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Rurals seething at proposed ‘rain tax’

by Alicia K. Gosselin

Press staff

METCALFE – A storm is brewing for rural property owners living within City of Ottawa boundaries, as they could soon be forced to

pay into the city’s newly proposed \$42-million stormwater management plan, largely based in the urban area.

City officials are currently reviewing the rate structure for its water, wastewater, and stormwater

services for residents, which when approved will take effect in 2017.

However, the majority of rural households are not hooked up to the city’s water services, and many feel that the new fee will be a cash grab – or as some put it, “a rain tax.”

Nearly 200 rural residents showed up to the Metcalfe Community Centre Sat., April 2 to voice their concerns during one of eight public consultation sessions hosted by city officials across the jurisdiction – the biggest turnout, accord-

ing to Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze.

“Our residents already contribute enough to the city – Osgoode Ward pays a lot for the municipal drains, and farmers already do a lot of work in the ditches to clean up after the stormwater issues,” said Darouze, sporting a T-shirt that read ‘No Rain Tax.’

Since amalgamation, the stormwater program, which includes culverts, catch basins, storm sewers, and stormwater ponds, has been funded by residents who pay water and sewer bills. That means people whose properties aren’t connected to municipal water and sewer services haven’t been paying for the stormwater program, though money is spent to manage rainfall and snowmelt. Now, water accounts aren’t generating enough revenue to pay the full tab for water, sewer, and stormwater programs – the reason for the rate change.

“All residents used to pay for stormwater under the property tax, and then at amalgamation, the stormwater fee was removed from the tax and it was put on the water bill,” said the city’s deputy-treasurer, Isabelle Jasmin. “All the stormwater costs right now are being charged to those paying a water bill. So it’s not a rural versus urban thing, it’s a water bill versus non-water bill thing.”

According to Jasmin, there are about 47,000 households in Ottawa that don’t get a water bill, and 9,000 of those are located in the urban area. However, about 80 per cent of residents are urban, while only 20 per cent are in rural areas.

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To Europe, one can at a time

Members of the of the 2951 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps – CFS Leitrim Regiment were holed up at five separate locations throughout the region Sat., April 2 during the group’s fundraising bottle and can drive. The cadets are in the midst of raising money for a trip to Europe in November

2017 where they will visit historic battle sites, including Vimy Ridge and Normandy. Taking part in the village stop, held at the Winchester Service Centre/Francis Fuels, were Virginia St. Louis (left), Zachary Cawlishaw-Wareham, Michael McIntosh, and Jackie St. Louis.

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Ontario investing \$1.2M to prepare local apprentices for work in trades

MORRISBURG – Eighteen more apprentices each year will graduate from the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario (OETIO), thanks to a recent \$1.2 million provincial investment in new equipment and on-the-job education at the Morrisburg facility.

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Jeff Leal travelled to the institute to make the announcement Mon., April 4.

The funding – through the Apprenticeship Enhancement Fund and Pre-Apprenticeship Training programs – will help the next generation of area trades people access the training, equipment, and facilities they need to prepare for the workforce.

“Our government is working with organizations like the [OETIO] to ensure apprentices in Morrisburg and Eastern Ontario receive the highest standard of training,” said Leal. “The funding announced today to purchase additional equipment will allow the facility to train more apprentices, and ensure students have the hands-on experience they require to thrive in the skilled trades sector.”

The \$1.2 million investment includes funding for OETIO to purchase six pieces of heavy equipment, which allows three more apprentices per unit to graduate each year.

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Region continues to reap from IPM 2015’s success

GUELPH – Without a doubt the 2015 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo will be remembered as one of the grandest events ever held in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

For five days, the small village of Finch was overwhelmed by thousands of visitors from near and far.

In the aftermath, the event will continue to shape the future of the tri-counties.

It was announced during the On-

tario Plowmen’s Association annual convention Sat., April 2 that the legacy fund accumulated during the local match topped out at \$385,000.

According to 2015 IPM chair, Jim Brownell, a decision will be made in the near future on how the substantial amount of funds will be allocated.

In all, the September 2015 event had a total attendance of 83,820 people, with 20,000 alone showing up for day one.

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Rain tax

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The city has proposed three options for calculating the stormwater charge. The first is by flat rate, where all properties would pay the same regardless of location. City officials estimate that this would cost \$5.94 per household each month.

The second option is to charge households based on the property value. The average rural home would be paying \$6.75 per month.

The last option would be to charge homeowners based on the average hard surface area on their property, which would contribute to the run-off of stormwater. A property that has minimal hard surface will pay less for stormwater services, as their property would be considered more permeable.

Metcalf resident Allan Crawford questioned the decision to make rural residents pay equally into the \$42-million program, considering the city pays more to manage rainfall and stormwater in hard-surface urban areas.

“It is a lot more expensive in the urban area for stormwater coverage and costs, as opposed to a rural area,” he said. “So isn’t it a bit disingenuous to say this isn’t a rural versus urban issue?”

As of press time, there was one more public consultation session to take place in Nepean Thurs., April 7 before city officials send their recommendations to the environment committee.

Funding

• continued from the front

The OETIO will also receive funding to help train youth, new Canadians, and Aboriginal people to become heavy equipment operators of tractor loader backhoes, excavators, haul trucks, and dozers – trade skills that are high in demand in the region.

This investment will help support the almost one in five new jobs in the province that is expected to be created in the trades in the coming decade.



Heavy lifters

Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs Jeff Leal (right) announced Mon., April 4 that the province would be investing \$1.2 million for new equipment and training at the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario in Morrisburg.

Press Photo – Gosselin

Duncan exits Lauzon’s office

WINCHESTER – Eric Duncan nearly hit the decade mark while serving in Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&G) MP Guy Lauzon’s office.

The 28-year-old closed out that portion of his political career Fri., April 1.

Though he’s termed it an unpaid leave of absence, there is no doubt Duncan’s focus has shifted to other opportunities, as he intends to help with his father Ed’s burgeoning business, JED Express, and spend more time

with family while continuing his work as mayor of the Township of North Dundas.

“Guy has been an outstanding boss, and I am so thankful for all the opportunities and support he and Frances have given me,” Duncan said in a social media posting. “I’m not closing any doors for the future, and I’m looking forward to helping my family a bit more in 2016.”

There are many who believe Duncan is the heir apparent to Lauzon, who is expected to retire before the

next federal election in October 2019. Others believe Duncan will chase after SD&SG’s seat in the provincial legislature should incumbent MPP Jim McDonell take a run at the federal job.

In his own message, Lauzon thanked Duncan for his nine years of service, much of which was spent as the MP’s executive assistant.

“Eric has been a great advisor, campaign manager, supporter, and loyal friend,” he said. “He has a bright future ahead.”

Township increases permit fees

WINCHESTER – With an eye for an 80-per-cent cost recovery, North Dundas politicians approved an across-the-board increase to its permit fee structure.

The change came late last month, following an earlier public meeting where little feedback was provided.

According to Calvin Pol, director of planning, building, and enforcement, there is justification for not aiming for a higher rate of recovery in that the building department provides a service to the general public as a whole, not just users of the service.

In some cases, he added, the 80-per-cent mark is not realistic, given the nature of the permit and value of

construction (in the case of decks or sheds).

“These have been adjusted to reflect the cost of construction, versus the work involved in the permit,” Pol said.

During an earlier meeting, Councillor Al Armstrong had questioned the department’s new fee for small industrial buildings.

In the example used, a 62-by-80 (4,960 square-feet) industrial repair garage valued at \$457,000 had an average permit value of \$3,101.33,

more than \$1,000 less than North Dundas’ new fee of \$4,216.

Pol said that following a more detailed review it was found that neighbouring municipalities are artificially lowering this fee, while North Dundas is aiming to bring it more in line with actual costs.

As well, the farm building cap in the township has increased to \$1,500 for the same reason, but still remains the lowest fee in Eastern Ontario.

POLICE BLOTTER

Gas bar break-in

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP are investigating after two men forcibly entered Rick’s Gas Bar Mon., April 4.

Police responded just after 3 am that day to find the South Mountain store had been broken into, while the culprits made off with a quantity of cigarettes and alcohol.

Both men were caught on security camera. They are described as white males wearing light coloured clothing, black gloves, and masks. One of the suspects had a thin build, and the other was larger.

The investigation continues.

Conditions breached

MORRISBURG – Just after 12 pm Sun., April 3, SD&G OPP officers responded to the report of an adult male in contravention of conditions (abstain from possession of computer items and keep the peace) imposed from previous incidents.

A 33-year-old from South Dundas faces charges of failure to comply with recognizance, and failure to comply with a probation order.

