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'Tis the season for Christmas concerts! Pictured are young thespians Jamie Quinton (Santa) Jaclyn Crump (Mrs. Claus), and Alexis Engwerda (elf advisor) at a rehearsal for Winchester Public School's production last week. See more concert photos from local schools on page 12.

Press Photo — Smith-Millar

Do guests know fire escape plan?

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Christmas is supposed to be a celebratory season when friends and family unite — often at special events.

Unfortunately, the combination of new people, a foreign environment, and fire hazards that crop up at Christmas can cause the "perfect storm" and result in an emergency.

Nothing ruins the holidays quite like a house fire. And in the rural area, fire victims can face unusual challenges.

The *Winchester Press* sat down recently with representatives from the North Dundas Fire Department to discuss holiday fire safety.

"The key, for us, is the escape plan," said Tony Fraser, deputy chief of the Winchester detachment.

While families should know the fire escape strategy for their own house, guests won't, Fraser pointed out.

It just takes a minute or two to quickly review the procedure with visitors, he said.

It also doesn't hurt to verify that your fire escape plan actually works in the winter. For example, children who are trapped in their bedroom might know they have to crawl out the window, down the roof, and onto the shed during an emergency. But does their window open properly in the cold? Can they open it, or is snow in the way?

"Perfect practice makes it perfect," Fraser said.

> Christmas, caution should go hand-in-hand: firefighters

Rural fires: a different beast

Fraser also said it's important to make sure your family's escape plan makes sense in the winter — not just the summer.

Your strategy may be to get outside and meet at the mailbox, said Fraser. You can wait in jogging pants and a t-shirt in July until help arrives.

But what about when it's minus 20 degrees Celsius? On a country road, there's no Tim Hortons nearby in which to wait. Neighbours may be several kilometres away.

Fraser said everyone should have specific boots and a coat ready to grab on the way out the door in the case of emergency.

It's the law to have smoke alarms on every storey and outside sleeping areas. The Ontario Fire Marshal recommends that for added protection, homeowners should install alarms in each bedroom. (It goes without saying that these smoke alarms need to be tested and checked so ensure the batteries haven't gone dead.)

The local firefighters pointed out that homeowners shouldn't rely exclusively on the detectors. An escape plan is important, too.

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Council gives green light to controversial Hill 70 project

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The newly elected Township of North Dundas council kicked off its first regular meeting in a dramatic fashion by approving a controversial memorial project.

The new five-member team made its first major public decision on Tues., Dec. 14 by giving the green light to the Mountain and District Lions' planned improvements to the Battle of Hill 70 memorial.

The service club aims to perform almost $70,000 in upgrades to an existing First World War monument at the Mountain Memorial Park.

"We have put a substantial amount of time and effort into planning this project," said Ian McKelvie, one of five Lions who sat at the council table last week.

McKelvie noted that the club has collected roughly $35,000 in cash and pledges. The Lions are pursuing a grant from Veterans Affairs Canada to subsidize the balance.

"The support we have received to date from the community has been nothing short of amazing," said McKelvie.

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2010 initiative 'tremendous'

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Each year, a number of local organizations band together under one umbrella name to make the holiday season a little brighter for needy families.

This year's North Dundas Christmas Fund initiative was no different, with service clubs that typically work independently coordinating the effort together. Despite continued pressure from their other commitments during this frequently busy time of year, everyone worked together to collect the goods, package them appropriately, and then have everything delivered in time for Christmas Day.

According to Bob Weagant, chair of the fund, the 2010 drive was another success.

"It was just tremendous," he said. "The community was behind us all the way... They came through in gangbusters."

The annual North Dundas Christmas Fund is an anonymous process. Members of the public who wanted to receive either a food basket or a snowsuit for their children could contact fund representatives by phone, and were assigned a registration number. Last week, the recipients (or representatives sent on their behalf) could pick up their requests in Winchester, Chesterville, or South Mountain.

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Old school to become apartment building?



The now-closed Morewood Public School property is where developer Jacques Thibault hopes to sever off two lots to become residential units. *Press Photo — Uhrig*

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

MOREWOOD — If all goes according to plan, the former Morewood Public School will be transformed into an apartment complex by the spring of 2011.

Morewood-area resident Jacques Thibault plans to convert the closed elementary school into what he calls "adult lifestyle living" units.

Thibault — who also owns JAT Lawn Maintenance & Snow Plowing — told the *Winchester Press* that the apartment facility would have 10 apartments, including six wheelchair-accessible units.

Thibault noted that accessibility is important in a community where families have been living in the area for upwards of three generations. If seniors want to stay in Morewood near their loved ones, the apartments can allow for a transient lifestyle.

"There are a lot of seniors in Morewood," Thibault told the *Press*. "If you want to go to Florida, you can pack up and go."

Daycare option pondered for gym

There are also plans in the works to convert the former gym into a daycare.

"Likely, I wouldn't be taking care of that," said Thibault, noting that the development of a daycare would be better left in the hands of a qualified provider.

Next steps

Thibault bought the school property in April 2010. He'll be working on the project with his wife, Colleen Brown.

The next major step in the project took place last week. On Tues., Dec. 14, the new North Dundas council agreed to host a public meeting on the issue. (A date has not been set yet.)

In the meantime, the South Nation Conservation Authority is reviewing hydrology reports connected with the rezoning application.

Thibault aims to rezone the school, as well as sever two sections of the schoolyard, allowing those pieces of property to be rezoned as single-unit residential lots.

Morewood Public School closed in June 2009 due to declining enrolment.

Christmas baskets, snowsuits distributed

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As well, the recipients were free to bring home presents while they were at the depots.

A total of 158 Christmas baskets were distributed in North Dundas last week, with roughly half of the large number being shipped out of the Winchester Lions Hall. The final tally for snowsuits going out to needy children was 109.

Fewer snowsuits than last year requested

The total number of baskets handed out this year was up by two from 156 in 2009, while the number of snowsuits was down from 149 distributed the previous year.

"What spiked or reduced those numbers, who knows," said Weagant. "We can't really project what the demand will be, but it's clear the food need is definitely there."

The Sat., Dec. 4 North Dundas Country Christmas Parade of Lights doubled as an unofficial collection campaign for this year's fund. During pre-parade festivities, bins were set up throughout the village to collect food and toys, while during the parade, walkers collected $1,965 in cash from spectators lining the streets.

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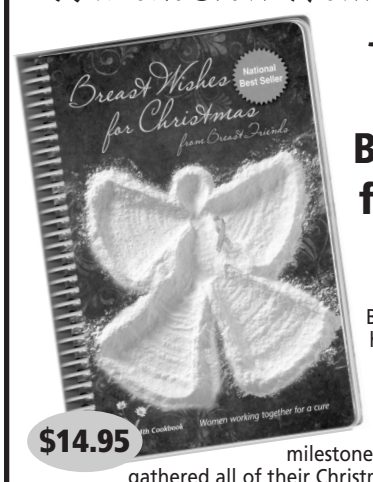

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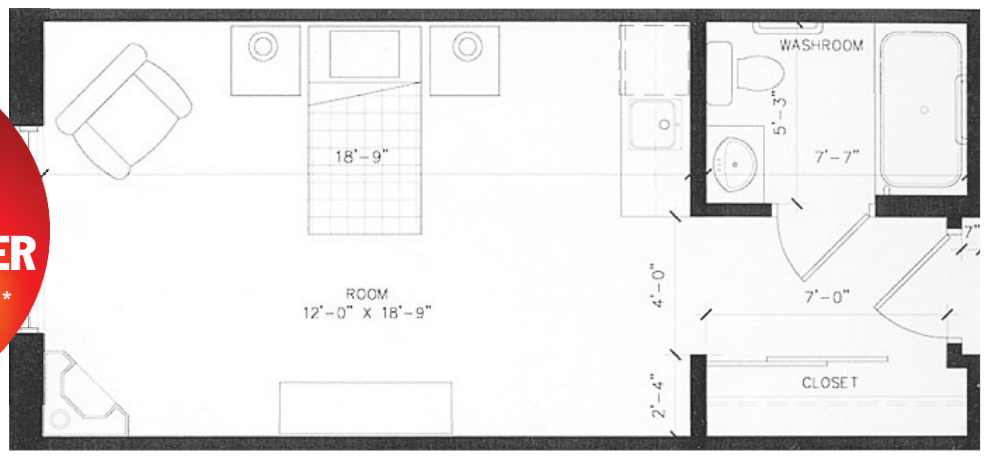

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Chris Helmer (pictured here in a file photo) is the fire prevention captain for the Winchester detachment of the North Dundas Fire Department. He points out that homeowners need to pay attention around the holiday season. "You don't just light candles and leave," he noted.

Press Photo — Uhrig

Rural Christmas presents unique risks

Fire deaths traditionally rise over the holiday season: Ontario Fire Marshal

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"If you don't know how to get out, a smoke detector isn't going to do much good," noted Chris Helmer, the Winchester detachment's fire prevention captain.

Cooking, booze connected to fires

According to the Ontario Fire Marshal, cooking fires prevail as the number-one cause of kitchen blazes.

When you're entertaining, it's easy to neglect the meat sizzling in a frying pan for that scrumptious shepherd's pie. This Christmas, firefighters hope the public will be mindful of how easily an unattended culinary masterpiece in the making can send a kitchen up in flames.

As the Ontario Fire Marshal says, alcohol and fire are a dangerous mix. After too many glasses of champagne, Aunt Myrtle can get tipsy — and forget about a cigarette she just dropped into the couch cushions. Drinkers need to be monitored closely and separated from fire hazards.

> ***"If you don't know how to get out, a smoke detector isn't going to do much good."***
>
> *— Chris Helmer, Winchester's fire prevention captain*

Candle safety becomes especially important around Christmas. The little mood-makers can create quite the opposite atmosphere intended, if left unwatched. It only takes a few seconds for an unmonitored flame to spread to a table cloth, rug, and beyond.

"You don't just light candles and leave," noted Helmer.

The Ontario Fire Marshal says candles should be a secured in a sturdy holder and kept away from flammable items. (That includes, of course, the Christmas tree itself.)

Extension cords

Strings of yuletide lights and certain extension cords make an annual appearance around this season. Fraser said it's important to inspect cords and ensure they're in good condition to avoid electricity-related fires.

"[Many homeowners] put them away after last season," Fraser said.

Christmas trees should also stay away from heaters, and be watered frequently so they don't dry out.

'Tis the season for candles

WINCHESTER — One of the big fire hazards around Christmastime comes in the form of candles. The Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal has offered the following tips:

- Buy good-quality candles that are smoke free and drip free.
- Secure candles in a sturdy holder, in a location where they can't be knocked over.
- Place a glass shade or hurricane chimney over candles.
- Make sure lit candles are kept out of reach of children and pets.
- Keep all combustible materials, including decorative items and wreaths, away from lit candles.
- When you go out, blow out! Always blow out candles before leaving the room.

Don't let a house fire destroy your holiday

WINCHESTER — December can be one of the most dangerous times of the year for fires.

But, many holiday home blazes are preventable.

By following these tips — courtesy of the Ontario Fire Marshal — you can prevent your Christmas and new year celebrations from being ruined by a devastating blaze:

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking, particularly when using oil or high temperatures.
- Keep combustible items such as cooking utensils and paper towels a safe distance from the stove, as they can easily ignite if they are too close.
- Keep a proper-fitting lid near the stove when cooking. If a pot catches fire, slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove.
- Drink responsibly, and keep an eye on those who do not. Excessive alcohol use is a contributing factor in many residential fires.
- Keep the base of the Christmas tree trunk in water at all times. Discard any broken or frayed sets of lights immediately. Never place lit candles on or near the Christmas tree. When the tree starts to dry out, throw it away.
- Check all sets of lights before putting them on the tree. Discard any sets that are damaged or old.
- Keep candles in a sturdy holder away from children, pets, and combustible materials. Blow them out before leaving the room.
- Alcohol and fire are a dangerous mix. Keep a close eye on anyone attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol.
- Encourage smokers to smoke outside. Check for cigarette butts between sofa and chair cushions before going to bed.
- As always, follow the proper procedure for smoke alarms. Test them monthly, and change the batteries at least once per year. In Ontario, it is the law to have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. To learn more, check out the Office of the Fire Marshal at www.ofm.gov.on.ca.

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Correction

The *Winchester Press* made a date error in the cutline under a photo back in our Wed., Sept. 15 edition. We incorrectly stated that victim Alex Hayes died on Sat., Sept. 11, when the date was actually the previous Thursday (Sept. 9). For an update on the story, see page 8 of this week's edition.

Clarification

The *Winchester Press* would like to clarify that the Christmas Day (Sat., Dec. 25) event at the Winchester United Church will feature a dinner and celebration, not a church service as reported in the Wed., Dec. 15 edition. The start time will be 11 am inside the Sunday school hall.

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Former deputy-mayor scores SNC appointment

WINCHESTER — The Township of North Dundas' new council has appointed Bill Smirle as its representative on South Nation Conservation (SNC)'s board of directors.

The decision was made during the council's first meeting on Tues., Dec. 14.

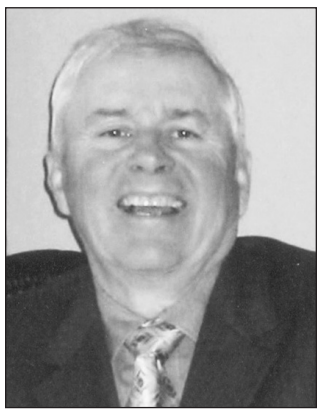
At last week's council meeting, Mayor Eric Duncan called Smirle a "great communicator" who would ensure a good "two-way street" between the township and SNC.

"[Smirle] has assured us that we will be having a lot of communication between council and South Nation," said Duncan.

Smirle is a former member of North Dundas council. He served as deputy-mayor up until 2006, when he lost the mayoral race to incumbent Alvin Runnalls. (Runnalls would hold North Dundas' top job for one more term, until he was defeated by Duncan in the most recent Mon., Oct. 25 municipal election.)

Under council's appointment, Smirle is actually replacing Runnalls as representative to the SNC.

Meanwhile, North Dundas' present deputy-mayor — Gerry Boyce — will serve on the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's board.



Bill Smirle will serve as North Dundas council's representative on the SNC board of directors. He replaces Alvin Runnalls, who was North Dundas' mayor until his loss in the Mon., Oct. 25 municipal election.

CoC identifies top priorities

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The community needs a comprehensive marketing plan right away, according to the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce.

Marketing topped a list of priorities compiled during a round-table discussion at the Old Town Hall in Winchester on Wed., Dec. 15.

