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North Dundas budget pieces fall into place



Fire crews battled both flames and the biting cold Thurs., Jan. 15 as a blaze ravaged a Hallville-area home. The fire has been deemed non-suspicious, and no injuries resulted as the owners were not home at the time. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

No injuries, Hallville home levelled

HALLVILLE – It was two separate passersby who first alerted emergency personnel to a house fire at 10389 County Rd. 43 just west of Hallville Thurs., Jan. 15.

Both noticed smoke billowing out of the attic area, leading them to call 911 and then force their way through the two-storey home's front door to ensure no one was trapped inside.

Local fire crews, along with OPP officers and paramedics, arrived on scene shortly after 10 am.

Firefighters quickly smashed out top floor windows to release smoke from inside the home, which led to flames shooting out from the roof area.

The house's main hydro line also burned from the home, dropping down mere steps from a handful of firefighters and sparking significantly before Hydro One employees cut the power.

Crews battled the flames for several hours, while police closed a portion of the highway between County Road 1 and Boundary Road.

The blaze has been deemed non-suspicious, and all occupants were ultimately accounted for.

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Number crunching is well underway in the Township of North Dundas as municipal staff and politicians work toward final budget numbers for 2015.

The process got underway in mid-December with an unofficial levy increase announced at 4.19 per cent, and an expenditure plan of $10.9 million.

Comparatively, the municipality is thus far anticipating just $5.3 million in revenues this year. Anticipated taxation has been pegged at $5.6 million, which would make up the difference. Overall, the budget in its current state forms a $223,397 increase from 2014 to 2015.

Council members and department heads have been working the numbers since the initial meeting, and were expected to return to the budget process during last night's (Tues., Jan. 20) township meeting.

Highlights of the draft budget include a public works spending scheme of $4.2 million, which includes $655,100 for roadwork, and recreation expenditure of $2.5 million.

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Duncan named chair of EOWC



Eric Duncan

WINCHESTER – The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) has implemented its new leadership team for the coming year.

During the organization's annual inaugural meeting, held in Kingston last week, Township of North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan was appointed to the chair position through acclamation. Duncan is a member of the caucus as he is currently serving his second term as warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

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Proposed sewer-use bylaw would be enforced with flexibility

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Although it has yet to be passed, it looks as though the Municipality of South Dundas' new bylaw regulating sewer use will be implemented in stages, with commercial properties being the first to come under scrutiny.

The draft bylaw was reviewed Tues., Jan. 13, as council members met with various members of staff in a special open meeting.

CAO Stephen McDonald opened the discussion, asking for politicians to decide if the township is going to provide financial assistance in specified situations. While discussed only briefly, all agreed that a cost schedule for certain items would need to be tabulated.

"The [implementation] dates will change depending on where council wants to go," he said. "[Staff is suggesting] implementing everything except residential [section eight of the draft]. Commercial is the one most liable to put something into the sewer system that shouldn't be there."

Politicians then spent a significant amount of time discussing section eight, and the many issues involved in residential compliance. Councillor Bill Ewing, for instance, said his home in Iroquois was built to flow into the sanitary sewer because it was built at the time of the St. Lawrence Seaway project. Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke referenced the lack of ditches in Morrisburg for residents to reroute extraneous flow.

"If we take roof leaders off and address commercial [issues], are sump pumps impacting on the system today?" Councillor Marc St. Pierre asked.

While he could not provide exact figures, public works manager Chris Bazinet said there was an impact.

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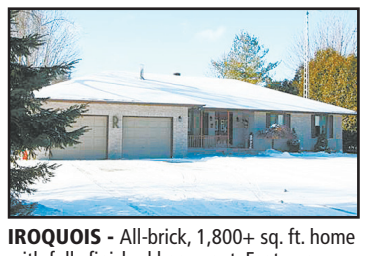

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A key aspect of the recreation plan sees North Dundas allotting $225,000 for improvement efforts at the Chesterville Pool.

The project features the removal and replacement of the existing marbelite pool finish and some tile repair, and improving the current concrete pool deck and the reinstatement of deck fixture grounding, sub-drains and landscaping surrounding the aquatic facility. Underground piping is also to be replaced.

Other budgetary considerations have money going toward needed items at municipally owned facilities, a sore point for some members of council who this year are expected to work toward consolidation of certain centres.

For the North Dundas Fire Department, the township has a necessary need to spend, thus far budgeted at $26,867, for updated self-contained breathing apparatuses.

Meanwhile, $15,000 has been set aside to help with costs associated with Winchester being the host site for this year's Eastern Ontario Firefighters' Association Games.

The township is also looking at expenditure for two other items of municipal significance.

To date, no money has been set aside for either project, yet council has discussed each as a possibility. First, CAO Angela Rutley floated the idea of investing funds to determine the viability of setting up a municipal archive.

According to Rutley, North Dundas is often on the receiving end of historically relevent artifacts, but without specific storage space. Chesterville's heritage building, she added, is "filled to the rafters."

Also, members of the Winchester Downtown Re vitalization Committee have met with township staff regarding possible aesthetic improvements to the three asphalt islands at the village's County Road 31 entryways.

MOE probing Parmalat ammonia spill

Unauthorized connections to be eliminated

WINCHESTER – The ammonia leak at the village's Parmalat Canada plant has caught the attention of the province's environment ministry, which is investigating further.

The spill in question is alleged to have taken place Wed., Jan. 7 at the factory, while ammonia smell was then detected in a municipal storm sewer and in the basement of a Queen Street home that day, just east of Parmalat.

The homeowner, who does not want to be indentified publicly, informed Township of North Dundas staffers of the problem, which was then reported to the ministry's spills action centre. Plant officials were also contacted.

Soon after, factory staff determined the source to be what they described as a "minor spill," believed to be less than one litre, of the colourless gas. From there, the ammonia leaked into the municipal storm sewer system.

Township officials said it was unauthorized storm sewer connections at both Parmalat and the affected home that contributed to the issue. Both are to be eliminated.

According to Mayor Eric Duncan, the ministry has "taken the lead" on further remedial efforts, while the Ontario Clean Water Agency is working to ensure the connections are appropriately dismantled.

Meanwhile, a meeting between ministry staff and Parmalat to discuss the factory's drainage practices is to take place some time this week.

The ministry is then expected to review all information provided by factory staff before determining whether to proceed with an official investigation, which could result in charges against Parmalat if significant deficiencies are found.

Hospital launching patient advisory panel

WINCHESTER – Community members are wanted for the soon-to-be-launched patient and family engagement committee at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

"The patient's voice is the most important one at the table," Lynn Hall, vice-president of clinical services, said. "We want to hear their ideas on how we can improve each patient's experience."

Advisors to the committee are to reflect on their hospital experience, or those of their family members, to offer input on all aspects of care. Topics can range from hospital policies to improved signage.

It is expected the information shared will help to shape how care is delivered at the village medical facility.

Those who wish to join the group need no additional qualifications, and any required training is to be provided. The committee will meet a minimum of four times per year.

"We believe our healthcare providers and patients should be partners in care," CEO Cholly Boland said. "The committee builds upon the many ways [the hospital] gains feedback from patients and families. By working together, we can continually improve the quality and safety of the care we provide."

Application forms for those interested are available on the hospital's website (www.wdmh.on.ca) or by contacting Dianne Lapier at 613-774-2422 extension 6352 or by email at dlapier@wdmh.on.ca.

Duncan

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Joining Duncan on the executive is new vice-chair J. Murray Jones, warden of Peterborough County, and mayor of the Township of Douro-Dummer.

"I am honoured to chair, and to have the opportunity to work very hard to support all property taxpayers in the 103 member municipalities across the region," Duncan said. "The EOWC takes pride in doing its homework, and coming up with new ideas that contribute to positive changes in our municipalities."

The role of chair and vice-chair, elected on an annual basis, is to provide the main point of focus and contact for the caucus, and ensure the established key priorities – determined by the 13-member group – move forward.

Key points highlighted for 2015 include implementation of actions proposed in the Eastern Ontario economic development strategy; working in tandem with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network to prepare and submit a regional cellular infrastructure network improvement project; and continued research and advocacy efforts on matters related to financial sustainability of municipal government in Eastern Ontario.

"One of our major concerns is the ever-escalating cost of policing, whether OPP or municipal," Duncan said. "We will work with groups such as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, looking at all options to reduce the burden to local taxpayers of providing emergency service."

As well, the EOWC's new chair said financial needs continue to mount for the rural municipalities involved, leading the organization to lobby upper-tier governments for more dependable funding allocations.

"Municipalities across the region continue to face significant financial shortfalls," Duncan added. "We have taken the first steps by setting our priorities, and we will stay focused on them. With a federal election and the first full year of the provincial majority government both on the horizon, 2015 will be another busy year."

SD bylaw

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However, he also said he recognized that not all residential homes could be changed, and, in some cases, the cost to fix or alter a system might not be justified by the amount of flow being rerouted. Each situation would need to be individually assessed, he said, with flexibility coming into play when necessary.

"I think we need to step back and re-craft [the] residential [portion of the bylaw]," he said.

Ewing wanted to know if all pipes had been relined in Iroquois, and upon discovering that only those identified as a priority had been done, suggested, "we might better spend the money on getting it all relined right now."

Commercial drainage

Locke inquired as to the possibility of "grandfathering in" for commercial properties. This, he was assured, is not an option. As well, many of the regulations outlined for commercial properties are provincially mandatory, Don Lewis, manager of planning and enforcement, said.

"I'm sure if people know something is not legal, then I'm sure they'd comply," Locke said.

Bazinet assured politicians that his agenda does not include harassing business owners, but rather attempting to ensure the township's sewage system is running optimally.

"If we [the staff] discovered you [the business owner] weren't in compliance, we're not going to shut you down," Bazinet said. "We'll work with you."

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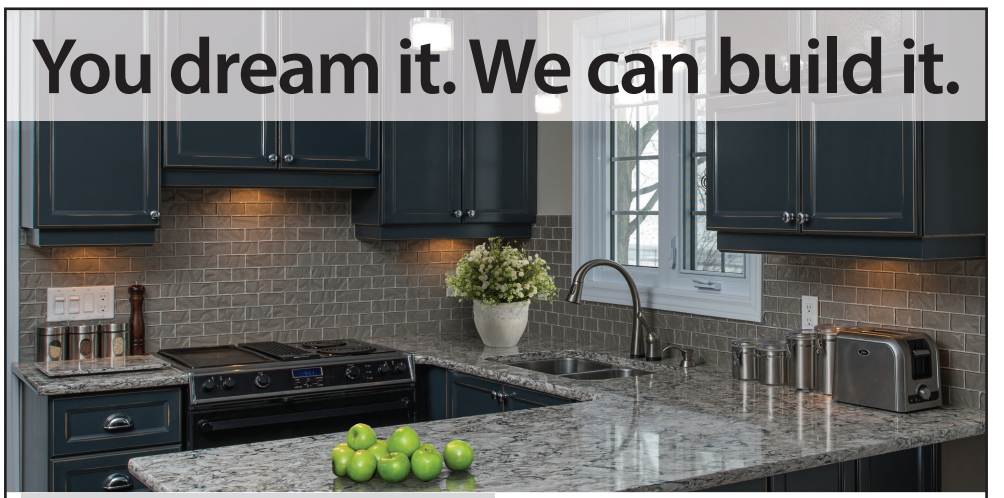
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MacLeod opens Ottawa office, headquarters for leadership bid



Nepean-Carleton MPP Lisa MacLeod cut a celebratory cake during the opening of her downtown Ottawa campaign office Sat., Jan. 17.

OTTAWA – Nepean-Carleton MPP Lisa MacLeod has ramped up her campaign to become the next leader of Ontario's Progressive Conservative (PC) Party.

MacLeod opened her campaign's headquarters in downtown Ottawa Sat., Jan. 17, and is on what she calls a "come back home tour" of Ontario in hopes of luring voters back to her party.

"I believe it is time the Ontario PC Party showed Ontarians the sum of all its parts," MacLeod said. "Our party's values are the same values of Ontarians across the province and it is time we showed them that. Over the next few months, I will be meeting with parents, seniors, youth, farmers, and business owners in every corner of the province to encourage them to come back home to the PC Party and help us to victory in 2018."