He was to appear in Cornwall court April 4.

Domestic investigation

MORRISBURG – On April 3, at approximately 2:40 am, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a domestic situation at an unnamed residence.

The investigation indicated that an altercation between an adult male and his spouse resulted in the female being assaulted, and damage caused within the home.

Officers also observed several improperly stored firearms.

A 32-year-old man faces charges of assault, mischief (less than \$5,000), careless storage of a firearm, and breach of firearm regulation.

He is scheduled to appear Tues., April 19 in Cornwall court.

Assault charge

CHESTERVILLE – A 30-year-old female faces an assault charge following a reported domestic situation at a Chesterville home.

SD&G OPP arrived just after 4 pm Tues., March 29 to learn that an altercation between an adult male and his spouse resulted in the husband being assaulted.

His wife was arrested at the scene, and subsequently charged.

She is to appear Tues., April 19 in Cornwall court.

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

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Firefighters, community banding together in effort to rescue Morewood’s failing hall

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – A grassroots initiative to save the Morewood Community Centre is quickly gaining steam, spurred by the building’s deterioration and the Township of North Dundas’ reluctance for further spending.

“An appeal to the community has delivered a strong and loud ‘yes’ from [village] firefighters, and other community members,” Councillor Al Armstrong said during the municipality’s Tues., March 22 meeting.

Earlier this month, Armstrong informed his council colleagues of the desire being shown by certain “community-minded” individuals who are intent on seeing the hall remain operational.

The outpouring of support comes after North Dundas’ council shied away from more than \$200,000 in needed expenditure. The hall’s roof needs to be replaced, the cost pegged at \$116,500, while interior water damage is laying waste to drywall and ceiling tiles.



North Dundas’ council is reluctant to spend the more than \$200,000 in needed upgrades for the Morewood Community Centre and had called on the community for support.

At the same time the roof requires attention, so too will the building’s rooftop heating and cooling units, an estimated \$10,000 expenditure. The exterior siding is also deteriorating, with replacement priced in the \$30,000 range.

The main floor is also in need of replacement, as years of haphazard tile changing has left a “patchwork type look,” according to recreation director

Meaghan Meerburg. A new floor could cost \$15,300.

There is also other “nice to have” items such as washroom updates, installation of trim around openings and archways, four exterior doors, and painting. This work has been budgeted at \$25,000.

Details on how the needed funds will be generated, and what sort of commitment the township will make have yet to be finalized.

Friends of library denied rec group status

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Denying the Friends of the South Mountain Library Resource Centre recreation association status has sparked a much more significant conversation when it comes to use of Township of North Dundas properties.

What groups should and should not be responsible for rental fees has long been a source of consternation in the municipality, and it is no different this time when it comes to the library lovers in the western North Dundas village.

The bibliophiles made a pitch for parity with other township-sponsored recreation associations, citing an understanding launched following construction of the new library in South Mountain.

According to Shelly Lyall, board chair for the Friends, after the group helped to raise \$109,000 for the building’s construction, there was a belief use of the resource centre, which sits

adjacent to the book repository, would be free.

However, councillors John Thompson and Al Armstrong, who were members of council at that time, questioned the detail.

This led North Dundas clerk Jo-Anne McCaslin to review the records pertaining to the construction and intended use of the facility.

In her comments, McCaslin noted that the Friends did play an active role in the development of the new library, and continue to this day to support and serve the facility with programming and events for all ages. However, no documentation regarding specific arrangements was found.

Instead, a motion from recreation director Meaghan Meerburg, to waive the room rental fee once per month for the Friends’ board meetings was passed.

Otherwise, the group is expected to pay for use.

“At \$35 to \$40 for program rates, if they divide that by the number of people in attendance it’s minimal,” Mayor Eric Duncan said.

“All we’re doing is asking people to chip in a couple of dollars, since we’re contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars.”

Though the Friends helped subsidize the building, North Dundas continues to maintain the facility.

“This is similar to the feelings I had when we asked the Open Mic Night users to pay rent, I feel this should be treated in a similar fashion,” Councillor Tony Fraser said.

Last year, Meerburg pitched a similar plan to have organizers of the Thursday night open mic sessions at Winchester’s Old Town Hall charged a rental fee.

North Dundas Arts Council co-chair Ann Brady, who initially offered to take charge of the township-created event on a volunteer basis, railed against the plan.


She opted instead to put the weekly happenings on hiatus, making a drama out of turning in the keys.

Plenty of blame was thrown around between supporters and township politicians before an unknown beneficiary agreed to fund the weekly open mic for the foreseeable future.

If nothing else, both situations reignited the debate about the cost of maintaining North Dundas’ many facilities and the waning use of some of them.

“Sooner rather than later we need a full discussion,” Armstrong said. “It has to be less about the numbers, and more about the philosophy of the situation.”

Council notes from
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Medical site finds new tenant

WINCHESTER – As one area doctor leaves, another is stepping in to fill the void and keep a medical clinic open in Chesterville.

Dr. Bart Steele, lead physician at Winchester’s Nation River Health Clinic, is planning a move back to that village after terminating his lease with the Township of North Dundas six years ago.

The move comes about after Dr. Mary Naciuk served the municipality notice she’d also be ending her contract in favour of a move to Winchester District Memorial Hospital’s Community Care Building addition.

Steele’s two-year lease was effective Fri., April 1.

Expanded lagoon plan

Faced with the need to increase the capacity of the Winchester lagoon, the township has secured an engineer for the project.

The Ontario Clean Water Agency has been retained to revise and update a 2010 request for proposal (\$400), and undertake the same process for a secondary proposal related to the latest project (\$9,600). The firm will also serve as project manager for environmental approval preparation.

The process is subject to assessment by the provincial environment and climate change ministry.

Compactor fracture

The Boyne Road landfill’s trash compactor is in need of repair. According to waste management director Doug Froats, the equipment suffered complete power loss in late February, and an onsite evaluation by North Dundas mechanics failed to determine the problem.

After being transported to the township’s County Road 43 garage, disassembling of the motor determined that an injector had malfunctioned. A number of parts, including gaskets, required replacement.

The cost of the work is roughly \$18,000, which has not been budgeted for. Froats was successful in getting an amendment, noting the cost would be compensated by an expected increase in recycling revenue.

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South Dundas debates hiring of full-time fire chief

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Although Municipality of South Dundas council members previously approved a motion in early March to hire a new full-time director of fire and emergency services, the lengthy job description was back on the table at a special meeting Tues., March 29.

This time, deputy chiefs from the three South Dundas Fire and Emergency Services detachments in Williamsburg, Morrisburg, and Iroquois were on hand to provide council input as to whether the position should remain full-time or not.

The new fire director would be responsible for emergency management, health and safety, fire prevention, and building inspections.

According to Williamsburg deputy-chief Brian VanHoof, the

position should remain full-time in order to keep up with the ongoing building code inspections within the municipality.

After the sudden departure of former fire chief Chris McDonough in mid-January, VanHoof said that managing the inspections has been a time-consuming “hassle” that takes away from his own business.

Iroquois deputy-chief Philip Thompson echoed VanHoof’s sentiments, stating that high-hazard businesses need to be inspected annually, and that the municipality has yet to meet standard requirements on all its buildings.

“There is a substantial amount of inspections that need to get done – enough to justify a full-time job just to stay on top of it,” Thompson said. “We’re playing catch up... If you guys are looking at hiring a director to do emergency planning, as well as health and safety, on top of inspections – that’s a lot of work for a part-time position.”

However, Councillor Marc St. Pierre, who at one time was a member of the Morrisburg detachment, questioned whether the position warranted full-time status due to the ongoing support already established by the municipality’s training and fire prevention committees.

“There are programs already in place to help manage the workload,” he said. “Do inspections really need a full-time person? Because the other parts, to me, I see getting done.”

Morrisburg deputy-chief Mike Van Allen stated that if the municipality hired part-time, more work could be downloaded onto the three detachments: “We have lives, and this doesn’t support our families,” he added.

Councillor Bill Ewing, who also once served as a firefighter for the municipality, said he was a firm believer in hiring a full-time fire director, noting that a part-time em-

ployee might not be able to provide consistent support for the detachments in the event of a dire emergency after hours.

“I don’t think we’re going to get the calibre of [qualifications] that we require if we go part-time,” said Ewing. “I think that for everything that’s on the job description, we need a full-time position.”

The original job description put together by staff was just shy of 20-pages long, and Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke agreed that only a full-time person would be able to meet all of the requirements.

