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WDMH bucks provincewide trend of job cuts



Thanks for everything

Morrisburg's June Herriman (left) has been a member of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary since 1990, and for those 25 years she was one of many honoured during a volunteer appreciation luncheon held in Chesterville Thurs., April 16. Herriman was also conferred with a provincial life membership in the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario. She is pictured with outgoing auxiliary president Janice Hyndman. For more coverage, see page 5.

Press Photo – Uhrig

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Though hospitals in neighbouring centres are trimming staff numbers, Winchester District Memorial (WDMH) is bucking the trend.

According to CEO Cholly Boland, the village medical facility should remain unscathed.

"We're not there… It's tight, but we're good," he said during a recent meeting with area media outlets.

Boland credits changes made last year for the sound financial position.

Following five months of consultation, the hospital announced in March 2014 that 14 beds were being cut – nine from the medical/surgical unit and five from the complex continuing care ward – and nine staff positions were being eliminated.

No staffing reductions expected at hospital: Boland

No full-time employee lost their job with the changes, while part-time workers had hours reduced. The hospital's extended care unit was also relocated to the inpatient area.

At the time, Boland said nearly $700,000 in savings would be realized from the adjustments, with the money going against WDMH's budget deficit.

It was a tough decision to make, though the CEO said it strongly positioned the hospital.

The Ottawa Hospital announced last month it would be eliminating 35 full-time jobs as part of a $26-million cost saving effort. Meanwhile, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario said in early March it would be shedding upwards of 50 staffing positions in response to an anticipated $6.7-million shortfall in the hospital's 2015-2016 budget.

At Brockville General Hospital (BGH), six non-clinical positions were eliminated, saving the medical facility $425,000. In 2013, seven jobs were cut, a cost saving measure totalling roughly $700,000.

According to BGH administration, a further $1.9 million in savings will be needed in the coming months, and more layoffs are expected.

"We are good in contrast to other hospitals," Boland said. "We have achieved financial stability, and are being careful with our finances."

The hospital is also prepping for a full rollout of the Upper Canada Health Link initiative, which then health minister Deb Matthews launched at WDMH last spring.

"It's very much in its infancy," Boland said.

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ND tightening strings on township-owned facilities

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – The Township of North Dundas is bleeding money when it comes to operation of municipally owned buildings. It has been a problem for some time, and the township is slowly moving away from past agreements in order to recoup costs.

During North Dundas' Tues., April 14 council meeting, recreation director Meaghan Meerburg highlighted another problem.

Winchester Open Mic Night has been taking place at the village's Old Town Hall since 2012, having transitioned to a weekly schedule throughout the year.

When the township moved to increase user fees, or exact fees for groups who have previously not paid at its facilities, the open mic night convener (Ann Brady, who was in attendance at the meeting) was notified.

However, Brady indicated participants could not afford the fee, even if it was as little as $1, and "respectfully declined" the charge.

Meerburg said the proposed fee for the event's use of the hall was $22.60 per booking, meaning an annual take in of $994.40.

This was meant to, she added, boost, but not fully implement cost recovery.

"The harsh reality of it is we've had a few furnaces go, and hot water tanks," Meerburg said.

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A caring Canadian

Photo courtesy MCpl Vincent Charbonneau, Rideau Hall

Winchester's Joanne Moss spent time at Ottawa's Rideau Hall Tues., April 14, meeting Gov. Gen. David Johnston and being honoured with a Caring Canadian Award. For Moss, it's the culmination of a life's work, having served 20 years as national director of the Canadian Foundation for Animal Assisted Support Services, an organization she founded. Moss herself escaped abuse in the past, which led her to helping those facing difficult physical and emotional circumstances through the use of animal companions. Her organization also helps autistic children find relief by riding ponies, and provides civilian and military personnel suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder with service dogs.

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WDMH

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WDMH is leading the network planning, which will partner the medical facility with about 16 outside providers, including Dundas Manor, the Township of Osgoode Care Centre, various physician practices and more, to better assist patients with complex medical needs.

As well, the village hospital has received increased provincial funding for an expanded outpatient physiotherapist, and is moving forward with its quality improvement plan for 2015-2016.

User fees

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"We want to maintain the buildings to have beautiful locations... Not just maintaining, but getting better," Meerburg added.

In 2014, the operational cost for the Old Town Hall was $18,916, with only $4,085 in revenue generated.

Councillor Al Armstrong was incensed by Brady's dismissal of the request.

"Respectfully declined? It wasn't posed as a question," he said. "They are being made to pay. We must stress who owns that building."

Since 2009, net losses at the venerable facility total more than $30,000.

Brady pleaded her case, noting that only she is responsible for orchestration of the weekly happenings, though she believed she was doing it as a service to the municipality.

"I did not realize I was not a volunteer running it anymore," she said. "[Open mic] provides a valuable service to the community."

Councillor Tony Fraser said he has been left "frustrated" by the booking process of the facility, as it "seems quite busy."

"I thought it was a fluke, but the money [brought in] is very low," he added.

The other major user of the site is The Dundas County Players, who book many weeks at a time in preparation of the theatre troupe's two yearly productions. Oftentimes the group has full use of the site, though in the past they have made efforts to free up room when required. For this, the group returns a percentage of profits to the township.

> Charge 'respectfully declined'

"It is frustrating, and no insult to the players, but we own the building," Armstrong said. "We should absolutely not be in the position we're in."

Fraser said the minimal fee proposed "should not limit those taking part."

Deputy-Mayor Gerry Boyce agreed: "I really don't think it is too onerous."

For Mayor Eric Duncan, the fee changes are about "everyone chipping in a little bit."

"The township supports [the building] with very significant investments," he said. "If groups contribute a little bit it is a very minimal cost to them. This is not about being disrespectful, but about everyone chipping in."

Brady was given until month's end to come up with a "concrete plan" to pay for future bookings. Otherwise, the open mic night must find a new venue by Fri., May 1.

Morrisburg woman pleads guilty to three charges of animal cruelty

MORRISBURG – A Morrisburg woman has pled guilty to three counts of animal cruelty following a September 2014 incident.

Susanne Donaldson confessed recently to causing distress to an animal, permitting distress to an animal, and failing to provide veterinary medical attention. Each charge falls under the *Ontario SPCA Act.*

Last year, organization inspectors received a call concerning a sick dog and very young puppies. When they arrived at the village address, Donaldson explained that she had just returned from the animal hospital where her female dog had been euthanized.

She said that her three-year-old boxer had given birth to 11 puppies five days earlier, and had not been eating or drinking for the past several days.

Donaldson added that the veterinarian had explained that her dog had a retained placenta, and was in very poor condition. Of the 11 puppies, seven were still alive. Three were stillborn, and one died not long after its birth.

The remaining puppies were foul smelling with open and swollen wounds on their tails from elastics Donaldson had placed on them several days earlier in an attempt to amputate the tails. Donaldson voluntarily surrendered the puppies to the Ontario SPCA.

The body of the deceased boxer, meanwhile, was found to be in poor physical condition and was emaciated.

The puppies were taken to a veterinary hospital, examined, and provided with the care they required. Throughout the next several days, the puppies received 24-hour care in a foster home, including frequent veterinary care; however, they failed to thrive and died.

