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Marching for history

Corporal Adam McKinnon (front, left) and Sergeant Kyle Bergeron led members of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) Highlanders primary reserve infantry regiment for their part in the re-enactment of the March of New Brunswick's 104th Regiment of Foot. In the winter of 1813, soldiers from this regiment marched from Fredericton, via Quebec, to Kingston. The men trekked more than 1,100 kilometres in an effort to reinforce British troops against the expected invasion of American soldiers. At 9 am on Sun., April 7, a small group of SD&G Highlanders, along with civilian Michael Berk, departed the Royal Canadian Legion Cornwall Branch 297 en route to the Royal Canadian Legion Morrisburg Branch 48. For more on this story, see page 3.

Press Photo – Casselman

T.R. Leger may be Williamsburg library's saving grace

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG – It appears the Save the Williamsburg Library Committee may have caught its first big break.

On Tues., April 2, the local group of concerned residents came out en masse to fill the Township of South Dundas' council chambers.

A spokesperson for the group, Pamela Rodrigue, addressed municipal politicians, outlining the committee's case, and eventually gaining support from each member of council.

In addition to reiterating the library's many benefits to the community, Rodrigue also presented council with a potential solution.

> Shared facilities?

Rodrigue said the group is aware T.R. Leger is currently working on a deal with CAO Stephen McDonald for lease of the building following the township's move to the Morrisburg Collegiate Institute this fall.

Meanwhile, the continuing education school, Rodrigue said, is proposing the allotment of space for the library once it has taken possession of South Dundas' current headquarters in Williamsburg.

"The information you brought forth tonight with T.R. Leger was fairly closed until they chose to broadcast it," Mayor Steven Byvelds said.

He explained that township staff was unable to speak of the deal before the meeting, but considering the revelation, it is now okay to do so. The deal with T.R. Leger surfaced this month, Byvelds said, as it is the school's goal to merge facilities for North and South Dundas residents.

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Township clarifies stance on unionization

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – While the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) continues its efforts to unionize select Township of North Dundas employees, the municipality's CAO is speaking out.

According to Angela Rutley, the township is disputing CUPE's bargaining unit selection, and not the employees' right to unionize. In fact, the *Ontario Labour Relations Act* provides employees the right to unionize, she added.

However, Rutley said, CUPE specified the bargaining unit as all employees of the township, except office and clerical employees, crossing guards, certain seasonal employees, fire department members, and supervisors and persons above the rank of supervisor.

"It is the township's position that all seasonal employees should be excluded," Rutley said.

North Dundas staff members voted in March regarding whether they wished to unionize; however, the Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB) sealed the ballot box, leaving the outcome unknown. (Fifty per cent or more is needed in order for the requisition to pass.)

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The guide's inside!

Spring weather is on its way, which means it is time for the Winchester Press*' annual Spring Home Improvement and Real Estate Guide. The supplement, contained within this week's paper, is full of a variety of content, including articles, renovation tips, real estate advice, updates on new products, local business information, and much more.*

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Anti-wind advocates gather steam

OTTAWA – The province's renewable energy program, specifically the subsidies paid for wind and solar power, is costing Ontario power consumers billions of dollars every year, and is unaffordable, says energy economist Robert Lyman.

Lyman spoke to a crowd of anti-wind turbine advocates at Ottawa City Hall on Sat., April 6.

Wind and solar projects represent only four per cent of Ontario's power generation right now, he said, and "the effects on consumers are only beginning to be felt. By 2016, the annual cost to ratepayers due to the *Green Energy Act* will be $2.5 billion for wind turbines, $1.4 billion for solar panels, and $1.5 billion for backup costs of the natural gas plants needed because wind and solar are intermittent."

Meanwhile, the cost to individual ratepayers will be more than $1,500 per year, Lyman added. Formerly an economist with the federal government, Lyman said that while these figures are discouraging enough, "it gets worse… When wind power is generated, it's actually surplus to Ontario's need. Ninety-eight per cent of the time that power is exported at depressed prices. We are subsidizing ratepayers in New York by $500 million a year."

Many of those attending the public meeting were from the North Gower-Richmond area of Ottawa where a proposed wind power plant will cost ratepayers $4.8 million a year in subsidies, according to Jane Wilson, Wind Concerns Ontario president.

"That project will cost consumers everywhere for power we don't need, and will reduce property values by more than $47 million. We are not willing hosts to this project," Wilson said.

Wilson noted that southwest of Ottawa, the citizens of Prince Edward County were being forced to spend their own money to fight the Ontario government's Ministry of the Environment over a wind power project in an area of recognized importance to migratory birds.

"They're having to spend their own money to protect the environment from the agency that is supposed to be doing that," she said.

Others in attendance at the event were from the Brinston area, where a wind power project has already received a subsidy contract from the government and is awaiting approval to proceed with construction. EDP Renewables, the company undertaking the South Branch Wind Farm project, expects to have renewable energy turbines operational by the end of the year.

Also addressing the gathering was Nepean-Carleton MPP Lisa MacLeod, who said the Ontario government is not listening to those in rural and small urban communities.

"I have travelled to areas where turbines are already operating, and I know that people are being made sick from the noise, and that the electricity rates are punishing consumers and Ontario's small and medium-sized businesses," MacLeod said. "Premier Kathleen Wynne says she is 'listening' but who is she listening to?"

OPP lay numerous traffic act charges over long weekend

WINCHESTER – During the recent Easter long weekend (Fri., March 29 to Mon., April 1), members of the OPP in east region were focusing on proper seatbelt usage and aggressive drivers.

The east region encompasses an area from Trenton through to the Quebec border, and includes the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry OPP detachment.

As a result of the four-day surveillance, a number of charges were handed down, including: speeding, 1,707; racing, 11; seatbelt non-compliance, 267; distracted driving, 60; hazardous moving violations, 84; other *Highway Traffic Act* violations, 259; *Liquor Licence Act,* 24; *Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act*, 70; impaired driving, 21; other *Criminal Code* driving charges, 13; warn range suspensions, 12; all-terrain vehicle offences, five; other *Provincial Statute* charges, 10; and drug charges, six.

"It is everyone's responsibility to keep our roads safe," Sgt. Kristine Rae said in a press release. "Drive within the law, pay attention and report aggressive drivers."

Library

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"I was still hoping there might be a possibility for a partnership," Byvelds said, referring to a deal between the library board and the township.

He explained that the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County Library board was never told they had to vacate the building in Williamsburg. The decision, he added, was solely with the board.

"We [municipal council] don't have any power. I've looked at the *Ontario Public Libraries Act* and we don't have any power," said Byvelds.

Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke, a current member of the library's board, tried to explain the genesis of the decision and, in the end, agreed to support saving the library in whatever way he can.

"If this council supports promoting a library in Williamsburg, I will support that position on my board," Locke said.

In the end, council unanimously agreed to support the group's cause.

"We will work with [T.R. Leger] and see if [there is] space for [the library]," Byvelds said. "[If not, we will look into] alternative sites. There may be something we can work on."

Unionize

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Collette Proctor, CUPE's national representative for organizing, told the *Winchester Press* the move was made because of North Dundas' efforts to exclude selected employees the union is wishing to organize.

"We will try to settle this at a meeting with the employer and the OLRB," Proctor said at the time.

Proctor continued, telling the *Press* the municipality was working to specifically exclude arena attendants and snowplow operators from joining CUPE.

At the moment, a meeting between municipal representatives and those from CUPE has been set for Wed., April 17. OLRB negotiators will also be on hand. If, however, an agreement is not reached during the meeting, Proctor said it is likely an OLRB hearing will be scheduled to determine an outcome.

The *Press* first learned of the unionization efforts in December 2012, and Proctor said it was township employees who first contacted CUPE in an effort to help organize their workplace.

Mayor Eric Duncan said at the time that while the township would respect the right of staff to unionize, he did not feel it was necessary to do so.

Winchester, Chesterville commercial to get first crack at township improvement funds

WINCHESTER – Commercial property owners in both Winchester and Chesterville will be the first to have a chance at applying to the recently launched Community Improvement Plan.

The Township of North Dundas unveiled the initiative earlier this year, with the intent of improving existing commercial industry in the municipality. The first phase of the five-year program will allow business owners in Winchester and Chesterville the opportunity to access funding through the form of grants and loans.

According to the township, finding the resources to improve existing commercial business, whether it be improving an exterior facade, installing new signage or interior renovations, can be difficult for small business owners.

To date, North Dundas has budgeted $25,000 for 2013, with improvement projects broken down into funding streams. For exterior work, $4,000 is available, while $1,000 is available to business owners looking to replace signage or an awning. The municipality will also be making one-time $10,000 grants procurable, with repayment debentured over five years, and work to be completed within 12 months of the loan being paid out.

Not all applications made to the program will be accepted, however, as a list of criteria has been produced in order to gauge the merit of each proposal. All applications will be subject to review by a committee, while council will make the final approval.

Information sessions are set for Thurs., April 11 at the township offices in Winchester, and Thurs., April 18 at the Nelson LaPrade Centre in Chesterville. The meetings will get underway at 7 pm, featuring complete information about the Community Improvement Plan.

In the third year of the program, commercial property owners in North Dundas' rural settlements (Inkerman, South Mountain, Mountain, and Morewood) will be eligible to apply, while the fifth year is to see money made available to commercial businesses located on major thoroughfares, such as county roads.

For more information, contact Rob Hunter, North Dundas' economic development officer, at 613-774-2105 or by email at rhunter@northdundas.com.

Euchre winners

WINCHESTER – The white-card winners at the Winchester Seniors' euchre event on Thurs., March 28 were John Poole, Marjorie Lougheed, and Joyce McIntosh. The red-card winners were Betty Holmes, Orma Earl, and Bill Cinnamon.

Howard Kennedy and Cinnamon were the door prize winners, while Don MacIntosh, June Armstrong, and Holmes took home the "share the wealth" honours.

The group's next euchre event has been scheduled for tomorrow (Thurs., April 11).

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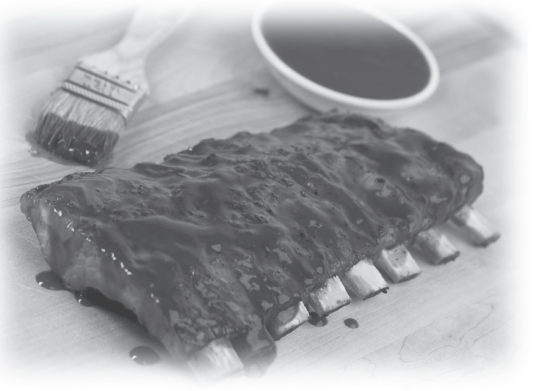

SD&G Highlanders march in the steps of history



Company, at ease

Taking a brief water break at Upper Canada Village, members of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Highlanders' primary reserve infantry regiment posed with event organizer Michael Berk. Front: Sergeant Kyle Bergeron (left), Private Kyle Villeneuve, Master Corporal Andrew Mustard, Private Andrew Cameron, and Berk. Back: Master Corporal Justin Delorme (left), Corporal Adam McKinnon, Corporal Kory Kingston, Corporal Joshua Taillon, and Corporal Evan Leslie.
Press Photo – Casselman

MORRISBURG – Not wind nor rain stopped members of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) Highlanders' primary reserve infantry regiment from completing their portion of the re-enactment of the March of New Brunswick's 104th Regiment of Foot.

On Sun., April 7, nine Highlanders and one civilian left the Royal Canadian Legion Cornwall Branch 297 to march on foot to the Royal Canadian Legion Morrisburg Branch 48.

The campaign to commemorate the historic 1813 March of New Brunswick's 104th Regiment of Foot got a push from civilian Michael Berk, and his wife, Alicia Wanless.

Wanless said the idea emerged following an evening spent in conversation with historian Donald Graves.

The couple was overcome by stories of the challenges the regiment's men faced during the long march in February, March, and April of 1813, all in an effort to reinforce British troops in Kingston against a possible invasion by American soldiers.

