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Estella Rose makes history

North Dundas deputy-mayor sworn in as first female warden of SD&G

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

CORNWALL — North Dundas Deputy-Mayor Estella Rose made history on Fri., Dec. 7 when she was sworn in as the first-ever female warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

"I see myself as a woman who has opened the door for other women to make their way to the council table," Rose said in her remarks. "It has been a long, challenging journey, but every challenge conquered makes one stronger."

North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls had the honour of placing the warden's golden chain of office around Rose's neck. The chain features the United Counties' crest, the Province of Ontario's crest, the Canadian maple leaf, and the Union Jack.

The inauguration ceremony has gone on each year since 1850. Rose's ceremony took place in the historic Counties' Council chambers on Pitt Street in Cornwall, which were packed with family members, friends, supporters, and North Dundas Township staff. Counties' engineer Don MacDonald played the bagpipes as Counties' Council members entered the restored courtroom.

Rose pointed out that it was meaningful to have Helen Thomson take part in the inauguration, not only because she is the first female clerk at the United Counties, but she is also Rose's second cousin.

"I've served the public for over 50 years as a hairdresser; now I'm serving in a different way," she said. "I'm a people-person who is concerned with how the decisions we make affect the residents."

As a middle child of five, Rose said she learned early how to "hold her own."

She said her upbringing on the farm taught her about equality, honesty, and hard work.

"I always enjoyed a challenge," she said, noting she owes a lot to her brother Gerald who helped spark her "if you can do it, I can do it better" attitude.

She thanked numerous family members and friends for their support, as well as her husband Ed, "who at the beginning was not a supporter," she pointed out.

It was the possibility of a landfill in Mountain Township 20 years ago that prompted Rose to run in her first municipal election. It was also a malicious remark from a councillor of the day that "there's no place on Mountain Township council for a woman," that spurred her on.

"I've been on council ever since," she pointed out. "It's been 156 years since the first warden was elected (in SD&G) ... and it wasn't until 1929 that women were considered 'people,' so we have made some progress."

Her priority list as warden includes: environmental impacts of decisions made; high speed Internet for all residents of the Counties; promoting libraries and literacy; organic farming; tourism; and more.



North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls had the honour of adorning North Dundas Deputy-Mayor Estella Rose with her chain of office when she was sworn in as the first female warden of SD&G on Fri., Dec. 7.

Press Photo — Duncan

"It's an honour to be here to witness history being made," said Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MPP Jim Brownell, noting that he had previously served with Rose on Counties' Council, and that it's her vision and her ambition that have gotten her to where she is now. "When Estella tells you 'she's going to do something about that,' she does it."

Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP Jean-Marc Lalonde agreed with Brownell that it was exciting to be a part of the ground-breaking ceremony.

"This is a first — we haven't seen (this) happen yet," he said, pointing out that there haven't been any female wardens in Prescott-Russell, either. "It's nice to see that a woman is taking over."

Cornwall Mayor Bob Kilger noted that there are currently three women sitting on the 10-member City of Cornwall council.

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Santa was made even jollier by the sight of one-and-a-half-month-old Kaden Sharpley's look-a-like outfit when the family stopped by Winchester Home Hardware to visit on Fri., Dec. 7.

Home Hardware offered photos with the man in red as a fundraiser for the Dundas County Food Bank.



Ella McNaughton (left) and her sister Alia got their requests in to Santa at Winchester Home Hardware on Fri., Dec. 7. The jolly old elf presented them with colouring books to help them pass the time until Christmas Eve.

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High school evacuated

MAPLE RIDGE — North Dundas District High School was evacuated on the morning of Wed., Dec. 5 as a safety precaution.

A student's truck collided with two propane tanks outside the school at about 8:15 am. There were no injuries, but the school's 600 students and staff members were moved to the gym at Maple Ridge Public School across the road. The OPP and North Dundas Fire Department Chesterville detachment responded to the scene and Superior Propane representatives repaired the damage.

The decision was made at 10:30 am to send students home for the day, giving emergency officials and the propane company adequate time to ensure the school was safe. Officials gave school staff a green light to re-enter the building later in the morning.

WDMH initiates consultation for 47 long-term care beds

WINCHESTER — Winchester District Memorial Hospital presented its proposal for a 47-bed addition for long-term care to the hospital, at a meeting of the South Eastern Ontario Long Term Care Facility Committee on Mon., Dec. 10.

"This is the first step in our consultation process" said hospital CEO Trudy Reid.

The hospital has highlighted the plight of the elderly requiring nursing home beds in rural Eastern Counties.

The number one mission-critical issue for the hospital remains the integration of long-term care with hospital, physician practices, and community services.

The hospital, in partnership with the Community Care Access Centre and local family physician groups, has been instrumental in developing an integrated service model that serves a widely dispersed rural population.

The management of chronic diseases and the care of the frail elderly are significant components of this model.

"The hospital board considered many scenarios when planning for services that are needed for the 90,000 population we serve," said board chair Bruce Rowsell. "This final segment of our strategic plan supports our decisions about the future of this community hospital. We are building on our complex continuing care success and addressing the needs of a population that is aging faster than the provincial and regional average."

Population aging faster than provincial average

The proposal calls for the addition of 47 long-term care beds that will be integrated with the current 17- bed Complex Continuing Care Unit, which offers restoration and rehabilitation for patients following surgery and stroke and other debilitating conditions.

This would result in an efficient 64-bed program that, when combined with the integrated hospital-community model will improve services for the elderly.

Reid reported that the consultation process will include meetings with community groups, physicians, and regional partners and planners.

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"Today we can truly say you're a rose among these outstanding scoundrels," Kilger joked about the other members of Counties' Council.

SD&G Highlanders' Hon. Col. Bill Shearing also spoke to Rose from the podium.

"You have been a leader," he said, noting that Rose was the first female reeve in Mountain Township.

Outgoing Warden and North Stormont Mayor Dennis Fife congratulated Rose.

"I don't believe many people understand the time and commitment you are entering into today," he said. "I wish you the best of luck in the coming year."

As warden, Rose will chair all Counties' Council meetings and represent the region at various functions during the next year.

This is just one more notch in a belt of firsts for Rose, who was crowned the first-ever Dundas County Dairy Princess in 1957, was the first female councillor in Mountain Township, and later that township's first female reeve.

"Our young people are our future," she said concluding her remarks, perhaps speaking to her six grandchildren who were in attendance at the ceremony.

"It's important for them to see our dreams can be realized if we work hard enough," she said. "I'm never concerned about the next election — just the next generation."

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Hospital construction affects parking lots, entrances

WINCHESTER — Construction at Winchester District Memorial Hospital is progressing well despite the early snow fall, and area residents are advised there have been changes to both hospital and parking entrances.

The main (north) parking lot will be closing tomorrow (Dec. 13) to make way for the 93,335-square-foot addition, for which excavation will start this week. As a result, the hospital's emergency, ambulance, visitors, and main entrances are being relocated. Watch for signs.

The emergency-main entrance will be located on the north side of the building — emergency patients should enter the hospital property at the Louise and York Street intersection and turn right for "emergency only" parking. Non-emergency patients or visitors should enter at the corner of May and Louise Streets and turn right to access new "east" parking lot and use the visitors' and staff entrance, marked "South Visitors' Entrance" located on the south side (staff should turn left into south parking lot).

The ambulance entrance will be on the east side — only ambulances will be allowed to enter via Louise Street south of York Street.

A patient pick-up and drop-off area has already been established immediately beside the new temporary emergency-main entrance.

See the map (at right) for specific information.

These changes and others were revealed when the hospital hosted a public forum at the Winchester Community Centre on Thurs., Dec. 6. Members of the public had a chance to meet and speak with various members of the redevelopment team, including the architects, construction contractors, engineers, and hospital officials.

"It's been an absolute joy working on this project," remarked Robert Boraks, principal architect with the Parkin Group Ltd., the firm that designed the redeveloped hospital. "This really is (going to be) a cutting edge hospital."

Boraks explained that 90 per cent of the Parkin Group's contracts are healthcare related, and pointed out that the firm is "the leader in healthcare" across the country.

"We're proud of our level of expertise," he said.

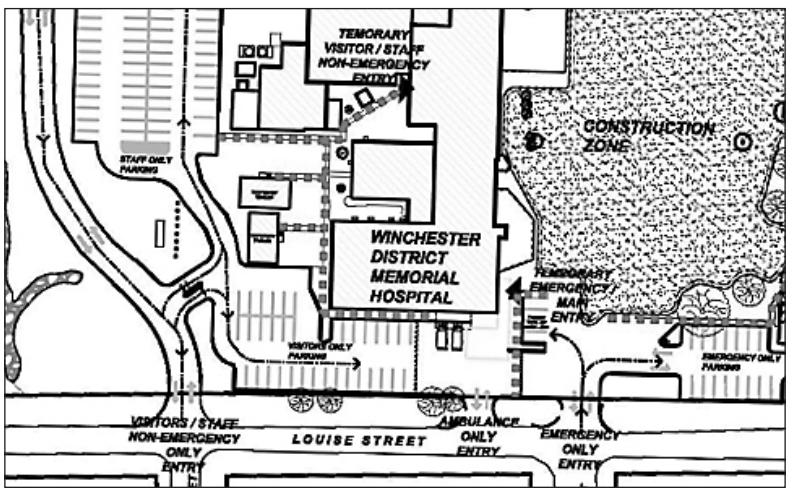
Parkin was established in the 1940s and has worked on notable projects such as Ottawa's VIA Rail train station, the National Art Centre, the Ministry of Defence headquarters, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, and the Queensway-Carleton Hospital.

"We're excited to be a part of this — not only the project team ... but a part of your community for the next two-and-a-half years," offered Rob MacGowan of PCL Construction, the firm that was awarded the $44-million contract for construction of the new hospital.



Teamwork

Representatives from each facet of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital redevelopment showed their solidarity at a public information forum at the Winchester Community Centre on Thurs., Dec. 6. Pictured are: Robert Boraks (left) — principal architect with the Parkin Group, Louis Guilbeault — vice-president and project manager with ZW Group, Rob MacGowan — project manager with PCL Construction, hospital CEO Trudy Reid, and vice-president of capital development Philippe Marleau. Press Photo — Duncan



PCL was established in 1906 in Saskatchewan, and today has a staff of 2,500, 80 per cent of whom own a part of the company. The company specializes in large institutions, as well as industrial, residential, and civil projects.

Notable projects PCL has to its name are: Scotiabank Place in Kanata; the Canadian War Museum; and several Ottawa hospitals.

MacGowan also noted that the site supervisor for the WDMH project grew up in the Winchester area, and while he said a lot of PCL's employees aren't from Dundas County, the firm will be using local companies for excavation, snow clearing, and other jobs as the project progresses.

Louis Guilbeault of the ZW Group, the project managers, noted that his company has been around since 1986 and has worked on several hospitals including North Bay, Peterborough, Mattawa, Kemptville, and the Royal Ottawa Hospital, among others.

"We're proud to be a part of these major infrastructure projects for the province," Guilbeault said, pointing out that he has seen a lot of redevelopment projects and, "it's amazing what (CEO) Trudy Reid, (vice-president of capital development) Phil Marleau, and the hospital have been able to do to get this moving so quickly — it's a lot faster than other projects we've seen. We're excited to be involved."

PCL has been on site since Oct. 3 and started visible work on Oct. 18. Phase one of the redevelopment is expected to be complete by March 3.

The WDMH Foundation is now headquartered out of the Harvey S. Dillabough Centre on the hospital grounds, and the gift shop has been relocated to tables near the hospital's cafeteria.

Philippe Marleau, vice-president of capital development at the hospital, noted that the actual construction of the addition will begin on Dec. 31.

Inside the hospital, two clinic rooms and a new out patient department registration office in the laboratory have already been added, and the registration and triage area are being renovated. Between Dec. 10 and Jan. 18, new emergency room cubicles will be added.

Half of the south parking lot and the ring road around the site to facilitate construction have been completed.

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WDMH technology officer earns national recognition

WINCHESTER — Winchester District Memorial Hospital's chief technology officer Sean O'Brien has been recognized with a national Who's Who in Health Care award.

"I was pretty honoured and excited," O'Brien told the *Press*. "It's nice that Winchester (District Memorial Hospital) is getting some recognition for the things we're doing."

O'Brien was acknowledged in the collaborative category of the awards, which are hosted by *Canadian Healthcare Manager* magazine. As a winner, he was profiled in the October issue of the magazine.

His nomination came from Smart Systems for Health (SSFH), an Ontario government agency that aims to electronically connect the province's health-care professionals to patient information. WDMH has been partnering with SSFH as the hospital moves toward an environment of shared patient information between care providers.

O'Brien explained that SSFH was initially attempting to roll out its secured network transfer of patient data as an e-mail program and was working from the top of the healthcare system down.

"You've got to focus on the community," said O'Brien, noting that WDMH's approach was to work from the grassroots up and get all the family physicians on board.

The hospital identified 106 different health care providers that have contact with WDMH patients, including physicians, other hospitals, Community Care Access Centres (CCAC), and beyond. In partnering with SSFH, the Winchester group became the first identified community "cluster."

"Not only did we develop how this would be deployed, we also piloted the project," said O'Brien. "We have a very clear focus on providing community care."

The WDMH approach is now being used as a model across the province.



Sean O'Brien, chief technology officer at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, has been recognized with a national Who's Who in Health Care award for his work in building a community of information sharing.

Press Photo — James

O'Brien noted that the future of technology at WDMH is exciting, with major communication integration projects underway as the hospital is redeveloped.

"Technology can really play a big roll as an enabler to knock down the physical barriers of communication," he said.

Police Blotter

Saw snatched

MOREWOOD — SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a break and enter on Coulthart Road on Dec. 8 at approximately 10 am. Investigation revealed that sometime between Nov. 18 and 30, unknown suspect(s) entered a private residence and removed a Stihl chain saw. Const. A. Burtch is investigating.

Knives nicked

MORRISBURG — An apartment on Fifth Street in Morrisburg was forcibly entered on Dec. 5 between 1 and 7 pm. A stereo system, CDs, and collector knives (Franklin Mint) were stolen. Const. Robert Mroz is investigating.

License suspended

NORTH DUNDAS — Constable K. Franklin was conducting vehicle speed enforcement on County Road 7 in North Dundas Township on Dec. 2 at approximately 3 pm. He stopped a southbound 2003 Chevy Impala travelling at 103 kilometres per hour in a 50-kilometre zone.

The 48-year-old male driver from the Metcalfe area faces a charge of racing a motor vehicle. His driver's license was suspended and the vehicle impounded, both for seven days, as per new legislation.

Indecent act

WINCHESTER — SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of trouble with an intoxicated male at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital in Winchester on Dec. 4 at approximately 2:45 pm. Investigation revealed a 54-year-old male had breached his current release conditions. He was arrested and faces charges of: committing an indecent act, two counts of failing to comply with an undertaking, and two counts of breaching probation. He was scheduled to appear in Cornwall bail court on Dec. 5.