MacLeod's tour will include visits to the Niagara Peninsula, Southwestern, Eastern and Northern Ontario, the GTA and Golden Horseshoe, and Central Ontario and "cottage country."

"To those who believe government should live within its means while helping those who can't help themselves, I am asking them to come back home," MacLeod said. "To those Ontarians who believe in safer streets and strong families, come back home. And to those who believe in a strong economy to sustain Ontarians' healthcare and education systems, it is time for them to come back home."

MacLeod has gathered endorsements from prominent politicians in her quest to replace Tim Hudak as the party's leader. Hudak resigned in June after losing the provincial election to Kathleen Wynne's Liberals, who won a majority government.



Back to the books

Amy Henderson (left) and her daughter Mia were two of the many people who attended the official opening of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County Library's Williamsburg branch Sat., Jan. 17. The new facility is housed within the North Williamsburg Recreation Centre at J.C. Whitteker Park.

Press Photo – Casselman

'Friends' celebrate success

Library officially opens in Williamsburg

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG – "A small group of people can change the world."

This was the statement made by Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) County Library board chair Bill McGimpsey during the official re-opening of the Williamsburg branch Sat., Jan. 17, where he acknowledged the hard work and persistence of those who fought to keep the book-lending facility in the village.

The two-year campaign raised a significant amount of controversy and publicity, which, McGimpsey said, had the positive benefit of bringing needed attention to the importance of libraries.

The fight to save the branch began in January 2013 when Williamsburg residents learned their branch was to become part of the new Morrisburg facility, which is now housed at the South Dundas Municipal Centre. The building on County Road 31 was leased to T.R. Leger School, and the library officially became homeless in July 2013.

Protesters lobbied the library board to reconsider the consolidation, which it did in a precedent-setting vote, reversing the initial decision. Residents then looked to Municipality of South Dundas politicians for support in finding a new home. The search led to a partnership with the North Williamsburg Recreation Centre, which is located in J.C. Whitteker Park. To comply with library board regulations, the township spent roughly $200,000 on upgrades and additions.

During the Jan. 17 ribbon-cutting ceremony, Mayor Evonne Delegarde lauded the changes, calling the finished product a "great asset to South Dundas."

Delegarde is set to replace Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke as the municipality's representative on the library board.

SD&SG MP Guy Lauzon and SD&G Warden Eric Duncan spoke at the event, commenting on the determination of the Friends of the Williamsburg Library group.

"I know this facility is here today because of the many people [who fought for it]," Lauzon said. "This is what Canada is all about, small communities."

Lisa Vreman, one of the first to speak out in favour of saving the library, is now the leader of the Friends group.

Borrowing from the well-known adage, "It takes a whole village to raise a child," Vreman said, "[In this case, it took] a whole community to save a library."

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Municipality to clamp down on parking infractions

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

MORRISBURG – There is to be no more overnight refuge in plaza parking lots for transport trailers in the Municipality of South Dundas.

This is just part of the township's proposed new traffic bylaw targeting parking and stopping practices, reviewed by politicians during a special council meeting Tues., Jan. 13.

Once approved, the bylaw gives the OPP, and three municipal employees – planning and enforcement manager Don Lewis, building inspector and bylaw enforcement officer Dan Tessier, and bylaw enforcement officer Brent Mattice – authority to ticket drivers parked or stopped illegally, as well as tow the vehicles away at the owner's expense, if deemed necessary.

The 19-page draft document lists those areas where parking and stopping are prohibited, some of which are to have signage posted, but some not. It is up to drivers within the township to be aware of the bylaw and to refrain from parking in these unmarked, but off-limit areas, such as "in front of or within one-and-one-half metres of a laneway or driveway."

The bylaw has yet to be passed.

Onus on drivers to know the rules

More than one way in

Meanwhile, the manager of public works, Chris Bazinet, was also on hand during the Jan. 13 meeting to discuss the draft bylaw targeting entranceways.

The document was created in response to a 2014 request for an additional entranceway at a residential property in Morrisburg. At the time, the only guidelines available were in what Bazinet termed a "vague" policy.

With parameters set for residential, commercial, industrial, farm, and field entranceways, the ensuing discussion focused on how to define a field and how best to dictate the number of entranceways available to farmers dealing with sizeable acreage, and heavy traffic during harvest.

Councillor Archie Mellan, a Hulbert-area farmer, said he would like to see it defined in such a way as to allow so many entranceways per a defined field frontage area. As an example, he suggested owners have the option of an entranceway for every 100 metres of field bordering a roadway.

"The last thing I want to do is complicate this thing," Bazinet said, confirming that his department's main concern is with situations that impact drainage, traffic, or the stability of the road structure.

The discussion then turned to driveways, headwalls, and culverts, going from talks of who should be responsible for repaving a driveway that is dug up to replace a culvert to the type of material used for the drainage system.

While Bazinet is against the use of plastic, as he sees it as deficient, Councillor Bill Ewing said the township should not be taking business away from a South Dundas company selling the product.

"If we put it in a bylaw that [we] can't have plastic pipe, [we're] saying [this business] can't sell in their own municipality," Ewing said.

Ewing added that he himself has used the pipe.

"I don't like plastic pipe. It doesn't match the temperature of the ground. It will move," Bazinet said, admitting to having used the pipe before as well, but to also having had to replace it.

Agreeing with Ewing, Mayor Evonne Delegarde said, "Well that would be the risk of the owner, what they put in."

Acknowledging Councillor Marc St. Pierre's reference to Ontario's provincial standards for roads and public works, Bazinet said that while the plastic pipes do meet provincial specifications, "I'd never use them personally. When culverts move, [they] affect all the pipes and drainage on the road. Drainage is always an issue."

Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke suggested looking into the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry's regulations before finalizing the *Entranceway Bylaw*.

Business signs soon to be regulated

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Who will lay claim to the Municipality of South Dundas' prime advertising space?

This was the question under discussion during a special meeting of council Tues., Jan. 13, where Don Lewis, manager of planning and enforcement, was on hand to answer questions and take suggestions from local politicians on a draft of the proposed sign bylaw.

The document does not pertain to signs on private property, but only those on municipal property that are not already regulated by the building code, Lewis said. Signs affixed to storefront walls, for example, fall under the building code regulations.

While the bylaw refers to all municipal property, the main source of contention appeared to be the space between County Road 2 and the north side of the Morrisburg Plaza, not to be confused with the portion of the same space falling under the jurisdiction of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

With South Dundas' new regulations, the nine business signs currently mounted on municipal property would need to be cut down to six to coincide with the minimum distance between signs along the roadway. As well, business owners would need to apply for a spot, which they may or may not get, and then pay a fee for a sign permit, as well as insurance.

Fewer road signs up for grabs

The main source of contention arose from the system for granting the spots, including who would be responsible for it (the township or an organization, such as the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce), and how it would work in an effort to be fair to all businesses in the municipality, not just those in the immediate area of the shopping centre.

Councillor Archie Mellan was concerned with the rotation process, and the method for ensuring equal opportunity for everyone, regardless of who they are or where there business is located within the township.

"[We] have to limit signs in that area to businesses in that area," Councillor Bill Ewing said. "I'm not going to be able to put a sign for my business in Brinston, am I?"

Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke said he was not convinced the chamber could be completely unbiased, maintaining that decision-making should lie with the township. Both Ewing and Mellan concurred, with the latter suggesting the possibility of pulling names from a hat.

Mayor Evonne Delegarde invited comment from the lone businessman in the audience, who pointed out that a one-year lease is great for the business that gets it, but it is a long time to go without a sign for the one that is not as lucky.

Council members concurred, and it was suggested the timeframe be moved to six-month rotations (April 1 to Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 to March 31), but that the fee remain the same ($75), as the administrative work is equivalent regardless of time frame.

Any sign not taken down by the agreed-upon date, including special event signs and garage sale signs, are to be removed by municipal staff and the permit holder charged $150.

Meanwhile, Ewing raised the issue of plaza canopy signs. He said he felt they should be included in the same bylaw, but as they hang from the building's structure, Lewis said they fall under the building code. Ewing pushed the issue, bringing everyone in on the discussion.

Clerk Brenda Brunt added to the inquiry, asking about A-frame signs on sidewalks in front of plaza stores, while Delegarde wanted to know who was liable for the merchandise and any potential issues that could arise from product being placed on the sidewalk, which is legally owned by the township.

"I'm not going there," Lewis said.

New council members catch up on township's boil water policy

MORRISBURG – Despite its appearance on the Municipality of South Dundas' meeting agenda, politicians were assured the township's drinking water is just fine.

On Tues., Jan. 13, with two new members on the council team, CAO Stephen McDonald said he thought it prudent to review the township's boil water advisories policy.

"So [Councillors Bill Ewing and Marc St. Pierre are] aware of what's in it and what it entails," he said. "I hope we'll never have to use it. It's a living document and it will be updated continually."

The policy was crafted in response to an Eastern Ontario Health Unit drinking water ban for both Morrisburg and Iroquois in August 2011. Two samples at the Morrisburg Wastewater Treatment Plant were found to have abnormal growth, causing the health unit and the municipality to, in the words of former Mayor Steven Byvelds, "err on the side of caution" by restricting the use of the water until such time as it was proven it did not contain E. coli, and was, in fact, safe to drink.

The situation alerted council members to the need for a policy and a procedure outlining how an alert would be communicated to the public in as quick and efficient a manner as possible.

Councillor Archie Mellan inquired as to how the information was to be disseminated in an emergency.

McDonald said staff may, once again, look into the cost of setting up a robocall system, but, as public works manager Chris Bazinet pointed out, in the case of an actual emergency, staff would implement emergency procedures and services, including the police and fire department and making door-to-door stops, if necessary.

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South Stormont council no Upper Canada Playhouse

It appears the Township of South Stormont simply cannot exist without a certain level of drama; a prospect so bewildering, yet not without explanation.

This time around, municipal politicians are tinkering with a proposal that would see video and audio recordings outlawed in council chambers.

Newly-elected Mayor Jim Bancroft and a majority of his underlings have opted to move forward and gauge legal opinions about enacting a policy that would put a stop to these acts.

Moreover, it would force anyone attending a public meeting of council to obtain permission before making use of a recording device.

Draconian much?

This crackdown, if implemented, would count against everyone, those local journalists covering meetings included.

Yes, Bancroft and his colleagues are meant to steer council in the right direction, and ensure orderly fashion and decorum, but they must first police themselves before turning attention to the broader public.

South Stormont is a municipality rich with history, but equally as wealthy in bonehead decisions made by elected officials.

Take the last term for instance where the township's council found itself under the watchful eye of an integrity commissioner on more than one occasion.

Most often, the council chambers looked like a high school hall, complete with drama and he said/she said accusations thrown back and forth between now ousted mayor Bryan McGillis and the re-elected deputy-mayor, Tammy Hart.

It didn't help that a buffoon with shoddy "journalistic" principles and meandering integrity was often the first to light the match that torched any and all democracy in the room.

Thus the understanding of the new council's moving ahead with a ban on recording devices.

As Councillor Richard Waldroff, quoted in the *Cornwall Standard-Freeholder,* said, "with our modern technology, streaming can be easily grabbed and sectioned up and turned into some pretty ugly things."

Well, Mr. Waldroff, your first mistake is saying anything during a council session that could be taken out of context by the electorate, or that is disparaging toward a fellow council member. That is where you will find yourself in trouble. If you say something that may be out of line, either stand by it or own up to your wrongdoing. Don't push the blame on those who filmed or recorded your slip-up.

Perhaps the most gutsy comment came from the mayor himself. Bancroft compared open council to the Upper Canada Playhouse, where cameras and recording devices are also outlawed.

The township's top politician really is as misguided as the potential of this policy if he truly believes South Stormont's political dealings are as compelling or comedic as the largely revered offerings of the Morrisburg theatre.

If Bancroft and fellow council members are this concerned, why not invest in South Stormont's own equipment, and link the documented proceedings to an already operational municipal website? That cuts out the middle man and any chance of misrepresentation, doesn't it?

Outlawing recording devices as suggested will only further the apathy that already exists between small town folk and rural governments.

Remember when…

1925

"This is the last issue of the *Winchester Press* in the office on Church Street. Tomorrow, we start moving to our new office in the brick block on Main Street, and on the opposite corner to the town hall."