With contacts in New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario, Berk was able to make the vision of a 2013 re-enactment a reality, said Wanless.

Berk, who has trekked alongside many of the volunteers throughout the journey, was in Bainsville on Sat., April 6 to witness the SD&G Highlanders accepting responsibility for the 104th Regiment replica colours from a Quebec military unit during a handover ceremony. The local reserve unit was taking its turn transporting the flag on its journey from Fredericton to Kingston.

On April 7, with a brief stop in Long Sault, and another at Upper Canada Village, the Highlanders made their way to a celebratory dinner in Morrisburg, followed by a sleepover at the historic farm of John Crysler.

On Mon., April 8, the reservists marched from Morrisburg to Cardinal, with a brief stop for refreshments in Iroquois.

The Highlanders transferred possession of the 104th Regiment replica colours to the Brockville Rifles Regiment at the Royal Canadian Legion Cardinal Branch 105.

The march, which began in February, is to end on Fri., April 12 with an official ceremony at Kingston's Royal Military College.

Five local events receive provincial money

WINCHESTER – With the 2013 festival season just around the corner, the provincial government has announced its latest round of Celebrate Ontario funding.

In total, 203 festivals and events will be receiving financial help through the annual grant program, which was launched in 2007 to foster tourism throughout the province.

"Festivals and events are important to communities across Ontario… And grants are an incredibly effective way to enhance the quality of those festivals and events, and that means more visitors – visitors who stay longer and contribute to local economies," Gary Masters, executive director of Festivals and Events Ontario, said.

In the local region, roughly $340,000 has been allotted for five different celebrations.

This year's South Mountain Fair, scheduled for Thurs., Aug. 15 to Sun., Aug. 18, received $44,026, while the Russell Fair (Thurs., Sept. 5 to Sun., Sept. 8) was awarded $71,000.

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, operators of Upper Canada Village and Fort Henry in Kingston, received $150,000 for two events held at the Morrisburg-based heritage park. Alight at Night (Sat., Nov. 5 to Sun., Jan. 5, 2014) received $75,000, while Pumpkinferno (Thurs., Oct. 3 to Sat., Nov. 2) was also awarded $75,000.

"At the St. Lawrence Parks, as in any other business, product evolution and new products are at the core of sustainability," Darren Dalgleish, SLPC CEO, said. "As such, Celebrate Ontario's investment in our new events contributes greatly to the longevity of our brand, and the depth of our portfolio along the St. Lawrence corridor, and the Great Waterway region."

Meanwhile, the St-Albert Curd Festival received $75,000 for the Thurs., Aug. 22 to Sun., Aug. 25 celebration.

This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the event, and it will be the first held since the St-Albert Cheese Factory was destroyed by fire in February.

Area benefits from latest round of Trillium Foundation funding

WINCHESTER – The provincial government unveiled on Tues., April 9 those Eastern Ontario organizations that will be receiving Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) funding.

In total, 39 not-for-profit and charitable agencies in the Champlain region have been tapped to receive financial assistance, while 38 provincewide grants have been set aside.

"Our government recognizes the important role the OTF plays in helping to enhance the quality of life for all Ontarians by building healthier and more vibrant communities," Michael Chan, minister of tourism, culture, and sport, said. "OTF helps not-for-profit and charitable organizations better deliver on their mission, and make the most of investments through partnership, collaboration, and inclusive programs for the benefit of all."

The funding is made possible through an annual $120 million investment by the provincial government to the OTF.

"OTF invests for impact in the community," Sandra Lalonde, chair of the Champlain grant review team, said.

Locally, four different organizations were included in the latest round of funding.

The Osgoode Youth Association Centre will be receiving $34,000 over two years to hire a part-time youth outreach and event co-ordinator in order to enhance social enterprise programs, increase youth participation, and increase volunteer involvement.

The Greely Players will be receiving $15,000 to replace sections of the local theatre group's portable stage.

Countywide, the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) Community Futures Development Corporation has been granted $100,000 over two years to help build the capacity of the Regional Arts Council of SD&G, Cornwall, and Akwesasne. The upcoming initiative will research best practices, engage the community in workshops, seminars and summits to identify gaps and needs, and develop and implement a business model and strategic plan.

Finally, the Ontario Senior Games Association 55+ - District 8 will receive $37,300 this year to help offset costs of hosting the 2013 Eastern Ontario Regional Seniors' Games. Events are scheduled to be held in Long Sault, Cornwall, and Alexandria.

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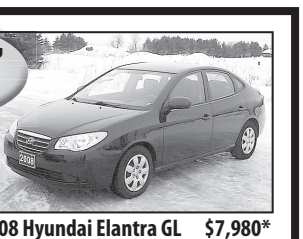
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Council notes from
South Dundas

Treatment plant running smoothly

WILLIAMSBURG – With an invitation from Township of South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelds, both operations manager Chris Eamon and assistant manager Troy Brown of Caneau Water and Sewage Operations attended Tues., April 2's council meeting. Both men addressed questions related to the municipality's year-end water treatment plant report.

Eamon assured council that the plant is working well and there are no issues with the drinking water quality.

"This year, report cards are 100 per cent," Eamon said.

As for the short-lived scare in August 2011, he maintained that the error was purely one of miscommunication, and there was never any real threat to the municipality's drinking water.

In fact, operations at the treatment plant are governed by both the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care and the Ministry of the Environment.

"The ministry comes once a year to inspect the facilities," he said, pointing out that once every three years is a surprise visit with only 15 minutes warning.

The only issues during the last inspection were clerical errors in the documented records.

Donation graciously declined

Months after lawyer Doug Grenkie offered his Morrisburg Plaza unit to the township for use as a public washroom, a final decision has been made.

Council, who previously decided in December 2012 that they weren't prepared to take on the responsibility for the project alone, were told at the April 2 meeting that there would be no partnership with the Morrisburg Business Improvement Association (BIA).

"They thought that it would be too costly... for them to take on right now," Councillor Jim Graham said.

Council unanimously agreed to decline Grenkie's offer.

Waterfront snacks

Although the Morrisburg and District Lions Club requested a longer lease, council agreed with clerk Brenda Brunt's recommendation that the current agreement be extended for a one-year term. It would be advisable, she said, before making long-term agreements, to wait for the results of the Morrisburg Waterfront feasibility study, which is to be completed this year.

Following Brunt's recommendation, council also agreed to a one-year contract with businesswoman Andrea Brennan for management of the Iroquois Beach canteen this season.

"I checked their references," said Brunt. "And, they're offering to pay us money to run this canteen."

Brennan owns Andrea's Canteen at the Finch Arena, while her partner Frank has managed several chip huts and restaurants in the past.

Sign proposal divides South Dundas, new design turned down by councillors

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG – Despite partnering with a neighbouring township and hiring a consultant, Township of South Dundas politicians have voted against proposals for new sign designs.

At Tues., April 2's council meeting, the discussion and subsequent vote was anything but unanimous.

As economic development officer Nicole Sullivan defended the design, she explained the reasoning behind the two most controversial choices.

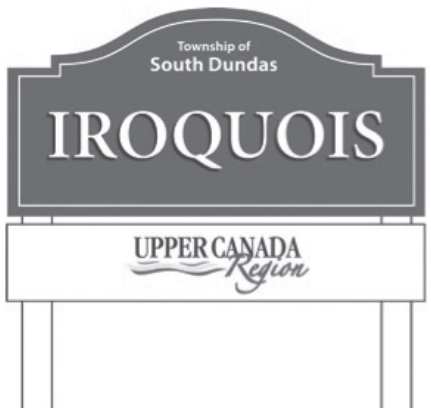
The most common complaint arose from the absence of graphics, apart from the Upper Canada Region logo.

"I'm going by what I see and what grabs my attention," Councillor Archie Mellan said. "I'm leaning toward having a design in the background on the signs. We don't want to lose South Dundas' unique character."

Both Councillors Jim Graham and Evonne Delegarde agreed.

"I think we're missing the boat here if we don't use some graphics," Delegarde said. "Pictures say a thousand words."

While Delegarde reported that she has had much feedback on the design, and none of it positive, Graham said he has been kept awake at night stressing over the lack of graphics on the proposed signs.



The objective of the signs, Sullivan said, was to identify the area and the individual facilities in a clear and legible way.

"There are no images save for the Upper Canada Region to ensure the name is relayed effectively… No clutter," said Sullivan. "We want our signs to be timeless and current. Pictures will become outdated."

In addition, she said the township would be hard-pressed to find one image to represent the entire municipality without pigeonholing it. Making sure that people see, recognize, and remember the South Dundas name is the key, Sullivan added.

The second complaint came in response to changes to the Highway 401 gateway signs at the Morrisburg and Iroquois exits. Sullivan proposed changing these signs to read Township of South Dundas instead, arguing that drivers know they have reached Iroquois or Morrisburg because of the provincial Ministry of Transportation signs. It's the township name that needs promotion, she said.

While other members of council opposed Sullivan's proposal, Mayor Steven Byvelds went on the defensive.

"It is time to make them South Dundas signs. This is not the council of Morrisburg or Iroquois or Williamsburg or Matilda… We have to start thinking as one, and it has to start at this table," he said.

Sullivan pointed out that each and every hamlet would have a sign identifying it. The Highway 401 signs, however, would focus on identifying the township as a whole.

"I'm an individual, and I make up my own mind, and I'm not happy with it," Graham said.

Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke reminded everyone that a consultant had already been paid to create the design, and that the Township of South Stormont already agreed to it.

"We partnered with a neighbour," Locke said. "What are we going to tell them? We've changed our minds?"

Despite defense of the new design by Byvelds, Locke, and Sullivan, the motion to approve was defeated three to two.

Spring Home, Trade Show to begin April 19

MORRISBURG – With more than 70 exhibitors lined up, the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce's annual Spring Home and Trade Show is set to run from Fri., April 19 to Sat., April 20 at the Morrisburg Arena.

In addition to a large assortment of local vendors, the two-day event will feature educational and entertaining demonstrations and special events.

"We are extremely excited about this year's trade show," Joey van Koppen, chair of the organizing committee, said. "Not only do we have something for everyone, but this year we are introducing one of the most exciting events ever… Ask the Experts."

Whether there's an interest in natural medicinal remedies, renovating a home, or organizing a garden, van Koppen said that anyone can stop by and "ask an expert."

Food, fashion, and more

The event will also feature a fashion show, a demonstration from the local fire department, as well as the Morrisburg and District Lions Club's chicken barbecue (April 19) and pancake breakfast (April 20).

In addition to supporting community businesses, visiting this year's trade show also means a chance to win one of 10 $100 prizes.

For more information, call 613-543-3982.

Hydro provider saving money, making revenue for township

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG – Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution (RSL) is making money for the Township of South Dundas, while at the same time saving the municipality's many hydro users dollars on their hydroelectric bills.

As the municipality is a partial owner of the local electrical distribution company, local politicians were briefed on the company's status at South Dundas' Tues., April 2 council meeting. (South Dundas, the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, the Village of Westport, the Town of Prescott, and FortisOntario, own shares in RSL.)

"All is well," John Allison, an RSL board director, said. "We're progressing and making money for the company."

In addition, he added, last year residential ratepayers saved more than $300,000.

"Our rates are lower than Hydro One," Allison said. "[Roughly] 1,800 plus customers in South Dundas saved."

On top of providing electricity to municipal hamlets, Allison reported RSL also handles street light repairs, as well as water and sewer readings.

Remote meter reading

Coming in the next month or so, he said, there will be installation of test meters, which can be read remotely.

"If all goes well, [there will be] no [more] physical meter reading," Allison said.

In response to Mayor Steven Byvelds' inquiry into asset management, Allison reported RSL has always kept track of the company's assets, ensuring that equipment and facilities are maintained. However, he added, although the Ontario Energy Board has become focused on asset management, it is not up to RSL to go ahead with capital projects without first getting budget approval from the provincial entity.