Donaldson received a $500 fine, was placed on probation for two years, and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $120.68. She is also prohibited from owning animals for five years. Ontario SPCA officers were granted access to her property to ensure compliance with the orders.

"There is no excuse to let an animal go without proper veterinary medical attention," Steve Toy, senior inspector, said following Donaldson's sentencing.

Police lay raft of charges in vehicle theft

METCALFE – Shortly after 10 am Thurs., April 16, an employee of a car dealership near Bank Street and Rideau Road flagged down an Ottawa Police Services officer after he observed two suspects attempting to steal a vehicle in the lot. The officer approached the suspects, but they fled in a secondary stolen vehicle. The car made contact with the officer's leg as the suspects drove off.

Other officers pursued the vehicle toward Mitch Owens Road until the chase was called off. The stolen vehicle was later found abandoned on Pana Road.

The canine unit was then called in, and the suspects were apprehended in a wooded area.

Gordon Craig, 43, a federal parolee, faces charges of assault with a weapon; theft of a motor vehicle; possession of property obtained by crime; failure to stop for a police officer; operation of a motor vehicle with a disqualified licence; assault; forcible confinement; possession of a break-in instrument; dangerous operation of a motor vehicle; possession of property obtained by crime under $5,000; and uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm.

The female apprehended alongside Craig was released without charge.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Motorcyclist charged

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – On Sun., April 19, at approximately 9:50 am, a Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry OPP Snowmobile – All-Terrain Vehicle – Vessel Enforcement Unit officer intercepted an off-road motorcycle on Sandy Row Road after observing it being driven in a dangerous manner.

The driver, Ashley Roderick, 20, was arrested. She faces charges of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle; driving while under suspension; driving an off-road vehicle with no insurance; using an off-road vehicle with no numbered plates; and unlawfully driving an off-road vehicle on a highway.

Roderick is to appear in Morrisburg court Tues., June 9 to address the criminal charges, and Tues., June 16 for the *Highway Traffic Act* charges.

Assault investigation

MOUNTAIN – On Sun., April 12, at approximately 10:45 pm, SD&G OPP began an investigation into a report of an assault at a residence on Church Road.

The investigation indicated that an adult male had forcibly entered the home, and assaulted a male resident inside. The victim sustained minor injuries, and was taken to hospital.

On April 19, police charged John Cole, 50, with breaking and entering a dwelling with intent to commit an indictable offence; and assault causing bodily harm. He is scheduled to appear Tues., May 12 in Morrisburg court.

Teen faces numerous charges

DUNBAR – On Fri., April 17, at approximately 9:44 am, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a family dispute at a residence on County Road 7. The investigation indicated that an altercation between family members resulted in one male threatening and assaulting another.

Further information revealed that the accused was in breach of conditions imposed from a previous incident.

A 19-year-old male faces charges of aggravated assault; two counts of assault with a weapon for brandishing a hammer and throwing stones; uttering threats; causing bodily harm; and three counts of breach of recognizance.

He was held in custody pending a bail court hearing in Cornwall.

Weapon offences

WINCHESTER – On Thurs., April 16, at approximately 6:48 pm, OPP officers responded to a report of gunshots fired at a property on Jennings Road. The investigation revealed improperly stored firearms, though no injuries resulted.

Eric Voyer, 41, was arrested and faces charges of careless storage of a firearm, and possession of a weapon for dangerous purposes.

He is to appear Mon., June 15 in Morrisburg court.

More break-ins in South Dundas

IROQUOIS – Area OPP officers on Tues., April 14 received two more reports of break-ins at residences on Broken Second Road in the Municipality of South Dundas. The investigation indicated that assorted tools were stolen.

The latest residence invasions follow six other break-ins the same area within the past two weeks.

Police continue to investigate. Residents are reminded to be extra vigilant in reporting suspicious activity to the OPP.

Obstructing police

MORRISBURG – On April 14, at approximately 1 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a two motor vehicle collision at an off-ramp of Highway 401.

The investigation indicated that the two occupants in the vehicle provided false information to police relating to the operation of one of the vehicles involved. Further information revealed both occupants were also in contravention of conditions imposed from previous incidents.

Township of South Stormont resident Aaron Taylor, 26, was arrested and charged with obstructing a peace officer, and three counts of failure to comply with recognizance.

Lianne Killen, 24, a Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley resident, faces charges of obstructing a peace officer and two counts of failure to comply with a probation order.

Taylor was held in custody pending a bail court appearance in Cornwall, while Killen is scheduled to appear in Morrisburg court Tues., June 9.

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Township reintroduces spraying to curb noxious roadside weeds

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Continuous roadside cutting has done little to curb noxious weeds growing along Township of North Dundas roadsides, so the municipality is moving to chemical use.

During council's Tues., April 14 meeting, politicians approved a recommendation brought forward by public works director Dan Belleau to undertake roadside spraying this year.

"We're using the county policy, but tuning it to suit North Dundas," he said. "We do need a policy to apply for spraying."

Belleau noted that despite mowing roadside ditches for two years, the township is no further ahead when it comes to reducing the number of noxious weeds.

The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, meanwhile, has been testing products for four years in an effort to curb the spread of weeds.

According to county figures, a combination of spraying and mowing has produced an acceptable kill rate of 90 per cent.

North Dundas will be undergoing routine spraying alongside the county, neighbouring North Stormont, and South Stormont and South Glengarry.

All work is to be supervised by the upper-tier government.

The municipality has budgeted $50,000 for the spraying, and will pay Wagar and Corput Weed Control $9,847.70 for application. The total cost of the chemical is not yet known.

For this season, all North Dundas roadsides will be sprayed, while in upcoming years applications will be alternated between different areas of the township.

Mayor Eric Duncan said municipal staff should be prepared for negative reactions from some residents.

"There will be some pushback, but it will be controlled weed spraying in the sense of best practices," he said. "We've tweaked different aspects… It will be standard process. [The county policy] is very well regarded, and it's a model adopted by other jurisdictions."

Belleau noted homeowners do have the ability to opt out of spraying, and can post a sign noting such.

"As long as you cut the grass in front of your place, we will not spray," he said.

Owners silent as rumours swirl of Dean's closing

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Will Mike Dean's Super Food Stores six locations soon be closing? It depends who you ask.

Reports indicate the Dean family is prepared to offload the business, shuttering stores in Chesterville, Vankleek Hill, Bourget, Almonte, Sharbot Lake, and its head office in Winchester.

When contacted by the *Winchester Press*, Gordon Dean, vice-president of the family business, offered only a terse response.

"It has always been, and remains our corporate policy never to respond to rumours," he said.

Further questioning about whether the owners feel responsibility to customers to address the latest developments went unanswered.

At both the Winchester and Chesterville locations, stock is noticeably absent on various shelves, and other items have been reduced in price by 50 per cent or more for quick sale.

The business began in May 1976 when family patriarch, and the company's namesake, Mike Dean purchased the former Laflamme's Grocery on King Street in Chesterville.

He married his wife, Nancy, in 1979, and the couple welcomed two children, Gordon and Julie, with the four having an active role in the business.

The Chesterville store remains the only grocer in the village.

In May 2011, Mike Deans' Super Food Stores celebrated 35 years of operation.

The company is a member of the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers.

Open air market given green light

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – For the first time in recent memory, the village will be home to a weekend market this year.