About 20 representatives of the business community gathered to identify — and then rank — North Dundas' priorities for the next three to five years.

The chamber's final report is still in the works, and will be presented to township council in the new year.

The other top-five concerns on the list included the need for attracting new businesses to the area, infrastructure, local shopping, and support from North Dundas' township staff and council.

In total, the preliminary list contained 15 priorities.

Last week's session was organized by Owen Shortt, chamber president, along with Bill Smirle, North Dundas' former deputy-mayor. Smirle also brought in experienced facilitator Murray Sands, who Smirle knows from their days as school principals.

Shortt told the audience that North Dundas' council needs help planning a strategy for the township.

"They're looking for this list," said Shortt.

The brainstorming session was set up in a way to include feedback from outspoken, articulate people, as well as shy types. Sands asked participants to only identify what they thought North Dundas' concerns should be in the next three to five years — not why the priority was important.

As well, participants were divided up into three smaller groups to brainstorm before everyone gathered back in the theatre of the Old Town Hall to rank their concerns anonymously on cue cards.

Danny McMahon of D&H Fencing said the evening's format worked well.

"I really didn't know what to expect when I came," he said.

He agreed that the township needs a game plan soon.

"It's better today than tomorrow, because tomorrow may be too late," he said.

New council gets to work

WINCHESTER — The first meeting of the new Township of North Dundas council took place after press time on Tues., Dec. 14.

The five-member team of Eric Duncan, mayor; Gerry Boyce, deputy-mayor; and councillors Al Armstrong, Tony Fraser, and John Thompson were officially sworn in at a ceremony the previous Tuesday.

South Dundas' new council was scheduled to host its first meeting after press time on Tues., Dec. 21. Check out next week's *Winchester Press* for coverage.

Council notes from North Dundas

PHC found in hydro yards

Recent environmental tests have confirmed soil contamination in Winchester's former hydro yards.

Plans for a weekend flea market at 594 St. Lawrence Street continue to be on hold after a recent study found Petroleum Hydrocarbon (PHC) in the ground.

A consultant — hired on behalf of the property's current owner — has recommended 12 surface soil tests before the plan for a flea market (and possible caretaker's residence) goes any further.

Dawley Drive delay

Council voted to delay making a decision on payment details for new water and sewer services along Dawley Drive.

The decision was made partly because the two entirely new council members (Boyce and Fraser) needed more background on the issue to make an informed decision.

Two lifts for Sherrer Way

After months of pondering what's to be done about Sherrer Way, council finally made a decision — and it may set a precedent.

Owners Pam and Roy Sherrer had approached North Dundas and asked the township to acquire the driveway leading into their business, Winchester All-Storage. If council agrees, the driveway will become a road, most likely called Sherrer Way.

After considerable debate on Dec. 14, council decided to take over the driveway, but only if the Sherrers provide a second lift of asphalt so it meets the standard of a road for a subdivision. (The Sherrers also have plans to build a small, three-lot commercial subdivision on the property.) Alternately, the Sherrers can provide a cash deposit for the road.

North Dundas staff will also review available supporting evidence to make sure the driveway's base will hold up as a road.

Council spent a considerable portion of their meeting hashing out the details.

"That was easy," said Duncan sarcastically when the debate was over. "But again — it was a good discussion, we thought it out; that's the way it has to get done."

Thompson subdivision

Erik Thompson would like to see playground equipment installed in his Chesterville subdivision.

The developer submitted a letter to council, stating that there are about 40 new homes in his subdivision. More are scheduled to be built in 2011.

"In these homes, there are about 50 children [who] are looking forward to the new park being opened in the new year," Thompson wrote. "I am giving you this information at this time so you will be able to include some recreation play structures in your budget for next year."

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Hill 70 plan not yet endorsed by SD&G Highlanders

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Not everyone supports the Lions' plans whole-heartedly, though.

The present site in Mountain includes a little symbolic hill, a German machine gun, and two stones to commemorate the 1917 Battle of Hill 70 in Lens, France. The local community originally installed the modest memorial in the 1920s. Few details are known about why volunteers at the time thought it was important to commemorate that specific battle.

Mountain's Hill 70 site enjoyed a little clean-up in 2009. An effort spearheaded by Hon. Col. William Shearing of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) Highlanders resulted in the area being rededicated and somewhat improved, with the installation of a second commemorative stone.

After that ceremony, the Lions revealed they had a grander vision in mind. The service club set out to design a top-notch, wheelchair-accessible site that they felt was befitting of the only known Hill 70 memorial in the world.

Following the Lions' preliminary presentation to council last term, the politicians thanked the club for taking on the initiative. However, council pressed the Lions to collaborate with Shearing and other interested parties.

Over the following few months, council asked the North Dundas History Stewards to comment on the



initiative. The group — which runs community events, but also advises the township about historical matters — warned council that direct alterations to the historic site could be perceived as ruining the memorial.

At the Dec. 14 council meeting, Councillor Al Armstrong asked the Lions to confirm that the existing gun and stones would be incorporated into the site.

The Lions confirmed that those initial elements would stay put.

"It's great that you took this project on," Councillor John Thompson told the Lions at the Dec. 14 meeting. "It's too bad it took this project to bring up such concern about the condition of the hill. It has been neglected for many years."

Thompson asked if the Lions would be prepared to build the memorial beside — rather than on top of — the existing site, if the design faced opposition.

Lion Don Johnston responded that the club would comply with council's wishes, but "that has never been our consideration."

Lion Dermid O'Farrell added that the monument should be on top of the existing hill, stating, "we've thought this out, and that's where we want it."

O'Farrell said he respected opposition to the memorial's location, though. "I would probably take the strong opposite approach, that we're there to enhance what [the original memorial creators] started," he said. "And to build on it, and to respect what they put there, and to make it appropriate for the time and the age we're in."

Thompson pointed out that one can't guess the intentions of community members of the past.

"You might be working on their vision, expanding their vision," said Thompson. "Maybe, their vision ended where it was."

Much of the controversy stemmed from the fact that the SD&G Highlanders haven't endorsed the Lions' restoration plans. (Shearing did discuss the plans with the Lions at an informal meeting, but it was unclear if he was speaking on behalf of the regiment, or just as a local Hill 70 expert.)

A letter from the SD&G Highlanders commended the Lions for taking initiative to spruce up Hill 70, but encouraged a collaborative approach from all interested parties.

After the letter was discussed at the Dec. 14 meeting, the tone in the council chambers got confrontational. Lion Don Johnston pulled out email correspondence from Shearing and stated he assumed the project had support from the regiment.

A visibly upset and shaken Shearing was in the audience that night. He responded that he had been "crucified" and apologized for bringing the Hill 70 project to the public's attention. "I've learned a lot tonight," he said, his voice trembling.

He told council that the Lions didn't appreciate the historical significance of the Hill 70 site.

"Basically, your committee does not really understand," said Shearing.

Estella Rose also spoke that night. The Mountain resident served as North Dundas' deputy-mayor until she failed to reclaim her seat in the Mon., Oct. 25 municipal election.

Rose condemned the treatment of Shearing, who she said has invested money and time in the Hill 70 site.

Before her term ended, Rose had mentioned that she wanted to set up a community Hill 70 committee that would help maintain the site. She mentioned that the Lions have since spearheaded the Hill 70 initiative without getting the North Dundas History Stewards, the Highlanders, and other members of the public involved.

Rose said she collected a list of names of residents opposed to changing the original Hill 70 site. She also read letters from those who wanted the site preserved.

"My concern is, the public has not been involved," she said. "I feel the local people didn't know."

Eric Duncan took issue with that remark. The new mayor said news of the redevelopment had appeared in local newspapers.

"[The Lions] are the public," added Duncan.

The Lions then concluded their remarks.

"It never was our intention to have this presentation end up as a debate," said Johnston.

Members of the North Dundas History Stewards were in the audience, but didn't speak.

Immediately afterwards, council voted to support the Lions project.

For the *Winchester Press*' editorial on the Hill 70 controversy, please see page 6.

Later start time for 2011 parade activities advised

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

WINCHESTER — It might be a good idea to start the North Dundas Country Christmas Parade of Lights activities later in the afternoon next year, according to the head of the township's recreation department.

During his regular report at the most recent township council meeting on Tues., Dec. 14, recreation director Mark Guy told council that the Sat., Dec. 4 parade was successful.

However, the number of floats participating in 2010 was down (the count was in the low 20s, as compared to a mid-40s count the previous year). Yet, the parade appeared to be received well overall, he noted.

Again this year, volunteer organizers prepared a jam-packed event schedule for Dec. 4. There was a vendor fair upstairs at the Winchester Arena, activities for kids at the Old Town Hall, an ice-carving contest, and more.

Guy pointed out that unfortunately, attendance was down at these daytime activities. "We will continue with the parade. It's my feeling that we've tried a lot, a number of things," he said.

It's unclear which extra events at this point will make a re-appearance in 2011. Guy said he'd prefer if organizers focused on the parade itself and urged the community to attract more floats.

Guy said it might be a good idea if the ice carving event, at least, started later in the afternoon in 2011.

The artists started around 11 am this year, but few spectators were around to watch the process, he pointed out.

"It was really a shame," Guy said. He noted that a 3 or 4 pm start time might result in more people watching the ice carving procedure.

"Quite frankly, people still came for the parade," said Guy. "To start things at 9 am, thinking people are going to stay all day — it's just not the case."

Grant of one grand

Township council also gave the parade committee a $1,000 grant to relieve expenses.

The volunteers sent a letter requesting the financial support, and Guy asked council to fulfil the committee's wish.

"We do financially support the fairs, Dairyfest, Canada Day, in terms of giving an actual dollar amount as well as in-kind services from various departments," noted Guy. He noted that the parade gets in-kind help from the township, but not a donation.

Council agreed to the $1,000 expenditure.

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Hill 70 debate painful to watch

It was upsetting, even heartbreaking, to watch the Battle of Hill 70 memorial debate at the Township of North Dundas council chambers last week.

At its first-ever meeting on Tues., Dec. 14, the new council approved the Mountain and District Lions Club's plans for an upgraded First World War memorial at the community park in their own village.

First off, the Lions should be commended for their efforts. The Hill 70 site has been neglected for some time. However, not everybody is happy about the proposed (and now, council-approved) location of the new memorial. The Lions feel it should be built overtop of the existing site. Other members of the community feel the new memorial should be built to the side of the existing one. The original shouldn't be altered, they argue.

Yes, the Lions should be commended for their efforts. But since the very first time the service club appeared before the previous council and revealed the project, the politicians stressed that the Lions needed to get involved with groups like the SD&G Highlanders, the North Dundas History Stewards, and Bill Shearing, an honourary colonel for the SD&G Highlanders who invested considerable time and money to modestly upgrade the Hill 70 site last year.

When the Lions set out on their project, the most obvious course of action would have been to form a community committee. However, the Lions only solicited information from supporting groups. They didn't get these other parties involved at a decision-making level. Yes, the Lions are a formidable service club, but they are not a historical organization. (This would perhaps explain why Lions Hill 70 committee head Don Johnston initially said there would be "no place" for the existing German machine gun at the Hill 70 memorial. His suggestion bordered on desecration, but to be fair, without a background in history and memorial preservation, he wouldn't know that what he was suggesting could be so hurtful.)

The Lions still have time to create a community committee for this project. Perhaps, there is even time to move the memorial location to the side, and build a second hill, rather than constructing on top of the unsightly (but nonetheless historic) existing Hill 70 site. Really, is it too much to ask? Why can't the hill be relocated? With all due respect to the Lions, their stubborn refusal to even consider building a second hill is confusing. This is a memorial we're talking about. It may not be pretty, but many people — especially seniors who vividly remember past world wars — believe that significantly changing a battle memorial is akin to desecrating a grave.

It also must be said that the treatment of Shearing on Dec. 14 was deplorable. It's unclear whether or not, in his previous dealings with the Lions, the retired honourary colonel was representing the SD&G Highlanders or just himself when he made tentative suggestions about the service club's plans for Hill 70. Shearing probably knows more about that monument, and the Battle of Hill 70, than anyone else around. Any conflict between the Lions and Shearing should've happened at the committee level, behind closed doors.

Finally, council needs to be more careful of wading into potential conflicts of interest, perceived or real. We'd like to be clear — we are *absolutely not* accusing council, or anyone involved with the Hill 70 project, of making decisions based on allegiances or family connections. But there were conflicts galore at the meeting on Dec. 14.



Kindergarten plan expensive, unstable

It appears all-day Kindergarten is falling apart at the seams.

Media reports last week abounded, suggesting the government was planning to scrap the before-and-after-school daycare portion of its all-day Kindergarten strategy. However, the government responded that it was offering an alternative strategy. Now, schools will have two choices: offer daycare themselves, or use an outside operator (like the YMCA).

It's unclear at this point how the decision will affect the local area.

Premier Dalton McGuinty's government has steadfastly refused to claw back his expensive Kindergarten plan — despite the fact that Ontario is facing a $19-billion deficit.

It's scary to think that families with young children are planning their lives around an expensive, unstable education program. The McGuinty government shouldn't have waded into this initiative to begin with, but it's not too late to back out now — or modify the strategy in a comprehensive way.

Kids are important, but so are hospitals, and it appears the province doesn't have enough money to support the ballooning expenses of our medical institutions, among other services.

This Christmas, we hope the government will take a step back and review their spending, before it's too late.

First of all, Johnston was heavily involved with Duncan's election campaign. By pushing council to approve the Lions' project, it looked like Duncan was rewarding Johnston for his loyalty. (It would be unfair to argue that's the case, as the Lions have worked very hard on their Hill 70 initiative — and council has the right, and sometimes the responsibility, to make an unpopular decision. It should also be said as well that Duncan did an excellent job chairing his first meeting, constantly moving business items along, and it's clear that he wants to make decisions this term in a timely manner.) It also looked bad when Lion Ed Duncan — yes, the mayor's father — joined the five Lions at the table.

Councillor John Thompson defended the North Dundas History Stewards — and incidentally, his relative, Carolyn Goddard, is heavily involved in the organization and was in the audience that night.

There could be more potential sources of conflicts of interest. Who knows if anyone in the crowd was bitter about how the Mon., Oct. 25 municipal election turned out, and supported or opposed the Lions initiative based on grudges? It's impossible to say. It's a small town, and these kinds of connections are inevitable. But surely, we can do a better job at separating ourselves from conflicts of interest when possible.

In conclusion, existing volunteers need to treat each other better and work together. The community has much to gain from unity.

Remember when...

