons' seventh win in 20 starts.

Chase Richards was the winning 'tender.

Novice Demons beat Bears, Rangers

SMITHS FALLS – Gavin Eikelboom fashioned a hat trick and finished the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League Novice "B" Rep game with four points.

Eikelboom and the North Dundas Novice "B" Demons tamed the hometown Smiths Falls Bears 5-1 in Sunday's (Jan. 17) contest and improved their third place record to 7-9-3 in the process.

North Dundas goaltender Gavin Helmer's shutout bid ended when the Bears scored their lone goal in period two.

Eikelboom (unassisted) cracked his first goal with 3:55 left in the first period. Marcus Bols (Ryan Minion at 0:42) then made it 2-0 late in the same frame. Ryan Wilson (Eikelboom at 7:01) upped the Demons lead to 3-1 scoring in period two.

Eikelboom finished his hat trick in the third stanza scoring from Wilson and Jay Zeus Mbarushimana at 8:31 and unassisted 1:10 before the final buzzer sounded.

Demons 8 – Rangers 4

Eikelboom put together a three-goal game, including the GWG, on Wed., Jan. 6 helping the Demons double the South Grenville Rangers 8-4 at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

Wilson (1-2-3), Josh Lafrance (1-2-3), Drew Sleeth (2-0-2), Mbarushimana (0-2-2), Patrick Guy (0-2-2), Bols (0-1-1) and Minion (0-1-1) also collected points. Helmer was the winning 'tender.

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New year, new perspective for St. Paul's Ladies Aid

by Kathy Spruit

WINCHESTER – The new year has been greeted with optimism by St. Paul's Ladies Aid members.

Participants submitted ideas for activities to pursue throughout 2016. They included celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday in April; having another movie night; and planning another progressive dinner in the fall.

A new slate of officers was installed as well. Libby Pelkey was thanked for all her hard work and creativity as co-president. She has stepped down this year, but she was quick to say she'll remain active in the group. Doris Baker, meanwhile, remains co-president, Carol Zubatuk is treasurer, Donna Wilson is cards and gifts convener, Arlene Nesbitt and Kathy Spruit share the duty of piano players, and Spruit also serves as press reporter.

Baker noted with appreciation all the hard work from everyone during the Christmas meeting, and expressed how thankful she is for the support shown by members throughout the year.

The business aspect of the meeting continued with a motion to donate $500 to the church's board of managers. Donating to Victoria quilts to help with the cost of materials used to make these beautiful creations, which are given to people undergoing cancer treatments, will be considered in the future.

Roll call was responded to by sharing expressions written in Christmas cards.

Baker then led devotions with the theme of "time." She expanded on her point with examples of how important time is in our lives. She pointed out that in the Gideon Bibles, a helpful list is included to inform readers where to find verses on meaningful topics.

A few examples are: "Comfort in time of sorrow," "strength in time of temptation," and "courage in time of fear."

After the reading of scripture verses that referred to aspects of time, the group sang the hymn "Take Time to be Holy."

Afterward, a match-up game involving the connection of phrases about time with the definitions was played, and Baker closed with a poignant story called "The Magic Bank Account."

This very insightful writing compared a contest in which the prize of $86,400 was deposited daily in one's bank account with the prize of 86,400 seconds being given daily to each of us as a gift of life.

These seconds of life are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. The group was encouraged to enjoy every second of life, because time races by so quickly.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of "A Blessing for my Friends," and Doris Baker provided a lunch.

Obituaries & Death notices

William "Bill" Cinnamon

Bill Cinnamon of Winchester passed away peacefully at the Ottawa Heart Institute on Thurs., Jan. 14, 2016. He was 68.



He was the dearly beloved husband of the late Michaline Boudreault. He was the loving father of George (April) of Chesterville, Betty (Vito) Campanaro of South Mountain, and Joshua of Ottawa. Bill was the dear brother of Benson (Sandra) of North Gower, and Martha Ann Birtch of Winchester, and was predeceased by his brother, Barry Cinnamon. He will be sadly missed by his six grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Tues., Jan. 19 from 7 to 9 pm. A memorial service will be held at Winchester United Church today (Wed., Jan. 20) at 11 am. Inurnment in the spring will be held at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

Donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com

Richard Cayer

Richard Cayer of Winchester passed away peacefully at the Elisabeth Bruyere Hospital on Mon., Dec. 21, 2015 in his 74th year.



