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Grade 5 student Katie Horner welcomed guests when they arrived for the function.

Press Photo – Uhrig



Hydro chops $3K from $25,000 bill

MR Centre operators still owing $21,000

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE – Although they are to receive a corrected hydro bill, the owners of the Maple Ridge Centre are expected to remain on the hook for more than $21,000, leaving them questioning if their business can survive the financial hurdle.

Rachel and Conrad Potvin took ownership of the former public school site in August 2013, transforming the building into not only their family home, but also the headquarters for their business and a community centre.

Earlier this month, the couple was stunned to receive a $25,500.50 bill from Hydro One for 524 days of use on a second account they were unaware was tracking their usage.

The latest hit to the couple's finances comes as they are already paying roughly $1,000 monthly for electricity after waiting nearly a year for their first bill. Conveniently, the account of charges arrived two weeks after the couple contacted Andre Marin, the Ontario ombudsman, for help dealing with the matter.

In an earlier interview with the *Winchester Press*, Rachel referred to the bill as "devastating" for their business, and "crushing" to the facility she and her husband are trying to operate.

Since buying the onetime Maple Ridge Public School two years ago, the Potvins have been working steadily to balance the demands of both their pet supply distribution centre while hosting public functions in the site's various spaces. They also lease space to Nationside Pentecostal Church, Sunny Countryside Grooming, and The Academy of Dance and Fitness.

The recent bill included charges listed as "demand billing," which is a more costly fee applied to businesses that use excessive amounts of power.

Hydro One has conceded that the building did not meet the barometer for demand billing, and the utility recalculated the charges to $22,487.14. On top of this, the company has given the Potvins a $1,022.01 credit to make up for the billing delay, leaving the final tally at $21,464.23.

"Nobody has told us anything beyond that," Rachel said. "I made it really clear that it seems they really don't give a damn... We could lose everything because of what Hydro One has done; this is literally the life and death of our business."

The first account, which the couple has been paying monthly bills on, was set up by the area school board when the educational facility was first opened in 1967, while the second account came later, in 1973.

• see HYDRO BILL on next page

IPM planning plows steadily forward

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

WINCHESTER – The Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) 2015 International Plowing Match (IPM) and Rural Expo is fast approaching and volunteers are hard at work setting the stage for the five-day event.

In fact, during a recent all-chairs meeting held at the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester Thurs., March 12, each committee was given an opportunity to share updates with the entire group.

Taking place on several properties in the Finch area, preparation for the massive event has been compared to building a mini-city in the country, as several entertainment sections and an RV park must be outfitted with plumbing, electricity, and telecommunications options (examples include cell reception, Internet, and Wi-Fi).

Hundreds of volunteers necessary to ensure smooth sailing

The undertaking, which involves several committees and sub-committees, along with more than 1,000 volunteers by the time the event is through, is expected to bring upwards of 60,000 people to the area. In previous years, host sites have welcomed anywhere from 67,000 to more than 100,000 visitors.

The cost of the event is estimated to be in the $3-million range, with organizers still looking for sponsorships, and both monetary and in-kind donations.

The more than 80 committee members who attended the March 12 meeting provided status reports, detailing the work left to be done, as well as that already completed.

The RV park group noted 512 sites had already been reserved and paid for, with new requests coming in daily. It was suggested those wanting spots should book now.

Most of the entertainment has been booked, with a focus on keeping things local. It was noted the IPM is so popular that the committee has been receiving calls from entertainers from as far away as Nashville requesting to perform. One of the already-confirmed acts is the Dancing Tractors.

• see IPM UPDATE on next page

Distracted driving deaths rising: OPP

WINCHESTER – As the OPP is in the midst of cracking down on distracted driving, the provincial police force is seeing a surge in accidents caused by inattention.

Officers are conducting targetted enforcement until Fri., March 20, while already this year 12 distracted driving-related deaths have been registered.

Meanwhile, the OPP's 2015 collision data is likely to see a seventh consecutive year where inattentive driving surpasses impaired motorists as a factor in collisions the force has investigated.

As police note "both of these fatality categories are dangerous, preventable driving behaviours that result in the senseless loss of life on Ontario roads every year."

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Hydro bill corrected to $21,464

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Rachel told the *Press* she and Conrad were aware of the two meters hooked up at the building, but were told by a Hydro One employee who initially switched over their service the second "demand" meter didn't apply to them, and they needn't worry about it.

The two meter discovery was made about three weeks after taking ownership of the location when a utility worker arrived at the site to cut the power. The company insisted the names on the account had not been alternated, therefore the Potvins were not entitled to electricity from the provider.

Though it was the ombudsman's intervention that got them their first bill, which Rachel said they expected to be high, nothing was mentioned at that time about the second account continuing to accumulate.

A Hydro One employee contacted the Potvins Mon., March 16, the first time they haven't had to call, Rachel said, to discuss the situation.

"He alluded to the fact that they are still working out the bills, they still have issues with the school board's bills, and they first need to resolve all of that," she said. "So, it's still a waiting game. I'll be surprised if I get anything in a timely fashion… It's such a mess."

In order to cover the cost of the reduced bill, which the Potvins have yet to formally receive, the couple is in the midst of planning multiple fundraisers.

"But, because there is no urgency [on their part], we're in a holding pattern right now," Rachel said. "We can't go full-fledged with fundraising because we're not 100 per cent sure of the proper billing. What makes sense to us is that the demand meter is measuring the same consumption as the smart meter. But, Hydro One is taking their dear sweet time about it, and it could be months before we really see a resolution."

They have also launched an online fundraising campaign (www.gofundme.com/obpugc). Funds are earmarked to not only keep the business afloat, but to cover the cost of energy-saving modifications.

The couple will also be bringing in an energy auditor to examine the current electrical operation, and advise them on where conservation efforts can be made.

IPM update

• continued from the front

Each committee is working within a budget, and representatives gave reports, which included an updated list of contributors, featuring those offering substantial in-kind and financial donations, from installing pipes and taps, to providing sanitation, garbage, and recycling services. Local ATV clubs have donated the use of several vehicles for the event, while another company has offered to provide a GPS system free of charge. Various service groups have volunteered their services leading up to and during the five-day IPM.

Cathy Lasby, executive director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, said she was impressed with the progress already made and the enthusiasm and dedication of the committee members in attendance. (Lasby had spent the day at Ottawa's EY Centre for the 88th annual Ottawa Valley Farm Show.)

While many sponsorships and donations have already been received, it was noted that more are still required. Also, volunteers are still needed in preparation for the event, as well as during the five days of festivities.

The next all-chairs meeting is set for 7:30 pm Thurs., April 16 at North Stormont Place in Avonmore.

Deaths

• continued from the front

Data reveals that the dozen distracted driving deaths is a percentage of this year's 51 fatal collisions. In five of the road deaths, it was the driver who was found to be driving inattentively who was killed. In two of the incidents, the driver killed was operating their vehicle properly at the time.

Three of the incidents involved a pedestrian struck by a vehicle. Nine of the deceased were males and three females, each ranging in age from 33 to 88 years old.

Officers will monitor all areas of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, Chuck Cox, commander of the area highway safety division, said.

"Distracted driving is a danger to all road users. Fortunately, these same road users are in a position to help put a stop to it," he added. "We want to see everyone develop and maintain a complete intolerance for distracted driving, and make it the socially unacceptable driving behaviour that it should be."

Police Blotter

Possession charge

WILLIAMSBURG – On Fri., March 13, at approximately 2:20 am, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers conducting Reduce Impaired Drivers Everywhere (RIDE) checks on County Road 18 intercepted a vehicle.

The stop resulted in the seizure of a quantity of suspected marijuana. The driver, Trevor Barkley, 29, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance (less than 30 grams). He is to appear in court Tues., May 12.

Disqualified driver

WINCHESTER – On Wed., March 11, at approximately 7 pm, an SD&G OPP officer intercepted a vehicle on York Street. A check of the female driver revealed her driving privileges were disqualified and suspended stemming from previous incidents.

Kie Freedom Wouters, 42, of Ottawa was arrested. She faces charges of driving while disqualified and driving while under suspension. She is to appear May 12 in court.

Drugs seized

WILLIAMSBURG – On March 11, at approximately 8 pm, officers intercepted a vehicle on County Road 18. The stop resulted in the seizure of a quantity of suspected marijuana.

The male driver, Joseph Turner, 27, and passenger Jordan Turner, 23, were arrested and each charged with possession of a controlled substance. The driver faces charges of speeding, driving without proper headlights, and driving a motor vehicle with an open container of liquor. The pair is to appear in Morrisburg court May 12.

Assault investigation

MORRISBURG – On Sat., March 7, OPP began an investigation into a report of an assault that occurred at a property on Prospect Road.

The investigation indicated that an altercation between an adult male and his ex-spouse resulted in the male assaulting his ex-spouse's current boyfriend who was at the scene.

On Mon., March 9, a 33-year-old Cornwall resident was arrested. He faces charges of assault causing bodily harm, and failure to comply with a probation order. He is scheduled to appear Tues., April 14 in Cornwall court.

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Details published in the police blotter are provided by the OPP. All suspects are considered innocent in the eyes of the law unless proven otherwise in court.

Clarification

The *Winchester Press* would like to clarify information included in "Food bank once again faces deficit as demand increases, revenues fall," published in the Wed., March 11 edition. Ian McKelvie is now the permanent administrator of the Dundas County Food Bank; however, it remains a part-time, two-day-a-week role. Though the food bank is facing a substantial deficit in the coming year, it is not related to an increased salary for the new administrator.



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Council notes from
North Dundas

Intersection interlock outgoing

WINCHESTER – The Township of North Dundas is set to move forward with the removal of brick crosswalks in this village's downtown core.

During the municipality's Tues., March 10 council meeting, politicians approved the request made by Dan Belleau, public works director.

Currently, the crossing over St. Lawrence Street is sinking, while the Main Street passing is also beginning to show signs of needed repair work.

Belleau said the township will move forward with brick removal and repair of underground infrastructure in conjunction with the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry's planned paving of Main Street from west of Bailey Street and eastward through the village.

The $391,000 project is slated to get underway later this year.

Once paved, the counties will assume responsibility of the crosswalks, as they will be tied-in with the street for future projects. North Dundas will paint the needed crossing lines.

Pit planning ongoing

The township is still awaiting final review comments following South Nation Conservation's hyrdogeological study of the area planned for sand extraction in rural Reids Mills.

The Brissenden brothers, Peter and Chris, have applied to rezone roughly 145 acres of land, bordered by Belmeade and French Settlement Roads and County Road 1, for mineral and aggregate use.

According to the provincial government's land registry, the property is rich with the resource, one of just three areas between North Dundas' border with the City of Ottawa and the St. Lawrence River suitable for this use.

Opponents of the plan have been vocal, crowding a public meeting in late 2014 to condemn the plan, citing fears of adverse affects on the environment and degradation of home values.

Conservation money

During his report to council, Bill Smirle, North Dundas' appointee to the South Nation Conservation board of directors, updated politicians on the authority's 2015 finances.

The organization has set this year's budget at $7.6 million – $3.2 million in municipal levies, and $4.4 million from self-generated revenue streams and grant allocations.

North Dundas' contribution is $68,945, while the Municipality of South Dundas' is $69,362.

Looking to upgrade?

North Dundas' Community Improvement Plan has launched for a third year, this time being made available to commercial property owners in the township's hamlets.

The fund, $25,000 total, is now open for applications, with grants available for accepted projects. Last year alone, a handful of business owners received funding, leading to nearly $400,000 in construction value being accrued in the municipality.

According to Rob Hunter, economic development officer, some 13 merchants have expressed interest in submitting a request to the program.

The deadline to do so is Tues., March 31.

Rink donation

When the snow blower used to clear the Inkerman outdoor rink reached a state of disrepair earlier this year, Sevita International employees came to the rescue.