1935

Dr. M.W. Locke this week announced a $100 scholarship in his name to be awarded to "the young man of Dundas and West Stormont recommended by the agricultural office for outstanding achievements in agriculture in 1935." The money was to be used toward further education at Kemptville Agricultural College.



Members of the Chesterville and District Agricultural Society's fair executive were pictured this week in 1965, "[as] profits from an excellent year for the [group were to] be turned back into the grounds and buildings to ever improve the progressive Class 'B' fair." Pictured are Dolores Moffatt (left), Carl Merkley, Harold Lannin, and Angus Smith.

1945

"Sgt. Cyril Barzeele of Spruce Home, Sask., the only surviving member of the crew of an RCAF bomber [that] crashed in Belgium, and the plane in which Sgt. Earl Empey made his last flight, was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Empey. Barzeele gave a detailed account of the action that resulted in the death of their son, who was an air gunner."

1955

"Scoring a hat trick is a creditable effort for any hockey player. Last Wednesday night, Gord Kerr not only picked up the coveted three, but also added another trio to pace Winchester Juniors to a lopsided 13-6 win over Iroquois."

1965

"Winchester District Memorial Hospital is on the verge of more expansion," the *Press* reported. "Announcement of a proposed new $600,000 wing was made by property chairman Walter C. MacDonald at the regular January board meeting."

1975

"Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neill of Winchester quietly celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary at home on Tues., Jan. 14, and 'Meals-On-Wheels' volunteers pleasantly surprised the happy couple with a delicious dinner complete with anniversary cake and candles."

1985

Out of eight contestants, it was Seaway District High School's 18-year-old Sharon Andersen who won this year's Matilda Winter Carnival Queen crown.

1995

"Don't speed or pass illegally on Highway 31 between Greely and Vernon or you will be targeted," the *Press* warned this week. "A new unsafe driving reporting campaign planned by the Osgoode Road Safety Committee is ready to get underway, according to organizer Amy Roy."

2005

Connie Hart in a letter this week took aim at the municipality's new parking bylaw and enforcement procedures, criticizing the two-hour limit.

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Y'all got Gene Wilder on your money



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

Our memories are like rolodexes. We hear a name or see a person, and we are immediately reminded of one thing. For me, Sir John A. Macdonald reminds me of a co-worker I had in Texas in the late 1990s.

I had just returned from a trip home and I had Canadian money in my wallet. My co-worker asked to see it. The blue ($5) and purple ($10) bills blew his mind. He could not wait to tell the first passerby about this exciting and colourful money.

"Y'all gotta check out this Canadian money! Jeff, get out y'all's wallet so we can see all y'all's money."

If you don't have the Rosetta Stone Texas compact discs, "all y'all" is the plural form of "y'all," meaning that "all y'all's" is the Texan possessive plural word. The rest of us say "your."

The reaction is one I will never forget.

"Well lookey there," the second co-worker said to me. "Y'all got Gene Wilder on all y'all's 10 dollar bill!"

I looked at the purple $10. "Holy crap, Sir John A. does look like Gene Wilder," I thought. In fact, in the older $10s from the late 90s, he is a dead ringer.

I explained to my co-workers that it was not Gene Wilder on the bill, but rather it was the first prime minister of Canada. Understanding that no Canadian history is taught in Texas schools – and fairly, why would it be? – I explained some of the stories of Sir John A., and while they were expecting some sort of larger-than-life hero like George Washington or a story of revolution where Canada won its freedom, they were stunned to learn about our country's formation. There was no war or fight or tea dumped into a harbour. It was just a group of politicians on a boat with a few bottles of Scotch.

With the recent 200th birthday of Canada's first prime minister, it was time to reflect on some of the widely known and lesser-known stories about Macdonald.

He was born in Glasgow, and while it is common knowledge that his former office in Kingston is now a Scottish pub, the place of his birth is also a pub that is currently shuttered. The building was scheduled for demolition, but was purchased with plans to preserve it and create a Macdonald memorial site. The building's owner is Canadian billionaire and Loblaw Companies owner Galen Weston, who is also the husband of former Ontario Lieutenant Governor Hilary Weston.

When Sir John A. was a child, tragedy struck the Macdonald family. When he was seven – a year after he gave his first public speech – a family servant was babysitting John and his five-year-old brother, James. The servant forced the boys to drink gin. John then watched in horror as the servant killed his brother by fatally striking him with a cane.

In December 1866, seven months before Confederation, Macdonald was in England finalizing the details of the *British North America Act*. His shoulder was badly burned on the trip as he accidently set his hotel room on fire. I am going to guess he "had a few" that night.

That same year, one of Macdonald's roles was to serve as the minister of militia for Canada West. During that time, there were several Ontario farms seized by Irish separatist armies. Macdonald, however, was on a bender, and despite receiving a number of telegrams on the issue, he ignored them. According to an 1866 report, he was so intoxicated that he could not comprehend them.

Macdonald had very different relationships with each of his children. He had a daughter who was disabled and confined to a wheelchair, and although disabilities were not as socially acceptable as they are today, Macdonald loved to spend time with his daughter and enjoyed her company.

Macdonald's son, Hugh John, defied his father's wishes out of spite and headed west to fight in Louis Riel's Red River Rebellion. His father had wanted him to continue his law studies.

Macdonald's daughter was not the only family member in a wheelchair. His wife, Isabella, fell ill in 1844 and became an invalid. During this time, she became pregnant with Hugh John.

Isabella is most famous for her first ride on the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1886, when Macdonald took his first ride on the newly built railway that was among his legacies as Canada's first prime minister, Isabella rode through British Columbia strapped in a chair that was fastened to the cowcatcher at the front of the train. "There is glory of brightness and beauty everywhere, and I laugh aloud on the cowcatcher, just because it is all so delightful!" she wrote.

Macdonald would become an advocate for the installation of voting rights for Canada's women and Aboriginal people long before they were granted. However, he did not share the same view toward the Chinese immigrants brought in to build his railroad. He warned against giving the vote to Chinese immigrants, and went on to say publicly that Canada's "Aryan character" could be upset by a "Mongrel" mixed race of whites and Asians. Even for that era, those views were extreme.

And the Sir John A. fact my Texan friends liked the most… He was the first person to ever throw up in the House of Commons.

It is too bad we won't be around to celebrate Rob Ford's 200th birthday.

'Break It Off' with a smoking relationship



From Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon

OTTAWA – I smoked my first cigarette when I was 15 years old. Unfortunately, I continued this terrible habit for 20 years. At that time, approximately 50 per cent of Canadians smoked. Thankfully, the rate is only 16 per cent today.

A statistic that still surprises many Canadians is that about 20 per cent of young adults in Canada smoke. You might also be surprised to know that every 11 minutes, a Canadian dies from tobacco use.

Every 10 minutes, two Canadian teenagers start smoking cigarettes, and if they continue, one of them will lose their life because of it. Even more tragic: more than 1,000 Canadians who never smoked die each year from second-hand smoke. Thousands more are diagnosed with illnesses related to tobacco use. Yet it is the most preventable cause of premature death and disease in Canada.

Family and friends play a powerful role in influencing whether we smoke or not. And it's certainly easier to quit when everyone's quitting. That is why I am so happy that Health Canada and the Canadian Cancer Society agreed to bring the "Break It Off" tour to Cornwall's St. Lawrence College campus this past week to challenge young constituents to kick the habit now before it becomes part of their lives. When you think about it, smoking is like a bad relationship you carry around with you to class, to work, and out with friends.

We want to help Canadians learn more about various break-up methods, counselling, and support options. For instance, you can go online to the campaign website at www.breakitoff.ca and connect with others who are trying to quit, or who have already quit through Facebook.

There's also contact information for the Canadian Quitline – a free service where those needing support can talk to a quit coach. And there's the Break It Off mobile app that can be downloaded from the website. It lets you track your progress, and calculate how much money you've saved, as well as the number of cigarettes you've dumped.

Being a non-smoker for 35 years and counting, I did the math myself and concluded that I did not smoke more than 680,000 cigarettes, and saved roughly $150,000 during that time.

On behalf of the minister of health, I would like to thank the Canadian Cancer Society for its leadership in reducing youth smoking rates not only here in Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry, but across Canada.

By working together, we can keep reducing the number of young people who start smoking, and help to make smoking and related diseases things of the past.

Regardless of age though – you are never too old to quit smoking!

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Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon submits weekly columns to the Winchester Press.

Goodbye 2014, hello to 2015's challenges



From Queen's Park
by MPP Jim McDonell

TORONTO – Having now ushered in a new year, let's first reflect back on the events of 2014.

The world's economy continues to reveal serious concerns, highlighting the need to have our own house in order. Unfortunately, Ontario's house is far from being in order and we see no evidence of this Liberal government taking the tough steps needed to address the problems.

Last year began with a police investigation into the destruction of government records surrounding the gas plant cancellations. While denying knowledge of the deletions, the Liberals used all available tools to avoid hearing from key Liberal insiders at the Justice Committee. After the OPP revealed last month that the Liberal party had used taxpayers' donations to pay an IT expert, a friend of the former premier's assistant, to permanently delete government records, the Liberal party agreed to repay the $10,000 to Ontario taxpayers.

In March 2014, the community was shocked by the announced closure of the University of Guelph's Alfred and Kemptville campuses, just days after the premier called on the agri-food sector to create thousands of new jobs. While they have since saved the 60 student positions at Alfred, the more than 400 student spaces at Kemptville are still scheduled to close this year. This is a huge loss for Eastern Ontario and our ability to compete and grow in this highly competitive world market.

In early December, the auditor–general released another critical report on the Liberal government's record and confirmed that they have made a mess of the energy file. She highlighted the $50 billion cost of the Global Adjustment Tax since 2006, and the $2 billion squandered on smart metres. With our skyrocketing energy rates, the highest payroll taxes in North America, and Ontario's high cost of regulation, it is little wonder that we have seen our once strong manufacturing sector decimated.

The auditor-general also questioned the government's ability to meet their commitment of eliminating the deficit by 2017-2018. Our debt throughout the past 10 years has been driven up to unprecedented levels, more than $20,000 for every man, woman and child. They have doubled it since taking over government, in spite of the fact that they have also doubled the revenue they receive from taxes and transfers.

Our province's ability to weather another economic downturn has been severely damaged by this government, as reflected in another credit downgrade in December 2014.

Meanwhile, October's municipal elections generated considerable changes around our region's council tables. I thank the retiring members for their contributions, and look forward to working with the new and returning councillors and mayors.

I also look forward to meeting as many of you as possible throughout the year, to hear your comments and concerns, so that I can voice them for you at Queen's Park.

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Jim McDonell is the MPP for Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry and writes monthly columns for this newspaper.



NDDHS Notes
by Abby Fawcett

Crunch time for NDDHS students

MAPLE RIDGE – At North Dundas District High School (NDDHS), semester one has nearly met its end, so classes are preparing for their final exams.

Secondary period one and two exams are scheduled for Friday (Jan. 23). The first exam will run from 8:30 until 10:30 am, then the period two exams will be held from 11:45 am until 1:45 pm.

Students writing just the afternoon exam are expected to arrive at school between 10:30 and 11:30 am. Buses will be running at their regular schedule, so transportation must be provided to students by a parent or guardian if they do not board their morning bus. The backup date for the period one and two exams will be Mon., Jan. 26; however, if this is not necessary students are not required to come to school on that date.

With the same aforementioned schedule, period three and four exams are to be held Tues., Jan. 27, with the backup date being Wed., Jan. 28.

Students who are awaiting their afternoon exam or a bus ride home after writing in the morning, or who go to school on a day where they do not write an exam, will be provided with a supervised study hall. Finally, Thurs., Jan. 29 will be another backup day where students are not required to go to school, and Fri., Jan. 30 is a P.A. day.

Second semester classes will begin Mon., Feb. 2.

NDDHS is collecting jeans for the organization Teens for Jeans, which donates used jeans to homeless youth.

If any students have gently used jeans they would like to donate to the cause, they are asked to put them in the large box in the main office from now until Feb. 2. If there are any questions, speak to student council members Abby Fawcett, Katherine Fleury, Laura van Kessel, Patrick Jaquemet, or Marshall Steele.

'Little library' a hit

Letter to the Editor

The Editor:

I love the idea of the "Little Free Library," as seen in the Wed., Jan. 14 edition of the *Winchester Press*, which is just a street over from where I live.