1930

A study determined this week that the average boy in 1930 was an improvement over the same lad of 20 years earlier, the *Press* said. In general, the modern boy broke more laws, had to use slang to make himself understood, was healthier, brainier, and more polite. He read more "trash" because there was more trash published, but he preferred articles on mechanical contrivances, this paper said.

1940

The local young men who were members of the number-one company of the SD&G Highlanders in Winchester, Chesterville, and Morrisburg needed to be paid, the *Press* stated this week. During the past months, most of the boys had completed their 30-day training.

1950

This week's *Press* reported that the taste of devilled eggs could be improved by flavouring them with brine from a jar of olives.

1960

Winchester businessman George Elliott was elected as the newest president of the Grenville-Dundas Liberal Party of Canada Association this week, the *Press* reported. In a ceremony held at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Williamsburg, Elliott succeeded the late R.H. Armstrong of Morrisburg.

1970

The number of telephones serviced by Bell Canada passed the six-million mark this week, the *Press* reported. In Winchester, the total number of phones in use was 1,566, and they could reach nearly 6,000 phones without long distance charges.

1980

It was announced this week that Canada's first solar-powered post office would be built in Greely, according to the *Press*. Plans called for a single-storey wood frame building equipped with 12 solar collectors which would heat the building and provide hot water.

1990

MPP Noble Villeneuve presided over his first vote as vice-chair of the legislature this week. It was a bill that would allow homeless people to vote in future municipal elections. The vote was unanimous in favour of the bill, although the PCs asked why the change was necessary, seeing as how the NDP promised to eliminate homelessness. Following the previous provincial election, which brought the NDP to power, Villeneuve was selected by the Tory caucus to the position of vice-chair.

2000

Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation staff were pleased this week that the financial target for the annual Christmas Wish Tree Campaign had been surpassed. Initially, staff established a goal of $50,000, but already $51,600 had been brought in. The money collected was expected to pay for the hospital's new dialysis unit.

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The uphill battle down the stairs



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

I don't know why I am surprised.

It happens every year.

Football season ends. I hang up my officials uniform. I put away my shoes and my whistle.

Then I get fat.

It's not like I strap on a feedbag and graze until further notice. Okay, actually, it sort of is like that. It starts with some nachos and then a few dozen – okay, a few hundred, er thousand, wings – and an addiction to Sausage McMuffins with Egg, throw in a Grey Cup party with every piece of meat I can find charcoal-grilled to perfection, add a Christmas party or two and the inevitable tray of cookies and chocolate treats that seems to find its way into the office daily.

Not even Oprah Winfrey can put on 20 pounds as quickly as I can.

So some friends told us about the treadmill they just purchased from Canadian Tire. There was a treadmill sale on, and they were about 70 per cent off the retail price. So off we went to Canadian Tire to check them out. There was one day left in the sale. We bought it, paid for it, and made arrangements to come back later in the evening to pick it up.

So, that night, back I went to Canadian Tire. The back seats were folded down and I was going to pick this thing up and, by the weekend, I would be walking off all that weight.

I took my receipt over to the customer service counter, and I stood in line. Actually, I was the only person in line. The girl at the customer service counter noticed me but kept doing what she was doing, which was obviously more important than helping me, for about five minutes. Eventually, with an expression of "Like, OMG, I can't believe I actually have to help this person," I was summoned to the counter.

I explained that I was there to pick up Tready. That, by the way, was the name given to the treadmill. The unimpressed part time student helper who would obviously rather be texting her friends on her iPhone than helping me looked at the receipt and monotoned out, "What's the product number?"

"The what?"

"The product number."

"I don't know."

She looked at the receipt again, picked up her phone, and dialed to the treadmill department. I was trying to tell her the brand name and model number, but she threw an annoyed look at me and turned her back. She hung up the phone, dug deep to force her give-a-crap metre up high enough to exhaustingly tell me that it would be brought up in a few minutes, and went back to her world which was, evidently, fine until I showed up.

I waited. I waited some more. Maybe it just seemed long because the girl at the counter was obviously not charmed by me whatsoever. And then two guys – also part time student types, came with the treadmill. They were super nice, and they asked me to bring the vehicle to the front, while they wheeled the treadmill to the front of the store to wait for me.

After I pulled up, they raised the lift, and three of us could barely lift it into the vehicle. I got it home, and spent the next hour trying to get it into the garage. I don't know how much it weighs, but it is about triple of what I can bench press.

On Friday, I used all of my strength and my brilliant mind that earned me a 51 per cent mark in Grade 10 Science to actually get the treadmill into the house. Then, it had to go downstairs. The mark on the hardwood floor is a permanent reminder of my herniating trip across the hall.

The next step was to get the box around the corner to the stairs, where I figured I could slide it down, standing underneath it so that it wouldn't bobsled itself down and crash at the bottom. The key was to not get pancaked on the stairs.

The box wouldn't fit, and for 45 minutes, I was stuck. I started to think about the stories this could make. Columnist trapped in basement for life by treadmill stuck in stairwell... After another half an hour, I got the treadmill out of the stairwell, put it on blankets, and slid it into the living room. I figured I would take it down piece by piece.

That worked well, but the giant piece that weighed four zillion pounds had a spring mechanism that hydro-lifted up automatically.

The Diva did the smart thing and called Krysia to come over and bail me out. She had not only successful engineered her treadmill down her stairs, but also managed to put it together. We got it down the stairs, and she went to work. I pretty much stood there, useless, as she put it together. "There's only one Allen Key so you can't really help." Translated into Navajo, that means "Please stay out of my way so I can build your stinking treadmill."

Hours later, the treadmill was assembled, put into place, and ready for use. There is even a little holder for your water bottle. Or for your ranch dip if you choose to eat wings while you walk or run.

And before my first workout, I even polyfilled the gouges that the treadmill left in the wall. And then I even painted over the spots.

And I was just about to get on the treadmill, when I heard the Diva call me.

"Um, honey, this is the wrong colour of paint."

Oy.

Parliament ends for 2010



From Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon

OTTAWA — On Thurs., Dec. 16, the House of Commons rose for the Christmas recess. The mood of members is very interesting as we get close to the holiday season. Arch-rivals can be seen wishing each other a Merry Christmas.

Tensions that have built over the past 12 months seem to melt away during this most special time of year. It seems that "peace on Earth, goodwill toward men" has taken over Parliament Hill. It is a very different, but nice feeling.

It is also a good time to reflect on what has been accomplished in the 2010 session of Parliament.

I like to think that our government made a good deal of progress on its agenda, especially with a minority government. As you are aware, we cannot pass any legislation without the co-operation and support of at least 12 members of the opposition parties. The opposition parties appear to be co-operating more now than in the past.

In spite of the challenges that come with governing with a minority, I believe we had a successful session. Earlier in the fall session, our Tackling Auto Theft and Property Crime Act came into effect.

This bill cracks down on auto theft and trafficking in property that is obtained by crime. Many Canadians are not aware that auto theft is becoming rampant in many cities across Canada. It has reached epidemic levels in cities like Winnipeg.

Increasing drug use is also creating a huge black market for goods stolen during break-and-enters in private homes. All areas of the country are experiencing this problem.

This fall, our number-one priority was the economy, which it remains, so I was very pleased to see the Sustaining Canada's Economic Recovery Act become law.

This act allows us to implement key measures from the jobs and economic growth budget. Jobs and the economy are top-of-mind issues in Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&G), as well as other parts of Canada. This act allows us to continue implementing our economic recovery.

Another piece of legislation I am proud of is the Eliminating Entitlements for Prisoners Act, which terminates the old-age security payments to prisoners. I am sure you agree prisoners like Clifford Olson are being looked after well enough, and should not have access to any additional taxpayer funds.

I am also very pleased to see the Preventing Victims from Sex Offenders Act receive royal assent.

This law protects our children from sexual predators, and child molesters will no longer qualify to receive pardons. It was a particularly tough fight to have the opposition pass this law, and we had to water it down somewhat to have it enacted, but we are moving in the right direction. This issue can be revisited at a later date and the law can be made even tougher. We have made a good start.

With the holiday season approaching, I would like to thank each and every one of you for being such great constituents.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve each and every one of you, even those who don't always agree with me.

It is special times like Christmas that make me realize how fortunate I am to live in the best country in the world and to have the privilege of serving its best citizens.

Merry Christmas to all residents in the riding of SD&SG!

'I am Disabled' by Anne Lyon

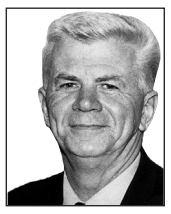
I have a disability,
But I hear what you do not say.
I feel it in my heart.
I'm not like you,
I wear my feelings on my sleeve,
As they say.
Like a child, I tell the truth,
Tell it like it is
And how I see it.
I say the things most people are afraid to say,
Because my life is simple.
I'm sent to you to love,
Talk to and play with,
No games with me,
I have a disability.
I see through your games.
Here's the thing:
"It's not a disability,"
It is an angel sent to see
If you will accept me,
Not reject me.
Yes I am broken,
But to God I am whole.



Sittin' with Santa

Before his trip around the world on Christmas Eve, Santa Claus made one last stop at the Iroquois Plaza on Fri., Dec. 17. Sponsored by the Iroquois and District Business Group, the Iroquois-Matilda Lions, and the Royal Canadian Legion Iroquois Branch 370, the evening featured pictures with the big guy, as well as free hot dogs and hot chocolate. Carollers also performed outside the shopping area, while hay rides through the village were provided. Pictured here on Santa's lap is Avery Watt. Photo courtesy Morrisburg Leader

Merry Christmas wishes



In and around Osgoode Ward
by Councillor Doug Thompson

METCALFE — Dear residents: Osgoode Ward is the proud home of hardworking and compassionate residents who regularly enrich our quality of life. As family and friends gather to celebrate Christmas, we often reflect on what we have achieved. I firmly believe that we can be very proud of our accomplishments over the past year. On behalf of Mary Lynne and I, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a successful new year filled with peace and happiness. Sincerely, Doug.

Committee memberships approved

The City of Ottawa council has approved the selection of committee chairs and members for the next term of office. Two major changes are the formation of a transit commission and a city health board. Both groups will be composed of elected officials and members of the public.

Personally, I was pleased to have been chosen as chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, member of the Transportation Committee, and as a member of the City Library Board. All committee chairs, along with the mayor, will form the finance and economic development committee. I look forward to being part of this dynamic new committee.

Ward construction update

Contractors have just completed the first lift of pavement on Dalmeny Road. This project has been very frustrating for residents and myself. as it should have been completed in October. The second and final lift of pavement will be finished as soon as the half-load restrictions are lifted in the spring.

Also, the much-debated multi-use pathway from Buckles Street in Osgoode to Leitrim Road is very close to completion. The installation of three culverts and the gates are the only major components yet to be finished. Snowmobiles have an agreement with the city to use the pathway this winter, pending a final decision by council next spring. The rural issues advisory committee in favour of snowmobiles being permitted on the pathway.

Metcalfe parade a success

Normally, we do not expect to be dealing with pouring rain during the Metcalfe Santa Claus Parade, but that is exactly what happened this year. Even with these terrible weather conditions, there was a large turnout of floats on Sun., Dec. 12. Santa's sleigh was in for repairs, so he rode with me on MPP Lisa MacLeod's float, as my float was disabled by the rain. I was excited to have my granddaughter Tristan helping me pass out candy. Later at the community centre, more than 200 kids and adults decorated gingerbread people. Special thanks to Metcalfe Community Association chair Shari Rowan and parade organizer Laurie Ann Holmes, along with all their wonderful volunteers, as it was fabulous day for our community.

Outdoor rink open

The outdoor rink provided by AJ's Catering in Albert Bouwers Circle in Metcalfe is now in full operation. This rink was prepared by Dennis Cooper, the Brind'anour family, and other members of the subdivision. The community is invited to use the rink, but please pick up all garbage and turn off the lights after use.

Swimming lessons registration

There will be a registration session on Thurs., Jan. 6 for the next round of Red Cross swimming lessons in Greely. The sign-up location will be at the Greely Indoor Pool at the Poplar Grove Trailer Park on Bank Street. There have been no times determined yet, but those interested can call 613-821-2973 for more information.

Female driver pleads guilty to impaired driving causing death

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

GREELY — An Ottawa woman has pleaded guilty to impaired driving causing death after she struck and killed a Greely teenager in September.

Samira Mohamed Daoud, 41, admitted in an Ottawa courtroom last week that she was drunk when she hit Alex Hayes on a rural stretch of Bank Street, near Mitch Owens Road.

Hayes had been riding his bike home from his job at McKinnon's Foodland around 9 pm when he was killed.

The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) has said that Daoud fled the scene following the collision, only to be pulled over a few kilometres from the crash site after the visibly damaged vehicle she was driving broke down, police said.

As well, Daoud was driving with a suspended licence, and, while being apprehended, did not tell anyone she had struck Hayes, police reported.



Alex Hayes was struck and killed while riding his bike home from work in September. Ottawa's Samira Mohamed Daoud pleaded guilty last week to impaired driving causing the death of the Greely teenager.

Hayes' body wasn't found until after midnight, not far from his wrecked bicycle, more than three hours after Daoud was taken into custody.

Daoud — who has a previous impaired driving conviction from 2006 — also pleaded guilty to charges of mischief for breaking a phone at the police station after her arrest, as well as three breaches of court orders, including a strict condition that she not consume alcohol.

Back in September, Daoud was originally facing the added charges of manslaughter, possession of a stolen vehicle, leaving the scene of a collision, and driving with a blood-alcohol level over the legal limit. However, it is now expected those charges will be withdrawn.

A sentencing hearing for Daoud has been scheduled for Mon., Feb. 28.

Leitrim-area park-and-ride opens

GREELY — The City of Ottawa's newest park-and-ride location began operation on Mon., Dec. 20.

The new lot is located on Gilligan Road, south of Leitrim Road and just west of Albion Road. Service on bus route 99 operates every 10 to 15 minutes during rush hour and travel time to downtown is about 30 minutes.

"OC Transpo's park-and-ride program is hugely popular across the city," said Mayor Jim Watson. "Commuting to work is a great alternative to driving, and with this addition, more of our community members can take advantage of this service."

Leitrim is the 13th park-and-ride lot within the city's urban transit area, and it joins the Greenboro and Riverview location in serving residents of neighbourhoods like Gloucester South, Greely, Metcalfe, and Edwards. With this opening, almost 6,000 parking spots are now available to transit riders across the city on a daily basis.

For more transit information, contact OC Transpo at 613-741-4390 or visit www.octranspo.com.

