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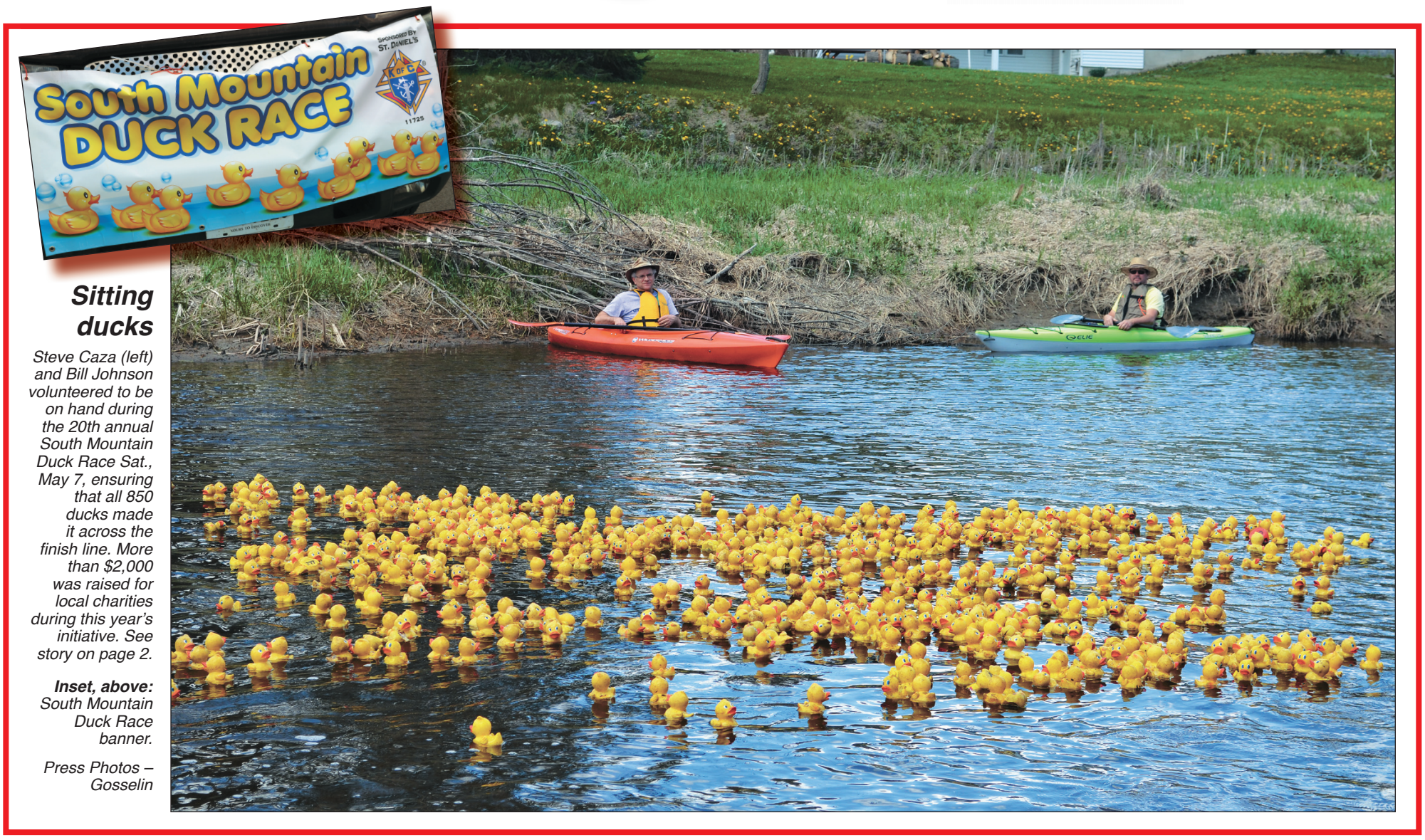

Sitting ducks

Steve Caza (left) and Bill Johnson volunteered to be on hand during the 20th annual South Mountain Duck Race Sat., May 7, ensuring that all 850 ducks made it across the finish line. More than $2,000 was raised for local charities during this year's initiative. See story on page 2.

***Inset, above:** South Mountain Duck Race banner.*

Press Photos – Gosselin

Three local Service Ontario outlets chopped

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MORRISBURG – South Dundas residents wanting to renew their driver's licence, register for a new home address, or apply for a health card will be forced to drive a little further to access those services come November.

Service Ontario's Morrisburg branch, along with its coinciding land registry office, will be shuttered Mon., Nov. 28.

It's one of nine publicly run service outlets the provincial government announced recently would be closing between October 2016 and February 2017. Other outlets that are closing are located in Kemptville, Embrun, Mississauga, Milton, Guelph, Terrace Bay, Minden, and Blind River.

According to Service Ontario's communications advisor Anne-Marie Flanagan, the decision to close the outlets comes at a time when the provincial agency wants to be "fiscally responsible."

"A careful analysis determined which locations had other Service Ontario branches nearby," said Flanagan. "We also have more than 40 services available online. More people are deciding to do their business online, and this decision reflects that."

> Winchester spared! Branches to close include Morrisburg, Kemptville, and Embrun

Once the Morrisburg branch closes, the nearest Service Ontario location will be Winchester. However, the Morrisburg location's land registry documents will be consolidated at the Prescott office.

The Kemptville office will be closing Mon., Feb. 27, 2017, making the closest outlet for those residents in Winchester or Smiths Falls.

The Embrun Service Ontario office will close Mon., Nov. 28 as well, with the closest outlet located in Casselman. However, the land registry office at that location will also be closing, forcing residents to travel to the Ottawa office on Elgin Street.

According to Flanagan, Service Ontario has been working with current staff at all the affected locations to "minimize involuntary job loss," and give the employees the chance to work elsewhere in the public service sector.

There's one employee in Morrisburg, four in Kemptville, and seven in Embrun that could potentially be impacted by the closures.

Following the announcement, Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG) MPP Jim McDonell spoke out for rural residents who "need service outlets close to home."

• see CLOSURES on next page

Local festivals funded

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – This year's South Mountain Fair will have an extra $47,913 in the bank to create a bigger and better event, attracting more tourists and increasing visitor spending.

The added funds were awarded as part of the Celebrate Ontario program, which aims to enhance programs and generate marketing funds for new or existing festivals and events in the province.

It's the fourth year in a row that the fair (taking place Thurs., Aug. 18 to Sun., Aug. 21) has been on the receiving end of provincial funds, but according to grants coordinator Anna Smail, it's the largest chunk of money to date.

"We've been so fortunate to be accepted for the funds," said Smail. "The application process is long, but worth it."

According to Smail, $13,500 will be put toward Saturday night entertainment, while $9,300 will add more excitement to the children's activities tent.

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Dundas bikes on for seventh year

WINCHESTER – The Children's Treatment Centre (CTC) will be hosting the Dundas County version of their 2016 Bike-A-Thon Plus event on Sat., May 28.

The Bike-A-Thon Plus in Winchester and Morrisburg is one of the many fundraisers organized by the CTC.

Morrisburg lawyer Doug Grenkie has been a driving force behind bringing the event to Dundas, a fundraiser which used to only take place in Cornwall. Currently, the CTC serves 224 children in North and South Dundas.

Grenkie found out about the work that the CTC does for children in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry and Akwesasne through an unfortunate circumstance. He was involved in a court case where he needed to see disclosures made by a child to a CTC counsellor. In order to do this, a motion had to be made to see the disclosures, which involved bringing the CTC to court.

"That was when I found out the good work that they [the CTC] do, and the fact they are an organization that doesn't get any government funding," Grenkie said. "The funding is all through the community."

Local lawyer driving force behind CTC fundraiser

After the court case, Grenkie felt bad for having to take the CTC to court – so he visited their office. "I asked if I could help them out in some way… Then they asked if I could do something [for them] in Dundas County," he said. "I said, 'I sure can.' That's where it all started."

According to Grenkie, the Bike-A-Thon Plus event in Dundas is in its seventh year of operation.

He had worked with Lyle Van Allen, a former mayor of South Dundas, at the start to set up the event, which he said, "has been going strong ever since."

"We've raised several thousands of dollars every year. Last year it was even more because we brought in the North Dundas Leos, and they helped the event get started in the north end [of Dundas County]," added Grenkie. "This year, we are carrying on with that."

On the day of the event, there will be participants walking from North Dundas District High School at 12 pm, while cycling and a yard sale will take place at the Lions Pavilion in Winchester.

To the south, the Morrisburg Docksyde will host cyclists and walkers at 10 am, with a ceremonial walk at 12 pm.

Pledge sheets are available at BMO Bank of Montreal or at the Gorrell, Grenkie and Remillard office in Morrisburg or go to www.childrenstreatmentcentre.ca.



Morrisburg lawyer Doug Grenkie has been a driving force behind the Dundas County Bike-A-Thon Plus event – a fundraiser for the Children's Treatment Centre in Cornwall – set to take place in Winchester and Morrisburg Sat., May 28. He is pictured showing a map of the area where cyclists and walkers will be participating.

S. Mountain duck race quacks out $2,750 for charity



Organizers counted down enthusiastically before throwing 850 ducks into the race. Pictured are Bruce Purcell (left), Mike Purcell, Steve Dillabough, Albert Koekkoek, Marlyn O'Connor, and helpers Tammi Salmon, Merik and Tanner Dalgleish.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Members of the Knights of Columbus St. Daniel's Council 11725 got all their ducks in a row Sat., May 7 to kick off the 20th annual South Mountain Duck Race on the Nation River.

All 850 ducks were sold for the event, which coincided with the village's Super Saturday activities, raising $2,750 for local charities.

"It's always [an event] that gets everyone involved," said organizer Bruce Purcell. "It's something fun to do for a good cause."

Several people took home prizes for their entry in the race. The first-place winner was John Meulenbroek (#267), who took home the grand prize of $500. Second-place ducky (#606) landed Dale Hermer the $150 prize, and third-place winner JoAnn Kelly (#371) took home $100. Chris Rodney (#346) finished fourth with his duck, and won a subscription to the *Winchester Press*.