As for what is taking place provincewide, Allison reported that Ottawa West-Nepean MPP Bob Chiarelli, who was appointed Ontario's minister of energy in February, has stated there will be no forced amalgamations for the province's many electric companies.

"The future looks good. We're trying to progress and branch out a bit and gain value for the shareholder [while keeping] rates fairly low," Allison said.

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Walking the union line

In this country, according to the latest Statistics Canada numbers, 4.3 million workforce members are card-carrying union employees.

Be it the Canadian Auto Workers, either the Elementary Teachers' Federation Ontario or the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, or the Southern Ontario Newspaper Guild (of which this newspaper is a member), there are a myriad of organizations under the union umbrella.

The perks are many, indeed; however, the negatives of unionization are, equally, vast. While the guarantee of consistent employment is often exerted as a reason for any business, or sector of employees, to unionize, being prepared for a struggle is also wise.

In the Township of North Dundas, that fight is, it would appear, just getting started.

Front-line employees reached out to the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) in December 2012, hoping the national representation could help to organize a selection of the municipality's workers.

Recently, a vote took place; however, the results are as of yet unknown. North Dundas, it has been confirmed, has taken issue with some of the employees CUPE would like to see included.

After withdrawing its original proposal, in mid-December, CUPE again filed its intent to unionize North Dundas staff with the Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB). This time, the union included all township employees, outside of those in management positions.

That is when North Dundas intervened. While the municipality cannot stop employees from organizing, as per the *Ontario Labour Relations Act*, it has worked its way in, making an attempt to dictate which employees should be included in the union plans, and those that should not.

The township is trying to keep seasonal employees from their inclusion, while CUPE stands pat with its intention. Each side is at an impasse.

It's unlikely, however, that this situation will share a likeness to the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919, when virtually all members of the southern Manitoba city's workforce walked off the job in opposition to low wages and dismal working conditions. Nor, since North Dundas employees have yet to unionize, is this similar to the 51-day bus strike Ottawa experienced in 2009, at the height of winter's grip on the nation's capital.

However, as municipal and CUPE representatives are set to meet on Wed., April 17, with OLRB negotiators present, if a collective agreement cannot be reached, the next step is a costly labour board hearing.

Or, it may not get that far. When the results are finally revealed, perhaps North Dundas staff will be shown to not truly want to unionize. If 50 per cent or more is achieved, it will be a first for the municipality, but if the vote fails, it is business as usual.

For the township, though, it is a wake-up call.

Lately, North Dundas' council and senior staff have been working to project an inclusive atmosphere, with a welcoming nature. Businesses are being lured to set up shop in the municipality, while residential expansion is booming.

Yet, it would seem the township's own employees are being shut out, and they're working vigorously to make their displeasure known.

North Dundas personnel should be prepared for the potential of a new reality in the municipality.

Remember when...

1923

The *Game of Life*, a movie that broke all cinema records in England, was shown at Winchester's town hall. The film boasted one of the "most remarkable" scenes ever shown in a moving picture, wrote the *Winchester Press*.

1933

Deputy agriculture minister J.N. Fairnbairn reported that minister T.L. Kennedy would soon be making an official statement promising aid to Ontario milk producers. Each dairy farmer, it was revealed, would receive aid provided they purchased a high-grade bull with a known pedigree.

1943

A local resident was charged this week and summoned to the local magistrate for building a house. Winchester municipal council discovered the man had built a house without first gaining the necessary permits. Although council members felt the punishment was too strict, they all agreed that the bylaw needed to be upheld and enforced.



This week, in 1983, Winchester resident Doris Folkard, and her dog Scamp, were both dressed for the rainy spring weather.

1953

Chesterville held a barrel-guessing contest this week and the grand prizewinner of $300 was Mrs. Grant Servage. The contest involved a barrel being dropped in the water at Cass Bridge, and then timed to see how long it would take to reach the bridge in Chesterville. Servage guessed the time with only a 16-second discrepancy. The barrel took six hours, nine minutes, and 29 seconds to complete its journey.

1963

Politics were forefront in this week's *Press*. Lester B. Pearson and the Liberal party won a majority in the national election, but, closer to home, Progressive Conservative Jean Casselman was re-elected as Grenville-Dundas' MP. Casselman received 557 votes from Winchester residents alone, a total of 83 per cent of the village's voter base.

1973

Winchester Reeve Walter Shadbolt told the *Press* this week that he was upset with the *Ottawa Citizen's* recent report of a United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry meeting. Shadbolt called the report "misleading and inaccurate." The meeting was about restructuring the counties council, and was intended to lead to a discussion of mutual interest between Queen's Park and the counties, he said.

1983

"We need you more than ever," was the theme of this year's fundraising campaign for cancer research. Organizers emphasized that the Canadian Cancer Society's education and research did not end with the death of Terry Fox or with the conclusion of his Marathon of Hope campaign. Before he died of cancer, Fox raised more than $23 million during his tour halfway across Canada.

1993

Allan Pilkey, the NDP provincial minister of municipal affairs, made an unpopular speech at this year's Eastern Ontario Mayors, Wardens and Reeves conference. With an audience of more than 50 municipal politicians, he said everyone, including those at the township level, needed to take responsibility for the provincial deficit and the stagnated economy. The $68 billion debt made Ontario the largest borrower in the world. Mountain Township reeve Ewart Simms criticized the NDP's handling of the deficit. He accused the party of attempting to "juggle too many apples. They start all these great projects and have trouble finishing them."

2003

Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) resumed day surgery and outpatient clinics this week, following the previous week's lockdown in response to the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak in Toronto. Although some services resumed, there were still restrictions on visitors, volunteers, and auxiliary workers at the local medical facility, as per the provincewide mandate. Those entering the hospital were expected to use the registration entrance where they would be screened.

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Getting my nerd on for spin class



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

Three letters said it all.

They were typed by my buddy Russ Cohen, in New Jersey, who read on the Diva's Facebook wall that I would be joining her for spin class.

You can pretty much guess what they were.

LOL.

Yes, spin class.

Couples spin class, he chortled.

It wasn't even like I was turning my man card in. Actually, I think I had to turn my man card in when I crossed that emotionally spikey line and got a pair of Birks to wear around the house. The Diva shakes her head every morning when I gingerly amble down the stairs, holding myself up by the railing, with athletic socks and Birks.

"Just lookatcha," she says, shaking her head while I get my nerd on.

"They're corrective," I say, blaming plantar fasciitis for what's happened to me.

We got to Good Life and I walked by all of the machines I was familiar with and stood in line at the back of the room. I looked through the windows at all of the stationery bikes and at the spin class just finishing. The spinners were drenched in sweat and struggling.

Panic was setting in, though I tried to hide it. I just imagined my big cow heart exploding while sitting on a bike with my legs pumping around. I envisioned combustion, and that, in about an hour, the coroner would be looking at the pile of ashes inside my Adidas shoes, as that would be all that is left of me.

The doors flew open and the keeners rushed into the room like teenage girls rushing to get the best spot in front of the stage at a One Direction concert. I settled into the back corner of the room, where, hopefully, I would not be noticed.

As the room filled, I realized that I might be the only guy in the class. Maybe Russ was right. Maybe I was wrongly venturing into Planet Estrogen. Maybe they were going to put *The Notebook* up on the big screen, or maybe everyone would start talking about *The View* or something.

Just as I was reaching the 50th shade of uncomfortable, another guy walked in to get his seat on the bike. It didn't make me feel more comfortable, though. He had this professional biking uniform with a tight shirt with sponsor logos all over it and fancy spandex biking shorts.

"You should get a pair of those shorts," the Diva said.

"Are you kidding me?"

"You should."

"Why on earth would I do that? Could you imagine what I would look like if I were sausaged into what that guy was wearing? Talk about 20 pounds of doorknobs in a 10-pound pillow case. Why would you be so cruel to even suggest I wear something like that?"

"You'll see," she said with a coy smile.

Finally, the instructor came in – another guy – and we got started. The music cranked, and we started spinning. Okay, we were riding our bikes at different speeds.

Within about five minutes, I started to realize why the Diva said I should get biking shorts. First of all, I don't know who the Eunuch was who invented the bicycle seat, but there are clearly some flaws in the design. At the other end of the equation, my butt was aching before we got through two songs. There is good aching and bad aching. Good aching involves working and building muscle. Bad aching, like the kind I was feeling, comes from having all of your way-too-much weight isolated on scrawny little points of bone near your butt. With every pump and with every song, the butt pain got worse and worse. I could only imagine the bruising down there when the painful hour was up.

The next day, after I stood up to eat breakfast and stood in the living room to watch *Sportscentre*, and after I stood at my desk to type all day, we paid a visit to the sporting goods retailer.

There were two types of biking shorts.

There was the kind that the Lance Armstrong starter kit in spinning class was wearing, and then there were the baggy ones that looked sort of like a bathing suit. Perfect, I thought. I tried them on. I emerged from the change room. The Diva laughed.

"You look like you are wearing Depends under those," she said. Even the young girl waiting on us – Megan or Brittany or Emily or whatever her name was – was giggling.

I went back into the room, took them off, handed them back to Meganly, and tried on the "real" bike shorts.

I squeezed into them, adjusted all of the different pads, and figured they weren't too bad. I bought them.

When we went to our next spin class, I looked around, and this time, I was the only guy there. I wore my new shorts and the padding protecting my fragile bottom as I kept up with all the girls in the room, spinning hard while club music thumped off the walls.

At the end of it, the Diva and I toweled off, after burning about 700 calories.

"Wasn't that great?" she asked.

"It was," I replied before taking a swig of water.

"Hey babes," she said. "Do you want to try a hot yoga class together?"

I'm sure Russ will get a good laugh at that one.

Letters to the Editor

Allow community to decide library's fate

The Editor:
What sad times we find ourselves in when a vital, and valuable, institution in a rural community is slated for closure.

I quote from the headline in the *Winchester Press'* Wed. March 27 edition that states, "Despite opposition, Williamsburg library still slated for closure."

Fancy PowerPoint presentations and pre-closure propaganda (I hate to use the word consolidate) will not sway the people that this library should be closed.

Children and residents still require access to books, computers, photo copiers, and fax machines within their own community.

Parents and educators both know what an asset this library is to the village of Williamsburg. The number of patrons that use this facility speaks volumes in itself.

It is our responsibility to voice our displeasure on decisions that were made behind closed doors. Let us support one another and exercise our right as taxpayers for a democratic decision process, which should be utilized in matters such as these.

Who knows, your library could be next.

Suzanne Edge
Williamsburg

Deforestation definitely *is* affecting us all

The Editor:
I share in Theresa Bergeron's concern about the vigorous "trend" to clear-cut every tree, shrub, and piece of brush from the horizons ("Deforestation affecting us all," *Winchester Press*, Wed., March 27).

As a transplant from the city, my husband and I arrived in this area with a concept that farmers were naturally in touch with the ecology in which they spend their day, and from which they make their living. While that may be true of some, what I have witnessed in the past three years is nothing short of raping the land to claw up another few feet of space for crops.

My own research into various agricultural studies confirms that the tiny bit of added income is far outweighed by the overall depleted quality of the land, crops, and water table due to the lack of trees on the edges of the fields.

The negative impact to our water supply, soil erosion, lack of windbreak, and loss of property values is real and immediate.

Left in place, the trees and shrubbery pay for themselves many times over in keeping the land and crops healthy, providing forage and shelter for our wildlife neighbours, providing shade and shelter for crops and farm animals, and encouraging a healthy ecosystem that supports, for example, valued pollinators.

A thorough study of the agricultural causes of the Great Depression – such as Ken Burns' documentary *The Dustbowl* – is a bleak reminder that when the land is treated with disrespect and rabid greed, the cost to everyone is devastating and can last for decades. Our planet's health is not as robust as it was in our grandparents' or even our parents' time. As a result, our attitudes must change.