He was the beloved husband of Micheline (nee Marcil) for 47 years. He was the dear father of Alain (Sheryl Steinburg), Daniel (Tammy MacIsaac), Michele, and Lyne (Kris Don). He was the beloved grandfather of Marie-France (Xavier Boulerice), Gabrielle, Natassja, and Karine Cayer; Emilia, Brianna, and Olivia Don; and Mathieu Cayer.

Family and friends paid their respects at the Lafleur Funeral Home in Embrun on Sun., Dec. 27 and Mon. Dec. 28. The funeral was held on Dec. 28 at 1 pm at Paroisse St-Jacques Church in Embrun. Inurnment was held on Wed., Dec. 30 at Ste. Therese D'Avila Roman Catholic Cemetery in Marionville.

Donations made to Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be most appreciated by the family.

Condolences may be made online at www.maisonfunerairelafleur.com

Ursula Irene Cleary

Ursula Irene (nee Cameron) Cleary of Cornwall passed away at Cornwall Community Hospital – McConnell Site on Fri., Jan. 15, 2016. She was 93.



She was the beloved wife of the late James Cleary. She was the dear mother of Betty Farrell, Connie Hart (the late Mark), Mary Cleary, Tom (Cathy), Mike (Deborah), and the late Donna Drake (Robert). She will be sadly missed by 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Ursula was the loving sister of Eddie Cameron, Barbara Douglas, and Elizabeth Wolfe. She was the dear daughter of the late Edmond and Irene Cameron. Ursula was predeceased by one brother, Mac Cameron, and three sisters, Kathleen Wood, Helen Lepage, and Joan Bates.

Visitation was held at Lahaie and Sullivan, Cornwall Funeral Homes, West Branch, 20 Seventh St. W. (613-932-8482) on Tues., Jan. 19 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm, and today (Wed., Jan. 20) from 9 am until the time of the funeral service. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Columban's Church, 36 Fourth St. W. in Cornwall at 11 am. Spring interment will be at St. Columban's Cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to the Patrons of St. Columban's Foundation or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

Messages of condolence may be left at www.lahaiesullivan.ca

Olive Hutchinson

Peacefully in her sleep, Olive Hutchinson (nee Derby) on her Derbydale Farm, entered Heaven's gates, and met her Lord and Saviour on Fri., Jan. 15, 2016.



Olive was born on Maple Ridge Road in Winchester to the late Harvey and Verna Derby. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Allan, and her three biological children; Mark (Emily), Martha (Roger) Patterson, and Blair (Karen), as well as her chosen daughter, Vicki (Jerry) Loewen. She will be fondly remembered by her nine grandchildren: Elizabeth, Melissa, Rebecca, Willowna, Mallory, Jared, Austin, Esther, and Emmalyn. Olive is the dear twin sister of Alice Weaver.

The family sincerely thanks the staff at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, ParaMed, and Saint Elizabeth. Special gratitude to Dr. Mary Naciuk for her compassion and outstanding care.

The family received friends at Winchester Wesleyan Church, 537 Main St. on Tues., Jan. 19 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service will be held at the church today (Wed., Jan. 20) at 11 am, followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

By Olive's request, donations may be made to Winchester District Memorial Hospital at www.wdmh.on.ca or Winchester Wesleyan Church.

Condolences, tributes or donations can made online at Hulse, Playfair and McGarry (www.hpmcgarry.ca) or by calling 613-774-1117.

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Micheline & Family

Thank You

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to neighbours and friends for their support and condolences in honour of Marilyn Johnson.

Special thanks to the pallbearers, to Jim and the staff at Daniel's Funeral Home, to Rev. Christine Lowson and to the staff at the General Hospital. Special mention also to the Chesterville Legion and to those who helped with the luncheon.

Gordon, Carol, Chris and families

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