We have a similar system set up at our church, St. Paul's Presbyterian, on a table in the church hall. However, the one on Church Street has 24-hour access, which is wonderful.

I tried it out recently, dropping off two books and picking up two new ones to read.

I tend to be a little like Cathy Cullen; I am addicted to buying books. And being an "older" girl, I too like a real book in my hands as opposed to the new technology.

So, yes, I just wanted to say "good for you, Cathy Cullen."

And happy reading everyone!

Jan Clapp
Winchester

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
- **DJ Hosted Youth Dance,** 7-10 pm, $5/person

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24
- **Greely Firefighters Pancake Breakfast,** 8:30-11 am, $5 Youth-Adult/$3 Child (under 10)
- **The Magic of Gabe Roberge,** 10-11 am, amazing family fun!
- **Sleigh Rides/Snowshoeing/Skating,** 11 am-1 pm, great for kids of all ages!
- **Local Firefighters vs Police Hockey,** 12-1 pm, cheer for your favourite team!
- **Greely Idol Auditions,** 1-4 pm, Jr. Ages 7-12, Sr. Ages 13-18. To enter or for info email greelyidol@gmail.com
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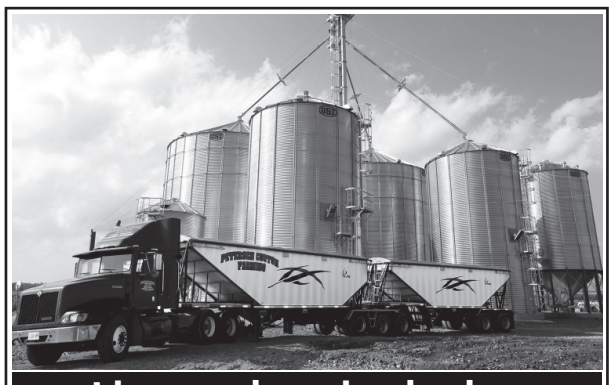
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Chesterville Fair moves to August, hires new midway

CHESTERVILLE – Gable Bros. Shows has signed on for three years to host a full midway for the annual Chesterville Fair, beginning this summer.

The agreement was officially signed in December 2014, and includes the 2015, 2016, and 2017 seasons.

In addition, the fair's organizers, the Chesterville and District Agricultural Society, have chosen to return to the country festival's traditional August timeline, putting this year's event on the calendar for Fri., Aug. 28 to Sun., Aug. 30.

The changes are a result of Billy G Amusements' failure to honour its contract in Chesterville, and several other Eastern Ontario locations, in 2014. As a result, Chesterville's fair board was left grappling to find a replacement at the last minute, doing so by gathering an assortment of rides from different vendors – those who could spare midway rides that weekend. Gable Bros. Shows was one such provider, sending a mechanical ride, two inflatable rides, and a food concession.

For 2015, the company has promised 10 rides in Chesterville, half geared for children and half for older, more adventurous riders. Full details about tickets and pricing is to be announced later in the year.

The date change comes as a result of Chesterville's need to adapt to the availability of midway providers in Ontario. A benefit of returning to the August date, and a large consideration for accepting the new date, is the positive effect it is expected to have on the fair's agricultural content.

When the fair moved from August to July in 2006, it suffered the loss of agricultural exhibits such as the crops and produce competition, as well as various livestock displays. Although still not confirmed, the society plans to revive some, if not all, of these events. As well, many area farmers have expressed a preference for a late-summer fair.



Groomed and ready

The Nation Valley Snowmobile Association, which this year marks 20 years of operation, recently celebrated the unveiling of the club's newest trail groomer. It replaces one of three aging pieces of equipment, and was supported by three local businesses – Weagant Farm Supplies, Dundas Machine, and Morewood Tire Service. Pictured are Garry VanHoof (Weagant mechanic), Mike Roosendaal (Weagant salesman), Rijker Roosendaal, Graham Duke (association president), and Glen Ross (Dundas Machine owner).

Vintner salutes customers

Last week was The Town Vintner's last customer appreciation week, owner Shawn Brownlee (right) said. In fact, the Main Street shop in Winchester is implementing a new, more accessible program for rewarding its faithful customers – a loyalty card. This way, Brownlee said, clients generate their own savings and use them whenever it is most convenient for them. Brownlee is pictured with regular customer Terry Green.

Press Photo – Casselman



Rockets documentary playing at library today

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Local hockey history hits the screen at South Mountain's library branch today (Wed., Jan. 21). The Inkerman Rockets documentary, produced by filmmaker Samantha Armstrong, daughter of former team member Norman "Percy" Armstrong, is to be shown at 2 pm.

It is the Friends of the South Mountain Library hosting the viewing, and afterward the group will donate the film into circulation within the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County Library system.

Admission is free, and refreshments are to be served.

Politicians limit pet possibilities, including tigers

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Municipality of South Dundas residents harbouring wild lions, tigers, or bears in their backyard had better take note.

Local politicians reviewed the latest draft of the *Exotic Non-Domestic Animal Bylaw* during a special meeting of council Tues., Jan. 13. The next step will see the comprehensive list passed into law by year's end.

The impetus for the action came from former councillor Jim Graham during his term as one of South Dundas' political decision makers. Following news of the death of two children in Eastern Canada as a result of an "escaped" python that found its way from a ground-floor store to an upstairs apartment, Graham thought it prudent to ensure no one in the township suffer the same fate.

Local zoo agrees to assist with removal

Don Lewis, manager of planning and enforcement, reported one resident has voluntarily surrendered a "large" pet snake already.

While Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke voiced concern that the list might not contain all potentially undesirable animals, Councillor Archie Mellon questioned the effectiveness of enforcement if residents are first given a warning before having an animal seized.

"[They could] get rid of it quite quickly by leaving the back gate open," he said. "Once we realize [they have it], we should seize it."

Lewis assured council members of staff's "goal to have the species removed from the premises as soon as possible;" however, he maintained that the law must be followed, and he believed a warrant from a justice of the peace would be required. This, he added, may not be as easy as expected, as there are those across the province who disagree with Ontario's ban on pit bulls, for instance.

Either way, Lewis assured politicians that removal did not mean destruction of the animal. In fact, Little Ray's Reptile Zoo has already agreed to assist with the removal of some of the banned species.

All costs are to be charged to the owner of the animal.

A copy of the draft bylaw, along with a list of the prohibited pets is available on South Dundas' website. The list, Lewis assured Locke, could be updated as necessary.

4-H Update

Quilting Q&A

by Tory MacDonald

MOUNTAIN – The Dundas County 4-H "Rag Dolls" Quilting Club have been meeting regularly at the home of leader Carolyn Lillico.

The most recent session was held Sun., Jan. 18, and members had the chance to cut, sew, and design their quilts. Roll call showed everyone had done the homework of either interviewing a quilter, researching a historic quilt, or bringing in a family quilt. The three-hour meeting ended with a snack.

In previous meetings, 4-Hers cut their patterns, and began sewing and ironing their fabrics. The second meeting's roll call saw each member talk about the number of squares they would need in total to complete their design.

Both evenings concluded with a snack, while discussion revolved around members' latest accomplishments.

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Dean Laponsee stays steady on his prosthetic feet

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

MOREWOOD – While life has changed for 45-year-old Dean Laponsee since his 2013 ordeal with septic shock, his positive attitude, "can do" personality, and active lifestyle, for the most part, remain intact.

Since his brush with death, the former military man has been steadily rebuilding his world, adapting himself to fit the life he once knew.

A triple amputee, blind in his right eye, and with limited visibility in the left, Laponsee is steadily reclaiming the activities that filled his spare time before that fateful summer when, during a June fishing expedition in Quebec, he succumbed to viral pneumonia.

By the time he reached the hospital, the avid outdoorsman was suffering from septic shock and entered a six-week-long coma.

During that time it was his mother who made the difficult decision to amputate, ultimately taking both legs below the knee, as well as all the fingers and thumb from his left hand, and one of the fingers of his right hand. It was the only decision she could make if she wanted him to live, Laponsee said, and despite the bleak prognosis, he did.

"I shouldn't have lived," he said. "[There were] so many doctors who couldn't believe [that I did]."

Not only has Laponsee survived, but he has found a way to face his new challenges with a good attitude and a sense of humour.

"I made the best of it," he said. "For the people who knew me, it helped them."

In addition to his mother, Laponsee is surrounded by a host of devoted family members and friends, including his two children, 13-year-old Sara and 10-year-old William.

While he may have found it easier than most, making the transition from a physically whole person to one faced with the reality of wheelchairs, prosthetics, and limited mobility was, and continues to be, challenging on a daily basis.

"Everything takes longer," he said, from personal hygiene, to making dinner, to doing laundry, and moving about the house.

As well, there is the issue of pain, including that of phantom limb, for which Laponsee, since August of last year, has chosen to forgo drug treatment. He said the pain is still there, but he chooses to manage it without medication.

Prior to losing his legs, Laponsee was very active. His many hobbies and pastimes included such activities as fishing, hunting, hiking in the woods behind his house, snowmobiling, motorcycling, racing cars, scuba diving, and playing music – he is a drummer in two bands (North of 40 and the Sofa Kings), and previously played the guitar as well.

Today, the Morewood-area resident has sold his motorcycle, and his guitars. Fishing is not an option, as he can no longer manage the hook or fish with one hand, and hunting, although doable, still poses some difficulties. Shooting, he said, is the easy part. Foraging into the woods to retrieve the prize is more difficult and time consuming than before, and cleaning the carcass is all but impossible.



Prostethics and sheer determination have helped with mobility issues

Walking with prosthetic legs, playing the drums with a pseudo-hand, and making plans for the future, Dean Laponsee has come a long way since his brush with death in June 2013. Despite losing his legs, the fingers and thumb on his left hand, and the vision in his right eye, Laponsee faces each day with courage and determination.
Press Photo – Casselman

Currently, Laponsee has two sets of prosthetic legs, one for wearing around the house and for playing his drums, and one for outdoor activity involving the need for more shock absorption and balance. A third pair is being crafted in an effort to give him more balance and mobility.

Each set is made to match the requirements of the person using them. The sock sleeve, the medical silicone glove that covers the leg stump and attaches to the prosthetic via a long screw, is made from a mold of the appendage. This portion of the leg, however, gets smaller through time, Laponsee said, and the sleeve must be remolded and made again until the leg's circumference remains static.

His removable legs also allow him to drive his truck. If he were to drive a car, however, it would need to be outfitted with an expensive hand control for the steering wheel, essentially replacing the brake and gas pedal, as there is not enough room in a car for prosthetic-leg movement, he said. In December 2014 he underwent a sight test to renew his driver's license, as he is legally blind in one eye.

Musically, Laponsee has fared better. The research and development (R&D) team (Tony Zanbelt and Louis Goudreau) at the Ottawa Hospital Rehabilitation Centre has designed a contraption from aluminum and buffalo hide, which holds his drumstick. While the device still requires some alterations, it has allowed him to rejoin North of 40 for monthly gigs.

Laponsee is currently learning to play the bass guitar, as well. One of the R&D projects on the go is a device for handling a pick with his left hand, he said.

Prosthetics, though, can be expensive, and "not everything is covered," Laponsee said.

In fact, if he can one day afford it, he was told that with his knuckles and nerves intact, an electronic hand is a possibility.

When this ordeal began, Laponsee said he was getting close to $3,000 per month, but is now receiving less than $800. He also said he has been asked by his insurance company to explain why he is not back on the job; the one that requires steady legs and hands intact and functioning. Obviously, he said, going back to work doing the same job is not an option.

People with disabilities get "so frustrated with the system," he said. It is sometimes easy to picture no future other than to face the difficult one ahead. However, for Laponsee there is no question about moving forward, staying positive, and continuing to fight for the life he wants with the family and friends who are there supporting him.



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Hawks mount third-period rally, beat Brockville 9-5

WINCHESTER – Down 4-3 early in the third period, the Winchester Junior Hawks rallied and blasted the visiting Brockville Tikis 9-5.

Rookie forward Franco Gagnon emerged from last Friday's (Jan. 16) Rideau – St. Lawrence Conference meeting at the Joel Steele Community Centre as the Hawks leading point producer racking up four assists. Winchester's top sniper, Stevie Ray Adams, cracked three goals inflating his totals to 22 in 20 games.