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‘Live life with no regrets’ says runner

As a cross-country runner at North Dundas District High School, Mary Linton never guessed she’d have trouble breathing, let alone be diagnosed with chronic pulmonary hypertension and chronic thromboemboli — a specific condition that affects only one in 500,000 people. Now, seven months after a double lung transplant, the former Chesterville resident is telling her story.

by Mary Linton

VANCOUVER — When I was 14, living just on the outskirts of Chesterville, I decided one day that I was going to go for a run — no real reason, mostly out of boredom. So off I went from our driveway and decided to run around our block — a 2.5-kilometre circuit. This was the beginning of a new found passion.

I joined the high school cross country and track and field teams. I was mediocre at best, but I loved the rush — the runner’s high. The feeling after finishing a run was very rewarding and self-satisfying.

> “This experience has given me a new outlook and appreciation on life.”

After high school, I continued running and in 1999 decided that the next step would be to run a marathon. I have since ran 12 half-marathons and seven full marathons up until the fall of 2006. That’s when my life changed; for better or worse, I’m still unsure.

In the winter of 2006 — what seems like a lifetime ago for me — I had begun my training for the 2006 Vancouver Marathon, which would take place in May. I began noticing little things that just did not seem or feel right — my breathing was becoming heavier and it was harder for me to run distances that would usually never have been a problem.

The first doctor I went to see told me that I was just getting over pneumonia, and that I should start to feel better in a couple of weeks. I decided to put my training on hold, but a few weeks passed and I was beginning to feel worse. I was starting to wheeze while performing the simplest tasks, and I alarmingly began to cough up blood.

I went to see a different doctor this time, telling him what the previous doctor had said about it being pneumonia. He also agreed that it was probably a virus and I should start to feel better soon, but he made an appointment for me at the hospital for a breathing test. I was bounced around between several doctors and still had no concrete answers.

I was determined to compete in the marathon, but had decided to walk. At this point, I couldn’t even run two minutes without being winded.

I headed out to walk the 42.2 kilometres. By five kilometres, I was ready to call it quits, but I kept on going. By 21 kilometres, I was cold, shaking, and crying because my lungs were burning. I couldn’t breathe, and all I wanted was to go home.

A week later, I woke up in the morning gasping for breath and could not get enough air into my lungs. My husband immediately took me to the emergency room where I was promptly put on an oxygen machine.

The nurse measured the oxygen saturations in my body: it was 78 per cent. It should be 98 or 99 per cent. The emergency team immediately started running all sorts of tests: blood tests, x-rays, and CT scans of my chest.

Their initial thought was that I had tuberculosis, so they sent me to the 12th floor — which would be my home for the next three months. I was put in an isolation room until they ruled out TB. Finally, after being in the hospital for a few days, and what felt like an infinite number of blood tests, one of my doctors came in and told me that I had a lung infection. I was to be treated with some antibiotics and watched over for a couple of days before I could be released.

I was happy because the doctors had finally figured out what was wrong, and the best part was that I would be able to start running again soon. But they misdiagnosed the lung infection — it was actually blood clots in my lungs. I was readmitted to the hospital.

I was devastated, scared, and most of all angry. They had diagnosed me with a blood disorder called Factor V (5) Leiden, which means that my blood is thicker and clots much easier than the average person. I was in the hospital for a week until my body adjusted to new medication, and I was once again released.

I had to go for blood tests everyday, and the medication was not working as anticipated. I was continuing to develop more and more clots in my lungs.

I was admitted back into the hospital on June 30, 2006 “until further notice.” All the doctors were baffled. They had never seen a case such as mine. That’s not the most comforting thing anyone wants to hear.

After hours of tests, I was told that I was working with 52 per cent of my total lung capacity — I was literally breathing with one lung. It took all that I had just to get up out of my bed. I had so many doctors working with me; I felt like I was a pink elephant that everyone was in awe of and wouldn’t believe in until they took a look at me.

Finally, in mid-July, doctors decided that surgery would be the solution. I was told that there was a doctor in San Diego, CA that removed clots from lungs. Every doctor assured me that I was a prime candidate for this type of procedure. I was very nervous and anxious. A week later, I was on my way to San Diego.

I was expecting to be there for at least three weeks. The doctors would open my chest and from there literally suck out the clots. I needed to have a couple of more tests done prior to my surgery. It was then that the doctor told me that I was not in fact a candidate for the surgery — the clots were in areas that were practically impossible to reach and the surgery would cause me more damage than good.

I was beyond devastated, but I tried to be as strong as possible.

Telling my family was hard. I just didn’t know what to say — how do you tell your parents that you have a chronic illness that will never get better?

It was while I was in San Diego that they diagnosed me with pulmonary hypertension — high blood pressure in the arteries that supply blood to the lungs; more specifically, chronic pulmonary hypertension with chronic thromboemboli.

Basically, I had high blood pressure in my pulmonary arteries with severe clotting in my lungs. Only 1 in 500,000 people have this specific condition. I always wanted to be special, but not like this. How could this have happened to me? That’s the one question that no one can answer. Not one doctor has the slightest idea.

So, back in Vancouver and within a week, I had a blood filter put in an artery leading to my lungs to prevent any more clots from entering. They put me on the top medication to treat PH (or liquid gold as the doctors liked to call it), which meant I needed to have a permanent IV tube implanted.

Not only did I need the medication all day, everyday, but we needed to mix it at home everyday — it has a shelf life of 48 hours.

A month passed and I was able to go home. It was a big adjustment. I couldn’t go out by myself — I would get tired and dizzy very quickly. I would be up all hours of the night with anxiety attacks and leg twitches. This was not the life I was anticipating.

At this juncture, I was told that the medication was really just sustaining me… I wasn’t getting any better or any worse, and I was given two to five years to live. My only other option would be a double lung transplant. Soon I was back in the hospital to begin the tests that were required to be put on the transplant waiting list.

If I had the surgery, my hypertension would be gone, but I would still be dealing with my blood disorder. In the entire world, only five transplants have been performed with my specific condition. Five. Not much to base anything on and not very reassuring at all.

And all I could do was wait.

As the months passed, I turned into an angry person. I would look out our apartment window watching people walk by — I was jealous of them. I wished I had just one more opportunity to run.

A couple of my close friends told me that my negative attitude would just make matters worse. “Mind over matter,” they said. I could sit and mope around and feel sorry for myself, or I could live my life. I chose the latter.

I was given a pager so when a lung donor was available, off I would go.

May 3, 2007 will be a day that I will never forget. It was just before midnight when the phone rang. It was the hospital calling to let us know that they had a donor for me and to get to the hospital as quickly as possible.

I cried, then almost hyperventilated for a minute until I could wrap my mind around what was happening. By the time I was admitted and taken up to the infamous 12th floor, it was around 2:30 am. I couldn’t really grasp what was about to happen and to this day, I still don’t really understand the scale of what I endured.

My surgery was scheduled for 8:30 am — it would take about six to eight hours if all went well, then I would be in the ICU for up to three days before returning to the 12th floor. At around 8 am, the nurses told me that it was time.

My surgery lasted two days due to all the complications that arose: my body temperature dropped; the lungs were too big; I wouldn’t stop bleeding. But I was not about to give up, and my stubbornness finally paid off.

I stayed in the ICU for three weeks. There were a few more complications that had come up, but once the breathing tube was removed, it was amazing how quickly my health improved. Within a day, I was sent back up to the 12th floor.

Physically, I was quite weak, but mentally I was ready to go.

The day came for me to be sent home. When I walked through my front door, tears flooded down my face. I was so happy to be home… with a second chance at life.

Now, seven months later, I feel like myself again. I am loving and embracing my new lungs. They are no longer new… they are a part of me. I’m going to the gym, I can walk everywhere by myself, and I have just started running again. My life has truly come full circle.

I am so very grateful for everyone in my life and the support they have given me. I would not have been able to have gone through this alone.

This experience has given me a new outlook and appreciation on life. Take time in your day to say “I love you” or give someone a hug, because you never know what life will have in store for you.

You can’t choose how you are going to die, but you can choose how to live your life: live it with no regrets.



Mary Linton, formerly of Chesterville, underwent a double lung transplant seven months ago. Friends have organized a benefit dance in her honour to take place on Sat., Dec. 22 at the Morrisburg Meeting Centre. Funds raised will go toward Linton’s ongoing medical expenses. She now resides in Vancouver, but will be back in Dundas County for the event.

Linton benefit dance planned

MORRISBURG — A benefit dance for Mary Linton will be held on Sat., Dec. 22 at the Morrisburg Meeting Centre.

The former Chesterville resident, who currently resides in the Vancouver, BC area, will return to Dundas County for Christmas holidays and be in attendance at the fundraiser.

Linton’s best friend Tanya Copeland-Gibson of Williamsburg is organizing the event, which will help raise money toward the $2,500 monthly costs of medication Linton needs to survive.

“The BC government doesn’t cover it,” explained Copeland-Gibson, who has known Linton since Grade 7. “She’s on 11 medications.”

The night will kick off at 7 pm. There will be a 50-50 draw, as well as a silent auction with signed Ottawa Senators hockey sticks, and other items. Supporters can also make donations to the Mary Linton Benefit at Scotiabank Chesterville.

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A rose in a garden of change

Last week was an historic one for this area. North Dundas Deputy-Mayor Estella Rose was named the first female warden of SD&G.

It's hard to believe that it's taken so long. Our area may not be known as a hotbed of political and social progress, but a look at our fair township clearly shows the growing power of women. Our hospital has a female CEO. This newspaper is owned by a woman. Ladies own a variety of thriving local businesses. Women also head some important committees and organizations — including the Dundas Federation of Agriculture.

Socially, women have been at the forefront for years — serving in church groups and other ladies' organizations, fundraising for needed local services, and generally keeping the spirit of the community alive. This on top of "keeping the home fires burning" and raising children.

With more women holding higher-paying jobs and making major purchases (homes, vehicles, etcetera), the world of consumerism is beginning to recognize their power. We're now seeing advertising for big ticket items targeted toward women. The aesthetics and values that females hold as important are being incorporated into consumer goods and services.

One area where there has been significant change, but perception has yet to catch up is in the field of agriculture. In the past month we noted that one farm newspaper colloquially referred to crop farmers as "lads." Not anymore. More and more often, women are driving combines, milking cows, and making farm business decisions. Whether in partnership with their husbands and families, or on their own, ladies must be considered as farmers, not just farmer's wives.

There is more to be accomplished, particularly in the political arena. Rose is the only woman at the Counties' Council table. The City of Cornwall council only has three female members out of 10 members. These numbers do not show equal participation and representation.

Congratulations Estella, you're helping to pave the way for future generations.

Dare to dream ladies; you can do anything.

B.J.

Remember when...

1927

Winchester Public School was destroyed by fire. Built in 1888, school went up in a "spectacular" blaze that lasted from 8:30 am to midnight and attracted many spectators from the surrounding area. The cause of the fire was unknown and the damage pegged at $40,000. Some furnishings were saved from the first floor. Classes were to set up temporary residence at the Orange Hall, the town hall, and the Price building.

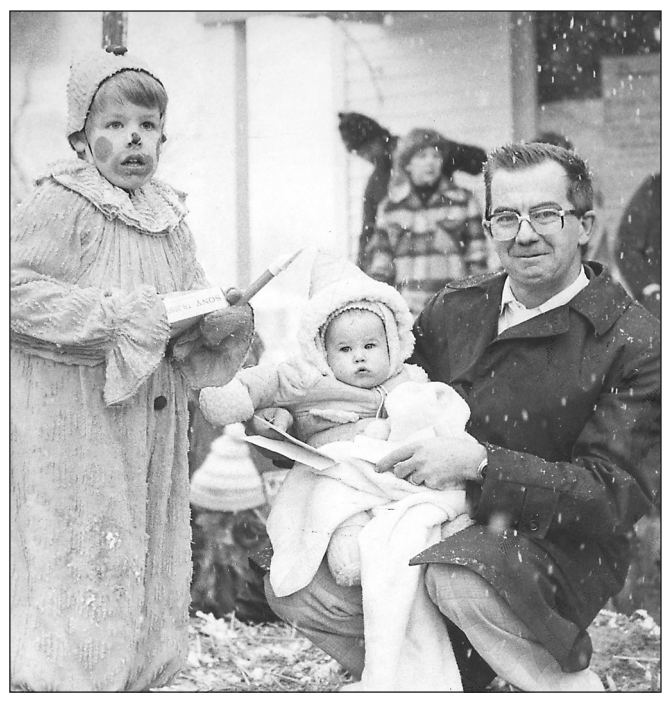
On its front page, the *Press* complained at seeing locals purchase goods from outside department stores that could easily have been purchased in town. "This is rank disloyalty to your home town," stated the *Press* article.

1947

Winchester merchants were preparing for a visit from Santa. Tickets had been printed and distributed to all the schools in the Winchester area and ticket holders had only to present the ticket to Santa in order to receive a treat. The tickets had been issued to prevent some children from receiving multiple treats and others from receiving none, as had been the case in previous years. Santa's headquarters while in town would be the 100 Club Christmas tree to be erected near the intersection of Main and St. Lawrence Streets.

1967

Martin Schneckenberger of Williamsburg township was named County Farmer of the Year by the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association. He farmed 300 acres with hay, silage corn, grain corn, and pasture being the main crops. The family milked about 60 pure bred Jerseys. It was noted that Schneckenberger was married and the couple had three young boys.



Hallville merchant Dennis McEvoy handed out some prizes at the 1977 Winchester Santa Claus Parade. Mark Smith won the best clown award, while Richard Todd Dalgleish was honoured for being the parade's youngest participant.

1987

For the third time, the SD&G Board of Education rejected a total smoking ban for schools. Winchester doctor Raymond Dawes was upset by the decision. He said he believed the board was side-stepping an issue more deadly to students than drugs or AIDS. One year before, the board had voted against banning smoking, noting that the existing guidelines were sufficient. Previously the board had agreed to allow each school to devise its own smoking policy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My heartfelt thanks

The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend heartfelt thanks to the teachers and adminstration at North Dundas District High School for their organization, cool heads, and quick actions. As well, thanks to Maple Ridge Senior Public School for being so accommodating, emergency services of North Dundas Township, and the many bus drivers who responded so quickly to bring our children home on Wed., Dec. 5 after a vehicle hit the school's propane tanks.

I cannot imagine the chaos that must have ensued with the evacuation of the school, but with great teamwork you all pulled it together.

Everyday when we send our most precious possessions out the door to school, we entrust a large group of people with their well being and safety, and it was proven on Wednesday — beyond a shadow of a doubt — that we can feel assured that all will be done to return them back home safely again.

Special thanks to the person(s) who helped my daughter when she didn't feel well that day.

Zena Reoch
Chesterville

OZ! deserved more

The Editor:

We attended a performance of *OZ!* put on by students and staff at North Dundas District High School on the weekend, and what a show it was.

The large and talented cast and excellent pit band performed with impressive skill, and the many behind-the-scenes crews and helpers kept everything running smoothly.