During the Township of North Dundas' Tues., April 14 council meeting, politicians approved the proposal brought forward by the Winchester Sunday Market committee. The initiative is to commence Sun., May 31, continuing each weekend until early October. The market will be open 12 to 4 pm at the 100 Club Park.

According to the submission by the committee, the market "will feature the bounty of our agricultural community, and provide an opportunity for local producers, artists and artisans to come together with discerning consumers and their families in a weekly village market experience at the park."

The 100 Club Park was selected based on its proximity to the Winchester Lions Club Pavilion, outside access to washrooms in the south end of the Centennial Pool building, and the band shell facing north onto Main Street.

The nine-member committee selected Sunday so as to not compete with established Saturday markets in Chesterville and Metcalfe, while most of Ontario's more than 200 farmers' markets also take place that day.

Sunday is the selected day for markets in Kemptville and Ottawa.

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Garbage collection strategy pitched

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – What the Township of North Dundas' garbage collection will entail in the next decade or beyond is not yet known.

However, capacity at Boyne Road's landfill will soon be exceeded. The dump currently has a slated closing date of 2023, though waste director Doug Froats has been making efforts to push the end date further.

During North Dundas' Tues., April 14 council meeting, politicians approved a new contract for collection services with Berwick's Hume Waste Disposal.

Approval extends the contract for two years to December 2016. With the agreement, the municipality will pay Hume $219,981.72 yearly.

Froats noted the firm provides "a high level of service to our community at a competitive price."

This brought about further discussion of the township's policy.

"We've been doing it the old way for a long time, and we do have limitations," Councillor Al Armstrong said.

Boyne Road landfill reaching capacity

Closing costs for the landfill have been estimated at $1 million, while the site would be shuttered in sections opposed to all at once.

The township has already made the necessary steps toward limiting landfill intake, cutting the weekly roadside pickup to two bags in February 2013. Meanwhile, tipping fees have been increased, while waste management staff have been packaging recyclables and shipping them out as part of a diversion process.

Froats said the department is currently working on restricting the intake of commercial waste and streamlining collection practices.

"Right now, it is set at unlimited capacity," he said. "Either we streamline or set restrictions. Because there are some instances of large amounts of waste being produced."

Another culprit? Food waste, Froats said.

"We need a reduction on that, and there is more [resident] education needed," he added.

Armstrong said that discussion in the past had focused on the purchase of an incinerator at the landfill, meaning staff could burn the garbage rather than letting it pile up and ultimately burying the heap.

"This is something prudent for us to have a discussion about," he added.

Township to track roadside sign reflectivity

WINCHESTER – An outside firm is slated to chart the effectiveness of the Township of North Dundas' numerous roadside signs.

The municipality on Tues., April 14 approved a contract for Brighton-based Advantage Data Collection to perform a sign reflectivity study on the roughly 700 markers currently in use.

In this year's budget, North Dundas set aside $10,000 for the work, while Advantage's contract has been set at $7,500. It works out to $7.50 per sign, and a further $200 per person for accommodations.

As part of the study, the firm will track each sign in use and barcode them in order to identify priority postings that no longer meet provincial traffic guidelines. Data collection software will also be uploaded to the township's server, which will allow North Dundas staffers to continue with remedial efforts following the study's completion.

This work will not, however, dictate where signs should be placed in an effort to increase public safety.

"It's not a study that will show where signs are needed," Dan Belleau, director of public works, said.

Roads department staff are in the midst of making note of where signs should be erected.

"When patrolling, they are [documenting] where signs are needed," Belleau said. "We first need to figure out how many are needed, and budget for them."

Councillor Al Armstrong, an advocate for updating North Dundas' signage, welcomed the study.

"[When completed], we need to go forward and make some of the changes," he said.

Municipality needs sidewalks solution

WINCHESTER – A recent legislation change is forcing the Township of North Dundas to focus more on the maintenance of its village sidewalks.

Where people walk has long been a contentious issue in the municipality, and at times has divided councillors.

During the township's Tues., April 14 meeting, sidewalks were again the topic of conversation.

Because of adjustments to the provincial *Minimum Maintenance Standards Act*, North Dundas will need to begin a winter maintenance program for all township sidewalks.

This, director of public works Dan Belleau noted, will increase costs to the municipality.

Currently, Belleau said he is looking at options, including contracting out some of the work or bringing it all in-house with increased staff presence.

"A conversation on sidewalks is going to be expensive," Mayor Eric Duncan said. "But I am interested to see some of the options. It's a risk management thing, and it seems we'll have to do it internally within each village."

Further discussion targetted general maintenance of sidewalks, as there are some in certain villages that are crumbling and in a state of disrepair.

"We have a lot of work to do on sidewalks that haven't been updated in a long time," Deputy-Mayor Gerry Boyce said. "There are some places where there were sidewalks, but not anymore."

Duncan noted that most new subdivisions no longer have sidewalks, as the road width is increased to allow for passing cars and pedestrian safety.

Chesterville pool to be rehabilitated

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – The aging aquatic facility in Chesterville is in the midst of restoration.

Township of North Dundas councillors on Tues., April 14 approved a rehabilitation plan for the village pool, with work getting underway the following day (Wed., April 15).

Project should come in under budget

Three separate companies are partnering to complete the project. Dejong Masonry will bring the perimeter slab to an appropriate grade (priced at $36,961), while Capital Fence and Wire will install new chain link fencing and gates surrounding the pool ($12,938.50).

Superior Pool, Spa, and Leisure, meanwhile, received the contract for the installation of new pool piping and skimmers ($29,662.50) and concrete repairs, marbelite coating, coping replacement, and tiling the pool's interior ($120,964.24)

The same firm completed work last year at Winchester's Centennial Pool, though repeated construction delays left North Dundas management unhappy with the service, and the opening of the facility was prolonged by a week.

The anticipated cost of the total project is $200,516.24, less than the $225,000 budgeted by the township.

Chesterville's pool was constructed in 1967. Recent years have seen persistent problems with waterlines as a result of the pool tank being raised from its original position.

Structural displacement is consistent throughout the entirety of the facility, and a raised lip between the edge coping and pool deck has become a tripping hazard.

Mayor Eric Duncan noted the pool was the last of four major recreation projects for North Dundas, with Winchester's pool and arena and the Chesterville Arena having all been overhauled.

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Hospital pays tribute to long-service volunteers

CHESTERVILLE – During a luncheon Thurs., April 16, numerous Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) volunteers were honoured.

Those in attendance, many of them current members of the medical facility's auxiliary, were treated to lunch and entertainment. The event, held at the Royal Canadian Legion Chesterville Branch 434, served as the village hospital's acknowledgement of National Volunteer Appreciation Week.

"It is such a privilege to work with all of you," Allan Archer, WDMH's chief liaison officer, said. "Volunteers benefit [the] communities [served by the hospital], and the organization itself. It is truly immeasurable."



Winchester District Memorial Hospital volunteers, many of whom are members of the medical facility's auxiliary were feted during a luncheon Thurs., April 16. Isabelle Conley was honoured as both a provincial life member of the Hospitals Auxiliaries Association of Ontario and for 20 years of service to the hospital. She is pictured here with hospital CEO Cholly Boland. *Press Photos – Uhrig*

A highlight of the lunch hour session was a presentation from the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario, which honoured three members of the auxiliary. The provincial life membership, the most prestigious award the organization merits, was presented to June Herriman, Isabelle Conley, and Lisa Streng.