The victory moved Winchester's third-place record to 17-11-2-1, good enough for 37 points, three less than the second-place Alexandria Glens (19-11-0-2), the team the Hawks are trying to overtake in order to clinch home-ice advantage in the opening round of the playoffs.

Big week

With just nine games left on their regular season schedule the Hawks embarked on this week's slate last night (Tues., Jan. 20) visiting the fourth-place Char-Lan Rebels (14-16-0-1) in Williamstown. Friday (Jan. 23) they are in Alexandria for an all-important showdown with the Glens. This week's home game is set for 7:30 pm on Saturday (Jan. 24) with the Rideau Division's Athens Aeros (13-17-2-2) providing the opposition.

Quick start

Adams converted an opportunity created by Gagnon and Patrick Morin into an early 1-0 lead scoring 1:58 into the game. Brockville responded with goals by Ryan Harper and Brad Hamilton and carried a 2-1 lead into the sandwich session.

Adams nailed in goal number two scoring from Gagnon and Richardson as the second period opened. Just 39 seconds later, an Austin Rothe (Gagnon, Eric Starcevic) tally put the Hawks up 3-2. Brockville's Travis Downie evened the count making it 3-3 at the 17:14 mark.

Wild finish

The Tikis lost their cool in the final 20 minutes drawing 15 penalties (including three harassment of official, two abuse of official and an attempt to injure call). The Hawks were whistled for four infractions, but were able to count three PPGs and a shortie during the melee.

A Reed Kekewich PPG at 1:25 of the final frame put the Tikis up 4-3. But the Hawks responded cashing four consecutive markers and romping into a 7-4 lead.

Bryden van Kessel (Starcevic, Brandon Lowry at 2:31) tied it up. Shots fired by Adams (PPG, Rothe, Josh Stubbings at 4:02), Tom Fingler (PPG, Starcevic, Stubbings at 9:51) and Rothe (PPG, Morin, Mason Durant at 11:04) gave the Hawks some breathing room.

A Brad Hamilton goal sliced Brockville's deficit to 7-5 at 13:36 and sparked a two-goal outburst by the home team.

Luke Scott nailed an unassisted SHG into the empty Tikis net at 18:28 and Morin cashed an opportunity created by Gagnon and Durant with 41 seconds left on the clock pushing the final difference to 9-5.



Ready to roll

Winchester's veteran defenceman Eric Starcevic has produced 18 points (1-17-18) in 22 games. The puck-moving defender registered three helpers, including one PPA, in the Hawks 9-5 win over Brockville. Starcevic and his mates will need a 60-minute effort when they face the number-two ranked Glens in Alexandria on Friday (Jan. 23).

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Lowry, backed up by recently acquired Dylan Brind Amour, earned an assist and made 37 saves on 42 shots for his 15th win in 26 starts (15-8-1-1). The Hawks served 39 minutes in penalties to the Tikis 94. Winchester's PP was three for nine and Brockville's two for six.

Fortin leads Pee Wee House 'C' Demons to pair of impressive wins

CHESTERVILLE – Charles Fortin had a nose for the opposition's net in the North Dundas Pee Wee House "C" Demons latest two Upper Canada Minor Hockey League games.

Fortin bagged three markers as the Demons ripped the South Grenville No. Two Rangers 7-3 in last week's (Thurs., Jan. 15) game in Chesterville. That effort was preceded by a five-goal explosion manufactured in a 9-0 romp over the Smiths Falls Bears on home ice the week before (Thurs., Jan. 8).

Those results improved North Dundas' West Division record to 14-4-1, good enough for a share of top spot with the Brockville Junior No. 2 Braves (14-2-1).

The Demons are slated to host the Kemptville No. One Panthers in Chesterville on Thurs., Jan. 29.

Demons 7 – Rangers 3

The Demons ripped the Smiths Falls defence for a 4-1 lead in the opening period with Fortin potting two of the goals. Justin Schoenfeld and Jason Larmour cashed the singles.

Fortin (unassisted at 5:23) made it 5-2 in the second session.

Third period goals by Alexis Sharpley (Riley Jampen at 17:00) and Brandon Toll (Jade Hammond at 12:33) made it a 7-3 final. It was just the third loss in 17 games for South Grenville.

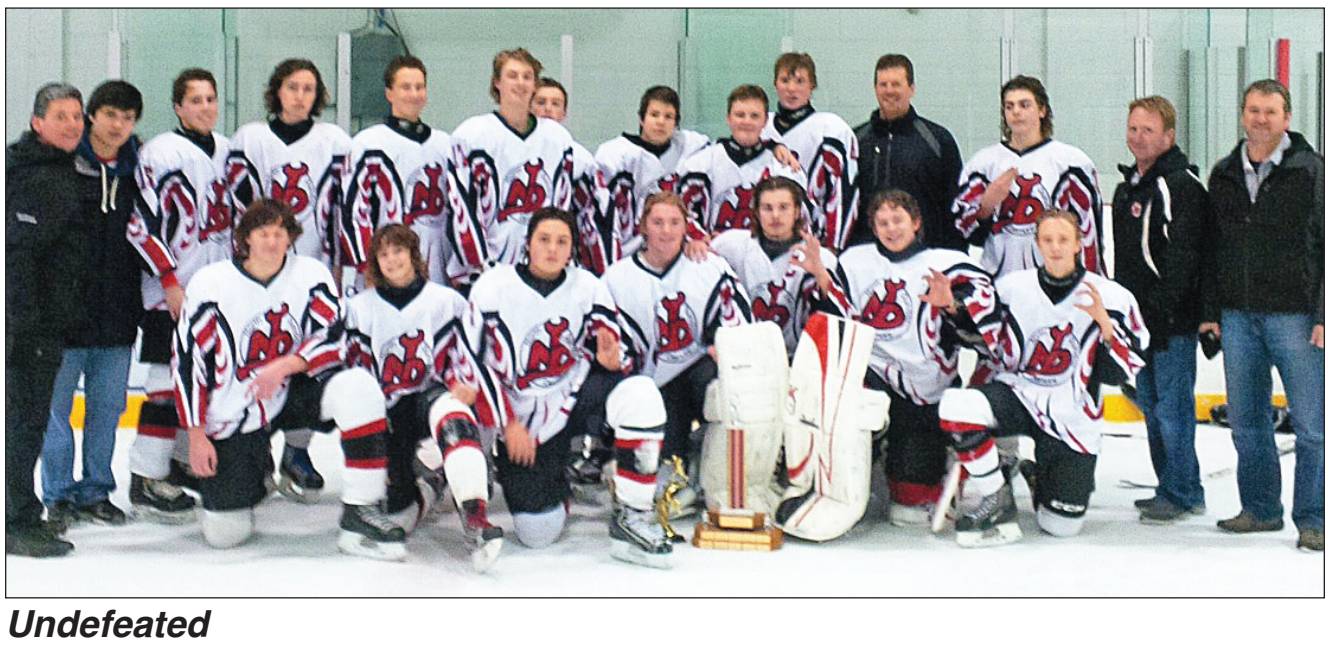
Toll (2), Sarah Sloane and Blake Madigan earned first-period assists.

Demons 9 – Bears 0

Liam Antille worked the North Dundas nets and whitewashed the Bears 9-0. His offensive support was, in large part, supplied by Fortin and his five goals. Madigan, Sharpley, Toll and Owen Pocock sniped the singles.

Blake Watters (2), Jade Hannaford (2), Jampen, Sharpley and Toll provided the passes.

North Dundas led 1-0 after a period and 6-0 after two.



Undefeated

The North Dundas Minor Midget "B" Demons finished as consolation champions in their home association's Mega Tournament on Sat., Jan. 10. Playing in Chesterville the Demons tied the NGS Braves 1-1, defeated the Cornwall Colts 4-1 and blanked NGS 3-0 in the "B" final. Jack van Kessel (1-3-4), captain Jacob Robinson (3-0-3), Rhyce Sherrer (1-1-2), Calahan Bilmer (1-1-2), Cam Reid (1-1-2), Jean-Guy Kronstal (0-2-2), Edward Orendi (0-2-2), Wade Hart (1-0-1) and Tyler Rae (0-1-1) produced the points. Aaron Turcotte and Bayden Carr tended the nets. The Minor Midget "B" Demons are (not in order): Brayden Roberts, Jack Messervey, Tyler Rae, Rhyce Sherrer, Jack van Kessel, Avery Holmes, Kyle Findlay, Jean-Guy Kronstal, Wade Hart, Cameron Reid, Mitchell VanBruinessen, Brandon VanBruinessen, Edward Orendi, Jacob Robinson, Calahan Bilmer, Aaron Turcotte, Bayden Carr, Peter Van Kessel - coach, assistants - Todd Findlay and Jeff Holmes, trainer Ray Sherrer and manager Tracey VanBruinessen.

Novice House 'B2' Demons secure first place in division

WINCHESTER – Back-to-back victories have clinched first place in the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division standings for the North Dundas Novice House "B2" Demons.

The "B2" Demons have played 20 of 24 games and with a 15-4-1 record and 29 points have clinched the regular season pennant. Their closest competition is supplied by the "B1" Demons (10-10-1) who have 21 points, but just three games remaining. The Kemptville No. 2 Panthers (9-8-3) also have 21 points gained in 22 games.

Last week (Wed., Jan 14), North Dundas downed the Brockville No. One Junior Braves 5-2 and followed up by taming the South Dundas Lions 6-1 on Saturday (Jan. 17). Both games were played at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

Wyatt Leblanc paced the Demons offence in the 5-2 win over the Braves scoring three times (including the GWG) and setting up a goal for Drew Sleeth. Dawson Coleman (unassisted) also found the back of the Braves net. Sleeth also earned an assist.

Parker Holmes was the hat-trick man as North Dundas handed South Dundas a 6-1 setback. Coleman (unassisted at 9:23) netted the GWG in period two. Leblanc supplied a goal and an assist on Markus Bols' third-period marker.

Tonight (Wed., Jan. 21), the two North Dundas squads will face off in Winchester at 6 pm.



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Next Winchester Hawks home game - Sat., Jan. 24 vs Athens Aeros 7:30 pm

STANDINGS

Rideau	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Prescott	27	7	2	134	98	56
Brockville	15	17	3	108	129	33
Westport	15	20	1	136	149	31
Athens	13	17	4	116	116	30
Gananoque	14	20	1	103	139	29
St. Lawrence	**W**	**L**	**LOT**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Casselman	29	2	2	187	79	59
Alexandria	19	11	2	146	134	40
Winchester	17	11	3	148	132	37
Char-Lan	14	16	1	135	142	29
Akwesasne	11	15	4	88	121	26
Morrisburg	8	23	1	117	179	17

TOP SCORERS

Winchester Hawks	G	A	PTS
Josh Stubbings "C"	17	30	47
Stevie Ray Adams	22	20	42
Bryden van Kessel	17	17	34
Kyle Richardson "A"	7	26	33
Austin Rothe	14	16	30
Costa Georgitsos	5	20	25
Patrick Morin	11	12	23
Eric Starcevic	1	17	18
Franco Gagnon	7	9	16
Shawn Simms	6	9	15
Tom Fingler	7	5	12
Tom Conlin	6	6	12
JD Samson	2	8	10
Guellaume Taupeir	4	8	12
Mason Durant	2	9	11
Luke Scott "A"	2	9	11
JD Samson	2	8	10
Kris Johnston	5	2	7
Brandon Lowry	0	2	2
Ben McAllister	0	2	2
Adel Zivojevic	0	2	2
Owen Salmon (AP)	0	0	0
Harry Wyss (AP)	0	0	0
Chris Molnar (AP)	0	0	0
INACTIVE PLAYERS			
*Simon Corriveau	2	6	8
*Alex Sifton "A"	5	2	7
*Alex St. Marseille	3	2	5
*Tommy Abrams	2	2	4
*Steven Savage	0	3	3
*Perry Goulet-Blight	0	0	0

Goaltenders

Daylon Courchene W 1 L 1 SOL 0 GAA 7.26
Brandon Lowery W 15 L 8 SOL 1 OTL 1 GAA 3.77
Dylan Brind Amour 0 0 0 0 0
*Leif Hertz W 1 L 2 LOT 1 GAA 4.04

* - **inactive player**

Metro - Valley Conference

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RECENT RESULTS

Jan. 13: Metcalfe 5 - Ottawa 2
Jan. 15: Ottawa West 4 - Clarence 3
Jan. 16: Metcalfe 8 - Gatineau 6
Arnprior 11 - Perth 3
Shawville 6 - Renfrew 1
Jan. 17: Renfrew 4 - Arnprior 2
Shawville 4 - Almonte 0
Jan. 18: Perth 3 - Shawville 1
Gatineau 6 - Clarence 5 SO

STANDINGS

Metro	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Ottawa West	20	11	1	136	119	41
Gatineau	19	15	0	152	135	38
Canadians	16	15	3	117	125	35
Metcalfe	15	15	3	126	131	33
Clarence	14	15	3	124	121	31
Valley	**W**	**L**	**LOT**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Renfrew	23	7	3	150	115	49
Stittsville	21	10	1	155	110	43
Shawville	17	13	4	160	121	38
Arnprior	18	14	1	141	134	37
Almonte	9	22	1	99	168	19
Perth	9	24	0	86	167	18

National Capital Junior Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Jan. 16: Gatineau 6 - La Peche 5
Embrun 10 - Rockland 0
Jan. 17: Papineauville 6 - North Dundas 5 OT
Cumberland 6 - Vankleek Hill 3
La Peche 6 - Rockland 3
Jan. 18: Papineauville - Rockland
Gatineau 5 - St. Isidore 1

North Dundas Rockets next home game Sat., Jan. 24 vs. Vankleek Hill Cougars - 8 pm.