The local Knights of Columbus group has been conducting the duck race since 1997. Starting with less than 500 ducks, the race has grown throughout the years to include more than 800 ducks, and is just one of several events that make up Super Saturday.

The sixth annual St. Daniel's yard sale and barbecue also brought patrons out to enjoy the sunshine on Super Saturday, and included a silent auction, kids' activities, and local vendors on site.

Closures

• continued from the front

"This isn't modernization – it's denial of service," said McDonell. "Rural residents will have to drive further for the government services they deserve to receive locally. The government appears to have made no effort to find alternative solutions that would preserve in-person services."

Festivals

• continued from the front

The funds will also be used for 300 new chairs, 35 new tables, and tent shelters.

The South Mountain Fair will once again be hosting a special needs day prior to the official opening, and about $1,200 will be invested toward providing drinks, food, and a horse show for patrons.

The provincial government recently announced that it would invest $15.3 million this year to support festivals and events across the region. Since 2007, Celebrate Ontario has committed support to more than 1,900 events.

According to recipients, every $1 of Celebrate Ontario funding triggers about $18 of visitor expenditures.

Investing in festivals and events is part of the government's economic plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its promise to grow the economy and create jobs.

"Ontario is home to many unique and diverse festivals and events that showcase our province and attract visitors from all over the world…I'm proud that through Celebrate Ontario, our government continues to support this vibrant sector," said minister of tourism, culture, and sport, Michael Coteau. "Our investment will help festivals and events offer new and expanded experiences that will support local economic growth, create jobs, and draw tourists to communities across the province."

Other local festivals that will be receiving funds this year are Pumpkinferno at Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg ($98,000), the Kemptville Live Music Festival ($63,667), and the Brockville Ribfest ($9,630).

Expression of Interest for Community Partners in the new Dundas Manor

We are in the process of seeking government approval to build a new Long-Term Care Facility in Winchester to replace the existing Dundas Manor building.

Planning is now underway and construction is expected to be completed in 3 to 5 years.

We would like to hear from potential Community Partners who would be interested in locating and/or providing services in our new building.

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Expression of Interest Future Use of Dundas Manor Building in Winchester

We are in the process of seeking government approval to build a new Long-Term Care Facility in Winchester to replace the existing Dundas Manor building.

Planning is now underway and construction is expected to be completed in 3 to 5 years. At that time, the current building will be vacated.

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Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home

Police Blotter

Drugs found

WINCHESTER – Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry (SD&G) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on Old Carriage Lane in the village on Wed., May 4.

The vehicle was located, and a quantity of suspected marijuana was seized from the male driver.

Matthew Racicot, 36, of Ottawa was arrested and is charged with possession of a controlled substance under 30 grams. He was released, and is scheduled to appear in Morrisburg court on Tues., June 7.

Impaired drivers

MOOSE CREEK – SD&G OPP officers intercepted a vehicle on McLean Road on the morning of Tues., May 3.

The stop revealed that the adult male driver was under the influence of alcohol. Further information indicated that his driving privileges were disqualified from a previous incident.

Martin Aubin, 51, of North Stormont was arrested and is charged with driving a motor vehicle while ability impaired by alcohol; driving a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in blood; and driving while disqualified.

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

Motorcycle accident

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision on County Road 1 on May 3.

The investigation indicated a motorcycle had collided with a passenger vehicle, and that the adult male driver of the motorcycle was under the influence of alcohol.

A quantity of suspected marijuana was also seized. He was transported to hospital with minor injuries.

Anthony Holmes, 43, of North Dundas was arrested and is charged with driving a motor vehicle while ability impaired by alcohol; driving a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in blood; driving while disqualified; possession of a controlled substance under 30 grams; and three counts for failure to comply with an existing probation order.

He is scheduled to appear in Morrisburg court June 7.

ATV theft

FINCH – An all-terrain vehicle (ATV) was taken from a residence on Concession 11-12 overnight between Mon., May 2 and May 3. It is described as a red 2002 Arctic Cat four-wheeler, 90cc engine. An investigation continues.

Drugs seized

MORRISBURG – Officers were conducting Reduce Impaired Drivers Everywhere (RIDE) checks at a Highway 401 off-ramp on Mon., May 2. A check of a vehicle resulted in the seizure of suspected marijuana from a male youth passenger.

The 16-year-old from South Dundas was arrested and is charged with possession of a controlled substance under 30 grams. He was released and is scheduled to appear in Morrisburg court Thurs., July 7.

His name is being withheld as per provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA).

Break in

ALEXANDRIA – SD&G OPP officers responded to a report from a property on Kenyon Concession 5 in North Glengarry. On May 2, between 9 am and 6 pm, a shed was entered, and from inside, a plasma cutter and chain saw were removed.

An investigation continues.

Anyone with information is asked to contact SD&G OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or at CrimeStoppers (1-800-222-8477). A cash reward of up to $2,000 may be rewarded.

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Details published in the police blotter are provided by the OPP. All suspects are considered innocent in the eyes of the law unless proven otherwise in court.



The Canadian Club of Morrisburg and District recently hit a 90-year milestone as a community group, and honoured past club presidents at the most recent meeting. Pictured are (back) Don Fairweather (left), Bob Weagant, Arden Schneckenburger, George Edwardson, Laird Weagant, Jim Locke, Don Johnston, and current President Ron Wilson; and (front) Perry Stacey (left), Dave Black, Bruce Garlough, Jean MacDougal, Clara Edwardson, Cam Martel, Gerry Boyce, Dr. Chris Findlay, and Alan Bain.

Canadian Club marks 90-year milestone

MORRISBURG – Members of the Canadian Club of Morrisburg and District recently celebrated a major milestone – 90 years as a community group.

As part of the achievement, club members decided to honour all past presidents at the most recent meeting at the end of April.

While not all past presidents could make it, 16 attended the meeting, with their service spanning from 1976 to present.

Current president Ron Wilson introduced the veterans, and gave a brief comment on the involvement of each in their community.

Former presidents feted at historic celebration

Those who attended had at one time covered all of Dundas County and beyond, from Brockville to Long Sault.

According to member Clara Edwardson, the event was nostalgic, and proved to be a reunion of sorts for those in attendance. Some members had not seen each other for many years.

As is customary, a guest speaker was also in attendance – Dr. Sara Giles of Doctors Without Borders. She spoke of her work in remote areas of Canada, including Northern Ontario, First Nations, and the Northwest Territories.

At the end of the meeting, a draw was held for a Canadian flag donated by Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon, and was won by Janet Carkner.

Barry Holmes won the second draw for a silver maple leaf pendant from Pommier Jewellers. Money raised from the draw was donated to Doctors Without Borders.

The evening ended with the singing of "O Canada," accompanied by Eleanor Allison on the piano.

The local Canadian Club has only one meeting remaining in the current season, to take place Wed., May 18. Captain Bob Pearson, reknowned pilot of the famous "Gimli Glider" will address the group.

As always, it is important that visitors reserve tickets at least a week in advance of the meeting.

Employers in SD&G plan to hire: survey

CORNWALL – Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) area employers are optimistic about their hiring plans for this year, according to a recent survey carried out by the Eastern Ontario Training Board (EOTB).

The Employer One survey, conducted in the first quarter of each calendar year, indicated that 26.9 per cent of the 1,013 area employers who responded expect to hire in the coming year.

In addition, 43 per cent of survey respondents said they hired in 2015.

"Every year, local employers have reported hiring far more people than they anticipated hiring, which is good news for residents of SD&G and Prescott and Russell United Counties," said Diane Soucie, labour market information analyst for the local board. "We've surveyed employers for three years now, and the hiring trend is positive and moving upwards."

The survey asked employers in SD&G, as well as in Prescott and Russell, about their hiring plans, practices, needs and challenges, including skills requirements and shortages.

"There have been some positive emerging trends," added Denis Thibault, EOTB's executive director. "This survey found that the share of employers who had hard-to-fill jobs decreased, and more employers rated the availability of qualified workers in our five counties higher than last year."

Results are shared with employers, government and other groups, including two dozen community organizations.

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Chronic pain hot topic at LNL

WINCHESTER – More than 50 people attended Linking Hands' Lunch and Learn event in early April, where Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH)'s social worker Kimberly Paterson shared information on how to manage chronic pain.

Participants were treated to an hour-long free presentation at Winchester's St. Clare's Anglican Church to learn more about what chronic pain is, and what they could do to live with it.



Kimberly Paterson

Each month, those attending Linking Hands' Lunch and Learn programs are asked to give feedback, which includes suggestions for future topics. There was an overwhelming demand for information on chronic pain, as most government-funded initiatives on this front are unavailable in the rural areas, leaving those afflicted to travel to Ottawa for assistance.

Paterson's talk introduced attendees to the hospital's Chronic Pain Self-Management Program, a free six-week workshop offered in conjunction with the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic.

While the current session began in Winchester on Wed., April 20, it was previously offered in the Municipality of South Dundas in the fall of 2015.

Should enough people add their names to a waiting list for a future session, Paterson said the hospital would consider running the program again.

For more information, contact Paterson at 613-774-2422 extension 6125, or email kpaterson@wdmh.on.ca.



Lions roar, orators speak

More than 20 volunteers from various local Lions clubs in Dundas County came together in early April to host the District A4 Lions Effective Speaking contest at North Dundas District High School. A total of 21 contestants competed in different levels, including both English and French junior, intermediate, and senior. Each participant gave their prepared speech in front of three judges. Contestants from the intermediate and senior groups were then given 15 minutes to prepare an impromptu speech and deliver this as well. The winners from each category were to compete at the Multiple District Lions' Effective Speaking contest at Algonquin College, held Fri., May 6 to Sun., May 8. Pictured are Lions club members Roxanne Backes (left), Debra Kelly, Dave Howard, Ally Martin, Ernie Coumont, and Shawn Doolan.

Community cooking up extra funds

VERNON – Sometimes a little food for the soul can make a big difference in someone's life. That's why the Vernon community is coming together Thurs., May 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Vernon Community Centre for a local family who, due to illness, needs support, prayers, and financial assistance.

Dan Mayer, a civilian instructor and supply officer for 2951 RCACC Army Cadets, was recently diagnosed with lung cancer, and was admitted to Élisabeth Bruyère Hospital recently.