According to staff members, the roughly $1,000 piece of machinery was contributed in order for staff to ensure not only their own health and wellness, but that of the community at large.

Breakfast with the mayor

Mayor Eric Duncan will again be hosting a community breakfast, this year scheduled for Thurs., April 30 at Winchester's Joel Steele Community Centre.

O'Farrell Financial Services has signed on once again to sponsor the meal, while a keynote speaker has yet to be announced.

Centre lines not obligitory, too costly

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – The Township of North Dundas won't bend to a resident request for lines to be painted down the centre of local roads.

During the municipality's Tues., March 10 meeting, Dan Belleau, public works director, confirmed an appeal had been made, although his current department budget won't cover the cost of the work.

"If council wishes to proceed with line painting, we would have to look at a budget amendment or plan for future years [during] budget discussions," he said.

Currently, North Dundas funds $5,000 for lines on Boyne Road, which was initially completed as a condition of government funding received to upgrade the thoroughfare.

Other annual funding from the township ensures lines are repainted in municipally owned parking lots and spaces in village cores.

Nelson Road resident, Helen Harper, however, wants to see even more roads affixed with a centre line.

"Development Road [west of Inkerman] is very dangerous… The centre yellow guideline is all worn off, and during especially stormy weather and when the road is covered in snow and slush, you can hardly tell [what] side of the road you are driving on," she argued in a letter forwarded to council members. "It's hard to gauge the centre of the road."

Harper argued the yellow guideline should be "clearly visible," as the ditches that run along the roadway are "very steep."

"If you [drive] off the road into one of those ditches, your vehicle can upset and with you in it, how do you get out? And since the road can be remote, how long would you be there until help arrived?" Harper questioned.

She continued, noting that the road in question is "not the best," and pondered how snowplow operators "find their way" to completing the job without the centre line.

"Please ensure this summer that at least the centre road lines are repainted on Development Road… It may even save a life," Harper said. "I shouldn't have to even point these [deficiencies] out, council should already know."

In response, Belleau informed inquiring councillors there is "no law stating lines need to be repainted."

"What we do for one, we'd probably have 15 other [road requests] for centre lines," a cost-conscious Mayor Eric Duncan said. "It's common sense, when going up a hill, keep right. We can only regulate stupidity so much… Where do we draw that line?"

Councillor Al Armstrong, meanwhile, said he could "think of 30 other roads that could use lines." "If you can't tell where the side of the road is, you've got bigger issues than the centre of the road," he added.

The veteran councillor said that he would "prefer to use money to make sure signage is up-to-date" along all roads. (This is a project the township will be moving forward with later this year.)

In his report, Belleau noted the average cost to paint a single line is roughly $200 per kilometre; expenditure no council member, beyond Councillor Tony Fraser and Deputy-Mayor Gerry Boyce, was willing to consider.

"We did the Boyne line, and I say it was thousands of dollars for nothing," Duncan said. "Five months of the year we have a line, then it fades away easily."

Armstrong said there are "unique reasons" for the Boyne Road centre line, including the township's landfill location and the road being a key route between County Road 7 and Winchester, all of which leads to a high traffic count.

Politicians took issue with Harper's added assertion the South Mountain area "sees very little property tax money" spending. "At least we could see a bit of road improvement, if nothing else, which has been ongoing for too many years," she added.

It is an unfounded accusation, according to Armstrong. "I think we've done a good job on all our roads, and have certainly accelerated the schedule of tar and chip work," he said.

Township working with potential Nestlé buyers

WINCHESTER – What will become of Chesterville's former Nestlé Canada location is still unclear, yet the Township of North Dundas is working with at least one of the potential site buyers.

Village residents John and Sara Meharg, whose company Armour Development is listed as principals in a tabled purchase offer, have had two formal meetings with municipal staff.

Discussion has focused on the 373-square-foot facility's current zoning, potential severances, and available grant opportunities and other sources of funding.

CAO Angela Rutley updated politicians on the matter during Tues., March 10's council meeting.

To date, the Mehargs purchase closing date has been extended past its original timeframe to early April, as financing for the roughly $600,000 offer has not been finalized.

A public tour of the sprawling factory took place earlier this month, with former Nestlé employees and other interested parties taking part.

It is known that at least two Chesterville farming families have shown interest in becoming site investors in an effort to turn the long-shuttered location into a multi-purpose business incubator and accelerator site.

Potential uses for the space include the construction of an outdoor greenhouse or ethanol production.

Succession planning priority for fire chiefs

WINCHESTER – The Township of North Dundas' fire service is planning for the future.

Aside from big-ticket items being purchased this year (new self-contained breathing apparatuses), the department is implementing new guidelines for selection of fire chiefs and deputies at its four detachments.

The change to qualify for each position includes the mandate of having at least three years experience in an officer's position.

Those meeting the criteria can then be nominated. Elections will be conducted by paper ballot, and two scrutinizers will verify the results.

Successful candidates will be presented during the service's steering committee meeting, while the fire commissioner, Councillor Al Armstrong, will make the announcement during a council meeting.

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Crysler Park welcomes Relay for Life

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Organizers are hoping changes to the local Relay for Life initiative will attract more participants.

For the past nine years, the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry and Prescott-Russell office of the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) has hosted the event in nearby Ingleside, but the hope is that moving a little further west will inspire residents from communities in the Municipalities of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal and South Dundas, as well as the Township of North Dundas to join the 12-hour fundraiser, community crew leader Brad LeClair said during the event's launch party Thurs., March 5 at the McIntosh Country Inn and Conference Centre in Morrisburg.

New venue will host noon-to-midnight fundraiser

This year's venue is Crysler Park near Morrisburg, and organizers are planning to use the beach, field, and treed areas for the Sat., June 20 event. This, added with a change in the timing of the event, and more entertainment, is expected to attract more families, LeClair said. Rather than the typical 7 pm to 7 am format, the Crysler Park relay is to begin at 12 pm and run until 12 am.



The Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry and Prescott-Russell branch of the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) is moving its Relay for Life fundraiser to Crysler Park Sat., June 20. Brad LeClair, community crew leader, and CCS community manager Carolyn Bourassa are pictured during the Crysler Park kick-off event Thurs., March 5 at the McIntosh Country Inn and Conference Centre in Morrisburg. *Press Photo – Casselman*

"I'm really excited because I get a chance to start a new event in a really great community," LeClair, who has acted as team leader in Maxville for the past four years, said.

LeClair, a native of Chesterville who currently lives with his wife and son in Glen Becker, became involved with the charity in 2005. In 2013, he discovered he had prostate cancer. Following a brief stint in remission, LeClair recently learned his cancer is back.

"As long as we [volunteers and staff at CCS] do what we're doing, there's hope for others," he said, adding that the great thing about the charity is it supports people with all different types of cancers in a variety of ways.

The March 5 kick-off event gave participants an opportunity to sign up at a discounted fee, as well as to learn more about the fundraiser itself, and how the money raised is disbursed. Roughly 65 people attended.



Wearin' of the green

James Verspeek was just one of the many student servers ensuring patrons' needs were met during St. Mary Catholic School's annual St. Patrick's Tea and Bake Sale held in the Chesterville educational facility's gymnasium Thurs., March 12.

Press Photo – Uhrig

Local events in top 100

MORRISBURG – Festivals and Events Ontario recently announced the 2015 Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario, including four locally.

In addition to the two St. Lawrence Parks Commission seasonal festivals at Upper Canada Village (UCV), Pumpkinferno and Alight at Night, Maxville's Glengarry Highland Games and Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G)'s International Plowing Match (IPM) also made the list.

Included in the top 100 were the Festivals and Events of Distinction, a select group representing some of the most well-known and respected celebrations in the province, those that draw both an international and domestic audience. The IPM was chosen as one such event.

The Glengarry Highland Games are set for Fri., July 31 to Sat., Aug. 1, while the IPM, which is to be stationed in the Finch area, has been scheduled to take place from Tues., Sept. 22 to Sat., Sept. 26.

UCV's Pumpkinferno, a tour through the village featuring more than 6,000 intricately carved exhibits made from artificial pumpkins, is set to begin Thurs., Oct. 1 and continue until Sun., Nov. 1. This year's exhibits are to include the Evolution of the Ford Car featuring life-size carved vehicles, and Noah's Ark.

The village's festival of lights, Alight at Night, is set to turn UCV into a Winter Wonderland beginning Fri., Dec. 4, continuing until Sat., Jan. 2, 2016.

"Festivals and events are an important part of our business mix," historic sites manager Geoff Waycik said. "This recognition is appreciated, and it will provide incentive for our teams to continue to innovate with new ideas for the events recognized as well as to develop exciting new events that not only provide great experiences, but that also make significant economic contributions to our communities."

UCV is set to open for the 2015 season Wed., May 6.

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WDMH satisfies patients in key areas

WINCHESTER – Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) achieved the status of "high performer" on a recent patient satisfaction report.

In the document, based on surveys from Mon., April 1, 2013 to Mon., March 31, 2014, the local medical facility received "high performer" in four key patient categories. The survey questions patients about their overall care, and whether they would recommend the hospital to family and friends.

"This is great news and it certainly encourages us to continue to strive to do more," Dr. Michelle Davey, chief of surgery, said. "We are committed to providing the very best care."

Davey performs close to 600 surgical procedures at the hospital each year.

"We receive and celebrate our quarterly patient satisfaction results every few months," CAO Cholly Boland said. "But, once a year, this provincial report compares the entire year's results among all hospitals across Ontario. This report provides us with a clear snapshot of how our patients think we are doing."

WDMH a top performer in medical/surgery, maternity, emergency, and day surgery

The provincial report showed WDMH was a high performer in medical/surgery, maternity, emergency, and day surgery. In each category, the facility achieved more than 90 per cent for overall care with a high of 97.7 per cent in medical/surgery.

Meanwhile, 85.3 per cent of surgical patients would recommend the hospital. Recommendation percentages for the other key areas were: 90.8 per cent in maternity; 74.7 per cent in emergency; and 92.6 per cent in day surgery.



Winchester District Memorial Hospital earned high patient satisfaction rates in four key categories, including a 97.7 per cent for overall care in medical/surgery in a recent patient satisfaction survey. Pictured is Dr. Michelle Davey, chief of surgery.

"It's a team effort and we should be very proud," Boland said. "Patient satisfaction is a result of the patient's entire experience and involves every person the patient had contact with. It includes everyone from our volunteers at the front door to support staff that work behind the scenes."

United Counties consolidating planning, roads

CORNWALL – Where there were two, now there is one.

On Mon., March 16, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G)'s council announced the roads and planning departments are to be merged into one new department, transportation and planning services, effective immediately.

The change came following the recent retirement of county planner Michael Otis. It was decided the counties would not replace the department head, but instead hire a manager of planning, a mid-level position, who will report to the director of the new division, county engineer Ben de Haan.

County planner retires

"It is always important to be looking for efficiencies when opportunities come up, and these changes to our senior management team demonstrate our commitment to that," Warden Eric Duncan said. "There are cost savings and many synergies, both internally and to the public, to be gained by the merging of the two departments."

The restructuring is not expected to impact service levels or operations for either roads or planning.

"We have appreciated Mr. Otis' service to [SD&G] and we look forward to working closely with Mr. de Haan in moving the new department forward," CAO T.J. Simpson said. "There is a lot of potential with these changes and we are anxious to implement some new ideas."

Reporters get photo reprieve

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Misinformation, misunderstanding, or reassessment of the situation?

Clarification was recently requested from the Municipality of South Dundas' Mayor Evonne Delegarde regarding a directive given to reporters during a council meeting earlier this month.

During the Tues., March 3 session, media members were asked to stop taking pictures.

Following the completion of the meeting, clerk Brenda Brunt explained that photographs taken during an open session were distracting to council and audience members. It was requested that reporters refrain from taking pictures until the end of the meeting. The discussion also included news that council tables would soon be roped off from the rest of the room. This was to be in addition to the paper already covering two of the council windows facing the hallway, which reporters were told had been affixed to cut down on distractions during meetings.