STANDINGS

STANDINGS	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
Embrun	21	5	0	140	70	42
Papineauville	17	5	3	145	96	37
Gatineau	17	11	0	116	114	34
Vankleek Hill	16	8	1	122	92	33
St. Isidore	15	10	1	114	89	31
Cumberland	11	11	5	109	118	27
North Dundas	7	15	4	91	133	18
La Peche	8	16	1	106	154	17
Rockland	5	21	0	80	157	10

North Dundas Rockets	G	A	PTS
Kyle Adams "A"	12	19	34
Dustin Tinkler "A"	11	11	22
William Fawcett	6	14	20
Liam Morrow	7	13	20
P. Klein-Swormink "C"	6	14	20
Kyle MacDonald	9	9	18
Owen Salmon	4	9	13
Ryan Byers	3	7	10
Stefan Wyss	1	9	10
Brent Simms "A"	1	7	8
Adam Douma	3	4	7
Nicholas Wysman	3	4	7
Austin Carruthers	4	2	6
Dillon Lapier	2	4	6
Sean Brown	3	2	5
Harry Wyss	3	2	5
Dylan Marshall	1	4	5
Perry Goulet	1	3	4
Evan Mullin	1	3	4
Justin Rutley	1	2	3
Toby Mullin	1	2	3
Steven Savage	1	1	2
Mitchell Melenhorst	1	0	1
L-O Desbiens	1	0	1
Tyson Sherrer	1	0	1
Brady Tanner	0	1	1

Goaltenders

James Hanley 4-6-0 GAA 5.43 GA 46
Thomas Lastewka 2-7-1-2 GAA 4.49 GA 63
Daylon Courchene 1-2-0 GAA 5.93 GA 17
Will Zandbelt 0-0-1 GAA 3.69 GA 4

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Jan. 18:
Cooper Physio 2 - Stewart Trucking 0
Country Girls 1 - KC's Maintenance 1
Annable's 2 - Andy's Foodland 1

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Cooper	7	1	6	24	16	20
KC's	4	2	8	19	12	16
Country Girls	5	4	5	27	25	14
Annable's	5	7	2	18	21	12
Andy's	4	7	3	24	28	11
Stewart Trucking	2	6	6	18	27	10

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Katrina Holmes, CP	9	2	11
Pyper Weiss, CG	7	4	11
Edith Dagenais, AR	4	7	11
Amy Fraser, AR	4	7	11
Tabbitha Derue, AB	7	2	9
Vicki Van Hoof, CP	5	4	9
Kathy Kerr, AR	6	2	8
A. Rylaarsdam, KC's	6	2	8
Kaila Beckstead, AR	5	2	7
Jessica Grisel, CP	4	3	7
Laurina Matthies, KC's	4	3	7
Stephanie Scott, STC	4	2	6
Kelly Zeran, KC's	3	3	6
Mireille Drouin, CG	3	3	6
Lana Begg, CP	3	3	6



Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Jan. 13:
Heuff's Doggers 5 - Kemptville One 1
Bush Leaguers 7 - Kemptville Three 2
Jan. 14:
Kemptville One 3 - Red Roosters 2
Chesterville Maulers 7 - Kemptville Two 3

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Leaguers	12	1	3	121	105	27
Maulers	8	8	0	81	92	16
Roosters	7	7	2	96	83	16
Doggers	5	11	0	75	108	10

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Steve Cameron, BL	33	25	58
Dean Byvelds,BL	31	27	58
Adam Schofield, BL	16	30	46
Nik Paas, RR	23	21	44
Derek Crawford, CM	22	13	35
Brad Bingley, BL	17	13	30
Ben Walkowiak, RR	16	13	29
Clayton Kohn, RR	9	20	29
Mark Mitchell, HD	16	11	27
Corey Brown, BL	12	13	25
James Gilmer, RR	12	13	25
Kyle Sobering, HD	13	6	19
Rob Thurler, CM	11	13	124
Justin Heuff, HD	10	13	23

WTHL teams earn six points in latest interleague action

KEMPTVILLE – This week's Winchester Town Hockey League (WTHL) action featured a home-and-home contest between teams in the village circuit and their County Road 43 counterparts from Kemptville.

The first half, played Tues., Jan. 13 at the Joel Steele Community Centre, saw the Bush Leaguers take on Kemptville 3 (Bryce), while Heuff's Carpentry Doggers faced off with Kemptville 4 (GA).

In the return half Wed., Jan. 15 at the North Grenville Recreation Complex in Kemptville, the Red Roosters played Kemptville 1 (Rasa), and the Chesterville Maulers battled Kemptville 2 (Barnes).

Leaguers, Doggers triumph

In Jan. 13's opening game, Craig Christophersen (from Michel Thurler and Jon Drew) put the Doggers on the board early in the first period, and the team never looked back.

Mark Mitchell, with an unassisted effort, put his team ahead 2-0, while Chris Embury (from Justin Heuff) made it 3-0.

Embury's second goal on the game, assisted by Heuff, put the Doggers up by four, while Christophersen's second marker (from Embury and Heuff) put the game out of reach at 5-0.

The Bryce squad got a lone goal in the second period.

Game two saw another dominant performance from a WTHL squad, this time it was the Bush Leaguers who rolled to a 7-2 win.

Brad Bingley put the team on the board first, scoring from Trevor Morozuk and Adam Schofield, while Steve Cameron put the Leaguers ahead 2-0 (assists on the play went to Dean Byvelds and Schofield).

Schofield's first goal (from Byvelds and Cameron) of the game came at 2:46 of the first period, putting his team up by a 3-0 score.

Corey Brown and Cameron scored goals four and five for the Leaguers, before the Kemptville side responded with a goal of their own. Assists on the Leaguers markers went to Kyle Pelkey, Morozuk, Bingley, and Schofield.

Both Brown and Schofield would add their second goals of the game before the sandwich session came to a close (assists to Cameron and Byvelds, with two each), while the Kemptville side added a late marker.

Maulers win, Roosters fall

In Kemptville Jan. 14, the Chesterville Maulers dominated with a 7-3 victory, while the Red Roosters fell by a close 3-2 score.

Scoring for the Maulers was Derek Crawford (2), Rob Thurler, Tyler Jones (2), Derek Vingerhoeds, and Scott Baldwin. Assists were registered by Mitch Shay, Crawford (2), Thurler (3), Jones, Vingerhoeds (2), and Baldwin.

For the losing Roosters, Ben Walkowiak and Nik Paas fired home the goals, with assists going to James Gilmer and Chris Piquette.

Coming up

With the wins, the WTHL side collected six of a possible eight points against the Kemptville squads, and lead the season series with 17 total.

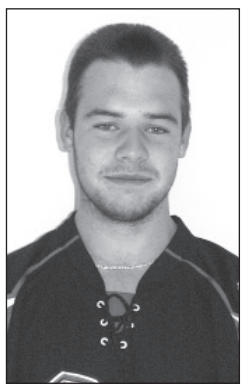
The two leagues will mingle again Tues., Feb. 3 and Wed., Feb. 4.

The WTHL schedule, meanwhile, returned to normal Tues., Jan. 20, with the Leaguers taking on the Doggers, and the Roosters facing off against the Maulers.

Meet the HAWKS

Franco Gagnon

No. 15
Forward



Franco Gagnon is an 18-year-old rookie on the Winchester Junior Hawks roster. A native of Quebec, Gagnon, due to injury, has only played in 18 of 31 games for the Hawks. In last week's 9-5 victory over the Brockville Tikis. he earned four assists setting up a pair of opportunities that Winchester sniper Stevie Ray Adams netted. In his 18 games, Gagnon has collected seven goals, nine assists and 16 points. Winchester Print and Dundas Feed and Seed co-sponsor his No. 15 jersey.

Shayne Thompson claimed $1,735 in Friday's (Jan. 16) Hawks weekly 50/50 Draw.

The Hawks next home game is scheduled for Sat., Jan. 24 at 7:30 pm. The Rideau Division's Athens Aeros (13-17-2-2) will provide the opposition.

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NDDHS volleyball

Devils win both games on Cornwall road trip



Maddie Henderson and her teammates on North Dundas District High School's junior girls' volleyball team won both matches they played Thurs., Jan. 8 in Cornwall.

CORNWALL – It was a solid day on the court for North Dundas District High School's junior girls' volleyball team Thurs., Jan. 8.

The Devils were at Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School (CCVS) that day to take on the St. Lawrence Secondary School Saints and the Tagwi Warriors.

In the opening match, NDDHS swept the Saints in straight sets, and taking two of three against the Warriors.

"The girls have been improving as the games progress through the season," head coach Holly Henderson said. "They are demonstrating stronger ball control in their serves, hits, and sets with each game played. With this, their individual and team confidence is beginning to grow as they learn to work together during plays."

When referencing Jan. 8's two matches, Henderson said the girls displayed "much skill, superb ball control, and excellent team support and attitude."

Notable players included Courtney Moreau, Christina Markwell and Jamie Quinton with "consistent serves," Jessi Zandbelt and Shaina Vandemheen who "blocked with great accuracy" as Maddie Henderson set to Jaclyn Crump and Katherine Steele "to allow for many impressive scoring opportunities."

As well, Samantha Benoit and Madison Scheepers "returned the ball with the needed force to rattle the opposing teams," Henderson added.

"All in all, they played hard, they played well, and their efforts paid off," she said. "I'm very proud of all they have accomplished thus far this season."

NDDHS' squad next takes to the court during its home tournament Mon., Feb. 9., taking on the CCVS Raiders and Holy Trinity Falcons.

Baldwin rings up fourth zero, backs Cooper Pinks 2-0 victory

WINCHESTER – Backed by Cashelle Baldwin's flawless goaltending, the number-one ranked Cooper Physio Pinks improved their Winchester District Ladies Hockey League-leading record to 7-1-6.

Baldwin, named player of the game for a second consecutive time, shutout the Stewart Trucking Company (2-6-6) in Sunday morning's (Jan. 18) 8 am opener, registering her fourth of the season.

Katrina Holmes used a play engineered by Tanya Barnhardt and Vicki Van Hoof to cash the GWG at 12:30 of the second half. Holmes then set up the insurance marker scored by Jessica Grisel 3:51 before the final buzzer.

All even

The 9 am encounter between the number-two ranked KC's Lawn Maintenance crew (4-2-8) and the third-place Country Girls (5-4-5) finished in a 1-1 stalemate.

Laurena Matthies netted KC's a 1-0 lead scoring from Amanda Rylaarsdam at 17:15 of the first half. The Girls evened the score with 14:58 left in the session thanks to Stephanie Borden who netted a feed from Kelly Velthuis.

Player of the game Kristie Wade and fellow shot blocker Jenna James were unbeatable in the second half.

Blues 2 – Reds 1

Annable's Jewellery Blues (5-7-2) rallied from a 1-0 deficit on second-half goals by Tabbitha Derue (Jenna Warren at 7:13) and Dawn Montgomery (GWG, Derue, Heather Erwin at 2:00) and nipped Andy's Reds 2-1 in the 10 am match.

