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The warm weather on Thurs., Dec. 24 was perfect for sledding. As a result, a steady stream of people made their way down the hill behind the Winchester Arena all day long. Pictured are tobogganists Brent Geertsema (front), Devin Geertsema, Travis De Jong, and Harlem Norg.
Press Photo — Smith-Millar

DriveTests to re-open on Jan. 4

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Following months of stalled labour talks, more than 500 DriveTest employees are set to return to work Mon., Jan. 4.

DriveTest employees from various communities throughout Ontario will be back at work after reaching a tentative agreement to end the strike that began Fri., Aug. 21.

Five-month examiners' strike slows to a halt

Job security, wages, benefits, seniority, and a proposal to increase the number of part-time employees at the expense of full-time jobs were the main sources of conflict between employer Serco DES Incorporated and the United Steelworkers Local 9511, which represents the DriveTest employees.

A total of 93 exam centres across the province, which grant or renew licences to novice drivers and those over 80, including the Winchester branch on Dawley Drive, were closed.

The long strike has prevented many Ontarians from getting new driver's licences or renewals.

"The bargaining committee feels that there was going to be no more that the employer could offer, and that, due to the length of time of the strike, we were going to bring it back for membership approval," said Jim Young, president of the United Steelworkers Local 9511.

According to Young, the union and employer are still discussing major issues, but "there is a tentative agreement."

The union membership committee voted on Mon., Dec. 21 to accept the tentative deal. According to DriveTest's managing director, Paul Dalglish, most centres will re-open Jan. 4 at 1 pm.

Meanwhile, DriveTest's Travel Points centres, found in smaller northern Ontario communities, will re-open on Tues., Jan. 5.

Brian Patterson, president of the Ontario Safety League, said there is a backlog of more than 300,000 tests in the DriveTest system, which could take a year to get through.

"There is only so much capacity. The reality is, there are only so many examiners," said Patterson.

It is expected that DriveTest will hire 100 new employees within the next four weeks to deal with the workload.

In November and December, non-striking supervisors staffed 12 centres across the province, including locations in Chatham, Barrie, Brampton, Kitchener, Toronto, North Bay, Thunder Bay, and Ottawa, so that commercial drivers could get their licences for work purposes.

Currently, all road test appointments booked for after Jan. 4 will be honoured; however, any appointments booked to take place before Jan. 4 at 1 pm have been cancelled, and customers will have to re-book for a future date at no extra cost.

DriveTest staff are asking customers to wait two or three weeks before making an appointment or visiting one of its locations.

Recession hits House of Lazarus

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — Food banks throughout the province are feeling the effects of the recession — including the House of Lazarus.

The Mountain-based food bank, second-hand shop, and community support centre has released its most recent statistics, and the numbers suggest more area families are struggling to fill their cupboards. In November 2009, the House of Lazarus served 102 families; last year, there were only 81.

The outreach mission has 27 per cent more "food bank families" registered this year, and the number of child clients aged zero to three years has jumped by 43 per cent, according to the data.

Pauline Pratt, executive director of the House of Lazarus, said the community has been very generous this Christmas. Still, in November, more food went out than came in — the house received 1,882 kilograms of canned goods but distributed 2,172 kilograms.

27% more families using food bank

"We are doing quite well for this month in this season of giving, but realize as with other food banks, February will be a different story, and we will be in need of food again," said Pratt. "We will deal with that in January."

In the past, the House of Lazarus has typically been open for half-days. However, to meet the increased demand, the mission will expand its hours of operation starting Mon., Jan. 4. The thrift store will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am to noon; Tuesdays, 9 am to 8 pm, and Saturdays, 9 am to 3 pm. The food bank itself will now be open from Monday to Saturday from 9 to 11:30 am, with the exception of Tuesday (9 to 11:30 am and 5 to 7:30 pm).

The second-hand shop is open to everyone and provides 65 per cent of the House of Lazarus' annual budget.

The mission is winding down from a particularly busy season.

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Red tape fails to strangle Chesterville waterfront project

CHESTERVILLE — One of the major bureaucratic roadblocks delaying construction on Chesterville's $1.6-million waterfront project has been eliminated.

Previously, Transport Canada was tying up an Environmental Assessment for the boardwalk because the design included floating docks on the river. According to Calvin Pol, the Township of North Dundas' planning director, Transport Canada thought the docks could interfere with a navigable waterway — the South Nation River — and might need a separate Environmental Assessment. (In fact, at the last regular council meeting on Tues., Dec. 8, a sardonic Pol suggested the bureaucrats at Transport Canada might have been confused by the little sketches of out-of-scale sailboats on submitted drawings.)

The delay was a problem because Chesterville has received $1.5 million in federal stimulus funding — on the condition the project is wrapped up by Wed., March 31, 2010. However, Pol said the red tape appears to be cut. North Dundas has received its Environmental Assessment, and Transport Canada has said it will speed up approval for the docks.

Pol thanked Guy Lauzon, the MP for Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry, for moving the application process along.

"The Township of North Dundas would like to especially thank Guy Lauzon, MP, South Nation Conservation, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for their contributions and efforts in getting the Environmental Assessment approved in short order," said Pol in a prepared statement. "We could not have got this project started without their assistance."

Lights out on blustery Boxing Day

WINCHESTER — Following a severe freezing rain storm on Sat., Dec. 26 that snapped tree branches and brought down power lines, hundreds of local residents were left in the dark.

According to reports from the Hydro One Operations Centre in Winchester, thousands of customers in the local area lost power due to freezing rain and high winds. Within the Winchester area, 1,200 customers were affected by the power outage.

Hydro One dispatched several crews to deal with the downed lines and advised all members of the public to stay clear.

Hydro One also reported that residents in the area of Bancroft, Tweed, and Perth lost power, while as many as 11,000 people in western Quebec were left in the dark. Approximately 6,500 customers in Vankleek Hill also lost power.

No significant outages were reported within the City of Ottawa.

POLICE BLOTTER

Shoplifting charge

WINCHESTER — On Wed., Dec. 23 around 11:16 am, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of theft from Andy's Foodland.

Jeffrey Casselman, 42, of the Township of North Dundas was arrested for allegedly shoplifting a food item.

He was charged with theft under $5,000.

He is scheduled to appear in Morrisburg court on Tues., March 2.

TV, music box taken

CHESTERVILLE — On Tues., Dec. 22 around 6:04 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a reported theft from A.T. David's Community Shopping Centre on Main Street.

Police said unknown suspect(s) entered the store and removed a 32-inch flat screen TV, RCA music box, and other electronics.

The investigation is ongoing.

Xbox, games nabbed

WINCHESTER — On Tues., Dec. 22, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a break and enter on MacDonald Crescent.

The investigation revealed that unknown suspect(s) entered the residence and took a home computer, an Xbox videogame system with controllers, and games sometime in the afternoon of the previous day (Mon., Dec. 21).

The investigation is ongoing.

Assault, threat charges

IROQUOIS — On Mon., Dec. 21 around 2:43 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a call at Charles Street and charged a man for assault, uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm, and breach of recognizance.

Frederick Guerin, 36, of the Township South Dundas is currently detained and was scheduled to appear in Cornwall bail court on Tues., Dec. 22.

Snowmobile stolen

DUNDELA — According to SD&G OPP officers, a red 2001 Polaris snowmobile may have been stolen from a South Dundas residence in the week leading up to Tues., Dec. 15. The theft occurred on Waddell Road.

The investigation is ongoing.

Municipal election now Oct. 25

WINCHESTER — The 2010 municipal election will now take place on Mon., Oct. 25 — two weeks earlier than previously expected.

Following the passing of Bill 212 — which addressed the improvement of clarity, increased transparency, and enhanced accountability in the province's laws, regulations, and systems — on Tues., Dec. 15, the new date was announced, along with other changes.

The nomination process begins on Mon., Jan. 4.

Nomination papers will be available at both the North and South Dundas municipal offices in Winchester and Williamsburg, respectively.

The nomination deadline has been moved to Fri., Sept. 10.

More than 70 youth at yuletide party

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A highlight was Sat., Dec. 12, which was the 2nd Annual House of Lazarus Food Bank Kids' Christmas Party.

More than 70 child clients attended the event, where they could receive a gift as well as have their photo taken with Santa, and eat lunch with St. Nicholas himself.

The event was supported by a $1,245 Success By Six Program grant from the United Way.

"One six-year-old boy opened his present from Santa, and burst out, 'Oh my gosh oh my gosh, Santa got my list!'" Pratt recounted.

"The communities we serve are so generous; we are able to provide the food [and other] items that are needed by families and individuals who are having a difficult time in this economy or in their current life situations," she added.

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Alfred	Chevaliers de Colomb 520 rue St-Philippe St.	Monday, Jan. 25 Le lundi 25 jan.	4 to 8 p.m. 16 h à 20 h
Bourget	Centre communautaire de Bourget Community Centre 19 rue Lavigne St.	Tuesday, Jan. 19 Le mardi 19 jan.	4 to 8 p.m. 16 h à 20 h
Casselman	Complexe J R Brisson Complex 758 rue Brébeuf St.	Thursday, Jan. 7 Le jeudi 7 jan.	2 to 8 p.m. 14 h à 20 h
Cornwall	Complexe civique de Cornwall Civic Complex 100 rue Water St. E	Wednesday, Jan. 6 Le mercredi 6 jan.	2 to 8 p.m. 14 h à 20 h
Cornwall	Complexe civique de Cornwall Civic Complex 100 rue Water St. E	Wednesday, Jan. 27 Le mercredi 27 jan.	2 to 8 p.m. 14 h à 20 h
Embrun	Centre récréatif d'Embrun 8 rue Blais Street	Tuesday, Jan. 26 Le mardi 26 jan.	2 to 8 p.m. 14 h à 20 h
Finch	North-Stor Seniors' Support Centre 6 rue Nelson Street	Thursday, Jan. 28 Le jeudi 28 jan.	4 to 8 p.m. 16 h à 20 h
Hawkesbury	Club d'Âge d'Or 50 de Hawkesbury 421 boul. Cartier Blvd	Thursday, Jan. 14 Le jeudi 14 jan.	2 to 8 p.m. 14 h à 20 h
Morrisburg	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 48 10 rue Legion St.	Wednesday, Jan. 13 Le mercredi 13 jan.	2 to 8 p.m. 14 h à 20 h
Rockland	River Rock Inn 2808 rue Chamberland St.	Monday, Jan. 11 Le lundi 11 jan.	2 to 8 p.m. 14 h à 20 h
Vankleek Hill	Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute 5814 Hwy 34/route 34	Thursday, Jan. 21 Le jeudi 21 jan.	4 to 8 p.m. 16 h à 20 h
Williamstown	Char-Lan District High School 19743 rue John Street	Tuesday, Jan. 12 Le mardi 12 jan.	4 to 8 p.m. 16 h à 20 h
Winchester	Winchester Public School 547 rue Louise St. S	Wednesday, Jan. 20 Le mercredi 20 jan.	4 to 8 p.m. 16 h à 20 h

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Full-time fire chief still needed in South Dundas

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — While the Township of South Dundas is currently recruiting for a full-time fire chief to take over the newly formed South Dundas Fire Department, council was presented with year-end reports from the three detachments at its regular meeting on Tues., Dec. 15.

The formation of the one, unified department was announced this past November.

Representatives from both the Morrisburg and Williamsburg detachments of the South Dundas Fire Department submitted written reports to council, while the chief of the Iroquois detachment, Philip Thompson, attended the meeting to speak directly to the politicians.

The budgets for the three detachments in 2009 were $129,354 for Iroquois, $113,976.68 for Morrisburg, and $149,325 for Williamsburg.

The Morrisburg detachment had asked council for a reserve fund of $30,000; however, it was subsequently denied during budget deliberations.

According to Thompson, fire calls to the Iroquois detachment decreased by 10 total calls throughout 2009.

Thompson did say that the Iroquois firefighters are often called upon to assist with calls for backup from surrounding detachments.

"A lot of the time we return service," said Thompson, adding that when a backup request is made, all members of the detachment are paged and asked to respond to the station.