He and his wife, Tammy Hodges, have three children ranging from 13 to 18 years old, and they have all been involved with the cadets.

"Dan Mayer, Tammy Hodges, and family are enduring the worst, and we, as a community, would like to help," said one of the event organizers, Kim Sheldrick. "He's been a great example for the kids, and they all love him."

At the event, there will be a spaghetti dinner, silent auction, live music, a raffle, and more.

Tickets are $15 for adults (12 years and older), $10 for seniors, $8 for kids 5 to 11, and free for four years and younger. Advance tickets are preferred.

Please contact youreventquestions@gmail.com, or 613-821-3033 for tickets and more information.

Vernon WI thanked for generosity

by Helen McDonald

VERNON – In early April, president Helen Porteous welcomed 19 members to the annual Vernon Women's Institute meeting held at the Vernon Recreation Centre.

The "Ode," the Mary Stewart Collect, and "Grace" were followed by a delicious potluck supper.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as read. The roll call was the collecting of annual dues, and members were invited to share a joke or story.

Donna Page gave the treasurer's report, and several thank-you cards were read.

The Osgoode Care Centre plans to use the group's donation to help purchase lifts to transfer residents in and out of the bathtub.

Vernon WI members will again help sponsor a foster child in Nepal, and donate a scholarship to a graduating student at Osgoode Township High School.

The group will also be catering to the Metcalfe Lions Club today (Wed., May 11).

The Annual General Meeting followed, and the executive was named.

Helen Porteous will remain as president, Helen McDonald as secretary, and Donna Page as treasurer. Cheryl Sullivan has taken on the position of first-vice and Mary Fisher will be second vice-president.

The Dalmeny Confection Candy 4-H Club members and their leaders will be the special guests at 7:15 on Tues., May 17 at the "Bring a Friend and Anything Auction" meeting.

Norma McNaughton was presented a small maple leaf bottle of maple syrup for wearing her pin, before the meeting was adjourned.

Mountain Seniors to relocate this fall

by Huguette Shaver

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – The latest meeting of the Mountain Seniors took place at the end of April. President Jack McCargar welcomed 16 members, who then sang "O Canada," which was followed by the "Lord's prayer." Huguette Shaver read the March minutes, with an amendment that was approved by McCargar.

David Scharf submitted the financial report, which had a $25 donation being put toward the Canadian Cancer Society from the group.

Muriel Milne then updated her USCO report with the resolutions for the annual convention, scheduled for Zone 85 today (Wed., May 11), in Russell. The guest speaker will be Leslie Ault.

As of September, Mountain Seniors are to relocate to the South Mountain Agricultural Hall for meetings.

Irene Crowder celebrated her birthday in April, and Jack and Charlene McCargar celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

"Grace" was said, and the group then enjoyed a gourmet potluck luncheon and games afterwards.

The next meeting will be held Wed., May 25 at the South Mountain Fire Hall.



RBC drives food donations home

Seven volunteers from Winchester's Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) – five staff and two helpers – distributed bags throughout the area for the Dundas County Food Bank (DCFB)'s Fill-a-Bag food drive. The bags will then be picked up Sat., May 14 after residents have filled them with much-needed donations. The initiative is all part of the nationwide #EveryPlateFull campaign, which rallies food banks across the country to raise awareness about the lack of donations during the summer months. RBC will be donating $1,000 to the DCFB through the bank's Day of Service program. Pictured are Ray Joseph (left), Olivia Woods, Wendy Weagant, and Lindsay Schoeni. Missing: Mark DeVries, and Kathleen and George Knezevic.

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SBCF committee nearly abolished on ongoing struggle to award funds

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MORRISBURG – A motion to abolish the South Branch Community Fund (SBCF) committee was put on the table at the Municipality of South Dundas council meeting Tues., May 3, but following a heated discussion between staff and committee members, the recommendation was defeated.

Director of recreation Ben Macpherson put the recommendation forward with the intention of designating a newly formed South Branch Recreation Committee as a committee of council, and providing them control of the $30,000 annual fund deposit.

The recreation committee was an idea that came out of a recent community workshop hosted by SBCF committee members. The workshop was set up as a way for the community to give its feedback on how the funds should be used at Brinston Park. About 10 people jumped at the idea of forming a recreation committee – but as support to the existing committee, not as a replacement.

SBCF committee chair Tracy Yalden showed up to the meeting after getting wind that the committee was to be abolished – which she said she had no knowledge about – and set the record straight.

"The [recreation committee] assumed that they were not going to the meetings, they didn't have to go to council…they don't want to do that stuff," said Yalden. "Otherwise, they'd be sitting on [the SBCF] committee. These two committees are two different things. It's not the same people who are on the rec committee."

As part of the approval process for the South Branch Wind Farm, EDP Renewables Canada is required to contribute $30,000 to the fund annually for a term of 20 years. The agreement was created for the benefit of the immediate community around the wind farm.

The SBCF committee was established to evaluate submitted applications and recommend successful applicants to council.

To date, very few applications have been successful in receiving funding. There are several factors for the low success rate including improper applications, applications that do not fit within the guidelines of the fund, and applications exceeding the amount of fund money available.

Council members seemed confused by the motion to abolish the committee, as discussions at the last meeting lead them to believe that only the terms of reference for the committee's structure would be changed.

Macpherson said that his intention wasn't to put more work on the newly formed recreation committee, but to get the conversation moving on what to do next.

"The end goal is for people in the community to have the easiest way to get their ideas to the table," said Macpherson. "Right now, the [SBCF] committee is not working. I knew recommending [the rec committee] as a committee of council wasn't going to go over well, but at least it got the conversation going."

After the motion was defeated, Macpherson discussed the next steps with Yalden out in the hallway.

A separate motion to form a recreation committee will be on the table at the next meeting, and council will still have to look at changing the committee's terms of reference.

The tentative deadline for applications to the SBCF, as of press time, is Fri., May 20.

Council notes from
South Dundas

SOUTH DUNDAS

Accounting assistant hired

MORRISBURG – At Tues., May 3's South Dundas council meeting, CAO-treasurer Shannon Geraghty announced that the municipality had hired a new accounting assistant.

Sean Mason will be starting in the full-time position as of June, and brings 15 years of municipal experience in the financial sector.

Streetscape for village

As a follow up to the Morrisburg traffic study report that was carried out earlier this year, South Dundas council members approved a motion to fund $10,000 worth of landscape architect's concepts to beautify the downtown core.

The areas approved for streetscape plans are County Road 2 from the Upper Canada Playhouse to the McIntosh Country Inn, and County Road 31 and Bank Street from Felker Way to Fifth Street.

Highway 401 signs approved

South Dundas council approved the design and location of two new decorative display signs to be installed along Highway 401, identifying both Morrisburg and Iroquois as communities along the corridor.

Highway 401 signs are currently located at exit 750 (Morrisburg, County Road 31/Bank Street) for westbound traffic, and exit 738 (Iroquois, County Road 1/Carman Road) for eastbound traffic.

Both the current Morrisburg and Iroquois signs were installed in 2003, with the Morrisburg sign now in a state of disrepair, and the Iroquois sign non-existent – as it was removed in 2014.

The cost for the two signs is $10,000, which was included in the economic development budget.



Friends write books

Friends of the Williamsburg Library members Kharla Ward (left), Marie Lewis, and Sylvie Ward sold used books while raising awareness about the local library branch at the Williamsburg Community Association-organized 25th annual village yard sale Sat., May 7. Kharla, a local children's author, also let patrons know about her two books, *Run Red Rooster* and *Alice's Alphabet*, available at the Basket Case Café and Art Gallery in Morrisburg. *Press Photo – Gosselin*

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Rural residents are getting shafted

It seems that Ontario's rural residents are getting the short end of the stick when it comes to accessing provincial services, funds, and support.

It was announced recently that nine Service Ontario branches would be closing due to the provincial agency wanting to be more "fiscally responsible."

What does that even mean? Budget cuts? Saving money by shafting the country dwellers?

Three of the soon-to-be shuttered locations are currently in small-town Eastern Ontario – Morrisburg, Kemptville, and Embrun.

Some residents will have to drive as far as 60 kilometres to access services that are paid for through hard-earned tax dollars.

Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell recently reminded the Minister for Government and Consumer Services of his obligation to ensure public services were available to Ontarians that needed them.

"Residents of the affected areas deserve to have access to in-person public services," MPP McDonell stated. "The Liberal government appears to have made no effort to find alternative solutions that would preserve in-person services. They aren't in it for us – they waste our money and make us pay."

Living in a rural area makes it a lot harder to access all provincial services as it is – let alone having to drive to the nearest urban city.

But it's not the first time rural residents have been forced to adjust to urban-minded policies.

This year, the provincial government decided to suspend current intake of applications to the Rural Economic Development (RED) Fund, with plans to integrate the program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund (JPF).

The problem with this is that the RED funds – once used to help boost economic development in small towns – will be put into a narrowly focused pot of money that can only be granted to projects in the private sector with a minimum of $5 million or $10 million in project costs.

Where's the fairness in that? There aren't too many multi-million dollar projects going up in communities of less than 100,000 people. How do rural communities go about boosting the economy without the means to do it?

And then we get back to a topic that still leaves a bad taste in the mouths of rural homeowners living near City of Ottawa boundaries – amalgamation.

Those living in small towns, such as Osgoode and Metcalfe, are forced to put tax dollars into pots that generally favour urban dwellers.

The City's new stormwater management plan is an example of this. If approved, residents would be forced to pay a fixed rate for stormwater management, regardless if they live in downtown Ottawa or in small-town Metcalfe. Some rural residents don't even get a water bill. Was it mentioned that 80 per cent of City of Ottawa residents are urban, while only 20 per cent are in rural areas?

But McDonell really said it best: "This isn't modernization – it's denial of service."

Remember when...

1936

This week in the *Winchester Press,* an advertisement was placed announcing the upcoming barn dance for patrons in the village: "A barn dance will be held at Abraham St. Pierre's, four miles east of Winchester… Good music and furnished. Admission is 25 cents."