Delegarde was then asked to provide a copy of the bylaw enforcing the new guidelines.

The mayor's response, however, implied the information was incorrect or misunderstood.

"Out of respect and to negate distraction to the presenters and members of council and staff, we have simply requested that reporters take their photos from their seats during the presentations," Delegarde wrote in an email. "However, once the question and answer period begins, please feel free to take photos from the sides. We realize that photos are an important part of journalism and reporting, and no barrier is needed."

Half loads on county roads begins today

MORRISBURG – Half load restrictions in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SD&G), the City of Cornwall, and local municipalities throughout the region will begin today (Wed., March 18).

"The long term forecast shows a warming, which will start to accelerate thawing in the roadway," Ben de Haan, county engineer, said.

The season, which typically runs from the beginning of March through to May, is the time of year when vehicles are restricted to carrying a maximum of five tonnes per axles on weaker roads throughout the region.

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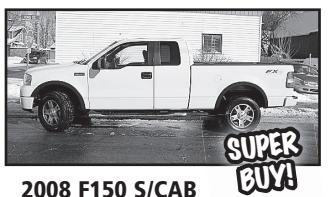

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Hydro One, and the tale of distrust, dishonesty, deceit, and fury

Stop reading if you've seen this all before. But as the story goes, Ontario has itself a major problem, with no resolution, it would seem, in the offing.

So, what is it you ask? Your provincial government doesn't care about you.

Yes, Premier Kathleen Wynne's Liberal majority lacks any ounce of shame as it swims along with bravado and an attitude of indifference.

It isn't hard to find the proof, either. Gas plants, Ornge, eHealth, and the Sudbury byelection scandal have become the topic of many conversations provincewide.

All of these are examples of the raw deal given to taxpayers throughout Ontario.

The biggest lightening rod of controversy, however, is Hydro One.

The crown corporation's messed-up billing practices have been under investigation for 13 months. That's how long the province's ombudsman, Andre Marin, has been formally looking into how the utility has been fumbling its relationship with its 1.3 million largely rural customers.

Although, even with the ombudsman's office focusing its attention, the company moved ahead with sending out letters to users, threatening to cut off their power due to unpaid bills. The correspondence arrived in the middle of one of Ontario's coldest winters.

During a news conference last week, Marin called out Hydro One for this and many other practices. He didn't hold back either, saying the agency has been trying to "bully" customers and engaging in what amounts to "extortion."

Moreover, as he made clear, the threat to cut off power contradicts the utility's policy of not denying electricity to anyone between Nov. 1 and the end of March. The letters, Marin said, were simply an "empty threat."

Before going public, Marin was in contact with Hydro One, allowing them an opportunity to correct the standard letter to customers who have fallen behind in their payments. Instead of doing anything remedial, the company left in a threat to disconnect "depending on the weather."

Now though, after receiving a tongue-lashing, Hydro One says it is taking Marin's critique "to heart," and moving forward with a redo to remove any threat of mid-winter cord cutting.

Since the beginning of the investigation, complaints to the ombudsman's office about Hydro One have skyrocketed. Between April 2013 and February 2014, the total number of contacts were 647. Since Marin and his staff began looking further into the growing number of discrepancies, complaints about the utility have hit 9,370, bringing the total number of complaints to date to 10,017.

Trying to get answers, Marin noted during his news conference, is like "wrestling with a slippery pig."

The situation got so bad that the ombudsman told Hydro One customers to no longer allow direct withdrawals from their bank accounts because in some cases the company had overdrawn thousands of dollars. Though the utility would ultimately admit wrongdoing, it refused to return the money.

Instead, credit toward future charges was given. Wynne blamed a new billing system for the error, while Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli said Hydro One was hiring more people in order to fix things.

The result? Nothing has changed, Marin said. In fact, things have grown even more outrageous, as noted by the folks at the Maple Ridge Centre who were hit recently with a $25,000 hydro bill, results from a meter they were initially told would not be read.

There really is no doubt here that Hydro One needs a series of repairs to more than its billing system. This would help in putting an end to its corporate culture of growing egotism and a mentality that would threaten to cut off electricity in the depths of winter.

The government, meanwhile, must ensure the utility is never free of the scrutiny of the province's ombudsman and other authorities. It is clear the company cannot be trusted, and will not serve customers properly without strengthened oversight.

For too long, the foxes have had free range of the henhouse. Now, enough is enough.

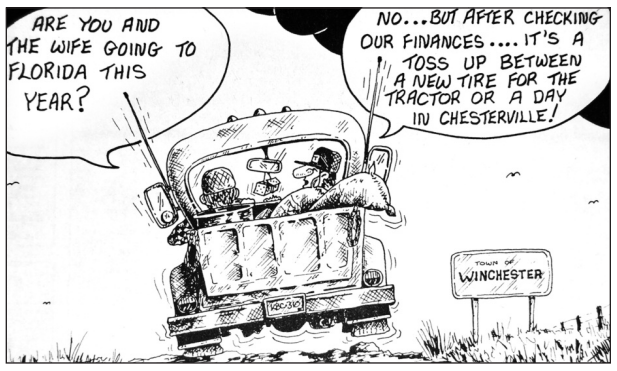
Remember when…

1925

"A shortage in the world's tea supply, in the face of an enormous demand, is forcing prices up to very high levels," the *Winchester Press* reported this week. "Tea merchants realize, however, that tea at a dollar a pound only brings the day of a drop in price so much nearer. Tea growers are making such tremendous profits that over-production is bound to come at any time."

1935

Once again, the *Press'* page six picked up where it left off in the telling of Octavus Roy Cohen's *The May Day Mystery*. This week shared excerpts from chapters seven and eight of the book, leaving readers waiting until next week for more.



This political cartoon accompanied the editorial this week in 1985, focusing on growing tax issues in agriculture.

1945

The local Royal Canadian Legion received two $50 donations in the past week, the *Press* reported: "[One] from Capt. C.J. Locke, on active service overseas… [Locke] stated that if the people from this district could see what great work the legion is doing for their boys overseas, they would not hesitate to back them at home, and there should be little difficulty in getting sufficient funds to finance the building of a memorial hall in Winchester."

1955

"Given one or two days of milder weather, with just a little more rain, and the Nation River will once again be on its annual rampage," the *Press* predicted.

1965

"A comprehensive study of the watershed of the South Nation River will be completed and published in the near future," the *Press* reported. "The study by the Ontario Department of Agriculture began in 1961 and has delved into all problems and resources of the [river], which flows through six Eastern Ontario counties and affects some 30 municipalities. At a meeting of the [river's] conservation authority in Chesterville Saturday, preliminary details of the report were revealed."

1975

This week's *Press* reported Earl Nisbel, assistant director of operations at Cornwall's St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, had confirmed the official opening of the seaway had been "moved up to March 25," the earliest opening in the waterway's 16-year history.

1985

"The prospect of bringing one-way streets to Winchester is under serious discussion by village council," the *Press* said. "[Politicians] agreed to investigate the possibility of changing Church and Caleb Streets into one-way routes to limit traffic problems at the intersections of St. Lawrence Street."

1995

The Winchester Junior "B" Hawks won the St. Lawrence Division this week, and the right to move on to the Rideau-St. Lawrence Division Championship against the Gananoque Islanders.

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Willie O'Ree: The Jackie Robinson of hockey

As we celebrated Black History Month in February, did you stop and think about Willie O'Ree?

When O'Ree broke the National Hockey League (NHL) colour barrier and skated for the Boston Bruins against the Montreal Canadiens 57 years ago, a reporter in Montreal wrote that the event came with no emotion, no applause, and above all, no animosity.

"Colour wasn't really an issue most of the time," said O'Ree, who grew up in Fredericton, N.B. "I was like any other kid. I learned to skate when I was two and I even skated to school in the winter. I grew up playing hockey with the other kids. When we were playing, it didn't matter what colour we were. The other kids always accepted me and I didn't face a lot of racial problems – not like the kids growing up in the [U.S.] would have."

For years, O'Ree played hockey for the Quebec Aces in the province's senior league. At the time, the organization was considered the world's second best hockey league, next to the NHL.

"Nobody really made a big deal of it at the time," O'Ree said. "I had just played in Montreal, and I'm sure the people there just kind of figured, 'Oh, there's that black hockey player Willie O'Ree. He must have been called up by the Bruins.' I think people made more of a deal out of the fact that we beat the Montreal Canadiens 3-0, because it was during their dynasty of five straight Cups."

After two games with Boston, O'Ree, who had been called up to replace an injured player, returned to the Aces. Three years later, he would get another call-up.



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

"I had almost given up hope of being called up again," O'Ree said. "I had a taste of the NHL, and I wanted to be an everyday player. I worked hard in the minors and kept myself in shape, just in case I got that call. Then, one day out of the blue, I got the call. I was going back to Boston. I finished the season with them."

Although he had rarely heard anything racist in Canada or even in Boston, he got more than his fair share of it in other U.S. cities when he was a visiting team player. His older brother Coot, also an exceptional hockey player, used to slam him into the boards to get him used to the physical pounding he would take in the NHL.

"I never got in a fight over something that was said," O'Ree said. "If I would have fought over things people said fighting is all I ever would have done. I was never a fighter, but I sure learned to stand up for myself."

There was one incident in particular that was ugly. Eric Nesterenko delivered a vicious butt end to O'Ree's face. As O'Ree was bent over in pain, picking up the two teeth that were knocked out onto the ice, the Chicago tough guy taunted O'Ree. It was the grin on his face, O'Ree said, not anything he said, that set him off. O'Ree would deliver a blow to Nesterenko's head with his stick. A bench-clearing brawl and a near riot would ensue. O'Ree was kept in the Bruins locker room after the game for his own safety and would need a police escort when he eventually left the building.

But not everything was about racism and violence. O'Ree was a dynamic player who scored four goals and had 10 assists during his time with the Bruins. His most cherished memory is scoring his first NHL goal, which came on New Year's Day, 1961.

"Charlie Hodge was in goal for Montreal," recalled O'Ree. "Before the game, Bronco Horvath came up to me and said that if I had a chance, to shoot low. Hodge was weak on low shots.

"So as the game went on, I was breaking down the left wing and Leo Boivin hit me with a perfect pass. I had a lot of speed and I got around Tom Johnson, and I found myself coming in on Hodge. All I could think was 'shoot low, shoot low.' So I took a low hard shot that went just inside the post. I got the puck, and gave it to our coach, Milt Schmidt." O'Ree got to keep the puck after the game, and he still has it.

O'Ree fully expected to go back to Boston, but when he was back in New Brunswick for the summer, he got a call from a reporter asking about him being traded to Montreal. The Bruins had not even informed O'Ree of the deal yet. O'Ree knew that he did not have much of a chance to crack the Montreal lineup. He would play for their minor league team in Ottawa, and spend the better part of the next two decades toiling in the minors.

The worst incident of racism he endured happened in the 1972-73 season while he played with the New Haven Nighthawks of the American Hockey League. Fans in Virginia tossed cotton balls onto the ice along with a black cat.

O'Ree, 79, now works with the NHL's Diversity Task Force. Some refer to him as the Jackie Robinson of hockey. O'Ree actually met Robinson as a 14-year-old during a trip to New York. Robinson, surprised, said, "you mean black kids play hockey?"

O'Ree would meet Robinson again in 1962.

"He remembered me," said O'Ree with a wall-to-wall smile. "That's when I realized that what I had done was special to so many people. I hope some day I can inspire someone like Jackie Robinson did."

Letters to the Editor

Bill too heavy-handed, lacks accountability

The Editor:

A recent article by Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon ('Protecting Canadians from threats of terrorism,' Wed., March 4 edition of the *Winchester Press*) presents many questions.

Did the $3.1 billion dollars allocated, and not spent on public safety and anti-terrorism (discovered in 2013 by the auditor general) contribute to our weakened security state now desperate for a quick fix?