The young children present had a fabulous time, even being kept entertained during admission. This fine production reflected the commitment and hard work of everyone involved and was very well received by the audience.

However, there was one problem: where were the people? This show was worthy of a much larger audience.

Bravo to teachers Joanne Garlough and Kathi Wilson for their dedication and leadership and to all the students who were a part of this production for a job well done.

Alvin and Dawn Runnalls
Chesterville

The fruitcake's here... run for your lives!

From the Other Side
by Jeffrey Morris



I sit there. I stare at it. I am going to have a bite.

Why am I doing this? Why do I think, every year, that it will be different?

Some things just remain constant every year, no matter how much you want them to change. Lucy will yank the ball away from Charlie Brown when he goes to kick it. Pamela Anderson is going to get hooked up with some guy who has four zillion tattoos and declare she is settling down. The Leafs won't win the Stanley Cup — not that that's a bad thing… And I will inevitably try Christmas fruitcake. That is a bad thing.

I was thinking of ways to wrap prose around how I feel about our ritual of exchanging and eating Christmas fruitcake. I love to use metaphors and be descriptive. For this one, though, I think it should be simple and straight to the point.

Christmas fruitcake sucks. It's putrid. It's hideously revolting.

Yet, I go back to it, like a mosquito at dusk wondering what the big attractive purple light is as he hovers around and approaches your bug zapper.

We bought one at the office this year as part of a fundraiser. By the way, great idea guys. Maybe next year you can sell boxes of chocolate-covered squirrel testicles or something a bit tastier.

So we got our fruitcake and lugged it over to our counter. It was round with a texture of a thawed out rock from the curling club. It took the spot on the counter usually reserved for the goodies that Angie bakes and brings in, which usually involves sugar and sweet-baked goodness wrapping tentacles around your tongue and injecting it with bliss while angels float over your head playing the harp.

But this, this, this thing on the counter. There were no angels playing any harps. Maybe a hairy little troll with Rosie O'Donnell's head playing the accordion. But no harp.

I looked at it again, and I heard Linus' voice.

"This isn't such a bad Christmas tree, Charlie Brown. It just needs some love."

Can this Christmas fruitcake really be that bad? Can these unnatural red and yellow and green things that look like cherries that were stored in formaldehyde and then laced with chemicalicious colour additive number 27A really be that wretched? And I'm sure there are little pieces of walnut in there with all the twigs and tree branches and chunks of pine cone.

At that point, the voices in my head started bickering again. The angel appeared on one shoulder, the devil on the other.

"Eat it," the devil said. "It's cake. How can it be bad? Even if there is a lot of crap on it, it's still cake. Of course it's good, or everyone wouldn't eat it at Christmas."

Then the angel spoke up. "Don't do it. Remember last year? When after the third bite you ran into the bathroom like an Olson twin who had just swallowed a french fry?"

The devil piped up. "Dude," he started. He always wins me over when he calls me Dude. "Dude, you have a fridge full of Diet Coke. If it's nasty, have a sip of Diet Coke."

I looked at the angel. Devil's right. I always listen to Devil. I cut a piece. I looked at it. My tongue quivered like a death row convict sitting in the electric chair as they were about to pull the switch.

I bit into it. Ugh. Another bite. Ughh. Quick. Shove it in your mouth and end it. I dove across the room for my stash of Diet Coke. I didn't just drink a can of it. I freebased it.

At this point, I pointed my anger at our culture. Who decided eating arse cake is a tradition anyway? Is it a British thing? Like, as if we should take food tips from them. "Mmm, this boiled stomach lining with salt is delicious. Pass me a luke warm beer…"

I'm putting a stickie note on the December page for my 2008 calendar now that says "Do Not Eat the Christmas Cake!!!" Angel told me to put it there, but somehow, I just know Devil will win the argument again next year.

As for now, as you are reading this I am scrubbing my mouth out with sandpaper and hand sanitizer.

I wonder if anyone will bring us mince meat this year. It can't be that bad… Everyone eats it at Christmas…

Shut up Devil.

Jeff Morris is the publisher of the Manotick Messenger, *a sister paper to the* Winchester Press.

Last week this column ran an incorrect web link to the Const. Chris Garrett petition. The correct address is www.PetitionOnline.com/142004/.

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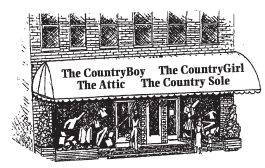

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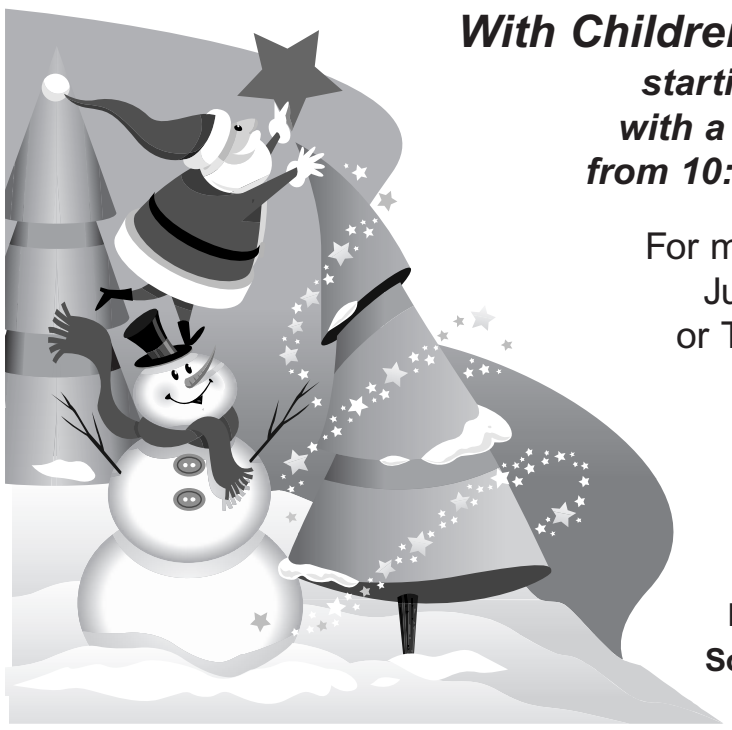

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Citizens' group to ensure Marionville's voice is heard

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

MARIONVILLE — Township of Russell resident Joel Bouchard was voted chair of the Marionville Citizens' Committee, which was formed at a public meeting at the town's community centre on Thurs., Dec. 6.

Three municipalities — the Township of Russell, the City of Ottawa, and the Township of North Dundas — converge in the centre of Marionville, which is located at the north-eastern corner of North Dundas.

Sitting on the committee with Bouchard are Charles Martel as vice-chair (representing Ottawa), Nathalie Paquette as treasurer (representing North Dundas), and Jean-Marc Pelland (representing Russell). Along with the members of the public are City of Ottawa Osgoode Ward councillor Doug Thompson, Township of Russell councillor Donald St. Pierre, and North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls.

"The good thing about this committee is that it will open the lines of communication," said Bouchard, noting that he feels the committee needs to help develop the economy and improve life in Marionville.

Russell Mayor Ken Hill chaired the meeting before turning it over to the committee.

"It's a committee for the residents," Hill explained, pointing out that having municipal representatives on the committee will ensure direct access to all three councils that affect the community.

The committee will make use of the Limoges' citizens' committee's terms of reference. Limoges is another town that sits on the border between two municipalities.

The Marionville committee moved to incorporate itself as a non-profit organization, which will facilitate fundraising opportunities like selling Nevada tickets or hosting bingos. Such events would otherwise not be permitted.

It is the committee's plan to coordinate other groups in the village and bring everyone together, as well as request funding for infrastructure and events from the municipalities.

"Some of these recommendations are going to come down to money — it's as simple as that," Hill said. "I think the important thing is the three municipalities have committed to making this work."

He pointed out, however, that some decisions should be made soon — as all townships are beginning their budget processes.

"You need to think ahead and decide what your priorities are," he said, noting that if the committee waits until July to decide it needs picnic tables, there likely won't be money available.



The new Marionville Citizens' Committee was struck at a public meeting at the town's community centre on Thurs., Dec. 6. Pictured are: vice-chair Charles Martel (front, left) — City of Ottawa, chair Joel Bouchard — Township of Russell, treasurer Nathalie Paquette — North Dundas Township, Osgoode Ward councillor Doug Thompson (back, left), Township of Russell Mayor Ken Hill (standing in for councillor Donald St. Pierre who will represent the township on the committee), and North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls. Missing from photo is committee member Jean-Marc Pelland of the Township of Russell.
Press Photo — Duncan

"I think its the municipalities' responsibility to cover (the committee's) start-up costs," Hill said, pointing out that the three-way split has to be discussed, because roughly 80 per cent of the town is in Russell Township.

"We'll cover our share," said North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls, noting North Dundas offers grants to its recreation associations. He pointed out that he thinks the last time North Dundas gave money to Marionville was three years ago for the village's centennial celebrations.

The citizens' committee will meet about four times a year, but it will be up to the members to change the structure or meeting arrangements as it moves forward.

According to those present at the public meeting, the community centre facility isn't used as much as it could be. It was noted that it should be available to community volunteer groups at a lower rate — or free of charge — to try and bring the community together.

"It's hard enough to volunteer on top of everything else, and then there's nowhere to meet," noted one resident.

Thompson explained that in the City of Ottawa, community associations are not charged for the use of the hall — it comes out of the ward councillor's allocated meeting budget (each councillor is allowed a certain number of free bookings).

"You guys know what you need here," Hill said. "We need this committee to get (the ideas) on (councils') radar."

The committee is planning to meet on Jan. 31, a date which will be confirmed to ensure there aren't activities planned at École Ste. Thérèse D'Avila that same evening — a problem that caused a lower turnout on Dec. 6.

"We don't want to see this committee formed and then struggle," said Hill. "We'll do everything we can to keep things moving."

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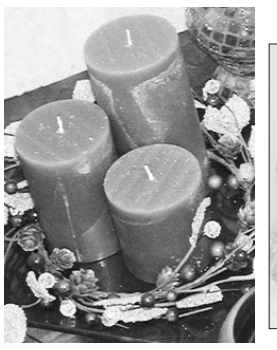



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The Winchester Hospital Heelers held a Christmas reunion on Dec. 5 at Winchelsea Farms. Linda Eagen of the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation presented a cheque for $40,300 to WDMH for breast cancer screening and care. The money represents a portion of the cash the team raised when it took part in the 2007 Weekend to End Breast Cancer in June. Pictured are: team leader Lisa Raoul (back, left), Eagen, Dawn Cooper, Linda Johnson, Dianne Lapier, Kelly Byers, Roseanne Casselman, Kathy McCormick, Barb Filion, Christina Enright (middle, left), Jan Cross, Libby Pelkey, Gwen Coleman (front, left), and Jane Sachs. Missing: walkers Caroline Duncan, Chris Ellis, and Bonnie Ralko, and supporters Sharon Smail and Pene Arnold.

Hospital Heelers see efforts come back as cash to WDMH

WINCHESTER — Linda Eagen, president and CEO of the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation (ORCF), presented a cheque for $40,300 to Winchester District Memorial Hospital at the Christmas reunion of the 15-member Winchester Hospital Heelers on Wed., Dec. 5 at Winchelsea Farms.

"I'm so excited to be here," she said. "You were the only team that took us up on our partnership offer to split the revenues for cancer care in your community."

The ORCF's focus is to support cancer diagnosis and treatment regionally, as well as to fund critical research projects and local programs. Cancer care is one of Winchester District Memorial Hospital's recently identified strategic directions. The money will be used for local breast cancer diagnosis, treatment, and programs.

Team leader Lisa Raoul started the ball rolling by registering the team for the 60-kilometre, two-day Weekend to End Breast Cancer walk that took place in June. Kelly Byers and Libby Pelkey had completed the event the previous year and had already enrolled for 2007, but weren't initially aware of the benefits of participating on the hospital team. Once established, the team grew and enthusiasm and support for the project ballooned. Over $53,677 was raised — the third-highest team fundraising total in the event, which raised $2.6 million for the second year in a row.

"We can't thank our communities enough for their strong support of this exciting project," said team member Dianne Lapier. "It was an amazing experience. We have bonded as a team and will definitely participate again next year. The 2008 Weekend to End Breast Cancer takes place June 6, 7, and 8, and we are getting our sneakers ready for the challenge!"

Christmas concert next talent showcase



NDDHS Notes
by Sonje Bols

MAPLE RIDGE — As you can probably imagine, *OZ!* was a spectacular show and a great success. Performances ended Saturday night with happy tears, roses, and a great big drama hug on stage. Thank you to all who showed up to support our school.

Christmas is sneaking up on us again as it always does, no matter how early its commercials start. For students at North Dundas, there's Secret Santa and Christmas O'grams, and essays, and cookies; there's seminars, and presents, and snow days, and movies. But do you recall the most famous and exciting event of them all? The Christmas Concert! You could probably see that coming but... oh well. Rehearsals begin after school this week. Speak to any member of student council and listen to announcements for rehearsal dates.

If you want to be in skit or help organize the concert, now is the time to step in! We still need stage helpers, set movers, techies, you name it! If you are fortunate enough to have any spare time whatsoever, we would really appreciate your help!

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"Because I thought it would be kind," is six-year-old Mikayla Verspeek's reason for cutting off eight inches of her hair to donate to the Canadian Cancer Society through the Pantene Beautiful Lengths campaign. The poised Grade 1 St. Mary Catholic School student has been growing her hair out for the last few years, but only decided a few weeks ago to chop it off for a good cause — all on her own accord. She had the expert help of Pam DeVries at Winchester's Main Street Styling Salon on Tues., Dec. 4 to shape her new look. When it was all over, she had a big smile on her face. Hair donated through Beautiful Lengths is used to create wigs for women who have lost their hair because of cancer treatment. *Press Photo — Duncan*

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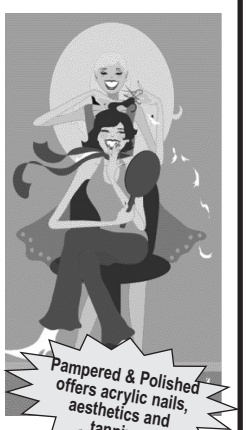

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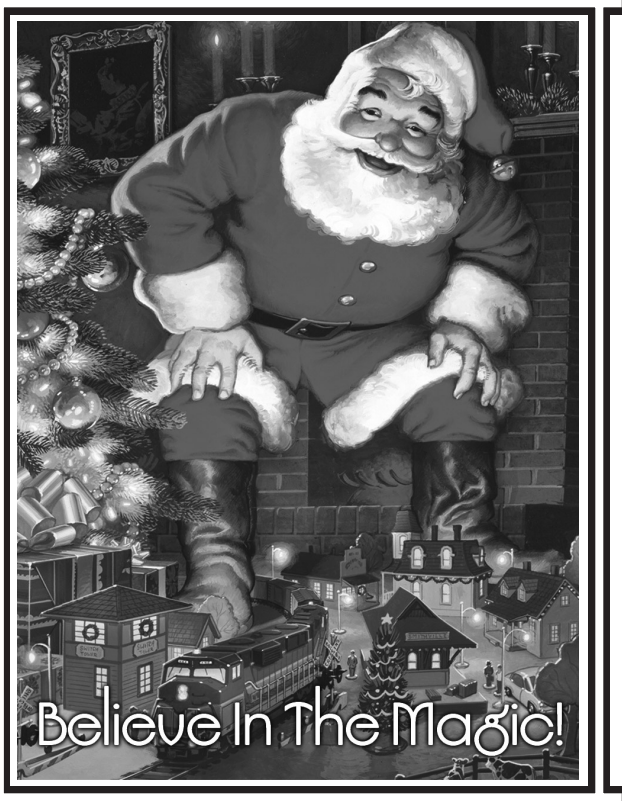

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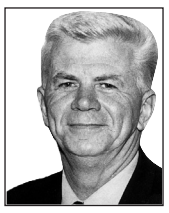

In and around
Osgoode Ward
by councillor Doug Thompson

METCALFE — We are in the midst of serious discussions in regard to the 2008 city budget. At this point we have 1.4 per cent increase from the city police department and a proposed two per cent infrastructure levy (for three years) to be spent directly on roads, bridges, street lights, ditching, etcetera. I support the mayor's position to not set a tax rate until April. This would allow city deputy managers to review staffing levels and to review other efficiencies in the bureaucracy.