"There is no way we can put a price on volunteerism," Archer said.

Currently, there are more than 200 volunteers at the hospital, and those supporters last year provided more than 11,000 hours of their time.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to: Joy Fellows, Linda Foster, Lorna Holmes, Marilyn McCurdy, Paulette Poulin, and Hannah McCauley.

Volunteer pins went to Lorna Anderson-Smith, Elisabeth Kauffman, Diana Kennaway, Norah Martel, and Grace Robinson.

Nancy Farley-Holmes received the past-president's pin, while Frieda Armstrong, Bev Beck, Denzil Crowder, Karen Graham, Kim Link, Sue McMillan, and Jim McVey were honoured as local life members.



Marguerite Fawcett received commendation for her 40 years of auxiliary membership.

Others in attendance were recognized for their years of service to the auxiliary.

Marguerite Fawcett took home a 40-year pin, having put in four decades of commitment to the organization, while 30-year pins went to Joyce Gelenyse and Janny VanDerbaaren.

Marion Carkner and June Herriman were honoured for 25 years of service, and Isabelle Conley, 20 years.

Joyce Francis was given a 15-year pin, while 10-year honours went to Dick Giberson, Barbara Grubb, Lorna Holmes, Donna Jeacle, Gloria Summers, and Coby Zandbergen.



Outgoing auxiliary president Janice Hyndman addressed the crowd during the event.

Five-year pin recipients were: Sabina de Strecher, Marie Fawcett, Elisabeth Kauffman, Dianna Kennaway, Muriel Smith, and Jane Trafford.

Meanwhile, despite the day's celebrations, the auxiliary is also struggling to remain afloat, with several key executive positions having been vacated, and the total number of members dropping.

"We begin a new fiscal year with no president, first vice, or second vice," Janice Hyndman, the auxiliary's outgoing president, said. "We're a little unsure on where we're going."

A visioning session regarding the organization's future is set for Thurs., April 23 at 9 am in room C1401 at the hospital.



Claude Ladouceur and Sandy Mayhew are pictured at the Sat., April 18 fundraiser for the couple. Ladouceur was diagnosed with cancer last year, though his treatments were recently halted, as they weren't working. Family and friends have been generating proceeds since that time to help offset mounting medical costs.

Press Photo – Uhrig

Claude Ladouceur fighting on, community rallies behind pair

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Cancer has diminished Claude Ladouceur's mobility, but it hasn't taken away his fighting spirit.

The Dunbar resident suffered a bad fall last October, hitting the floor in the shop he built with his own hands a decade earlier. A gash on his head was a result of the stumble, but it set the stage for something much worse.

A thorough examination by doctors following the fall showed that Ladouceur had signs of lung cancer, which had also spread to his brain.

He then went in for chemotherapy treatments at Winchester District Memorial Hospital throughout the winter months, as well as radiation treatments at the Ottawa Hospital's General Campus.

But, those have now stopped. Doctors halted the process because it wasn't working.

Ladouceur and his partner of nearly two decades, Sandy Mayhew, have been plotting a course set on not only extending his life as much as possible, but ensuring a financial legacy once he's gone.

The disease has weathered his skin, adding more years than the 69 he has already lived; yet he remains upbeat in the face of the end.

"I'm still fighting… I've got to fight this," he said.

His graciousness remains, and he is setting small goals, including celebrating his 70th birthday next month.

Though not moving as swiftly as he has in the past, his cancer-stricken body is thus far free of physical pain, which, Ladouceur said, he is grateful for.

He's a realist, too. Putting their home up for sale is meant to help Mayhew when he has passed, as his life insurance policy won't pay out beyond 65 per cent.

A crowd-sourcing effort has also helped to drum up more than $32,000 since it went online in March. The initiative (visit www.gofundme.com/ow1bec for details) was undertaken by Barb Saddlemire, Mayhew's boss at Winchester's Subway outlet.

"People have been good to us," Ladouceur said.

Meanwhile, a bake sale at the Royal Canadian Legion Winchester Branch 108 Sat., April 18 helped to generate a further $600 for the couple.

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With no prayers before council meetings, the silence is golden

A recent Supreme Court of Canada decision has led various levels of government to reexamine the use of prayer.

The country's constitution tips its hat to "the supremacy of God," and the same goes for the national anthem. Prime Minister Stephen Harper regularly asks that "God bless Canada."

On Parliament Hill, the House of Commons gets underway routinely with a prayer to "Almighty God," as does the Senate and the legislature at Queen's Park.

Locally, the City of Cornwall uses a rotation of representatives from various religions to open council meetings, while in the Township of South Stormont the "Lord's Prayer" is recited en masse before sessions get underway.

The City of Ottawa, as well, uses prayer to begin meetings.

With so many examples, it was confounding last week that Canada's highest court would rule that the city council in Saguenay, Que. should not be opening its meetings with a prayer before the process infringes the Charter right to freedom of conscience and religion.

The ruling, though unanimous among the judges, won't be an easy sell. It does, however, put an end to a nine-year legal battle that began with a complaint filed by atheist Alain Simoneau, and secular-rights organization against the mayor.

In 2011, Quebec's human rights tribunal ordered an end to the prayers, and demanded that a crucifix in council chambers be removed. The mayor fought back, and in 2013 the province's court of appeal overturned the ruling.

The latest order is the right one. Considering Canada's diversity, the Supreme Court's warning that public meetings cannot be "a preferential space for people with theistic beliefs" is hard to argue against.

While 22 million Canadians identified as Christian in 2011, eight million were listed as following no denomination and three million were Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jewish, or other.

Therefore, Saguenay's council and others are wrong to recite parables aimed at a single faith.

This is a circumstance where silence is welcomed. Legislation of varying degrees should be debated in religion-neutral spaces.

Society is changing, and holding a certain theological bent means less and less to many. No government should encourage or discourage any form of religious conviction.

Remember when…

1925

"The Morrisburg Collegiate Institute was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning," the *Winchester Press* reported. "The cause of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to be because of defective electric wiring. [The] loss is estimated at $35,000."

1935

"Complete courses for girls will be restored shortly in the agricultural school at Kemptville, the minister of agriculture, Duncan Marshall, announced in the Ontario legislature tonight during consideration of estimates," the *Press* said. "George H. Challies expressed pleasure at the vote of $68,125 for the school. Expenditure of the institution for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1934 was $54,094.04. Marshall said he wished Eastern Dairy School, now located in Kingston, had been situated in Kemptville."



This week in 2005, North Dundas District High School student Andrea Hudson was pictured working the mini-hurdles at a recent workout session, as "it's training time for the [school's] track and field squad."

1945

It was announced this week the eighth victory loan would soon open, and Winchester's objective was set at $170,000: "It need not be too strongly emphasized that it is important that the 8th Victory Loan go over the top, because most people should be intelligent enough to realize that while the war in Europe may be nearing an end as far as actual fighting is concerned, plenty of cash is needed to transform the country from its wartime tempo to a peacetime basis."

1955

In community news: "Only 13 seconds off the official time of four hours, four minutes, and 27 seconds, Kathleen Bouck is $100 richer this week after winning the Chesterville Legion's annual Nation River Barrel Contest."