At the Morrisburg detachment, members of the department responded to a total of 18 motor vehicle accidents in 2009, the most of any other calls to the detachment.

Sixteen times, firefighters responded to a gas or smoke alarm call, while 17 calls were made for miscellaneous occurrences, according to chief of the Morrisburg detachment, Robert Hamilton. Structure fires were another issue the Morrisburg detachment was combatting, with 10 calls being made in 2009.

However, according to Thompson, within the Iroquois detachment's coverage area and during his 29 years of service, the number of calls for structure fires have been decreasing for some time.

Thompson said he attributes the decrease in calls to the level of training both firefighters and business employees are receiving nowadays.

The largest number of calls received by the Williamsburg detachment in 2009 was 11 for structure fires, while both motor vehicle accidents and assistance calls came in at seven.

Williamsburg detachment chief Victor Brooks did note in his report that many of his firefighters attended 15 different training sessions throughout 2009, while Morrisburg firefighters took part in eight training exercises.

Firefighters from the Iroquois detachment attended seven training sessions.

Thompson said he will be putting more focus on driver training in 2010, with the expectation that a course will be offered for all his detachment's members.

That way, they are trained to operate all required vehicles.

As for capital expenditures throughout 2009, the Morrisburg detachment did not go over its budget, while according to Brooks, the Williamsburg detachment cannot calculate a total for capital expenditures due to the ongoing purchasing process of a new pumper truck for the station.

The repair of the out-of-service Iroquois pumper truck received the blessing of council, which directed the spending of $13,000 for a new water tank.

The township is not expected to purchase a new pumper for the detachment until 2012.

However, Thompson said the township should work on securing the purchase of a new pumper as soon as possible due to the high demand for trucks.

"Otherwise, we will not see delivery of the vehicle until early 2013, and possibly later," said Thompson.



A little salt with the season

Morrisburg's Cruickshank Construction Ltd. was commissioned to construct a salt storage facility for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) in Winchester Springs. The new facility was opened in December. On hand for the opening were SD&G counties engineer Ben deHaan (left); Cruickshank Construction founder Les Cruickshank; Cruickshank Construction Eastern Region vice-president Mike Casselman; retired SD&G counties engineer Don McDonald; Cruickshank Construction site supervisor Justin Vanhecke; "Santa Claus" (Cruickshank Construction asphalt manager Reid McIntyre); Carl Verhoort of Aecom Engineering of Ottawa; Fife Agricultural Services owner and Township of North Stormont Mayor Dennis Fife; and Cruickshank Construction asphalt superintendent Belinda Armstrong. Cruickshank Construction is the general contractor on the counties' $4-million project to put up four new salt storage facilities throughout SD&G, while Fife Agricultural Services is a subcontractor and vendor of the actual fabric-covered buildings.

Courtesy Chesterville Record

Letter to the Editor

The Editor:
I would like to take an opportunity to express my appreciation on behalf of our firefighting team to the many residents in the community who contributed to the fundraising efforts of the North Dundas Fire Department, Mountain detachment over the past year.

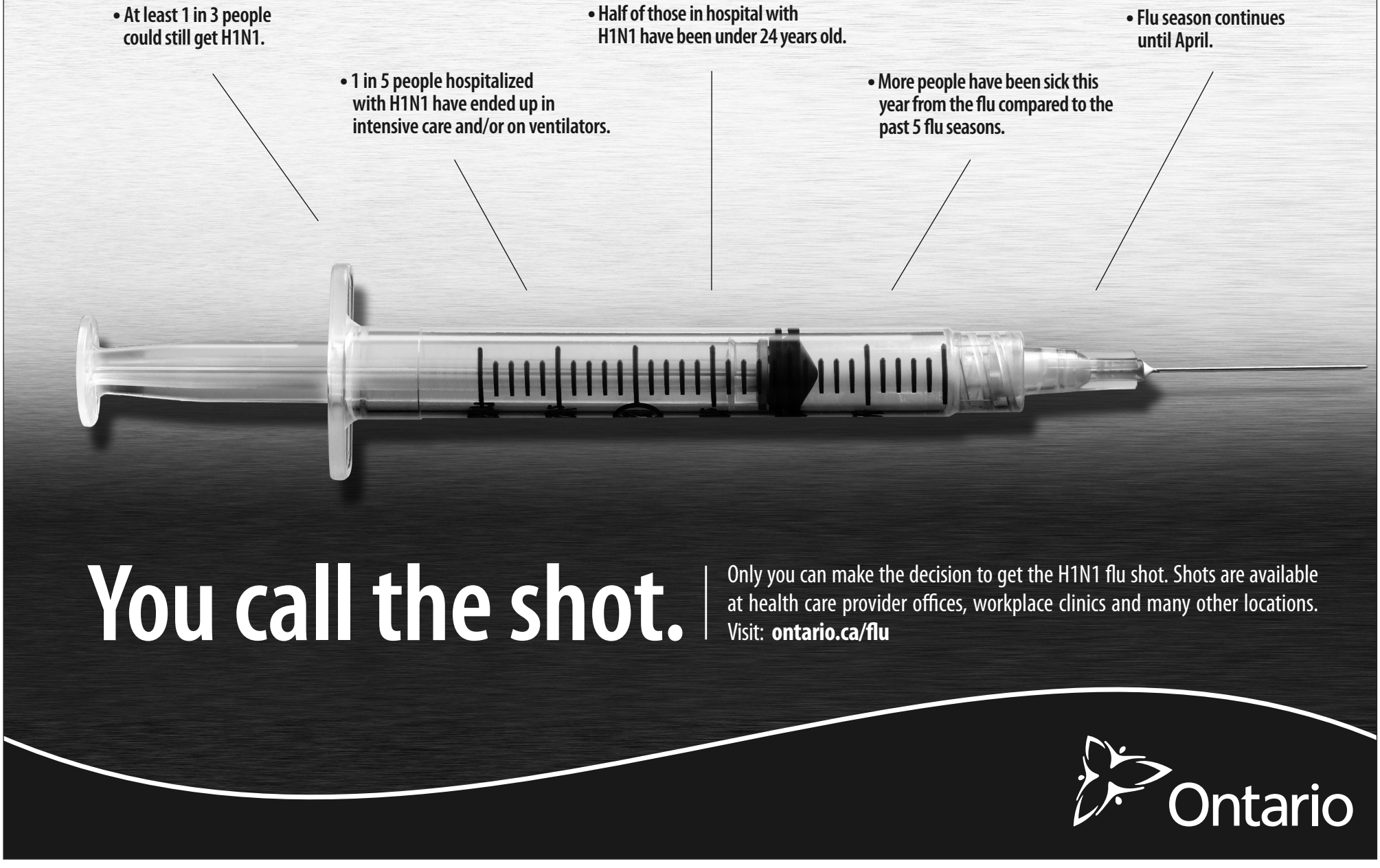
Your contributions and support of our fundraising activities has enabled our fire association to purchase important specialized equipment. This equipment included a rescue saw, thermal imaging camera, and portable lights to make our job a little bit easier at times.

We are especially appreciative of the generosity of the Scotiabank in South Mountain for their tremendous support for our department, as well as the annual Muscular Dystrophy boot drive.

Not only did they contribute financially through matching what we raised in funds, but they also helped sell tickets, collect donations, and work at fundraising events. The South Mountain branch and staff have truly exhibited what volunteering in the community is all about.

To everyone who attended one of our fundraisers, donated prizes, or dropped a few coins in the boot to support a great cause, we thank you.

Scott Patterson
Fire chief,
Mountain detachment, North Dundas Fire Department





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Clockwise from top left: reigning Miss Teen Ontario Alicia Angus; the newly constructed addition to Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH); former Winchester resident and current Ottawa Senators defenceman Matt Carkner; Winchester-born gospel singing legend George Beverly Shea (centre), flanked by Royal Canadian Mounted Police Cpl. Richard Duval (left) and Roy Fawcett; pallbearers, led by Tom (left) and Ed Mangan, carrying the casket of the late Township of South Dundas Mayor Charles Barkley; and 10-year-old Matthew McNamee getting his H1N1 shot at North Dundas District High School.
Matt Carkner photo courtesy NHL Images

January

• Winchester Springs couple Eowyn Gault and Paul Veerman welcomed their baby daughter, **Meadow Elizabeth Veerman,** into the world. Not only did the couple add to their family, but they also received the distinction of having the first baby born in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) in 2009.

• South Mountain-based potter Debbie Gilmer and sculptor David Switzer were selected as the two representatives of SD&G at the **Eastern Ontario Artists Marketplace** at the 2009 Spring One of a Kind Show in Toronto.

• Beginning Wed., Jan. 21, 2009, the **Smoke-Free Ontario Act** was amended to ban smoking in vehicles containing children under 16. The new law applies to both moving and stationary vehicles. If caught by police, any person — driver or passenger — holding tobacco while kids under 16 are in the car could receive a $250 fine.



Under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, it is now illegal to smoke in vehicles containing children under the age of 16.

• The **Winchester Curling Club** was well represented at the Ontario Curling Association Bantam Boys Regional Championships held in Morrisburg. The Winchester team consisted of skip Jonathan Thompson, lead Daniel Lillico, second Jason Found, and third Christian Mark. The four boys qualified for the regional tournament by capturing the Zone 1B title.

• A former Maple Ridge resident and one-time player in the Winchester minor hockey association was named captain of Team Canada for the American Hockey League (AHL)'s 2008-2009 All-Star Classic game against Planet USA. The annual showcase took place in Worcester, Mass. **Bryan Helmer** is currently skating with the National Hockey League's Washington Capitals AHL affiliate, the Hershey Bears.

• The Township of North Dundas council began encouraging residents to think about how much energy they use, and ways they could cut their kilowatts throughout the coming months. North Dundas was one of several communities taking part in the **Kilowatt Countdown Challenge,** issued by the Township of South Stormont. The competition dared residents to reduce their electricity consumption by five per cent compared to the same months in 2008.

• Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) was on the **hunt for more doctors** during January 2009. WDMH CEO Trudy Reid approached United Counties council to request $150,000 (WDMH would spend $100,000) to help recruit seven medical professionals. The need for more doctors was coming just as 80 per cent of the construction of the new WDMH wings were completed.



Members of the International Silver Stick championship-winning North Dundas Atom "B" Demons showed off their banner and trophy.

• By the end of January 2009, gospel singing legend **George Beverly Shea** was approaching his 100th birthday. The Winchester-born Shea, whose father was at one time the pastor of Winchester Wesleyan Church, is one of the world's most prominent gospel singers. He has recorded 70 albums, received 10 Grammy nominations, and was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. In his honour, the Winchester Wesleyan Church was hosting a gospel concert, while publisher Ambassador International was inviting friends and family to wish Shea a happy birthday at his website, www.GeorgeBevShea.com.

February

• The **2008-2009 North Dundas Atom "B" Demons** were introduced prior to the opening faceoff of a game between the Winchester Junior "B" Hawks and Casselman Vikings. The Demons, whose team photo was on display at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, were crowned the International Silver Stick champions, following the annual tournament that took place in Sarnia in January 2009.

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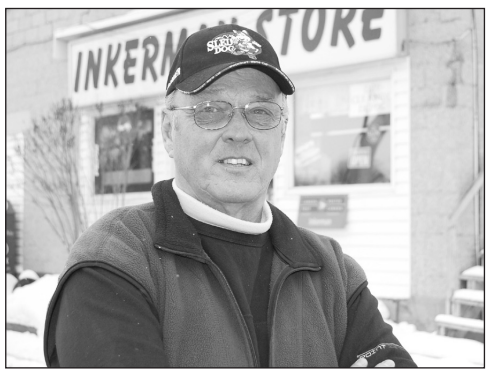

Tommy Allison retired after driving a school bus for 47 years.

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• After 47 years, school bus driver **Tommy Allison** retired from transporting young students to Inkerman Public School and the surrounding area.

• **Dewey Martin,** the one-time drummer for the folk-rock group Buffalo Springfield who was raised in Chesterville, was found dead of unknown causes inside his Los Angeles apartment. He was 68. Martin, who was born Walter Milton Dwayne Midkiff, started playing drums as a teenager and left Canada in the 60s. He joined the U.S. military for a brief time before winding up in Nashville. Upon exiting the music industry in the '70s, Martin became a car mechanic.