Mayor O'Brien

I fully support Mayor Larry O'Brien in respect to the charges brought against him. He should absolutely stay in power until the court has ruled on these allegations.

The OPP Anti-Rackets Section has charged O'Brien with two counts under the Criminal Code. Pretending to have influence with the government or a minister, and negotiating an appointment contrary to Section 125(b). His first court appearance is scheduled for Jan. 9.

Christmas Home Tour

Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Metcalfe sure knows how to organize a great event. Last Saturday (Dec. 8), the owners of seven homes opened their doors to well over 130 visitors. These "house guests" were unanimous in their praise of the homeowners for all the work put into preparing for the tour. Special thanks to Myra Kelly, Eveleen Corlyon, Marjorie Stanley, and all the other Anglican Church supporters who worked very hard to make this event so successful.

Metcalfe Parade

Last Sunday (Dec. 9) I was so proud to be part of such a successful Santa Claus Parade. This is a community-driven event made possible by the Metcalfe Community Association and dedicated residents including Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Brian and Betty McGowan) Jennifer Boyer, Laurie Ann Holmes, Lorraine Wilson, Evelyn Cowan, and a host of others "elves." Thanks to all who came out to the Ray Wilson Hall to decorate gingerbread cookies.

Alzheimer Society news

Family members caring for a person with Alzheimer disease or a related dementia are invited to a special holiday season "Morning Break" on Wed., Dec. 19 from 10:15 am to noon at the Township of Osgoode Home Support office (located in the Osgoode Care Centre), 7650 Snake Island Rd. For more information, contact Joanne Dyson at 613-523-4004 or e-mail jdyson@alzheimerott.org.



Osgoode Township High School student council hosted a murder mystery evening that raised $200 for the school's United Way campaign. Pictured are: Craig McDiarmid (back, left), Nakita Weiler, Nastasia Wasilewski, Ryan Lee, Patrick Kingsbury, Shannon Mayhew (front, left) Shannon Kemp, Val Keast, and Lisa Mulligan.

Murder, mystery, and mayhem rules OTHS

METCALFE — There were mysteries to be solved at Osgoode Township High School in October, as the school held its very first murder mystery event. The evening generated $200, which went to the OTHS United Way campaign. Members of student council put in lots of hard work and contributed as hosts, servers, cooks, decorators, and actors.

The night began as guests arrived as though they were attending a semi-formal birthday celebration for a rich businessman's (one of the characters) 50th birthday. The decorations suited the occasion. As everyone arrived, people could grab a drink and talk to the actors in order to get to know the characters and their relationships. There was then an opening scene in which conflicts were revealed. After a few minutes it was discovered that a murder had been committed.

As a detective arrived, interrogation of all the suspects began. The night continued with another scripted scene where a death was seen on stage and another interrogation followed. Guests had to figure out who was guilty by watching the scenes and interrogation, talking to and questioning the characters, and by observing a prepared evidence table. During the event, guests were served a two-course meal as well as dessert.

At the end, everyone balloted their guesses as to who committed the murders and why. The answer was revealed in a final scene in which the detective exposed the truth.

It was no mystery that this event was a huge success.

Blessings At Christmas

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Campground users protest 89% rate increase

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — Lorne Finniss spoke on behalf of a large delegation of Iroquois Campground users at the regular meeting of South Dundas council on Dec. 4.

The group of about 35 was concerned with council's decision to increase the campground rates — by 45 per cent daily and 89 per cent monthly.

"The increase appears to be excessive," Finniss said, pointing out that many campers are seniors on a fixed income who make little demands on the staff, are passive, and aren't all-night partiers. "As a result, it seems that catering to this group is a smart marketing strategy."

The increase would mean that those seasonal users who currently pay about $1,590 for a site would see their bill climb to over $3,000 a season.

The grounds are not handicap accessible, has no gate or other security features, and no other facilities — such as sewers or large sites — to mandate such an increase, according to the users present.

The campground has been managed, on a volunteer basis, by Gloria and Bill Murdock, whom Finniss said have been instrumental in keeping the campground running smoothly. Finniss pointed out flaws in the municipality's plan to hire students to manage the campground on a 9 am to 5 pm, weekday basis.

Campers cram council chambers

"Overnighters usually come in after five o'clock or on weekends," he said. "A further concern is having young people manage the park will mean there will be young people hanging around."

There were many concerns to proposed improvements to the campsite.

"The installation of a pool would not seem like a wise decision as there is a beach in the area," Finniss pointed out. "It's not fiscally wise," he continued, pointing to the management and upkeep costs, and that the seniors at the campground likely wouldn't use the pool.

"It's going to be an empty campground," Finniss warned, pointing out that a reasonable increase would be acceptable. "We are all happy with the existing facility at the existing price. The bottom line is, if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

There are roughly 40 campsites used on a seasonal basis at the campground.

"This has opened my eyes a little bit," said Deputy-Mayor Rowdy Gillard, sitting at the head of the table — Mayor Charles Barkley was absent due to sickness. "Charles has asked us to defer any decisions — he'd like to add his two cents."

Gillard pointed out that it was the committee in charge of overseeing the campground that made the rate-increase recommendations to council. The idea behind the recommendation report was that if the campground brought in more money, upgrades could be made.

While the committee's report stated that the rate increase was "comparable" with other area campgrounds, the users countered that argument, pointing out that the Iroquois site has "obviously not been kept up" and does not have the facilities of the campgrounds the committee used for comparison.

One camper noted that he could easily spend the same amount (around $1,500) and go somewhere where there are more facilities, including safety and security measures.

"These are valid points," said councillor Steven Byvelds. "There are lots of issues we didn't have when we made the decision (to increase the rates)."

Campers also pointed out that there is a discrepancy between charging campers on a monthly basis versus a flat seasonal rate — which could potentially be lower than the monthly charge.

Campers were paying $225 a month, which was raised to $265 last season, and is now proposed to climb to over $500.

"We aren't in the position to compete with other municipally-owned campgrounds," said councillor Jim Graham of the reasoning behind council's decision. "But we can't [as a municipality, we're not allowed to] undercut other local businesses (either)."

But the campers pointed out that the comparison was made against campgrounds that have "everything," including sewers — campers at Iroquois are in charge of emptying their own holding tanks.

"But to make any of these improvements ... you just can't do it on the income (the Iroquois Campground is bringing in) now," Graham said.

The campers in attendance all agreed that they want the Iroquois Campground to stay the way it is — they're not complaining.

Gillard pointed out that he hadn't heard mention of the swimming pool — but councillors said it had been discussed in passing outside council chambers.

"We'll take everything into consideration," Gillard said. "I think we have a lot more to go through — bear with us. We'll try to work out the best deal possible for everybody."

Council notes from South Dundas

New pumper for Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG — Representatives from the South Dundas Fire Department Williamsburg detachment have been looking into the various options for the purchase of a new pumper apparatus over the last year.

They were on hand at the regular meeting of council on Tues., Dec. 4 to be part of council's discussion on the issue. Mayor Charles Barkley was absent due to illness.

While five companies were asked to submit quotations, only two were received. The firefighters recommended the lowest bidder — Seagrave Fire Apparatus Company at $314,363 — be accepted. They pointed out that it had the overall best package, including a good warranty, and that the company is based out of Almonte. The apparatus is Canadian made.

The Williamsburg detachment's current pumper is 21 years old, and while the firefighters maintain that it's "in good shape," provincial legislation dictates that after 15 years, pumpers should become "second line."

The second bid was from Metalfab Ltd. at $343,992.26.

The new truck will take over 30 weeks to be delivered. The cost is within the fire department's 2007 budget allocation.

Lawn bowling keeps rolling

During budget talks, council will discuss offering the Iroquois Lawn Bowling club $5,000 to assist the organization in 2008.

"Hopefully after a year of transition they'll become self-sustaining," said township CAO Steve McDonald, who stated in his report the organizer Bud Perry estimated 18 bowlers would participate with the potential of 15 new members for 2008.

Treasurer retires

Township treasurer Lorna Seibert has handed in her resignation and will officially finish her duties at the end of February 2008, after 29 years of service to the municipality.

"We knew this would come some day," CAO Steve McDonald told council regretfully. "Lorna is taking her calculator and going off into the sunset."

Seibert, a resident of the municipality, is retiring.

"Now I'll just be a taxpayer," she said.

Snow plowing complaints

Councillor Del Jones reported that he has had a few complaints regarding snow plowing in the municipality.

Public works manager Hugh Garlough noted that snow will be removed from the lawn of a property owner at the end of Fairholme Drive in Morrisburg — a cul de sac. He said he has also explained the township's mandate "to clear roads first and worry about sidewalks second" to a Williamsburg resident, and said that the pile of snow at the Iroquois Plaza will be removed before Christmas.

"It's cheaper to have our own men do it rather than hiring a contractor," Garlough said about relocating the pile. "In a slow week, we can get to it."

He maintained that he feels his snow removal crew is doing a good job. "I think we're serving the public pretty well," he said, comparing South Dundas to the City of Ottawa as well as other jurisdictions in the vicinity.

Jones agreed.

"Let's find a solution so we don't have to deal with complaints all the time," he noted.

McDonald pointed out that the early snowfall was a surprise to everyone. "I think we've been fairly spoiled in the last few years as far as winters are concerned," he said.



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Roosendaal named farmer of the year

CHESTERVILLE — The Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association honoured County Road 43 crop farmer John Roosendaal with the Eric Casselman Farmer of the Year Award at its annual meeting held Thurs., Dec. 6 at the Chesterville Royal Canadian Legion.

"I really appreciate it," said Roosendaal, noting that if you stick around long enough you're likely to get some sort of award. He explained that he had the opportunity to know Casselman, the award's namesake, as a man of commitment and hard work.

Roosendaal and his wife Nelly moved to Canada from Holland in 1979 with two children and later had twins. They grow corn, soybeans, white beans, and winter wheat on their minimum-till farm. Soybeans are planted right in the corn on 30-inch rows. The previous year's soybean field is disced once and planted in corn. Only a corn planter is used for corn and beans, resulting in a smaller fuel bill and less stone picking.

Roosendaal is active in corn, soybean, and white bean commodity organizations. He is a past-president of the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association, a director with the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, and a director with the Ottawa Valley Seed Show. He was formerly a director with Seaway Valley Ethanol. He is also a long-time member of the Chesterville and District Rotary Club and an elder and secretary of Inkerman United Church.

The association handed out a number of other awards at its annual meeting, including the Innovative Farmer award, which was presented to Henry Zandbergen.



Tom MacGregor (left) presented John Roosendaal with the Eric Casselman Farmer of the Year award at the annual meeting of the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association held Thurs., Dec. 6 at the Chesterville Royal Canadian Legion. The award is sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

"I have to share this with my wife Hennie," he said, explaining that she is the fuel that keeps his engine moving forward.

Zandbergen moved to Canada from Holland in 1952 with his parents. He married Hennie in 1962 and they have three children. He started a service station in Morrisburg in 1967 and in 1969 went back to school to take drainage courses. In 1970, he opened Seaway Valley Tile Drainage and in 1973 he was the first in Eastern Ontario to purchase the Zor plow with laser grade control. His sons took over the drainage business in 1997, and a year later Zandbergen partnered with two other people to start Tri-County Protein, a soybean crushing plant in Winchester. He is still active with the plant.

The Award of Merit for 2007 was presented to Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) co-ordinator Arlene Ross. Ross lives near Marvelville with her husband and two children. She has been the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association program representative for EFP covering Carleton, Dundas, Lanark, and Grenville counties since 1997. She has worked with hundreds of Dundas County farmers assisting them to complete EFPs and helping them access federal grant opportunities.

"I'm one of those people who really enjoys their job," said Ross as she accepted the award.

Two Soil and Water Awards were presented: one to Heinz and Helen Glaus of Williamsburg and the other to Gilmer Farms of South Mountain.

The Glauses have a 560-acre crop farm on which they grow corn, IP soybeans, and wheat. The previous year's soybean fields are planted half in corn and half in spring wheat. Wheat fields are always planted with corn. Soybeans are grown in 30-inch rows to allow for inter-row cultivation, which is done two or three times as needed to cut down on chemical costs. This fall they purchased a Sunflower disc chisel to eliminate a lot of plowing. A rotary cutter is used to keep weeds and grasses under control along ditch banks and around the fields.

The Gilmers (Richard, Reg, Trevor, and James, along with Jeff Marriner) have a dairy and cash crop farm. They grow corn, beans, and hay on 640 acres (plus another 50, which is rented). They do minimum tillage with a soil-saver. The partners milk 160 cows in a free-stall barn. The water used to clean the milking equipment is collected in a pit and used to wash the milking parlour and holding area. From there it goes into the manure pit. They spread manure in spring and fall. Corn fields get 6,000 gallons per acre and soybean fields get 4,000 gallons per acre. Any excess manure goes on the hay fields. The farm has a nutrient management plan in place.

Forage Masters Awards

The DSCIA also presented its Forage Masters Awards at the meeting. First place went to Gerald and John Westervelt of Brinston. They received a $75 gift certificate for lab analysis from Agri-Food Laboratories and a certificate for 25 kilograms of Pickseed seed, plus a pair of Pickseed gloves.

Robert Byvelds of Williamsburg, who received a $150 certificate for Pickseed Canada and a pair of gloves, placed second. Tibben Farms Inc. of Brinston placed third, earning a $50 certificate for Pickseed Canada and a Pickseed hat. In the 4-H category, the winners were James Harbers of Brinston and Parker Havekes of Mountain. They received a plaque and letter of appreciation from Pickseed Canada and a set of binoculars from Agri-Food Laboratories and the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

In the high-yield corn competition, the winners were Hollandvale Holsteins of Brinston in first, Steven Byvelds of Williamsburg in second, and Lilliville Farms of Mountain in third.