1965

Winchester United Church's Young Peoples' group was pictured on the front page of this week's issue during their bottle drive: "It was interesting to note also the variety of bottles that were collected – long necked, short necked, and no neck at all; big bottles, little bottles, in-between bottles; pop bottles, milk bottles, and other bottles too. The 'other' type of bottles also brought bigger returns."

1975

This week, in Bill Smiley's column: "Every so often I'm reminded of how very lucky Canadians are. We are not smarter than other people. Goodness knows, we are no more industrious. We are just luckier, because we happen to be living in this country at this time… Millions of people on Earth today are literally starving to death. They will be dead, stone dead, in days, months, a year… Talk about fat cats or buxom beavers, and we're it… Oh yes, we have poor people, quite a few of them. But, you would be hard put to it to find anyone in Canada literally starving to death. Or freezing to death. Or dying because there is no medicine for disease."

1985

"More than five years of community involvement, determination, and hard work accomplished the desired results when, on Monday afternoon, the contract was signed and first sod turned for the Township of Osgoode Care Centre, one of the first of its kind in the province," the *Press* reported. "More than 250 enjoyed the warm spring sunshine."

1995

The front page of this week's edition featured photos of South Mountain's 115-year-old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, which had been struck by lightning in a "freak storm," causing the building to catch fire and burn. The story continued with a full-page feature inside: "115 years of history up in smoke."

2005

In hospital news: "With more than $15 million ready and waiting, the expansion project of Winchester District Memorial Hospital will soon be underway. Trow Associates will be on site at [the hospital] Fri., April 29, conducting a geotechnical survey. 'We're on track,' said Lynne Wilson, spokesperson for the hospital. 'Things are moving.'"

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50 Shades of Black



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

According to Dylan Black, "Every time you leave the house, another door opens."

The longtime Ottawa radio personality may be known more for his voice than the work he does in the community. But the Boom 99.7 FM DJ makes a much bigger impact on people through the work he does off the air than he does by taking us back in time.

And, hey, since I am in my 35th year of wallowing in the 1980s, getting my Frankie Goes to Hollywood and Thompson Twins fixes are a big part of my routine.

"Radio is great because it gives you a platform for recognition, and with that you can make a difference in the community and in people's lives," said Black.

Making a difference is what Dylan Black is all about.

While some people put their money where their mouths are, Black goes one step further. He puts the needle where his veins are. This month, he will donate blood for the 62nd time in his life. He has also organized many blood donor clinics, and has utilized his profile on Boom 99.7 to raise awareness for the cause.

While Black has become an unofficial and somewhat accidental spokesman for blood donation, it is just one piece of his community involvement puzzle. He has been a relentless volunteer with the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), and will serve as one of the hosts for the CHEO Telethon on CTV Ottawa in June. He is also involved with the Telus Walk for the Cure as this year's honourary chair. That event takes place Sun., June 14.

As he is telling me this, he sees me hiding a smile.

"What's so funny? Is there something going on that day?"

"No," I replied. "Since we were just talking about 80s music, I was thinking about The Cure. You know, the band. I'm thinking at the Walk for the Cure everyone would be walking around singing 'Pictures of You' or 'Friday I'm in Love.'"

He chuckled.

"No, [songwriter and lead vocalist] Robert Smith won't be there," he said with a smile. "It's not about the band, The Cure, it's about the cure for type one juvenile diabetes."

His schedule seems pretty jam-packed. But that's who Dylan Black is. Every minute, every moment, is about making a difference.

"I've had a pretty good mentor along the way in Max Keeping," he said. "For 20 years, I have been watching what he has been doing. Every day, Max would find a different way to make a difference in someone's life. Even though he has been very visible, most of what he has done has been under the radar, things that nobody ever sees or knows about. He is someone who genuinely cares about others all the time."

For more than 40 years, Keeping has been the face of CTV Ottawa, known and admired just as much in the small towns and communities outside of Ottawa as he is within the capital. Keeping was the longtime master of ceremonies for the annual CHEO Telethon. For his work in the community, Keeping has become a member of the Order of Canada, received the Gemini Award for Humanitarian Work, and has received the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship.

He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2003, and for the past decade, has used his high profile to provide inspiration to many as he has publicly fought for his health. It is estimated that Keeping has helped raise $100 million for various charities throughout his lifetime.

"Max showed me what it means to be a true person of the community," he said. "He used his position in the media as a platform for people to care. People began to know him for his selflessness, and people have always responded to him."

When Black arrived in Ottawa after graduating from Loyalist College, he recognized how Keeping transcended broadcasting and used his status to help other people. CHEO seemed to be the primary focal point of Keeping's work, and Black wanted to become involved.

"There is always a need for help and for volunteers, especially with CHEO," said Black. "I've even put on the CHEO bear suit more than a few times."

He added that he has even shown up at homes of people he knows who have sick children in the suit just to cheer them up.

For years, Black has given his time and his efforts to CHEO and other organizations like the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He has worked on campaigns and raised awareness, from his work as a blood donor to raising more than $10,000 in the Movember campaign.

In addition to his radio job and his work as a host on Rogers TV in the daytime, Black serves as a master of ceremonies for numerous events. It could be a fundraising dinner or even a professional wrestling event. It could also be a small event at a community centre where maybe his presence and a tweet or two could lend support.

"Sometimes there will be three or four, maybe even five or six events in a week," he said. "But I do that because maybe I can make a difference. That's what Max has always done."

Social media has helped Black take his community work to another level. He initiated Boom Cares, an element of the station where not-for-profit and charitable events can be promoted.

"I love doing everything I do," said Black. "It doesn't take long to make a difference."

Dylan Black has made a big difference, one open door at a time.

Letter to the Editor

Grain terminal contradicts zoning bylaw

The Editor:

The Wed., April 15 edition of the *Winchester Press* contained a letter that attempts to justify construction of a grain terminal along Lakeshore Drive, near County Road 2 west of Flagg Road.

Unfortunately, the writer of that letter failed to deal with the most important question: Would a grain elevator on the proposed site be consistent with the Municipality of South Dundas' zoning bylaw?

I draw readers' attention to Section 1.13 (16) of that bylaw that states, "All uses are prohibited unless specifically permitted in this bylaw." The important text here is that the permission must be *specifically in this bylaw*. It is clearly *not* acceptable for council or staff to simply say, "We hired someone in Ottawa to tell us it would be okay," or for them to pass judgement that someone (or perhaps a few people) might benefit financially.

I have followed this subject with interest for nearly two years. I have attended several meetings, including those of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement association, municipal council, and last October's all-candidates debate, where the subject was raised. I have talked personally with many people on this subject, and I have read staff articles and "letters to the editor" in a variety of agricultural and local media.

I have also written to staff and elected officials of South Dundas, and, of course, I have checked the bylaw.

In short, not one person has indicated to me – either verbally or in writing – where in the bylaw they believe there is the "specific permission" that is required. It is my view that the reason no one has indicated the presence of the required specific permission is because it is simply not there.

As for the writer last week raising the issue of the qualifications of South Dundas chief building official, Don Lewis, readers should remember that it was not the community citizens that asked JL Richards to intervene.