Kaila Beckstead (Annik Dagenais, Amy Fraser) handed the Reds a 1-0 lead scoring 4:39 before the halftime intermission.

Blues goalie Sonja Bradley earned player of the game honours.

Pee Wee Demons post pair of draws

WINCHESTER – A trip to Maxville and a game at home produced the same result for the North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons.

On Wed., Jan. 14, the local squad welcomed the NGS Braves to the Joel Steele Community Centre, with the two teams skating to a 2-2 draw. It was an identical outcome Sun., Jan. 11 in Maxville.

In Winchester, it was Mason Carr (from Adam Barkley and Justin Dagenais) and Curtis Bell (from Xavier Leclerc and Toby Byrne) putting the Demons on the board.

Days earlier at the Maxville Sports Complex, Justin Dagenais scored both Devils goals. Assists went to Curtis Bell (2) and Mason Carr (2).

Prior to this, the Demons lost 3-0 to Cornwall Wed., Jan. 7.

North Dundas next hits the ice Wed., Jan. 21 at 7 pm against the Char-Lan Rebels in Winchester.

Home tourney

The Demons skated in a tournament played in Chesterville Fri., Jan. 9.

Game one saw North Dundas fall 4-0 to the Stittsville Rams, while the squad rebounded in game two, taking a 2-1 decision against the Tri-City Griffons.

"Goal one [by Dagenais] was on a scramble, and goal two [by Bell] was a breakaway," assistant coach Kevin Bell said.

In the semi-final round, the Demons again faced the Griffons, this time winning 3-1.

Goals were scored by Leclerc (2) and Bell, with assists going to Delaney Johnston, Owen Richardson, Curtis Bowman, Leclerc, and Bell.

The final pitted North Dundas against Stittsville once more, and again the Rams had the upper hand, winning 4-0.

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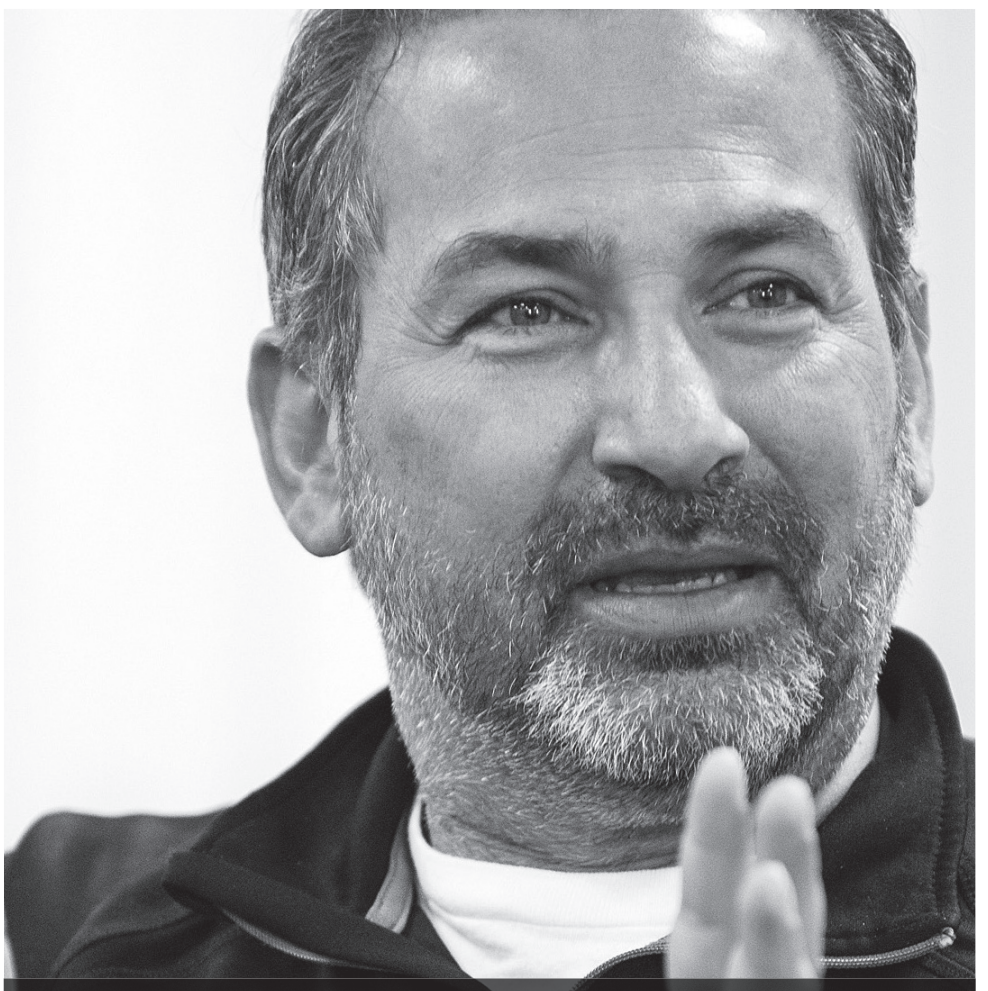

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A Message from Graham Duke

President, Nation Valley Snowmobile Association

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These volunteers lined up financing (in some cases signing personal loans) to purchase the equipment to groom in excess of 400 kilometers of local trail system. Without these industrious, dedicated and intrepid volunteers our local snowmobile trail systems would definitely not have been maintained and grown to what they are today. We applaud these volunteers for their hard and selfless work!

Volunteering is a selfless act that fewer and fewer people seem to appreciate in today's society. Everyone's lives are busy and seem to get busier by the minute, there is no doubt about that; for the people who volunteer, with any organization, they get to experience a sense of purpose and fulfillment, and for this they should be proud! Without these crucial people snowmobiling in Ontario would not exist!

Today's volunteers are just as adventurous, dedicated and highly motivated to bring fellow snowmobilers the best possible riding experience in our area.

The original seven clubs have now amalgamated into three clubs; Mountain Trail Blazers, South Dundas Snowmobile Club and Winchester Township Snowmobile Club. They are still responsible for and maintain the same grooming area as the original seven clubs did. Our volunteers are still reaching for the same goal as the original volunteers from 20 years ago: by updating grooming equipment, we strive to maintain rider safety through signage, STOP and wardening programs.

Twenty years later NVSA has different concerns and steps to take due to "red tape" in the form of liability and environmental issues, but like our predecessors we still have the same issues of financial responsibility, recruiting volunteers and maintaining landowner relations. Like other organizations we struggle to "get into the future." We currently have a Facebook page and new this year is an interactive website at www.nvsa.ca

This season we replaced one of our three tractors. We are honoured to have supported local business in this project and would like to thank Weagant Farm Supplies, Dundas Machine and Morewood Tire for their combined effort.

We are proud to represent the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs at this year's International Ploughing Match in Finch.

We are working hard to build the social aspect of our club, because it is not all about the work! We have organized events throughout the year and they include some "off season" events. July 17th we will be hosting a golf tournament at Cedar Glen Golf Course and a possible bus tour to Valcourt, QC to the Skidoo Production Plant and museum (late summer). We welcome everyone to join in on our events, snowmobiler or not.

So next time you are out riding, thank the volunteers who spent their own time to make the trails you ride possible. We hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe snowmobile season. Make tracks, not trash!

Your President,
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It was an all North Dundas consolation final in the 2015 North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's Mega House Tournament on Sun., Jan. 11. The Novice "C1" Demons prevailed by a 3-2 count over the Novice "C2" Demons. The "B" champs included: front (left) – Paul Theos, Spencer Armstrong, Brody Henry, Dylan Carkner, Kyle Robb, Gavin Copeland, Aiden Hosick; row two (left) – Michael Theos, Cameron Oulette, Kaiden West, Kingsley Raistrick, Bennet Wasylko-Fletcher, Carter Williams; back (left) coaches – Sean Williams, Nick Henry, Kreg Raistrick and Tylor Copeland.

Novice 'C1' Demons edge Novice 'C2' in Mega Tourney consolation game

CHESTERVILLE – Michael Theos rang up his second goal of the game with 6:20 left on the clock and it proved to be the game winner as the North Dundas Novice "C1" Demons nipped the North Dundas Novice "C2" squad 3-2 in the "B" final of the 2015 North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's Mega House Tournament.

The consolation match was played in Chesterville on Sun., Jan. 11 and saw the score deadlocked 1-1 after a period and the No. One Demons take a 2-1 lead into the final frame.

Cole Van Lanen (unassisted) gave the No. Two Demons a 1-0 edge with 9:30 left in the opening frame. Theos (Gavin Copeland) tied it with 5:02 showing on the clock. Carter Williams (unassisted) made it 2-0 with 5:09 remaining in the second session.

Theos (unassisted) cashed the GWG at the 6:20 mark of period three opening up a 3-1 gap. Ethan Guy-Legendre (John Gordon van Kessel) sliced the No. Two squad's final deficit to 3-2 scoring 1:05 before the final buzzer.

Dylan Carkner was named the No. One Demons player of the game.

The "C1" Demons opened the tourney losing 3-0 to the Vankleek Hill Cougars. Brody Henry earned his team's player of the game honours.

North Dundas bounced back in the second round knocking off the Nepean Fury 3-1. The Demons erased a 1-0 first-period deficit thanks to Cameron Ouellette who fired in unassisted goals with 1:16 and 0:08 (GWG) left in period two.

Carter Williams, the Demons player of the game, made it 3-1 netting an unassisted shot 5:55 before the final buzzer.

Kaiden West missed the shutout by one shot.

Demons dominate Maxville tourney

MAXVILLE – Goaltender Liam Antille posted a pair of perfect results and the North Dundas Pee Wee House "C" Demons outscored the opposition 16-1 on their way to capturing the 2015 NGS Minor Hockey Association Tournament championship.

The competition held in Maxville on Sat., Jan. 10 saw the Demons open by blanking the West End Blue Bombers 4-0. They followed up by smothering the South End Inferno 5-1 and took the tourney title by bashing South End 7-0.

The Demons top scorer, Charles Fortin, wasn't in the line up, but Blake Watters filled in ringing up six goals, three assists and nine points in three games.

Brandon Toll produced two goals (including the GWG), a pair of helpers and four points in the Demons 4-0 win over West End while Watters provided two goals and one assist. Sarah Sloane and Jason Larmour each picked up an assist.

Watters came up with another three (2-1-3) point effort in his squad's 5-1 victory. Blake Madigan (1-1-2), Riley Jampen (GWG, 1-1-2), Sloane (1-1-2), Owen Pocock (0-1-1) and Alexis Sharpley (0-1-1) also provided points.

Backed by Antille's second flawless effort of the day the Demons finished by blankimg South End 7-0. Watters (2-1-3) completed the event with his third three-point effort.

Sharpley (2-0-2), Jampen (1-1-2), Sloane (1-0-1), Toll (1-0-1) also buried the biscuit. Madigan and Pocock each earned a helper point.

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Obituaries & Death Notices

Madeline Carkner



Madeline Carkner (nee Duvall), a resident of Dundas Manor since March 2006, passed away peacefully at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Wed., Jan. 14, 2015. She was 82.

Madeline was born in Williamsburg Township on Dec. 8, 1932 to her parents, Howard and Olive Duvall (nee Harriman). She lived in Morrisburg for most of her life. She married Kenneth Carkner on Sept. 15, 1973, and Kenneth passed away on Jan. 1, 1986.

She worked at the old knitting mill in Morrisburg, R.C.A. in Prescott, and as a waitress at Lee's Restaurant, and the Hollywood Café in Morrisburg.

Madeline enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and visiting with family and friends.

Madeline is survived by her sister, Audrey McPhee (the late Donald) of Winchester; her great-nieces, Dulcie McKee (Daniel Blair) of Crysler, and Danielle Tyo of Berwick; her great-nephews, Dustin McKee (Tats St. Denis) of Cornwall, and Joshua McKee of Cornwall; and one special great-great-niece, Allyson Blair.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Sat., Jan. 17 from 9:30 am until the time of the funeral service at 11 am, which was conducted by Rev. Janet Evans followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. The pallbearers were Dulcie McKee, Daniel Blair, Allyson Blair, Lyal Kehoe, and David Lapier.

Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the activity department at Dundas Manor Nursing Home would be appreciated by the family.

Online condolences may be made at
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Ian McGillis

Former owner of McGillis Home Hardware, Morrisburg



Ian McGillis of Cardinal passed away at the Brockville General Hospital on Sat., Jan. 17, 2015. He was 53.

He was the loving companion of Nancy Skakum (nee Bennett), and the dear stepfather of Michelle Skakum (Larry Mastine) of Danville, Que., Steacy Skakum (Kevin Laming) of Cardinal, and Nicole Goodenough (Greg Moulton) of Boucks Hill. He was the loving Grandpa of Brock, Joshua, Michaela, Meghan, Justin, Jessica, and Jason.

Ian was the dear brother of Ann Miller (Jeff) of Kemptville. He will be sadly missed by his nieces, Laura and Emma, and his nephew, Norman. He will be fondly remembered by his aunt, Norma McGuire of Etobicoke, and his cousins, Susan, Elizabeth, and Bryan. Ian was predeceased by his parents, Doug and Joan McGillis (nee McGuire).

Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Thurs., Jan. 22 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Fri., Jan. 23 at 11 am.

Donations to the Morrisburg Curling Club or Kingston Cancer Centre would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Online condolences may be made at
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Florence Isabelle Cairncross



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Florence Isabelle Cairncross (nee Timmins) of the Maxville Manor. She passed away peacefully in the presence of her family at Cornwall Community Hospital on Thurs., Jan. 15, 2015.

Florence was born on a farm in Inkerman to the late George Pearson Timmins and Ellen Viola Merkley. She was the loving wife of J.D. (Buck) Cairncross for 59 years. She was the dear mother of Judy Butts (the late Bob) of Victoria, B.C., Tina of Glen Roy, Ont., and Scott (Mary) of Milton, Ont. She was the cherished grandmother of Christopher Cairncross (Shona), also of Milton. She will be missed by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Florence trained as a psychiatric nurse at the Kingston Ontario Hospital, with her career in nursing taking her to Toronto, Bermuda, and Ottawa. Well beyond her professional years, she "nursed" and cared for family, neighbours, and friends in need. She was an avid gardener, and could make anything grow, and delighted in working outside spring, summer, and fall. She wore many volunteer "hats," whether as a camp nurse for Boy Scouts, a church fundraiser with plant sales, or as an adult literacy tutor in SD&G, to name just a few.

Relatives and friends called at the Munro and Morris Funeral Homes Ltd., 114 Main St. South in Alexandria (613-525-2772) on Sun., Jan. 18 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm, and on Mon., Jan. 19 from 10 am until the time of the funeral service in the chapel at 11 am. Spring Interment will be at Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa.

Mom liked her flowers, but donations to the Maxville Manor Foundation would also be appreciated by the family.

As a memorial to Florence, a tree will be planted in Memory Woods. A tree grows - memories live.

Condolences may be made online at
www.munromorris.com

Richard Harold Pym

Richard Pym of RR #2 Mountain passed away peacefully at the Montfort Hospital, with his family by his side, on Fri., Jan. 16, 2015. He was 67.

He was the beloved husband for 45 years to Sandra (nee Gifford). He was the loving Dad of Margaret Norcott (Andrew Harris), Andrea Coleman (Howard Hamilton), and Jonathan. He was the cherished Poppa of Blake and Marley Harris; Braedan Coleman; and Jenna Hamilton. Richard was the dear brother-in-law of Michael Gifford (Darlene), and brother of Lois Smith (Harley). He was the loving uncle of Christopher (Krista) Gifford, Penelope Gifford, Kirk (Kelly) Smith, Lisa (Bill) Smith, and great-uncle of Nathan, Devin, Emily, and Madison Smith.

A private family gathering will be held at Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain (613-989-3836).

By family request, donations may be made to PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy).

The family would like to thank the palliative care and I.C.U. teams at the Montfort Hospital for their excellent care and compassion.

Online condolences may be made to
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Mariette Little



Mariette Little, a resident of the village of Chesterville, passed away peacefully at Dundas Manor in Winchester on Mon., Jan. 19, 2015, surrounded by her loving children.

Mariette, born on Sept. 10, 1935, was the middle child of Marie Anne Fontaine and Alexander Gordon. Her older sister was Theresa (deceased), and the youngest is Suzette of Waterloo, Ont.

She was an active member of St. John's parish in Gananoque, and also at St. Mary's in Chesterville. While her husband, Irwin (Irv), worked at Ault Foods (Parmalat), she was a supply French teacher at various schools until her retirement.

Mariette and her husband, Irv, and their four children, Steve, Marty, Cathy, and Lisa, moved from Gananoque to Chesterville in 1976.

She was a devoted wife and mother who would support her children and grandchildren whenever she could. Mariette loved to sing, and was a woman of strong faith and determination. Her family always came first! She loved to bake, dance, play cards, and was well known for her strawberry and rhubarb pie.

She has gone to join her beloved husband, Irv, who passed away Jan. 30, 2000.

Mariette will be fondly remembered by her children, Steve (Kim) of Chesterville, Marty (Cathy) of Winchester, Cathy (Kerry) of Kanata, and Lisa of Winchester; her grandchildren, Andrea Little (Brad), Jennifer (Fraser) Reed, Shawn (Mariah) Little, Stacey (Kevin) De Jong, Bobby Little, Andrew Kennedy, and Lindsay Kennedy; and her great-grandchildren, Jake, Noah, Grace, Ethan, Evan, Lily, and Scarlett.

A very special thanks to Shannon, Katie, and Galiya for all their wonderful care over the years. Special thanks also to Julie, Rose, Lily, and Pauline, and all the wonderful staff at the manor. Their kindness and comfort were very much appreciated.

Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville on Fri., Jan. 23 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church in Chesterville on Sat., Jan. 24 at 11 am.

Donations to the Alzheimer Society of Canada or the Dundas Manor Activity Fund would be greatly appreciated.

Online condolences may be made at
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Thank You

The family of the late Marjorie Thompson would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the kind words of sympathy, cards, floral tributes, food brought to our home and donations during this difficult time.
We would like to say thank you to the wonderful staff at Dundas Manor for your loving care shown to our Mother and Nanny over the last few years.
Special thanks to Dr. Burke for his years of caring for Mom.
Many thanks to Iris Cunningham and Steve Summers for their heartfelt eulogies.
Our sincere thanks to Pastor Deborah Poirier for a wonderful service and kind words in our time of need.
To Colleen McLaughlin for her beautiful music, as this was a large part of Mom's life.
To Virginia Patenaude and ladies for providing a delicious lunch.
To David Lapier and staff at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home, heartfelt gratitude for their compassion and exceptional support.
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Don and Mary Thompson and families

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Pictured during a Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) celebration of the award are: Job Zone d'Emploi's Mary Janet MacKay (left), Community Care Access Centre's Francine Gratton, WDMH's Linda Symonds, Eastern Ontario Health Unit's Suzanne Grigel, Ontario Early Years Centre's Fiona Carr, WDMH's Michelle Blouin and Pat Lewis, Bryden Martel Architects' David Bryden and Suzanne Gibson, Laurin Construction's Jim Dark, WDMH's Cholly Boland, and Laurin Construction's Katie Proulx.

Community care building wins award

WINCHESTER – Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH)'s Community Care Building was recently recognized for its environmentally friendly construction.

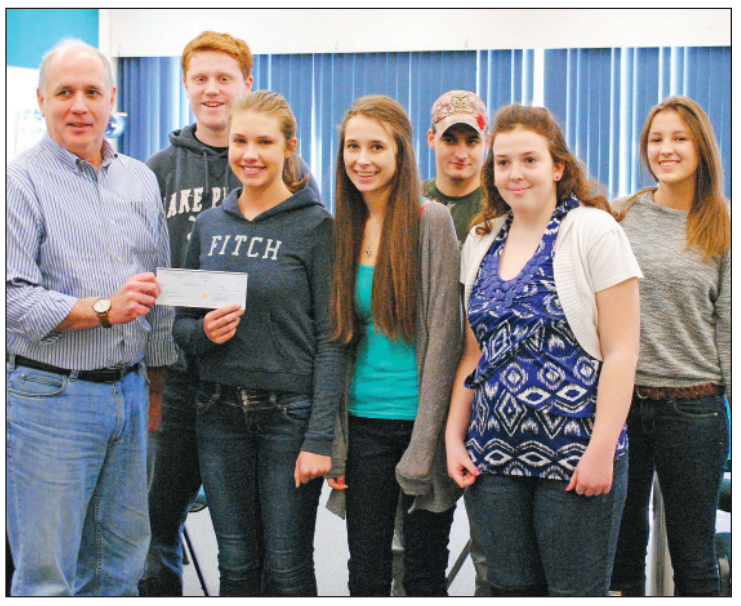


Early last month, partners in the Centre of Excellence for Rural Health and Education celebrated the building's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, which was awarded by the Green Building Council.

The designation recognizes the green sustainability planning that went into the design, construction, and operation of the structure.

"We are proud of this achievement and of the wonderful partnership with local health and community services in our region," hospital CEO Cholly Boland said. "Together, our focus is to support healthy rural communities – putting patients and families first and supporting each family's entire life journey."

The Community Care Building houses four community partners including the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Ontario Early Years Centre, Job Zone d'Emploi, and the Champlain Community Care Access Centre.



On Wed., Jan. 14, Dundas County Food Bank administrator Ian McKelvie (left) accepted the $150 generated by North Dundas District High School students during a Halloween fundraising spree. Those pupils leading the efforts included Will Zandbelt (second from left), Cadence Harris, Sarah McCrimmon, Aaron Roberts, Courtney Cox, and Tori Corkery.

NDDHS students support DCFB

MAPLE RIDGE – Two North Dundas District High School student-led initiatives recently joined forces to support the Dundas County Food Bank (DCFB).

Members of both the Respect Education Team and Link Crew took part in school-wide fundraisers late last year, collecting spare change for the charitable organization.

Up first was the "hunger haunt," which was held Halloween day in October. Students in Link Crew went class-to-class collecting funds in an effort to "scare away" hunger. The second event took place that night, when Respect Education members walked the streets of North Dundas' villages, spreading the message of hunger awareness and collecting spare change from families and friends.

According to Holly Henderson, who leads the Respect Education Team, both events saw "spooktacular" results, with $150 generated for the food bank.

The funds were turned over to DCFB administrator Ian McKelvie Wed., Jan. 14.

"Students involved are hopeful that events like these will continue next year in support of local charities, perhaps with a challenge to other schools to get involved during the Halloween and holiday seasons," Henderson said.

Ladies Aid sets goals for new year

by Kathy Spruit

WINCHESTER – Doris Baker welcomed everyone to the January meeting of the St. Paul's Ladies Aid with a cup of hot apple cider.

Baker opened the meeting with a poem.

Jan Clapp led devotions, which began with the singing of "Standing at the Portal." Clapp then read the poem, "What the New Year Holds," and then expanded on the theme of setting goals for the new year. The ladies were encouraged to take advantage of the clean slate before them, and to set goals that are realistic and attainable.

Goals can be classified as spiritual, mental, emotional, relational, or physical. A spiritual goal might be to read the *Bible* more often, while a mental goal could entail learning something new. An emotional or relational goal might involve extending the gift of forgiveness for an old hurt, and a physical goal could be striving to become more active.

Clapp suggested an idea to assist with positive thinking. In the coming year, ladies could take daily note of good things happening, pinning the positive to paper that is then deposited into a bottle to be opened at the end of the year. Then, read aloud, the notes would serve as a reminder of the many blessings in life.

Devotions closed with the singing of "One More Step Along the Road I Go," with Arlene Nesbitt at the piano.

Roll call required sharing a special memory from last year.

In business, $275 was collected from the Christmas worship service in December, which is to help support the Dundas County Hospice. Cards made by the 4-H Scrapbooking Club were shown to the group. They were created as a "thank you" for the use of the church for the club's meetings.

The 2015 executive was elected with the following results: Clapp, past president; Baker and Libby Pelkey, co-presidents; Phyllis MacMaster, secretary; Carol Zubatuk, treasurer; Donna Wilson, cards and gift secretary; Helen Kerr and Sherrill Johnston, craft table; Kathy Spruit, press reporter; Spruit, Nesbitt, and Rev. Bruce Kemp, pianists.

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