Association president Charles Farlinger (left) presented the Award of Merit to Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) co-ordinator Arlene Ross.



Gary Brugmans (right) presented Henry Zandbergen with the Innovative Farmer award, sponsored by the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

DSCIA presents annual awards at AGM

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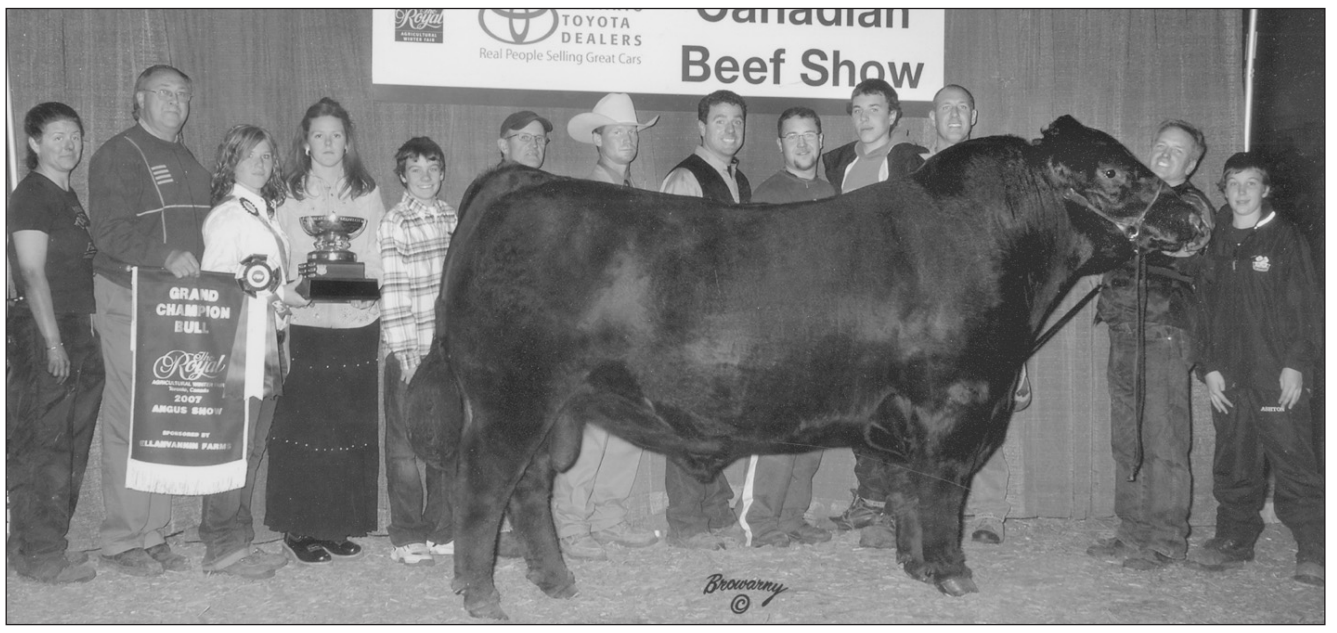


Local bull named grand champion

HFI North Easterner was crowned Grand Champion Angus Bull at this year's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on Sun., Nov. 4. Barry Stewart's two-year-old bull was raised at Hawthorne Farms at Inkerman Station, and is now jointly owned by Rob Faubert of Kemptville and Doug Fisher of Richmond. Easterner (at 2,540 pounds) went undefeated at the Royal. "It was a good way to end the year; it was a good way to end his career," Stewart told the *Press*, noting that Easterner is officially retired. Hawthorne Farms also had the heifer calf champion and the second-place senior yearling at the 2007 Royal.

Dundas Dairy Club competes at Royal

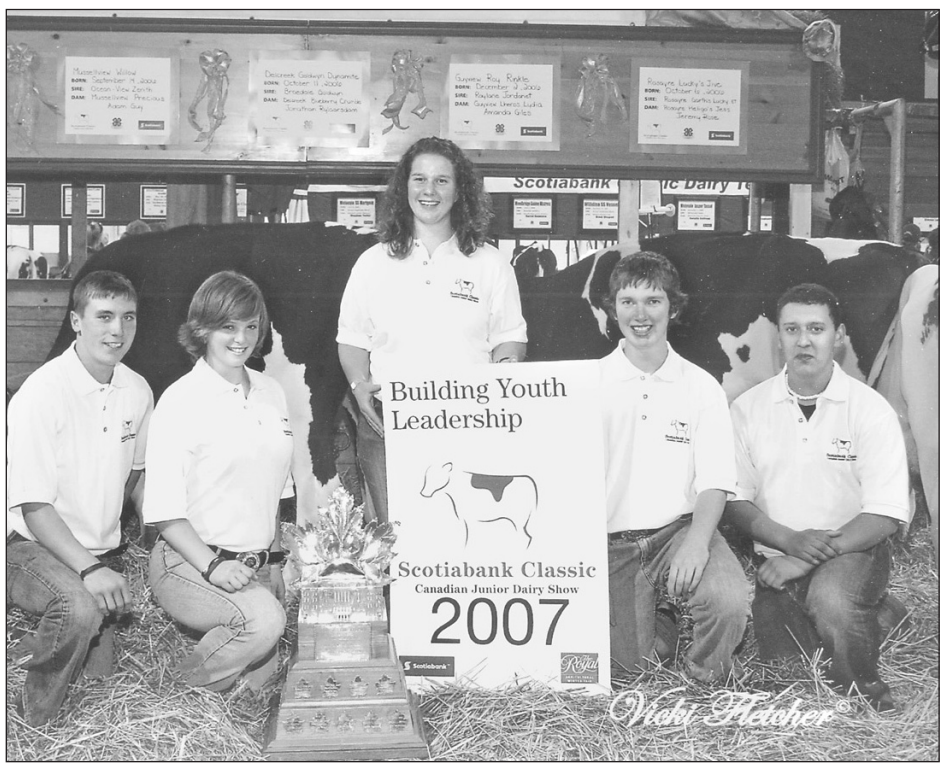
by Amanda Giles

TORONTO — The Dundas 4-H Dairy Club completed another year by competing in the Scotiabank Classic at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in November. Five members from the club attended this show including Laure Bossel, Jonathan Rylaarsdam, Adam Guy, Amanda Giles, and Jeremy Rose. Overall, there were about 400 4-H members competing from Alberta to Prince Edward Island.

Giles placed fifth in junior showmanship and her calf placed ninth in the December calf class. Rose placed fifth with his calf in the Ayrshire class.

Congratulations to all five members and to Ross Giles, Peter Guy, and Matt Enright for leading the dairy club this year.

Hope to see everyone next year and new members are welcome.



Five members of the Dundas 4-H Dairy Club competed in the Scotiabank Classic at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in November. Pictured are: Adam Guy (left), Amanda Giles, Laure Bossel, Jeremy Rose, and Jonathan Rylaarsdam. *Photo — Vicki Fletcher Photography*

Greenfield Ethanol posting corn bids for Johnstown plant

JOHNSTOWN — GreenField Ethanol announced that it is now buying corn for its Johnstown plant under the newly expanded Ontario Buy Direct Program. The announcement was made Mon., Dec. 10 as Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Gerry Ritz and Leeds-Grenville MP Gord Brown.

"The Johnstown plant will provide Eastern Ontario farmers with a new market for their corn," said company vice-president Bliss Baker. "Our partnership with farmers is the backbone of our business, and we are thrilled to provide them with this opportunity to sell us their corn directly."

GreenField is now posting bids on its website (www.greenfieldethanol.com) for corn delivered to the 200-million litre Johnstown plant, currently under construction. Opening at the end of 2008, the plant will require 20 million bushels of corn per year.

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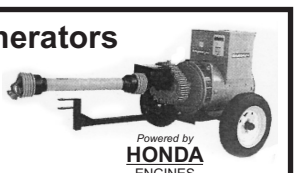

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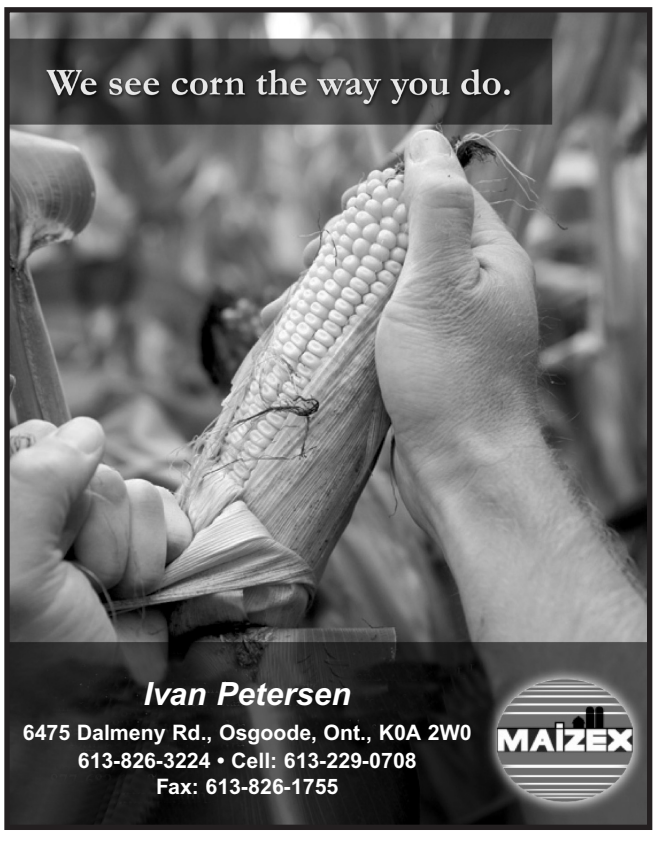

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Wish upon a tree

Over $21,000 raised to date in hospital's 2007 campaign

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Already this year, $21,635 has been raised through the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's Wish Tree campaign. The 416-card total, which was announced at the official tree-lighting ceremony in the complex continuing care ward of the hospital on Thurs., Dec. 6, keeps climbing as the holidays approach.

Any donations made through Scotiabank branches in Chesterville, Morrisburg, Russell, or South Mountain will be matched by each branch up to $5,000.

The funds raised through the campaign are used for the purchase of hospital equipment and are separate from any funds raised for the Renewing the Vision capital redevelopment campaign.

The donations are received in honour or in memory of loved ones. The names of those who have been recognized appear along with a decoration on the trees.

The Christmas Wish Tree campaign has helped meet equipment needs for the dialysis unit, the medical surgical unit, and complex continuing care, among other investments.

"We are delighted to be able to begin spending," said foundation vice-chair Diane Crummy about the funds collected through the Renewing the Vision campaign for the redevelopment, phase one of which is intended to be complete by March. She also pointed out that the foundation is creating a strategic plan for future endeavours, including the hospital's "Diamond Jubilee 60th Anniversary" gala set to take place at the end of May, 2008.

"It's nice to see the construction underway," said hospital board chair Bruce Rowsell in his remarks. "And it appears contractors are ahead of schedule."

He noted that the tree-lighting ceremony is a tribute to the community's support, which has made the redevelopment possible.

"This will really help us improve the services we offer in our hospital," Rowsell said of the donations. "Thank you for your generosity."

Also present at the tree lighting ceremony were several Morrisburg Public School students. The student body created Christmas cards to distribute to patients in the hospital.

Teacher Sarah Barclay Thomas said that the project fit in with the school's character education program — the students have been studying "empathy."

"This is something that will make them (patients) smile and bring a little bit of joy into their lives," she said, showing off some of the students' creations.

This is the second year in a row Morrisburg Public students have participated in the tree lighting ceremony by creating the Christmas cards. This year 166 cards were distributed at the hospital, while 77 others were sent to the Dundas Manor long-term care facility.

Barclay Thomas pointed out that the nine students took their own initiative to get to the hospital that day — it wasn't a school trip.

Just before Grade 1 student Olivia Hart had the honour of flipping the switch to light the trees, Rev. Thurland Brown of Winchester Wesleyan Church offered a prayer.

"In the Christian calendar, this is the season of hope," he pointed out. "As we light these lights, they are the symbol of hope — they poke holes in the darkness. Today, as we string these lights up, they symbolize hope in the future and hope in this world."



Each bough doth hold its tiny light...

WDMH Foundation vice-chair Diane Crummy (left), Winchester Wesleyan Church Rev. Thurland Brown, managing director of the WDMH Foundation Dawn Cooper, and hospital board chair Bruce Rowsell decorate one of the wish trees in the complex continuing care ward at Winchester District Memorial Hospital's annual tree-lighting ceremony on Thurs., Dec. 6. So far the 2007 Wish Tree Campaign has raised over $21,000.



Grade 1 Morrisburg Public School student Olivia Hart had the honour of flipping the switch for the Wish Tree campaign tree-lighting ceremony at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

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Spruit skips NDDHS rink to zone title

WINCHESTER — Geoff Spruit skipped his North Dundas District High School team to the 2007 Gore Mutual Zone 1 boys high school championship and in the process qualified the rink for the Regionals in Renfrew.

Spruit, vice Kurtis Byrd, second Zac Baker, leads Brad Holmes and Jason Found, along with coach Ian Wilson will now move on to the Gore Regional event in Renfrew in February (Feb. 2 and 3). The regional winners will then advance to the provincial competition in Barrie later the same month (Feb. 12 and 13).

The North Dundas Devils squared off against Ben McIntyre and his team from Carleton Place in the "A" final Thursday (Dec. 6) afternoon at the Winchester Curling Club and took the Zone title 7-2 in seven ends. Spruit hung up three points in the seventh end and the teams shook hands to finish the title match one end early.

North Dundas defeated Curtis Collins and his Seaway Spartans 8-3 (in seven ends) in the opening draw while McIntyre drew a bye. Seaway then dropped into the "B" event and defeated McIntyre 9-6 in the consolation final Friday (Dec. 7) morning. Collins, vice Luke Whitteker, second Cameron McIntosh, lead Liam Barkley and coach Heather Thompson will represent Zone 1 in Renfrew as "B" side winners.

Ontario Curling Association junior co-ordinator Linda Laverie officiated the two-day event and reported that entries were down this year to just three boys and four girls teams.

Gore girls

NDDHS also had representation in the girls bracket as skip Crystal Lillico, vice Darby Ace, second Christina Lillico, lead Rebecca Wichers-Schreur and coach Bill Lillico curled against Seaway's Brittany Elliott, Carleton Place's Sylvie Campbell and Brockville's Shannon Harrington of St. Mary's.

The Harrington rink, with two of last year's Gore championship crew in their line up, took the "A" event title defeating Lillico. Harrington knocked off Seaway in their first draw and took the main event with the win over Lillico Thursday afternoon.

Lillico dropped into the "B" event and defeated Campbell 7-2 Friday morning and qualified for the trip to Renfrew. Campbell had a chance to collect three points in the sixth end, but her rock picked in front hog line and that allowed Lillico to steal one open up a 7-2 lead. The skip shook hands after the seventh and North Dundas moved on to the regionals as the "B" winner.