1946

"War bride will join husband here," said a featured headline in this week's *Press.* "Mrs. Williamina Robinson, wife of L. Cpl. M. E. Robinson, of Winchester, and their son, Mahlon, were among a group of war brides to reach Halifax yesterday… Cpl. Robinson, who was married overseas, returned to Canada several months ago."

1956

Federal and provincial Agricultural officials attended the opening of the Ontario Cheese Producers' Marketing Board's big cheese curing and storage warehouse [in Winchester] yesterday," said the *Press* this week. "The original Belleville warehouse and the Winchester plant can store more than 10 [million] pounds of cheese."



This week in 1996, Red House runner Kerry Lynn Thompson, left, led the field to the wire in the junior girls 100m. Kristi Merkley of Green House, centre, and Tara Berry of Gold completed the top three finishes in the North Dundas District High School track and field competition.

1966

This week, the *Press* reported that a tree-planting initiative had been undertaken by Winchester Public School students: "Grade 7 students turned foresters last week as they travelled to the lands of the South Nation River Authority to plant thousands of small trees in a reforestation project."

1976

"Residents oppose dump expansion," was the featured headline in this week's *Press*: "Officials from the Ontario Municipal Board were met with a barrage of opposition when they visited the village on Tuesday to weigh the merits of expanding the present garbage disposal site."

1986

"Dundas County has a severe shortage of long-term health care facilities, according to a report released by the District Health Council of Eastern Ontario," said a report in the *Press* this week. "The study said there is expected to be an overall increase of 10 per cent in the population aged 65 and over by 2001."

1996

An upset resident wrote a letter to the editor this week expressing their dismay at the new bike track that was established in Williamsburg: "Just to set the record straight about the obnoxiously noisy, dirty bike track that our knowledgeable township council has allowed to our once quiet, peaceful [neighbourhood]… we the undersigned would like you to know that there is more than just one extremely upset taxpaying neighbour."

2006

This week, the *Press* reported that a recent study carried out by Statistics Canada claimed rural residents were friendlier: "The study suggested that the more rural a place, the greater the chance people knew their neighbours."

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Every trinket represents a beautiful memory



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

Do you ever talk to dead people?

I know it sounds kind of Hayley Joel Osment–Sixth Sensish, but it's a legitimate question. Do you ever find yourself chatting with someone close to you who has passed on?

I do. In fact, sometimes I feel like I talk to my father more now than I did in the 10 years before he died.

On Saturday, I found myself enjoying the sunshine and driving on Highway 2 along the St. Lawrence River and decided that it was a nice day to visit the gravesites of my grandparents and my father. I am sure that the conversations I have with them are predictable. I have always believed that they listen, and I believe it even more since I started watching Long Island Medium a few years ago.

I wonder if they get sick of hearing the same guilt-laden soliloquy from me. I tell my grandparents I regret having taken them for granted and not appreciating my time with them as much as I should have in my youth.

I was about to have a similar conversation with my father at his gravesite. It's the same one he's heard regularly in the 12 years since he has been gone. I apologize for being a difficult kid and for giving him such a hard time. I tell him I miss him. There's not a day that goes by that I don't think about him. Being in a family business, it's impossible not to always be within the parameters of his shadow and to always wonder if the work I do or the way I live my life meets his expectations.

But as I walked toward the big willow tree behind the Blue Church toward my father's gravestone, something caught my eye.

There was a rectangular patch of dirt about 10 feet from my father's resting place. It was a small patch – always a sign of something sad or tragic. The grave was the resting place of 10-year-old Dasan Munro, a minor hockey player who was killed in a car wreck just down the road toward Prescott in front of Bradley's Creek, where as kids we fished in the summer and played hockey in the winter.

I walked over to look at the items placed by Dasan's grave. There was a sign with a poem and a picture of his smiling face.

"And you should always know
Where you may go
No matter where you are
I will never be far away."

The blade from his composite hockey stick was there. DM8 RIP was written in black marker on the white hockey tape. Dasan wore number 8 for the South Grenville Rangers Atom B competitive hockey team. On the night he was killed in a collision, he was on his way home from a game with his father.

As sad as his passing was, Dasan galvanized the community. Every kid who showed up in a Rangers jersey to his funeral at South Grenville District High School learned some valuable life lessons that day. Life is fragile. Nothing should be taken for granted. Being a teammate means more than playing on the same team, it means being a brother or sister in a time of crisis or need. Your responsibility is to your team, but most of all, it is to your family and your community.

For most of the kids, it was their first experience at a funeral or the first time they had dealt with the death of a friend. Ironically, it seems that every heart-and-soul kid like Dasan who we have to read about and mourn for seemed to be the kids who would best be able to handle to situation.

I took a close look at everything and saw how much thought and care had gone into every single item by his grave. The items are symbols of beautiful memories.

I walked over to talk to my dad's remains.

"Be there for this little boy," I told my father. "Look after him. Make sure he isn't alone. Talk about hockey with him. You are only 10 feet from each other. His visitors will notice you, and yours will notice him. You were the best father a 10-year-old hockey-playing boy could ever have, and you were an amazing grandfather. Maybe this boy is alone in Heaven. Take him under your wing. Do what you always did best. Make him feel safe."

I cleaned up a little bit of winter clutter and debris. I noticed the Russ Jackson football card on the ground by my father's grave. I put it back in the flower arrangement. I put that football card there on the day of the first ever Ottawa Redblacks game back in July 2014.

Just like the items around Dasan's grave, that football card represents the bond my father and I had. What may look like a weathered piece of cardboard represents years of sitting in the south side at Lansdowne Park together, a memory of the day he got Russ Jackson's autograph for me when I was five, and how the game we both loved kept us connected throughout our lives.

I drove into town, passing the site of Dasan's accident. I thought about the boy, and I thought again about my father.

I had that feeling again. I know my dad will keep an eye on that little boy and make sure he's ok.

NDDHS Notes

by Patricia Barlow



Prom tickets reduced by $15

MAPLE RIDGE – Thank you to all who attended our prom fundraising Paint Night! It was a huge success. This event was the last of our planned prom fundraisers. With all combined efforts, we were able to lower the ticket price for each student by $15.

Coming up, this Fri., May 13 is House Colour Day! So far, Rome is in the lead with 148 points, followed by Moscow, Beijing, and Athens. Wear your house colour on Friday to show your team spirit!

The North Dundas District High School Art Show "To the Point" is only a week away! Stop by the North Dundas gymnasium on Thurs., May 19 from 6 to 9:30 pm and drop $3 in support of the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Refreshments will be provided and some pieces will be for sale!

Letter to the Editor

Cuts would hurt children, education workers

The Editor:

With a $5 million deficit, it's no surprise that the trustees for the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) are looking at cost-saving measures.

But why are the economies they're considering always so predictable?

Because the proposals currently on the table demand cuts in services to vulnerable students, reduce hours available to help children with behavioural and other special needs, and cut the jobs of the behind-the-scenes employees who help run our schools.

It's unconscionable that trustees should attempt to balance the school board's budget, first by hurting children who need extra help to reach their potential; and next, at the expense of workers who are mostly women, and among lowest-paid in the school system.

Before the trustees sacrifice both groups – and their families – I urge parents and community members to visit www.UCDSB.on.ca and view the minutes of the board meeting dated Mon., April 11, and ask some hard questions of their school board trustee:

What will be the impact on the students who rely on extra help from educational assistants?

Have the trustees asked frontline workers how the cuts will affect their ability to deliver vital educational and administrative services?

Has the board lobbied the Ministry of Education for other repayment options or greater funding?

What are the risks associated with imposing these cuts to services for students?

These questions should be at least as hard as the choices that the trustees make around the proposed cuts.

Susan Hanson
Cornwall

Editor's note: *Susan Hanson is the president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees for Local 5678, and represents full-time and part-time employees within the Upper Canada District School Board.*

NDDHS student powers up for bronze medal



Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) students Bobby Walker (left) and Kate Moffatt are pictured with their medals Wed., May 4 at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition in Waterloo.

WATERLOO – A North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) student walked away with a medal Wed., May 4 at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition at RIM Park in Waterloo.

Grade 11 student Bobby Walker took home bronze for the second-straight year with his work in the small powered equipment event.

"It felt pretty good," said Walker of his third-place finish. "I wasn't sure how I was going to do with a lot more people competing this year. It felt great to know I was consistent."

During the competition, another Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) student, Kate Moffatt in Grade 12, also brought home a medal.

Moffatt, who attends Char-Lan District High School, won silver and an $800 prize in the Workplace Health and Safety Competition.

"I feel it was a pretty big accomplishment," said Moffatt of her medal. "It was also a great opportunity because it opened my eyes as to how many trades there are and the careers that are available."

Both students plan to move on to careers in the trades. Moffatt will study civil engineering technology next year at La Cité Collégiale in Ottawa, while Walker has long-term plans to become a diesel mechanic.

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Potential customers Shane Freeman (left) and Mark Sheldrick tried out one of the John Deere demonstration tractors during the Drive Green event Sat., May 7 at Winchester's GreenTech Ag and Turf. *Press Photos – Gosselin*



Weagant Farm Supplies recently received New Holland's President's Club Award, the highest honour for a New Holland dealership. Pictured are Weagant Farm Supplies sales manager Ault Van Bokhorst (left), New Holland territory manager Simon Alary, president Bob Weagant, and New Holland sales manager Pierre Besner.

Large property owners 'drive green'

WINCHESTER – Loyal customers of Winchester's GreenTech Ag and Turf will tell you, "nothing runs like a Deere." That famous slogan was put to the test Sat., May 7 during the village branch's Drive Green event, with several John Deere tractors available for customers to try out.

It's one of three demos the branch has planned for this year, and manager Roman Inderbitzen said it was the dealership's number-one way to reach out to large property owners.

"The whole event is about getting people to try our tractors, and show them why buying a John Deere is worth it," added Inderbitzen.

Potential customers were able to watch how to install and remove a loader and a mower attachment onto a smaller John Deere model, and also were able to operate one of their larger models. The weight and accessibility of the tractor was compared to a similar model from a different manufacturer.

Those who attended were also put into a nationwide draw for a 2025R tractor with a loader and a mid-mower deck.