• The Township of South Dundas council gave its blessing to launch a **Green Food Box Program** throughout the township. The initiative aims to make fresh fruit and veggies more affordable for residents.

• The **Township of North Dundas received $6.7 million** in funding from both the provincial and federal governments ($2.25 million each) to improve water infrastructure throughout the township.

March

• Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry OPP offered a **$50,000 reward** for information regarding the person (or people) responsible for the 2007 shooting death of Morewood resident Randy Rankin.

• The Fraser Institute's annual report of most improved Ontario schools ranked **Winchester Public School** in second place based on its results from the Education Quality Accountability Office (EQAO) standardized tests.

• The province of Ontario provided $294,000 to help convert the former gym in **St. Bernard's Catholic School** in Finch into a state-of-the-art boardroom for South Nation Conservation, which had already moved into the closed school.

• Two local **youth facing charges** following an on-ice brawl at the Winchester Arena were finally scheduled to appear in court. The brothers from the North-Glengarry Braves were charged with assault causing bodily harm and were to appear in Cornwall court in November 2009. (The judge has yet to sentence the teens.)

• The Ontario government handed down a total of $50,000 ($25,000 each) to both North and South Dundas to improve local drinking water systems as part of the **Ontario Small Waterworks Assistance Program.**

• During the **2009 Winchester Invitational,** several skaters representing the Winchester Skating Club earned third-place points during the annual competition. The 2009 tournament attracted 222 skaters.

• The **Winchester Junior "B" Hawks** finished the regular season in fourth place, securing the final playoff spot in the St. Lawrence Division. The Hawks' first-round opponents were the defending champions, the Alexandria Glens.

• Construction of the new **South Mountain Library Resource Centre** went to tender in February 2009.

• Staff and patients were preparing to **move into the newly constructed facility at WDMH.** The new hospital project cost approximately $60 million, much of which was fundraised and donated by the local community.



The main entrance of WDMH while it was under construction.

April

• Arson was considered to be a possibility by an investigator from the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal, following **another barn fire** in Dundas County. A barn at Shima's Farms — owned by Dave and Rose Stewart — went up in flames, resulting in the loss of 40 beef cows.

• Conservative Party of Ontario MPPs **Tim Hudak, Christine Elliott, and Randy Hillier** attended the third annual PC Easter Breakfast in Chesterville. The three were on hand to discuss the current state of the province, as well as to discuss each individual's position in the race to leader of the provincial party.

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South Mountain resident Terry Boyd was presented with her Caring Canadian Award by Governor General Michaëlle Jean.

April

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• The St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) received a **$23-million grant** from the Ontario government. The funding came one week after the SLPC had laid off 23 of its employees.

• South Mountain resident **Terry Boyd** was honoured with a Governor General's Caring Canadian Award during a ceremony in Ottawa. The head of state herself, Michaëlle Jean, presented Boyd with her award.

• Township of North Dundas council awarded the contract of construction of the new South Mountain Library Resource Centre to Greely-based **Vriend Construction.** The company had the lowest tendered bid at $344,000.

• Motorists faced an unexpectedly **icy morning commute** after overnight precipitation froze, coating the roads with ice.

• The Winchester detachment of the North Dundas Fire Department **raised $1,600** for a new thermal imaging camera during its annual pie auction.

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• The Fraser Institute again bestowed **another honour upon Winchester Public School.** WPS received **"school of distinction"** honours in the Improvement in Academics category and was recognized at a gala in Toronto.

May

• An **equipment failure** at a Hydro One transformer on Hawthorne Road in Ottawa left several local rural residents and schools in the dark. It was estimated that more than 9,000 Hydro Ottawa customers were left without power, while 4,700 rural Hydro One customers were affected.

• **A benefit dance held in honour of Winchester resident Jen Wylie** raised more than $10,000. Wylie had suffered cardiac arrest in October 2008, temporarily starving her brain of oxygen. She later had difficulty speaking and needed to use a wheelchair. The money raised was to be used to help renovate her house to make it more wheelchair accessible.

• The Ontario government **awarded local schools more than $17.5 million** in what they called "green funding." The money was to be used to retrofit buildings with new energy-efficient heating, ventilation, air conditioning systems, and boilers.

• Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry OPP were **scheduled to receive a new detachment building in Long Sault.** More than $3 million for the project was being put up by the Ontario government.

• The **Seaway Valley Devils** juvenile women's broomball team defeated the Eastern Ontario Thunder at the Canadian Juvenile Women's Broomball championship tournament in Quebec to capture their fourth consecutive title.

• Township of North Dundas council passed its 2009 budget, and **cut tax rates by 2.85 per cent,** while expecting to collect more dollars throughout the year.

• After General Motors announced it had filed for bankruptcy protection in the United States, several dealerships in the Canadian market were targeted for closure in an effort to save the company money. One dealer in particular was **Morrisburg's Upper Canada Motor Sales.**

• Area members of Boy Scouts descended on **Camp Sheldrick** during one May weekend to pay honour to the camp's founder, Bill Sheldrick. During a ceremony on site, a memorial stone paying respect to Sheldrick was unveiled.

June

• The **Winchester Hospital Heelers raised more than $150,000** by participating in the annual Weekend to End Breast Cancer 60-kilometre walk in Ottawa. Of the total raised, 75 per cent was being directed back to WDMH.

• Residents in Dundas County were shocked to learn that Township of South Dundas Mayor **Charles Barkley had been found dead inside his home.** Barkley's death came after more than 20 years as a municipal politician.

• In one last act before he died, former-Mayor Charles Barkley **saw 100 per cent funding for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in Iroquois secured.** More than $9-million was being provided by both the federal and provincial governments.



The late Township of South Dundas Mayor Charles Barkley was found dead inside his home on Wed., June 17.

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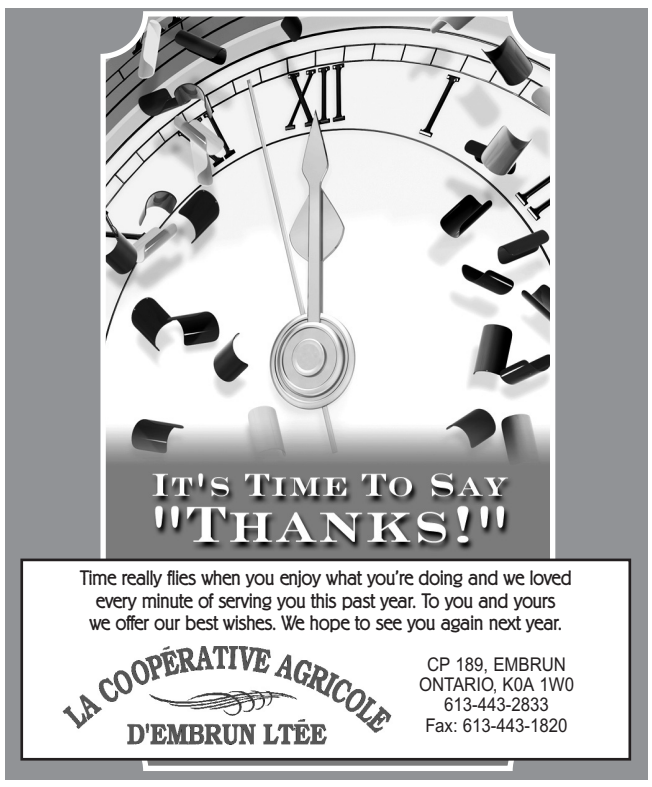





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Left: Elma Public School students, teachers, family members, and alumni released balloons into the sky at the end of a reunion event in June. The school was closed down forever, along with Inkerman and Morewood Public Schools.

Below: Sgt. David Moore (left), Cpl. David Smith, Pte. Shawn Finnegan, Pte. Eric Fernberg, and Pte. John Wannamaker marched from the field following the War of 1812 battle re-enactment at Crysler's Farm.



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• At an open house and press conference held by St. Lawrence Parks Commission staff at Upper Canada Village, **Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim Brownell said he was appalled by management's decisions to make "modernized and commercialized"** changes within the village.

• **Skateboarding enthusiasts** within the village of Winchester received a welcomed gift in June 2009. The Township of North Dundas opened a skateboard park outside the Winchester Arena, after more than $48,000 was set aside in the township budget for the project.

• North Dundas reaped the benefits of joint **federal-provincial stimulus funding** after an announcement in early June. The two senior levels of government promised to provide two-thirds funding for three projects. They included the Winchester water transmission main ($556,666 in total funding), as well as the reconstruction of two roads — Boyne ($1.73 million) and Belmeade ($1.67 million).

• It was a sad month for **public schools in Inkerman, Elma, and Morewood.** All three buildings were closed down due to declining enrolment.

• Plans were in the works for townships in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) to adopt a new "brand" and **unite under the name "Upper Canada Region."** While no decision has been made as to whether North Dundas will jump on board and support the initiative, South Dundas is spearheading it. That township's economic development officer, Linda Wilson, is leading the initiative.

July

• World-renowned gospel singer **George Beverly Shea** returned to his hometown for a special concert at the Winchester Wesleyan Church. Well-wishers packed the church to hear the 100-year-old vocalist and composer sing — and even crack a few jokes.

• The **OPP charged two men with arson** for allegedly setting fire to a building. Police arrested Beau Breakey of Ottawa and Steven Seymour of Chesterville and charged them with arson. The case is ongoing, although arson charges against Seymour have since been dropped.

• Local model **Alicia Angus made the top 20** in the 2009 Miss Teen Canada-World Pageant on Sat., July 25. She also won a special honour — the Supermodel with Style Award — recognizing her poise and stage presence.

• Plans were announced to give the **downtown intersection in Winchester a makeover.** The township purchased the corner lot at Main Street and St. Lawrence Street for $50,000. The township also received a $19,000 grant from the SD&G Community Futures Development Corporation to make a mural for the area.

• Despite the thunderstorms, history lovers gathered near Morrisburg to take part in the **Grand Tactical Re-enactment** of the Battle of Crysler's Farm on Sat., July 11 and Sun., July 12.

• Council rezoned land at the north end of Winchester to allow for a **nursing home or retirement residence.** (At the present time, however, PDH Healthcare is on a government waiting list to be approved for a nursing home, and is instead proceeding with plans for a seniors' complex.)

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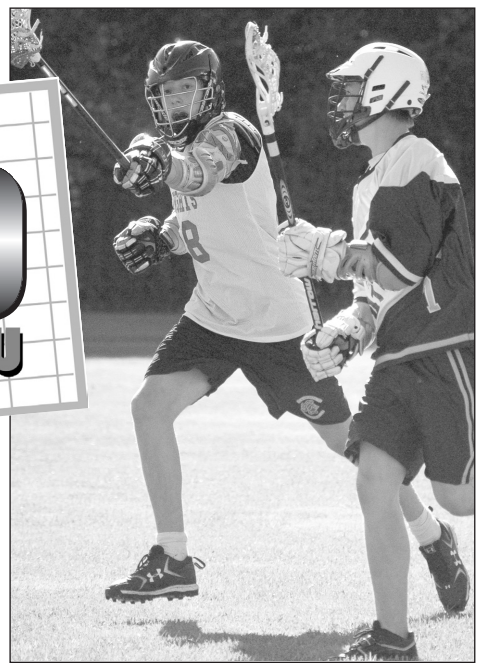

Kirk Gibson (right) and his North Dundas Attack teammates faced off against the Kanata Knights in a lacrosse game played at Mountain's Memorial Park.



North Dundas District High School Devils senior girls cross-country team members Madison Koekkoek (left), Paige Warren, Tasha Vanderveen, Kristen Milne, Anja Manuel, and Christina O'Connor took part in the 2009 Turkey Trot in Kemptville this past October.

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August

• Three local boys, **James Shaw, Cam Shaw, and Dylan Casselman, along with coach Rob Shaw, helped the Cornwall Black Sox** capture both the Ontario Senior Little League Provincial championship at the tournament held in Ottawa, as well as the Canadian Senior Little League championship at the tournament held in Saint John, N.B. The lads moved on to the Senior Little League World Series in Bangor, Maine. Unfortunately, the team's luck ran dry and they came home empty handed.