Both of North Dundas District High School's curling teams will compete in the Gore Mutual high school championships in Renfrew Feb. 2 and 3. Geoff Spruit's rink won the boys Zone 1 title and Crystal Lillico's team was the girls Zone 1 "B" event winner at the WCC (Dec. 6 and 7). Second Christina Lillico (left), vice Darby Ace and skip Crystal Lillico work the brooms for shooter Rebecca Wichers-Schreur. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

House Demons Mega-nificent in Guildcrest Homes tourney

WINCHESTER — Count them — four "A" championships and two "B" titles in seven divisions. The host North Dundas Demons were simply mega-nificent in the 2007 Guildcrest Homes Mega House Tournament.

This year's edition of the 42-team tournament was played from Fri., Dec. 7 through Sun., Dec. 9 in both the Winchester and Chesterville Arenas.

Of the four "A" titles the home town Demons snagged, the highlight game had to be the showdown between the No. One and No. Two Demons in the Atom House "B" championship game Sunday evening in Winchester.

The No. One Demons squeaked out a 3-2 win in double overtime and both squads posed for a double team photo following the titanic struggle.

Brodie Barkley emerged from the title tilt as the game breaker cracking in the winning goal on an unassisted play with 1:34 left in the second period of OT.

Barkley gave his team a 1-0 lead in the first period scoring from Mackenzie Johnston and Brayden Cochrane with 1:49 left in period one. The No. Two squad took over in the second session gaining a 2-1 lead on markers by Jamie Rodney (from Tori Corkery at 6:42) and by Austin DeJong (from Jake Downey at 0:01). Johnston got her team back on even footing when she scored unassisted with 5:41 left in regulation time.

The other "A" champions were: the Pee Wee House "C" Demons who blanked South Dundas 4-0 in their final; the Bantam House "B" Demons who edged Kemptville 2-1; and Bantam House "C" Demons who doubled South Dundas 4-2.

The "B" division winners were the Midget House "B" Demons who struck silver with a 1-0 win over Barry's Bay and the Pee Wee House "B" Demons who whitewashed the NGS Braves 3-0.

Stories regarding Mega House victories by Pee Wee "C", Bantam "B", and Bantam "C" will appear next week.



North Dundas Atom House "C" Demons goalie Cashelle Baldwin was busy during a Mega House Tournament game in Winchester on Saturday (Dec. 8) morning. Baldwin and teammates Tyannah Lee (left) and Josh Smith-Gingras dropped a 5-0 decision to the Metcalfe Jets in this encounter and were defeated 4-1 in the "C" final by Cumberland. South Dundas defeated the NGS Braves 6-0 in the "A" while Carleton Place doubled Metcalfe 4-2 in the "B" finale. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*



Michael Hitesman



Kyle Neville

Hitesman, Neville give Hawks solid goaltending efforts

CARDINAL — Rookie Michael Hitesman posted his second shutout of the campaign as the Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks whitewashed the host South Grenville Rangers 5-0.

Sunday's (Dec. 9) blanking of the Rangers was the second zero Hitesman and the Hawks have administered to their Rideau Division counterparts. On Oct. 19 in Winchester, Hitesman registered an 8-0 waxing on the Rangers. Sunday's result gives the Hawks a 2-0 sweep and a 13-0 edge on the scoreboard over South Grenville.

"Boy, South Grenville must be glad to see the last of us," offered Winchester assistant coach Dale Murdoch. "It isn't often you can completely shut down a team like that."

The Hawks started their weekend with a 4-1 win over the Westport Rideaus in Winchester on Friday night (Dec. 7). Veteran 'tender Kyle Neville posted the win and owns his club's other shutout — a 4-0 win over the Morrisburg Lions on Sept. 28.

"When you outscore the opposition 9-1 you have to say it was a pretty impressive weekend," noted Murdoch. "Both games were complete team efforts. The guys are committed to defence and that is showing up in our goals against."

Their weekend's work improved Winchester's St. Lawrence Division record to 18-5-0-0 which translates to a first-place total of 36 points. The Alexandria Glens (14-9-0-1) are seven points back in second with 29 points.

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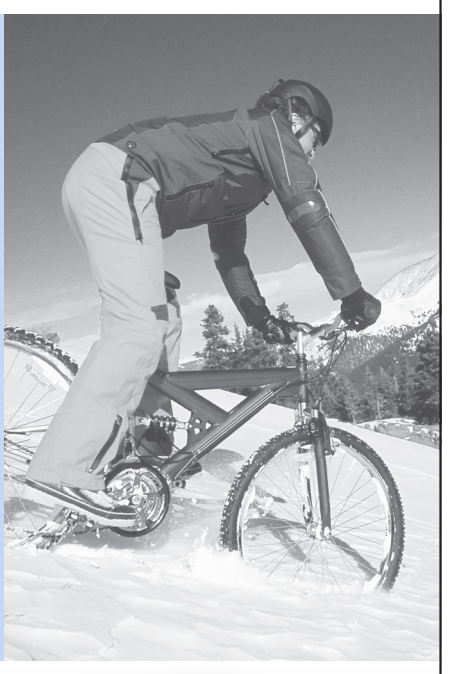



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Hawks

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This weekend the Hawks will host the third-place Char-Lan Rebels (8-12-2-1) on Friday night (Dec. 14) at 8:15 pm.

Saturday night (Dec. 15) they are on Cornwall Island to challenge the fifth-place Akwesasne Wolves (4-18-2-0).

Head coach Todd Marcellus said he was pleased with the effort in both matches.

"Everybody is working hard. We have four solid lines and have good defence and two solid goaltenders — it's a team effort," he said.

Marcellus points out that the squad has given up the fewest goals (60) in the Rideau - St. Lawrence Conference. He said what people don't realize they have also produced the most goals 119 (23 games) while Athens has pumped in 118 in 26 games.

"We don't have one big scoring line or a 30-goal scorer. Buy we do have a lot of guys with six, eight or 10 goals — everybody is chipping in. They are covering both ends of the rink," said Marcellus.

General manager Craig "JB" Smith added that the team has three PP (powerplay) units and six guys who work the PK (penalty kill). "We roll four lines and have a lot of speed," he said.

"The chemistry in the room is good now and the guys are learning how to win one-goal games which is very important," added the GM.

The coaches note that the key to the team's success is overall team depth, solid defence and the top two goaltenders in the division in Neville (8-2-0, 2.60 GAA - one shutout) and Hitesman (10-3-0, 2.61 - two shutouts).

Marcellus and Murdoch also emphasize that there is half a season still to play so there is a lot of hard work left to be done.

Hawks 4 - Westport 1

Neville lost his bid for a goose egg when Westport's Tanner Johnson netted his team's only goal at 5:42 of the second period in Friday's home game.

Captain Nick Enright cracked in his 13th goal scoring from Brodie Boulanger and Manoli Vasila at 4:36 of period one. Ryan Workman (8) made it 2-0 with help from Ben Collins and Chris Giczewski at 2:41 of period two.

Collins (14) and Enright (14) rang up the third-period markers. Workman and Chris Wardlaw set up a PPG for Collins at 9:42. Collins and Josh Bouwman assisted Enright on his empty netter with 49 second on the clock.

Winchester outshot Westport 41-24.

Hawks 5 - Rangers 0

A four-goal second period was the difference in Sunday's 5-0 decision over South Grenville.

Rookie 'tender Hitesman blocked all 25 shots the Rangers fired at him for his second zero against South Grenville.

Cory Huybregts (3), Alex Krumins (6 - PPG), Oliver Smith (3), Workman (9) counted Winchester's second-period goals. Boulanger, Scott Bradley, Ryan Morden, Travis "Toast" Armstrong, Jesse Barbier and Collins provided the passes.

Collins (15) clicked for the fifth and final goal after taking a feed from Giczewski and Workman with 13:47 gone in the final frame.



Game on

The North Dundas Minor Hockey Association presented its 2007 Guildcrest Homes Mega Tournament over the weekend (Dec. 8 and 9) hosting 41 teams in six divisions. The official face off was performed Saturday morning in Chesterville prior to a Pee Wee House "C" game between the Russell Warriors and the North Dundas Demons. Warrior captain Eric Ryan (left), tournament director Dawna Whitehead, NDMHA president Marianne Simms and North Dundas captain Dylan Comeau took part in the face off. Chesterville Record photo

42 teams play 63 games

Pee Wee and Midget Demons claim "B" status in Mega House tourney

CHESTERVILLE — North Dundas Minor Hockey Association teams claimed four "A" titles competing in the 2007 Guildcrest Homes Mega House Tournament. They also had two squads capture their respective "B" division trophies.

Sunday (Dec. 9) afternoon at 4 pm the North Dundas Pee Wee House "B" Demons blanked the NGS Braves 3-0 in the "B" final in Chesterville. At 8 pm the Midget House "B" Demons edged Barry's Bay in their "B" bracket showdown.

Goaltender Colin Giberson was unbeatable in the Pee Wee Demons' nets as they whitewashed the Stittsville Snipers 5-0 in their opening game Sunday morning at 7 am. Chelsey Romans, Shaun Crook, Brady Collins and "AP" Dylan Comeau each had a goal and one assist for the winners. Devon Byers sniped the single. Patrick Lebrun and Devin Simzer also assisted.

A 2-0 loss to the Richmond Royals in game two at noon dropped the Demons into the "B" final against NGS.

Giberson posted the shutout while Brett Bartholomew, Comeau and Andrew Findlay (winning goal) pegged the goals. Simzer, Romans, Ben Horton, Bartholomew and Comeau drew the assists.

The Athens Aeros defeated Richmond 3-0 in the "A" final while Stittsville recorded a 5-4 shoot-out win over the South Grenville Rangers in the "C" final.

Mega Midgets

Mike Needham cracked open a scoreless game scoring on a play created by Ethan Van Koppen and Kyle Jordan with 1:52 left in regulation time to give the North Dundas Midget House "B" Demons a 1-0 victory over the Barry's Bay Bears and the "B" division championship on Sunday evening.

The Kemptville Panthers defeated the Almonte Thunder 3-2 in a shootout to become the "A" champs. The "C" silverware went to the Athens Aeros following a 3-0 win over the Brockville Braves.

North Dundas launched its tourney drive with a 2-1 win over the Barry's Bay Bears on Saturday. Dan Beach put his team in a 1-0 lead scoring from Aaron Labossiere and Luc Cayer with 6:44 left in period one. Matt Havekes won it by finishing a play started by Jordan Holmes and Jordan 28 seconds before the final buzzer.

Later that day the Almonte Thunder sent the Demons into the "B" final edging them 2-1. Van Koppen provided his team with its only goal. Grant Boyce set up the play with 1:54 left in period two.

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Lions snap Midget "B" Demons' undefeated string at 12 games

WINCHESTER — One day after they had defeated the South Dundas Lions 3-1 in the championship game of the NGS Braves' Major Midget Tournament in Maxville, the North Dundas "B" Demons suffered a 4-1 loss at the hands of their Dundas County rivals.

Their 13th game of the 2007-08 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League campaign was unlucky for the Demons who were throttled 4-1 in their own building Monday (Dec. 10) night. The Lions led 1-0 after a period and 3-0 after two on their way to a 4-1 decision.

Phil Duncan lifted a loose puck in over Luc Stewart at 13:42 of the final frame to give the 9-1-3 Demons their only goal. Brandon Buma and Michael Cross picked up assists on the play.

Michael Thurler led the South Dundas attack with two goals. Andre Menges and Tommy Keyes supplied the singles.

Saturday (Dec. 8) the Demons were in Alexandria where they skated the Glens to a 3-3 draw. Matt Van Delst tied the game netting his second unassisted goal 3:44 before the final buzzer. He also pegged a solo marker at 8:39 of the second session. Tyler Jones opened the North Dundas scoring when he potted a pass provided by Kyle Sobering and Chris Embury at 14:48 of the first frame.

Ryan McRae popped in a pair of goals in the Demons 7-1 win over the NGS Braves in Maxville on Nov. 30.

Nolan Winter, Cross, and Tyler Jones all contributed a goal and one assist to the win. Sobering and Embury snapped in single shots. Duncan (2), John Servage, Hanes, Mitch Shay, Van Delst and McRae collected the other helper points.

Pee Wee "B" Demons post win number 13

PERTH — Led by Mark McRae's four goal effort, the North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons trimmed the host Perth Lanark Blue Wings 7-3 right in their own barn.

Saturday's (Dec. 8) victory extended the Demons Upper Canada Minor Hockey League record to 13-0-0 (26 points) and moved them 14 points ahead of the number-two ranked North Leeds Rideaus (12 points). The Blue Wings are third with 10 points and are followed by Brockville (eight), Smiths Falls (seven), Athens (four), Kemptville (four) and South Grenville (zero).

McRae put the Demons on the board scoring from Dawson Fawcett at 5:49 of Saturday's match in Perth.

Travis Marshall finished a play started by Dayton Kelly and Mitchell Kirkwood at 13:45 to put the visitors up 2-0. The Blue Wings cut their deficit to 2-1 with a goal at 11:05 but North Dundas responded at 10:10 when Kelly made it 3-1 after taking a feed from Nevin Guy and McRae. McRae then snapped in the next two markers scoring the game winner on an uassisted play at 8:54 and his third at 6:21. Pat Gibson assisted on that play which made it 5-2 after two.

Guy (from Taylor Cimmins at 12:24) and McRae (from Kirkwood at 2:18) rang up the Demons' two third-period goals.

With his latest offensive production, McRae has cashed in 42 goals and added 14 assists for 59 points in 13 games.

This week, the Demons take on the Panthers in Kemptville on Sat., Dec. 15 and host the same squad in Winchester on Mon., Dec. 17 at 7 pm.



Winning smiles

Members of the Winchester Skating Club were loaded down with medals when they returned home from Carleton Place on Sat., Dec. 1. The skaters competed at Carleton Place Skating Club's annual "Love to Skate" invitational and earned a total of 12 medals. Results for WSC were: Joelle Menard, left – Team Elements (gold), Stage 6 Elements in Isolation (silver), Stage 6 Freeskate (silver); Alyssa Cooper – Introductory B Elements in Isolation (gold), Introductory B Freeskate (gold); Elizabeth Porteous – Team Elements (gold), Stage 6 Elements in Isolation (silver), Stage 6 Freeskate (bronze); Emma Brooks – Introductory B Elements in Isolation (gold), Introductory B Freeskate (bronze); Erin Wheeler – Stage 5 Elements in Isolation (silver), Stage 5 Freeskate (bronze).

Atom "B" Demons bomb NGS Braves in 8-1 victory

MAXVILLE — Owen Guy fired in three goals and earned helper points on two other scoring plays and led the North Dundas Atom "B" Demons to an 8-1 victory over the NGS Braves.

Zach Poirier gave the visiting Demons a 1-0 lead when he scored after taking a feed from Braden Findlay and Jarret Cutler with 8:20 left in the first period of Friday's (Dec. 7) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game.