A secondary point in Bergeron's letter was the added concern of the air pollution caused by burning piles of trees and brush, garbage, bale wraps, tires, and more.

Perhaps they are unaware of the deadly toxins they are sending up in the air, and into their neighbours' lungs. They may also be unaware that many of the petroleum based products they are burning leach toxins into our soil, and, therefore, into our water table.

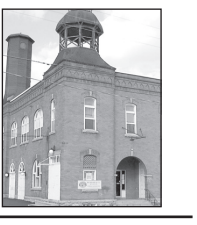
All of us pay eco-taxes to allow many of these items to be recycled – for free! Couple that with a more-than-adequate recycling program at our landfill and weekly garbage pickup, and there is no reason to add to the poison levels of our planet.

I am not painting everyone with the same brush – I am sure there are true stewards of the land out there who work extremely hard to maintain the natural balance on their properties. I applaud them and the sacrifices they make. But last summer's drought, and our increasingly extreme weather conditions should be a clear warning that everyone needs to be on the same page.

I am reminded of the phrase "what we do to the earth, we do to ourselves." As such, each one of us shares the responsibility to diligently protect our most valuable resource – the land – so that it will be here for generations to come.

Janice Atkey Videto
Winchester

April agenda



Live at the Old Town Hall

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

Winchester Open Mic Night
Thurs., April 11 and Thurs., April 25
The event features a new coffeehouse format, and is free to attend, with doors opening at 6:45 pm
Dollar canteen, all ages welcome
(Youth under 14 require adult accompaniment)

Dundas County Players
Pump Boys and Dinettes
Fri., April 26 to Sun., April 28 and
Fri., May 3 to Sun., May 5
For tickets or more information, visit www.dcp-players.ca

From Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon



On balancing the country's books

OTTAWA – One of the most important and critical elements of our Conservative government's 2013 budget is the commitment to balance the books by 2015. Just like one's personal or family finances, our country has to be prudent when it comes to income and expenses.

You can't continue to spend more than you earn.

After being elected to form government in 2006, we set out to pay down our debt. Between 2006 and the beginning of the recession in 2008 we reduced our country's overall debt by $37 million.

In August of 2008, our national debt was at its lowest level in 25 years. When the recession hit during the summer of 2008, Canada was in a much better position than any other G7 country to deal with the worst global recession in more than 70 years.

When the recession hit, we made a deliberate decision to go into a temporary deficit to protect our economy and jobs. While other countries are struggling with out of control debt, Canada is in the best financial position of all G7 countries.

Our net debt to GDP ratio is 35.8 per cent – the lowest amongst the G7. Germany is second at 58.4 per cent, and the average amongst the G7 is 80.4 per cent.

Our plan to get back to balanced budgets is working. We have reduced the deficit by more than 50 per cent in the past two years, and Budget 2013 will build on those successes.

To reduce overall debt, our government announced $1.7 billion in savings with Budget 2013. We will do this by examining departmental spending to ensure that government operations are managed as efficiently as possible.

We will also reduce travel expenses through the use of technology for remote meeting solutions like telepresence and video conferencing. Further, we will standardize government technology systems to reduce duplication, increase efficiency and save money.

Tax loopholes will also be closed, ensuring everyone pays their fair share, and that taxes remain low and competitive. These actions should ensure that the deficit is in fact eliminated by 2015.

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Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon submits regular weekly columns to the Winchester Press. *His provincial counterpart for the riding, Jim McDonell, submits monthly columns.*

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DCP launches 2013 season with Broadway production

WINCHESTER – The Dundas County Players' season is scheduled to get underway in two weeks.

On Fri., April 26, the local theatre group will unveil its version of *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, a Tony-nominated Broadway production. (Book, lyrics, and music by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel, and Jim Wann.)

The play is set somewhere in North Carolina, and tells the story of four men who work at L.M. and Jim's Gas Station, and two women who waitress at the Double Cup Diner. The six come together to transform an ordinary, typical, and otherwise boring day into a toe-tapping and foot-stomping occasion.

Under the direction of Terry Green, and the musical direction of Colleen Howard, a small cast of local thespians will be performing in the 90-minute production.

Performances have been scheduled for April 26, Sat., April 27, Fri., May 3, and Sat., May 4 at 7:30 pm, with matinee showings on Sun., April 28 and Sun., May 5 at 2:30 pm.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for youth 18 and under, and are available at Winchester Video or online at www.dcpplayers.ca. Those wanting tickets can also call 613-297-0097.



The Dundas County Players' latest production, *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, is scheduled to open on Fri., April 26. The cast features Mike Bonner (left), Andrea Bols, Rachelle Eves, Joel Exner, Colleen Howard, and Ron Porteous. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

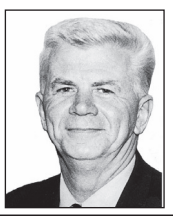


Letting the bluebirds in

Heckston-based author Shirley Nichol Hellam launched her latest book, *Where Bluebirds Fly*, at Embracing the Arts in Winchester on Fri., April 5. The literature features a series of fictional short stories, including the odd true story, and each includes a surprise ending, according to Nichol Hellam. This is the fourth book for the author, who has written in the past to raise money for Mountain's House of Lazarus and to document segments of her family's history. *Where Bluebirds Fly* is $15, and is available at Embracing the Arts. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

Landowners encouraged to apply for clean water grants

OTTAWA – The City of Ottawa is now receiving applications for its Ottawa Rural Clean Water Grants Program (ORCWGP), which provides grants to projects that protect groundwater and surface water in rural areas.



In and around Osgoode Ward
by Councillor Doug Thompson

Landowners completing projects in 2013 may be eligible for up to $15,000 in grants depending on the project they are undertaking.

Farmers from rural and urban Ottawa, and landowners within rural Ottawa are eligible to apply. Approved applicants must have a completed third edition Environmental Farm Plan (farm projects) or Healthy Home Guidebook (non-farm projects.)

Some of the eligible projects include: buffer strips, grassed waterways, livestock restrictions, land retirement, stream bank stabilization, tile outlet protection, tile drain control structures, and well decommissioning.

Application deadlines are Wed., May 1, and, if funds are available, Mon., Sept. 30. A full list of eligible projects, as well as application forms, can be found by visiting www.ottawa.ca/cleanwater.

For more information, contact the Land-Owner Resource Centre at 613-692-3571 or toll free at 1-800-267-3504 extension 1128 or 1132.

Meeting in Greely tonight

Ottawa's traffic department will be making a presentation at the Greely Community Centre at 7 pm tonight (Wed., April 10).

The presentation and subsequent public discussion will focus on the Stagecoach Road and Parkway Road intersection.

Hunks with hammers

The Hunks with Hammers Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser has raised more than $76,000 in the last five years.

This year's event will be held on Sat., April 13 at the Greely Community Centre beginning at 5:30 pm.

This year's goal is to raise money for the Maplesoft Centre, Eastern Ontario's first centre for cancer survivorship.

Organizers are looking for contributions from the local business sector as well as community-minded citizens.

For more information, contact Patti-Anne Scrivens at 613-821-2805.



GUESS WHO'S TURNING 60?
Ken Drummond!!!

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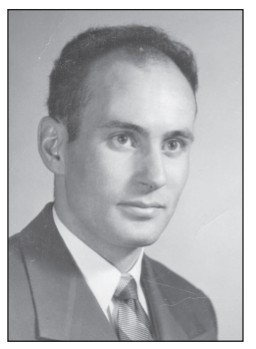

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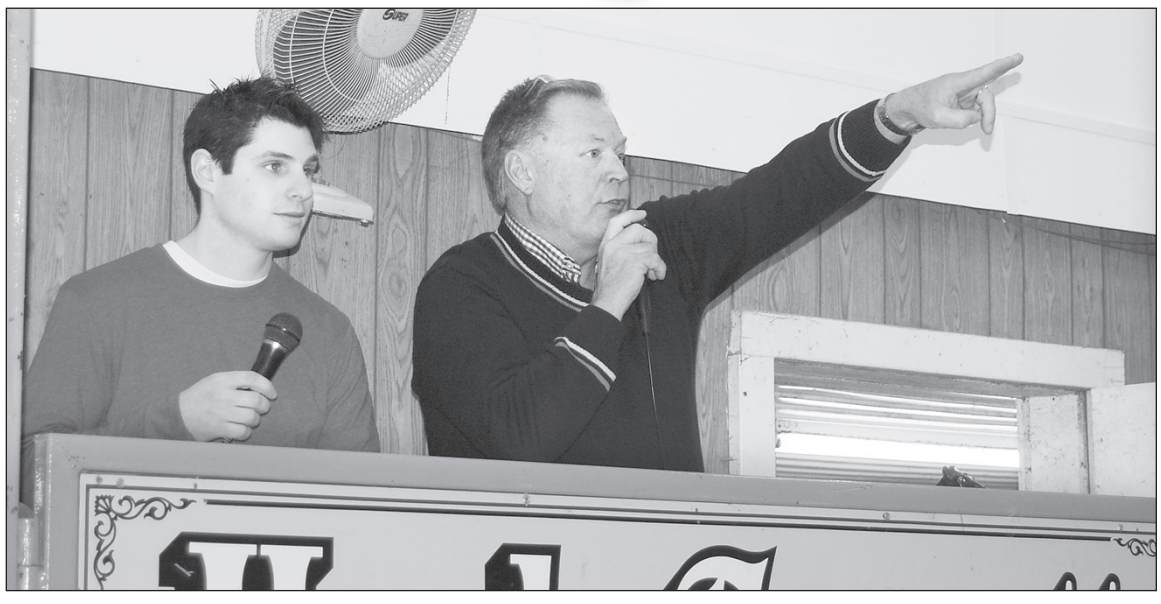


Kevin Johnson (left) and Hugh Fawcett acted as callers for the 56th annual Eastern Ontario Spring Select Sale on Sat., April 6 at the Fawcett Farm in Winchester.

Press Photos – Casselman

Calf auction averages over $2,000

WINCHESTER – The Eastern Ontario Spring Select Sale completed its 56th year with a packed barn, and 77 head of cattle sold.

On Sat., April 6, at the Hugh Fawcett Auctions Sale Arena in Winchester, many of the region's dairy farmers gathered for the annual sale of semen, eggs, and cattle.

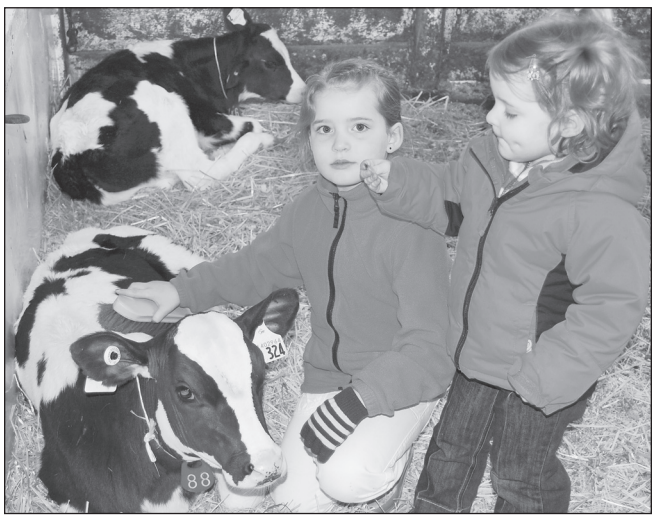
"We were pleased with how the sale turned out," Kelly Fawcett-Mathers said.

Fawcett-Mathers, along with her husband, David Mathers, took over management of the yearly event from her parents, Diane and Hugh, in 2012. It was Fawcett-Mathers' grandparents who started the sale in 1957.

"This year we knew going into it that we would be facing a tougher market, but the really good calves still sold very well," she said.