• An **almost brand-new Dairyfest committee** saved the annual celebration from extinction. The event ran from Fri., Aug. 7 to Sun., Aug. 9, during which time there was very little rain.

• **Happy Face Nursery School** in Chesterville was on track to double as a daycare facility. The co-operative received a $10,000 grant from the SD&G Community Futures Development Corporation to renovate the existing facility to meet daycare standards.

• Aspiring drivers planning to get their licences in late August were out of luck after **Ontario DriveTest examiners went on strike.** Talks stalled between the examiners' union — local 9511 of the United Steelworkers (USW) — and employer Serco DES Inc. on Fri., Aug. 21.

September

• Wed., Sept. 2 marked the 130th anniversary of the **Brown family murders.** Winchester farmer Clark Brown was found guilty of killing his father and 12-year-old sister with an axe on that date in 1879. Brown was hanged in Cornwall a month and a half later on Halloween morning.

• Winchester's **WJL Boyd and Sons** cut ties with Chrysler after a 73-year relationship. After Chrysler's bankruptcy, the corporation decided to replace Chrysler Financial (which was the majority of the dealers' wholesale lender) with a new company, General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC). "GMAC, in turn, visited each dealership and presented the dealer with a proposal for inventory financing. Their [GMAC's] business plan and expected financial commitment on our part was not agreeable to us, so we declined their proposal," said co-owner Jeff Boyd. Since September, the Winchester store has continued to sell used vehicles and operate its service department.

• **Fire destroyed a County Road 3 barn** on the evening of Thurs., Sept. 24. About 10 cows were lost in the blaze. Officials didn't say whether it was suspicious or not.

October

• A new speakers' series kicked off at the Old Town Hall in Winchester. Entitled **Interactive Talks with Interesting People,** the series raises money for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Life coach Betty Healey was the first guest on Fri., Oct. 2.

• Signs were showing that **the H1N1 flu had arrived in the local area,** and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit was responding. The first wave of H1N1 vaccination clinics began in the Township of North Dundas on Fri., Oct. 30 at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS).

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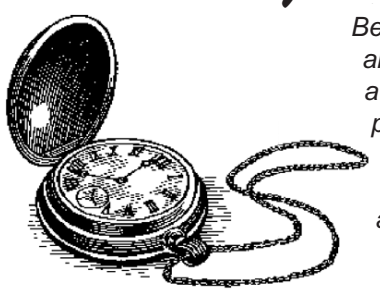
Still Time to Wish You All the Best in the New Year!



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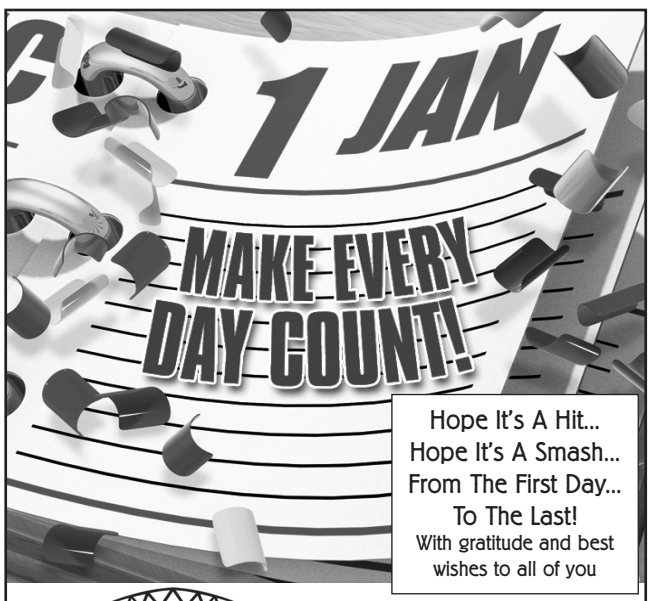

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• Winchester native and former Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks defenceman **Matt Carkner** made his way onto an NHL opening day lineup, when his name was added to the Ottawa Senators' 2009-2010 roster. Following a strong training camp and success in early season games, Carkner was awarded a two-year, $1.4-million contract extension from the Senators. To close out the month, Carkner scored his first-ever NHL goal and drew an assist.



Left: Tolley Place was officially opened during a ceremony on Fri., Nov. 20 at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg. The 20-unit complex is named after Trevor Tolley — former board chair of the Williamsburg Non-Profit Housing Corporation.

Below: Royal Canadian Mounted Police Const. Jason Vedder (left) and Cpl. Jeremy Dawson led the group to Winchester Public School during Winchester's Remembrance Day ceremony on Sun., Nov. 8.



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• On Halloween morning, the SD&G Highlanders joined dignitaries and members of the public to rededicate the **Hill 70 Memorial in Mountain's municipal park.** The Battle of Hill 70 was a First World War military effort in which an estimated 8,600 Canadians were killed, wounded, or went missing.

• In a move to **centralize family health care in the local area,** four doctors joined forces to work at a to-be-constructed medical clinic in Winchester. The new office is scheduled to open in 2010 near the village arena. (The doctors applied for special Family Health Team (FHT) funding to be able to hire paramedical professionals like nurse practitioners and psychologists. However, the FHT funding was assigned to other communities in Ontario in December.)

• The **Dundas County Food Bank** was getting low on donations and had, for the first time, exhausted its annual food budget. Compared to that point in the year in 2008, the total number of emergency visits had jumped from 75 to 118.

November

• A new bakery, **Sweet Thoughts and Cute Buns,** had a tremendous opening day on Sat., Nov. 7. Customers lined up along Main Street to try the pastries.

• The brand-new library in South Mountain was open for business. After years of fundraising, the **South Mountain Library Resource Centre** was unveiled to the public on Tues., Nov. 17. However, the official opening ceremony didn't take place until December.

• **Tolley Place** officially opened in Williamsburg on Fri., Nov. 20. The 20-unit seniors' complex was named after Trevor Tolley — former board chair of the Williamsburg Non-Profit Housing Corporation — who helped launch the project in 1993.

• The Ontario government changed its funding policy for the **cancer-fighting drug Avastin,** and it was big news for Winchester patient **Pat Holmes.** Previously, the government would only pay for 16 cycles of the drug, after which patients had to pay for it on their own. (Avastin typically costs several thousand dollars every of couple weeks, depending on the dosage.) On Sun., Nov. 29, the 16-cycle cap was lifted. The province, however, has refused to reimburse patients who have paid for the drug out of their own pockets. Winchester and the surrounding community raised between $14,000 and $15,000 for Holmes' treatments.

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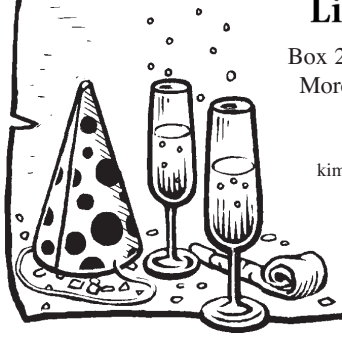

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Heavenly hymns and carols

Members of the Village Voices Women's Choir applauded director Karen Spicer (left) and accompanist Tina Van Vlaandaren after a special Christmas performance at the Winchester United Church on Sat., Dec. 12. The women performed their yuletide show for the audience before everyone proceeded to the gathering area to enjoy conversation and snacks.
Press Photo — Smith-Millar



Pictured are Don Erwin (left), Guy Belliveau, Mike Burnside, Jack Yourt, Al McRoberts, and John Cinnamon, president of the Winchester Lions, when they prepared to distribute 71 Christmas food baskets at the Winchester Lions Hall on Wed., Dec. 16. In 1969, Erwin was the owner of Erwin's General Store in Hallville. That year, he wrote up a bill for the Winchester Lions Club for items to fill similar food baskets, each including a chicken ($3.07), four loaves of bread ($1.08), and other items which totalled $9.59. The volunteers report that 40 years later, the cost has risen to approximately $30.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

December

• Chesterville Public School mourned **the loss of Krista Taylor,** a Grade 3 teacher who died in an early-morning car accident in Ottawa on Wed., Dec. 2.

• **Alicia Angus** became Miss Teen Ontario during an early-December competition in Toronto.

• Officials were still investigating a Sat., Dec. 19 **fire in Mountain.** Officials discovered an unidentified body inside the house. The investigation was ongoing.

• Just like Dairyfest, a brand-new committee stepped up to save the **North Dundas Country Christmas Parade of Lights.** Due to a lack of volunteer support, the annual yuletide event looked like it was facing extinction. However, crowds lined the streets to watch the Sat., Dec. 5 procession, and daytime activities for families were well attended all day.

• The **Olympic torch** passed through Morrisburg on Mon., Dec. 14. The torch runner only stopped in the village long enough for spectators to belt out "O Canada." "If this doesn't send a thrill through you, what would?" remarked Mayor Robert Gillard.

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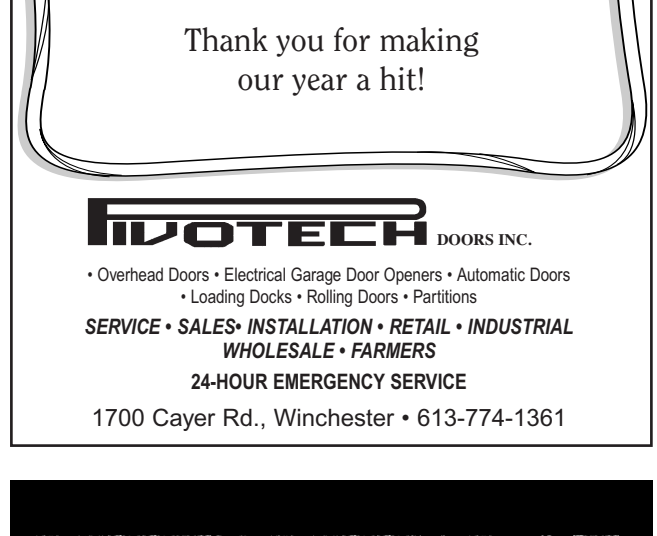
Snapshots from North Dundas Christmas Fund

The North Dundas Christmas Fund was one of the big highlights of the yuletide season. Every year, businesses, churches, schools, service clubs, charities, and everyday volunteers band together to distribute snowsuits, food baskets, and gifts to township residents in need.