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Putting creative minds to good use

NDDHS manufacturing class puts finishing touches on artistic endeavours



Students in Aaron Banford's manufacturing technology class at North Dundas District High School have spent a number of months designing and creating unique projects during the past semester. Brandon De Jong (left) created a device for moving trailers around at the family farm, while Shawn Buma made a hockey stick holder. Between the students is their teacher, Banford.
Press Photos — Uhrig

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER — In a single school year, a variety of classes is available to students.

Some areas of study are compulsory, while others allow students to zero in on a subject of interest, which may progress into a budding career path.

Through grades 9 and 10, students are required to study the typical subjects, such as English, science, and math. Meanwhile, in grades 11 and 12, there is a little bit more room to explore other options.

At North Dundas District High School (NDDHS), one of those specialty classes is manufacturing technology. Instructed by Aaron Banford, students are taught the basics of welding, while also learning the science behind the process.

"These kids are learning by doing, but still taught the theory," said Banford. "At the end, it's about putting the theory to work."

Banford puts even greater emphasis on the final projects completed by his students. His reason for doing so is simple, he said.

"I just want to let the community know what the kids are doing," he said.

Enrolment at NDDHS is decreasing yearly, and Banford knows it. He has seen student numbers decline in his own classroom, and it is often special-interest classes that are removed from the curriculum when numbers dip below average. That fact makes him try harder to show the public what his students are capable of when they get the chance, he said.

"These kids do good work, and it's all hands-on, community based projects," he said.



At left: *Marissa Imrie (left) and Amber Saddlemire each used welding techniques to show off their artistic sides.*

NDDHS earns silver finish at improv finals

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

CORNWALL — A North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) improv team has finished in second place for the 2010 season.

The high-stakes drama skit finals came to a close after press time last week on Tues., Dec. 14 at Cornwall Collegiate Vocational School (CCVS).

NDDHS' nine-member crew (who adopted the name "the Duck Tape Dummies") was among the four teams that made the "A" finals. They faced off against competitors from CCVS, Tagwi Secondary School, and St. Lawrence High School.

NDDHS actually tied with Tagwi for first place based on the highest number of skits won. However, the Dummies ended up sliding into second after a tie-breaking procedure was implemented, and all the judges' individual votes were tallied.



NDDHS' second nine-member team made it to the "B" finals. The group adopted the name EMUs (which stood for a variety of names throughout the season, such as Energetic Mutant Umbrellas or Enormous Magnificent Unicorns).

According to NDDHS' drama teacher, Kathi Wilson, all but three of her 18 improv players are graduating in June.

"Next year, we're going to be hunting for younger [students] to get involved," she said.

With NDDHS accepting local Grade 7 and Grade 8 pupils starting in September 2011, Wilson hopes the middle-schoolers will be able to try out for the improv team.

Other schools in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, as well as the Cornwall area, have already transitioned to the Grade-7-through-Grade-12 model. Their Grade 7 and Grade 8 students, explained Wilson, are already getting involved with the drama programming and related activities.

Wilson said that competitors who start in Grade 7 will begin learning crucial improv skills at a younger age.

Plus, getting involved in activities like improv will help foster a sense of belonging at NDDHS.

"It truly [will be] their place, too," said Wilson.



NDDHS Notes

by Michelle Neil

Concert Thursday

MAPLE RIDGE — It's the final week before the break, and the North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) student council took the time to plan House Wars, Christmas Edition! Each day, another Christmas activity at lunch will pit the team's minds and stomachs against each other to win house points for their team.

A door-decorating contest took place this week, and the school now looks in the spirit. We will have more activities to rev us up for the holidays (as if we aren't already!).

The Christmas concert this year will take place this Thurs., Dec. 23 at 11:30 am, after lunch. All students will get the second half of the day to see the Grade 12s' hard work. Anyone wanting to come and watch and celebrate the season with dance, songs, plays, and laughter are welcome to join us in the school gym. See you there at this nice close to the week.

Grade 10 students had a practice literacy test hurdle to overcome earlier this week. Input from a Grade 12: If you listened in class and write well, this will be no problem, but if you don't pass this time, don't be too sad. Just study hard for the real thing.

Boys' basketball continues this week with away games for both teams. Junior and senior girls volleyball will also have a tournament, so good luck to you all!

As I will definitely not be at school for the next two weeks, thus my article will be absent from the *Winchester Press* for that time period, but I wish everyone wonderful holidays and a great start to the new year.

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WDMH lights up tree in time for Christmas



Shine a light

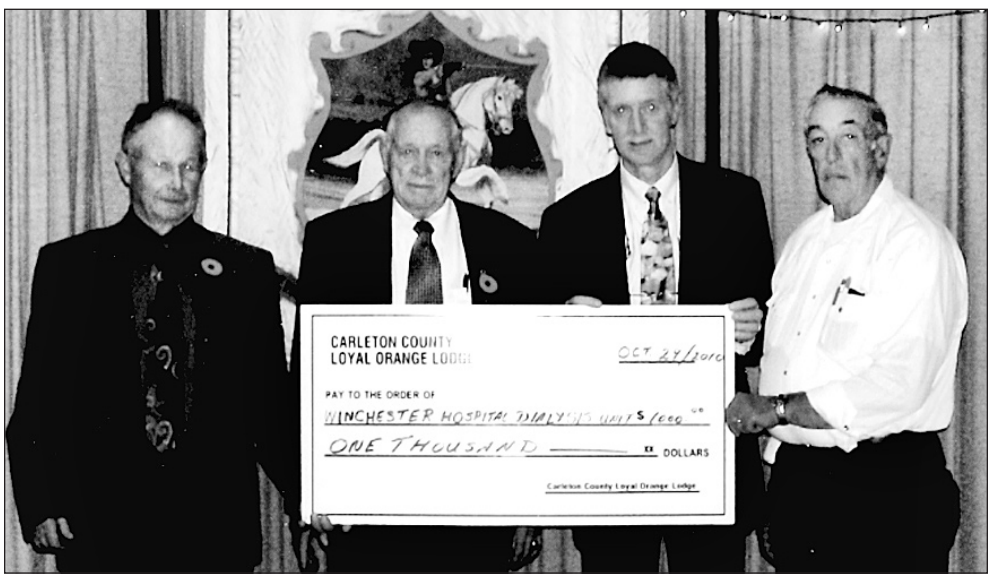
Diane Crummy, board chair for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation, officiated the medical facility's annual tree lighting ceremony on Tues., Dec. 14. *Press Photo — Uhrig*

WINCHESTER — With Christmas Day approaching, staff and foundation members at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WMDH) sparked some holiday cheer with the annual lighting of the hospital's tree after press time on Tues., Dec. 14.

Each year, the WDMH Foundation welcomes the hanging of ornaments on the tree in honour of loved ones who have died. Every ornament has been placed there through a donation made to the local medical facility. The 2010 drive garnered approximately $5,000 for the hospital, which was collectively matched by the Scotiabank branches in Chesterville, Morrisburg, Osgoode, Russell, and South Mountain.

Also during the ceremony, the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation handed over $127,381 toward payment for the digital mammography machine at WDMH. The donation represents proceeds raised by the Winchester Hospital Heelers during the walking group's participation in the Weekend to End Women's Cancers this past June.

Students from Morrisburg Public School were also on hand during the event, singing Christmas carols and handing out homemade cards to hospital patients.



Funds for WDMH

The Carleton County Loyal Orange Lodge recently held a fundraising dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion Greely and District Branch 627 with the goal of raising funds for Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WMDH)'s dialysis unit. Following the collecting and counting of funds raised, $1,000 was turned over to Arnold Scheerder (third from left), WDMH Foundation director. Presenting Scheerder with the cheque were lodge representatives Earl Sadler (left), Hartley Wilson, and Floyd Fisher (right).

Charity dumpster half full of scrap

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — A dumpster outside Rick's Gas Bar in South Mountain is filling up quickly with scrap metal. However, more is needed before the scrap metal is converted into cash and the profits turned over to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH).

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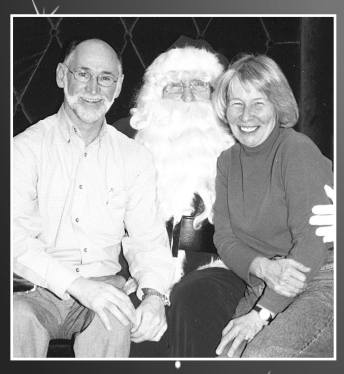

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Three decades of success for family business

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER — It was 30 years ago this year when the Van Noppen name became synonymous with the local automotive repair scene.

In 1980, Bob Van Noppen decided a change was needed in his life. At the time, he was commuting back and forth between a job he loved in Ottawa and his family in Winchester. He was a certified mechanic, with an educational background in business management, and a decision was made to put those skills to use.

A property on County Road 43, west of the village, became the home of Winchester Automotive Services. The space had been unoccupied for two years, but was affixed with two service bays and gas pumps in the front. For the first two years, the pumps sat idle, while mechanics worked on automobiles inside.

From day one, Van Noppen said, repair and service were the main focus of the budding business. By 1982, the automotive centre was flourishing, and Van Noppen made the decision to purchase the property outright, ending the building's original lease agreement. At this point, gasoline began to flow from the previously inactive pumps. (It was a personal choice of Van Noppen's not to start the gasoline distribution right away. Because of the expense of the endeavour, it made sense to ensure the automotive side would be successful before taking on anything else.) They later discontinued the gas service.

By 1989, the shop expanded, with the addition of six more service bays and a handful of new employees.



It's been 30 years since Bob Van Noppen (right) started Winchester Automotive Services on a property along County Road 43, west of Winchester. Throughout that time, each of the Van Noppen children has played a role in the shop's history but today, Van Noppen's son, Phil (left), is the sole owner of the business. *Press Photo — Uhrig*

Throughout the three decades of operation, each of the five Van Noppen children has played their own little part in the shop's history. Van Noppen's wife, Jannie, has also been employed by the family business. In 1990, after 10 years of managing the books on evenings and weekends, she joined the company full-time.

With his offspring showing increased interest, and with the business becoming more and more successful, Van Noppen opened a second garage in Morrisburg in 1995. Also, by that time, it had become apparent to him that two of his sons, Dave and Phil, were getting the most serious about continuing in the automotive business.

This was Van Noppen's way of allowing his kids to branch out and grow the second business in the village along the St. Lawrence River. But, in the end, the brothers decided to work together, and the Morrisburg location was sold in 2002.

Today, Phil is the shop's sole owner, while Van Noppen — when he's not pursuing other interests — and even Jannie, still help out when necessary. (Dave left the business a couple of years ago to take a different career path.)

"From my standpoint, I grew up here," said Phil. "Everything I know about the business, I learned here."

When speaking, it's clear that Phil shares his father's vision for how the family business should be run.

"It's about the customers before you, and it's always about trust," he said. "Trust is the deciding factor in everything."

To this day, Phil works tirelessly to continue to build upon the foundation Van Noppen started, while also accepting the industry changes as they come along.

"It's not much different than fashion," he said. "Everything is consistently changing…. And you know, it's a good place to be, as long as you keep up with how things are changing."

Phil also takes pride in the fact that the shop can offer regular maintenance to all makes and models of cars and trucks.

"Whether it's a 1971 or a 2010, we can do it," he said.

The business also offers a full line of other services including electronic and computer diagnosis and repair, while also being certified to provide emissions testing and safety inspections.

For his part, Van Noppen said he is proud that the business has stayed in the family, and continues to offer quality service and value to the community.

For Phil, the future is clear.

"In 30 years from now, I hope to be in the same position as Dad," he said. "Our kids can carry it on… For sure, I hope that is what happens."

Charity casino planned for New Year's Eve

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE — The Upper Canada Rodeo organizing committee has scheduled a charity casino night for New Year's Eve.

The Fri., Dec. 31 event will take place at Papa Gus' in Chesterville and the admisson fee includes casino money, a buffet at 10 pm, a toast at midnight, and music.

There will be no real dollars handed out, with prizes up for grabs instead of money. Casino cash will be provided, and is included in the ticket price, according to organizer Sheila McDonald.

"At the end of the night, everyone cashes in their [casino money] to determine top winners," McDonald explained in an email to the *Winchester Press*.

She added that some of the prizes include hotel getaways, gift baskets, and more.

The tentative list of available games includes crowns and anchors, roulette, poker, black jack, craps, and slots.

"We will have a volunteer designated driver list for anyone needing a ride," said McDonald.

The tickets for the evening cost $35 in advance or $40 at the door. Ticket locations include Linda's Sewing Shop in Winchester and Papa Gus'. For information about buying tickets online, or to sign up as a designated driver, call McDonald at 613-774-6318.



The first-ever Upper Canada Rodeo did not turn a profit in the summer of 2010. A casino night on Dec. 31 is expected to recoup some of the losses. *Press Photo — Smith-Millar*

Proceeds to pay off rodeo debt

Debt repayment

The Dec. 31 event aims to help recoup debt from the first-ever Upper Canada Rodeo, which took place in Chesterville in the summer of 2010.

While McDonald initially expected the event to break even, her subsequent calculations revealed about $11,000 in overruns. The rodeo itself cost about $70,000, she told the *Press*.

"It is a lot of money, and with some issues like perimeter control and overspending on some items like security and portable toilets, we had a shortfall, as everyone knows," said McDonald.

McDonald explained that because the business is registered in her own name, she is repaying the debt mostly by herself. McDonald said she has paid back about $2,500 to creditors so far. Events like the charity casino will subsidize the debt.

"Any amount helps enormously," said McDonald. "It is has been a difficult burden, but the outstanding debts must be paid, and that is all there is to it."

Initially, McDonald wanted to run the rodeo to subsidize a feasibility study to bring a YMCA pool to North Dundas.

McDonald still plans to run a rodeo this coming summer. "I look forward to having most [of the debt] paid by January, and moving on to 2011, where the lessons learned will be applied for a much better fiscal result," she said.

Bird sanctuary issues warm winter welcome

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

INGLESIDE — Supporters of the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary have organized weekend activities and services to get the public off their couches and outdoors once again this winter.

The Friends of the Sanctuary will staff the Visitor Centre with volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays, from noon to 4 pm, weather permitting, from Sat., Jan. 8 until the last Sunday in March.

The volunteers will keep the fire going for weekend visitors to enjoy and discover Mother Nature. A snack bar, washrooms, and equipment loan opportunities will also be available.

"People are invited to enjoy the winter wonderland any day of the week, but the Visitor Centre is only open on weekends at the stated times," explained Mary Lynn Alguire, public relations rep for the Friends of the Sanctuary.