With 77 head of cattle sold, the average sale was $2,096. The six highest selling calves were: Quality Atwood Fauna, sold to Brian Enright of Winchester for $6,500; Crestlea Goldwyn Karen, sold to Jamie Black, Mike Heath, and Kevin Doeberiener for $6,000; Roclane Fever Ice Tea, sold to Jacques Lafleche of St-Albert for $4,800; Marbri Brittany, sold to Roger and Margaret Courville of Crysler for $4,800; Quality Fever Frolic, sold to Ferme Raynaud Ltée of Vankleek Hill for $4,400; and one sold to Robert Hamilton of Russell for $4,400.

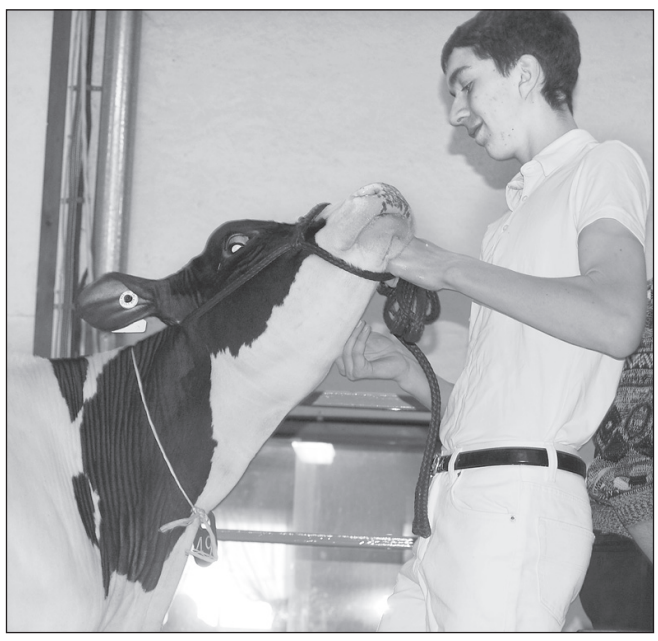
The popular event acts as a fundraiser benefiting local 4-H Holstein Clubs. With volunteers from several local 4-H groups, it was Tessa Bowes, Michelle Guerard, and Derek Oliver from the Lanark County 4-H Club who showed cattle during the auction.



Erica Mathers (right) watched as sister, Taylor, brushed one of the young calves.



Big or small, Michelle Guerard was able to handle the calves she led around the auction ring.



Derek Oliver was one of three busy volunteers from the Lanark County 4-H to show calves during the auction.



Steady hands

Winchester's Green Tech Ag and Turf played host to John Deere Day on Fri., April 5, with a series of seminars and other activities taking place at the local agricultural outlet. Visitors were also offered lunch, a chance at winning a barbecue, and those making purchases were eligible to receive up to 20 per cent off at the parts and service department. Simon VanderPoel, pictured here, took control at the mini-excavator station, positioning a tennis ball at the peak of a pylon. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

4-H Update

4-H scrapbookers get to work

by Ashley Armstrong

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – The Dundas County 4-H Scrapbooking club held its first meeting at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall on Tues., March 26.

Members discussed the process of creating a quality page, and what to avoid while doing so.

As well, each participant was shown that when using newspaper clippings; first spray the articles with a special spray so that the acid from the newsprint does not destroy the accompanying pictures.

The club's executive was also voted in, with Samantha Lennox serving as president, and Carley Milne-Servage as vice-president. Mikayla Verspeek will serve as secretary, while the press reporter will be Ashley Armstrong. This season's leaders are Brenda Velthuis, Christine VanDenBroek, and Carolyn Lillico.

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High school, municipality partner on free bus service

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) and North Dundas District Intermediate School (NDDIS) students looking to stick around following the end of the school day bell can now do so.

Thanks to a partnership between the Township of North Dundas and the local secondary institution, a free bus service has begun operation.

Running every Tuesday and Thursday until Thurs., June 13, two "late" shuttles will run between Chesterville, Winchester, Hallville, South Mountain, and Inkerman from 2:30 to 4 pm.

"There are two main reasons we did this," Mayor Eric Duncan said. "Private sponsors stepped up to help with costs, and we want to get young people active in an informal setting."

The program is a 10-week pilot that will test whether a free bus service will be offered in future years.

"I have heard from a lot of parents and students that we need this type of thing," Duncan said. "Now that it is here, it is time for participants to prove it can work."

For those students choosing to take part, a variety of activities are being planned, including various sporting events and other physical activity.

"This is part of [North Dundas'] recreation program… to get more people active and healthy. For those students that are out of shape and want to get in shape… that is the key demographic," Duncan said. "The end result, hopefully, will be more active people in our community."

However, the mayor added, students who choose to use the free service are not obligated to take part in the programming. Members of NDDHS' Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving chapter, student council members, or those students looking to complete homework in the cafeteria or library are welcome to ride the bus, Duncan said.

"My hope is that this service is successful," he said.

All NDDHS and NDDIS students received a program registration form, while the school will be leaving voice-recorded messages on machines at a number of households in the coming days.

For more information, those interested are asked to contact Gina Welch, North Dundas' community co-ordinator, at 613-774-2105 extension 223.



Young artists awarded

The North Dundas Fire Department recently handed out its annual poster contest awards at Nationview Public School in South Mountain. This year's winners included Leaf Hogan (front, left) and Halee Jones-Miner. Middle row: Tristan Oosterhof (left), Olivia Potvin-Carranza, and Heather Droogh. Back row: Jada Ouellette, Kiara Vandenheem, and Alison Roach. The recipients are pictured with Jeff Hyndman, a member of the fire department's South Mountain detachment. The winning entries are to be featured in the fire department's 2014 calendar.



North Dundas District High School student council members Jenna Warren (left) and Tara Dejong took part in the Duck Dynasty-themed barbecue at the local educational institute on Fri., April 5.

NDDHS students get outdoorsy



NDDHS Notes
by Sara Ives

MAPLE RIDGE – It was all about the outdoors on Fri., April 5 at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS).

That day, staff and students hosted a celebration in honour of the hit television show, *Duck Dynasty*, sporting camouflage attire. Student council members also hosted a barbecue on April 5, serving up sausages and beverages.

This coming week, NDDHS' girl's rugby team will be travelling to Kingston to take part in a pre-season tournament on Fri., April 12. The girls are excited to hit the field for the first tournament of the year.

Also on April 12, the midget and junior badminton teams have a match in Cornwall. Good luck to all teams playing games this week.

Meanwhile, it is a big week for the Grade 10 students at NDDHS, as they will be taking part in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test tomorrow (Thurs., April 11). The students are busy preparing and getting ready. Good luck to those writing the standardized test.

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Rugby rocking at NDDHS, Devils in training

MAPLE RIDGE – Six weeks of indoor training has preceeded the North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) Senior Devils hitting the turf this week for their first exhibition games of the 2013 rugby season.

A road trip to Kingston is set for Friday (April 12) where the Devils will take part in a pre-season tournament at Queen's University. A week later (Thurs., April 18), they will be in Rockland, home of the defending OFSAA bronze medalists and EOSSAA champions, for a warm-up tournament. The first action on their home field is set for Tues., April 23 when the Devils will host an eight-team teaching tournament.

Coaches Scott Reaney and Gilles LaPage will then guide their squad through their inaugural league match at North Dundas on Fri., April 26.

Reaney reported that the team has been training both at NDDHS and the Benson Centre in Cornwall since the recommendation to consider volunteering to re-introduce extra-curriculars was made by the Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation.

"The league's coaching panel met the weekend after that and the announcement was made to get the season organized," he explained.

Reaney figures the team is not quite as far along with its training as it was last year when indoor sessions began in January, but he is pleased with the improvement he has seen. Reaney said he knows that it will be a challenge to compete with schools like Rockland, Gloucester or Brookfield, but is grateful the team has been able to travel to training sessions in Cornwall in the NDDHS 20-seater bus at an affordable price.

"That bus is an absolutely vital tool for a lot of extra and co-curricular programs," noted the coach.

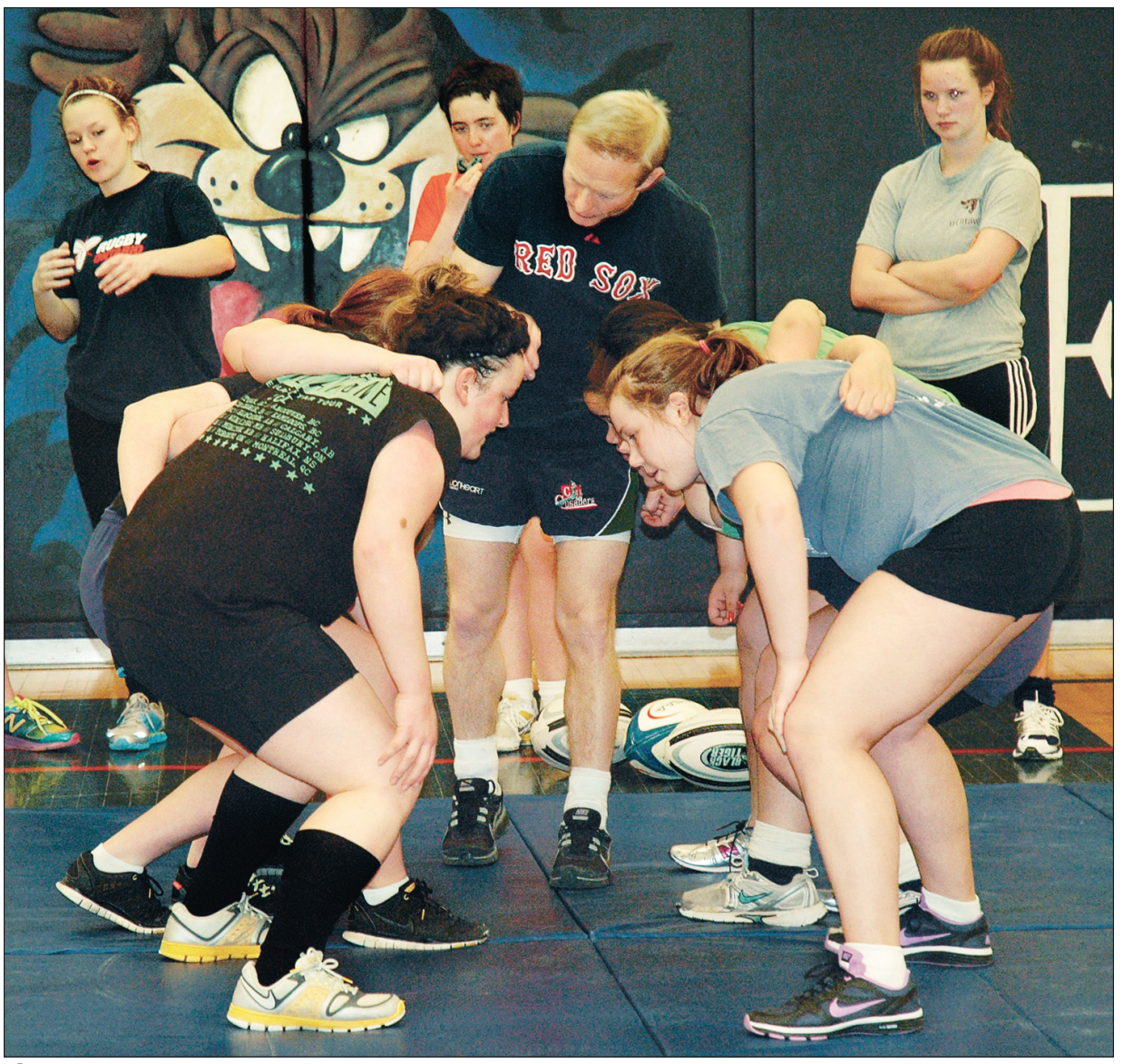
"We have 11 returning players, including some of our best from last year," he explained. "But we have as many rookies, some of whom are seniors, on the team and they are progressing very well. I would have liked to have seen more junior girls join us as we need a steady stream of youth coming to the sport so we don't have a big turnover year."