"Whether you're a large property owner or a hobby farmer, customers get to putter and play today," said employee JimE Lefebvre. "The nice thing about the event is it's very informal…If you're going to spend $3,000 on a piece of equipment, you want to sit your bottom on it, test the steering wheel, and make sure it's what you want."

The next demo is planned for sometime in the fall.



Branch manager Roman Inderbitzen posed with a 2025R tractor that patrons could win for showing up to the Drive Green demo. Everyone who attended the event was put into a nationwide draw for a 2R tractor series package.

Weagant Farm Supplies named 'best of the best', earning exclusive award

WINCHESTER – Weagant Farm Supplies Limited was recently awarded New Holland's highest dealership honour – its addition to the exclusive President's Club.

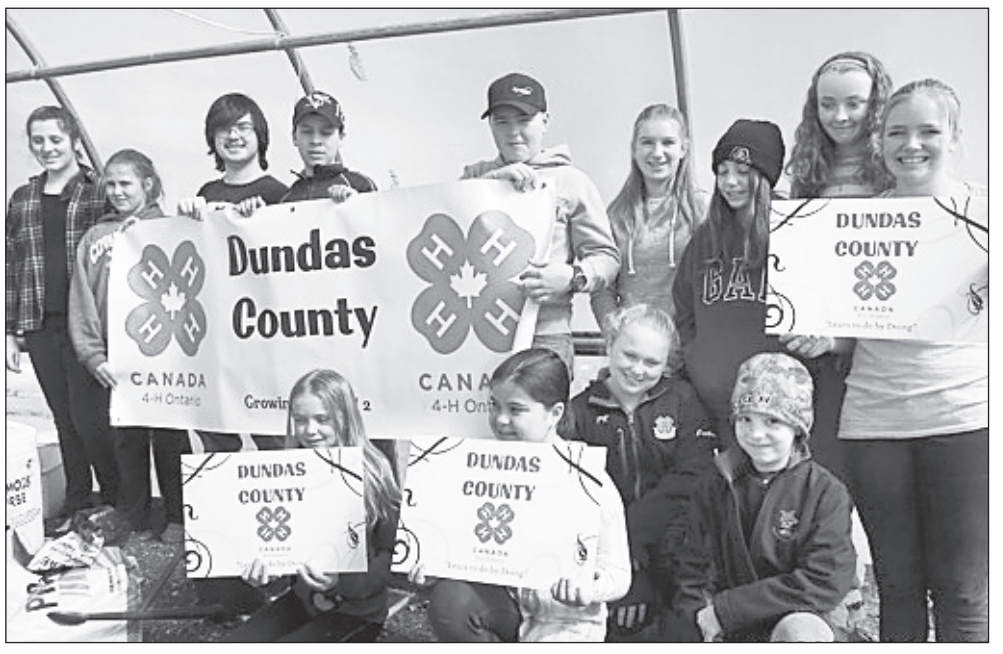
The award recognizes superior service to customers, as well as excellence and continuous improvement in business performance.

President's Club Award winners achieved the highest levels in excellence in six categories of the company's onPoint! Dealer Standards program, which include service, business management, sales, marketing and customer focus, and parts and facilities.

"By earning this award, Weagant Farms Supplies has met New Holland's highest standards for dealerships, an assurance to customers of excellence in business practices," said New Holland vice-president Bret Lieberman.

"President's Club award winners have worked very hard to deliver exceptional service and support to their customers. We're very proud to present this type of recognition to the best of the best," Lieberman added.

Weagant Farm Supplies ranked 16 out of 600 New Holland dealers in North America, which service and sell agricultural and construction equipment such as tractors, hay and forage equipment, skid steers and compact track loaders, mini excavators, and more.



Learn to do by doing

Members of the Dundas County 4-H Garden Club showed off 4-H Canada's new logo, which was created in honour of the organization's 100th anniversary in 2015. Pictured are (front) Rachel Peunter (left), Kenzy Nevils, Caitlin Begg, and Felicity Porteous; (back) Martine Payne (left), Hailey Irven, Kurtis McLean, Maclean Machan, Reuben VanDenBroek, Esther Hutchinson, Cassidy Porteous, Fabienne Peunter, and Peyton VanDenBroek.

Cleaning up a lion's share of garbage



Members of the Mountain Township and District Lions Club stepped up to the plate in mid-April, picking up litter and trash in ditches alongside county roads as part of the club's Spring Roadside Cleanup initiative. This year, the volunteers completed a 7.2-kilometre stretch along County Road 1, collecting a total of 28 garbage bags. Among the litter were the common culprits, such as coffee cups and cigarette packs. Also found were lawn chairs and boogie boards. A "surprising" number of empty beer cans and other alcoholic bottles were picked up, including 10 vodka bottles. Anyone who would like to help with or contribute to this event in the future (carried out in the spring and fall of each year) are invited to contact Ally Martin at 613-447-2571, or come out to a Lions meeting at the South Mountain Agricultural Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

Metcalfe market offers more ready-to-eat foods



Phyllis Besnoyers has been selling her homemade cinnamon buns, breads, pies, and cakes to market-goers for the past 22 years.

METCALFE – The annual Metcalfe Farmers' Market officially opened for business Sat., May 7, kicking off yet another season of providing customers with handmade, locally crafted, and locally produced goods.

The regular market season runs until Sat., Oct. 15.

According to market manager Cathy Proctor, the hours for this year's regular market have been changed, and will now run an hour later (from 9 am until 1 pm) in order to attract the lunchtime crowd.

"We have a lot more local growers with ready-to-eat foods available this year to get that noon crowd coming to the market for a bite to eat," said Proctor. "It all adds to the atmosphere we want to create."

The crowd was out-and-about on opening day, swarming to get their homemade pies, breakfast sausages, and authentic samosas.

Although many don't consider farmers' market produce as "fast food," more vendors will be popping up this year to provide goods that can be ordered and taken away on the spot, with the promise of more to come the next weekend.

"It's all about getting the customer to try local foods made by local people," added Proctor. "The ready-to-eat foods are here as a way to encourage those people to come back."



The Metcalfe Farmers' Market officially opened for the season Sat., May 7, and will run each Saturday until Oct. 15. Several vendors, organizers, and dignitaries celebrated the opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictured are Cindy Girard (left), market manager Cathy Proctor, Louise Allard, Phyllis Besnoyers, Serena Weinholdt, Amber Payne, Brian Lacey, and Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze.

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Srimathie Peiris (left) and Asanka Peiris served samosas, lentil balls, and chicken patties to patron Jane Cooper on her way out of the market.



Connor and Mackenzie Bane helped put the "squeeze" on cancer with the Lemonade Standemonium – a fundraiser where local kids host lemonade stands in their neighbourhoods, all while raising funds and awareness for cancer care.



Kookei (left) and her mother Iatiee Tsongyoo offered ready-to-eat Thai food to patrons, creating authentic dishes such as pad vegetable thai, green curry soup, and phat khing.

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Sometimes these muscles at too tight and can contribute to having to urinate frequently, and what we call urge incontinence, which is the sense of urgency getting to the bathroom in time. It can also contribute to many issues with chronic pelvic pain, interstitial cystitis.

Kegel exercises are often prescribed but these are not always indicated in pelvic floor problems and sometimes cause more problems or are often performed incorrectly.

Kelly Glynn, previous owner of Winchester Physiotherapy and Acupuncture Centre and current physiotherapist with Summers Physiotherapy, has 30 years of experience as a physiotherapist. She has a specific training and a special interest in chronic or persistent pain, and she has taken specialized training within the area of Pelvic Health Physiotherapy.

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Local school councils hosting sessions to help parents cope

MAPLE RIDGE – Does your child struggle with procrastination? Do they overreact to minor problems or setbacks? Do they get distracted easily and lose focus? Are they stressed or anxious?

The parent councils from Chesterville Public School, Winchester Public, and North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) have joined forces to offer a free information session and workshop for students and their parents on Wed., May 18 from 6:30 to 8 pm at NDDHS.

Dr. Rick McCendie, a clinical psychologist from Ottawa, will be giving a presentation about executive function skills, and strategies to help children succeed.

During the session, Dr. McCendie will discuss ways to help nurture and develop skills for children from Kindergarten to Grade 12 needed for impulse and emotional control; prioritizing tasks and dealing with procrastination; managing distractions; and setting and achieving goals.

Childcare will be provided for all those in attendance, and kids will be treated to a special evening event of their own.

Last year, with the support of the local school councils, Jennifer Spronck, chair of the WPS school council, and teacher in the UCDSB, along with NDDHS vice-principal Michael Deighton, submitted a Parent Reaching Out (PRO) application to the Ministry of Education.

The purpose was to organize two educational evenings for parents and community members in Dundas County – one at NDDHS, and the second at Seaway District High School.

The application was successful, and $5,000 was secured to pay for the events.

For more information, contact Deighton at michael.deighton@ucdsb.on.ca, or Spronck at jennifer.spronck@ucdsb.on.ca.



Hannah Biemond (left), Kaylin VandenBroek, Petra Geertsema, David Tibben, and Emily Biemond played the Bible Council members in Timothy Christian School's musical, Lost But Now I'm Found. *Press Photos – Gosselin*

TCS students get 'lost' at sea

WILLIAMSBURG – No, the students at Timothy Christian School (TCS) didn't actually get lost at sea, but they did get lost in their lines while performing a school-wide play Thurs., May 5 and Fri., May 6 for teachers, family, and friends.

The play, *Lost But Now I'm Found*, follows the story of several shipwrecked passengers who find themselves on an island with no food. The characters have several paths that they can follow to lead them to nourishment, but take several "easy" paths that lead to nothing before choosing the right one. The play was written based on an analogy from the Bible that states the road less travelled is often the most rewarding.





Above: *Camden Proctor (left) and Siena Dean acted as Captain Pike and First Mate Guppy during Timothy Christian School's musical performance of* Lost But Now I'm Found, *which took place Thurs., May 5 and Fri., May 6.*

At right: *Tyrel Luchies (left), Noah VanDyke, and Lindsay Havenaar performed the choreography during the song "Gonna Build My House."*

WPS pupils walkin' on sunshine

WINCHESTER – Students at Winchester Public School (WPS) put on their smiles and their running shoes Fri., May 6 for the school's annual walk-a-thon fundraiser.