According to an email I received from the former mayor back in 2013, it was South Dundas officials themselves that decided to go to the consultants rather than let Lewis handle the task internally. One is left to guess whether Lewis agreed with this for some strange reason or was he overruled, and that they should ignore offers of assistance and requests from local citizens in the process.

Interestingly, I did not find anything in the bylaw to the effect that if staff cannot find the "specific approval" that is required then they should hire a consultant, but I did find in Section 1.13 (1) that "words not defined shall have the customary meaning or as defined in a standard dictionary."

Why do we need to hire a consultant in Ottawa to tell us what is customary in South Dundas or in the grain industry?

The letter also further attempts to justify and explain the payments by EDP Renewables for road usage or potential damage, and in the process provides the explanation that each "windmill setup has an overall weight of approximately 164 tons" (about 149 tons), not including the electrical cables. If this is correct, then 10 towers equates to 1,640 tons. If we double that weight to account for cable and other components, then the estimated total becomes 3,280 tons when all is completed. Somehow, inexplicably, this justifies a significant one-time payment (to the two municipalities and to the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry) for potential road damage.

Using the same logic should require the elevator operator to pay on an annual basis more than 10 times the amount paid by EDP (since the elevator would take 40,000 tons to fill just once, not to mention the initial weight of the facility itself).

The letter of April 15 rambles on about increased traffic, about property values and living near the proposed elevator, about creating jobs, and suggests that the local residents should "take one for the team and get on with your lives."

It also states "the needs of the many must outweigh the needs of the few." On this latter item we should all remember that several hundred people signed a petition objecting to the proposed elevator that I believe would benefit only a few in our community.

From my perspective, I want a community that adheres to the rules, and in the long run such a community will be held in higher esteem and be much further ahead than by trying to circumvent the rules or push through special deals just to accommodate a few.

If we let special deals rule the day, who knows what the next one will be? It could be an abattoir on your street, a septic waste storage facility in our public park, or a vehicle dismantling and parts recycling business in a residential area.

To conclude, Section 1.10 of bylaw 2010-48 says, "No municipal permit, certificate, or licence shall be issued for a proposed use of land or a proposed erection, alteration, enlargement of any building or structure that is in contravention of any provision of this bylaw."

In my view this means that a permit should not have been issued, and we should not have our tax money used to fight against our neighbours.

Just in case my reading of the bylaw has somehow missed the necessary "specific permission" I would welcome a five-line response quoting the section that only a few seem to be able to find.

Ron Wilson
Morrisburg

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From Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon

Stemming tide of online crime

OTTAWA – Cyberbullying is a sad reality faced by too many young Canadians across the country. The youth of Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry are not exempt.

The misuse of social media can destroy the lives of its victims and their families.

That's why our Conservative government is pleased that our *Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act* has now become law.

The legislation is helping to ensure Canadians are better protected from online criminal activity, including young Canadians from the dangers of cyberbullying. The new law is giving police the tools they need to investigate crime in today's high-tech environment, while at the same time, protecting Canadians' privacy.

It is now an offence to share an intimate image without the consent of the person in the image. This includes when the photo is taken without the person in the photo even realizing it, or if it is taken unwillingly. The new law also empowers courts to remove an intimate image from the Internet, and order forfeiture of the device used to commit the offence.

Meanwhile, the new legislation will also take a strong stand for victims. Indeed, for too long the justice system has been about protecting the rights of criminals, not the victims of the crimes. Now, the courts will be empowered to provide for reimbursement to victims for costs incurred in removing intimate images from the Internet and elsewhere.

Our Conservative government has a strong record of protecting Canadians, especially children, from online criminal activity. We increased the age of protection from 14 to 16 years, and strengthened measures to protect children from online sexual exploitation.

We've also taken a strong stand for victims to provide for a stronger voice in Canada's criminal justice system by delivering our *Victim's Bill of Rights*.

I ask you to help me send a message to the young people of our community: If you, or someone you know, are being cyberbullied, talk about it with an adult you trust. Contact the police if the bullying is serious. And remember, you can always call Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868. It is anonymous and confidential.

Through the *Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act*, our Conservative government is proud to continue working to help keep Canadians, young and old, safe while online.

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

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Pure and natural: New business ready to clear the air



Owner of Brandy's Pure Products Brandy Rogerson (left), and business plan helper, Kim Wall (right), are pictured alongside one of the shop's products – Pheylonian Beeswax candles.

by Nina Guy

WINCHESTER – A new one hundred per cent pure capping beeswax store has opened in downtown Winchester.

Since the first week of February, Brandy's Pure Products has been selling non-toxic, non-allergenic, and all-natural products made from beeswax.

Some of the products offered at the store are Pheylonian Beeswax candles, which emits negative ions to help improve your health, and hemp oil, which creates fatty acids that your body cannot create on its own.

All-natural health benefits

All products are beneficial for your health, as the smoke can remove mildew, mold and other common household problems, such as dust, claims store owner Brandy Rogerson.

"It literally purifies the air," Rogerson said. "Instead of having something that you buy at the store and plug in to purify your air, you just have to light the candle [and it does the work for you]."

When comparing these products to other purifying items, beeswax scientifically cleans the air and can last several hours, meaning that it will cost pennies an hour to burn, whereas other candles cost much more, she added.

Not only will this product save money in the long run, but it will also purify your home, body, and mind simultaneously.

"I want to provide the community [with this product so that they don't] have to go farther away to the bigger community centres," Rogerson said.

With the change in weather, more customers have been stopping by and inquiring into the all-natural products.

"With customer growth, I hope to provide more pure products as well," she said.

The store will also be receiving accessories, such as hemp necklaces with the yin and yang design to represent balance and hemp headbands in the next few weeks.

Seniors celebrate Easter at Lions Hall

WINCHESTER – The Winchester Golden Years held its Easter meeting at the village Lions Hall Thurs., April 16.

President Marjorie Lougheed welcomed 44 members, and guests Vicky Cook, Ross Blakely, and Rev. Bruce Kemp.

"O Canada" was sung, the "Lord's Prayer" was said, and a minute of silence was observed for member Roy Campbell who passed away earlier in the week.

Birthdays and anniversaries were read for April, and the members acknowledged them. Minutes of the last meeting were read, followed by the treasurer's report.

Both the card and euchre committee were heard from, and old and new business was dealt with.

Lougheed reminded members of upcoming events: Wed., May 13, Zone 35 rally; a bake sale and spring hall parade are to be featured at the May meeting; Wed., June 3 is the bus trip; and the June meeting is to feature a walk-athon.