Devils to host teaching tournament at NDDHS April 26

More sports

Spring schedules for boys and girls soccer, track and field and badminton are in the process of being drawn up and readied for release. Coaches at NDDHS are hoping to start training sessions this week.

Due to the fact that 7's rugby will be played in the Summer Olympics in Rio it has been speculated that 7's, both boys and girls, will be introduced in time for the fall high school sports season.



Spring tuneup

Senior Devils coach Scott Reaney instructed the 2013 team in setting up a scrum at last week's (Thurs., April 4) training session at North Dundas District High School. The squad which has 11 returning veterans on its roster will be tested Friday (April 12) in a pre-season tournament at Queen's University in Kingston. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

Flags are flying at Cedar Glen, course open for season

BOUCKS HILL – Had mother nature co-operated, the 2013 season would have opened a day earlier at Cedar Glen Golf Course.

But last Friday's (April 5) snowfall pushed the official launch of the 18-hole facilities' 41st season to Saturday (April 6).

The spring's first golfers toured the north nine holes and also had use of the driving range and putting green on Saturday. Players stopping for coffee following their first round reported, in spite of a cool biting wind, it was a great day to be out in the sunshine playing golf.

Course owner Dennis Casselman noted that play began last year during the first week of March, the earliest start ever, due to the warmer than usual temperatures, but this winter was more like what could be called normal, which translated into a later start.

"We really could use some warm rain to help green things up and get rid of the last of the snow on the south nine," he explained.

"So far we have been lucky and had very few problems," he said.

As well, Casselman said it doesn't seem possible that the course has been in operation for 41 years. "Sometimes it goes by in a hurry and then it seems like it has been 100 years," he said.

"Our membership has stayed strong and there seems to be plenty of interest and phone calls," Casselman noted.

The owner explained that they have worked on a couple of the water hazards and made some adjustments on No. 11, but other than that it is business as usual.

"The prices are up a buck here and there but no major changes," Casselman said. "We will still have our Tuesday scramble, ladies night will be on Wednesdays, men's night on Thursdays and there is a tournament booked already. So, if the weather helps us out we should have a good year."

For more information or to book a tee time, call the pro shop at 613-535-2323.



Chesterville golfers Duane Young (left) and Mike Fawcett, loosening up on No. 10, were among the first duffers to test their skills on the north nine holes on opening day (Sat., April 6) at Cedar Glen Golf Course. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

Ladies ball hockey looking for players

WINCHESTER – Players are needed to help the Chesterville/Winchester Ladies Ball Hockey League launch its 35th season.

The league will accept player's registration next week (Thurs., April 18) in the lobby of the Joel Steele Community Centre beginning at 7 pm. The session will run until 8:30 pm. The fee has been set at $85 for players, while goalies will play for free.

Due to the ongoing repairs at the Chesterville Arena, all games will be played in Winchester each Thursday evening at 7 and 8 pm. The schedule will begin on Thurs., April 25 and finish with the championship matches on Thurs., Aug. 22.

For information, call Heather Erwin at 613-989-6145 or email herwin@centurymechanical.com.

Bantam Coyotes gold medalists at OWHA provincials

OTTAWA – It has been a banner season for the Russell District Girls Hockey Association (RDGHA).

The Russell Castor Bantam "BB" Coyotes reached the highest level of success achieved by their association, this year claiming the 2013 Ontario Women's Hockey Association gold medal at the provincial championship tournament in Ottawa.

On Sunday (April 7), the Bantam "BB" Coyotes defeated Durham 3-1 in the gold medal match to become Ontario champions. Russell eliminated London 4-1 in the semi-final round after they had nipped the North Bay Boltz 3-2 in their quarter-final game on Saturday (April 6). The girls opened the event Friday dropping a 2-1 decision to the Mount Forest Rams, but bounced back into contention with a 6-1 decision over the Ancaster Avalanche.

More content

Two other RDGHA teams also competed for Ontario medals in Ottawa over the weekend.

The Pee Wee "B" Coyotes made it into the quarter-final round where they lost 1-0 to Zorra who went on to capture the gold medal with a 1-0 win over Kent County. Russell tied both the North Bay Boltz and the Ayr Rockets 1-1 before blanking the Markham-Stouffville Stars 7-0 in their three round robin games.

Russell's Midget "B" Coyotes finished their three qualification games with a 1-1-1 record and missed the quarter-final round. They lost 3-0 to the Almaguin Gazelles, tied the Branford Ice Cats 0-0 and doubled the Toronto Leaside Wildcats 2-1. The Smiths Falls Cubs, who are members of the Ottawa District Women's Hockey Association (ODWHA) along with Russell, emerged as the gold-medalists following a 1-0 win over Durham West.

Atoms perfect

Russell's Castor Atom House Coyotes distinguished themselves by completing their ODWHA season with a perfect 25-0 record. The girls finished on a high note defeating Perth 5-1 in the association's Championship Day Tournament on Sat., March 23. The team also won three tournament titles and reached the semis in another.

Coach Pascal Hogue commented that the girls might never experience something like this season again.

Russell association president Julie Bellefeuille stated that the organization's players played hard, had fun and had many successes.

Russell teams also earned championship status in the Novice House, Pee Wee "B" and Midget House categories at the ODWHA Championship Day Tournament. The Intermediate "BB" Coyotes also competed in the OWHA's Provincial Championships in March.

"Girls hockey continues to grow as does our RDGHA community," said Bellefeuille. "We welcome all young ladies [novice to intermediate] looking for good fun, great friendships, exercise, team spirit and a sense of pride."

Registration details for the 2013-2014 season will be available on the RDGHA website, www.eteamz.com/rdgha/ in May.



Perfect season

Members of the Russell Castor Atom House Coyotes celebrated a perfect 25-0 season claiming the gold medal with a 5-1 victory over Perth in the ODWHA's 2012-2013 Championship Day Tournament in Kemptville on Sat., March 23. The Russell Novice House, Pee Wee "B" and Midget House Coyotes also captured ODWHA championships this year.

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Canadians a win away from EOJHL title, lead Athens 3-0

ATHENS – Mitch Parker's overtime goal broke up a 2-2 tie and lifted the Ottawa Junior Canadians to a 3-2 victory over the hometown Athens Aeros at Centre 76.

Parker's marker came with 10:56 left in the first period of overtime in the third game of the 2012-2013 Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League best-of-seven championship series. Sunday's (April 7) decision also extended the Metro/Valley Conference champions lead to 3-0 over the Rideau/St. Lawrence Conference champion Aeros.

Ottawa doubled the Aeros 6-3 in the opening game (Thurs., April 3) in Athens and went up 2-0 by way of a 5-3 verdict posted on Saturday (April 6) at the Brian Kilrea Arena. The fourth, and possibly final game, was played last night (Tues., April 9) at the Kilrea Arena. Should Athens stave off elimination, the series will move back to Centre 76 tomorrow (Thurs., April 11). The Canadians will host game six on Saturday (April 13) and should a seventh game be necessary, the Aeros will host on Mon., April 15.

Game three was tied 1-1 after 20 minutes with Aeros' Brian Berry and Canadians Jordan Fequet trading goals. Taylor Collins put Ottawa up 2-1 scoring shorthanded at 14:19 of period two. Mark Craig tallied the tying goal with 11:31 left in regulation time setting the stage for Parker to crack in the GWG in OT.

Ottawa outshot Athens 56-33 with Matt Couvrette getting the win and Eric Miksik taking the loss.

Canadians 5 – Aeros 3

Athens held a 3-1 lead early in the second period of game two, but gave up a trio of third-period goals suffering a 5-3 loss.

Jamie Molinski had the hat trick, including the GWG and a pair of PPGs in a winning cause. Fequet and Parker supplied the other two Ottawa goals.

Michael McKenney (2) and Michael Byrne were the Athens' marksmen.

Couvrette stopped 17 of 20 shots for the win, while Miksik faced 48 and blocked 43 suffering the setback.

Canadians 6 – Aeros 3

It was a 2-2 deadlock after 20 minutes, but Ottawa carried a 4-2 lead into the final frame and cruised to a 6-3 win in the opener.

Fequet, Parker, Connor Devereux (PPG), Luke Gagnon (GWG), Max Veronneau (PPG) and Taylor Collins (SHG) cashed in the Canadians' markers. Couvrette made 30 saves on 33 shots on his way to his first win of the series, while Miksik gave up six goals on 38 drives.

J.P. Augustine, Daniel Lacroix and Byrne registered the Athens goals.



The Russell Renegades defeated the Massive Attack 3-2 on Mon., March 27 to become the 2012-2013 National Capital Women's Hockey League champions. This was the third time since 1991 Russell has claimed the silverware. The Renegades are: front (left) – Katrina Munro, Lynda Kemp, Heather Ready, Dawn Young, Jane Patterson, Sue Ritchie; back (left) – Nancy Pothier, Nicole MacLaurin, Karen Velthuis, Cortney Little, Lynn Lambourne and Anne Van Dam.

NCWHL's Russell Renegades rip past Massive Attack for title

OTTAWA – Several timely saves, including a diving stop on a breakaway in the dying moments of the 2012-2013 National Capital Women's Hockey League (NCWHL) championship game by Heather Ready, helped the Russell Renegades edge the Massive Attack 3-2.

Russell captured the NCWHL championship hardware at the McNabb Arena on Mon., March 27 where Nicole MacLaurin potted a pair of goals and Ann Van Dam netted the single in the one-goal win over the Attack.

The Renegades registered two wins and a tie in their three round-robin qualification games. They then battled the Blizzards to a 3-3 tie so a rematch was needed. Courtney Little cracked home the GWG and Ready posted the shutout in the 1-0 decision that sent the Renegades into the championship final against the Attack.

Russell joined the NCWHL in 1991 when there was a roster of eight teams. Six of the current team members have been Renegades since the team was formed and played in a Russell house league. It has been estimated that Russell has gone to the championship game 10 times and has claimed the title on three occasions, the latest being 2011.

On behalf of her teammates, Karen Velthuis thanked spares Nancy McDiarmid, Carla Millar, Theresa Plumb and Donna Warren, as well as Alex MacLaurin the team's scorekeeper/timer and number one fan.

"We would also like to thank Nicole [MacLaurin], for her TEAMSNAP website and for notifying the spares, as well as Lynda [Kemp] our manager and Sue [Ritchie] our player-coach," said Velthuis.

Thunder rolls to fourth championship

CORNWALL – Veronique Cayer cracked in the game-winning goal and added the insurance marker leading the Eastern Thunder to its fourth consecutive Juvenile Broomball National Championship.

The defending and now current Canadian champions finished the competition, held last week (Thurs., April 4 to Sat., April 6) at the Benson Centre, by defeating another Eastern Ontario rep, the Seaway Valley Devils, 3-1 in the gold medal match.

The victory improved the Thunder's overall tourney record to 7-0. For the 19-year-old Cayer, who lead all girls in scoring in goals (nine) and points (11), the tournament marked the end of her eligibility.

The Seaway Devils settled for the silver medal, while the Valley Gamblers claimed the gold medallion on the boys' side.

Cumberland Bandits shoot down Aigles to win NCHJL trophy

ST-ISIDORE – Not only did the Cumberland Bandits end the reign of the National Capital Junior Hockey League (NCJHL) defending champion Embrun Panthers, they rallied and grabbed the league championship by beating the St-Isidore Aigles in five games.

St-Isidore opened the best-of-seven series with a 3-0 victory, but fell by 5-3, 3-2 and a pair of 3-1 decisions to the Bandits who reached the final round by ousting the North Dundas Rockets in five (4-1) and Embrun in seven (4-3) games.

Cumberland 'tender Eric Goneau held St-Isidore to a third-period goal by Yanick Lalonde as his team clinched the NCJHL championship silverware with a 3-1 victory on Sunday (March 31) in the Aigles nest.