The deputy chiefs also brought up the fact that the new director should be well versed in dealing with rural fire services, citing that the former chief was inflexible when it came to certain aspects of the job.

“The previous fellow, I don’t think he had very much volunteer experience...He often stressed,

‘This is the way we do it,’ but that doesn’t always work,” said VanHoof. “For us, we have to bring all of our water in, and it’s a totally different way of thinking than in the city. The [new director] has to have an understanding of the rural experience, and we didn’t have that last time.”

Thompson also added that the detachments would like to be more involved with some of the administrative decisions, stating that he hadn’t seen a budget for the South Dundas Fire and Emergency Services in five years.

In the end, council voted to keep the full-time status.

The discussion lead staff to make minor amendments to the job description, with one more draft expected at the next meeting.

According to CAO/treasurer Shannon Geraghty, the municipality hopes to have a director in place closer to June, as the hiring process will take six to eight weeks.



Food bank directors

During the recent Dundas County Food Bank annual general meeting, the latest board of directors was voted in, including Joanne Havekes (left), Jim Millard, Terry Green, Jim Wilson, Laura Harbers, Wendy Weagant, Arie Vandodewaard, Terry Triskle, Bill Steele, Ian McKelvie, and Celeste Guse.

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Laughter good for WDMH Foundation

CHESTERVILLE – If laughter is the best medicine, then there will be a good dose of it at the Gathering House in Chesterville Fri., April 8.

A Comedy Night, featuring Paul Mussell, will be an evening of laughs for a great cause.

There will be a freewill offering for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation’s Cancer Care Fund.

“Health is important to all of us,” said lead pastor and event organizer, Daniel

Rudd. “Most of us will have the need of a medical facility at some time in our lives. It is great to have a local hospital that helps people dealing with physical challenges, like cancer, as well as other diseases.”

In fact, headliner Mussell has dealt with cancer in the past, and is grateful to share his story using his sense of humour. He gathers his material from his farm, his family, and his church.

“At the Gathering House, the leadership is passion-

ate about supporting the community in meaningful ways,” added Rudd. “We are here to serve the local area, as is demonstrated through the café and building in Chesterville that people can enjoy using, and where good relationships can grow.”

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WINCHESTER – The village Parmalat plant continues to be an important corporate sponsor of the South Nation Conservation (SNC) Clean Water Program, donating another \$5,000 to support this year’s projects.

Stephen Wilson, director of plant

operations, presented the latest donation Tues., March 29 at the dairy processing facility. With this new donation, Parmalat has contributed more than \$300,000 to the program, and supported 112 water quality improvement projects throughout the past 18 years.

The total value of these projects, including landowner contributions, equals more than \$1.3 million.

“The relationship between Parmalat and SNC has been mutually beneficial,” said Wilson. “Considering the plant’s waste water flows to the South Nation River watershed, it’s nice to keep this partnership going strong.”

Parmalat has also made several contributions to the phosphorus-trading program, reducing phosphorus loading to the South Nation River and its tributaries.

It all started between 1998 and 2000, when Parmalat first contributed \$150,000. To date, more than 22,000 kilograms of phosphorus has been reduced from local waterways, greatly improving water quality in the watershed.

Part of Parmalat’s approach is to invest in the natural environment, while being committed to the health and wellness of Canadians through its high-quality food products.

“SNC is fortunate to have the support from a donor such as Parmalat,” said Ronda Boutz, communications and outreach lead. “Clean water projects will continue to have positive environmental impacts for many years to come.”

The Clean Water Program has been providing cost-share grants to landowners to undertake water quality improvement projects since 1993.

This year, grants are available for 11 different project types, including controlled tile drainage structures, stream bank erosion control, fencing along waterways, and buffer strips.

Applications for funding under the 2016 program are now being accepted by SNC. Property owners are encouraged to submit applications early, for review by the multi-stakeholder Clean Water Committee.



Winchester’s Parmalat plant donated \$5,000 to South Nation Conservation (SNC)’s Clean Water Program Tues., March 29. Pictured are plant engineer manager Peter Holt (back, left), SNC chair Doug Thompson, SNC board member Lawrence Levere, and plant waste water manager Serge Racine. Front row: plant operations manager Stephen Wilson (left), SNC water resources specialist Katherine Watson, Clean Water Program chair Jackie Kelly-Pemberton, and SNC communications specialist Natasha Machado.

Press Photo – Gosselin



Winner, winner, chili dinner

With the help of the community, members of Mountain’s House of Lazarus (HOL) raised \$2,220 during a fundraising chili dinner Sat., April 2 at the Winchester Lions Hall, where patrons enjoyed hot eats, a silent auction, and a cake walk. About 130 people showed up to taste more than 10 varieties of chili, as well as homemade cakes donated by HOL employees, volunteers, and members of the community. Pictured is Leita Foster, a member of Roses on the Rideau (the Kemptville chapter of the Red Hat Women’s Group), serving up a bowl of hot chili during the event.

A deadly mix

Members of North Dundas District High School’s Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving chapter teamed up with MADD Canada Wed., March 30 to spread an important message – drinking and drug taking shouldn’t be mixed with getting behind the wheel of an automobile. It’s an age-old lesson, and one Heather Duncan, school field representative with MADD, reinforced over and over during the morning assembly. “Neither should be mixed with driving a car, and the only way to know someone is not impaired is knowing they haven’t had anything,” she said. “Driving’s a huge responsibility, and it’s the driver’s responsibility to be safe and sober while driving.”



Press Photo – Uhrig

North Stormont wind project should be cancelled: McDonnell

TORONTO – Stormont, Dundas, and South Gengary (SD&SG) MPP Jim McDonnell wants to keep the government accountable for ignoring the voices of “unwilling host” municipalities.

When the minister of energy failed to answer a direct question from McDonnell regarding the Independent Electricity System Operator’s approval of the 100-megawatt wind turbine project slated for North Stormont, he summoned the province to answer with a notice of dissatisfaction.

Members who are not satisfied with an answer given by a minister can request what is conventionally called a “late show” – an opportunity to present the question and issue to a member of the government during a five-minute speech.

“North Stormont deserves

to be heard – they voted on at least two occasions against the Nation Rise Wind Project, rejecting cash incentives in the process,” McDonnell said. “There are other communities across Ontario willing to take renewable energy developments... There is no excuse to impose the wind turbines on North Stormont’s residents.”

The parliamentary assistant to the minister of energy, Bob Delaney, delivered the

government’s reply.

“The government refuses to answer for their running roughshod over municipal jurisdiction and residents’ wishes,” added McDonnell. “The people of North Stormont don’t need platitudes – they need a commitment from this Liberal government that an unwilling community won’t have industrial renewable projects shoved down its throat.”

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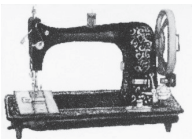
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Harder clampdown needed on drunk drivers who kill

In the aftermath of the sentencing of her children's killer, Jennifer Neville-Lake stood shaking, flipping slowly through a homemade scrapbook before a throng of assembled media.

Her voice was breaking as she turned the pages, recounting the choices she made in her life – who she married and how many children she had – and those of the impaired driver who ripped it all away.

As the cameras began their slow pan, catching all aspects of Neville-Lake's emotions, she was exposed, tears streaming down her cheeks as she wept for her lost children. The sword remains in her side; her wounds unlikely to heal.

A question remains, however. How many more grieving mothers like Neville-Lake must suffer unimaginable loss before Canadians are awakened to the persistent, and deadly problem of drunk driving?

Better yet, how long before the country's courts not only impose, but uphold sentences that are reflective of society's disgust with impaired drivers who kill?

The guilty party, Marco Muzzo, was sentenced to 10 years in prison plus a 12-year driving ban in a case that shocked not only his home community north of Toronto and his wealthy family known to many, but the entire province.

In one fell swoop, Muzzo cut short the lives of three children – Daniel, 9, Harrison, 5, and Milly, 2 – and their grandfather. The same crash also left the kids' grandmother and great-grandmother badly injured.

The sentence, though strong, feels like a let-down, especially when stacked next to the community's revulsion and the family's anguish. The Crown had asked for 10 to 12 years, while the defence reasoned for eight. No matter, as Ontario's Court of Appeal could ultimately interject, reducing Muzzo's sentence.

All this for a man who was roaringly intoxicated when his SUV, clipping along at a great rate of speed, ran a stop sign and slammed into the minivan transporting the family.

Muzzo's single act was the harbinger for tragedy beyond understanding, and the decimation of a family. He shattered Neville-Lake's world, and instilled further dread into the public when it comes to the possibility of other drunks on the roads.