Bill C-51, the *Anti-Terrorism Act*, is long and complex legislation, requiring less hysteria, and a lot more scrutiny.

Simply reading through some of the provisions you will see that technology allows information sharing with no oversight, and compromised privacy and freedom of speech. This presents huge problems.

Daniel Therrein, privacy commissioner of Canada, has expressed concern. The legislation may make it difficult for groups of Canadians to express their point of view without government backlash.

I am not talking about Jihadists. Prime Minister Harper has already used his power to intimidate groups of ordinary Canadians who did not agree with his fossil fuel agenda. He ordered tax audits on the United Church, Pembina Foundation, the David Suzuki Foundation, and Canada Without Poverty. Unbelievably, he even went after the Kitchener Waterloo Field Naturalists (a group of bird watchers), who criticized a government policy on honeybees.

These organizations are not terrorist groups. This begs another question, with this imperfectly crafted legislation, could CSIS morph into a secret police force, keeping unnecessary surveillance on citizens disagreeing with government policy and labeling them as terrorists?

With his law and order mandate, Harper attacked our Chief Justice of Canada, Beverly McLachlin, about the Marc Nadon Supreme Court appointment. The International Commission of Jurists in Geneva, Switzerland called on the prime minister to apologize for his false accusation. He never did. This is not appropriate behavior for someone espousing, "Trust us" on Bill C-51.

In a University of Toronto magazine, *The Varsity*, interesting questions arise about Bill C-51 threats to academic and journalistic freedom. Some university researchers are wondering if their environmental research, under Bill C-51, will be scrutinized by CSIS, implying a future of less research into topics not popular with the government. Harper is infamous for secrecy and his muzzling of scientists.

Four former Canadian prime ministers and five retired Supreme Court justices want this bill to have better intelligence accountability.

A well-considered protection from extremists, and terrorism, must also protect our democratic values.

At a minimum, this bill requires added provisions for parliamentary oversight.

We must ask for more time and debate to get this right, or the first casualty of Bill C-51's war on terror may be our Canadian parliament.

Secrecy without oversight is a state of governance not needed here.

Susan Hamilton
South Mountain

Bill C-51 harmful to Canada's democracy

The Editor:

I have been following the news regarding breaches of Canadian's privacy since the Edward Snowden revelations about Communications Security Establishment Canada illegally tracking Canadians out of Pearson International Airport.

The CBC, an organization undergoing financial cuts to programming by the same Conservative government that now wishes to push through Bill C-51, covered this news.

New laws clearly need to be written, but not to take away our rights as Canadians (like Bill C-51), but to limit the kind of power a majority government can wield. I am not afraid of a lone gunman.

Many people more articulate than I have already made excellent points against this bill, but one argument is clearly important. Spy organizations have already broken the law.

This bill is nothing short of a band-aid to give permission to government organizations retroactively for breaching our laws and protecting those already guilty. This bill must be stopped.

A little freedom is worth risking a lone gunman. The opposite is an army of secret service men and woman permanently capable of bullying law-abiding citizens in a future world very much like the one George Orwell envisioned.

Politicians of all stripes need to rethink Bill C-51, and any like it that follow. A never-ending parade of these kinds of laws have stemmed from the Harper government. When will the reign of terror by Conservatives end?

I encourage Canadians to learn more about how we can work together to stop "secret police" Bill C-51 at: www.StopC51.ca

Daniel Reid
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Don't believe every email or social-media posting that you read

OTTAWA – One of my caucus colleagues started a recent blog post wisely using the famous Winston Churchill quote: "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on."

Churchill stated this well before email and social media existed, so today a lie – or incorrect information – can likely travel 10 times around the world before truth or accuracy can weigh in.

One of the most difficult and frustrating parts of my role is combating misleading information on issues of the day. These innuendos and untruths can live on the Internet forever, and continue to confuse and confound people for years after they were first posted.

I am using some of the same details and information from my colleague's article to debunk some of these chain emails, and provide accurate information that I hope spreads instead.

Every few weeks, my office receives emails and phone calls from constituents who have heard about Bill C-428, a Liberal private members bill to amend the *Old Age Security Act* to reduce the residency requirement, and allow newcomers to receive coverage after just three years in Canada.



From Parliament Hill

by MP Guy Lauzon

The chain email or posting warns that a vote in the House of Commons is imminent, and urges people to contact their MP to tell them to oppose this measure.

Here are some key facts:

• There is no such legislation currently tabled in the House of Commons;

• Bill C-428 was from a previous session of Parliament, and it was never called for a vote, so it died when the 2011 election was called;

• Ruby Dhalla and Bob Rae, the Liberal MPs who tabled the bill, were respectively defeated and retired since the last election; and

• Our Conservative government, including Prime Minister Stephen Harper, are strongly opposed to the idea and committed to defeating it should the opposition parties introduce the bill again for a vote.

A second false email chain is regarding the Canadian Pension Plan (CPP) and its sustainability. The email claims that the federal government has orchestrated a "Ponzi scheme" and that the CPP retirement system is near bankrupt. This could not be further from the truth.

Here are some simple, key facts:

• It was recently estimated that the current CPP contribution rate is sufficient to keep the program sustainable for the next 75 years;

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My commitment has always been to make sure that our government programs, like CPP and OAS, are sustainable for the future and are available for Canadians for the very long-term. And without a doubt, they are in excellent financial position.

Hopefully, this column sets the record straight on a few items, but if you ever receive a chain email that causes your blood to boil about one issue or another, please just contact my office as we are here to try and set the record straight wherever possible.

And please do not forward these false chain emails. Like my other colleagues who have written about this, it will be great if we see a few less people upset by these scams each week.

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Ice cover along the South Nation River, including at Chesterville's waterfront, is weakening as temperatures reach above-freezing levels. Area residents are warned that warmer weather will lead to increased water levels, and potential flooding in some areas. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

SNC closely monitoring flows, no imminent threat of flooding

FINCH – With winter weather appearing to loosen its grip on the region, South Nation Conservation is warning that watercourses will soon be on the rise.

Environment Canada is forecasting above-freezing temperatures, and a rain and snow mix.

This type of weather will cause snow to melt and run off to watercourses, leading to increased river levels and flows throughout the South Nation jurisdiction.

Ice covering larger watercourses may become unstable due to increased water levels.

Winter doesn't give up too easily though, and temperatures are forecasted to return to freezing in the coming days.

Because of this, the authority notes that severe flooding and ice jamming is not a concern at this time, though nuisance flooding in low-lying areas may be observed.

Public asked to steer clear of riverbanks

Conservation staff will be taking action to control water levels and reduce flooding through the operation of the Chesterville Dam. As always, water levels near an operated dam can change suddenly without warning and residents are cautioned to be wary of the changes in flows, high water levels, and unstable ice.

The public is also advised to stay clear of riverbanks, which can become slippery from the snowmelt and rising water levels.

Authority staff will continue monitoring area water levels and weather forecasts as part of SNC's flood forecasting and warning program.

Alfred campus future linked to separate French colleges

ALFRED – Two French language colleges are partnering to ensure continuation of the veterinary technician program at the University of Guelph's Alfred campus.

Both Sudbury's Collège Boréal and Ottawa's La Cité collégiale will collaborate to host students for the 2015-2016 school year. The agriculture technician and nutrition and food services management programs will also go ahead in the fall.

For the longer term, the provincial government will be consulting with both post-secondary institutions in planning continued studying at the Alfred location, following the Guelph-based university's dispersal of the school.

"Our government understands the importance of Francophone students having access to high-quality agricultural programs that allow them to learn and succeed in their own language," Liberal MPP Reza Moridi, the party's minister of training, colleges, and universities, said. "We thank both French-language colleges for their continued efforts to respond to the needs of current and prospective students in Eastern Ontario and across the province."

Both the Alfred campus and the university's Kemptville location will no longer be affiliated with the Southern Ontario-based institution at the end of this school year.

The decision, first announced in March 2014, comes on the heels of the university posting a significant deficit, and targeting the closure of both agricultural schools as a means to make up the financial shortfall.

In Kemptville, the Municipality of North Grenville is currently negotiating with the province to secure ownership of the University of Guelph's sprawling town campus. The lower-tier government is also seeking partnerships with other educational facilities in order to continue operation of the school as the Kemptville Centre for Rural Advancement.



Ag executive

During the Dundas Federation of Agriculture's annual general meeting earlier this month, the organization's 2015-2016 board of directors was formed. This year's executive includes Deborah Patenaude (front, left), Jackie Pemberton (president), and Mary Dillabough. Back row: Tom MacGregor (left), John Roosendaal, Alvin Runnalls, William Martens, Warren Schneckenburger, Marty Derks (vice-president), Stephen Mellon, and Ryan Devries. Missing: Bernard Vander Zweep. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

SNC provides hands-on education at Sand Road Maple Farm

FINCH – South Nation Conservation (SNC)'s Maple Education Program, offered in partnership with Sand Road Maple Farm in Moose Creek, recently began its 15th season.

Currently operating, the initiative is set to continue until Fri., April 3.

The program, which provides a unique, hands-on history of the production of maple syrup, is geared for all ages, offering grade-appropriate content for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in both official languages. Participants are to learn how the sweet stuff makes its way from the tree to the breakfast table. Schools must book their visits with SNC in advance.

The Sand Road log cabin is to remain open to all visitors regardless of scheduled tours.

The two-hour tours, which follow the provincial curriculum, run from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Participants learn about the evolution of the sugaring process, from boiling sap in a hollowed-out log as the Aboriginals did, to the huge cast iron kettles of the early settlers, to today's modern evaporators that transform sap into maple syrup. If the weather permits, groups may see the syrup being made.

"While there's plenty of fun to be had during an SNC/Sand Road outing, the true emphasis is on education," program co-ordinator Lisa Van De Ligt said.

Students are set to learn how to identify various tree species, woodlot management, and the role forests play within watersheds.

"It's all about connecting students to our natural environment with the understanding that people are part of the environment and not separate from it," Van De Ligt said. "Lessons learned at Sand Road can last a lifetime."

To offset expenses, the cost per participant is $6, which includes the tour and a maple treat, but must be paid in advance. Pancake meals are also available starting at $4.50 per person. The minimum number per group is 15.

To help make the program more accessible, SNC offers a busing subsidy of up to $150 per eligible school. Additionally, the conservation authority is offering maple education lesson kits to be loaned to schools and groups who are not able to visit the site.

Tours, which take a leisurely route through the sugar bush, are also available for adult groups.

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Manning the Weagant Farm Supplies booth, Eric Harbers (left), Ault Vanbokhorst, and Becky Hoogeveen are pictured with Great Plains representative Jason Martin in front of a disc.



The 88th annual Ottawa Valley Farm Show was held at Ottawa's EY Centre from Tues., March 10 to Thurs., March 12 featuring roughly 350 exhibitors displaying various farm machinery, equipment, and services. In addition to the yearly Seed Growers Awards presented by the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers' Association (OVSGA), the organization's annual Prestigious Pedigreed Seed Sale was held March 12 with all proceeds earmarked for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. At left, Carl Berends (left) from Hallville's B&B Small Engines chatted with Greg Beach.







Paul Achtereekte (above, left) spoke with John Guy from Winchester's Ideal Pipe. At right, LS Tractor Sales representative Curtis Pitcher (left) talked machinery with Douglas McCarthy. The equipment is available at B&G Loughlin Tractors in Hallville. At left, OVSGA Awards displays.



The tire on this Challenger tractor from Dan-R Winchester outsized Austyn Smith.



Marty Derks from Chesterville's Derks Elevator.