Judy Hilson, co-ordinator of the Dundas County Food Bank - Winchester Branch (left), is pictured above with Dianne Lapier, executive assistant of clinical services for Winchester District Memorial Hospital. They unloaded 73 gifts donated at the hospital. Photo at left: Ted Ceelen (left) and Dermid O'Farrell, along with their fellow Mountain and District Lions Club members and other volunteers, prepared Christmas hampers for the South Mountain-area effort on Thurs., Dec. 17.
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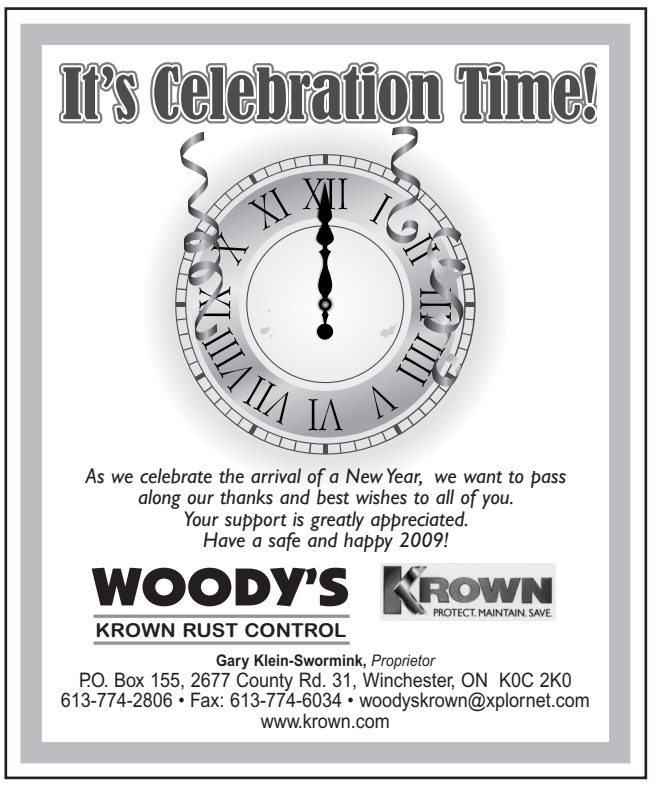

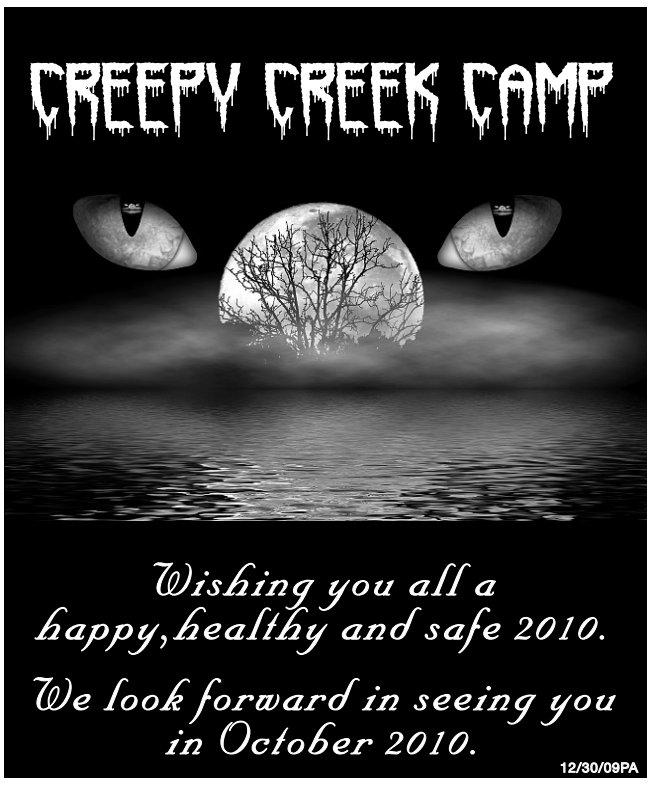

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It's official

The North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's 2009 Guildcrest Homes Novice House Tournament officially opened in Chesterville on Tues., Dec. 29 with the ceremonial faceoff. Taking part in the ceremonies were Ben Fingler (left) of the host North Dundas Demons, tournament director Dawna Whitehead, president Hans Hutten, novice convenor Cindy Schoenfeld, and Joshua Green of the NGS Braves. The game finished in a 3-3 tie.

Press Photo — Van Bridger

North Dundas Atom Demons maul Panthers

WINCHESTER — Samantha Benoit and the North Dundas Atom "C2" Demons finished 2009 on a winning note.

Benoit and her mates slammed the door on the visiting Kemptville "C3" Panthers as they skated to an 8-0 victory on home ice in Winchester on Wed., Dec. 23.

Samantha Benoit posts 8-0 shutout

North Dundas coach Doug Armstrong noted that his squad has won seven and tied one game since Nov. 11 and will carry an Upper Canada Minor Hockey League record of 10-3-1 into 2010.

"The kids are starting to play together and are moving the puck much better," said Armstrong.

Armstrong also noted the Demons will take part in the Bell Capital Cup this week. The Demons will play three games (Dec. 30 to Jan. 1) at various locations in Ottawa. They will also take part in a skills competition at the Bell Sensplex during the event.

"The kids are excited about playing in the Bell Capital Cup," he said. "It will be a great experience for them and will give us the chance to play different teams."

Demons 8 - Panthers 0

Caleb Jaquemet got the puck rolling for the Demons when he netted a pass from Cordell Steele at 8:55 of the first period of the game against the Kemptville "C3" Panthers. His tally proved to be the winner because Benoit and her defensive crew didn't surrender a single goal to the visitors.

Jaquemet finished the game with two goals and one assist. Dylan Martin, Sheldon Lafortune, Jordan Peterkin, Steele, Eric Armstrong and Joshua Armstrong each slapped in single goals. North Dundas led 3-0 after a period and 5-0 after two sessions.

Steele (2), Eric Armstrong (2), Lafortune (2), Jaquemet, Martin and Jordan Peterkin earned assists. Peter Romme and Kody Anderson weren't able to play.

Demons 6 - Rangers 2

Eric Armstrong fired in three first-period shots and finished the game in Spencerville with four goals and one assist. Steele scored in the second period of the 6-2 win over the host South Grenville "C1" Rangers and Jaquemet finished the scoring, bagging a goal 1:44 before the final buzzer.

Lafortune, Jaquemet, Steele, Peterkin Anderson and Joshua Armstrong picked up the other assists.

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Metcalfe Jr. 'B' Jets hosting alumni game for charity

METCALFE — The Metcalfe Jets hockey club is going to play hockey for a good cause.

The Junior "B" Jets Alumni Stars will take on the 2009-10 Metcalfe Jets in an exhibition hockey game at the Larry Robinson Arena on Sat., Jan. 2. The evening's program, which will begin at 8 pm, will also include a charity auction.

The alumni squad will feature many of the local stars who helped the Jets capture seven (1968 - as the Russell Jets, 1972, 1983, 1984, 1987, 1995 and 2004) Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League championships.

The game is for a good cause, as all proceeds will go to Osgoode Ward Home Support programs.

Downey, Laflamme, Fingler lead Demons to upset Rangers

WINCHESTER — Jakob Downey, Thomas Fingler and Matthew Laflamme combined for five goals and 11 points in the North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons' 9-1 win over the South Grenville Rangers.

Downey scored twice and picked up two helper points while Laflamme counted two goals and one assist. Fingler sniped one goal and earned three assists in the victory posted in Winchester on Mon., Dec. 21. The match was the final Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game of 2009 for Brian Downey's squad who will resume league play at home on Mon., Jan. 4 when they will host the Alexandria Glens.

Demons 9 - Rangers 1

Their 9-1 victory over South Grenville also extended the Demons winning streak to four games. They blanked the Akwesasne Wolves 6-0, bounced the Brockville Braves 4-1 and canned the Cornwall Colts 3-1 in their three previous starts.

Thomas Fingler turned a play started by Tyson Sherrer and Downey at 7:51 of the first period of the game against South Grenville into a 1-0 lead. Downey then cracked in his team's second marker, and game winner, after taking a pass from Fingler and Laflamme with 2:50 left in the same frame.

North Dundas pumped in four second-period goals and cruised into the third period with a 6-1 lead. Austin DeJong, Dillon Clemen, Laflamme and Downey counted the markers. Downey, Fingler and Sherrer helped set up the scoring plays.

Braden Findlay, Laflamme and Logan Holmes fired in third-period goals and pushed their team's final tally to nine goals. Holmes, Fingler and Tristan MacGregor engineered the final three goals.

Nikolas Carruthers took his turn in the Demons' net and posted the win.



Gift goal

North Dundas forward Matthew Laflamme got a golden opportunity to score in an Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game against the South Grenville Rangers last week (Mon., Dec. 21) and buried it. It was Laflamme's second goal of the game and was set up when the Ranger 'tender kicked the puck out into unprotected territory. Laflamme wristed the biscuit home with 8:03 left on the clock. The Demons posted a 9-1 victory.
Press Photo — Van Bridger



Love to skate

Wincheser Skating Club members brought home one gold and five bronze medals from the Carleton Place Skating Club's annual Love to Skate Competition. Representing WSC were Jordan Roberts (left), Isabella St-Marseille, Caitlin Jampen, and Kayla McMillan.

WSC skaters reach podium

CARLETON PLACE — Winchester Skating Club (WSC) was well represented at the 2009 Love to Skate Competition held on Sat., Dec. 5. The annual event, hosted by the Carleton Place Skating Club, draws competitors from throughout eastern Ontario, including Hawkesbury, Perth, Brockville, Prescott, Kemptville and Metcalfe. Members from WSC brought home a total of six medals — one gold and five bronze.

WSC individual results

Isabella St-Marseille: 3rd - Intro Ladies Freeskate, 3rd - Intro Ladies Elements, 3rd - Intro Ladies Program Elements.

Caitlin Jampen: 3rd - Stage 5 Freeskate, 4th - Stage 5 Elements.

Kayla McMillan: 6th - Stage 5 Freeskate, 4th - Stage 5 Elements.

Jordan Roberts: 1st - Stage 4 Freeskate, 3rd - Stage 4 Elements.

Test day result

Alyssa Cooper passed the European dance test at the Dec. 16 test day hosted by Kemptville Skating Club.

Demons

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Affiliate player Mason McLeod worked the nets and picked up the win. Sam Benoit and Braden Roe didn't suit up for the game.

Demons 3 - Aeros 1

The Demons called up affiliate Ben Fingler for their home game against the visiting Athens Aeros on Wed., Dec. 16 and he centered the Armstrong brothers — Eric and Joshua. The trio produced all three North Dundas goals.

Athens opened the scoring at 9:04 of the second period. North Dundas evened the score at 6:48 when Eric Armstrong scored from Fingler.

Eric Armstrong made it a 2-1 game when he buried a feed from brother Joshua at 4:43.

Joshua Armstrong pumped in a feed from Eric and Fingler with 1:38 left in the period and made it a 3-1 final. Period three was scoreless. Benoit posted the win. Jaquemet and Anderson didn't play.

Pinks clip Stylists 2-1

WINCHESTER — An unassisted goal scored by Veronique Daviault 3:10 before the half-time intermission was the difference in the Cooper Physio Pinks 2-1 victory over the Double Beauty Stylists.

All of the scoring in Sunday morning's (Dec. 27) Winchester District Ladies Hockey League 8 am game was done in the first half. Double Beauty took an early 1-0 lead when Christina Luykx scored after taking a pass from Karen Benoit at 19:28.

Alecia Jones finished a play created by Amy Fraser and Eleanor Robinson and tied it 1-1 at the 4:28 mark. That play set the stage for Daviault's unassisted game-winning tally 3:10 before the break.

Pinks' goalie Kristie Wade and Double Beauty's Lorie Casselman were unbeatable in the second half.

The win improved Cooper's first-place record to 6-1-4 and left them with a two-point lead on WS Trucking Company (5-2-4) who moved into second place following a 3-2 win over the sixth-place Country Girls (2-6-3) in Sunday's 10 am game.

Rally time

The Country Girls led the Truckers 1-0 at the half. Sandra Cloutier gave her team the lead with 2:42 left in the session scoring from Karen Labossiere. Annette Downey made it 2-0 when she finished a play set up by Tammy Seguin.