A day after the sentencing, in an entirely different portion of Ontario, students at North Dundas District High School sat in stunned silence as the effects of impaired driving flashed on the screen during a morning assembly.

They watched as different stories were told – a mother who lost a son at 17 after his car was broadsided by a drunk driver, or the teenage girl with the world before her whose life was significantly altered when a drunk driver's car slammed into her as she walked home, leaving her for dead in a field.

The school's Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving chapter partnered with MADD Canada for the event, spreading a message each of those kids had no doubt heard in the past, but a refresher is never a bad thing, especially when those students will soon be, or are now, drivers themselves.

Driving is a privilege, and one that must be held as sacred.

There was a time not so long ago that impaired driving rates dropped by two-thirds in Canada, but its been more modest of late. Police laid nearly 15,000 charges in Ontario in 2014, while MADD estimates that more than 1,250 impaired-related crash deaths occur annually.

In a country where people are fussing about the possibility of legal marijuana use, an even deadlier concoction remains stocked on store shelves and in cupboards and refrigerators in numerous homes.

The fact remains, no impairing substances should be ingested before driving. Sure, alcohol and drugs are an addiction for some, but while slowly killing themselves there is no reason to take others down, too.

Denunciation and deterrence must be kept in mind, otherwise the scourge continues and needless death remains.

Remember when...

1936

In this week's *Winchester Press*, it was reported that a new wing had been built at Melvin's Garage in the village: "Owing to a steady increase in car sales, as well as in the servicing and repairing of automobiles and trucks, the management of Melvin's Garage were compelled to make extensive alterations."

1946

This week, Capt. Sam Ault was listed as one of the Canadian officers mentioned in dispatches for distinguished service while on duty overseas: "In all, 1,190 Canadian officers were decorated during the war...As far as the *Press* can learn, Capt. Ault is the only local boy to receive this distinction."

1956

"Child's cries bring help and safety," was a featured headline in this week's *Press*: "A three-year-old's screams for help as he floundered helplessly in the rising waters of Henderson Creek, and the quick action of Robert Bronson of Winchester, probably saved the life of young Garnet Summers."

1966

"A new electro-surgical unit is now in use at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital," said the *Press* this week. "It was provided through the courtesy and generosity of the Morrisburg Branch 48

of the Royal Canadian Legion."

1976

"This year, the [Olympic] games will be expanded, and for the first time will include blind and amputee, as well as wheelchair athletes," reported the *Press* this week.

1986

In this week's *Press*, it was reported that local gas station owners were puzzled by gas prices, and were in the dark about whether or not the prices would fall to the predicted 30 cents a litre, as the federal government promised: "Don Guy, a Petrofina wholesale dealer in Winchester, feels new reports about cheap oil are causing unnecessary unrest."

1996

"Bank heist in Morrisburg," said a featured headline in this week's *Press*: "A lone male, armed with a gun,



This week in 1966, the curling team of Edie Sherwood (left), Doris Van Bridger, Glen Vasey, and Bill Collins went all the way to the top, and won the Winchester Curling Club's premier award, the Cass Trophy.

held up the Bank of Montreal in the Morrisburg Plaza... The culprit revealed a firearm and demanded money, but no shots were fired."

2006

An editorial in this week's *Press* noted that the new *Smoke Free Ontario Act* was about to be implemented: "Most municipalities have anti-smoking bylaws in effect already, but North Dundas has lagged behind."

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My addiction has the Diva seeing Orange

Hello. My name is Jeff and I am a college basketballaholic.

I don't know how long I have had this problem.

I think it started as a kid when I played high school basketball for the South Grenville Giants, and spent almost every waking hour with my friends playing three-on-three in Scott Birnie's driveway. When we weren't playing, I would be watching my beloved Syracuse Orangemen.

Each year, the snow melted around the same time that March Madness heated up. We didn't fill out brackets at work back then – they didn't have tournament pool brackets to fill out in 1978 and Al Gore had not invented the Internet yet and, now that I think of it, our jobs of babysitting, cutting lawns and washing cars didn't exactly parlay into an office pool of filling out our brackets in the lunch room.

In 1979, my addiction really kicked in when Michigan State and Magic Johnson faced Indiana State and Larry Bird. We didn't get the game in the rural confines of Prescott because we did not have cable. My dad was dangling from the antenna tower like a drunken midget stuffed in a ballroom chandelier on St. Patrick's Day. He finally gave up, made a phone call, and he rented a motel room in Ogdensburg so that he and my uncle, Robin, and I could go watch the game while they enjoyed some cheap Genesee Cream Ale.

The next year, when I was 16, my dad

and Robin realized they owned a printing company. They concocted a sweet fake ID for me – I looked 16-and-a-half by this point – and we frequented Robin's favourite hangout, Rose's Tavern in Ogdensburg, to watch the 1980 final between Louisville and UCLA.

As an event, the NCAA basketball championships continued to grow with big stars. There was Indiana's Isaiah Thomas, North Carolina's Michael Jordan, and Georgetown's Patrick Ewing. Georgetown was Syracuse's biggest rival and Ewing, to Orange fans, was like our own personal Darth Vader. One game, during a road trip to the Carrier Dome when I was 21, we all hurled oranges at him. Genesee can distort your depth

perception. We were in the upper deck about 1,000 yards from the court, but I figured it was a no brainer to hit the court. I think my orange hit a clarinet player in the band section. The next year, I got an autographed picture of Ewing when he was a rookie with the New York Knicks. I have felt bad about throwing that orange ever since. I still can't believe I didn't hit the court, though.

In 1987, my Carleton football teammate Moustafa Ali, Rod Linnen, and I road tripped down to the Carrier Dome in Syracuse for the first two rounds of the NCAA

tournament. Rod, who grew up in Prescott, is now The Plumber Guy in Manotick. He probably still has the best jump shot of any plumber in Canada.

We sat through four games in one of the most unusual days a basketball junkie could ever have. Between games, we went to the Burger King on campus for something to eat. We looked, stunned, as Syracuse star Derrick Coleman, who was going to play in about three hours, sat in the booth beside us and powered through a tray of Whoppers. All we could think about was the poor guy guarding him under the basket, who would be getting Whopper burps hurled in his face all night.

Our hearts all sank that year as the Orangemen lost the championship game when Indiana's Keith Smart hit a buzzer-beating jumper from the baseline.

The Orangemen would finally win their only championship to date in 2003 behind the play of superstar Carmelo Anthony. The following year, the Orangemen would change their name to the Orange. The politically correct name change focused on the team's colours rather than paying tribute to the Loyal Orange Lodge.

This year, my addiction is back. During our vacation, I was able to co-ordinate my time "out of the sun" with the Orange's

first game. The timing of their second game against Middle Tennessee State took a little more finesse, as we were on our way home. I had to make sure we were at Applebee's in Watertown and that I was in a booth seat facing the big screen at precisely 6:10 pm.

"Oh look," I said to the Diva. "The Syracuse game is about to start!"

She rolled her eyes. Seeing as I had just driven for seven hours, she was okay with it. She also put up with me jumping and cheering in front of the big screen in our living room, the Morris Centre for the Performing Arts, on Friday and Sunday as the Orange pulled off miracle comeback wins over Gonzaga and Virginia.

I guess Orangemania has been a bit extra at home.

The Diva doesn't seem to care that heading into this year's NCAA tournament, the ESPN Power Ranking Index had Syracuse ranked 41st and gave them a 0.85 per cent chance of making it to the Final Four. ESPN says they aren't the worst Final Four team ever, but they are the seventh worst ever. Yet, the miracle comebacks keep coming.

But while I am engrossed in college basketball, she just ignores me and updates her Facebook status.

Eventually, she looked up and asked, "Ugh, when is this thing over?!"

"Monday, babes," I replied.

I don't have the heart to tell her that's baseball's opening day.



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In 60 years, much has changed in village... but not for the better

The Editor:

Sat., April 16 will be a special anniversary for me and my business, Estella's Beauty Salon.

Yes, 60 years ago I opened my shop at 505 St. Lawrence Street in Winchester. If I remember correctly, haircuts were 50 cents, sets 75 cents, and perms were \$6. What a challenge for a young female!

My parents helped with start-up costs such as rent, and hydro.

I had great neighbours such as the Reynolds family (butcher shop next door), and Florence and Gerald Helmer just three doors away, and Roy and Shirley Fawcett on Main Street East.

Since there was no town water at the time, the only source was a cistern in the basement. Two other families lived in the building and used the same water. When the cistern went dry, I would call Sullivan Brothers in Chesterville to bring in a load of water to fill it, at my cost.