Meanwhile, moonlight events (group skiing and/or snow shoeing sessions) are scheduled for the evenings of: Sat., Jan. 15; Sat., Feb. 19; and Sat., March 19, weather and snow conditions permitting. Friends can gather together and enjoy the winter evening under a starry sky. Groups are to gather in the parking lot beginning at 7 pm to meet their guides.

The sanctuary is located between Ingleside and Upper Canada Village along County Road 2. Hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing is encouraged. For more information, email winterprogram@hotmail.ca or call 613-534-8155.





School concerts galore!

Our local institutions of learning have been busy preparing for Christmas concerts. Here are some photos from recent events.

At left:
Timothy Christian School performed a yuletide production, Through the Eyes of the Friendly Beasts, on Thurs., Dec. 16. Pictured are: Aaron McCooeye (left) as the innkeeper; Tyrel Luchies as the donkey; David Tibben as Joseph; and Siena Dean as Mary. Other area schools are scheduled to have performances this week. Check out the Winchester Press' *next edition for coverage.*

Press Photos — Smith-Millar, Uhrig



At right:
Brandon Cox at a rehearsal for Winchester Public School (WPS)'s junior-grades show, held in the evening hours of Dec. 16.

At left:
Shealyn Elliott (left) and Chloe Sharpley in the daytime primary-grades show earlier that day, as well as Fri., Dec. 17.

WPS staff and students also collected more than 150 gifts, as well as approximately 530 canned goods for the House of Lazarus during the school's annual pre-Christmas donation drive.

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Boulanger scores in OT, Hawks edge Lions 6-5

MORRISBURG — Brodie Boulanger is evolving into the Winchester Hawks' overtime hero.

Last month (Nov. 19) in Alexandria, the veteran forward notched the winning goal in a 6-5, shootout win over the Glens. Sunday afternoon (Dec. 19) the Inkerman native sniped the winning tally in the Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks 6-5 overtime decision over the host Morrisburg Lions.

The victory in Morrisburg extended the Hawks' current winning streak to four games and followed a wild 7-3 victory over the Glens in Winchester on Friday night (Dec. 17). The Hawks have registered 12 wins in their last 15 games and improved their third-place standing in the St. Lawrence Division to 19-7-1-1. Tom Kirkwood's Hawks have closed to within four points of second-place Alexandria (21-6-0-2). The Casselman Vikings (26-1-1-0) are 13 points ahead of Winchester.

Christmas sked

The Hawks played a rare Tuesday night (Tues., Dec. 21) game in Char-Lan against the fifth-place Rebels (7-19-0-2).

Kirkwood told the *Press* he was expecting to be short staffed for that game.

"Several lads have gone home for Christmas and two have university exams," he said. "We will just have to dig in and do the job."

The Hawks next game is slated for Sun., Jan. 2 when they will travel to Cornwall Island to take on the Akwesasne Wolves.

There are three road games (Alexandria, Gananoque and Char-Lan) on their schedule before the Hawks return to Winchester on Fri., Jan. 14 to host the Brockville Tikis.

Overtime win

Winchester held a 3-2 lead after 20 minutes in Sunday's matinee in Morrisburg. The Lions gained a 5-4 edge in the second stanza on the strength of Michel Lefebvre's hat trick. Lefebvre also netted a first-period marker and recorded four of the five Morrisburg markers. Alex Steingruber counted the other first-period goal.

Kirkwood said he told his troops during the second intermission that there was enough leadership in the room to pick it up in the third — the message worked.

Brett Ashton (18) converted a feed from Lucas Richardson and Josh Stubbings into the tying goal at 13:43 on the final frame.

And then Boulanger (10) fired a relay, sent to him by TJ Dorn and Paul Hennesey, home for the winning goal at 2:58 of OT.

"It wasn't pretty but we will take the two points ," said the coach. "Morrisburg hustled and took it to us at times. But we were real flat – no jump, no hustle, no team play and bad and untimely penalties."

Ashton (18), Stubbings (SHG, 13), Dorn (6, PPG) and Aaron Dickenson (5) each collected a goal and an assist for the Hawks. Evan Walker (13) and Boulanger (10) sniped the singles. Graham Loyst (2), Mack Weegar, Richardson and Hennesey drew assists. Logan Gunn posted his seventh win in eight starts.

Jordan Moran and Ryan MacDonald didn't dress for the game and Ramsey Wheeler was suspended.

Hawks 7 - Glens 3

Third period goals by Michael Evelyn (3), Ashton (17) and Loyst (15), scored in a span of two minutes and 10 seconds, turned a slim 4-3 Winchester lead into a 7-3 victory over the Alexandria Glens.

The Hawks skated into a first-period 4-1 lead when Loyst (14, PPG), Wheeler (6), Ashton (16) and Moran (5) put pucks behind Glens' goaltender Sebastien Gratton.

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Winchester captain Graham Loyst (No. 17) celebrated his 14th goal of the season as his former Hawks' teammate, Adam Schofield, fished the biscuit out of the Alexandria net. The Hawks trimmed the Glens 7-3 in Friday night's (Dec. 17) St. Lawrence Division tilt.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

Romans bangs in pair

Major Midget Demons remain unbeaten

WINCHESTER — Ryan Romans drove to the Rebels' net and rammed in a pair of markers, including the winner, as the North Dundas Major Midget "B" Demons maintained their unbeaten record with a 3-1 victory over Char-Lan.

Monday night's (Dec. 20) win on home ice stretched the Demons' Upper Canada Minor Hockey League undefeated string to 13 games (11-0-2). Gary Klein-Swormink's squad is now idle until the new year (Mon. Jan. 3) when they will host the Smiths Falls Bears.

North Dundas captain Dustin Tinkler ripped a high, hard blast into the top of the Rebels' cage with 4:16 left in the opening period of Monday's match. Romans cashed in a rebound created by Adrian Lee and Tinkler with 3:44 left in the same frame, creating a 2-0 lead. Char-Lan counted their lone markers at 11:34 of period two and the scored remained 2-1 in the Demons favour until the 12:39 mark of the final frame. That's when Romans barged through Jacob Fourney's crease and jammed a Tinkler (from behind the net) pass over the goal line to make it a 3-1 final.





Above: *Colin Giberson earned a shutout in a 6-0 victory over the Panthers last week.*
Left: *North Dundas Major Midget "B" Demons captain Dustin Tinkler (right) scored once and set up a pair of markers for Ryan Romans in Monday night's (Dec. 20) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game.*
Press Photos — Van Bridger

Giberson perfect

North Dundas 'tender Colin Giberson was flawless backing the Demons in a 6-0 triumph over the Panthers in Kemptville last week (Wed., Dec. 15).

Lee turned a play instigated by Romans and Peter Klein-Swormink into the game-winning goal with 2:49 left in the first period.

Shots fired by Tinkler, Dylan Fawcett, Ryan Byers and Klein-Swormink struck string in the Panthers' cage in period two and gave the visitors a comfortable 5-0 cushion.

Byers cracked in his second tally 1:45 before the final buzzer, making it a 6-0 final.

Romans (2), Josh Freake (2), Derek Simms, Ryan Switzer, Klein-Swormink and Dylan Fawcett picked up helper points.

Buma solid in net

Blue Devils dominate – win first three games

ALEXANDRIA — Rookie goaltender Jason Buma has made an impressive debut with the North Dundas District High School Blue Devils. He put together a pair of perfect games and recorded three wins in three starts as the Devils opened the 2010-2011 SD&G boys high school hockey season.

The Blue Devils, — defending tri-county champions — tasted their first action taking part in a tournament held last week (Tues., Dec. 14) in Alexandria. They whitewashed the Seaway Spartans 4-0, the newest entry in the league, in their first game, rallied from a 2-0 deficit in game two and edged the Holy Trinity Falcons 3-2 before finishing the day with a 5-0 decision over the host Glengarry Gaels.

"It was an awesome start to the season," said coach Stephen Henderson who reported the entire team had a really good day.

Henderson and the Devils are not scheduled to see any action until the new year when they will take part in tournament number two on Tues., Jan. 11 in Long Sault.

Three wins

Devils captain Dustin Tinkler potted a pair of goals in his squad's 4-0 win over the Seaway Spartans. Tinkler also combined with Brandon Cousineau on a Derek Simms marker. Mitch Kirkwood struck string after he gathered in a pass from Ryan Byers and Brandon DeJong. Jacob Luimes drew an assist on Tinkler's second goal.

The Holy Trinity Falcons jumped into a 2-0 lead on the Devils in game two but North Dundas rallied for a 3-2 victory. Josh Freake (unassisted), Byers (unassisted) and Tinkler (from Garrett Milne and Will Fawcett) rang up the goals.

Kirkwood sniped the first two North Dundas tallies in the third game of the day against the Glengarry Gaels.

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Junior Devils team seeks sponsorship

MAPLE RIDGE — The 2010-2011 edition of the North Dundas District High School Junior Devils boys basketball team is looking for a few generous sponsors.

Coach Deanna Corbett-White is seeking a minimum of 10 local businesses or service groups to support the team's "Take Charge for Cancer" program.

"Take Charge for Cancer" program

Corbett-White explained in a letter recently sent to prospective supporters the basis for the fundraiser for cancer is as follows: "In the game of basketball, the ultimate defensive play is 'take a charge.' This is a precise manoeuvre that requires hustle, positioning and a lot of bravery, as you basically set yourself in front of an opposing player who is approaching at full speed. This is often a team's spirit lifter and /or a momentum changer."

The coach said she gives her team incentives in the form of a six-inch sub for each player who takes a charge.

She explained that this year's team has bought into the plan and works hard to achieve a goal of taking a charge.

"I would like to start a program that allows these influential teens to work hard for a great cause," she said.

The program "Take a Charge For Cancer" would entail local businesses/service organizations sponsoring the Devils for every charge they take in a game. All proceeds will be a charitable donation to the fight to eliminate cancer. A poster, showing regular updates on the program's progress, will be provided to be posted in each supporters office or place of business

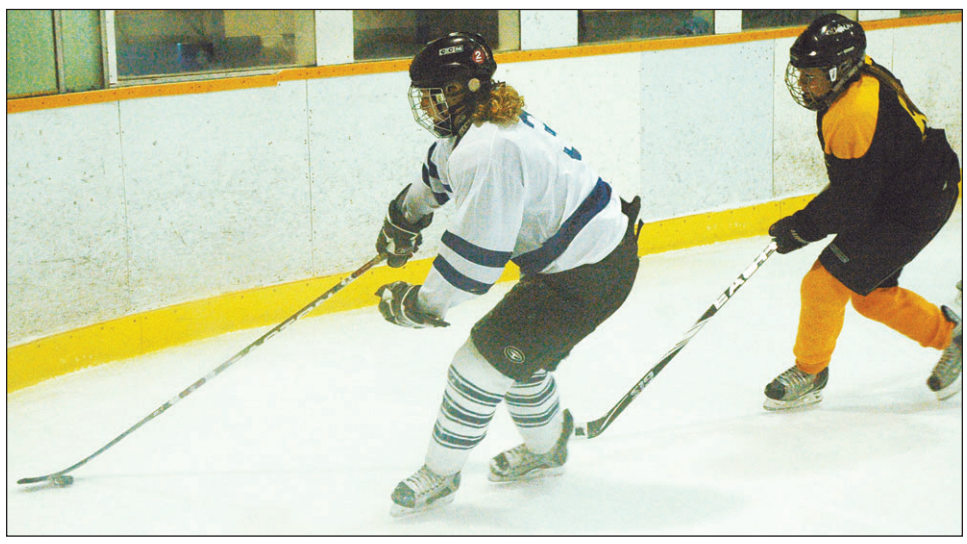
Three levels of participation are being offered: bronze level - $5 a charge; silver - $10 a charge or gold - $20 a charge.

To put things in perspective, the Devils, half way through their season, have had games when there haven't been any charges and one game where we earned three. There are approximately 10-15 games left in the season.

Corbett-White believes the initiative will benefit everyone — it will provide a taxable donation while enhancing the supporters corporate image, the cancer association receives funds and most importantly, the young players (14 and 15-year olds) will discover how they can be a part of a greater community.

For more information contact Deanna Corbett-White at 613-448-2328, ext. 4810 or 613-298-6883.





A CCVS Raider defender chased North Dundas District High School's Andrea Ceelen into the corner during last week's (Thurs., Dec. 16) SD&G girls high school hockey game in Chesterville. Ceelen counted three goals and three assists in the Blue Devils two wins — 3-1 over Seaway and 4-0 against CCVS. NDDHS goalie Lindsay Chambers gave up just one goal in the two games.
Press Photos — Uhrig

Lindsay Chambers solid in the net, Blue Devils win pair of SD&G games

CHESTERVILLE — Lindsay Chambers and her defensive support crew were almost unbeatable in a pair of recent SD&G girls high school hockey games.

The North Dundas District High School Blue Devils got one shutout and a one-goal game from their veteran goalie in a pair of tri-county victories last week (Thurs., Dec. 16) in Chesterville.

Coach Mike Deighton reported his team — after posting a 0-2-1 record in its first three games — looks like it is starting to gel. Unfortunately they won't see any more action until the new year (Wed., Jan. 22) when they play their final regular season tournament in Long Sault.

"Everyone played very well today," said Deighton after last week's tourney. "Its too bad they don't play until January, but we can't do anything about the schedule."

Devils 3 - Spartans 1

Andrea Ceelen was the offensive star for North Dundas in the 3-1 decision over their Dundas County cousins. She potted a pair of goals and drew an assist on Emma Fraser's first-period marker.

Fraser finished a play started by Ceelen and Chelsey Romans with 5:49 left in the opening stanza. Ceelen then made it 2-0, burying a feed sent to her by Bailey Milne at 4:07 of the same frame.

Seaway cracked Chambers' goose egg at 7:56 of period two when Spartan Vicki Van Hoof connected on an unassisted play.

Ceelen insured the Devils first win when she completed an opportunity created by Taylor Cummins and Milne.

Devils 4 - Raiders 0

Chambers was perfect in her team's final game of the day, blanking the CCVS Raiders 4-0.

Geena Rose (GWG) used a Kylie Johnston relay to open the scoring with 4:58 left in period two. Jodie Hall was next to put the biscuit in the Raiders cage when she finished a play started by Ceelen and Milne 56 seconds later.

Milne teamed up with Fraser and Ceelen and opened up a 3-0 lead with 7:20 left in the game. Ceelen locked up the decision firing a Milne/Amanda Carkner pass into the Raider net 30 seconds before the final buzzer.

SD&G stats

The other scores from the Chesterville tourney were; Seaway 11 - Glengarry 0 (the Gaels played most of the game without a goalie); La Citadelle 7 - CCVS 0; La Citadelle 2 - Char-Lan 1; Char-Lan 5 - Glengarry 1.