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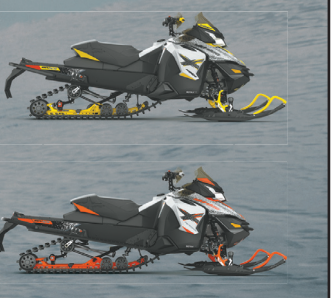

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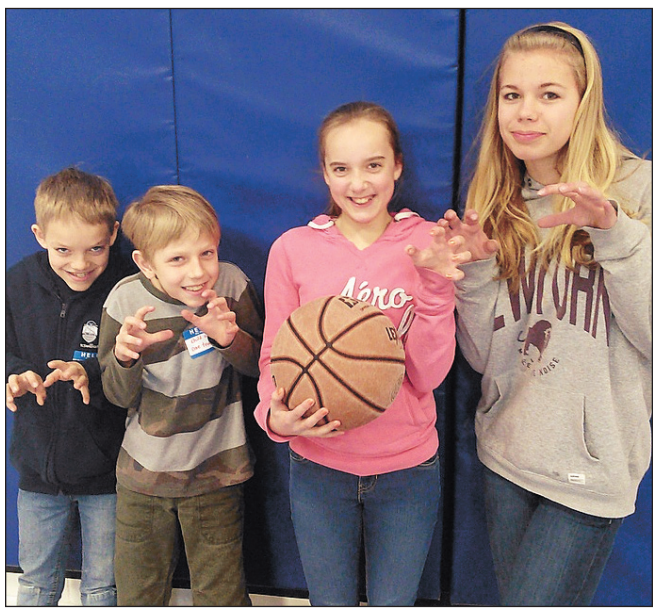

Predators roll

The students of Timothy Christian School recently completed the educational facility's cross-grades intramural basketball season. This year's winning team, the Predators, featured Thomas Dean (left), Mark Dentz, Lindsay Havenaar, and Akira Van Dyke.

Vernon WI celebrates St. Patrick's with tea

by Isabel McDiarmid

VERNON – Vernon Women's Institute (WI) president Kim Sheldrick welcomed roughly 50 people to the group's St. Patrick's Day Tea and Bake Sale earlier this month.

The event, which included a homemade meal and door prizes, was held at the village's Presbyterian Church. There was a white elephant table, along with the bake table.

Cathy Graham and Sharon Baird provided the entertainment with Graham on the flute and Baird on the harp. Doreen Acres told some jokes and played the piano for a short sing-along. Norma McNaughton presented each of them with a thank you gift.

Sandra Toll surprised Ann Velthuis with the Woman of Excellence Fair Award from the District WI and the Federated WI of Ontario for her many years of commitment to the local fairs, as well as to the Vernon WI.

Following the cleanup, vice-president Helen Porteous chaired a short business meeting.

While touring the care centre in Metcalfe last month, the group was told they could have another leaf on the tree at the entrance to the facility.

It was decided the inscription would be: "Vernon WI for Home and Country 2015." Wendy Hill is to be contacted with respect to the project.

The annual WI bus trip was discussed, but nothing was finalized.

Seniors win at recent euchres

WINCHESTER – The yellow-card winners at the latest Winchester Seniors' euchre event held Thurs., March 12 were Orma Earl and Gerry Crowder.

The white-card winners were Bill Cinnamon and Cecile Ashton.

Charlotte Malowsky and Crowder were the door prize winners, while Betty Merkley was the sole recipient of the "share the wealth" offerings, winning each of the three draws.

Previous to this match, the seniors' gathered Thurs., Feb. 26 for a euchre event.

The white-card winners were Carole Villeneuve and Elaine Sipes.

The door prize winners were Bev Baldwin and Villeneuve, while Betty Holmes, Ashton, and Baldwin took home the "share the wealth" offerings.

Ladies, ready to paint the town red?

RUSSELL – The ladies of Russell are ready.

This year, the village's agricultural society will be teaming up with Crohn's and Colitis Canada to welcome 500 ladies to the Russell Arena Fri., May 1.

The theme for 2015 is "Ladies in Red."

"The monies raised at our event will help to fund research toward a cure, and to improve the lives of children and adults affected by these chronic diseases," Judy McFaul, organizing committee co-chair, said. "We appreciate the ongoing support of our event sponsors and partners."

Canada has among the highest rates in the world of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis – lifelong diseases that can be debilitating, causing severe abdominal pain and prolonged diarrhea.

Most alarming, the number of children diagnosed with this disease has increased by more than 50 per cent throughout the last two decades. The fastest growing group of patients with these diseases are children younger than 10.

Again this year, Russell's Scotiabank branch will match funds raised through the evening event up to a maximum of $5,000.

Tickets are $50, and must be purchased in advance (reserved seating) either online at www.russellfair.com or by calling 613-445-4161. Those who purchase tickets before Sat., April 4 will be entered into a separate prize draw.

Since 2004, together with the 500 ladies who attend the annual event, the Russell Agricultural Society's Ladies' Night has raised more than $285,000 for various charities, including the family care room at Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Make-A-Wish Eastern Ontario, among others.



The Russell Agricultural Society's 2015 Ladies' Night event has been scheduled for Fri., May 1 at the village's arena. This year's organizing committee and sponsors includes Mark Kelly (front, left), Kristina Bercier, Amelia Bercier, Kelly Jobson, and Lynne Rochon. Back row: Marie Baker (left), Suzanne Perras Campbell, Sarah Dupont, Michelle St. Pierre, Linda Duhamel, Line Blanchard, and Judy McFaul.

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Pee Wee, Bantams play for league championships

PRESCOTT – A 2-1 third period lead held by the North Dundas Atom House "C" Demons evaporated as the home town South Grenville "HC2" stormed back cracking three PPGs to grab a 4-2 victory and the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's (UCMHL) East Division championship.

The same evening (Tues., March 10) in Kemptville the host "HC2" Panthers defeated the visiting North Dundas Novice "HB2" Demons 3-2 in triple overtime to become the UCMHL West Division champions.

Those two teams were among the final four of 14 North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's teams to play past March 8, the day the Pee Wee "B" Rep Demons were eliminated four points to zero in the eastern final by the Cornwall Colts. The "B" Demons claimed the Sportsmanship Award. On a positive note the North Dundas Pee Wee "HC" and Bantam "HC" Demons both won their respective division titles on the same day (Tues., March 10) and will compete for the league's overall (East/West) championships.

Pee Wees prevail

The North Dundas Pee Wee "HC" Demons fashioned an impressive 6-2-0 record on their way to capturing the West Division championship.

Following a third-place finish, the Demons (16-5-3) took out the Kemptville "HC2" Panthers 2-1 (W 5-0, L 2-1, W 2-1) and swept the South Grenville "HC2" Rangers 2-0 (4-2, 5-3) to qualify for the divisional final against the first-place Brockville "HC2" Junior Braves (20-3-1), a series the Demons won four points to two.

West final

Charles Fortin was the offensive force in game one cracking five goals, including the GWG, and setting up the sixth in a 6-3 win in Brockville on Fri., March 6. Fortin and Riley Jampen assisted Blake Madigan on his first-period marker and then took over netting five consecutive goals, three of which came in the third period. Alexis Sharpley, Sarah Sloane and Brandon Toll also provided passes. Liam Antille was the winning 'tender.

Brockville evened the series at two points apiece blanking the Demons 3-0 in Chesterville on Sun., March 8.

Back in Brockville for the crucial game three, the Demons surrendered a 1-0 first period lead but rallied for a 3-1 title-clinching win.

Fortin (unassisted at 8:59) tied it 1-1 in period one. Blake Watters (Sharpley at 11:26) fired home the GWG in period two. Watters iced the championship making it 3-0 on an unassisted play 1:37 before the final buzzer. Antille posted the win.

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It was a special moment for North Dundas Atom "HC" Demons forward Nicholas Guy as he celebrated scoring his team's second goal in the second period of last week's (Tues., March 10) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's East Division championship game in Prescott. Unfortunately for the Demons, the hometown South Grenville "HC2" rallied scoring three third-period PPGs, defeating North Dundas 4-2 and claiming the championship 4-2 on points. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

Bantam House 'C' Demons claim East title

CHESTERVILLE – Owen Goulet created the opportunity and Bailey DaSilva buried the GWG as the North Dundas Bantam House "C" Demons edged the Kemptville "HC1" Panthers 4-3 to become the 2014-2015 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's (UCMHL) East Division champions.

North Dundas swept the East Division four-point series pounding the host Panthers 10-4 in game one (Sun., March 8) and nipping them 4-3 in game two last week (Tues., March 10) in Chesterville.

The Demons, coached by Derek Roe, will now pursue the UCMHL's East/West championship banner playing a five point series against the western champion Kemptville "HC2" Panthers. Game one of the final round is set for Kemptville on Sunday (March 22) at 7 pm. The second encounter will be played at the Joel Steele Community Centre on Mon., March 23 at 7 pm. The third encounter is scheduled for Wed., March 25 in Kemptville at 8 pm. The scene will switch back to Winchester for game four on Fri., March 27 at 6 pm.

Stopped

The North Dundas Bantam House "C" Demons swept the Kemptville "HC1" Panthers 4-0 (10-4, 4-3) to capture the 2014-2015 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's East Division championship. North Dundas will now challenge the Kemptville "HC2" Panthers for the league's East/West title. North Dundas goalie Kara Turcotte received support from Alex Butland in stopping South Dundas Lions forward Owen Orendi on this play. The Demons eliminated the Lions in semi-final action.

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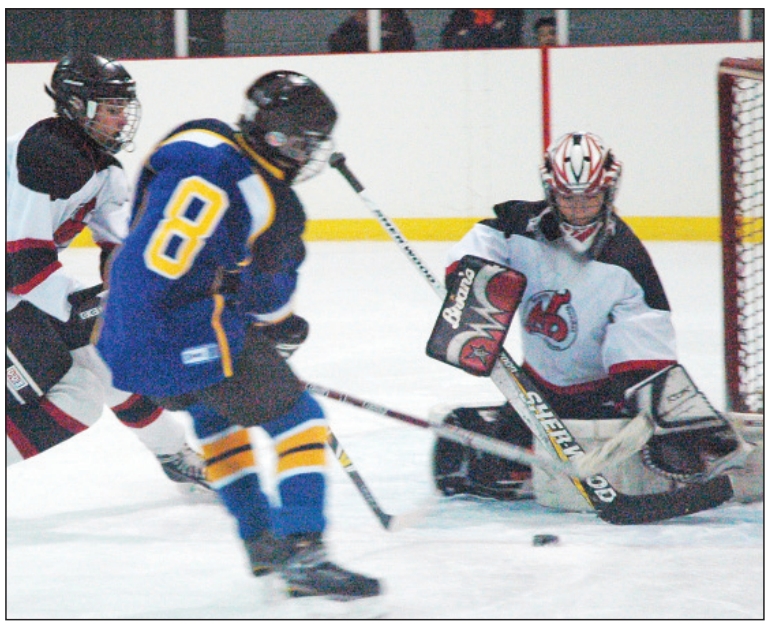

Sealing the deal

An unassisted shot fired by Cedric Dagenais put the Demons on the board at 7:14 of the first period of game two, which finished with North Dundas holding a 3-1 lead. Chase Holmes completed a play started by Nathan Saari and Goulet at 6:55 and Brayden Roe cashed a relay sent to him by Goulet before the session ended, opening up a 3-1 gap.

Kemptville cut their deficit to 3-2 in period two but DaSilva (from Goulet) fired home the GWG with 5:49 left on the clock to secure the Demons' 4-3 win and lock up the East Division silverware.

Kara Turcotte was the winning 'tender.

Getting there

North Dundas (19-5-0) collected 38 points during the regular season and finished second behind Kemptville "HC1" who totaled 40. The Demons faced the number-three ranked South Dundas Lions (12-10-1) in their semi-final series and eliminated them 4-2 losing game one 3-2, but bouncing back with 5-2 and 8-3 decisions.

Intermediate Devils finalists in Spartan

MORRISBURG – Representing North Dundas District Intermediate School (NDDIS), the Devils finished as the "A" finalists in the 2015 Spartan Classic Hockey Tournament.

The event, hosted by Seaway District Intermediate School at the Morrisburg Arena last week (Thurs., March 12), pitted North Dundas against the Brockville Collegiate (BCI) Red Rams, the host Seaway Spartans and Tagwi Warriors.