The funds generated from the event will be put toward programs, field trips, and play equipment at WPS.

"It's our only fundraiser where all the money goes straight back to the students," said principal Laurie McElheran. "That's why everyone gets so involved."

As of press time, more than $5,000 had been calculated, with more donations still trickling in.



Cole Jones, Quinn Crawford, and Tyler Szeifried turned Winchester Public School's Walk-a-thon Fri., May 6 into a friendly race. *Press Photos – Gosselin*



Spencer and Nathan Gagnon took a break along the track.

High school grad stats reach new high

TORONTO – Ontario's high school graduation rate has increased to 85.5 per cent – the highest level in the province's history, according to a recent report released by the Ministry of Education.

The rate has increased more than 17 percentage points since 2004, when the graduation rate was just 68 per cent.

The data is calculated by tracking Grade 9 students over five years, and gives parents, students, teachers, and school boards access to information that helps improve student achievement.

Local school boards celebrated the milestone as well, with the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB)'s rate up to 82.3 per cent from 80.7 per cent in just two years, and the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO)'s five-year graduation rate at 89.5 per cent.

"This data certainly demonstrates that the [board] is seeing outstanding success regarding the number of students receiving their Ontario Secondary School Diploma," noted CDSBEO's director of education, Wm. J. Gartland.

UCDSB chair Jeff McMillan said that his board had set a goal of a 90-per-cent graduation rate by the year 2020.

The Ministry calculation is based on both a four-year and five-year formula, which includes students who have moved from a specific school board to another system, and did not graduate, as well as students who have left the province and are beyond the ability to track.

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Spring training

North Dundas Intermediate School students competed in their school's track and field meet last Friday (May 6) in preparation for a relay competition in Brockville on Friday (May 13) and the regional championships (Wed., June 1). Grade 8 student Dan Harrison (left), Christie Douglas (Grade 7) and Jeremy Baron (Grade 8) practiced their jumping techniques.

Press Photos – Van Bridger

Sox hosting Misfits in opener

WINCHESTER – The call to play ball will be heard at Morgan Field as the Winchester Sox host the Ottawa Misfits in their 2016 National Capital Baseball League home opener.

The Sox will take to the diamond for the first time tomorrow (Thurs., May 12) at 8 pm.

Winchester's Tier 2 entry will embark on its 14th NCBL season led by centre fielder Nik Paas, the only current Sox player to have suited up in the club's inaugural campaign in 2002.

Paas, not pitcher Justin "Footer" Morozuk as reported in the Wed., May 4 issue of the *Winchester Press*, is the longest serving member of the Sox.

First season

In his rookie year (2002) Pass played in 20 games, made 69 plate appearances, scored 17 runs on 26 hits and five walks. He hit three doubles, three home runs and collected 22 RBI while composing a .406 average and a 594 slugging percentage.

The Sox fashioned a 20-3-1 record and earned 41 points in their first year. They scored 206 runs allowed 116, eliminated the Sundevils before losing to the Metcalfe Mudd in the second round of the post season.

On Sunday (May 15) the Sox will meet the Expos at Heritage Park. They will then tangle with the Mudd in Metcalfe next Wednesday (May 18) before hosting the Expos the following evening (Thurs., May 19) at 7:30 pm.

Fastball gives way to golf

Cigars switch sports for a cause

WILLIAMSBURG – For a dozen years local fans were given the opportunity to watch the sport they loved.

Unfortunately the 13th annual Williamsburg Cigars Casey at Bat Memorial Fastball Tournament will not be played.

As of Monday (May 2) organizer Lyle Schell reported only five teams had confirmed their entries in the three-day event scheduled to take place at Williamsburg's J.C. Whitteker Park beginning Fri., May 27.

"With only five teams confirmed we had to cancel," explained Schell who had previously thought that once the weather warmed up he would have a minimum of 10 teams registered.

The annual fastball fundraiser supported the Dundas County Hospice in 2015 and always directed proceeds to local causes, so it didn't take Schell and his volunteers long to switch sports and raise some cash.

New sport

"We changed it to a golf tournament and had the field fill up fast with 20 foursomes signing up in the first three days," he said.

The first annual Casey At Bat Memorial Golf Tourney will be held at the Cedar Glen Golf Course on Sat., May 28.

It will be a four person scramble (men's, ladies or mixed) with a per team entry fee of $300, which includes golf, cart, and supper (chicken or steak).

The proceeds will go to a local individual who volunteered his time to the fastball tournament each year and is now battling cancer.

"You know the saying, when one door closes, kick open another one," offered Schell.

For more information call the Cedar Glen Golf Course pro shop at 613-535-2323.

Fawcett, Mullin, Staff double award winners

CHESTERVILLE – Three members of the 2015-2016 North Dundas Junior Rockets each accepted two awards during the National Capital Junior Hockey League club's annual awards night.

Saturday's (May 7) banquet was held at Chesterville Legion Branch 434 and marked the conclusion of the most productive season in the team's five-year history.

The Rockets compiled their best record (12-20-2), which converted to the most points (26) and best finish, fourth, in the NCJHL's South Division standings.

Team owner and vice president Kent Young acknowledged the Rockets record.

"The boys had a good year," he said. "It would have been much better if we didn't have to face Embrun in the first round of the playoffs every year."

Embrun knocked North Dundas out of the post season taking the series four games to one. The perennial champion Panthers went on to the league championship round only to be defeated by the Papineauville Vikings.



Four of these five members of the North Dundas Junior Rockets were recognized as the National Capital Junior Hockey League club's graduates at the team's wrap-up banquet on Saturday (May 7). Kyle MacDonald (left), Will Fawcett (Coaches Award and Best Defenceman), Ryan Romans and Justin Rutley (Top Scorer) are no longer eligible to play junior hockey. Captain Brandon Mullin (right), the Rockets' MVP and Most Sportsmanlike Player will be back for the 2016-2017 season.

Press Photo – Van Bridger

It takes a team

Young thanked the teams sponsors, volunteers, executives and players for their efforts saying, "without you there wouldn't be a team."

He pointed out that it takes a budget of $50,000 to operate the team and urged players to work on new fundraising initiatives.

"Our golf tournament at Cedar Glen is coming up (date to be determined) and it is our biggest money maker," he said. "So, please support the tournament. If we can match last year's total you [players] may not have to pay to play. If we can't raise enough money the team may have to charge you the registration fee."

General manager Robyn Sadler, who handed the coaching duties over to his former assistants James Kirkwood and Lenard McLean so he could concentrate on his managerial duties, is looking forward to training camp in September.

"We have a good core of talent coming back and there is some good locals coming out," Sadler explained. "We are going to concentrate on signing local talent."

Sadler said he liked the makeup of this year's team, and if a long list of injuries hadn't weakened the lineup the Rockets record would have been much better.

Award winners

Defenceman Will Fawcett (Winchester), captain Brandon Mullin (Iroquois) and blue liner Tristan Staff (Greely) were double award winners.

Fawcett (22 GP, 6-12-18), Winchester's Ryan Romans (26 GP, 8-16-24), Kyle MacDonald (27 GP, 8-11-19) and assistant captain Justin Rutley (32 GP, 14-23-37) were presented special gifts marking their final year of junior eligibility.

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North Dundas Rockets general manager Robyn Sadler (left) and team owner Kent Young presented the team's Rockets Executive/Volunteer of the Year award to James Kirkwood and Lenard McLean during Saturday's (May 7) awards night. Kirkwood and McLean will co-coach the NCJHL club in 2016-2017 while Sadler takes care of the managerial duties.

Rockets

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Chesterville's Forever Young Creations storeowners Kent and Colleen Young sponsored and presented the gifts.

Fawcett received the Coaches Award (sponsor - North Dundas Rockets), and Best Defenceman Trophy (Chesterville Legion Branch 434).

Mullin was named the club's the Most Valuable Player (Atel Air) and Most Sportsmanlike Player (Allied Associates Charter Accountants).

The Most Improved Player (MT Advertising) and Rookie of the Year (Byers Carpentry) awards were presented to Staff.

Rutley led the Rockets' offensive production with 14 goals, 23 assists and 37 points and received the Top Scorer (Industrial Stainless) silverware for his effort.

Josh Hansen (32 GP, 5-13-18) received the Best Defensive Forward Award (Chesterville Lions Club).

Co-coaches James Kirkwood and Lenard McLean were recognized as the North Dundas Rockets Executive/Volunteer of the Year winners.

Mayhew kicks off season with a 38

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Hallville's Brad Mayhew carded the first low gross score of the 2016 Men's League campaign at Sandy Row Golf Course.

Mayhew recorded a 38 as play opened a week early (Wed., May 4), drawing a solid field of golfers who were treated to cheese and crackers, compliments of the league.

The closest to the pin winners were Kevin Boyd for his leave on No. 4 and Tony Eyre for his effort on No. 7. Larry Moore and Shane Vahey picked up the birdie skins.

Today's (Wed., May 11) sponsor is JED Express (Ed Duncan). Harvex Argomart (Terry Good) will host on Wed., May 18.

League spokesman Archie Mellan thanked everyone who played on opening night and reminded golfers that all it takes to join is green fees or membership and $3.00 to be eligible for a long list of prizes.

"A whole lot of fun is thrown in free of charge," he said.

Quinton, Barkley top Devils at National Capital Classic



Team leader

Senior Jamie Quinton is one of just two experienced athletes on the 2016 North Dundas District High Schools track and field team. Quinton recorded third, sixth and eighth place finishes at last Friday's (May 6) National Capital Classic Meet in Ottawa. Quinton and the Devils competed in the SD&G championships yesterday (Tues., May 10).

Press Photo – Van Bridger

MAPLE RIDGE – A light practice at North Dundas District High School was the last chance for the Devils to warm up for the 2016 SD&G track and field championship meet.

Monday's (May 9) tune up on the Maple Ridge field was used by the North Dundas athletes to prepare for the tri-county meet, which was held yesterday (Tues., May 10) at the Terry Fox Facility in Ottawa.