The standings are: La Citadelle 5-0-0=10 pts; Seaway 3-2-0=6 pts; North Dundas 2-2-1=5 pts; Char-Lan 2-1-0=4 pts; Holy Trinity 1-1-1=3 pts; St. Joe's 1-4-1=3 pts; Glengarry 0-3-0=3 pts.

Hawks

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Alexandria cut their deficit to 4-2 on Shayne Burgie's unassisted PPG. They then closed the gap to 4-3 when J.F. Dubois beat Gunn at 6:11 of period three.

"The game was fun," said Kirkwood. "It was a playoff atmosphere in our room."

Loyst (2), Wheeler (2), Hennesey (2), Dorn, Richardson, Stubbings, Dickenson and Jesse Barbier set up the Winchester scoring plays.

Wild finish

The Hawks quick three-goal explosion wasn't the only late-game highlight. Alexandria's goaltender (Gratton) put a blocker beating and spat on Hawks Wheeler at 16:02, earning himself a slew of penalties, including a major. Wheeler picked up a one-game suspension in the scuffle. As that was taking place three Alexandria players got into a punch-up — amongst themselves.

Blue Devils

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Ryan Romans set up Kirkwood's first and game-winning goal. His second was unassisted. Pete Klein-Swormink (from Luimes) made it 3-0. Tinkler (unassisted) opened up a 4-0 lead and Byers cashed in a feed from Freake to push the final difference to 5-0.

Buma registered his second shutout of the tournament and in the process lowered the squad's goal differential to plus 10 (12-2).

Tinkler is the Devils captain and his assistants are Derek Simms and Klein-Swormink.

Teams representing La Citadelle, St. Joe's, Char-Lan, Seaway, Glengarry and North Dundas took part in the opening tournament.

Midgets tie Lions 3-3

MORRISBURG — Andrew Findlay finished a play started by Brody Collins and Kirk Henike 8:32 before the final buzzer and gave the North Dundas Minor Midget Demons a 3-3 tie with the host South Dundas Lions.

The Lions took a 2-1 lead in the first period of Saturday's (Dec. 18) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game on goals by Spencer Sloan (13:05) and Rudy VanBeilen (0:14). North Dundas had tied it up 1-1 when Josh Hodgson netted a relay sent to him by Dylan Comeau at 1:18.

Cole Merkley's marker recorded with 6:35 left in period two opened up a 3-1 lead for the Lions who carried that advantage into the final frame.

Comeau converted a power play engineered by Mitchell Kirkwood and Aaron Burns into the Demons second goal at 8:46 of the third. Findlay then teamed up with Collins and Henike, making it 3-3 just 14 seconds later.

Demons (3-11-2) host the Cornwall Colts tomorrow night (Thurs., Dec. 23) at 7:30 pm.



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Double Beauty plays Cooper Physio to 2-2 draw

WINCHESTER — Amber Theiner's unassisted goal, scored with 4:30 left on the clock, gave the Double Beauty Stylists a 2-2 tie with the Cooper Physio Pinks.

The sixth-place Pinks (1-4-5) led Sunday (Dec. 19) morning's Winchester District Ladies Hockey League early game 2-1 at the half and held that advantage until Theiner scored with 4:30 on the clock. Tabitha Derue (unassisted) counted the first Pink goal at 19:23 of the first half. She then set up Kelly Zeran for a 2-0 lead at 14:11 of the same frame. Derue was named the player of the game for her two-point effort.

Susan Marsden cut the second place Stylists' (4-3-3) deficit to 2-1 when she connected after taking a relay from Jennifer Wilson 1:33 before the half. Theiner then came through with the tying tally.

Karina Damato (Stylists) and Dominique Cavill (Pinks) were the opposing goalies.

Blues 1 - Reds 1

The top-ranked Andy's Foodland Reds (4-1-5) and third-place Annable's Jewellery Blues (4-3-3) traded second-half goals and finished in a 1-1 tie in the 9 am match.

Amy Darling took a clearing pass from Kelly Francis and Jada McNaughton, skated from her own zone, through centre ice and buried a rising wrist shot in the top of Lorie Casselman's cage at 14:37 of the second half, putting the Blues up 1-0. Time had run down to 2:41 when Lisa Brunet converted a play created by Kaitlyn Hay and Janice Casselman into the tying goal.

Carrie McCadden (Blues) and Casselman were the goalies of record.

Darling was named the player of the game.

Girls 3 - Truckers 0

Kristie Wade recorded her second shutout of the campaign, backing the CountryGirls (4-5-1) in their 3-0 victory over the WS Trucking Company (4-5-1) in the 10 am game.

Dawn Montgomery counted her first two goals of the season and was named the player of the game. Vania Boulet recorded the single. Sonia Clement drew a pair of assists including one on Montgomery's winner at 8:01 of the first half. Kaila Beckstead and Toni Labossiere each picked up a helper point.



Andy's Foodland Reds defender Amanda Rylaarsdam carries the puck and sets up the offence for her Winchester District Ladies Hockey League squad. Sunday morning Rylaarsdam and the Reds played the Annable's Jewellery Blues to a 1-1 draw. Blues forward Jane Hendrikx was fore checking on this play.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

Flyers edge Has Beens 7-6

WINCHESTER — Josh "Champ" McLean finished a play set up by Nik Paas and Travis Froats with 10:45 left in the game and his tally stood up as his Flyers edged the Has Beens 7-6.

The Flyers led last Tuesday's (Dec. 14) Winchester Town Hockey League game 7-6 at the half and took a 7-5 lead with the McLean marker. The Has Beens were able to close the final difference to 7-6 when Chad Valcour drilled home a feed from Billy McRoberts 1:54 before the final buzzer.

Nik Paas, the league's scoring race leader, cracked in four goals to elevate his total to 30, and drew two assists for the Flyers. McLean scored once and picked up three assists. Scott Baldwin and Phil Duncan snapped in the singles. Adam Guy (3), Derek Vingerhoeds and Froats provided the passes.

Dean Byvelds and Valcour each netted two goals and earned two assists for the Beens. Justin Heuff also fired in a pair of pucks. McRoberts (3) and Brad Johnston were the set-up men.

The victory levelled the Flyers third-place record at 6-6-0. The number-two ranked Has Beens fell to 8-4-0.

Maulers 8 - Green Berets 7

Dana Schofield's shot found the back of the Green Berets cage with 6:29 left on the clock, snapped a 7-7 tie and enabled the number-one rated Chesterville Maulers (8-3-1) to knock off the fourth-place Green Berets (1-10-1) in the late game.

The Maulers enjoyed a 4-2 lead at the half, but needed a goal by Trevor Gilmer with 9:22 left in the game to tie the count at 7-7, as well as Schofield's winner to book the 8-7 win.

Schofield (2-2-4), Tyler Jones (1-2-3), Rob Thurler (1-1-2), Justin "Footer" Morozuk (1-1-2), Jeff Lewis (1-1-2), James Gilmer (1-0-1) and Trevor Gilmer (0-3-3) collected points for the winners.

Robyn Sadler cracked in a pair of goals for the Berets and added three helpers. The newly acquired Chris Embury and Al Christophersen each picked up two goals and two assists. Aron Sherrer set up three, Scott Reaney two and Barret Brundige one scoring play.

Beaudry blanks Midget Rangers 9-0

WINCHESTER — North Dundas goaltender Chase Beaudry was unbeatable and his teammates were unstoppable as they cruised to a 9-0 victory over the South Grenville Midget House "B" Rangers.

Sunday's (Dec. 19) home ice victory improved the Demons Upper Canada Minor Hockey League record to 7-5-1.

The Demons gained a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Ryan Carr (GWG at 13:11) and Kirk Gibson (4:44) and never looked back.

Carr netted his second (11:16) and third (6:58) goals in period two. Evan Durant (9:17) and Kirk Gibson (5:35) also cracked in shots as the home team built up a 6-0 lead.

Paul Gibson (13:18), captain Hayden Moher (11:56) and Kirk Gibson (5:54) dented twin in the final frame, enlarging the final total to 9-0.

Carr and Kirk Gibson each fashioned hat tricks. Oliver Hakansson set up four scoring plays. Carr (2), Durant, Colton Stitt, Brett Coburn, Stewart McKelvie and Daniel McSheffery also collected helper points.

Guy hat trick leads to Novice Demons win

CHESTERVILLE — Owen Guy cracked in three goals and led the North Dundas Novice House "B" Demons to a 5-2 victory over the South Dundas Lions.

The first period of last week's (Mon., Dec 13) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game was scoreless and the visiting Lions emerged from period two with a 2-1 lead. A four-goal third period pushed the Demons on to a 5-2 decision.

Curran Gilmour's unassisted marker gave the Lions a 1-0 lead at the 7:28 mark. Guy then answered with his first tally after picking up a feed from Kobey Young. Gilmour pumped in his second unassisted goal with 2:28 left in the session giving South Dundas a 2-1 edge.

Guy knotted the count at 2-2 on a solo effort with 4:50 left in the game. Young (unassisted) cashed in the winning goal 41 seconds later. There was 1:22 left on the clock when Guy finished his hat trick. Tyson Ferguson and Emily Eikelboom engineered the play. An unassisted shot fired by Owen Richardson made it 5-2 1:14 before the final buzzer.



Graduation



Christopher N. LaPrade

In November Christopher N. LaPrade, son of Mary and Wayne LaPrade of Chesterville, graduated from Carleton University with his Masters degree in English.

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Regional champs

The Nationview Public School Red Knights intermediate girls volleyball team claimed the 2010 regional tournament championship with a three-set victory over the Seaway Intermediate Spartans on Tues., Dec. 7, qualifying for the Tournament of Champions in Brockville where they finished the round robin in second place. The regional champs are: front (left) - Katrina Geurkink, Tori Corkery, Cheyenne Williams; back (left) - Abby Fawcett, Katherine Fleury, Carlee Coburn, Amber Froats, Paige Sloan, Gina Reid - coach. Missing: Cadence Harris and Hailey Markell.



"B" champions

The Nationview Public School Red Knights claimed the "B" division championship in the 2010 regional junior co-ed volleyball tournament. The Red Knights are: front (left) - Lindsay Devries, Kerissa Wardle, Rhyce Sherrer, Jarrett Williams, Christian Francis, Keane Vandodewaard, Isaac Zollinger; back (left) - Mitchell Perkins, Jordan Peterkin, Alayna Baelde, Caitlin Jampen, Shaina Vandemheen, Wes Alexander, Madame Smith - coach.

Devils host home opener

SD&G girls volleyball season gets underway

MAPLE RIDGE — The opening sets in the 2010-2011 SD&G girls high school volleyball season have been served.

The North Dundas District High School Devils registered their first results playing at Ecole Secondarie La Citadelle in Cornwall last week (Tues., Dec. 14).

Today (Wed., Dec. 22) the Devils will host the Holy Trinity Falcons (1 pm) and the Tagwi Warriors (3:30 pm) in their home opener. North Dundas will resume regular season play in the new year (Mon., Jan. 17) with a trip to Iroquois to meet the Seaway Spartans.

Junior Devils

Coach Cheryl Williams reported that the Junior Devils split their games on opening day sweeping the General Vanier Vikings 3-0 (25-23, 26-24, 25-22) and losing 3-0 (11-25, 14-25, 16-25) to the La Citadelle Patriotes.

Williams said her young team had to face the perennial favourites, La Citadelle, first and were a little unsettled, but played very well considering they were facing their first game situation of the season.

"We must work on our positioning and being more aggressive," she said.

Team list

Chelsea Clarke is the only returning veteran on the junior squad and Julia Wouters is the lone Grade 9 player. The rest of the new recruits are Sarah Churchill, Tara Dejong, Kelsey Ellis, Brianna Geertsma, Emma Gern, Jodie Hall, Marissa Jaquemet, Kiley Johnston, Carmen Stubbings, Hope Klein-Swormink and Jenna Warren.

Senior Devils

Emily Hilborn is the lone veteran on Patti Hall's senior team, so the coach figures it might take a few games for the squad to "get into the game."

Opening day produced just one win, but the coach said, "the girls played quite well for their first outing and for a team made up of many new players."

La Citadelle defeated North Dundas 3-0 (25-20, 25-16, 26-24), while the CCVS Raiders posted a 2-1 (22-25, 11-25, 21-25) victory.

"We held our own and should have taken that last set against La Citadelle and the last one against CCVS," noted Hall.

Devils roster

Emily Hilborn is the lone returnee on this year's roster. Blythe Armstrong, Camille Jaquemet, Leslie Schmid and Olivia Wouters have moved up from the junior ranks. The new recruits are: Brooke Barkley, Emma Fraser, Holly Kerr, Colleen Sedwick and Sam Shelp.

Winchester Skating Club vying for seminar with Kurt Browning

WINCHESTER — The Winchester Skating Club (WSC) has announced that it has entered the "Show if Off for Skate Canada" contest. The WSC is one of over 50 submissions vying for the chance to win a one-day seminar with skating legend Kurt Browning.

Skate Canada asked member clubs and schools to use photos and video to demonstrate how they have embraced and showcased the new Skate Canada logo, which was launched in June.

To view the entry, visit showitoffforskatecanada.ca/gallery. Only Skate Canada member clubs and schools can enter the contest but voting is open to everyone. Fans can vote online to help bring Kurt Browning to Winchester and help WSC skaters develop.

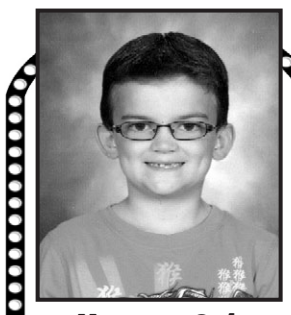
The grand prize is a one-day seminar featuring skating with Browning but there are other prizes up for grabs. Second prize is to have a national team athlete skate at the club's year-end carnival, Sony HD Rink Side Video Pack and Skate Canada gift cards.

A jury of judges, appointed by Skate Canada, will select the grand prize winning club based on a predetermined set of qualifications, including impact, innovation and impressions. The jury will also select the winning club for the national team appearance.

The jury is made up of Skate Canada CEO Williams Thompson, Skate Canada President Benoit Lavoie and World Champion Jeff Buttle.

The Sony HD Rink Side Video Pack prize will be awarded to the entry that receives the most votes and is the ultimate fan favourite. Ten Skate Canada gift cards worth $250 each will be awarded by random draw.

Help the WSC win one of the prizes by voting online now.