The Devils opened at 8 am blanking the Spartans 2-0. Olivia Salmon posted the shutout and received offensive support from Ethan Guy who buried a shot from the point for a 1-0 (GWG) lead. Kobey Young then finished a sharp cycle involving Nick Brugmans and Nolan Brown making it 2-0.

Devils 7 – Tagwi 0

"We started out slow, but then started to move the puck better and skated to a 7-0 win," reported coach Kevin Bell.

Kara Turcotte took her turn guarding the twine and silenced the Warriors offence.

Ben Fingler netted a feed from Nolan Brown and Cam Sherrer with 5:08 left in the second period. That tally proved to be the GWG.

Brown was next to hit the score sheet.

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Vikings scuttle Hawks, again, meeting Prescott in conference final

CASSELMAN – Once again, the battle for the St. Lawrence Division championship and the Alex English Trophy followed an all too familiar script. The Casselman Junior Vikings finish first, the Winchester Hawks either second or third. They meet in the division final and after an intense confrontation the Vikings sail off into the Rideau – St. Lawrence Conference championship series.

Casselman secured another division title edging the Hawks 5-4 last week (Tues., March 10) at the Joel Steele Community Centre and eliminating them 3-0 at the Brisson Complex last Thursday (March 12).

Casselman (33-3-3) will now battle the Rideau Division champion Prescott Flyers (31-7-4) for the conference silverware. That series begins tomorrow (Thurs., March 19) in Casselman at 7:30 pm. The Gill Cup winning Flyers will host game two on Saturday (March 21) at 7:30 pm.

Clincher

Gianmarco De Meis was unbeatable in the fifth and final meeting of the St. Lawrence final stopping everything Winchester's shooters fired at him.

Thierry Henry completed a play created by De Meis ringing up the GWG with 5:45 left in period two. Dylan McDiarmid upped the difference to 2-0 at 7:44 and Sebastien Plante made it a 3-0 final 8:08 into the final frame.

Dylan Brind'Amour took the loss. Neither power play was able to convert.

Game four

The Hawks trailed 3-2 after the opening 20 minutes of game four in Winchester.

They were down 5-2 after two periods, rallied and outshot the Vikings 17-7 in the final frame only to come up short 5-4 and fall behind 3-1 in the series.

Austin Rothe (PPG, Kyle Richardson, Josh Stubbings at 7:35) and Stevie Ray Adams (SHG, Stubbings at 16:49) counted the Hawks first-period markers. Sean David (5:47), Mathieu Galipeau (6:44) and Taylor Widenmaier (14:52) cracked the Casselman goals.

Widenmaier (PPG at 1:59) and Nicolas Brazeau (PPG, 13:23) beat Brind'Amour in period two opening up a 5-2 advantage for the visitors.

Winchester fought their way back into contention on third period tallies by Adams (PPG, Stubbings, Luke Scott at 9:31) and Rothe (Bryden van Kessel at 10:37) only to have time run out on them.

Winchester held a 35-28 advantage on the shot clock and each PP went two for seven.

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West Division champs

The North Dundas Pee Wee House "C" Demons compiled a record of six wins and two losses on their way to capturing the 2014-2015 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's West Division championship. North Dundas eliminated the Brockville "HC2" Junior Braves four points to two in the divisional final. The Demons will now compete for the East/West title against the Char-Lan Rebels. Game one of that five-point set will be played in Chesterville on Mon., March 23 at 6:30 pm. The western champs are: front (left) – Blake Madigan, Riley Jampen, goaltender Liam Antille, Alexis Sharpley; middle (left) – Owen Carkner-Pocock, Blake Watters, Brandon Toll, Sara Sloane, Jason Larmour, Charles Fortin, Justin Schoenfeld, Jade Hannaford; back (left) – Bill Toll – trainer, Sue Toll – manager, Tom Mellean – coach mentor, Des Madigan – ass't coach, Jeff Sharpley – head coach, Jason Schoenfeld – ass't coach.

Demons

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Final set

North Dundas will open the East/West final against the Char-Lan Rebels on Monday (March 23) in Chesterville at 6:30 pm. Game two is set for Tues., March 24 in Williamstown against the Char-Lan Rebels. Game three returns to Chesterville on Thurs., March 26 at 6:30 pm. The Rebels will host game four on Fri., March 27. Game five (if needed), will take place in Chesterville on Sat., March 28 at 6:30 pm.

Atom Demons

A 4-2 final score was featured in the East Division final as the fourth-place Demons (11-5-1) squared off against the third-place South Grenville "HC2" Rangers (16-5-8).

North Dundas took the series lead by way of a 4-2 decision in Cardinal on Sat., March 7. They then dropped a 4-2 verdict in Chesterville on Mon., March 9. The third and final installment was played in Prescott, a game that finished as a 4-2 win for the Rangers.

Period one of that encounter was scoreless. North Dundas gained a 2-0 lead on second period shots fired by Nicholas Guy (Jack MacGregor at 7:35) and Ben Dellah (Maddux England, Chase Berube at 6:37).

Gus Curry scored with 4:18 left in the period and ripped in two more shots on the power play in the final period. Another PPG by Xavier Carson with 6:32 left on the clock locked up the eastern title for South Grenville.

North Dundas eliminated the fifth-place South Dundas Lions (6-16-1) in the quarterfinals and then knocked off the first-place South Grenville "HC1" Rangers (20-2-1) four points to two to qualify for the final round.

Novice Demons

Following a five points to two win over the South Dundas Lions (2-2, 2-1, 5-1) the North Dundas Novice "HB2" Demons lost a four-game battle with the Kemptville "HC2" Panthers. The first game was tied 1-1, Kemptville took game two 4-2 but the Demons bounced back with a 4-3 win on Mon. March 9 in Winchester. Unfortunately for North Dundas, their season ended with that 3-2 OT loss in Kemptville on Tues., March 10.

The "HB2" Demons claimed first place in the regular season East Division standings with a 19-4-1 record. Kemptville "HC2" wound up second at 11-9-1.

Devils

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He finished a play started by Brugmans and Cam Hermer with 7:03 left in the final frame and then made it 3-0 getting assistance from Brugmans and Young at 6:39.

Brugmans then put a relay from Owen Richardson and Young into the string at 5:03. Young opened up a 5-0 gap scoring on a pass provided by Bradley McLean with 4:01 to play in the game.

Joey Hannaford got into the act finishing a play set up by McLean and Cam Cotnam 1:33 before time ran out.

Goal number seven was recorded with 36 seconds left on the clock by Curtis Bell. Hannaford and Cotnam created the opportunity.

Title tilt

North Dundas advanced to the "A" final against the Rams sporting an undefeated record (2-0) and a goal differential of 9-0.

Coach Bell said the BCI was a strong team that finished their (4-1) championship victory cracking an empty net goal.

Fingler fired home the lone North Dundas goal after taking a pass sent to him by Brandon Lovely. Salmon tended the Devils' net.

Representing the NDDIS were: Olivia Salmon and Kara Turcotte – goaltenders, Ethan Guy, Brandon Lovely, Ben Fingler, Kobey Young, Nick Brugmans, Nolan Brown, Cam Sherrer, Cameron Hermer, Owen Richardson, Bradley McLean, Joey Hannaford, Curtis Bell, Cam Cotnam, coach – Kevin Bell.

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SD&G midget boys basketball

North Dundas Devils knock off Gaels, Raiders and Spartans

CORNWALL – It was a clean sweep for the North Dundas District High School Devils as they defeated the Glengarry Gaels 27-15, CCVS Raiders 36-23 and the Seaway Spartans 43-27 in their second SD&G midget boys basketball tournament of 2015.

Last week's (Tues., March 10) three wins on the Raider's hardwood improved North Dundas' record to 5-1-0 and their point differential to 181-129.

Devils 27 – Gaels 15

North Dundas powered themselves into a 22-6 first-half lead on Glengarry in their first game. They were outscored 9-5 in the final two quarters, but emerged with a 27-15 win.

Jarret Williams contributed nine points to the winning cause. Caleb Jaquemet slipped in seven while Brayden Roe and Logan LaCass each hit a field goal and a single. Devon Billings and Justin Shay each drained a deuce.

Devils 36 – Raiders 23

The Devils held a slim 14-13 lead on CCVS at the half before pulling away mounting a 22-10 second-quarter offensive.

Jaquemet put down 10 points to lead the North Dundas attack. Williams chipped in nine. Roe drained six and Justin Shay swished a pair of buckets. Devon Billings (2), Adam Geertsma (1) and Adam Barkley (1) topped up the production.

Devils 43 – Spartans 27

A 23-point performance by Williams ignited the Devils largest margin of victory in their six starts.

North Dundas held a slim 17-16 half-time lead on Seaway, but sparked by Williams who poured in 10 third-quarter points and strained another eight through the onion bag in the final frame, the Devils cruised to their fifth win in six starts.

Jaquemet (6), Roe (4), Jaden Kabb (2), Will Dunlop (2), LaCass (2) and Barkley (2) also put up points.

D. Dumolin-Rizk (8) and K. Lawson (6) led the Seaway scorers.



Ball control

The North Dundas District High School Devils head into the March break sporting a record of 5-1-0 in SD&G midget boys basketball tournament play. Logan LaCass (No. 22) and the Devils went three for three posting wins over Glengarry, CCVS and Seaway last week (Tues., March 10).

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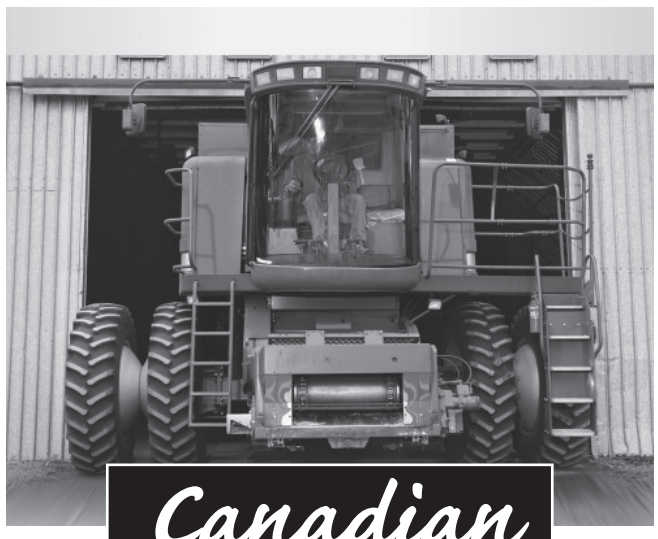



Canadian AGRICULTURAL SAFETY *Week*

How can I make a difference?

Making farms a safe place to work is every farmer's business. Agricultural Safety Week, sponsored by the Canadian Agricultural Association, takes place March 9-15, 2015, and this year it's geared around the theme Be the Difference! So, how can you do that? Maybe you'll recognize yourself below.

The lone wolf

You wait for no one. It doesn't matter if it's dark, cold or if time is short; you just get 'er done. You're often exhausted and stressed because you can't afford the right kind of help or you don't trust that other people will do the job properly.

How you can make a difference: When you're working alone, always have the means to communicate in case of an accident; carry a cell phone or two-way radio at all times. Some jobs shouldn't be done alone because the danger is too great; do mechanical, electrical or pneumatic work with a partner. Make sure you get adequate sleep so you can be alert and vigilant every moment you're on the job.

The busy family farmer

The tractor's on the fritz, but the kids have a day off school and they're getting underfoot. Your spouse has a job, and you don't want to send them back to the TV again. You tell them to get busy somewhere else and then you turn back to your chores.

How you can make a difference: Set up a proper play area for young kids away from any farm activity. Nearly three-quarters of farm accidents involving children are work related, so make sure your kids aren't near all the action. The Agricultural Health and Safety Network suggests fencing off the play area and using a self-latching gate. And enforce a "no extra riders" rule on tractors and mowers.