Last Friday (May 6) the Devils sent eight competitors to the National Capital Classic (at Terry Fox) where senior Jamie Quinton and midget Dylan Barkley were able to record three top 10 results each.

Quinton placed third in the 100m hurdles (19.41), sixth in the 200m (31.57) and eighth in the 400m hurdles (1:29).

Barkley's best was a fifth in the 100m hurdles (18:80). He was also sixth in the 300m hurdles (49.04) and eighth in the long jump (4.25).

Amy Proulx competed in the midget girls' long jump (24th, 3.49m), 200m (25th, 36.21) and 100m (38th, 16.62).

Cameron Hermer finished 11th in the 300m hurdles (54.80), 12th in the midget boys 100m hurdles (22.87) and 22nd in the 400m (1.08.20).

Nathan Derick was 10th best in the midget discus (17.88) and settled into 14th place in the shot put (7.72m).

Senior boys

Jacob Centen: 10th 400m (57.47), 15th 200m (26.34) and 20th 100m (13.10).

Aaron Roberts: 11th 1500m (6:29.53), 15th shot put (7.88m) and 21st javelin (23.18).

Brayden Keats-Hardy: 13th discus (19.14m) and 14th shot put (8.08m).

North Dundas coach Patti Hall reported the team had a great day and competed hard against larger urban schools.

"I'm looking forward to see how we do against the competition in our own area [SD&G]," she said.

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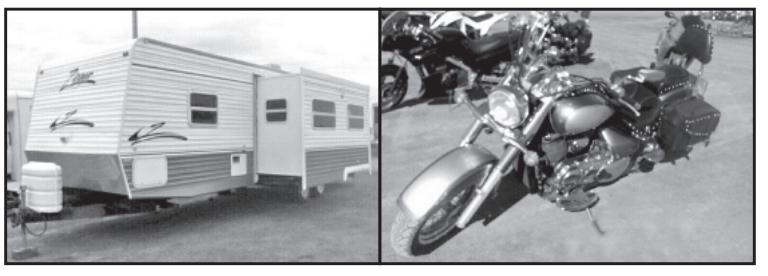

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Special training

North Dundas District High School students took part in a recent sports taping certification course as part of the Specialist High Skills Major Health and Wellness program. Pictured at left, Josh Baron taped Cole McCooeye's ankle. The two-year program (Grades 11 and 12) is recognized across the province and leads to a Red Seal certification. The students received CPR training, concussion awareness, infectious control, nutrition information and have visited the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Dundas Manor, and the CTC to hear speakers including the head trainer for the Ottawa Senators who spoke on player training and diet.

Courtesy photos

Teams all tied up in standings

Women's ball hockey

CHESTERVILLE – Two weeks into the 2016 Chesterville Women's Ball Hockey League (CWBHL) season and all four squads sport 1-1-0 records and have earned two points.

Last Thursday (May 5) the Blues blanked Team Yellow 2-0 in the early game and Green bounced Black 4-1 in the 8 pm encounter.

Roxanne Crump registered the first shutout of the campaign, backing the Blues who whitewashed Team Yellow 2-0.

Carly Crump took care of her team's offence scoring both goals. Emma Grady and Shaelyn McCadden set Crump for the GWG at 15:10 of the first period and Kim Elliott and Marlee Grady assisted her at 12:17 of the second stanza.

Green 4 – Black 1

Jen Bryne missed her chance of posting a shutout when Black's Lesley Ann Tupper fired a Janis Hall pass into her net with 5:07 left in period one of game two.

Tupper's marker, her fourth of the season, tied the count 1-1 after Green had taken a 1-0 lead on Geena Roses goal set up by Alicia Jones at the 15:31 mark of the same frame.

Jen Whitteker converted a play started by Jackie Morris and Rose into the GWG at 11:50 of the second session. Morris made it 3-1 scoring from Steph Dafoe at the 8:50 mark and Jones inflated the final total to 4-1 on assistance provided by Whitteker and Rose with 4:51 left in the period.

Top scorers

The early leaders in the CWBHL scoring race are: Lesley Ann Tupper, Black 4-1-5; Carly Crump, Blues 2-1-3; Jackie Morris, Green 2-1-3; Geena Rose, Green 1-2-3; Jessica Winters, Black 0-3-3; Amy Bekkers, Yellow 2-0-2; Katie Currie, Black 1-1-2; Lindsay Cummins, Blue 1-1-2; Karen Edwards, Black 1-1-2; Jen Whitteker, Green 11-2; and Alicia Jones, Green 1-1-2.

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Morrow appears three times on Men's Night leader board

BOUCKS HILL – Rick Morrow was the most recent multiple prize winner playing on Men's Night at Cedar Glen Golf Course.

Morrow carded the "A" class low net number of 34, put his shot closest to the pin on No. 6 and scored an A/B skin (three on No. 3) last week (Thurs., May 5).

Kurtis Barkley's low gross 40 in "A" class was one better than his father's (Rick) 41.

The best in "B" class were Francis Barkley (low gross 41), Steve Plummer (low net 35) and Sam Locke (second low gross 43).

Larry Barlow (low gross 46), Dave McIntosh (low net 34) and Garry Whitteker (second low gross 47) recorded the best "C" class numbers.

Richard Bingley turned in a "D" class low gross 54.

Derek Whitteker pounded out the longest drive from the No. 5 tee.

Darrell Shelp's leave was closest to the flag on No. 9.

The C/C skins' winners were: Vern McMillan (four on No. 2), Dave McIntosh (four on No. 3) and Peter Elliott (four on No. 7).

Chips and putts

Cedar Glen two-man scramble – Sat., May 14.

Casey at Bat Memorial Golf Tournament – Sat., May 28.

Crime Stoppers holding second Kids Ball Hockey Tournament

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

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

Organizer Tylor Copeland explains there will be four divisions – IP Group (5-6 yrs.), novice (7-8), atom (9-11) and pee wee (12-13). The games will be 30 minutes in duration of five on five.

The registration fee is $100 per team, which guarantees a minimum of four games.

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

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

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

SD&G soccer

Devils pick up two wins on opening day

AVONMORE – Opening day of the 2016 SD&G soccer season for the North Dundas District High School Devils produced a pair of victories.

The Devils, playing their entire season (junior boys - eight games, senior boys – nine games and varsity girls – eight games) in just seven days, faced their first tri-county opposition on Monday (May 9).

The Junior Devils were at Tagwi Secondary School where they dropped a 3-1 decision to the Holy Trinity Falcons in their first match, but bounced back ripping the St. Lawrence Saints 6-1 in game two.

Down 3-nil in the first half Jarrett Williams cracked the Devils' goal against the Falcons. There wasn't any scoring in the second half.

"Joseph Seguin and others had a number of close chances, but couldn't score," reported coach Jevon Groves.

The Saints struck for a 1-0 lead in game two, but it was the Devils owning a 4-1 advantage at the half. Seguin and Peter Xidius (one penalty shot) each potted a pair of goals in the opening session. Ian Koch and Cam Cotnam cashed the second half markers driving the final tally to 6-1.

The juniors take on the La Citadelle Patriotes and the St. Joe's Panthers today (Wed., May 11) at Tagwi. Friday (May 13) they are at Seaway in Iroquois to meet the host Spartans and Glengarry Gaels.

Senior Devils

North Dundas also split its senior boys matches dropping a 1-nil decision to Holy Trinity before blanking the host St. Lawrence 4-nil in game two.

"It was a tight defensive battle against Holy Trinity," noted coach Kevin Bell. "Not many scoring chances by either team."

Blank Saints

Aaron Turcotte cashed the GWG on a low shot to the right side to get things started. Isaac Zollinger made it 2-0 on a low strike from the six-yard box and the Devils carried that two-goal lead into the second session.

Turcotte netted his second tally on a penalty kick and Owen Salmon slammed home his team's fourth and final goal.

Brodie Barkley debuted as the Devils keeper and surrendered a single goal in two starts.

Varsity girls

Coach Erin Kennedy reported the Devils absorbed a 6-nil loss to Holy Trinity in their first game of the season.

"The girls played well and got progressively better as the game went on," said the coach.

Both the senior boys and girls are scheduled to play tomorrow (Thurs., May 12) in Alexandria, Friday (May 13) in Cornwall before finishing the regular season Monday (May 16) in Williamstown.

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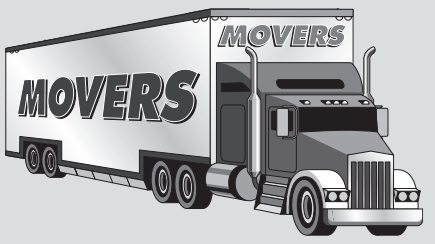

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CHESTERVILLE - Three-bedroom bungalow on half-acre with an open-concept main floor, updated flooring, paint, windows and shingles (all between 2010-2015). Cozy pellet stove in the living room and an open, grassy yard. MLS #1004905 **$139,900**



SPENCERVILLE - Three-bedroom, approx. 1,075 sq. ft. bungalow on a spacious three-quarter acre lot, 20' X 25' garage, and a basement ready to finish. Great place to build sweat equity if you're a handy person and are not afraid of some work.
MLS #1007790 **$128,900**



WINCHESTER SPRINGS - Three-bed, 2-bath home has updated windows, kitchen, and baths. Don't miss hardwood floors, exposed beams, vaulted kitchen ceiling, two-level 20x25 shop, covered porch and large yard with mature trees. MLS #1008796 **$166,000**



CRYSLER - Three-bedroom bungalow with 1,300+ sq. ft. including sunny family room, living room with gas stove, perfect laundry room to add another washroom, and full basement ready for your finishings. Gas furnace and A/C. MLS #1008826 **$189,900**



CHESTERVILLE - Three-bedroom bungalow with open-concept living areas, basement ready for your finishing, forced air furnace with central air, and approx. 2011 shingles. Open vistas front and back, storage shed, and affordable ownership! MLS #1009466 **$139,900**



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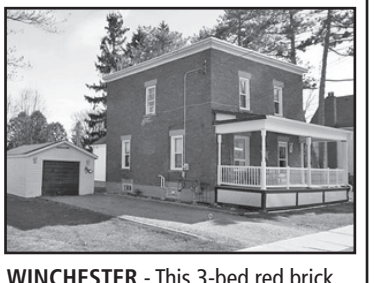