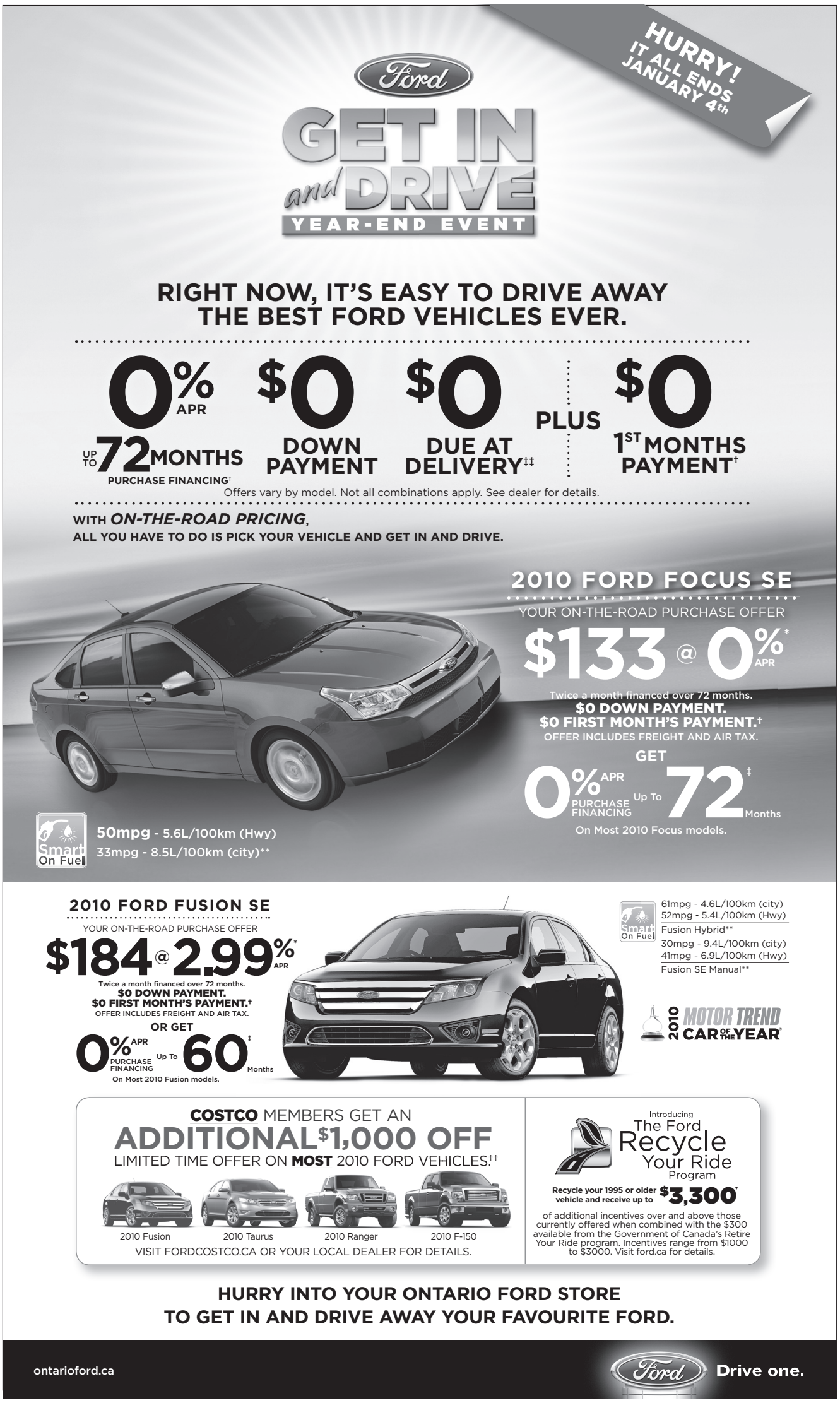
There was just 10:45 left in the game when the Truckers started their rally. Edith Dagenais sliced the deficit to 2-1 scoring from Amanda Rylaarsdam. Rylaarsdam then used a pass from Susan Marsden to tie it 2-2 with 5:27 on the clock. Edith Dagenais finished a three-way play with Alyssa Senk and Carolyn Thomas to shatter the deadlock and net her team a 3-2 win 2:08 before the final buzzer.

Roxanne Backes emerged from the tussle as the winning goalie. Karina Damato took the loss.

Andy's 2 - Blues 0

Dominque Cavill turned in her second shutout win of the campaign, backing fourth-place Andy's Foodland Reds (3-5-3) in their 2-0 decision over the third-place Annable's Jewellery Blues (5-3-3) in the 9 am game.

Lisa Brunet cracked in goals and led the Reds to their win. Courtney Barkley engineered the winner with 26 seconds left in the first half and Cheryle Canning assisted in the insurance marker 5:32 before the final buzzer.



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Devils volleyball teams regroup for new year

MAPLE RIDGE — There wasn't much time to select their teams and practice for the 2009-10 SD&G girls high school volleyball season, so North Dundas District High School coaches Cheryl Williams and Patti Hall are hoping to fine-tune their squads for the final half of the schedule.

Hall's senior Devils finished the first half of the campaign, sweeping the host Char-Lan Crusaders 3-0 (25-23, 25-19, 25-15) on Wed., Dec. 16 and will resume play at home on Fri., Jan. 8 sporting a record of six wins, nine losses and a total of 12 points.

Williams and her junior team were also at Char-Lan District High on Dec. 16. Unfortunately, the results didn't match those recorded by the seniors. The juniors were swept 0-3 (25-1, 25-19, 25-13). Their record is four wins, 11 losses and eight points.

Both teams have three tournaments left in the 2010 portion of their schedule.

Senior Devils

The Senior Devils opened the season compiling a 2-4 record at L'Heritage on Dec. 7. They lost 3-0 (25-9, 25-9, 25-15) to the host Dragons and defeated the Glengarry Gaels 2-1 (25-20, 25-16, 20-25).

"We had a really, really, really slow start," remarked coach Hall. "I think we have a great team with tons of potential, so hopefully things will shape up."

The Devils managed just one win in six sets in their home opener on Mon. Dec. 14, losing 2-1 (27-26, 19-25, 18-25) to the CCVS Raiders and 3-0 to the La Citadelle Patriotes (20-25, 23-25, 19-25).

In spite of the results, Hall was in a positive mood following the final set.

"I know the scores don't reflect it, but the girls played much better today. La Citadelle is always strong and the girls kept the scores close. They [Patriotes] have always been our main competition," she said.

"I have such a great group of girls to work with, and I think the team will improve," added the coach.

Hall explained that she has five returning players on the team, including Lindsy Allen, Laura Breteler, Madison Koekkoek, Kaylee Steele, and Jenna Wouters. Alyson Erwin, Sarah Murton and Emily Wicks are back on the roster after not playing last season. Emily Hilborn is the lone rookie (Grade 11 student) and a graduate of the junior squad.

Junior Devils

The Junior Devils broke even on opening day in Cornwall at L'Heritage, finishing with a 3-3 record.

North Dundas defeated the L'Heritage Dragons 2-1 (25-23, 25-20, 10-25) and lost 2-1 (26-24, 23-25, 22-25) to the Glengarry Gaels.

"I played all of the girls," said coach Cheryl Williams. "We only had two practices before the games so they did quite well, considering we didn't really have time to work on a system, nor did they know who was starting the game."

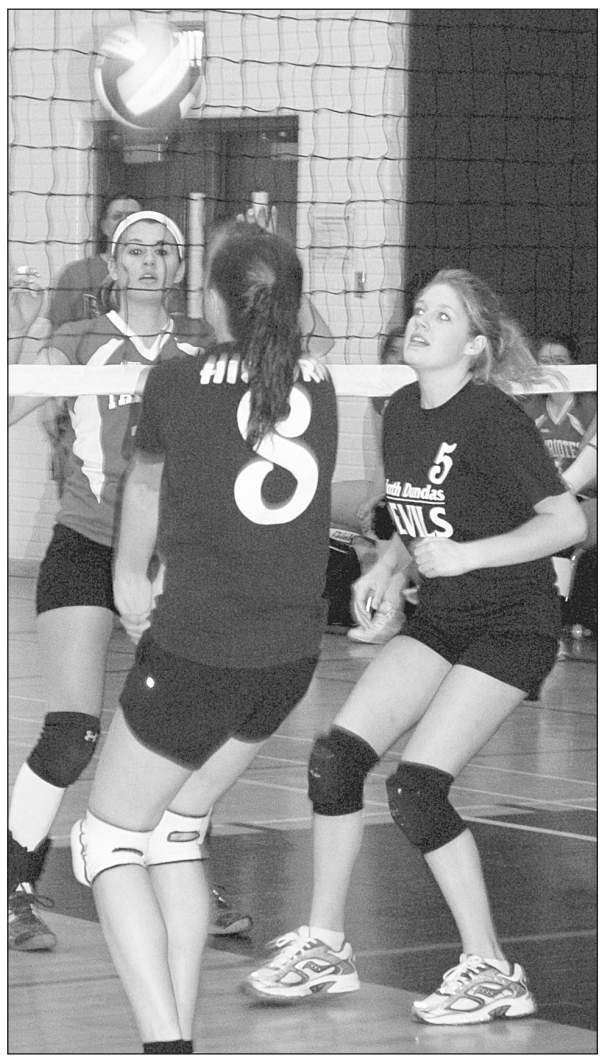
The juniors came out on the short end of a 1-5 result in their first games on their home court, losing 2-1 (16-25, 25-20, 19-25) to General Vanier and 3-0 (25-10, 25-6, 25-21) to La Citadelle.

The 3-0 setback to Char-Lan completed the 2009 portion of their schedule.

"We will have to work on our mobility — the girls just aren't moving their feet," said the coach after their home opener.

Devils roster

The members of the 2009-10 North Dundas Junior Devils are: Mackenzie Allison, Blythe Armstrong, Chelsea Clark, Brittany Cochrane, Rebecca dePaiva, Camille Jaquemet, Bailey Milne, Leslie Schmid, Jessica Van Winden, Olivia Wouters, and coach Cheryl Williams.



North Dundas' Emily Hilborn (No. 8) and Emily Wicks set up for a play at the net during a match against the La Citadelle Senior Patriotes at North Dundas District High School on Mon., Dec. 14. The Devils dropped a 3-0 decision to the Patriotes. North Dundas will resume play in the SD&G high school season at NDDHS on Fri., Jan. 8.

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Novice House Demons tame Kemptville Panthers 6-2

CHESTERVILLE — Cameron Cotnam was the North Dundas Novice House "B" Demons' number-one shooter when his squad skated to a 6-2 win over the visiting Kemptville Panthers.

Cotnam fired in four goals and earned an assist on a fifth tally in the game played in Chesterville on Mon., Dec 14.

Nolan Brown and Seth Christophersen set Cotnam up for a 1-0 lead at 5:15 of the first frame. He then made it a 2-1 game registering an unassisted goal with 1:36 left in the session.

Kemptville tied it 2-2 in the second period but North Dundas roared to life in the third stanza and ripped in four unanswered goals. Cam Sherrer assisted him with the game-winning goal at 7:56. Ethan Guy then came through with a pair of markers finishing a play set up by Cotnam and Spencer Horton with 3:08 left on the clock and netting a pass from Christophersen with 55 seconds to play in the game. An unassisted play by Cotnam pushed the final difference to 6-2.

Bradley Larmour was the winning goaltender. The Demons played a penalty-free game.



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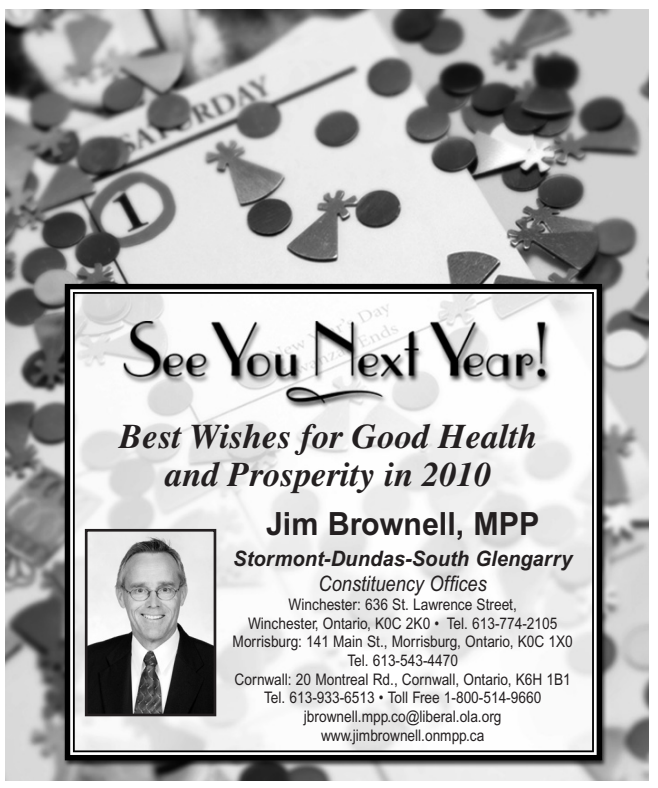

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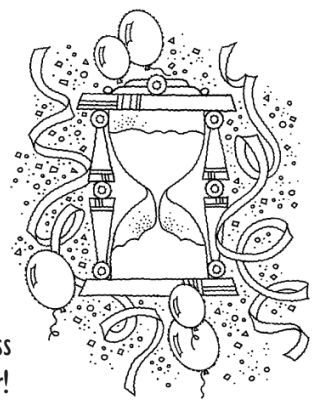