In the meantime, I would carry two pails of water from Fawcett's Jewellery Store and heat it in an electric kettle to shampoo. Water is essential, and it was four years later that it was as close as the tap thanks to the reeve and council of the day.

When I look back, Winchester was a vibrant village with everything the town and surrounding community needed.

Ault Foods was a major milk processing plant, and Winchester District Memo-

rial Hospital had staff that lived in the community and knew the families.

As I remember it, wait times would never be more than one hour. Home cooked meals were provided using local produce donated by locals, even pickles and jams.

There was a huge annual garden party as a fundraiser, and there were always at least two doctors (Dr. Barton and Dr. Byers) living in town. Doctors still made house calls.

At least five churches were alive, and very active. Sports were not allowed until after the services, as Sundays were family days and there was no shopping!

There were stores such as JoAnne's Ladies Wear, and Morgan's Men's Wear, which brought in shoppers from well beyond the community. There was Elliot's and Arnold's dry goods stores, and Arnold Duncan's store offered school and office supplies, as well as china, and ice cream and candy.

Since there were elementary and secondary schools in town, this was a busy place in September.

The local funeral home provided not only funeral arrangements, but also furniture and an ambulance service.

There were at least three car dealerships, and several gas stations, two veterinary officers (Dr. Gray and Dr. Dawley), two dentists (Dr. Sherwood and Dr. Meredith), two lawyers, and insurance brokers and real estate services.

Two feed stores were

in big demand by the local farmers, and there was a blacksmith, a shoe repair shop, two butcher shops, as well as cold storage for frozen meat and more.

There were also several grocery stores, and Lannin's and Cedarview supplied any building needs. Mr. Gib Rastick kept good order of the town, assisted by his friend Maynard Helmer, and the jail was in the Old Town Hall.

Five beauticians and three barbers were busy, and Clara Anderson had a well-stocked hat shop.

There were several restaurants, such as Flora's, The Royal Lunch, and Summers Bus Stop, which provided bus service more than once a day. Heidi's Restaurant could be found in the hotel on Main Street.

As well, Larose Pharmacy and the Royal Bank were across the street from my shop.

If I have missed something, I'm sorry. In looking back on 60 years compared to now, I wonder, are we better off?

Then we were self-sufficient, and depended on our local businesses and neighbours.

Now, we don't know our neighbours and are forced to drive miles for our daily needs, and often have to travel for work as well.

I ask you – is this progress? I think our town, our families, our friends, and our communities are suffering as a result.

Estella Rose Mountain



Prom treats

Prom is likely to be a memorable experience for this year's graduating students at North Dundas District High School, but it is also an expensive one. To cut down on costs, Grade 12 pupils have been undertaking a series of fundraisers. One such event took place on April Fool's Day (Fri., April 1), but it was no joke. Mackenzie Johnson (left), Kelsey McShane, Spencer Kelly, and Calla Brugmans oversaw the table of treats.

Press Photo – Uhrig

NDDHS Notes

by Patricia Barlow



April school calendar filling up

MAPLE RIDGE – Both the bake sale and bottle drive were huge successes!

Thank you to all who participated, and contributed.

April, meanwhile, is shaping up to be a very exciting month at North Dundas District High School.

On Thurs., April 14, there will be a spaghetti dinner at the school from 5 to 8 pm. The cost is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children 12 and under. There will be many

choices of pasta and sauce. As well, a silent auction will take place throughout the evening.

All proceeds will contribute to lowering the price of prom tickets.

Also, the annual fashion show is set for Fri., April 22. The show will feature dresses from Juliannah's Bridal, as well as a variety of outfits from the Main Street Clothing Company in Winchester.

Your opinion

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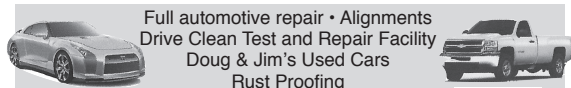
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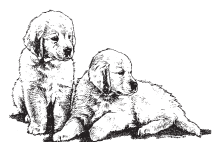
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Local veterinarian Dr. William Armstrong, large animal specialist with Winchester's Upper Canada Veterinary Services, had a little fun at the expense of North Dundas District High School teacher Kelly Durant Wed., March 30. Armstrong was at the Maple Ridge-based facility that day to lead the school's specialist high skills agricultural majors through various demonstrations, including tying techniques. In order to showcase different methods, Armstrong bound Durant in a number of styles, at one point dragging her along the floor to the rousing laughter of students.

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4-H UPDATE

Bakers taste dumplings, test cakes

by Taylor Mathers

WINCHESTER – The Dundas County 4-H Baker's Dozen + Two Club held its fourth and fifth meetings late last month at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Winchester.

During the earlier session, members began by learning some basic steps about making pastry and what texture to look for when preparing it.

Afterward, participants broke into four groups and learned how to roll out pastry, and then prepped apples and other ingredients for apple dumplings.

Everyone got to take home their treats, which were delicious!

At the latest meeting, members tried their hand at three different types of cake – butter, spice, and angel food. A piece from each was taste-tested, with angel food coming out on top.

The bakers are set to meet again tonight (Wed., April 6) at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's.

Jr. Farmers tour diverse Ontario dairy operations

by Caileigh Gallagher

GUELPH – In early March, the Carleton County Junior Farmers took a bus tour and visited five diverse Ontario dairy farms.

Members from Carleton, Dundas, and Renfrew County Junior Farmers, as well as various Kemptville college alumni, joined the party.

The first farm visited was the Ontario Water Buffalo Company in Stirling, which is home to the first milking water buffalo herd in Eastern Ontario, and one of the few farms milking water buffalo in Canada.

The group then made their way to Kingsway Farms in Hastings, and the new venture of Kyle and Sherry Stockdale at Extra Mile Farm, east of Peterborough.

On the second leg of the

bus tour, the group stopped first at Windulan Holsteins near Monkton, which has a 460-cow milking herd. The owners were in the middle of constructing a rotary parlour.

The grand finale for the tour was the new robotic milking barn of Werrcroft Farms in Oshawa.

The Carleton County Junior Farmers would like to thank their sponsors Dundas Feed and Seed, Norwell Dairy Systems, Yelle Farm Supply, H&I Country Supply, Guy Fuels, Willows Agriservice, Allison's Feed and Farm Depot, Select Sires Inc., Glengarry Stock Farms, Mussellview Holsteins, and Kinburn Farm Supply.

Without all of these wonderful sponsors and farms, this great educational trip would not have been possible.



The Carleton County Junior Farmers took a bus in early March to tour five Ontario farms, including Werrcroft Farms in Oshawa. Pictured are Lucas Kagi (back, left), Bre Ross, Jakob Vogul, Justin Brooks, Jake Tubman, Joel Quesnel, Robert Jelly, Evan Briscoe, and Curtis Schultz; Ron Werry (middle, left), Chase Carruthers, Adam Briscoe, Jeremy Drouin, Lucas Van Adrichem, Thomas Toonder, Sophie Oeschager, Nicole Velthuis, Corynn Mountain, and Cassidy Reaney; Ashley Johnston (front, left), Jasmine Smiley, Brittany MacIntosh, Ashley Mussell, and Amy Matcheskie.



Spot the butterfly, spot the moth

by Brooklin Begg

MOREWOOD – Members and leaders of the Dundas County 4-H Butterfly Club met up at Rose Stewart's house recently.

Caitlin Begg was named president, and she opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge.

The vice-president is Chiara Farina, the press reporter is Brooklin Begg, and the members without a designated role will serve as secretary for the club on a rotational basis.

Once that was decided, participants learned about the body of a butterfly, and reviewed the difference between a moth and a butterfly.

Afterward, members discussed lookalike butterflies, and searched for different varieties in a book.



CFFO has forestry covered

Members of the St. Lawrence-Ottawa chapter of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) met for the group's annual general meeting Fri., April 1 at the McIntosh Country Inn and Conference Centre in Morrisburg, bringing up several local issues of concern, including the decrease in forest cover across Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G). South Nation Conservation (SNC)'s property manager Jim Hendry presented the group with the numbers, stating that the decrease in the last seven years

has been largely due to industrial, agricultural, and residential development. Farmers brought up various solutions, such as tree-planting incentive programs. Pictured are CFFO executive director Peter Peeters (back, left), CFFO field service manager Paul Bootsma, CFFO director of research Suzanne Armstrong, and SNC's Jim Hendry; as well as SD&SG MPP Jim McDonnell (front, left), Alex Oosterhof, Brian Vandenberg, and Harold Dejong.

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‘Rosie’ leaving WDMH after 55 years of service

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

WINCHESTER — His lifelong travels didn’t quite take him to Mars — a childhood dream once upon a time — but instead landed Dr. Gerry Rosenquist in the heart of Winchester.