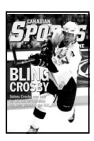
Poirier pounded in his second tally and made it 2-0 at 7:48 of the second session. Guy followed with goals at 2:42 and 1:31 and Bradley Stitt connected with 20 seconds left in the same frame as the Demons skated into a 5-0 lead.

Mitch Melenhorst, Stitt and Guy iced the cake with third period goals as North Dundas rolled on to their 8-1 win.

Gregor Canham cracked in the lone NGS goal with 6:43 left in final frame.

Stitt, Cutler and "AP" Brody Barkley each picked up three assists while Findlay, Guy and captain Mason Durant each collected two. Poirier had one assist.

North Dundas was whistled for one minor infraction.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Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

RIDEAU - ST. LAWRENCE CONFERENCE

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 7: Winchester 4 - Westport 1
Alexandria 9 - Brockville 1
Gananoque 6 - Morrisburg 4
Dec. 8: Athens 5 - Akwesasne 2
South Grenville 2 - Char-Lan 2 OT
Dec. 9: Winchester 5 - South Grenville 0
Athens 11 - Morrisburg 0
Gananoque 4 - Char-Lan 3

STANDINGS

Rideau	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Athens	19	4	2	118	76	41
Westport	13	9	1	100	87	28
S. Grenville	12	10	1	84	104	25
Gananoque	9	11	3	90	98	22
Brockville	8	12	3	89	112	20

St. Lawrence	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Winchester	18	5	0	119	60	36
Alexandria	14	9	0	111	84	29
Char-Lan	8	12	2	91	115	19
Morrisburg	7	14	1	102	137	16
Akwesasne	4	18	2	72	103	10

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Rideau Division			
Nick Held, West.	30	24	54
Steve McGlade, Athens	18	30	48
Aaron Lynn, West.	13	27	40
Thomas Franzon, West.	14	26	40
Adam Ruffolo, Athens	18	21	39
Lucas Mott, Athens	18	18	36
St. Lawrence Division	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Chad Galipeau, Morris.	17	33	50
Kyle Legrace, Morris.	21	27	48
Ben Collins, Win.	15	31	46
Rejean Leduc, Alex.	25	18	43
Tyler Lafortune, Morris.	18	19	37
Sam Raymond, Alex.	14	22	36
Vince Quesnel, C-L	11	22	33
Alex Leclair, Alex.	10	21	31
Julien Moffatt, C-L	13	16	29
Manoli Vasilas, Win.	10	18	28
Scott Cameron, Alex.	13	15	28
Cody Casselman, Morris.	9	18	27
Cory Thomas, Akwe.	11	15	26

EOJBHL Metro Division

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 6: Ottawa West 7 - Metcalfe Jets 2
Dec. 2: Arnprior 5 - Metcalfe Jets 2

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ottawa	22	5	1	154	89	45
Clarence	19	7	0	145	94	41
Gatineau	17	6	1	156	89	37
Ottawa West	11	11	2	95	92	26
Metcalfe Jets	2	20	2	83	160	7

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

Metcalfe Jets Home Games
Sun., Dec. 16
vs Ottawa Canadians
2:15 pm
Sun., Dec. 23
vs Gatineau Mustangs
2:15 pm

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 4: Flyers 10 - Combines 4
Rockets 7 - River Runners 5

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Inkerman Rockets	7	2	1	61	35	15
Winchester Flyers	6	2	2	51	43	14
River Runners	5	5	0	50	46	10
Chesterville Combines	0	9	1	32	68	1

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Brian Downey, IR	10	25	35
Al Christophersen, RR	13	10	23
Rob Thurler, IR	13	9	22
Mike Thompson, WF	11	11	22
Derek Vingerhoeds, RR	7	15	22
Nik Paas, WF	10	9	19
Justin Morozuk, IR	7	12	19
Travis Froats, RR	7	9	16
Stef Gravelle, CC	9	6	15
Scott Baldwin, IR	9	5	14
Darrel Moore, WF	7	6	13
John Guy, WF	5	8	13
Robyn Sadler, IR	5	8	13
Aron Sherrer, IR	5	8	13

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec 9:
No games scheduled due to NDMHA Mega House Tournament

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Cooper Physio	6	1	2	14	6	14
Annable's Jewellery	5	0	4	17	7	14
Double Beauty	6	3	0	22	7	12
Andy's Foodland	2	6	1	10	18	5
WS Trucking	2	6	1	5	16	5
CountryGirl	1	6	2	10	22	4

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Pam Heuff, DB	8	2	10
Edith Dagenais, AB	6	4	10
Sandra Clouthier, AF	5	2	7
Jen Manley, CP	4	3	7
Courtney Barkley, AB	3	4	7
Annette Downing, DB	2	5	7
Amy Darling, DB	2	5	7
Amy Fraser, CG	5	1	6
Barb Canham, CP	3	3	6
Colette Moulton, AB	2	3	5
Sonia Clement, CP	2	3	5

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St. Lawrence Division

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All North Dundas

Both North Dundas Atom House "B" Demons squads posed for a post-game photo following the "A" final in the Guildcrest Homes Mega House Tournament Sunday (Dec. 9) in Winchester. The No. One squad edged the No. Two Demons 3-2 in double overtime on Brodie Barkley's unassisted goal to earn the "A" division silverware.

North Dundas teams square off in Mega House tourney "A" final

WINCHESTER — Brodie Barkley's second goal of the game, recorded with 1:34 left in the second period of overtime, was the final difference as the North Dundas Atom House "B" No. One Demons edged the No. Two Demons 3-2.

An unassisted shot fired by Mackenzie Johnston with 5:41 left in regulation time tied the score 2-2 and sent the "A" final of the Guildcrest Homes Mega House Tourney into OT.

Sunday's (Dec. 9) title match opened with the No. One Demons taking a 1-0 lead when Barkley cashed in a feed from Johnston and Brayden Cochrane with 4:29 left in period one.

Second-period goals by Jamie Rodney (from Tori Corkery at 6:42) and Austin DeJong (from Jake Downey at 0:01) lifted the No. Two squad into a 2-1 lead heading into the final frame.

Evan Mullin pegged three goals and led the South Dundas Lions to a 9-1 win over the Metcalfe Jets in the "B" final while the Vankleek Hill Cougars nipped Hawkesbury 4-3 in the "C" title match.

Getting there

Both North Dundas squads reached the "A" showdown by compiling undefeated records.

Brian Downey's No. Two Demons registered a pair of wins trimming Vankleek Hill 5-1 and shutting out the Metcalfe Jets 4-0 in their first two encounters.

Darrin Kelly's No. One Demons blanked the South Dundas Lions 1-0 in their opener and battled Vankleek Hill to a 2-2 draw in game two.

Gavin Anderson and Joey Benoit each bagged two goals in the No. Two Demons 5-1 win. DeJong added the single. Corkery, Tristan MacGregor and Rodney collected the assists. Shane Rodney and Tyson Sherrer share the goaltending chores.

DeJong was the scoring leader in his team's 4-0 win over Metcalfe. Downey sniped the single. Rodney, Sherrer, MacGregor and Benoit provided the passes.

The No. One crew started the tourney with a 1-0 win over the UCMHL-leading South Dundas Lions. Barkley cracked open the scoreless contest netting a feed from Spencer Kelly with 8:35 left in regulation time. Cory Ross and Will Zandbelt guard the nets for North Dundas.

The Demons were trailing Vankleek Hill 2-0 in their second round match but rallied for a 2-2 tie. Johnston scored both goals on unassisted plays at 3:46 of the second period and with 1:28 left in regulation time.

Shutout for Wade

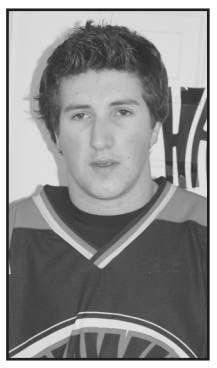
Midget "B" Lions pick up three of four points

CHESTERVILLE — Backed up by Kristi Wade's stellar goaltending, the South Dundas Midget "B" Lions collected three of a possible four points in their last two Ontario Women's Hockey Association matches.

Wade and her defensive crew were perfect on home ice in Chesterville blanking the Ottawa Ice 2-0 on Dec. 1. Captain Ali Tait's unassisted marker, registered at the six-minute mark of the first period, proved to be the winning goal. Brittany Elliott clinched the win making it 2-0 completing a play established by Jill Kirkwood with 8:54 left in the game.

Sunday (Dec. 9) the Lions were on the road and battled the host L' Outaouais team to a scoreless draw, which earned them their third point in two games.

Meet the Hawks



Chris Giczewski

No. 20, Right wing

Chris Giczewski, or "Ski" for short, comes to the Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks via the Central Jr. "A" Hockey League where he is an affilate player with the Kanata Stallions. He is unique to the Hawks because he is not only an American but a native Californian. The 20-year-old launched his hockey career in his home town of Fountain Valley where he played with the Junior Bombers. The right winger graduated from the Sun Devils Minor Hockey Association. "Ski" is currently boarding with Hawks' team president John Douma and his family. In his first 22 Rideau St. Lawrence Conference games, the forward has six goals, 11 assists and 17 points.

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Rockets, Flyers pulling away from WTHL pack

WINCHESTER — Nik Paas and Brian Downey led their respective teams to victories in last week's Winchester Town Hockey League double header.

Paas cracked in four goals and picked up a couple of assists as the number-two ranked Winchester Flyers (6-2-2) shot down the short-staffed Chesterville Combines (0-9-1) 10-4 in the opening game of the Tuesday night (Dec. 4) twin bill.

Downey counted goals number nine and 10 and collected five assists powering the top-ranked Inkerman Rockets (7-2-1) to a 7-5 decision over the third-place Chesterville River Runners (5-5-0) in the late game.

Mike Thompson, Paas, Darrel Moore and Josh McLean scored to give the Flyers a 4-1 half-time lead over the Combines, who got their first tally from Stef Gravelle.

Paas pumped in three more pucks in period two while Thompson Moore and Chris Hart supplied the singles as the Flyers cruised to a 10-4 win. Gravelle, Troy McNaughton and Tory Baldwin replied for the Combines.

John Guy (3), Thompson (3), Will McLean (2), Paas (2), Justin Heuff, Trent McBain, Josh McLean and Moore earned assists for the Flyers.

McNaughton (2), Baldwin (2), Jamie McIntosh and Chris McFarlane were the Combine set-up men.

Rockets 7 - Runners 5

Defenceman Jeff Pashak buried a couple of long drives at 18:02 and 16:47 of the second half and propelled the Rockets to a 7-5 win over the Runners.

Inkerman led 4-2 at the break on goals by Rob Thurler and Brian Downey. Pashak pumped in his pair in the second while Thurler completed his hat trick with 10:33 left on the clock to finalize the scoring. Assists went to Downey (5), Thurler (2), Aron Sherrer and Scott Baldwin.

Runner goals were marked by Derek Vingerhoeds, Trevor Gilmer, Aaron Kelly, Travis Rowe and Travis Froats. Rick Hall, Trevor Morozuk, Al Christophersen, Froats and Vingerhoeds set up the scoring plays.

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Rangers deliver Bantam "B" Demons second loss

PRESCOTT — A three-goal second period proved to be the difference as the South Grenville Rangers posted a 5-2 decision over the North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons.

Rangers defeat North Dundas 5-2

It was the second loss in 12 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League games for Gary Klein-Swormink's Demons, whose other setback was to those same Rangers.

The North Dundas coach feels South Grenville is perhaps the strongest club in the East Division noting the team has plenty of depth in a lineup consisting of predominately second-year players.

North Dundas has manufactured a record of 7-2-3 through its first dozen games.

First-period goals by Rangers Mike Morrell and Quinton Selleck staked the home team to a 2-0 lead. Rik Champagne netted back-to-back markers at 14:48 and 13:34 of period two to make it 4-0 before the visiting Demons could crack their first goal.

Matt Jarvis scored unassisted at 11:06 of the same frame to put the Demons on the board. But the Rangers responded with 2:06 left in the same frame when Travis Downie made it 5-1.

Peter Klein-Swormink counted the second and final North Dundas goal finishing a play started for him by Josh Freake and Brandon Cousineau with 6:24 left on the clock.

Chase Beaudry worked the nets and suffered the setback. North Dundas drew just three minor penalties.



Zone 1 winners

North Dundas District High School will represent Zone 1 in the Gore Mutual boys high school curling regional championship in Renfrew Feb. 2 and 3. NDDHS qualified by defeating Carleton Place's Ben McIntyre 7-2 in seven ends in the "A" event final on Dec. 6 at the Winchester Curling Club. The Zone 1 champs are: coach Ian Wilson (left), skip Geoff Spruit, vice Kurtis Byrd, second Zac Baker and alternate leads Jason Found and Brad Holmes.



Going to regionals

North Dundas District High School will send two teams to the Gore Mutual high school curling championships. Geoff Spruit's rink will represent Zone 1 in the school boy event while the Crystal Lillico foursome, as the Zone 1 "B" event winner, will curl in the school girl competition in Renfrew (Feb. 2 and 3). Going to the regionals are: coach Bill Lillico (left), skip Crystal Lillico, vice Darby Ace, second Christina Lillico and lead Rebecca Wichers-Schreur.

Press Photos — Van Bridger

NGS tourney

Midget "B" Demons strike tourney gold

MAXVILLE — Backed up by solid defence and the stellar goaltending of Ryan Hay and Craig Brogan, the North Dundas Midget "B" Demons left Maxville with Glengarry gold after posting a 3-1 victory over the South Dundas Lions.

Terry Barkley's boys held the opposition to one goal a game, defeating the NGS Braves 2-1, tying the Orleans Whites 1-1 and caging the Lions 3-1 in Sunday's (Dec. 9) one-day copmpetition.

Kyle Sobering's goal, set up by Jake McRoberts at 8:43 of the first period was answered at 7:50 of the same frame in Sunday's "A" final by Lion Jay Keller.

What would prove to be the winning tally was recorded by Phil Duncan on an unassisted play with four minutes left in period two. North Dundas clinched the win 4:32 before the final buzzer when Ryan McRae buried a feed from Michael Cross in the back of the Lion's cage.

Cross handed the Demons a 1-1 tie in their semi-final match with the Orleans Whites finishing a play started by Brett Baker at 9:11 of the second period.

North Dundas opened the tournament scratching out a 2-1 win over the host NGS Braves. Brandon Buma cashed in a pass from McRae with 7:27 left in the first period to make it 1-0. The Braves evened it up at 1-1 when Blake McDonnel connected at 7:52 of period two. But 35 seconds later Duncan cracked the tie when he made it 2-1 with help provided by Baker and Justin Hanes.