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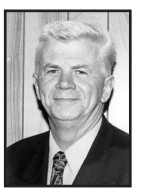



SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League
RIDEAU - ST. LAWRENCE CONFERENCE

Recent Results
Dec. 26: Boxing Day Tournament
Casselman 6 - Perth 2
Athens vs Gatineau - cancelled
Clarence 4 - Westport 3
Arnprior 4 - Alexandria 0
Gatineau 4 - Casselman 1
Arnprior 4 - Clarence 3
Championship game
Arnprior 2 - Gatineau 1

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Dec. 27:
Gananoque 4 - Brockville 3
Morrisburg 6 - Char-Lan 2

STANDINGS

Rideau	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Westport	20	5	4	155	109	44
Athens	18	7	4	165	116	41
Brockville	13	14	2	127	123	29
Gananoque	10	15	1	106	122	22
S. Grenville	6	20	4	110	160	16
St. Lawrence	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Casselman	19	5	1	169	71	40
Alexandria	16	8	4	148	109	36
Winchester	13	12	2	100	119	28
Char-Lan	12	12	2	110	121	28
Morrisburg	11	15	2	135	178	24
Akwesasne	2	22	2	91	188	7

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

TOP SCORERS

Rideau Division	G	A	PTS
Daniel Lacroix, Athens	24	38	62
Kyle Couvieau, West.	31	29	60
Pat Cameron, Athens	12	42	54
Manson Mangan, Gan.	14	25	39
Steve Parker, Athens	25	13	38
Dylan Rodgers, West.	14	23	37
Scott Johnstone, West.	17	19	36
Shane Melcher, Broc.	22	13	35
St. Lawrence Division	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Adam Wensink, Cass.	27	27	54
Hugo Pouliotte, Alex.	26	28	54
Curtis Chennette, Cass.	19	33	52
Marcel Groulx, Cass.	29	23	52
Joel Adam, Cass.	23	27	50
S. Brocu, Cass.	14	31	45
Nick Douvris, Morris.	15	29	44
Derek Villeneuve, C-L	23	19	42
Chris Rutley, Morris.	19	23	42
Julien Machabee, Alex.	13	28	41
J.F. Dubois, Alex.	16	21	37
Shane Kitchen, Alex.	13	21	34

Scorers last updated Dec. 14

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League
METRO - VALLEY CONFERENCE

Recent Results
Dec. 27: Clarence Creek 7 - Metcalfe Jets 5
Next Metcalfe Jets home games
Sat., Jan. 2 Metcalfe Jets Alumni Game 8 pm
Sun., Jan. 3 vs Gatineau - 2:15 pm

STANDINGS

Metro	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Gatineau	23	8	1	175	104	47
Ottawa West	21	6	3	152	82	45
Ottawa Jrs.	21	11	2	149	122	42
Clarence	15	11	2	147	127	33
Metcalfe Jets	9	16	2	97	130	21
Valley	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Perth	13	10	5	118	102	34
Arnprior	14	12	3	116	124	33
Almonte	13	18	1	102	156	27
Renfrew	10	15	1	95	107	23
Shawville	9	19	1	99	169	19
Stittsville	8	20	1	89	116	18

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

Winchester Town Hockey League

Recent Results
Dec. 23:
Hueff's Howlers 8 - Sherrer's Rockets 5
Morozuk's Maulers 5 - McLean's Flyers 4

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Maulers	11	2	0	85	65	22
Flyers	6	6	1	67	71	13
Howlers	4	8	1	59	70	9
Rockets	3	8	2	64	79	8

SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Dean Byvelds, Maullers	26	18	44
Robyn Sadler, Howlers	22	18	40
Nik Paas, Flyers	16	19	35
Chad Valcour, Maulers	15	18	33
Trevor Gilmer, Flyers	16	10	26
Rob Thurler, Rockets	12	14	26
Phil Duncan, Maulers	13	12	25
Justin Morozuk, Rockets	9	13	22
Travis Armstrong, Flyers	7	15	22
Dean Moore, Flyers	12	7	19
Travis Froats, Rockets	10	9	19
Trevor Morozuk, Maulers	4	15	19
Scott Baldwin, Maulers	7	10	17
Josh McLean, Rockets	8	7	15

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

Recent Results
Dec. 27:
Cooper Physio 2 - Double Beauty 1
Andy's Foodland 2 - Annable's Jewellery 0
WS Trucking 3 - Country Girls 2

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Cooper Physio	6	1	4	17	8	16
WS Trucking	5	2	4	26	19	14
Annable's Jewellery	5	3	3	21	13	13
Andy's Foodland	3	5	3	15	21	9
Double Beauty	3	7	1	22	23	7
Country Girls	2	6	3	14	35	7

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Edith Dagenais, WST	9	4	13
Sonia Clement, AJ	8	5	13
A. Rylaarsdam, WST	8	4	12
Sandra Cloutier, CG	10	1	11
Christina Luykx, DB	8	3	11
Isabelle Dagenais, WST	6	5	11
Kelly Zeran, DB	5	6	11
Amy Fraser, CP	5	5	10
Jennifer Wilson, AJ	2	7	9
Jada McNaughton, AF	3	5	8
Joanna Gilmer, DB	4	3	7
Veronique Daviault, CP	3	4	7
Marg Berry, AF	2	5	7
Aline Smith, AJ	1	6	7

2009-10 EOJHL
St. Lawrence Division

Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks
Next Home Games
Fri., Jan. 15, 8:15 pm
vs Athens Aeros
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Casselman Vikings host junior hockey showcase

CASSELMAN — Ten of the Rideau - St. Lawrence Conference's 11 teams will play five regular season games at the JR Brisson Complex in Casselman.

The 2009-10 Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League Showcase event will be held on Sat., Jan. 9 and open at 9 am with the Char-Lan Rebels taking on the South Grenville Rangers.

The Winchester Hawks will host the Brockville Tikis at 11:30 am.

The official opening ceremonies will take place at 2 pm.

The day will finish with three afternoon matches. The Athens Aeros and Casselman Vikings will face off at 2:30 pm. The Gananoque Islanders and Alexandria Glens will square off at 5 pm and the Westport Rideaus will meet the Morrisburg Lions in a 7:30 pm tilt.

Stubbings scores four, Midgets down Wings 10-1

PERTH — Josh Stubbings cracked in four goals and helped the North Dundas Midget "B" Demons close out the 2009 portion of their Upper Canada Minor Hockey League schedule with a 10-1 win over the Perth Lanark Wings.

Stubbings' performance was recorded in Perth on Sun., Dec. 20. The encounter was in the final regular season game for Gary Klein-Swormink's squad before the Christmas break. The victory also improved the Demons' record to 10-0-2.

Stubbings handed his mates a 1-0 lead over Perth, scoring from Derek Simms and Ryan Switzer in the final minute of period one.

Captain Alex Hendsbee and Stubbings each potted a pair of goals in the second stanza. Will Fawcett supplied a single as North Dundas increased its lead to 6-0.

The Wings got on the board at 11:27 of the final frame but only provoked the Demons into cracking in four unanswered goals. Stubbings, Derek Simms, Dylan Fawcett, and Will Fawcett sniped the final four goals.

Peter Klein-Swormink (3), Brent Simms (2), Adrian Lee (2), Trevor Havekes (2), Derek Simms, and Dylan Fawcett all earned assists.

Dustin Tinkler and Brandon Oosterhof weren't available for the game.

Demons 5 - Braves 2

North Dundas hosted the Brockville Braves in Winchester on Mon., Dec 14 and skated to a 5-2 win.

North Dundas was up 1-0 after a period and led 3-2 going into the final frame.

Tinkler and Will Fawcett set up Lee at 14:21 for a first-period goal.

Brent Simms took a feed from Derek Simms and Tinkler and put the Demons ahead 2-1 with 7:56 left in the second stanza. Switzer made it 3-1, finishing a play started by Havekes and Hendsbee with 5:43 left in the same frame.

The Braves responded 18 seconds later and cut their deficit to 3-2 but didn't get any closer to tying it up because North Dundas salted the win away, banking a pair of third-period markers. Stubbings converted a Matt Jarvis relay into a 4-2 lead at 13:27. Stubbings and Jarvis then did the engineering for Havekes who drove the pass into the empty Perth net with 56 seconds left in the game.



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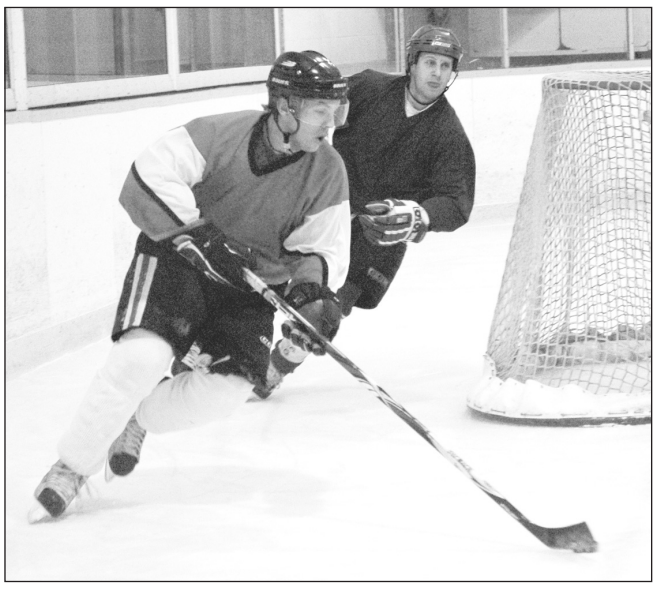

Two of the Winchester Town Hockey League's top scorers, Flyer Nik Paas (left) and Dean Byvelds, skated against each other in a game played at the Winchester Arena on Tues., Dec. 22. Byvelds fired in three goals and picked up an assist in his squad's 5-4 win over the Flyers. Paas netted one goal and set up two others in a losing cause. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

Terry Barkley leads Heuff Howlers out of basement, earns five points

WINCHESTER — Terry Barkley, a recent addition to the lineup, lead the Heuff Howlers to an 8-5 victory over the Sherrer Rockets and out of the Winchester Town Hockey league basement.

Barkley cracked in three goals and picked up a couple of helper points in the opening game of the town league's Tuesday night (Dec. 22) twin bill.

The Rockets led 3-1 at the half but faded in the second session, as their 3-8-2 record dropped them into fourth place with eight points. The Howlers (4-8-1) moved into sole possession of third place with nine points.

The second half of the double dip produced a slim 5-4 victory for the top-ranked Morozuk Maulers (11-2-0) over the second-place McLean Flyers (6-6-1).

Howlers 8 - Rockets 5

Howlers Barkley (3-2-5), Billy McRoberts (2-2-4) and Robyn Sadler (1-3-4) combined for 13 points. Al Christophersen (GWG) and Jon Chambers sniped the singles. Ryan Thompson (3), Justin Heuff, and Chambers picked up assists. Jesse Whyte posted the win.

Kyle Dearing (1-2-3), Rob Thurler (1-1-2), Jeff Wilson (1-1-2), Darrel Moore (1-1-2), Will McLean (1-0-1), Jamie McIntosh (0-1-1), and Travis Froats (0-1-1) produced the Rockets' offence. Colin Ion took the loss.

Maulers 5 - Flyers 4

Chad Valcour used a play started by Dean Byvelds and Trevor Morozuk as ammunition for the game-winning goal in the Maulers' 5-4 decision over the Flyers.

Dean Byvelds cushioned his scoring race totals with a three-goal, one-assist effort. He has 26 goals, 18 assists and 44 points to lead the scoring parade. Howler Robyn Sadler is number two with 22 goals, 18 assists, and 40 points.

Scott Baldwin and Valcour were the other scorers. Morozuk set up four goals and Valcour helped out twice. Single assists went to Phil Duncan, Mitch Scott, Scott Reaney, and Byvelds. Chad Kennedy was the winning 'tender.

Trevor Gilmer, Josh "Champ" McLean, Dean Moore, and Nik Paas counted the Flyer markers. Paas (2), Kelly "Rubber" Beckstead, Travis "Toast" Armstrong, Adam Guy, and Kyle Kloosterman provided the passes. Chris Currie took the loss.