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For Sale

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8-11

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Coming Events

MOVIE NIGHT
www.moovies.ca
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10-11c

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You are invited to the Winchester United Church Handbell Concert and Hymn Sing, Sun., May 15, 7 pm at Winchester United Church. Donations accepted at the door.
9-10

CANADIAN CLUB OF MORRISBURG AND DISTRICT
Wed., May 18, 7 pm, Morrisburg Legion. **Guest Speaker: Captain Bob Pearson, Pilot of the Gimli Glider.** Prime Rib. Visitors $25. Info 613-774-2407, 613-543-2922.
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10-11c

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Concerts will be held on
Friday, May 13, 7:30 pm
at Winchester United Church;
Sunday, May 15, 2:00 pm
at St. John's United Church in Kemptville
and Sunday, May 15, 7:30 pm
at Holy Trinity Church in Merrickville.
Tickets $15 at the door

Coming Events

TEA AND BAKE SALE
Sat., May 14, 10 am-1 pm at St. Mary's Church Hall, Chesterville.
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"IMAGININGS"
Presented by Village Voices Women's Choir, Sun., May 15, 2 pm, Osgoode Baptist/Vernon United Church, 8674 Bank St., County Road 31 in Vernon. Refreshments, Gift Basket and Painting raffles following concert. Collecting donations for Food Bank. Advance tickets $12/$15 at the door. Info catgraham_59@yahoo.com www.freewebs.com/villagevoices.
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MULTI-RESIDENT GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 14, 8 am-2 pm, Thompson Subdivision, Chesterville. Take County Road 43 to Forward Road, then first right into subdivision. Something for everyone!
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INDOOR YARD SALE
At the Iroquois Legion, Sat., May 14, 9 am-2 pm. Organized by St. Pierre McAllister Appraisals. Something for everyone.
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GARAGE SALE
155 Route 100, Russell on Sat., May 14 from 8 am-4 pm. Small electric appliances, George Forman grill, barbeque, juice extractor, etc; movie-style popcorn maker; glassware; Whirlpool Gold, ceramic top, self-cleaning stove, perfect condition; woodworking, gardening magazines and books; hand pruners; air compressor; gas generator; Allison transmission; engine hoist; chain hoist; wood splitter; push lawn mower; pallet wrap; interlock pavers; hand tools; undressed lumber 2 x 12 etc; topsoil and miscellaneous items.
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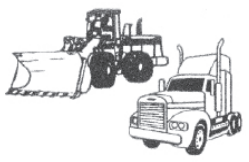
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In Appreciation



The family of the late Betty Hutt, who passed away April 9, 2016, wishes to thank family, friends and neighbours for the cards, donations and support during this difficult time.

Thanks to Rev. Janet Evans for her comforting words at the service. Thank you to Linda Duvall for the luncheon.

Special thanks to David Lapier and staff at Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home.

Your kindness has been much appreciated.

Garry, Lisa, Matthew & Jillian Hutt

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The family of the late Angela Daly wishes to thank all our family, friends and neighbours for all their prayers, cards, sympathy, food and flower tributes during this difficult time.

A heartfelt thank you to the homecare nurses Angel and Zena for their compassionte care. Thank you to all the staff at the WDMH for their excellent care and compassion during Ang's final days.

Thank you to Rev. Blair Paterson for his kind words at the funeral service. Special thanks to organist Helen Hyndman and the church choir at St. Andrew's United Church in Hallville and the UCW for providing a lovely lunch at the reception.

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We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our family, friends and neighbours for your overwhelming kindness, words of support, prayers and sympathy during the sickness and loss of our Dad and Papa, Lyall Holmes, and our Mom and Nana, Pat Holmes.

A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Flowers for your years of care and thoughtfulness, and to Dr. Fares for being there for Mom and Dad during their final stage of life. To the nursing staff at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, thank you for your care and compassion during Dad's stay there. A million thank you's to everyone – PSWs, nursing staff, Auntie Marion – who assisted us in fulfilling Mom's wish of remaining at home. We could not have done it without you. Many thanks to Vicky Byers and staff for their advice, care and compassion during these difficult times. A special thank you to Pastor Brown for your friendship and commitment to Mom and Dad over the years. Your prayers and support gave us all great comfort during trying times. Thank you to Pastor Brown and Pastor Aaron for their touching services, and to Martha Hutchinson-Patterson for her beautiful music. Many thanks to Palmer's Catering for the beautiful luncheons.

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Yard sale day showcases treasures, old and new

WILLIAMSBURG – Whether it was to raise money for a good cause, or simply to get rid of some old treasures, the streets of Williamsburg were lined with patrons participating in this year's 25th annual village yard sale Sat., May 7.

The Williamsburg Community Association organized the town-wide event, with several community initiatives popping up throughout the day.

The Williamsburg Oddfellows started the day off by serving a breakfast to patrons at the IOOF Hall, which was followed by a cakewalk carried out by members of the Sunday school in both the Williamsburg and Winchester Springs United Church.

Members of the Christian Reformed Church also hosted a yard sale, bake sale, and barbecue, with members of the South Dundas Lutheran Community Church close by and raising money for their Sunday school program.

Williamsburg resident Jennifer Kirkland was also out selling donated items from friends and family to fund a program for her autistic son to get his certification to train therapy dogs. The organization that the funds were going toward was Skunks Academy, a fairly new service dog training and pairing facility, which also offers private and group training to the public. The initiative was created by Kirkland to reduce the wait time for local, qualified candidates of service animals.

"It's the first year we're taking part in the Williamsburg sale, but it won't be the last," said Kirkland. "It's stuff like this that gets us into the community, meeting people, raising awareness."





Daniel Lough (left) and Breanna MacIntosh from South Dundas Lutheran Community Church manned the bake sale, with items donated by parishioners, to raise money for the church's Sunday school program. *Press Photos – Gosselin*



Above:
Ella MacIntosh (left), Sydney and Kaylyn Gravelle, and Lily and Paige Gibson offered handmade rainbow loom bracelets to passersby during the sale.

Right:
Jennifer Kirkland (left) and Dennis Fawcett were out selling items donated by friends and family during the Williamsburg village-wide yard sale Sat., May 7, with the proceeds going toward Skunk's Academy, a fairly new service dog training and pairing facility.

New application round for Ontario Renovates opens Monday, May 2nd

Assistance available to low & moderate income homeowners in Cornwall and SDG

A new application round will open on Monday, May 2 for Ontario Renovates, a popular home improvement program that assists low and modest income families and seniors in Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

Application forms for the program will be available as of Monday, May 2nd. Please note there is a dedicated amount of funding so interested homeowners are encouraged to apply early.

Ontario Renovates has two components:

- An **Urgent Home Repair** component where eligible homeowners can receive a maximum forgivable loan of $16,000, which is earned over a ten year period. Projects which may qualify under this component include upgrades to heating systems, doors, windows, roofs & electrical systems.
- An **Accessibility Modification** component where eligible homeowners can receive a maximum grant of $5,000. Projects which may qualify under this component include ramps and handrails.

Participating homeowners must be within the income limits per household ($40,000 to $60,000 depending on the household size) and the house assessment value must be below $180,000.

For more information on this program, its requirements and an application form, please visit the City of Cornwall website, **www.Cornwall.ca**. Copies of the application form can also be obtained from the Social Housing Division at the City of Cornwall at 340 Pitt Street or by calling (613) 930-2787 ext. 2344.

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Russell ladies rally to raise $30K for Alzheimer's

RUSSELL – The Russell Agricultural Society's 13th annual Ladies Night dinner and auction raised awareness and $30,000 for the Alzheimer Society at its "Evening in Paris" event Fri., May 6.

"We are grateful for the generous donations of products and services, the support of our event partners, sponsors, and the contribution of the 550 ladies who attended our event," said Judy McFaul, co-chair of the Ladies Night Committee. "We also raised funds for the victims of the Fort McMurray wildfires by auctioning off an original oil painting created by an artist on site during the evening."

Throughout the years, the ladies-only event has raised more than $340,000 for various local charitable organizations, including the Canadian Cancer Society, Make-A-Wish Eastern Ontario, the family care room at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, and ALS Canada.

All proceeds from the silent and live auctions – totaling $25,000, plus $5,000 through Scotiabank's Team Scotia Community Program – were donated directly to the cause.

"We are extremely thankful for the efforts and support from the Russell Agricultural Society," said Adrian Bugelli, campaign and volunteer co-ordinator at the Alzheimer Society. "The funds raised at this year's Ladies Night will go directly back into services throughout our community to provide 'Help for Today, and Hope for Tomorrow' for those living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, along with their caregivers and families."

According to event co-chair and Scotiabank's small business accounts manager Lynne Rochon, the committee chooses a different theme and recipient cause every year, which often has a link with at least one resident in the community.



This year's Russell Ladies' Night event raised awareness and $30,000 for the Alzheimer Society Fri., May 6. Pictured are committee members Suzanne Perras Campbell (left), Linda Duhamel, Kristina Bercier, Lynda Kemp, Sarah Dupont, Kim Kargus, Lynne Rochon, Judy McFaul, Kelly Jobson, Angela Lavoie, and co-emcee Sébastien Pilon. Missing are members Lawrie Hamilton and Michelle St. Pierre.

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Local choir set to bring Broadway hits to town

WINCHESTER – The North Grenville Concert Choir has undergone growth and renewal in the past couple of years, and this spring, it will be presenting some popular Broadway hits.

Medleys from the musicals *Hairspray*, *Mamma Mia*, *Wicked*, *Phantom of the Opera,* and *Les Misérables* will be performed by the 39-member choir, and accompanied by well-known and accomplished concert pianist Ryan Phelps.

The choir is under the musical direction of Philip Konopka, who brings a wealth of talent and enthusiasm, and is bringing the choir to new heights.

Concerts will be held on Fri., May 13 at 7:30 pm at Winchester United Church; Sun., May 15 at 2 pm at St. John's United Church in Kemptville; and again at 7:30 pm (May 15) at Holy Trinity Church in Merrickville.

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