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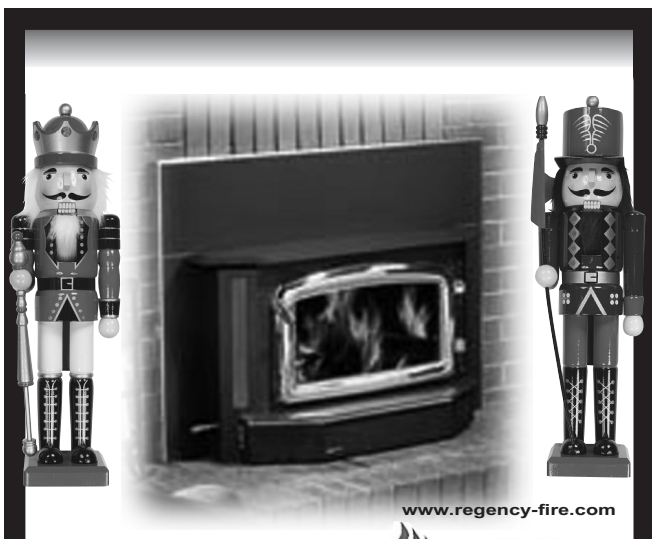
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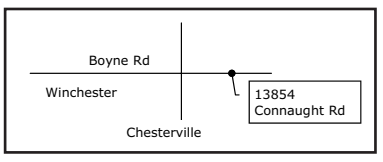

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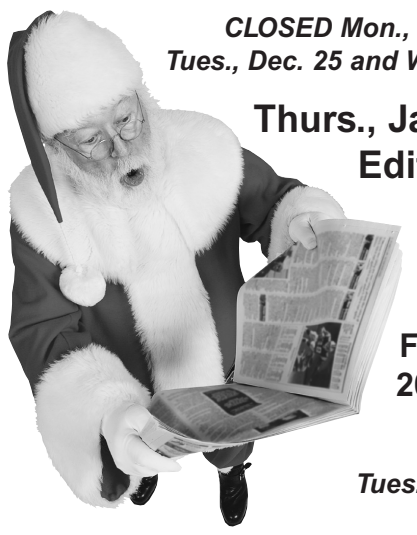
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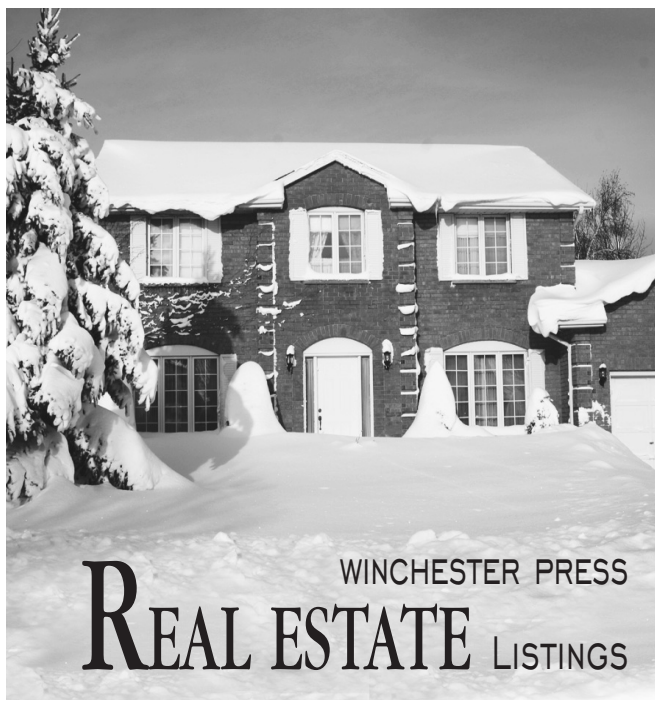

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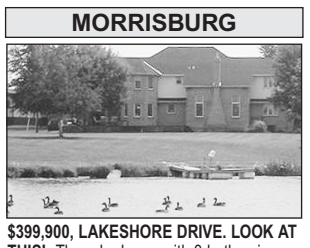

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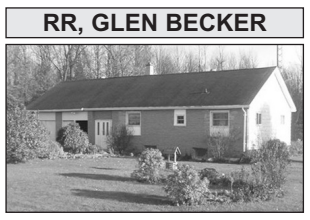

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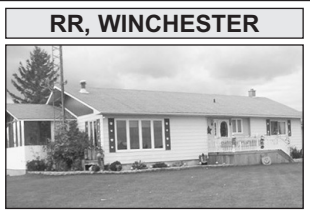

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OBITUARIES

George Bain Arnold

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It is with unbearable sadness that the family announces the tragic and untimely death of Bain Arnold on Nov. 30, 2007 at the Markham /Stouffville hospital. Bain died suddenly of cardiac arrest from a food allergy reaction.

He was the loving son of George and Marion Arnold (nee Waddell) of Bobcaygeon, Ont., and nephew of Darlene Hall of Metcalfe, Carolyn McGregor of Ottawa, and Donald and Harold Waddell of Ottawa. He was the devoted husband of Margo Sage-Arnold, proud father of baby Wilkin, and a special brother of Paul of Brechin, Ont. He will be greatly missed by the Arnold and Sage families, and by his many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and by all of his wonderful friends.

He was the director of business development and hospitality for Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham, for a period of 10 years. In addition he had been a part-time instructor at Durham College. He was a contributing writer to Proshop and Golf Business magazines. More recently he had established his own company, GBA Consulting, a sports and entertainment consulting business. He was also a musician, an innovative philanthropist, a devoted family man, and most of all a lover of life. He touched the lives of many people, and was highly respected by all.

A memorial visitation was held at the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home in Markham on Dec. 5. A musical and spiritual celebration of Bain's life is also being planned for mid January, 2008.

Jean Beckstead

A lifetime resident of the Williamsburg area, Jean Beckstead passed away at the Caressant Care Nursing Home in Bourget, on Mon., Dec, 3, 2007, following a lengthy illness. She was 78.



She was born in Williamsburg Township on June 25, 1929 to her parents Fred and Rhoda Wells (nee Brown). She attended public school in Froatburn and then Morrisburg High School.

On Jan. 31, 1947 she married Duane Beckstead, and together they had four children: Stephen, Garry, Carol, and Scott. She was a devoted wife and mother who was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

She worked as a cook for many years at Upper Canada Village, the 1867 restaurant, and the Scott's travel centre on Highway 401 westbound.

In her early years Jean enjoyed riding horses. As she got older she enjoyed knitting, quilting, and playing the guitar with her husband Duane. She and Duane travelled extensively over the years visiting the maritimes, western Canada, and several areas of the United States.

She is survived by her children Stephen (Julie) of Froatburn, Scott (Karen) of RR# 4 Winchester, and Carol Tremblay of Morrisburg, and her siblings Eileen Gallinger of Ingleside, Verna Tupper of Froatburn, and Earl (Jackie) Wells of Crysler. She will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Blake, Adele, Iris, Stephanie, Travis, Justin, Stephanie, Kurtis, Dana, Leah, and Hannah. She was predeceased by her husband Duane, her son Garry, and her brothers Ray and Russell Wells. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

There was no visitation or funeral service. Interment of cremated remains will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Riverside Heights in the spring.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg.

Wilda Grace Sinclair

Wilda Grace Sinclair entered into her rest peacefully with family by her side on Dec., 1, 2007.

She was the loving wife of the late Donald Gray Sinclair. She was always a caring mother to their four children: Lorna Burling of Cornwall, Barbara Aston of Brampton, Donald Sinclair Jr. of Rosseau, Ont., and David Sinclair of Finch. She was predeceased by two siblings, and will be sadly missed by her sister Lorna Mills of Cannington, Ont., her brother William Tait of Williamsburg, and by six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She will be cherished and remembered by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held in the spring.

A special thanks to the staff at Woodland Villa for their compassionate care shown to Wilda while she was there.

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DEATH NOTICES

Cindy Marilyn Cochrane

Cindy Marilyn Cochrane (nee Kerr) of Russell passed away at home with her family by her side on Sun., Dec. 9, 2007 after a brave battle with cancer. She was 45.



She was the loving wife of 23 years and best friend to Kevin. She was the loving and amazing mother to John and Erika. She was the adored daughter of Gordon and Marilyn Kerr of Brockville, and daughter in-law of Marion Cochrane and Floyd (Betty) Cochrane of Russell. She was the beloved granddaughter of Jean Kerr Koontz (Carl) of Prescott. She was the dear sister to Debra (Greg) of Brockville, Bobbie of Brockville, Tammie of Russell, and Chris (Tammi) of Brockville. She was the sister-in-law to Barry and Valerie, Bryan and Laurie, and Paul all of Russell. She was a special aunt to 15 and great-aunt to four.

Cindy will be fondly remembered by all the friends and customers of Cochrane's Dairy. All of Cindy's friends were truly blessed to have her in their lives.

Visitation will be held at the Daley Family Funeral Home, 6971 Bank Street in Metcalfe on Thurs., Dec. 13 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm, and Fri., Dec. 14 from 12 to 1:45 pm. The service will follow at 2 pm.

Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated.

The family would like to thank Dr. Gerry Heymans for the care and kindness he gave to Cindy and the whole family and also the St. Elizabeth Palliative Care team. It was Cindy's wish to be at home and they helped make that happen.

Dorothy Billings

Dorothy Billings (nee Beauvais) of Hallville passed away peacefully at Bayfield Manor on Fri., Dec. 7, 2007. She was 74.



She was the beloved wife of the late Henry (Hank) Billings. She is survived by her children: Glenn, Doris, Roger, Ron, Brent, and Tracy; her nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Dorothy will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by many.

The service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 1306 Kingdom Rd. in Kemptville on Fri., Dec. 14 at 2 pm. Anyone wishing to send flowers may send them to Bayfield Manor.

In memoriam donations to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Winchester Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made online at http://win-che-fh.live-journal.com.

Evelyn Beatrice Walker

Evelyn Beatrice Walker passed away peacefully at Dundas Manor in Winchester on Sat., Dec. 8, 2007.



She was born on July 21, 1911 to the late Philip Robinson Walker and the late Edith Jane Dillabough. She was predeceased by her brother Donald Dwight Walker. She will be sadly missed by her cousins Muriel Cooper; Vivian Winston; Robert, Brenda, Megan and Chelsea Martineau; and Shirley Chapman, and by her many friends and neighbours.

There will be a memorial service to celebrate Evelyn's life at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Winchester on Sun., Dec. 16 at 2 pm. Interment will be at South Gower Cemetery in the spring.

In memoriam donations may be made to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church or Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

The funeral arrangements were under the care of Daniels Funeral Chapels in Winchester.

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Santa visits House of Lazarus

Grownups were interested in the bargains they could find at the House of Lazarus in Mountain on Sat., Dec. 8, while children, like Molly Armstrong, paid a visit to Santa Claus, who made sure that every visitor received a candy cane. Rubina Sultan, above, Saturday store manager, showed visitors they can easily find outfits for the season. *Photos — Barbour*

SHEPHERD TALK

by Thurland Brown, "Winchester Wesleyan Church

Mutter, sputter is not the sound of Christmas

WINCHESTER — I read a friend's Internet blog the other day in which he was talking about how hard it can be to stay focused during the Christmas season. He said, "I don't know about you, but there are some days when I spend all my time muttering under my breath. Someone has forwarded an urban legend to me that I have seen a gazillion times. That curriculum outfit that just doesn't seem to understand the word 'no' calls again. A neighbour has taken my parking space on the street. Mutter, mutter, mutter."

As I write this, I have actually excused myself momentarily from a kids' "birthday party for Jesus." I have just spent two hours with 12 kids practicing their Christmas pageant, and then we went straight to the party, where even more kids were awaiting their sugar fix, so they too could join the fray. When these kids were not "bouncing off the wall," they have been practically hanging me "on the wall." I know what my friend meant when he said, "mutter, mutter, mutter."

Focus, pastor, focus. Christmas is "Emmanuel, God with us!" Focus, busy mother! Christmas is "Jesus, the Light of the world bursting forth into the darkness of your life." Focus, indebted father, focus! Christmas is "the coming of the Son of God."The scripture says, "If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed!"

Strange — the party is still going on in the next room, but this little moment of focus has helped already. Christmas is the glory of God revealed, and if you focus for a few moments, that glory can be revealed to you. It's your choice: mutter, mutter, sputter? Or focus on the glory?

Have a great Christmas, and I'll see you in church!

This column is provided courtesy of the Dundas Ministerial Association

Metcalfe WI donates to numerous charities

by Cheryl Bunda

METCALFE — Christmas giving began early when Metcalfe Women's Institute members got together at the home of hard-working president Myra Kelly.

The group met on Sun., Dec. 9, as the season is becoming very busy for all. Each member brought a "shoe-box" filled with gifts to be given to Naomi's Family Resource Centre in Winchester.

Due to the hard work and effort of Kelly in organizing the Upper Canada Playhouse dinner theatre bus trips, the W.I. was able to continue giving back to the community.

A motion was made and passed to donate $500 to Osgoode Home Support, $200 to Winchester District Memorial Hospital, $200 to the Township of Osgoode Care Centre, $200 to the breast cancer screening clinic at the WDMH, and $100 to the Carleton 4-H club.

The W.I.'s next meeting will be Wed., Jan. 9. For more information, call Myra Kelly at 613-821-2059 or Cheryl Bunda at 613-822-0574.

Miller, Froats get double win at Williamsburg euchre

WILLIAMSBURG — Muriel Gow, Sheila Scarbo, and Everett Froats teamed up to win the white cards at the Williamsburg Seniors' euchre on Dec. 5 at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre. Muriel Miller, Roy Casselman, and Doug Gow won the yellow cards.

Door prizes were given to Muriel Miller and Margaret Rutley, while Everett Froats, Jean Bennett, and Dorothy Loverin won the other draws.

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Kids cook this Saturday

WINCHESTER — Another township kids' cooking class takes place this coming Saturday (Dec. 15) from 11 am to 2 pm at the Winchester Community Centre. It's for those six to 12 years of age. Registrations can be made at the township office or by calling 613-774-2105. These free classes are sponsored by the township, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, and the House of Lazarus.



The Junior "B" Hawks home game this week is Friday night against the Char-Lan Rebels. Game time is 8:15 pm.

Remarks

by Mark Guy, director of recreation

The excavation for the new Lions Club pavilion at the 100 Club Park in Winchester is underway south of the pool. Please be aware that the excavation is about four feet deep until the base is put in. There will be a snow fence put up temporarily. The new pavilion will be built by the end of April 2008.

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Everybody loves a parade

Pictured, clockwise, from below: Caroline Taylor was one of the youngsters riding on the Metcalfe Fair float in the Metcalfe Santa Claus Parade on Sun., Dec. 9. Santa seemed tireless as he waved continuously to spectators along the route. He was accompanied by Mrs. Claus. After watching the parade, Anthony Wegner joined other children at the Metcalfe Community Centre for a visit with Santa, hot chocolate, and cookie decorating. Thomas Lawrence enjoyed decorating — and sampling — his gingerbread cookie. Before the start of the parade, four-year-old Didier Jolivert enjoyed some of the free popcorn that was being handed out at the corner of Victoria and Albert Streets, courtesy of the Royal Bank. Pathfinders, Guides, Brownies, and Sparks were one big, happy bunch on the Girl Guides of Canada float.











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