Minor Midget 'B' Demons finish year on winning note

CHESTERVILLE — Goaltender Matt Picanco and his defensive crew surrendered just one goal in their final two games of the 2009 portion of the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League season and helped push the North Dundas Minor Midget "B" Demons' record to 12-2-0.

Picanco and the Demons blanked the NGS Braves 2-0 in Winchester on Thurs., Dec. 17 and followed up with a 4-1 decision against the Brockville Braves in Chesterville on Sat., Dec. 19.

Coach Dale Murdoch and his squad resume league play on Wed., Jan. 6 with a visit to Williamstown, where they will take on the Char-Lan Rebels. The Demons are then slated to entertain the Smiths Falls Bears the following night (Thurs., Jan. 7) in Winchester at 7:30 pm.

Brandon Cousineau potted a pair of goals and led the Demons to their 4-1 win over Brockville. He opened the scoring connecting on a feed from Josh Freake with 6:07 left in period one. Evan Durant scored from Paul Gibson and made it a 2-0 game at the 5:19 mark.

Ryan Romans increased the Demons' lead to 3-0 when he finished a play started by Freake and Stewart McKelvie at the 3:47 mark.

Brockville ruined Picanco's chances of a shutout, booking their lone goal at the 14:00 mark of the third period.

Cousineau made it a 4-1 final, netting an unassisted marker 2:46 before the final buzzer.

Demons 2 - NGS 0

Captain Ryan Byers tucked a pass from Cousineau and Patrick Speagle into the NGS cage with 4:54 left in period two and his tally held up as the winner in the 2-0 North Dundas victory.

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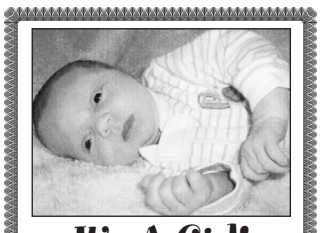

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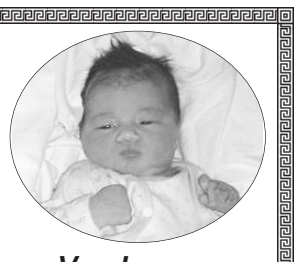

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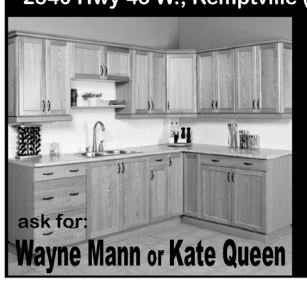

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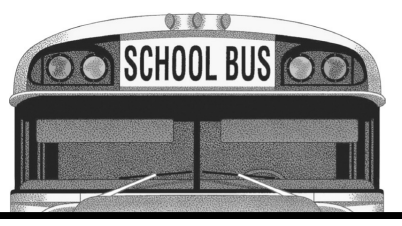

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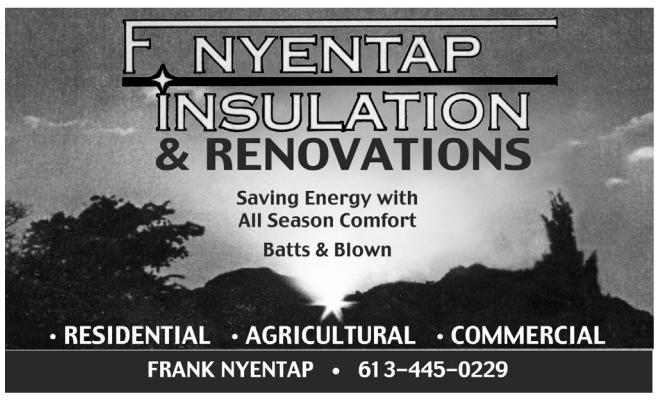

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Stay safe on roads this festive season, urges SD&G OPP

WINCHESTER — The Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP say they'll continue to use all available resources and personnel for the remainder of the festive season to crack down on impaired driving and improper seatbelt use.

Motorists are reminded to slow down and drive appropriately for weather and road conditions. They should also try to leave more space between vehicles — stopping distances are at least double on snowy roads, and even longer in icy conditions.

Police say drivers should also be ready for rapidly changing conditions. Blowing snow may suddenly reduce visibility, and wind can cause ice to form quickly.

Motorists should also monitor local media and road authority websites for conditions and closures before they leave home or work, and listen to local radio during the journey to stay updated.

Vehicles should also be in proper working condition and be outfitted with four winter tires. It's also crucial to ensure windows are cleared of snow, ice, and frost — not to mention that driving with an obstructed view is an offence under the Highway Traffic Act.

Finally, in the event of a roadside emergency, everyone in the car should be dressed appropriately for winter. It's also smart to keep a winter survival kit in the vehicle containing a blanket, flashlight, candle, and some food or drinks. And of course, a cell phone is handy during a roadside breakdown — providing it's kept fully charged.

New hours announced for Chesterville library

CHESTERVILLE — Effective Tues., Jan. 5, the SD&G County Library – Chesterville Branch — also known as the H. Keith Graham Memorial Library — will have new hours of operation.

The library will be closed Mondays, Fridays, and Sundays. However, the doors are open on Tuesdays (3 to 8 pm), Wednesdays (10 am to 2 pm), Thursdays (5 to 8 pm), and Saturdays (10 am to 1 pm).

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Roll up your sleeves Jan. 14

WINCHESTER — It's that time of year again. No, not New Year's — the January blood donor clinic, sponsored by the Iroquois-Matilda Lions.

On Thurs., Jan. 14, there will be two sessions at Winchester Public School's gymnasium. The afternoon clinic is scheduled to run from 1 to 3:30 pm, while the evening session will begin at 5 pm before wrapping up three hours later at 8 pm.

Call 1-888-2DONATE to book an appointment.

Williamsburg euchre winners

WILLIAMSBURG — The white-card winners at the most recent Williamsburg Senior Citizens' Group euchre event, held at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre on Tues., Dec. 15, were Betty Barkley, Lorraine Tupper, and Betty Wheeler.

The yellow-card winners were Dianna Moffat, Ray Casselman, and Evelyn Schwerdtfeger, while Harold Gallinger and Audrey McLaren won the door prizes.

The draws were scooped up by Muriel Miller, Tupper, Casselman, and Schwerdtfeger.

The group's next euchre event is scheduled for Wed., Dec. 30.

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Farmers' Auction 2009

On behalf of the Metcalfe and District Lions Club, we would like to thank the following businesses and people for their donations for the Farmers' Auction this year. Most of these groups have given year after year.. If it was not for them it would be impossible to put on the event. We have bidding wars, fun and good laughs. Also to the Lions members, because this is a year-round job, from picking up articles, storing them, making lists for next year, etc. It takes special people to pull this off. Thanks to Stewart James, Erin James, Stewart James Jr. and Carson Hill for their time and talents as auctioneers for the auction. If we have missed someone we are very sorry. At this time it is undecided where the money is going, but it will be kept in the area, as we are always giving to our local care centre, hospital and youth groups. Around $11,000 was made this year. If you are interested in giving for next year, please just call a Metcalfe Lion any time of the year and we will be happy to pick it up.

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OBITUARIES

Clark Murdock

Clark Alexander Murdock passed away at Bayfield Manor in Kemptville on Wed., Dec. 16, 2009.

Born on Sept. 21, 1913, he was the son of the late Albert and Valetta (McCaul) Murdock. He was predeceased by his brothers Norman, Lloyd, Earl, Irvine, and Milton, and sister, Lucinda. Clark was raised at Reid's Mills and attended North Mountain Consolidated School in Hallville.

On Dec. 14, 1935, he married Selma Davis in Merrickville. Until 1963, they farmed at Reid's Mills, at which time they purchased the general store in Balderson, and later, the general store in Maynard. Moving to Johnstown in 1974, Clark was an agent for Brockville Cemetery Memorials until his retirement in 1981.

"The Boss" is survived by his daughter, Muriel Allen (the late Don) of Mountain, Mel (Yvonne) of Osgoode, and Dixie Vanderstelt (Nick) of Richmond, B.C. He is predeceased by his son, Harold, and daughter, Nancy. He was "Clark" or "Grandpa" to nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-granddaughters, as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

The funeral service was held at the Tubman Funeral Home, Kars Chapel, on Dec. 18 with Rev. Blair Paterson of Hallville United Church officiating. The pallbearers were Mel Murdock, Nick Vanderstelt, Larry and Kevin Allen, Lyndon Murdock, and Rick Fisher. Interment will be at South Gower Cemetery in the spring.

Elizabeth "Betty" Johnson

Elizabeth Johnson passed away at the Dundas Manor on Tues., Dec. 22, 2009. She was 88.

She was born on Aug. 22, 1921 in Ottawa to her parents, Kirby and Lavinia (nee Skuce) Graham. On July 18, 1942, she married Kenneth Johnson, who predeceased her in 1995. Together they had three sons, Richard (Kimberly), Peter (Mary), and Michael (Lynn). She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren Jennifer, Jared, Paige, and Kirby; Phil, Kelly, Pam, and Christopher; and Keith, Kevin, Andrea, Chris, and Katherine, as well as her 11 great-grandchildren, and daughters-in-law Arlene Johnson and Heather Johnson. She is predeceased by her sister, Shirley Baker, and is survived by her sister, Joan Lafontaine.

A memorial service will take place at a later date at the Anglican Parish of North Dundas.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation are appreciated.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Winchester Funeral Home (613-774-2120).

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Card of Thanks

The family of the late Clark Murdock wishes to express a sincere 'Thank You' to family and friends who supported us at this time. We wish to acknowledge the exceptional care he received at Bayfield Manor since 2000 and especially so during his brief illness; to Rev. Blair Paterson for his words of wisdom and understanding, and to the staff at Tubman Funeral Home at Kars. Last, but not least, we thank you for the floral arrangements, memorial donations, cards, messages, food and visits. These gestures were all greatly appreciated.

The Murdock Family

Metcalfe Lions mark 50 years

METCALFE — Time flies when you're busy, and this statement is certainly true for the Metcalfe & District Lions Club, which was chartered 50 years ago and continues to serve the community to this day.

The club has been involved with several major projects in the past five decades, raising more than $1 million for various initiatives. The Metcalfe club members were among the Lions who helped put the Lion Ophthalmology Clinic in the Winchester District Memorial Hospital in 1999. Today, the Lions are working to upgrade the clinic with new technology that will allow the doctors to do different types of eye surgeries. They also helped with the fundraising for the new hospital wings that opened recently.

The Metcalfe Lions also ran a medical centre on Bank Street many years ago and purchased the land for the Osgoode Care Centre. Today, the Lions are still helping with the new wings and purchasing equipment for the seniors. The club organizes a bingo once a month for the residents.

These are just a sampling of some major projects the Metcalfe & District Lions have supported — all while helping out local groups, charities, seniors, youth, sports endeavours, fire victims, and more.

The Metcalfe & District Lions Club was formed on Oct. 26, 1959 thanks to the Russell Lions that chartered them. The Metcalfe Lions then chartered the Winchester Lions in 1968, Gloucester Lions in 1968, and Osgoode & District in 1978.

The Metcalfe & District Lions Club has three active charter members: Gerry Mullins, Bill Porteous, and Archie Sayant.

Helen Porteous, past president of the Metcalfe & District Lions, said the Lions are always grateful when the community supports their fundraisers or other initiatives.

"All profits from these projects — like our canteen on the Metcalfe fairgrounds — go back to you, your family, friends, or neighbours," she said.

Porteous urged the public to consider joining their local club.

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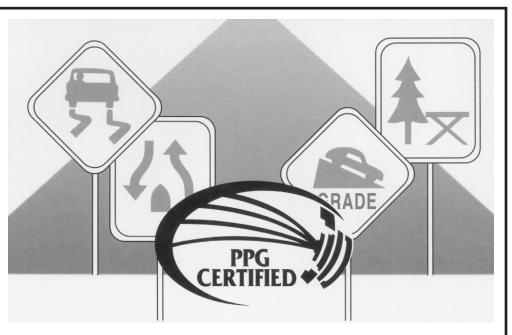

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