“At the age of five, I decided I wanted to either be a doctor or a scientist...And if I was going to be a scientist, I was going to go to Mars,” chuckled Rosenquist. “When I got a bit older though, I realized there’s no way I’m going to Mars in my lifetime. So I better be a doctor.”

Fifty-five years and several PhDs later, the dedicated doctor — affectionately known as “Rosie” wherever he goes — will be saying goodbye to his medical practice at Winchester District Memorial Hospital effective May 2016.

It all started in 1960, when Rosenquist, a homegrown prairie boy, graduated from medical school at the University of Saskatchewan. His deep-rooted travel bug prompted him to take a leap of faith when an opportunity came up to open a family practice a few provinces over — in Williamsburg, Ont. His uncle had recently lost his family doctor, and knowing that Rosenquist was now qualified, easily persuaded him to pack his bags and head out east.

So Rosenquist, along with his



Dr. Gerry Rosenquist will be retiring in May after more than half a century at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.
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newlywed bride, left the flatlands behind to start a new life in rural Ontario.

It wasn’t long after the move that Rosenquist approached two other doctors in nearby Morrisburg to see if they’d be interested in forming a group clinical practice.

And the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic was born.

“We were one of the earliest groups to form a clinic — there were virtually none in Eastern Ontario when I started out,” said Rosenquist. “Out west it was common,

but it was something I thought could benefit this area.”

For 11 years, Rosenquist developed his local practice, taking care of families, and often making medical house calls.

“I enjoyed the family practice of the ’60s because we made a lot of house calls, and we got to know the families quite well,” he said. “That was the beauty of being a family doctor, you knew the whole family, you knew what they lived like, how their house looked, and sometimes that made a difference in their treatment. Family practice sure has changed.”

A lot has changed since the early days of Rosenquist’s career, but the memories of his practice stay unchanged.

Rosenquist recalls a satisfying moment in his medical career when he was able to diagnose a man who had been hav-

ing indescribable and frequent fainting spells. No other doctor had been able to pinpoint exactly what was wrong with the man’s health, until one day when Rosenquist “almost killed him.”

“I was in the middle of examining him, felt his carotid artery, which if you touch, can sometimes stop the heartbeat altogether, and he fainted right in my hand,” said Rosenquist. “So that made the diagnosis; all he needed was a pacemaker, which they were just coming out with at the time. We put

one in, and all his problems went away. It felt great to diagnose him — although in somewhat dramatic fashion...I thought I killed him.”

Although Rosenquist enjoyed practicing family medicine in the area, he and his family moved to Kingston for a short time during Rosenquist’s graduate studies.

But, wanting to raise his family near Winchester, the Rosenquists made their way back after four years.



Dr. Gerry Rosenquist was recognized at the WDMH’s annual Staff Long-Term Service Awards for serving 55 years within local communities.

Five kids later, the Rosenquists have made this area their home.

“The best part about working in a rural community is you know your neighbours,” said Rosenquist. “Some people don’t like that, but I do. I don’t mind going to the grocery store, saying, ‘Hello John,’

and chatting. I enjoy the business of meeting people I know, and quite happy to not be totally anonymous.”

His journey has taken him to various places in his life — from family doctor, to WDMH gynecologist/obstetrician (who delivered nearly 3,500 babies), to surgeon, to Liberal party candidate, to founding board member of the Upper Canada Playhouse. It amazes even Rosenquist himself how much he has accomplished in his lifetime.

But at the forefront, being a doctor was what Rosenquist did best. And it showed in the positive way he handled his patients.

“If you want to really enjoy the practice of medicine, you should be both empathetic and sympathetic — that will take you further than any type of skills you have,” said Rosenquist. “You need to enjoy what you’re doing. If you can maintain a positive perspective, that will help, and your patients will notice.”

But now, it’s time to move on from medicine and onto new adventures and travels.

Rosenquist has slowly been moving himself into retirement, and for the past five years has been assisting surgical operations at the hospital. The part-time stint allowed him to wind down, while having the flexibility to travel with his wife, five kids, and 10 grandchildren.

And when he fully retires in May, the first thing on his list is to take his family on a trip to Ireland.

“Travelling widens your perspective on life,” said Rosenquist. “But this is our kids’ home, and even after all the travelling we do, and will do, we’ll always be glad to come back here.”

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Fine tuning

The Winchester Curling Club's Little Rocks program officially ended with two sessions last week (Tues., March 29 and Wed., March 30). The club's 30 Little Rockers were encouraged to bring a friend to experience playing the roaring game. The program's co-ordinator Tim Mark deemed the year a success. He noted six curlers are moving up to the older level and emphasized that the program wouldn't have been possible without junior/bantam curlers volunteering as instructors. Teams representing Winchester Public School (2), Nationview Public (1) and North Dundas Intermediate School (3) will compete at the 2016 Tim Hortons Timbits Elementary School curling championships this week (April 7 - 10) in Gananoque. Photos: Junior volunteer Grace Gave watched Madilyn Fraser's (friend of WWC Little Rocker Julia Cooper) delivery. Taelor Jones-Miner (right), a member of Nationview's team, practiced for the Timbits competition in Gananoque.

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Van Bridger



Hawks hand out hardware, graduating captain Kyle Richardson triple winner

WINCHESTER - There are some big holes in next year's roster for the Winchester Hawks management to deal with.

Not only will the club be looking to replace captain Kyle Richardson, a key component for the Central Canada Hockey League 2 club both on offence and defence, but also veteran forward JD Samson, goaltender Brandon Lowry and 6' 2", 220 lbs. defenceman Nicholas LeGuerrier are also members of this year's graduating class.

The Martin Division Hawks presented their team awards late last month, at which time president Keith Ashton put out a call for volunteers.

"We need more bodies on the executive," he said. "We need new ideas and new blood going forward."

Triple winner

Richardson, who joined the Hawks in 2012, concludes his career having played 148 games as a forward and defenceman. The smooth-skating playmaker followed in his brother Luke's footsteps coming to Winchester from his hometown of Pontypool. The younger Richardson scored 44 goals, added 105 assists for 139 points in his tenure with the Hawks.

This year he repeated as the team's recipient of the Top Defenceman Award. He also received the Hawks' regular season's Top Scorer Award (37 GP, 14-27-41) and shared the Most Valuable Player honours with goaltender Brandon Lowry.

Lowry joined the Hawks in 2013-2014 and completed his stay in Winchester having appeared in 58 games, in which he fashioned a 36-32-2-6 record. This season, the Ottawa resident posted a 12-1-5-1-2 mark, registered his first shutout and scored his only goal (ENG) as a junior.

JD Samson, a University of Ottawa student who hails from Lac-Des-

Aigles, Que., picked up his second consecutive Playoff Most Valuable Player Award. In 2014-2015 Samson played in 11 post-season matches and cracked four goals (1 PPG, 1 SHG), four assists (1 PPA) for seven points. This year he suited up for three (of four) playoff tilts and finished second in team scoring with three goals (2 PPGs), two helpers and five points. Samson (42 GP, 15-17-32) wound up number four in team scoring.

LeGuerrier, who came to the Hawks from the defunct Gatineau Jr. Mustangs, appeared in 28 games and counted two goals and 10 points.

The CCHL2 has changed its over-age player rule for 2016-2017 reducing the number from four to two.

New talent

The remainder of the team's award winners are first-year players, including Isaac Barr who accepted the Hawks Hero Award (players' best scorer). Barr, an 18-year-old who skated with the Akwesasne Wolves last year, finished second in team regular-season scoring with 15 goals, 23 assists and 38 points in 39 games. He also led the Hawks in playoff scoring with 5-4-9 in four games.

Forward Tanner Schroeder, 19, finished the regular season with a team-best 22 goals. He added 10 assists and settled into third place on the squad and was named the Hawks Rookie of the Year.

Rookie defenceman Ian Ogden of Ottawa received two awards - claiming both the Most Improved Player plaque and President's Trophy. Ogden who just turned 18 this week, appeared in 42 regular-season and four post-season games and drew three helper points.

Andy Clarke, 19, was selected as this year's Coaches Award winner. Clarke collected a sixth-place total of 14-13-27 in 42 regular season games



Captain gone

Kyle Richardson, the Winchester Hawks smooth-skating captain, is one of four players graduating from this year's Central Canada Hockey League 2 squad. Richardson joined the Hawks in 2012 and suited up for 148 games, scoring 44 goals, drawing 105 assists for 139 points.

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and added a goal in four playoff appearances.