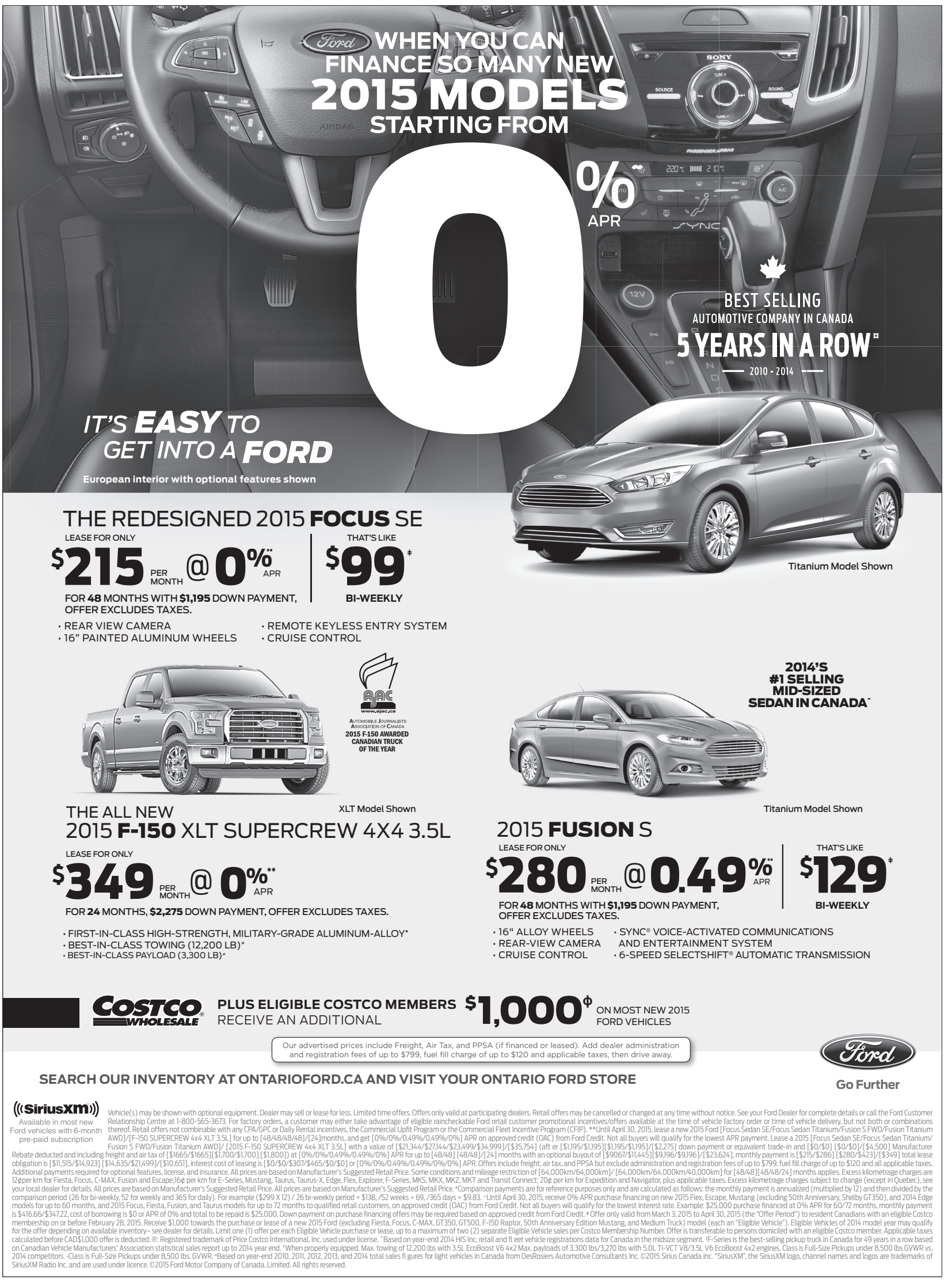
Nancy Rodger and Marion Renwick were the "share the wealth" winners. Lougheed then thank members for their help at the group's pancake breakfast earlier in the month.

Kemp said "Grace" before Lyle Skuce and the kitchen committee served lunch.

After the meal, Marlene Faulkner introduced Blakely, who entertained members with some country music.

The seniors' next euchre events have been scheduled for Thurs., April 23 and Thurs., April 30, and Thurs., May 14.





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Far left: *Lisa Garlough (left), and Jennifer Kelly served Oktoberfest sausages during Weagant Farm Supplies' customer appreciation event Wed., April 15.*

At left: *Mike Roosendaal (left), salesperson at Weagant's, chatted with customers Martin and Emily Constapel.*

Photos – Guy

Weagant welcomes spring with customer appreciation

by Nina Guy

WINCHESTER – With spring comes warmer weather, meaning crop farmers can take to the fields.

For more than 20 years, Weagant Farm Supplies has been welcoming hundreds of producers to their annual open house. This year, they estimated more than 500 attended the Wed., April 15 event.

Numerous pieces of machinery and other equipment were on display throughout the day.

"A lot of times, it's the actual contact that you make, as opposed to the actual sale [that customers value most]," Stacey Weagant, business administrator, said. "You have to know what the customer really needs to keep them as a 'forever' customer."

The sunny spring weather also helped increase attendance.

"[For these types of events], you have to hope for good weather. [Today], it's nice weather, but not so nice that that they can be working on the fields themselves," Weagant said. "It kind of gives them an opportunity that they can come out, enjoy, and see what's new, what's different."

Along with hundreds of machines, Weagant also offered Oktoberfest sausages, coffee and juice for those who attended as a treat to thank customers for their support and loyalty.

"Customer appreciation is number one," Weagant said. "All year long, they're here. They support us, so [this] is our chance to clean everything up, get everything on display, kick off spring, and also thank the customers."

Taste for Life at Winchelsea has music too

WINCHESTER – Winchelsea Events is joining more than 30 Ottawa-based restaurants tonight (Wed., April 22) in a celebration of life.

The County Road 31 establishment is taking part in A Taste for Life, a fundraiser for Bruce House and the Snowy Owl AIDS Foundation. Both organizations offer support services for people affected by HIV/AIDS.

Twenty-five per cent of the night's proceeds will be directed to the charities.

The menu features a fajita buffet with all homemade accompaniments, as well as salad, dessert, tea, and coffee. Admission is $25 per person.

Local musician/songwriter Marleen Fawcett will be providing entertainment, and has donated her time to the fundraiser.

A Taste for Life began in 1999 with 26 restaurants, and has increased annually. It has also spread to communities coast to coast, all in support of AIDS services organizations.

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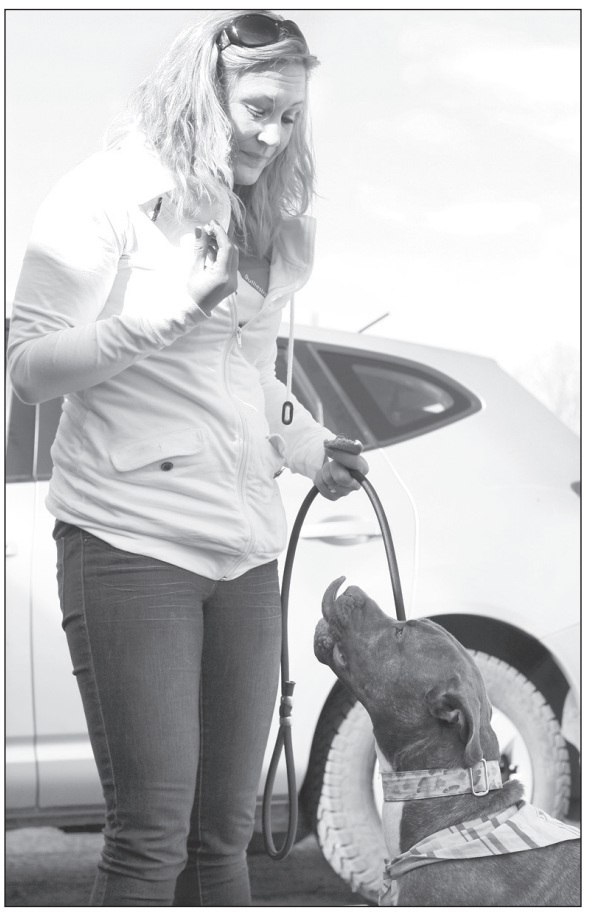

Veronica Hamilton and Egan, one of the dogs currently available for adoption.