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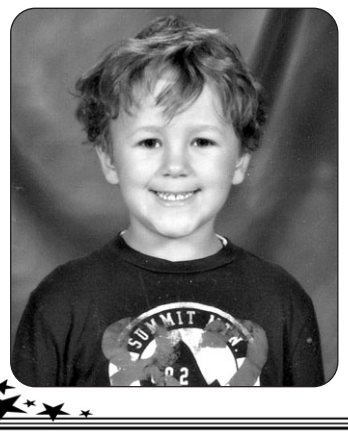

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Love, Nanny & Poppa

Meet the HAWKS

Aaron Dickenson

No. 24, Defence



Aaron Dickenson is a 19-year-old defenceman who is in his first season with the Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks. The native of Collingwood is studying business administration at Algonquin College in Ottawa. In his first 25 games the 6' 2" blueliner has scored five goals (3 PPG and 2 GWG), and earned 17 assists for 22 points. The rookie is sixth in team scoring and fifth among St. Lawrence Division defencemen. His no. 24 jersey is sponsored by Mike Dean's Super Food Stores.

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Dec. 14: Alexandria 7 - Morrisburg 0
Dec. 15: South Grenville 4 - Brockville 3
Dec. 16: Casselman 15 - Morrisburg 1
Dec. 17: Westport 10 - Brockville 7
Winchester 7 - Alexandria 3
Morrisburg 5 - Akwesasne 2
Dec. 18: Athens 8 - South Grenville 4
Char-Lan 5 - Gananoque 4
Alexandria 3 - Casselman 1
Dec. 19: Winchester 6 - Morrisburg 5 OT
Char-Lan 4 - Akwesasne 3 SO
Athens 7 - Westport 3
Gananoque 5 - Brockville 1

STANDINGS

Rideau	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Athens	27	3	0	193	92	54
Westport	20	12	0	168	120	40
Brockville	10	17	0	106	149	22
South Grenville	6	23	0	92	172	14
Gananoque	6	22	0	94	165	13

St. Lawrence	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Casselman	26	1	1	179	74	53
Alexandria	21	6	0	147	99	44
Winchester	19	7	1	138	87	40
Akwesasne	8	16	1	107	139	19
Char-Lan	7	19	0	92	167	16
Morrisburg	5	22	0	84	167	12

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Rideau Division			
Nathan Slack, Athens	24	49	73
Steve Parker, Athens	31	32	63
Ben Blasko, Gan.	21	29	50
Kyle Couvieau, West.	28	21	49
Frank Hart, Athens	17	30	47
Shane Melcher, West.	22	24	46
Max Ming, West.	17	29	46
Brett Costello, Athens	19	24	43
Dustin Sinclair, West.	19	23	43
Caz Cantwell, SG	22	18	40
Cameron McNutt, West.	14	22	36
St. Lawrence Division	G	A	PTS
Curtis Chennette, Cass.	27	41	68
Adam Wensink, Cass.	39	28	67
J.F. Dubois, Alex.	26	34	60
Marcel Groulx, Cass.	21	25	46
Graham Loyst, Win.	15	24	39
Dillan Barr, Akwe.	19	19	38
Steven Knapp, Alex.	19	18	37
Shane Kitchen, Alex.	19	18	37
Adam Simpson, Alex.	15	22	37
Mike Campeau, Win.	12	24	36
Grant McDougall, C-L	20	16	36
Brett Ashton, Win.	18	17	35
Dominic Coyle, Akwe.	13	19	32

METRO - VALLEY CONFERENCE

Recent Results
Dec. 14: Perth 4 - Ottawa 3
Dec. 16: Arnprior 7 - Ottawa West 6
Dec. 17: Perth 7 - Ottawa Jrs. 3
Almonte 4 - Clarence 3
Gatineau 9 - Metcalfe 1
Arnprior 6 - Shawville 0
Dec. 19: Metcalfe 2 - Ottawa Jrs. 2 - *called in second period due to unsafe ice conditions*
Clarence 6 - Gatineau 5
Stittsville 7 - Ottawa West 5
Renfrew 5 - Shawville 2
Perth 5 - Arnprior 3

STANDINGS

Metro	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Clarence	21	4	2	146	74	45
Ottawa Jrs.	19	10	2	120	88	40
Ottawa West	17	12	1	137	116	34
Gatineau	12	18	0	104	110	24
Metcalfe Jets	10	14	3	84	112	23

Valley	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Perth	20	7	1	135	91	41
Arnprior	17	10	2	129	104	36
Almonte	13	11	1	107	101	28
Renfrew	11	13	3	106	102	25
Stittsville	8	18	1	88	136	19
Shawville	5	23	0	83	174	12

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

Recent Results
Dec. 12:
Double Beauty 2 - Cooper Physio 2
Annable's Jewellery 1 - Andy's Foodland 1
CountryGirls 3 - WS Trucking 0

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Andy's Reds	4	1	5	19	12	13
Double Beauty	4	3	3	15	13	11
Annable's	4	3	3	13	11	11
WS Trucking	4	5	1	15	17	9
CountryGirls	4	5	1	13	14	9
Cooper Physio	1	4	5	9	17	7

Top Scorers	G	A	PTS
Trish Leduc, Reds	7	4	11
Sandra Cloutier, WST	8	1	9
Edith Dagenais, DB	4	4	8
Sonia Clement, Girls	4	4	8
Lisa Brunet, Reds	6	1	7
Jada McNaughton, Blues	4	3	7
Kelly Zeran, Pinks,	3	3	6
Kaitlin Hay, DB	1	5	6
Susan Marsden, DB	1	5	6

Winchester Town Hockey League

Recent Results
Dec. 14:
McLean Flyers 7 - Has Beens 6
Chesterville Maulers 8 - Green Berets 7

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Maulers	8	3	1	93	57	17
Has Beens	8	4	0	74	77	16
Flyers	6	6	0	80	81	12
Green Berets	1	10	1	63	90	3

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Nik Paas, MF	30	22	52
Dean Byvelds, HB	21	18	39
Robyn Sadler, HB	17	21	38
Rob Thurler, CM	11	27	38
Trevor Gilmer, CM	20	13	33
Tyler Jones, CM	19	14	33
Josh McLean, MF	7	20	26
Chad Valcour, HB	14	12	26
Phil Duncan, MF	13	9	22

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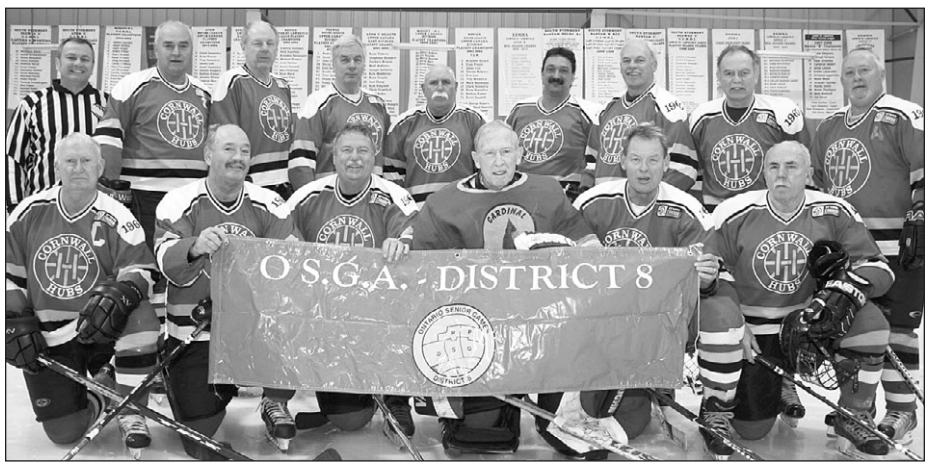

Going to Haliburton

The Morrisburg Old Timers skated to a 5-4 overtime victory over Alexandria and earned the right to represent the local Senior Games Association at the Ontario Winter Senior Games in Haliburton in February. The district champions are: front (left) - Jim Powers, Dale Swerdfeger, Mort Belmore, Les McAllister, Steve Casselman, Jack Haines; back (left) - Kirk Shayler (referee), Doug Casselman, Bryan Helmer, Ron Alguire, Mike Hanton, Carl Jodoin, Ranny Shayler, Mark Comfort and Tony Jones. Several players with local connections including — John Ralko, Peter Filion, Lee Taillefer and B.J. McDonald — skated for Alexandria.

NDDHS Senior Devils defeat La Citadelle Patriotes 44-35

CORNWALL — The North Dundas District High School boys basketball teams had their respective win/loss records interrupted on the same day.

The Senior Devils extended their win string to two games handing the host La Citadelle Patriotes a 44-35 loss last week (Thurs., Dec. 16). The same afternoon the Junior Devils tasted defeat for the first time losing 54-45 to the St. Joe's Panthers. Both teams have won twice and suffered one loss in their first three SD&G league games.

Senior coach Rory Blackadder reported team captain Alex de Paiva, who had been sidelined with a broken wrist, saw his first action in last week's (Thurs., Dec. 16) game at La Citadelle.

"Alex led the way for the team in his first game back," said the coach. "He only played about seven minutes, but still ended up with 12 points."

Brae McNamara and Dylan Young each swished eight points for the Devils.

Juniors lose

Junior coach Deanna Corbett-White said her squad didn't play its best game, but there were some highlights.

"We played good defence and made St. Joe's turn the ball over a lot, but couldn't put it in the basket," she said.

She was also happy to report her team drew three charges.

"Their [St. Joe's] strategy was to foul and send us to the line. We went to the line and missed. We only hit 10 of 30 free throws," she explained.

The Devils held a 23-19 lead at the half, but couldn't hold on. Wes Schmidkte drained 13 points for North Dundas. Robbie Kerr strained 10 through the onion bag. Bruce Bufton put down nine. Cory Vandemheen (5), Jordan Markwell (5), Carl Gross (2) and Evan Corbett-White (2) also contributed points.

"Maybe a loss will help the boys put things into perspective," she said. "You can get some good things out of a loss."

Pee Wee 'B' Demons win two of three, blank Rebels

WINCHESTER — The North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons had a two-game winning string snapped by the Fire Fighters Braves who shut them out 3-0 in Brockville.

Saturday's (Dec. 18) loss put the brakes on a two-game winning streak the Demons had been on. They had previously whitewashed the Char-Lan Rebels 2-0 in Winchester last week (Mon., Dec. 13) bombed the NGS Braves 5-1 in Finch two days earlier (Sat., Dec. 11).

Tyson Sherrer netted the winning goal after finishing a play started by Logan Holmes and Rhyce Sherrer with 40 seconds left in the second period of the Char-Lan game. Captain Jacob Downey made it a 2-0 final when he buried a feed from Jacob Robinson and Brayden Cochrane at 14:23 of period three.

Downey was a scoring machine in Finch cracking in four consecutive shots in the 5-1 decision over the NGS Braves. Rhyce Sherrer used a pass provided by Spencer Kelly to get the North Dundas attack rolling in the second period. Downey then took over and rang up the next four tallies. Holmes, Tyson Sherrer, Sawyer Vanden Bosch, Robinson, and Jack Messervey earned assists.

Shane Rodney and Adam Turcotte shared the Demons goaltending duties.

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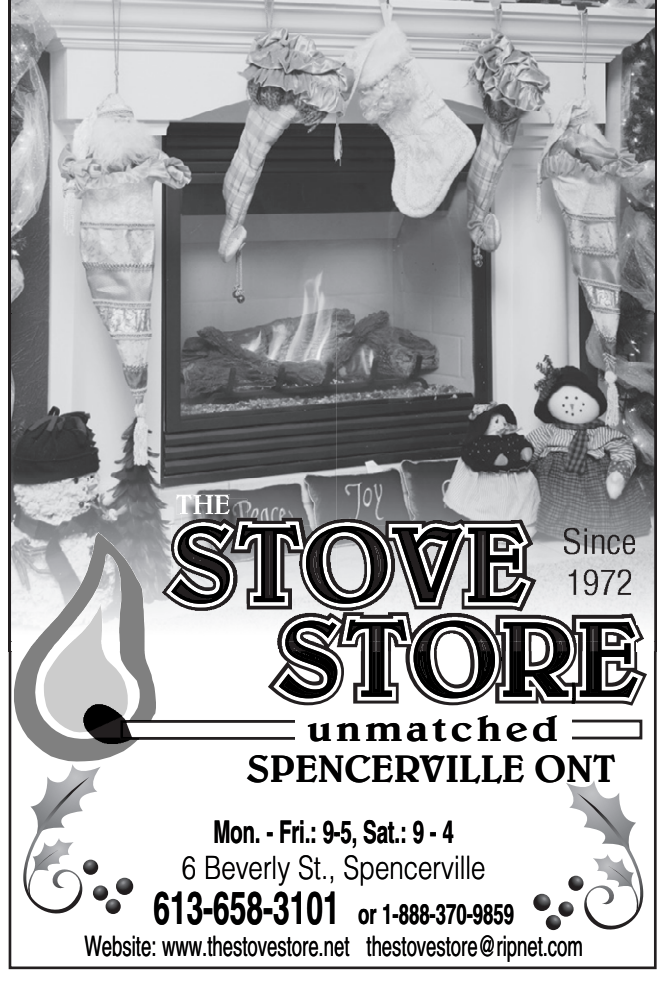

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Dundas Manor is a home that is filled with laughter, love, music, care and faith. As change is upon us, one thing remains strong and consistent, and that is the special relationships that are evident in our home. Our dedicated staff looks out for our residents and each other every day. Along with the staff, many special individuals make up our strong care team. When you look back at all we accomplish together over a year, it is evident that our home is blessed with many good people who want to make a difference in the lives of those entrusted to our care.

From our home to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy 2011.

Jennifer Hill and the Activity Team

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NOTICE:

The Township of North Dundas Municipal Office will be closed at noon on Friday, December 24, 2010 and will re-open Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 8:30 am.

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Please remember emergencies can happen at any time. You and your family should be ready to take care of yourselves for a minimum of 72 hours.

Test your generator and have a safe and happy holiday.

Merry Christmas from Council & Staff

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Holiday Closures

The Boyne Road Landfill will be CLOSED Monday, December 27, Tuesday, December 28 and Monday, January 3.

Blue box and garbage pickup will run as scheduled.

Any questions, contact:
Doug Froats
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613-774-5157

UNITED COUNTIES OF STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry is seeking individuals to serve as members of the following Committees:

One member required for the **Police Services Board.** The Board meets approximately four times per year at the County Administration Building, Cornwall.

Three members required for the **Library Board**. The Board meets monthly (with the exception of July and August) at various locations throughout the Counties.