The Manager's Award, selected by Craig "JB" Smith, went to former Gatineau Mustang defender Dave Ouellette. The 20-year-old blue liner played 30 games (plus three P/O) and produced 3-4-7 points.

As GM Smith regularly points out, it is junior hockey, so each and every year another rebuild is in order.

The Hawks' brass is hoping to have veteran forward/defence Bryden van Kessel as a foundation for a new roster. The former all-star, due to injury, played just 19 regular season games but still produced 10 goals, 15 assists and 25 points. The Chesterville resident also put up a goal and four helpers in three playoff games.

Minor ball hockey in danger of folding

WINCHESTER - Another North Dundas Minor Ball Hockey League season may not be possible.

Organizer Lee Bowers reports he has only registered enough players for two junior and two senior teams for the 2016 season.

"We need four [teams] in each level to operate," he said. "We need another 24 players for each level."

Junior (8-11 years) registration is \$70 while the senior (12-16 years) fee is \$75.

Registration forms can be sent to Bowers at north-dundasballhockey@gmail.com.

The deadline is set for Mon., April 14.

Solid effort at Nationals, Gibson ready for the road

WINCHESTER - Julia Gibson made six podium appearances while riding in the 2016 National Track Racing Championship.

The Winchester athlete registered four second-place and a pair of bronze medal

finishes in the competition held last weekend (April 1-3) at the Mattamy National Cycling Centre in Milton.

With the indoor season behind her, Gibson will continue her daily two-hour training routine in preparation for the spring and summer outdoor road race schedule.

"I will race on the road from now until the snow comes again," explained the Grade 10 North Dundas District High School, student.

A member of the Ottawa Bicycle Club, Gibson balances several school sports, a part-time job and her studies.

"I train roughly up to two hours a day everyday, unless I'm super busy with work [at Dundas Manor] or school work," she said. "But, I always end up finding time [to train]."



Julia Gibson is preparing for the road race season.

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Vikings strike first, clipping Blue Wings 4-1 in CCHL2 finale

CASSELMAN – It is fitting that the two most powerful teams in the Central Canada Hockey League 2 would clash in the league's inaugural championship showdown.

There is little difference between the Martin Division champions from Casselman (40-3-1-0) and the Perth Blue Wings (38-4-1-1) who claimed the Richardson title. The Vikings netted 266 goals and gave up 118 during the regular season while the Wings compiled a plus-144 (260-116) goal differential. Casselman prevailed in two regular-season meetings edging Perth 5-2 (Oct. 2) and 5-4 in OT (Nov. 12).

The Vikings scratched out a 4-1 decision on their home ice in Sunday's (April 3) opener.

Adam Morton (PPG, Brandon Mendham, Lucas Driscoll-McKinnon at 1:17) staked Perth to an early 1-0 lead in the first period.

Casselman tied it on a Brett Faber (Ethan Wensink, Mark Golberg at 15:32) marker and went ahead 2-1

when Sean David (PPG, GWG, Oliver Castleman, Miguel Laurin at 17:29) beat Wings 'tender Johnathan Peacock.

Period two was scoreless and Vike's shot blocker Gianmarco De Meis remained unbeatable in the final frame inflating his postseason record to 9-0-0-0. He also lowered his GAA to 1.18 and upped his save percentage to .955.

Third period shots fired by Carl Faucher (Sam Goselin, Sebastien Plante 5:03) and David (PPG, Harrison Wood, Laurin at 9:53) drove the final count to 4-1.

The shots on goal were even at 32.

Getting there

Casselman cruised into the championship round sweeping both the Alexandria Glens and Ottawa West Golden Knights in straight sets 4-0.

Perth earned their shot at the title whitewashing the Athens Aeros (4-0) and ousting the Stittsville Royals 4-2.

Cochrane skips Team Ontario to senior title

DIGBY, N.S. – Russell's Bryan Cochrane has skipped Team Ontario to the gold medal in the 2016 Everest Canadian Senior Men's Championship.

The Cochrane crew registered a perfect round robin record before eliminating British Columbia's Bob Ursel 6-5 in the semi-finals and then knocking off defending champion Randy Neufeld of Manitoba 6-3 in the gold medal game.

Cochrane and his Russell Curling Club rink of Ian MacAuly, Doug Johnston and Ken Sullivan, this year's Ontario senior champions, took part in the weeklong competition, which concluded with Saturday's (April 2) medal presentations in Digby.

The Cochrane foursome has qualified to compete as

Team Canada at the World Seniors in Lethbridge, Alta. in 2017 (April 22-29).

Team Cochrane was joined on the podium by well-known curling personality, Colleen Jones. Jones and Team Nova Scotia, curling out of the Mayflower Club in Halifax, defeated Saskatchewan's Sherry Anderson 5-2 to become the 2016 Everest Canadian Senior Women's champion.

Jones is the six-time Canadian (1982, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004), and two-time (2001, 2004) world champion. She will now attempt to become only the second curler to have skipped her team to victory in the Scotties, Worlds and Canadian Seniors.



Chesterville's Drew Cotnam (left) and Evan Durant of Winchester got their start playing with the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's Demons. This season they were on the roster of the Ontario East Minor Hockey League champion Rideau St. Lawrence "AA" Midget Kings. Debbie Shaver of Winchester served as the Kings team manager.

North Dundas talent on OEMHL champion Midget Kings' roster

WINCHESTER – Two players who launched their hockey careers with the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association are now members of the 2015-2016 Ontario East Minor Hockey League (OEMHL) champion Rideau St. Lawrence Midget "AA" Kings.

Winchester's Evan Durant and Drew Cotnam of Chesterville were on the roster of the Kings squad that secured the OEMHL crown defeating the Gloucester Rangers 4-1 in the best-of-seven final. The Kings finished their 10-game regular season sked first in the "B" pool standings with a 9-1-0 record and 10 points. They then qualified for the championship round winning all five of their round robin games.

The title-clinching 4-0 victory was posted (March 28) on the Kings home ice at

the Leo Boivin Community Centre in Prescott.

Durant's three-point effort was key to the positive outcome. He set up the GWG for Tyler Manderson in the second period, drew another assist on the Kings' second marker by Tate LeEson in the final frame, before cracking his team's third tally in the same session.

The North Dundas District High School student and member of the school's Devils' hockey team collected eight (3-5-8) points in the Gloucester series and tied for first place in the league's post-season scoring. Durant also ended up third in regular season scoring with 10 goals, eight assists and 18 points in 10 games.

The Kings posted 8-4, 2-1 and 10-2 victories before Gloucester blanked them 4-0 in game four forcing the fifth and final meeting.

Gibson

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National numbers

Gibson's national numbers recorded in Milton are as follows: team sprint – qualifying time 39.168 for 500m at an average speed of 45.956 km/h and a final time – 39:085 for 500m at an average speed of 46.053; team pursuit – second place; individual pursuit – third place – final time 2:43.764 for 2000m at a speed of 43.966; match sprint – third place;

500m time trial – second place – final time 39.877 at a speed of 45.139; elimination race – second place.

Gibson described the nationals as both an amazing experience and event.

"I produced multiple personal bests for most of my races, including the individual pursuit [over seven seconds faster] and the 500m time trial [one second faster]," she said.



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The North Dundas Pee Wee Rep “B” Demons added more Upper Canada Minor Hockey League (UCMHL) hardware to this year’s collection when assistant captains Ben Lapier, Owen Fetterly and captain Adam Barkley accepted the 2015-2016 UCMHL East Division and East/West championship plaques from league Pee Wee convenor Jason Broad. The presentation was made in Winchester following the Demons 4-0 victory against the Kemptville Panthers in the fourth and final game of the series on Mon., March 28.



Upper Canada champs

The North Dundas Pee Wee Rep “B” Demons posed with their Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division and East/West playoff plaques after they had defeated the Kemptville Panthers 4-0 in the fourth and final game of the five-point championship series. They captured the title in Winchester on Mon., March 28. This year’s UCMHL Pee Wee Rep “B” champions are: front (left) – Joshua Broad, Justin

Papineau, Adam Barkley, Brendan Shaver, Cole Eikelboom; middle (left) – Kieran McQueen-Ladouceur, Max Paquette, Reise Marriner, Ben Lapier, Emytt Fetterly, Owen Fetterly, Nolan Henry, Jaymen Heuff, ass’t coach Peter Marriner; back (left) – Mason Carr, trainer Chris Fetterly, ass’t coach Jason Broad and head coach Scott Barkley.