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Rideau - St. Lawrence Conference

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RECENT PLAYOFF RESULTS

Rideau - St. Lawrence Conference Championship Series

March 19: Prescott @ Casselman
March 21: Casselman @ Prescott
March 22: Prescott @ Casselman
March 25: Casselman @ Prescott

Rideau Division Championship Series

Brockville Tikis (#2) vs. Prescott Flyers (#1)
March 4: Brockville 3 - Prescott 2 OT
March 5: Brockville 11 - Prescott 2
March 7: Prescott 4 - Brockville 3
March 9: Prescott 3 - Brockville 1
March 12: Prescott 3 - Brockville 1
March 14: Prescott 5 - Brockville 1
Prescott wins series 4-2

St. Lawrence Division Championship Series

Winchester Hawks (#3) vs. Casselman Vikings (#1)
March 5: Casselman 6 - Winchester 3
March 6: Winchester 4 - Casselman 3
March 8: Casselman 6 - Winchester 4
March 10: Casselman 5 - Winchester 4
March 12: Casselman 3 - Winchester 0
Casselman wins series 4-1

Hawks 50/50 Draw winner - Fri., March 13 Mike Bell $1,820

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PLAYOFF STANDINGS

Rideau	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Prescott	7	4	0	39	39	14
Brockville **	6	4	0	31	19	10
Westport **	2	4	0	20	25	4
Athens **	0	4	0	5	12	0
St. Lawrence	**W**	**L**	**LOT**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Casselman	8	3	0	47	33	16
Winchester **	5	6	0	39	39	10
Char-Lan **	2	4	0	18	24	4
Alexandria **	2	4	0	16	24	4

** Eliminated

TOP PLAYOFF SCORERS (6 GAMES)

Winchester Hawks	G	A	PTS
Stevie Ray Adams	11	4	15
Josh Stubbings "C"	2	10	12
Kyle Richardson "A"3	8	11	
Bryden van Kessel	3	8	11
Austin Rothe "A"	3	6	9
JD Samson	4	3	7
Tom Fingler	2	5	7
Eric Starcevic	2	4	6
Patrick Morin	1	2	3
Shawn Simms	2	0	2
Mason Durant	2	0	2
Guellaume Taupier	2	0	2
Costa Georgitsos	1	1	2
Luke Scott "A"	0	2	2
Ben McAllister	0	2	2
Franco Gagnon	0	2	2
Tim Conlin	1	0	1
Shawn Simms	1	0	1
Kyle MacDonald	0	1	1
Liam Morrow	0	0	0
Kris Johnston	0	0	0
Blake Tarbell	0	0	0

Goaltenders
Brandon Lowery W 0 L 1 OTL 0 GAA 1.54
Dylan Brind'Amour W 5 L5 OT L 0 GAA 3.51

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Melvin Cup Final
Bush Leaguers (#1) vs. Maulers (#3)
Game one: Wed., March 11
Bush Leaguers 9 - Chesterville Maulers 1
Game two: Tues., March 17

PLAYOFF STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Leaguers	3	1	0	27	12	6
Maulers	2	1	0	10	15	4
Doggers	1	2	0	11	18	2
Roosters	0	2	0	6	9	0

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Steve Cameron, BL	6	5	11
Dean Byvelds, BL	5	6	11
Adam Schofield, BL	5	6	11
Chris Embury, HD	3	3	6
Derek Crawford, CM	4	1	5
Corey Brown, BL	4	1	5
Mark Mitchell, HD	2	3	5
Bill McRoberts, BL	1	3	4
Jamie Wyatt, BL	1	3	4
Alex Krumins, BL	1	3	4
Rob Thurler, CM	0	4	4

EASTERN ONTARIO JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Metro - Valley Conference

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RECENT PLAYOFF RESULTS

Metro - Valley Conference Championship Series

March 18: Gatineau @ Stittsville
March 20: Stittsville @ Gatineau
March 22: Gatineau @ Stittsville
March 23: Stittsville @ Gatineau

Metro Division Championship Series

Ottawa West (#2) vs. Gatineau (#1)
March 2: Gatineau 6 - Ottawa West 2
March 5: Ottawa West 2 - Gatineau 0
March 6: Gatineau 3 - Ottawa West 2
March 9: Ottawa West 4 - Gatineau 1
March 12: Gatineau 5 - Ottawa West 2
March 13: Gatineau 7 - Ottawa West 5
Gatineau wins series 4-2

Valley Division Championship Series

Stittsville (#2) vs. Renfrew (#1)
March 3: Stittsville 2 - Renfrew 1
March 6: Stittsville 6 - Renfrew 5 OT
March 8: Stittsville 4 -.Renfrew 1
March 11: Stittsville 6 - Renfrew 3
Stittsville wins series 4-0

PLAYOFF STANDINGS

Metro	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Gatineau	8	2	0	40	29	16
Ottawa West**	6	4	0	39	30	12
Clarence **	0	2	2	12	18	0
Metcalfe **	0	4	0	8	22	0
Valley	**W**	**L**	**LOT**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Stittsville	8	2	1	37	32	17
Renfrew **	4	4	0	42	42	10
Arnprior **	3	4	0	22	19	7
Shawville **	2	3	1	24	32	5

* * Eliminated
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National Capital Junior Hockey League

RECENT PLAYOFF RESULTS
Embrun eliminated La Peche in 4 games
Papineauville eliminated North Dundas in 5 games
St. Isidore eliminated Gatineau in 5 games
Cumberland eliminated Vankleek Hill in 7 games

Semi-final series
"A" series:
Embrun (#1) vs. Cumberland (#6)
March 6: Embrun 9 - Cumberland 1
March 7: Embrun 4 - Cumberland 0
March 8: Embrun 5 - Cumberland 3
March 10: Embrun 9 - Cumberland 0
Embrun wins series 4-0

"B" series:
Papineauville (#2) vs. St. Isidore (#5)
March 4: Papineauville 5 - St. Isidore 2
March 7: Papineauville 6 - St. Isidore 5 2OT, plus SO
March 8: Papineauville 5 - St. Isidore 1
March 11: St. Isidore 5 - Papineauville 4
March 13: Papineauville 5 - St. Isidore 1
Papineauville wins series 4-1

League championship Series
March 15: Papineauville 5 - Embrun 3
March 18: Embrun @ Papineauville
March 20: Papineauville @ Embrun
March 22: Embrun @ Papineauville

PLAYOFF

STANDINGS	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
Embrun	8	0	0	56	17	16
Papineauville	7	2	0	45	26	14
St. Isidore	5	3	0	33	22	10
Cumberland	4	6	0	28	46	8
Vankleek Hill	3	4	0	28	24	6
North Dundas	1	4	0	13	25	2
Gatineau	1	4	0	10	24	2
La Peche	0	4	0	13	29	0

Melvin Cup opener

Schofield, Cameron lead Bush Leaguers to 9-1 win

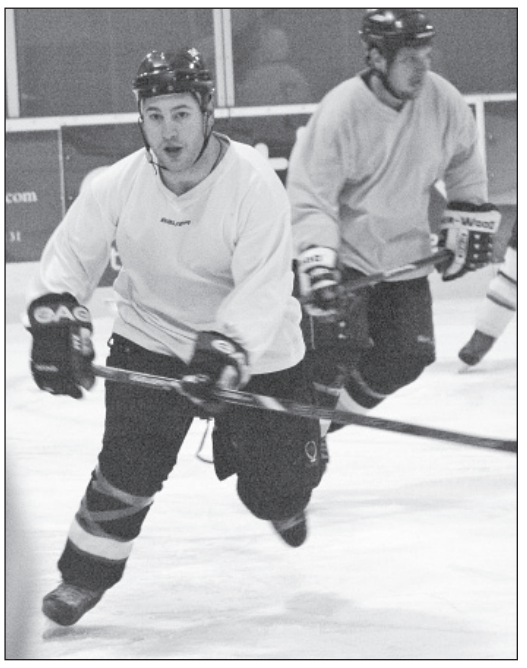
WINCHESTER – Adam Schofield and Steve Cameron produced a combined total of four goals and 10 points as the Bush Leaguers overpowered the Chesterville Maulers 9-1 in game one of the Winchester Town Hockey League's 2014-2015 Melvin Cup championship series.

The pennant-winning Leaguers (15-2-3) needed three games to eliminate the number-four ranked Heuff's Carpentry Doggers (5-15-0) to qualify for the best-of-three battle for the historic Melvin Cup while the second-place and defending cup champion Chesterville Maulers (9-10-1) ousted the second-place B&C Masonry Red Roosters (11-7-2) in straight sets (2-0).

The Leaguers dominated last week's (Wed., March 11) opener with 'tender Matt Larabie surrendering just one goal to Tyler Jones who found the back of the Leaguer's cage after taking a feed sent to him by Derek Crawford and James Kirkwood.

Schofield collected his five points on three goals and a pair of assists. Cameron tallied once and drew four assists. Bill McRoberts (1-2-3) supplied three points. Brad Bingley potted a pair while Alex Krumins scored once and set up another play. Cory Brown sniped a single and Trevor Morozuk earned a helper point for the winners.

The second installment in the quest for the 88-year-old chalice was played last night (Tues., March 17) at the Joel Steele Community Centre. If needed, game three is set for next week (Tues., March 24).



Adam Schofield cracked three goals and set up two other scoring plays helping the Bush Leaguers rip the Chesterville Maulers 9-1 in last week's (Wed., March 11) opening game of the Winchester Town Hockey League best-of-three Melvin Cup championship series. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

Blank Patriotes 2-0

Devils win five of eight midget volleyball sets

CORNWALL – A 2-0 victory of the host La Citadelle Patriotes concluded the North Dundas District High School Devils pre-March Break SD&G midget girls volleyball schedule.

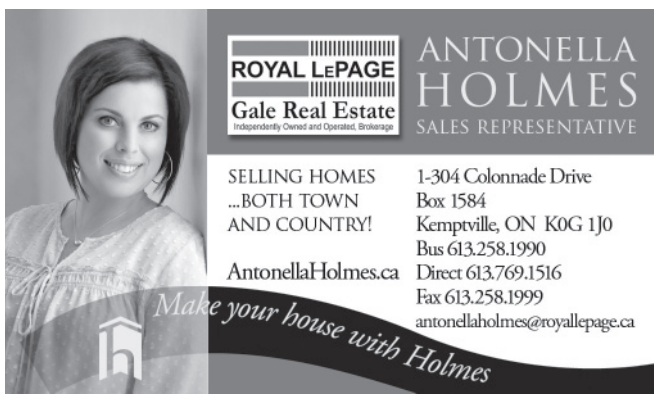
Defeating the arch rival Patriotes, perennial tri-county volleyball champs, on their home court made Devils coach Cheryl Williams' day.

"We did very well and the highlight was beating La Citadelle two straight," said Williams.

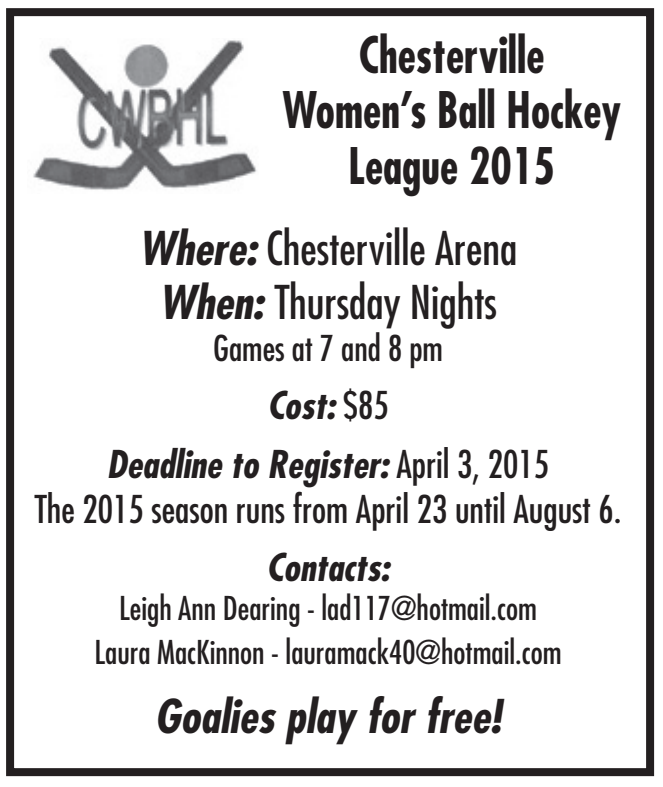
North Dundas knocked off the Glengarry Gaels 2-1 (25-21, 16-25, 15-9), lost 2-1 to the Char-Lan Crusaders (25-16, 21-25, 11-15) before finishing up with their 2-0 (25-21, 25-21) victory over La Citadelle in last week's (Tues., March 10) tournament.