If interested, please apply in writing by December 31, 2010 to:

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United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
26 Pitt Street, Room 323
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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

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The Administration Office will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2010 at 12:00 noon and will be open on December 29 and December 30, 2010 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Office will also be closed on Friday, December 31, 2010 and will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2011.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE & RECYCLE COLLECTION
There will be no change to the schedule this holiday season.

DISPOSAL SITE HOURS
The Williamsburg and Matilda Sites will both be closed Saturday, December 25, 2010 and Saturday, January 1, 2011.

2011 DOG TAGS
Tags are now available for sale at the Township Office.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
The next regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES
The Township is seeking applications from volunteers for the following Appointments during the term of Council (December 2010 – November 2014):

Fence Viewers
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Pound Keeper
Court of Revision
Committee of Adjustment
S.D. & G. Accessibility Advisory Committee

Candidates must be 18 years of age, a Canadian Citizen and a resident of the Township of South Dundas. Further information about the committees and/or application forms are available at the Township office. Applications must be submitted by January 12, 2011 to the Township Office.

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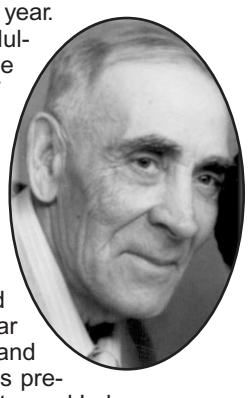
OBITUARIES

Albert William Beckstead

Albert William Beckstead of Winchester passed away peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Mon., Dec. 13, 2010 in his 88th year.



Albert was born June 3, 1923 in Hulbert to Roy and Reta Beckstead. He was the third oldest and only son of seven children. He was the beloved husband of Pauline Tousant. He was the loving father of Evylin Beckstead, Kathy (Louis) Sirois, John, Allan, Greta (Dave) Stewart, and Lila. He was predeceased by son Roy Beckstead and daughter Pheobe Beckstead. He was the cherished grandfather of three. He was the dear brother of Ida (the late Glen) Kenny, and Hilda (the late Dick) Pittman, and was predeceased by sisters Fanny, Ruth, Greta, and Lola.

At the age of 16, he was conscripted to the war but was sent back a few years later due to his father passing away. At the age of 18, he raised his sisters and took over the family farm. Shortly after, he began to do custom crop thrashing. In 1959, he married Pauline, and they started to raise their own family. Three years later Albert and Pauline relocated to Inkerman from Hulbert where they began to build their own farm from the ground up. Throughout his life, Albert had a variety of different jobs, from road construction in Brockville, to making cheese in Hulbert, to transporting whey.

In 2003, he retired from farming and moved to Winchester. He was a loving and caring father whom we all will miss very much.

Friends paid their respects at the Daniels Funeral Chapels Inc. in Winchester on Wed., Dec. 15. The funeral service was held in the chapel of the funeral home on Thurs., Dec. 16 with Rev. Thurland Brown officiating, followed by interment at Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston.

Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Denzil Robinson

Denzil Robinson passed away at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Fri., Dec. 3, 2010. He was 87.



Denzil was born on June 2, 1923 to Clifford and Florence Robinson. He attended high school in Winchester until 1940, when he began working on his father's dairy farm in Winchester Springs. He continued to farm until his retirement in the early 1990s. In December of 1955, he married Eleanor Casselman of Finch.

Denzil enjoyed curling at the Winchester Curling Club for several years following his retirement. He was a former member of the Williamsburg branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a devout member of the congregation at Winchester Springs United Church.

In October 2007, Denzil moved to the Hartford Retirement Centre in Morrisburg, with his wife, Eleanor. In Morrisburg, he attended Lakeshore United Church, and enjoyed daily walks along the St. Lawrence River.

Denzil will be missed by his wife Eleanor, his daughter Louise, and son-in-law Bruce Moroz of Cleveland, and his granddaughters Jackie and Robyn. He was predeceased by his brother Dalton. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg, on Sun., Dec. 12. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on Mon., Dec. 13 at 11 am, with Rev. Arlyce Schiebout officiating. Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. The pallbearers were Bruce Moroz, Carl Robinson, Clair Robinson, Craig Robinson, Brad Robinson, and Darryl Robinson.

Donations to Winchester Springs United Church would be appreciated by the family.

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Special Thanks

A special thank you goes out to the following Winchester businesses who supported our 'AFTERNOON AT THE MALL' program:

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~ Death Notice ~

David Trevor Scott

30 April 1944 - 18 December 2010

Trevor completed his temporal journey among us as he passed away peacefully at his home in Brockville, Ont. On Saturday, 18 December 2010, Trevor suffered a fatal coronary event.

Trevor was the youngest member of the family of the late Asa H. Scott (South Mountain and Iroquois, Ont.) and of the late Wilma M. Henderson (South Mountain, Iroquois, and Brockville, Ont.), and step-son of the late Arthur G. Bowden (Cardinal Ont.) Trevor's sister, Jean Lewis (Ottawa), his brother, Henderson (Glenn) Scott (Toronto), his sister-in-law, Cairine Caldwell (Toronto), and his nephew, Dale Humble (Ottawa), now become custodians of a very special spirit that lit up the lives of those who inhabited Trevor's expansive moral world.

Trevor's mother and her two sisters, Aunt Lilah and Aunt Bud - affectionately remembered as the Henderson Sisters and experienced by their children as our "three mothers" - played a significant nurturing role throughout his formative years. Trevor treasured their presence in his life and flourished in the convivial company of his fellow "gen-three Henderson and Scott cousins."

Trevor cultivated a strong sense of community and frequently commented that many true and loyal friends enriched his life!

Trevor's cremated remains will rest at the Scott Family Memorial in South Mountain Union Cemetery. Family and friends will have an opportunity to attend a commemorative graveside service on Saturday, 30 April 2011 - during a season of eternal renewal and hope. Over food and fellowship, we will share cherished memories of times spent with Trevor.

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

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RURAL IROQUOIS: 14.5 acres of trees and trails, 1,350 sq. ft. ICF built bungalow shines, from the solid birch kitchen and floors to the pine doors and trim. Features 2 + 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, wood fireplace, front and rear decks, oversized 2-car garage with basement entry, big family room with radiant floor heating, and an extra garage/shop/bunkhouse with bathroom. MLS 770864
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RURAL WILLIAMSBURG: 75+ acres of land; a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house and a 100x40 barn. This farm has 3 corrals, 1 tiled field, some treed areas, and 4 other fields ready to re-activate. Barn has 11 box stalls, 2 standing stalls, insulated tack room and water. There's even a garage/shop for more storage. House is well refreshed with extensive updates in 1990's. MLS 770184
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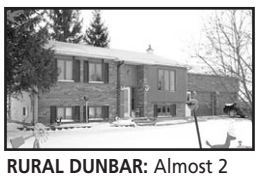

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~ IN MEMORIAM ~

Ron Bradford

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I thought of you today,
But that is not something new.
I thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name.
All I have are memories and
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Miss you each day more than the last one.

– Janice



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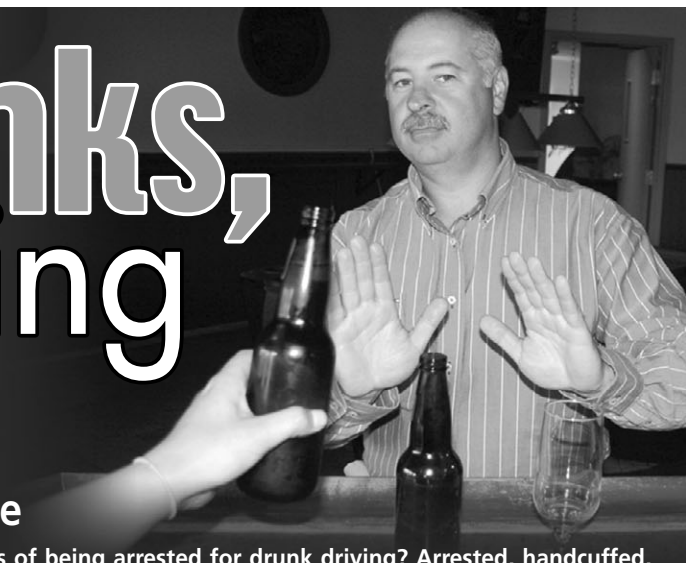

Drinking and Driving: A Game of Russian Roulette

Have you ever thought about the consequences of being arrested for drunk driving? Arrested, handcuffed, licence suspended, fined or worse, poor driving record... And that doesn't even include the consequences of causing an accident while you are drunk driving!

Major increases in the number of road accidents occur every year during the period preceding the holidays and during the holidays themselves.

But, apart from the dangers of drunk driving, winter has its own share of hazards which drivers must deal with. Indeed, the very first snowfall is the worst time of year for road accidents.

Why don't you give yourself a nice gift this year and avoid having an accident over the holidays. Have your vehicle thoroughly inspected right now, paying particular attention to the brakes, the suspension and the tires. You can't foresee the state of the roads and weather conditions can change rapidly. You can, however, prepare your vehicle to confront the winter as well as adopting safer winter driving habits.

On top of this, ensure that you have all the emergency equipment you'll need in the event of an accident. This kit should, at the very least, contain a folding shovel, traction aids, warm gloves and emergency blankets, booster cables and a scraper, a first-aid kit and a food survival kit (containing non-perishable food items such as dried fruits, chocolate, juices and bottled water). And even if you only have a short distance to travel to all those parties, always dress warmly in case you have to do some walking. There's certainly nothing very festive about freezing while you wait for the tow truck to pull you out of a snow bank!



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Alight at Night still successful after 10 years

MORRISBURG — With this holiday season marking the 10th anniversary of the Alight at Night Festival at Upper Canada Village (UCV), organizers set out to thank the event's many sponsors last week.

A special reception took place on Thurs., Dec. 16 at UCV's Harvest Barn. In attendance were representatives from the more than 10 sponsors and business partners of the annual event.

"Developing this festival over a five, six-week period during the holidays has really helped us to make an impact economically in this region," said Ron Eamer, chair of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC). "Not only are we creating employment right here on site for an additional six weeks or so, but we are generating business for our local partners as well."

Local businesses have sponsored 12 nights of free skating for children 12 years of age and under during the festival. Other partners have provided marketing and promotional support, which helps to expand advertising efforts and draw visitors to the festival.

"There are no secrets to the success of Alight at Night. It takes a lot of creativity, commitment, and enthusiasm on the part of our staff," said Tim Casey, interim general manager and CEO of the SLPC. "Focusing and listening to what our customers want and then delivering on that experience to the best of our ability... And finally, great partnerships with our community and business partners. It has made a difference to tourism in our region."

This year's Alight at Night festival continues each evening, beginning at 4:30 pm, until Sat., Jan. 1. (UCV will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.)

For more information, visit www.alightatnight.ca.



The annual Alight at Night festival at Upper Canada Village has attracted thousands of visitors to the local area for the past 10 years. As a thank you to this year's sponsors, the St. Lawrence Parks Commission held a special reception at the village on Thurs., Dec. 16.

Two SD&G students pass CA examination

TORONTO — According to recently released results, Michael Elshof of Finch and Morrisburg's Adam Keller have passed this year's Canada-wide Uniform Evaluation (UFE), the challenging professional entry examination necessary to become Chartered Accountants (CAs).

Upon completion of their 30-month experience requirement, both Elshof and Keller will have earned the right to call themselves Chartered Accountants and add the letters "CA" to their names.

The UFE, written in September, is a national three-day evaluation that assesses competencies including essential knowledge, professional judgment, ethics and the ability to communicate. In total, Ontario had 1,172 of the country's 3,046 successful UFE writers this year.

Winchester United Church to host Dec. 25 celebration

by Norma Wylie

WINCHESTER — There will be a community Christmas celebration on Sat., Dec. 25, starting at 11 am. The event will include a carol sing-a-long, and dinner will be served at noon.

The church is all decorated for Christmas, and there will be 30 poinsettias placed around the pulpit in memory of loved ones who have passed on.

The Winchester United Church Women (UCW)'s planning meeting for 2011 is scheduled to take place on Mon., Jan. 3 in the Sunday school hall at 7 pm. The group's annual general meeting will take place on Mon., Jan. 10 at 7:30 pm.

In other UCW news, the group has been busy preparing for the yuletide season.

About 60 Winchester United Church Women (UCW) enjoyed a pleasant evening on Mon., Dec. 13 in the Sunday school hall. Clara Edwardson read a Christmas poem entitled, "The Gift of the Magi," after which she said the blessing, and a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by Barb Davidson was enjoyed. A loud clapping of hands showed the group's appreciation. Edwardson gave a resume of the Winchester UCW's work that had been accomplished throughout the year. Janice Hyndman played the piano, and everyone enjoyed a sing-a-long of Christmas carols. Rev. Christine Lowson prepared the worship service using the title "Christmas Eve Vespers," interspersed with prayer and Christmas carols. The ladies then enjoyed a game of Jeopardy, presented by Janet Levere and Dawn Cooper. This was greatly enjoyed by all.

The evening closed by singing, "Go Tell It on the Mountain." A short business meeting was held.

Editor's Note

Thank you to Norma Wylie

The Winchester Press *would like to thank and congratulate Norma Wylie on her 30 years of service as the Winchester United Church Women (UCW)'s press secretary.*

Wylie has reported on UCW meetings since 1980, and at the age of 94, is retiring from her volunteer position. (The accompanying entry is expected to be her last submission to the Press*.)*

After three decades, Wylie is most certainly one of the longest-serving regular contributors on our newspaper's volunteer roster.

Our newsroom would like to thank Wylie for her regular write-ups throughout the years. Her service and dedication is very much appreciated.

– A.S.M.

Ormond-Harmony-Cloverdale Recreation Association

Rec group wraps up another busy year

MOREWOOD — The Ormond-Harmony-Cloverdale Recreation Association has had a busy 2010, and the ever-active organization is preparing for the new year.

With their regular activities (such as seasonal events like Christmas dinners or Easter egg hunts) and a regular newsletter, the association is always busy.

The group's next big event is community bowling in Chesterville on Sat., Jan. 29.

Their most recent activity took place on Sat., Dec. 11 at the Morewood Community Centre. About 60 people come to the association's annual Christmas party and potluck supper. Santa made an appearance to entertain more than 20 children. There were also games, crafts, a pinata filled with candy, and more.

To gather more information about the association or join up, call Paul Porteous (613-774-3900), Floyd Fisher (613-774-6115), or Mary Mesman (613-774-3807).



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- **Thursday, January 20 at 6:00 pm** at the Chesterville Legion

If you cannot attend, please visit **www.wdmh.on.ca** to complete an online survey.

The survey will be posted on the site in mid-January.

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