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No ice, no dice – NDDHS Devils retain Dundas Cup



High scorers

The North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) Devils girls’ hockey team was recruited just prior to the first game of the 2016 Dundas Challenge Cup school spirit exhibition series. But, in spite of their inexperience, the newly formed squad was able to defeat their counterparts from South Dundas (Seaway Spartans) 6-1 in Chesterville (March 24). Representing NDDHS

in the 2016 Dundas Challenge Cup were: front (left) – Shaye Vanden Bosch, Jessi Zandbelt, Kara Turcotte, Lindsay Cummins, Reise Marriner, Desiray Clemen; back (left) - coach Kevin Bell, Madison Scheepers, Kaylie Fife, Shania Vandemheen, Delaney Johnston, Sabryna Chevalier, Emily Beach and Anna Gruich.

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MAPLE RIDGE – A snow day school bus cancellation followed by the Easter weekend holiday and finally the shutdown of the ice plant at the Morrisburg Arena has translated into the North Dundas District High School Devils retaining the Dundas Challenge Cup.

The Seaway District High School Spartans weren’t able to book any ice time because of the clo-

sure of both their home ice surface in Morrisburg and the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester, so by virtue of their overall 10-4 sweep of the opening twin bill in Chesterville (March 10), the defending champion Devils’ hockey squads claim victory.

The Spartans home double dip scheduled for Morrisburg scheduled on Thurs., March 24 was wiped out by a

winter storm, which induced the bus cancellations.

The North Dundas girls skated to a 6-1 decision in their clash with the Spartans in Chesterville while the boys rallied with three third-period goals for a 4-3 victory in their half of the double header. Those decisions clinched the annual school spirit, exhibition series opener by a combined plus six (10-4) goal-differential.



Rally kings

Trailing 3-1 with 7:48 left in the game, played in Chesterville on March 24, the North Dundas District High School Devils rallied and knocked off the Seaway Spartans 4-3 in the opening game of the 2016 Dundas Challenge Cup exhibition series. Captain Evan Durant bagged the GWG 1:36 before the final buzzer sounded.

Suiting up for the Blue Devils were: front (left) – Christian Francis, Brayden Cochrane, Jarrett Williams, Evan Durant, Jack van Kessel, Aaron Turcotte, Bayden Carr; back (left) – coach Troy Smith, Justin Shay, Sawyer Vanden Bosch, Owen Salmon, Spencer Kelly, Jacob Robinson, Curtis Barkley and Cory Ross.

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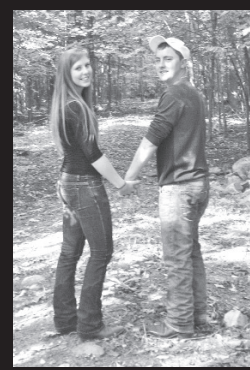
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The Winchester Golden Years Club hosted its annual fundraising breakfast Sat., April 2 at the village's Lions Hall. The menu featured pancakes, sausage, and bacon, with group participants working mightily in the kitchen to feed the hungry masses. June Armstrong (above) and Marlene Faulkner kept busy dishing out plates of flapjacks throughout the morning-long meal.

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OBITUARIES



Don Henderson

Don Henderson, a lifetime resident of the Chesterville area, passed away at the Ottawa General Hospital on Tues., March 29, 2016, following a brief illness. He was 73.

Don was born in Victoria, B.C., on Dec. 28, 1942 to his parents, Hulbert and Nancy Henderson (nee Sparling).

Don is survived by his wife, Marian; his children, Lianne Henderson of Ingleside, Janet Adams (Fabian) of Blackstock, and Bill (Amy) of Williamsburg; his siblings, Bob (Lucy) of Dundas, Patricia Henderson (Paul McCli-mont) of Orleans, and Peggy Maxwell (John) of Lower Beverley Lake; and his sister-in-law, Patricia Henderson of Chesterville. Don will be sadly missed by grandchildren Luke and Mia. He was predeceased by his parents, and his brother, Dick. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Fri., April 1 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was held at Christ Church United in Chesterville on Sat., April 2 at 1 pm with Rev. Debbie Poirier officiating. Interment of cremated remains will be at Grantley Cemetery in Chesterville. The honorary pallbearers were Glenn Pemberton, Ron McMillan, Steve Simpson, Jack Lan-nin, Ken Edgerton, and Tim McCadden.

Donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital or the Canadian Cancer Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com



Shirley May Ball

Shirley Ball (nee Casselman) of Winchester peacefully passed away at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Tues., March 29, 2016. She was 77.

She was the beloved wife of Harold Ball. She was the loving Mom of Carolyn Tanner (Keith), and the cherished Grandma of Julia and Brad. Shirley was predeceased by her siblings, Doreen and Harold Casselman. She will be fondly remembered by sisters-in law Jessie Ball and Lois Sweeney and her children, Judy and Allen Jackson.

By Shirley's request, there will be no visitation. Cremation has taken place. A private graveside committal service will be held in the spring.

By family request, donations may be made to Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Special thanks to Dr. Domanko for all his care over the years, and to the nurses at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

The arrangements are entrusted to Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain (613-989-3836).

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



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Troupe counts on Dracula to entertain

IROQUOIS – Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club members are rising to the task yet again, preparing for its biennial play, *The Count Will Rise*, at Upper Canada Playhouse for the club’s 18th performance.



The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club’s latest play, *The County Will Rise*, opens Thurs., April 21 at Morrisburg’s Upper Canada Playhouse. Featured in this year’s production are Margaret Swerdfeger (front, left), Reina DeJong, Glenn Swerdfeger, Margaret Johnston, and Erica Scott. Back row: Rick MacKenzie (left), Brian Speer, Bill Rumble, Jim Mustard, and Barry Fawcett.

The play, also known as *Dracula in Dixie*, is a two-act comedic farce written by Dennis Snee to be staged Thurs., April 21 (8 pm), Fri., April 22 (8 pm), and Sat., April 23 (2 pm and 8 pm).

The setting takes place at the Stewart Plantation in the heart of the deep south. Count Dracula has relocated there in search of a new vampire bride. The cast, all familiar faces from previous Lions Club performances, will be joined with two new faces to the stage this year.

Wendy Gibb of Iroquois has been involved with each of the club’s performances, including *The Haunted House*, *My Three Angels*, and *Murder Most Fouled Up*, and will again be directing the show.

The money raised from the shows has been donated to many causes in the past, such as the Dundas County Food Bank, Winchester District Memorial Hospital, and the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

Tickets are on sale now, and are available at Mustard’s Variety in Iroquois, Morrisburg and South Mountain Scotiabank branches, Upper Canada Playhouse, or by contacting an Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club member.

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WINCHESTER – The Old Town Hall (also known as the Winchester Cultural Centre) is located at 478 Main St., and is wheelchair accessible (use side entrance), with free parking available. Upcoming events include:

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26 local girls to get free prom makeover

CORNWALL – When it comes to reaching important milestones in a young girl’s life, prom night ranks high on the list... After all, it only happens once.

That’s why two local entrepreneurs – makeup artist/hairstylist Karley Gagnon of Hott Stylz, and esthetician Allison Belanger of Poppin Makeup and More – are teaming up to provide 26 Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) high school girls a free glamorized makeover for this year’s prom celebrations.

The duo launched the SD&G Makeover Project as a first-time initiative, acquiring various sponsors from across the tri-counties to cover about \$350 in services for each lucky girl chosen.

Gagnon and Belanger will be choosing the winners based on nominations by peers, friends, or family members. Whether the nomination is based on academic excellence, community involvement, someone with limited means or self-esteem issues, they will be reviewing all applications.

“Every girl deserves to feel like a glamorized princess on [her] prom day – it’s such an important and iconic moment in a young woman’s life,” said Gagnon.

Two girls each from 13 area high schools – including North Dundas District High School, Tagwi Secondary School (Avonmore) and Seaway District High School (Iroquois) – are to meet Belanger and Gagnon at The Loft Salon in Cornwall on the day of their prom.

Each will receive an up-do (sponsored by The Loft Salon), makeup (sponsored by Hott Stylz and Poppin Makeup), nails (sponsored by Poppin Makeup), food (sponsored by Moustache Joes), and a before-and-after photo shoot (sponsored by Kelsey Lindsay Photography and Carol Grant Productions).

They will also receive a gift bag filled with goodies and jewellery. 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 emailed before Fri., April 22 to sdgmakeoverproject@hotmail.com.



Nearing the end

A new addition to Morrisburg’s Upper Canada Playhouse is nearing completion, with the rehearsal hall finishing off the “cultural space,” according to artistic director Donnie Bowes. The major expansion effort was helped in part by the federal government, through a \$97,500 grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage’s Canada Cultural Spaces Fund.

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