The Devils record at La Citadelle was 5-3; those numbers rolled into their first tourney results (3-3) gave them an overall mark of 8-6 heading into the March break.

The final regular season tournament will be held in Williamstown at Char-Lan District High School where the Devils will face the Holy Trinity Falcons and St. Joe's Panthers on Tues., March 24. The first-place school will host the championship play downs the following week.











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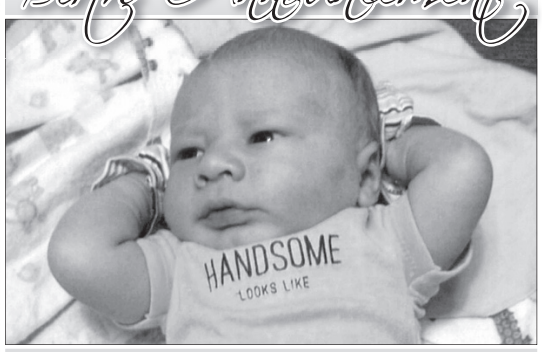

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The family of the late Gladys Boyd wishes to express a sincere thank you to all who supported us in our time of grief.

Thank you goes to all who sent cards, flowers, emails, phone calls, memorial donations, attended the service and food brought in.

Thank you to Rev. Blair Paterson for his kind words, the UCW for the reception, the Dundas Manor for their caring kindness and the Byers Funeral Home for their professional service.

Greatly appreciated,
Doug, Ruby and family

Thank You!

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the birthday celebration that my family planned for me. Special thanks to our son, Lorne, daughter-in-law Doris, and granddaughter Sherri, who prepared a bountiful lunch complete with a birthday cake.

Thank you for the purple colour theme and the signs indicating 'some of my favourite things'. Yes, I still enjoy reading my Bible, singing the old hymns, going shopping and of course I will always cheer for the Senators! Go Sens go!

Thank you, too, for the interesting 'Book of Memories' you made. What a great joy that gift has been.

Thank you to Bonnie who came and for her gift she gave me.

Thank you to our church family, who were present, and to many, many relatives and long-standing friends.

Thank you also to all the new friends we have made at Beachcroft who expressed their best wishes.

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Card of Thanks

The family of the late Ruth Casselman would like to thank everyone who helped make a difficult time more bearable. Ruth had a wish to remain at home during her recent illness. This was made possible with the professional and compassionate care of Anne Esford RN, St. Elizabeth Health Care, Gayle Myers, Rosalyn Kingston and Carla Cheney PSWs, Rivera Home Health, and Ann Barkley of Dundas County Hospice. Your care and support meant more than you can imagine.

Thank you to all who sent food, cards, emails, phone calls, flowers and memorial donations and to those who attended the visitation and memorial service.

Special thanks to Dave Lapier and Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home for their exceptional care, and Sheila Crowder and the Park Drive Villa tenants for the luncheon after the service.

Thank you so much to Pastor Diane Raddatz for the lovely service and for coming to the house to visit Ruth over the last six months.

We would like to express a special thank you to all of our family and some very amazing friends for all of their help and support.

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Bet settled

Township of North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan recently engaged in a friendly wager with Jamie MacDonald, deputy-mayor for the Township of North Glengarry. The local politicians took to Twitter to support their municipalities' junior hockey teams – the Winchester Hawks for Duncan, and for MacDonald, the Alexandria Glens. The two squads met in the Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League's St. Lawrence Division opening round, with the Hawks prevailing four games to two. With that result, MacDonald agreed to wear a Hawks jersey during Mon., March 16's United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry council meeting. He's pictured here with upper-tier colleagues North Dundas Deputy-Mayor Gerry Boyce (left) and Duncan.



McDonell's bill pushed through second reading

TORONTO – The *Right to Care Act*, introduced by Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell, is one step closer to becoming law.

At Queen's Park Thurs., March 5, the legislation was referred to the social policy committee for assessment.

"We owe it to 16 and 17-year-olds whose families can't care for them appropriately to eliminate the discrimination that exists against them in the *Child and Services Act*," McDonell said. "Through no fault of their own, these children are forced to navigate an adult welfare system that often excludes them from most services. Many end up homeless, and according to Statistics Canada are 13 times more likely to be victims of violent crime. This is unacceptable failure, especially when Children's Aid Society professionals are willing to help arrange temporary care."

The Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies and the provincial advocate for children and youth have asked for care groups to be able to offer temporary services to children 16 and 17 years old who ask for help.

Currently, the law forbids this from happening.

"This bill has been discussed in the house twice, and this will be its second journey through the committee," McDonell said. "It received all-party support, and was reported back unanimously for third reading in 2013, dying on the order paper when the election was called. It is time to ensure all children can access all services that should be available to them in their time of need."

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Obituaries & Death notices

Karen Fisher



Karen Fisher, a resident of Dundas Manor in Winchester for the past six years, passed away at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Mon., March 9, 2015. She was 63.

Karen was born in Winchester on Feb. 19, 1952 to her parents, Clifton "Tip" and Anna Merkley. She grew up with her brothers and sister on Grantley Road, Chesterville.

On Sept. 9, 1972, she married Bryan Fisher, and together they had three children: Deanna, Derrick, and Dale. They resided and raised their kids in Osgoode.

Karen will always be remembered for her positive outlook on life. Although she battled Multiple Sclerosis for over 33 years, Karen always had a smile on her face, and was full of laughter. She adored her children, and cherished her grandchildren. Her family was her number one priority. She loved adventure, and was not afraid to try anything. She was a fighter, and always lived life to the fullest. She was an inspiration to many.

Karen is survived by her devoted husband, Bryan; her children, Deanna Massey (James) of Ottawa, Derrick (Laura) of Osgoode, and Dale (Jennifer) of Mountain; her siblings, Robert Merkley (Margaret) of Chesterville, Doug Merkley (Sue) of Winchester, Gordon Merkley of Chesterville, Nancy Carruthers (Carman) of Chesterville, Billy Merkley of Osgoode, and Philip Merkley (Erma) of Chesterville. She was the loving grandmother of Mikal, Kyera, Greyson, Ryann, Garrett, Tobey, and Cooper. She was predeceased by her parents. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville on Fri., March 13 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was held at Trinity Bible Church in Osgoode on Sat., March 14 at 1 pm with Rev. Melody Trolly officiating. Spring interment of cremated remains will be at Grantley Cemetery in Chesterville.

Donations to the MS Society or the Dundas Manor Activity Fund would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful staff at Dundas Manor for their exceptional care. We would also like to thank all our family, friends and community for all their support throughout the years and especially during the last two weeks.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com

Dalton Hummel

Retired Sunoco tanker truck driver



It is with much sadness that the family announces the passing of Dalton Hummel at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Fri., March 13, 2015. He was 79.

He was the dearly loved father of Donna Small (Michael) of Kemptville, Marlene Laviolette of Morrisburg, and Sandra Kentfield (Ryan) of Cardinal. Poppy will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Lisa Laviolette (David Hopkins), Ryan, and Hanna, and his great-grandsons, Nathan and Jacob. He is survived by, and will be greatly missed by his brother, Rae (Elsie) of Winchester, and his sisters, Linda Johnston (Lorne) of Brinston, and Doris Beckstead (Nathan) of Oshawa. He was predeceased by his parents, Kenneth and Loressa Hummel (nee Hanna). He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Dalton's Life will be held at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Sat., March 21 from 2 to 4 pm. A private graveside service will be held later in the spring.

Donations to the Dundas Manor Activity Fund would be appreciated by the family.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to the staff of Dundas Manor for the kind and compassionate care provided to their Dad over the past 10 years. Also to the nurses and Dr. Moussette who took wonderful care of Dad during the last two weeks in hospital.

Dad had such a tremendous sense of humour and quick wit. He will be missed!

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Donnie Barkley



Donnie Barkley of Inkerman passed away peacefully at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Thurs., March 12, 2015. He was 76.

He was the beloved husband of Marian (nee Whitteker) for 53 years. He was the dear father of Kevin (Carolyn), Kendra (Ryan), and Krista (Chris). He was the much-loved Grandpa of Maddison, Dylan, Joshua, Jonah, Zechariah, and Malachi. Donnie was a dear brother of John (Judy), Jenny, Velma (Bill), Velleda (Gary), and Wilda (Perry). He was predeceased by his brothers, Rae and Paul, as well as his parents, Roy and Estella Barkley.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life at the South Mountain Agricultural Hall, 2967 Lough Rd., on Sun., March 29 from 1 to 4 pm.

Donations to Inkerman United Church or Dundas County Hospice would be appreciated by the family.

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

Online condolences may be made at www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com

Randolph (Ron) Hayes Arthur Villeneuve

June 4, 1931 - March 15, 2015



On Sun., March 15, 2015, we said farewell to our dear Dad, Ron Villeneuve, beloved father of Michael, David, and Lisa (Michael Watson), and forever "Grumple Ron" to his only grandchild, Christopher.

He was the only child of the late Hayes and Lydia (Lil) Villeneuve, and was raised in the Kilmar, Grenville, and Hawkesbury regions. He later worked and lived in Montreal, Toronto, Saint John, Halifax, Newmarket, and Bracebridge.

Predeceased by his first wife, Eva Vivian Scott, and his second wife, Anne Smith, he finally settled in Winchester to be near family and the country life he loved. Notoriously stubborn, Ron met his match with the team at Dundas Manor, who rose to the challenge of loving Dad through his dementia with great humour and respect. We will forever be grateful for their loving care and kindness to all of us.

Ron's remains have been cremated. The funeral will be held on Sat., March 21 at 11 am at the South Mountain United Church followed by a light lunch at the county library next door. In lieu of flowers, Ron would have appreciated donations to be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or a charity of your choice.

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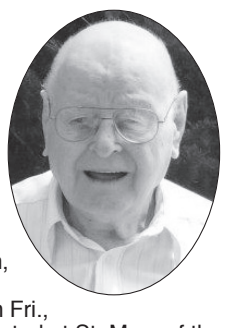
Wynand Vingerhoeds



Wynand Vingerhoeds passed away peacefully at Woodland Villa in Long Sault on Wed., March 11, 2015. He was 87.

He was the beloved husband of Mary Vingerhoeds (nee Rasenberg). He was the loved father of Larry (Jenny), Maria Greenlees (Paul), Michael (Elizabeth), Garry (Barb), Johanna Vingerhoeds, Dianne Helmer (Dale), Adrian (Marie), John (Mary), and Peter (Amy). Wynand was the dear brother of Jan, Lies, Annie, and Nelly, all of Holland. He was the cherished Opa to 26 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Louis and Joanna (nee Broeders) Vingerhoeds, one brother, Wim, and three sisters, Rie, Jo, and Dina.

Visitation will be held at Brownlee Funeral Home, 18 Front St. in Finch on Fri., March 20 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary of the Presentation Roman Catholic Church in Chesterville on Sat., March 21 at 11 am. Rite of committal to follow in the parish cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to the Ottawa Heart Institute or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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