Bandit Patrick Fitzgerald netted a SHG and the GWG, and finished the game with three points. Vincent Harris sniped the single. Alex Girard, Benoit Harris, Martin Lefebvre and Jesse Meilleur set up the scoring plays.

The day before (Sat., March 30) in Orleans Cumberland took as 3-1 strangle hold on the series skating to a 3-1 victory that featured a pair of third-period goals.

Romeo Boudreau got the start in the Cumberland cage and was beaten just once by Maxime Seguin in the final frame. Benoit Harris (GWG), Girard and Meilleur netted the Bandit markers.

Cumberland rang up a goal in each period on their way to a 3-2 victory last week (Wed., March 27) in St-Isidore. Fitzgerald cashed in a pair of shots, one the GWG. Tim Bristow counted the other marker. Boudreau posted the win allowing shots fired by Philippe Menard and Seguin to elude him.

The Cumberland roster has some local content in Morewood resident Dale Murdoch, who is part of the Bandits' award-winning coaching staff.

2013 District 8 Ontario 55 + Summer Games open today

CORNWALL – Open doubles euchre is the first event on the Ontario 55 + 2013 Summer Games schedule.

The euchre tournament is being played at the Royal Canadian Legion, Cornwall Branch 297.

Mixed doubles darts is being convened by Jim Scott (613-543-2052) and is also scheduled to take place at the Cornwall legion on Thurs., April 18. Registration is being held at noon and play will start at 1 pm.

The Nor-Dun Seniors' Support Centre in Winchester is the location for the fourhanded bid euchre tournament that will be played on Fri., April 26. Betty Wheeler (613-984-1431) is the convener and the registration is slated for 9:30 am and play will start at 10 am.

The final event for April is the contract bridge open doubles event that will take place on Tues., April 30. Claire Dunn (613-543-3279) is the contact.

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Bantam 'B' Demons undefeated in Kids for Kids tourney

KINGSTON – It was a perfect conclusion to the 2012-2013 hockey season for the North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons.

Following their elimination from the Upper Canada Minor Hockey playoffs, the Winchester-based squad took part in the 2013 Kids for Kids Tournament in Kingston (Thurs., March 28 – Sat., March 30) where they strung together five consecutive wins and outscored the opposition 14-4 in the process.

North Dundas opened the competition doubling the Brockville Wally Wash Braves 4-2 on day one. First-period goals by Logan Holmes (Tyson Sherrer at 9:30) and Cory Ross (Sherrer and Joey Benoit at 1:14) staked the Demons to a 2-0 lead.

Cory Ross (Holmes and Dillon Clement at 5:30) gave his team a 3-1 lead scoring in period two. Tristan MacGregor's unassisted shot into the empty net seven seconds before the final buzzer made it a 4-2 final. Bayden Carr was the winning 'tender.

Aaron Turcotte was named the starting goaltender for game two and supported the Demons in their 1-0 decision over the Loyalist Jets. Jakob Downey used a feed from Kyle Ross to ring up the GWG with 2:14 left in regulation time.

Carr went back between the pipes for game three and registered a perfect result in a 2-0 victory over the Arnprior Packers. Cory Ross's unassisted tally with 3:04 left in period one proved to be the GWG. Holmes (unassisted) iced the win scoring with 9:19 left on the clock.



The North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons registered five wins and outscored the opposition 14-4 on their way to claiming the Marsh Kids for Kids Tournament championship in Kingston. Taking the title were: front (left) – Tyson Sherrer, Bayden Carr, Aaron Turcotte, Jack van Kessel, Tristan MacGregor, Jakob Downey; back (left) – Darrin Kelly – coach, Cory Ross, Cameron MacGregor – trainer, Logan Holmes, Dillon Clemen, Sawyer Vanden Bosch, Spencer Kelly, Kyle Ross, Brayden Cochrane, Joey Benoit, Alexandre Dagenais, Jack Messervey and Brian Downey – ass't coach. Missing: Donovan Larose.

Semi-final

Four different snipers hit the target in the semi-final game, as North Dundas eliminated the Kingston Canadians 4-2.

Clemen (Holmes at 9:22) and Alexandre Dagenais (MacGregor and Spencer Kelly at 5:00) connected in the opening stanza giving the Demons a 2-1 lead.

Cory Ross (Sawyer Vanden Bosch and Clemen at 5:38) dented the twine in period two opening up a 3-2 lead with what would prove to be the GWG.

Kelly solidified his team's trip to the championship game scoring on a solo effort in the dying seconds. Turcotte got the start and posted the win.

Title match

North Dundas faced off against the Frontenac Flyers in the championship game and skated to a 3-0 victory. Carr took his turn working the Demons' goaltending rotation and was flawless guarding the cage.

MacGregor's first-period tally, engineered by Kelly with 2:02 left in the session, held up as the GWG.

Sherrer increased the lead to 2-0 finishing a play started by Jack van Kessel with 44 seconds to play in the same frame.

Holmes' put the finishing touches on his team's championship win hitting the empty net 39 seconds before the final buzzer.

Bush Leaguers double Kemptville, take 43 Cup

KEMPTVILLE – Jamie Wyatt's second-half goal stood up as the determining shot fired in the Bush Leaguers' 4-2 victory over Kemptville.

Saturday's (April 6) game, played at the North Grenville Recreation Centre, pitted the 2012-2013 Winchester Town Hockey League (WTHL) champion Bush Leaguers against the top team in the North Grenville Industrial Hockey League.

This year was the first time in four years that Winchester has claimed the silverware. The inaugural 43 Cup showdown was played in 2003.

Kemptville took a 1-0 lead when Ricky Hill netted a feed from Tyler Raza. Winchester tied it on a Dean Byvelds marker that was engineered by Travis Froats and Travis Rowe. Dana Schofield opened up a 2-1 lead for the visitors after taking a pass from Dean Moore.

Jamie Wyatt created a 3-1 lead for Winchester burying a Justin Heuff rebound in the second half. Glen Annand sliced his team's deficit to 3-2 finishing a play started by Cory Tatarciuc and that score remained in effect until Byvelds ripped a Kyle Dearing relay into the empty Kemptville cage.

Chris Currie, winning goaltender and WTHL spokesman, thanked referee Nathan Thompson for his dedication and integrity throughout the season.

Leafs hold onto MTHL championship

METCALFE – A 5-2 victory over the Senators has enabled the Maple Leafs to retain possession of the Les Robinson/Jim Wynn Cup, emblematic of the Metcalfe Town Hockey League championship.

The Leafs were awarded the championship chalice following a 5-2 decision against the Senators in the 2012-2013 title match on Sat., March 30.

Last season, the Leafs finished last in the six-team loop and battled their way to the championship. This year they wound up third with a 9-5-4 record and 22 points. The Canadians took top spot with a mark of 11-5-2 (24 pts.), while the Senators (11-6-1) settled into second, one point behind the pennant winners. The Bruins (7-9-2) were fourth, the Stars (5-11-2) came fifth and the Red Wings (4-11-3) sixth.

Post-season play

This year's champions launched their playoff run doubling the Stars 6-3 and followed up battling the Reds to a scoreless draw. A 3-3 tie with the Bruins completed the round robin. They shut down the Stars 2-1 in semi-final play to qualify for the "A" final.

The Senators defeated the Red Wings 4-1, Bruins 5-2 and lost 3-2 to the Stars in their qualification games. A 7-4 semi-final verdict against the Red Wings moved them into the title tilt.

This year's "B" champs were the Red Wings who outshone the Stars 6-2. Both squads posted 1-1-1 records in round-robin play.

The "C" title went to the Bruins who whitewashed the Canadians 4-0. They posted identical 0-2-1 records qualifying for the final round.

Three Senators grabbed the top spots in post-season scoring. Matt Annis collected nine (2-7-9) points, Darrell Warren had eight (2-6-8) and Adam MacDonald six (5-1-6) points. The Leafs' Pete Holmes (4-2-6) and Senators Dave Boyd (3-2-5) rounded out the top five.

During the regular season, Canadians' Chris Stacey took the scoring title with 13 goals, 14 assists and 27 points in 15 games. Red Wings' Andy McVey (9-15-24) was second, Annis (16-7-23) third and Holmes (10-10-20) fourth. There was a three-way tie for fifth spot involving the Bruins' Todd Lockett (11-8-19), Steve James (10-9-19) and Canadian Kevin MacIsaac (8-11-19) who all collected 19 points.

Canadians 'tender Jason Lavergne registered the best regular-season numbers with 10 wins in 17 games, 36 GA and a GAA of 2.12.

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– Forever grateful, Patricia Monast
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Inkerman United Church
Wed., April 17. Takeouts available at 4:30 pm. Supper starts at 5 pm. Adults, $12; under 12, $5, preschoolers free.
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Coming Events

KEENAGERS (55+) LUNCHEON
At Harmony Church, Wed., April 17 at 10:30 am. Guest Speaker: Dr. Laurence Croswell, author of the biography of Ottawa Valley revivalist R.C. Horner. Full course roast beef lunch included. Cost = Free Will Donation. Please call for reservations, 613-774-5170 or email harmonychurch@bellnet.ca
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Chesterville Legion Hall, Sat., April 20, 5:30 pm-12 midnight. Tickets available from any Rotary member or Martin Derks 613-448-3256, Kaireen Cotnam 613-448-2068 or Deni Peters 613-448-3175.
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STAG AND DOE
In honour of Amanda Hogeveen and Rory Dafoe, Sat., April 13, 9 pm, Marionville Community Centre, 4629 Gregoire Road, Marionville. Tickets $5 at the door.
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Yard Sales

GARAGE SALE
Sat., April 13, 8 am-1 pm, 1157 County Road 31, Winchester. Pine doors, books, games, old tools, bed, Enduro motorcycle, old wagon wheels, furniture, wood splitter, numerous horse items, fishing poles and supplies, mason jars, homemade baking.
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MOVING SALE
Sat., April 13, 8 am-2 pm, 532 Victoria Street, Winchester. Piano, dressers, futon, beds, tools, lawn mower, garden tools, patio furniture. Everything has got to go! Make us an offer!
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Auction Sales

AUCTION SALE
For the Estate of Bill Hossie
Travel north of Oxford Station on Rock Road to O'Neill Road and west to Farm #1835 – OR – Travel south of Oxford Mills on Crozier Road to O'Neill Road.
THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 18
commencing at 5:30 pm
C.I.H. JX70 2WD, ROPS0, 1597 hours; NH 489 haybine; Kuhn GA3200 rotary rake; Kuhn tedder; Hesston 5530 round baler; JD 24T baler; pipe elevators; Kongskilde 2-furrow Series 20 plow; MF 520 tandem discs; IH No. 10 seed drill; roller; chain harrows; Triple-K cultivator; George White 100 gallon sprayer; plastic water tank; NH 328 spreader; gravity box, 250 bushel; 2 hay wagons; IH 2-row corn planter; NI 1-row corn picker; NI 2-row picker sheller; automatic headgate and chute; bale feeders; farm gates.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 13
commencing at 10:30 am
Note: Plan to attend on time as this auction will not exceed 2.5 hours.
Reason for Auction: After many years in the Ag. Industry, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins have sold the farm and are retiring.
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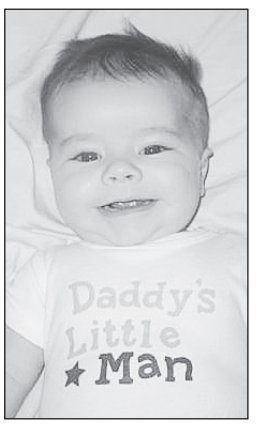
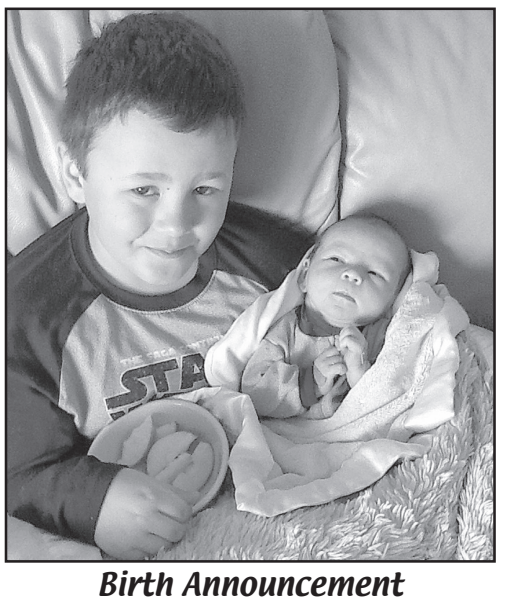


BROWN – Mackenzie is excited to announce the birth of her baby brother, Reid Cohen Brown, born July 4, 2012, weighing 8 lb., 6 oz. Special thanks to Dr. Adetola and all the maternity staff at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Proud parents are Stacey and Tyler Brown. Proud grandparents are Bart and Jessie Hutchinson of Mountain and Steve and Colleen Brown of Chesterville.



Congratulations

Steve and Darlene Fisher of Edwards, Ontario wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Kevin McLeod, son of Sheldon and Yvette McLeod of Winchester, Ontario. A spring wedding will take place on May 11, 2013 at Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm in Edwards.



Birth Announcement

VAN BRIDGER – Thomas Ian Van Bridger, along with his parents, Chris Van Bridger and Danielle Roberts, is excited to welcome his little brother Deryck Allen Van Bridger into their family. Deryck arrived on Wed., March 27, 2013, weighing in at 8 lb., 9 oz. The proud grandparents are Allen and Sharon Van Bridger of Winchester and Ian Roberts of Barrhaven and Nicole Sauve-Roberts of Ottawa.

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To be held on site at Civic #3440 County Road 12, south of Finch. From County Road 43 in the village of Finch turn south onto County Road 12, travel approximately 3 km. Watch for signs.
SATURDAY, APRIL 20
commencing at 10 am

Tractors, Machinery and Tools: JD 2950 4WD with cab and air, only 5000 hours, bought new on farm, extra nice; MF 375 2WD, only 2800 hours, nice; White 588 4-row 20" semi-mount; Willrich tandem axle 21' hydraulic fold c-shank cultivator with finger harrows; 14' Sprocket packer, like new; 3 Turnco gravity boxes with 19-ton Martin running gears; White 5100 4-row air corn planter; Westfield 8"x51' grain auger; NI single auger snowblower; MF 440 4-row corn cultivator; fertilizer auger; 3-pt. hitch fertilizer spreader; set of 18-38 duals; JD LT150 riding lawn mower, like new; 3 chain saws; 80 lb air compressor; large quantity of other shop, hand and power tools; transcontinental bolt bin stocked with nuts, bolts and washers, 30' heavy duty aluminum extension ladder.

Camper: 2007 31' Springdale bumper hitch camping trailer with large slide out, this unit is in mint, as new condition, must be seen.

Household Effects: Modern oak dining table and four chairs, like new; buffet hutch; china cabinet; 5000 and 7000 BTU air conditioners, both 1 year old, as new; 3 TVs; large assortment of pots, pans and kitchenware; craft supplies and materials; large collection of Blue Delft pottery; many other articles too numerous to mention.

Note: Everything in this auction from the farm machinery to the camper to the household effects is in extra clean condition.

Reason for Sale: The farm has been sold and Mr. Sanders is relocating and retiring.

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TRACTORS, FARM MACHINERY AND MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES
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SATURDAY, APRIL 20
commencing at 10 am

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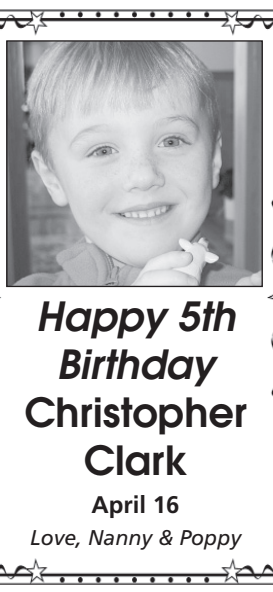

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A special thank you to Dr. Flowers and nursing staff for their kind and attentive care of Tom. Their compassion shown to our family is deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Thank you to Byers Funeral Home for the professional guidance, caring and thoughtfulness. Thank you to Rev. C. Lowson for her words of comfort before and after the service.

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OBITUARY

Wilhelmina Jansen

Wilhelmina Jansen (nee Lucassen) peacefully passed into the care of her dear Lord, after a brief illness, on Thurs., April 4, 2013 in her 89th year.

She was the loving and beloved wife of Herman Jansen for 62 years. She was the selfless and devoted mother of John (Bonnie), Michael (Brenda), Paul (Carole), Gerald (Paola), Ann (the late Noel), Mary (Al), Janet (Derek), Bernie (Lisa), and Irene (Chris). She was the proud Oma to Eric, Matthew, Dani, Sarah, Elisa, Kathryn, Rachel, Kiah, Duncan, Ryan, Aisha, Mieke, Luke, Mallory, predeceased by her granddaughter, Anna, and was the great-Oma to Jack, Spencer, Mia, Dylan, and Evan. She was the dear sister of Marie, Fien, and Gerrit, and the late Annie, Bernard, and Wim, all of Holland.



She emigrated from Holland in 1951, to farm and raise a family at Reid's Mills in Mountain Township, and then actively retired for the last 15 years in Kemptville.

Wilhelmina was a nurturer who loved knitting, reading, music, and gardening, and infused all family events with her wonderful sense of humour, and poems.

The family is grateful to Dr. Leonard and the staff at Bayfield Manor, Kemptville District Hospital, and Queensway-Carleton Hospital for their kind and attentive care.

The funeral mass was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Kemptville on Mon., April 8.

Donations may be made to the Kemptville District Hospital Long-Term Care Unit or a charity of your choice.

The arrangements were entrusted to the Brown Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry in Kemptville (613-258-2435).

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IN MEMORIAM



HOWSE, Cliff – In loving memory of Cliff, a cherished husband and wonderful father, who left us too soon April 9, 2004.

Although nine years have passed, no day goes by without thoughts of you and how much your love, support and belief in us enriched our lives. We miss your quiet presence, your gentle laugh, the loving hugs, the sound of your voice and the family board game challenges, plus all the other little things that made you uniquely you. Your time with us was far too short and we treasure every memory.

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

Thank You

The family of Johann Scheuner would like to extend our thanks to everyone who expressed their sympathy following the loss of our father, father-in-law and grandfather. Thank you for all the phone calls, cards, food and flowers that were sent to our homes and for the generous donations. Thank you to Dr. Merrett for his care. A special heartfelt thank you to Donna Stewart for the many years of care you gave our father. Thank you to the numerous homemakers and nurses who cared for him. A big thank you to David Lapier and his staff from the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville and the Morewood United Church. Thank you to Rev. Wendy Wright-Mackenzie and Markus Hauser for the service and message, and to everyone who attended the funeral. Your presence meant a great deal to all of us.

Thank you to all.

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Froats Fundraiser brings in more than $40,000

DIXONS CORNERS – With more than $40,000 raised, the Froats Family Fundraiser was a success.

On Sat., April 6, family, friends, neighbours, local clubs and organizations came out in force to an all-day fundraiser at Matilda Hall in Dixons Corners in support of Mark and Lisa Froats, and their children, Brody and Brett. The event featured a car rally, local bands, a silent auction, a live auction, dinner, and a dance.

Born with Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), 17-year-old Brody has been hospitalized at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) since October 2012 when his condition deteriorated. A debilitating disease, PWS causes obesity and severe muscle atrophy, as well as heart and respiratory problems.

Lisa, who is currently battling non-Hodgkin lymphoma and who recently completed six months of chemotherapy, visits her son whenever she can. It is Mark, the family's sole provider, who spends all day, everyday at the Ottawa facility caring for Brody. Meanwhile, nine-year-old Brett remains home throughout the week to attend school.

Although there has been overwhelming support from family and friends, expenses for the Froats family continue to mount.

In response to the situation, a committee formed to raise funds for the family. The Pulling it Together Group is made up of family and friends, as well as clubs and organizations throughout Dundas County, including several branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, many local Lions Clubs, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Williamsburg Lodge.

"It was neat to see that all the groups could work together and be so successful," Mike Deighton, a committee member and teacher at North Dundas District High School, said. "All the groups just worked in harmony."

Every Wednesday leading up to the April 6 event, the committee met, with representatives from each of the groups, to go over plans for the fundraiser.

The hard work and dedication paid off in the form of an overwhelming turnout. With a steady stream of visitors throughout the morning, Matilda Hall was filled to capacity from mid-afternoon until the 1 am finale, said Deighton.

In addition to a sold-out dinner and dance, the event's donation box filled up quickly.

"People gave selflessly," Deighton said.



On Sat., April 6, the Pulling it Together Group organized an all-day fundraiser for the family of Brody Froats at Matilda Hall in Dixons Corners. The event was run by numerous volunteers from local communities. Myrna Anderson (second from left) was instrumental in bringing everyone together. She is pictured here with Loretta Anderson (left), Mike Deighton (third from left), Gary Pemberton, Gerry Sweeney, and Keith Beckstead. *Press Photo – Casselman*



Victoria Byers (left), co-owner of Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain, is pictured here with part-time employee Maggie Kelly during the local business' 20th anniversary open house on Sun., April 7.

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Byers Funeral Home marks 20th year with open house

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Twenty years ago, on April 3, 1993, Victoria Byers, in partnership with her mother, Gloria, opened Byers Funeral Home.

On Sun., April 7, the Chesterville natives celebrated the milestone with an open house at the business' South Mountain location.

The idea to open the funeral home started with Victoria, who, at the time, was a volunteer in Winchester District Memorial Hospital's chronic care wing.

"I felt helpless and not able to do much as a volunteer," she said.

At the time, Victoria was still in high school and looking toward a career of some kind in the medical profession, hoping to help people in whatever way possible. A friend suggested she consider a career as a funeral director, and in her second last year of high school, Victoria worked at a funeral home in Ottawa. It was there that she found her calling.

With study at and an internship through Humber College, and the successful completion of provincial licensing exams, Victoria was ready to start her own business.

Following substantial research, she discovered that there hadn't been a funeral home in South Mountain since the early 1970s. Recognizing that there was a need for the service, Byers developed a detailed business plan.

"We provide a service that not everyone can do," Victoria said.

She operates as both funeral director and secretary for the business, while Gloria acts as president. Meanwhile, it is Victoria's father, Lyle, who owns the property, and who was responsible for building the one-story structure that houses Byers Funeral Home.

Building up the business itself was a long process, and the first 10 years were a struggle, said Victoria. Today, two decades later, the business is doing well, and for the first time in the company's history, Victoria was able to hire a part-time embalmer, Maggie Kelly.

While many people question the career choices they've made, Victoria said she is not one of them. Happy in her role as a funeral director, Victoria added she has no plans of switching vocational paths.

Art on the Waterfront back June 8

CHESTERVILLE – The now annual celebration known as Art on the Waterfront will be returning in 2013.

Scheduled for Sat., June 8 and Sun., June 9, the downtown Chesterville festival is slated to have a full line-up of activities.

Included in this year's event will be a bake sale, art auction, art show and sale, farmers' market, pig roast, children's entertainment, live music, and more.

During the art auction, 100 per cent of the proceeds raised will be given to Winchester District Memorial Hospital. The newly formed North Dundas Arts Council has also expressed interest in helping with the event.

The art show, meanwhile, is in need of vendors, according to Cheryl Beasley, Friends of the Nation River member.

"We are looking for anything artistic…. It doesn't have to be paintings," she said.

As well, both the pig roast and live music, which will include a beer tent for the first time this year, will be hosted at the Chesterville Community Park, adjacent to the village pool.

"It is all a work in progress still, but we're hoping for a great event," Beasley said.

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