Paw protectors

A fundraiser for Bullies in Need, a rescue dedicated to pit bull type dogs that face euthanasia due to an Ontario ban on the breed, was held Sat., April 18 at Winchester's Pet Valu location. Association members were selling baked goods and other items in order to raise funds for the organization, which fosters the dogs and works to setup out-of-province adoptions. A fundraising total was not available by press time. Above, Heidi Maglaras and Brian Girard worked the bake sale table. *Press Photos – Uhrig*

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Suicide prevention protocol joint effort

KEMPTVILLE – A new suicide prevention protocol devised through the leadership of two area school boards is set to help provide prompt, caring assistance for students in crisis to keep them safe.

The Community Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Risk Review Protocol was officially launched during a signing ceremony late last month in Kemptville.

The strategy was developed through a broad-ranging partnership of the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) and the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO), and area community mental health agencies, hospitals, crisis teams, and police services.

More than 21 agencies were involved in developing the protocol, and a representative of each agency was present for the signing.

It is a strategy for how boards and community agencies will respond as a caring community to reduce the risk of suicide for students in crisis, UCDSB chair Jeff McMillan noted.

It has been implemented because suicide is the second-leading cause of non-accidental death among children and youth in Canada. The intent of creating a caring community is to develop resilient youth by inspiring a sense of belonging and acceptance.

"The protocol is important because it will help to support, through awareness and understanding, the safety and wellness of all of our students and in particular students at risk of suicide," McMillan said. "The community partnerships established in this protocol show the power of a caring community that is there to support our students in crisis, and in times of need. Together, I believe we can make a huge difference in the lives of our students."

Major goals of the protocol include:

• Assisting district school boards and community partners to take active steps to support students who pose a risk of suicide

• Increasing education and awareness on the topic of suicide.

• Ensuring the safety and well being of all children and youth in our communities

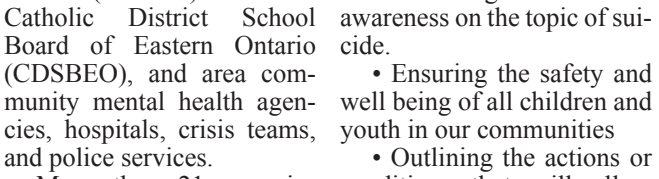
• Outlining the actions or conditions that will allow suicide intervention by board staff, and staff from hospitals and community partners, and what interventions must be taken to protect the life of a student

• Providing staff with professional development in suicide awareness and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

• Building understanding of the nature of youth suicide, the myths and facts, risks and protective factors, and warning signs

• Educating schools, community services, parents, and students about suicide prevention and intervention

• Providing guidelines as to when personal information can be released to protect the life of a student (i.e. in case of an imminent threat to a student's life).



Upper Canada District School Board education director Charlotte Patterson is pictured during the Community Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Risk Review Protocol signing ceremony late last month in Kemptville.



Local business on display

The annual South Dundas Chamber of Commerce Spring Home and Trade Show took place Fri., April 17 and Sat., April 18 at the Morrisburg Arena. Bluegrass band County Road 44 performed during the show. Pictured are band members Bernie Couville (left), Lisa Pigeau, Heather Ready, and Kim Wallace.



Royal LePage realtor Tracey Veinotte, who also served on the trade show's organizing committee, thanked the many vendors who set up booths. This year's event was sold out, with vendors filling every inch of space on the facility's concrete slab and in the upstairs viewing area.

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With spring weather taking hold, Erin VanGilst, owner of Create It! Garden Design and Installation, is preparing for the busier days ahead.



Satisfying his sweet tooth, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Warden Eric Duncan (right), who also serves as the Township of North Dundas' mayor, spoke during the event's opening ceremony April 17. Also pictured is Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell.

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'Things ain't always what they seem, Dollface'

by Nina Guy

WINCHESTER – What do you get when you mix the 1940s and several William Shakespeare plays? A hilarious murder mystery!

The Dundas County Players have brought to life *The Maltese Bodkin*, a theatre play that not only encompasses the film noir style, but also the ancient Shakespearean one as well.

Set in England, the story follows Birnam Wood (Tracy Howe), a private investigator whose partner has just been brutally murdered and has been hired by Viola (Shannon Murdock) to investigate the disappearance of her brother, Sebastien. As he tries to uncover the mystery behind his partner's death and Sebastien's disappearance, Birnam encounters various Shakespearean characters, such as Mercutio from *Romeo and Juliet*, Puck from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Iago from *Othello*, that only add to his problems.

Wizards, maidens, and Venetians are only a small part of this dilemma as Birnam sets off to uncover the biggest and most diverse crime of his life.

The production brings a sense of complexity to the play, not only with its numerous scene changes, but also with the mix of English and Shakespearean language frequently used.

"It's really a fun play that has a lot of different elements," play director, Gaenor Howe said. "There's a time change, so you're getting a feel of the 1940s to the film noir. [Most of all], these characters have so much life and so much power, [it was great]."

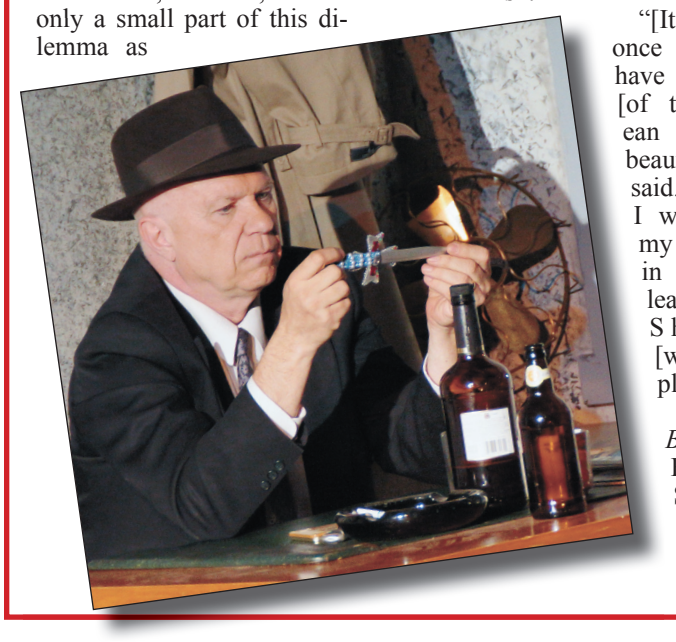
And it was especially difficult for the actors in question.

"It was hard to learn it all, but it's really fun," Tracy Howe said. "It's a really unique kind of play and a really exciting production."

It was also a challenge for some of the actors to not only endure fight training, but also learn how to switch from modern dialect to Shakespearean English.

"[It was] difficult, but once it's there and you have the understanding [of the Shakespearean language], it's beautiful," Murdock said. "Sometimes I wanted to throw my own language in there, but I've learned a lot from Shakespeare [while doing this play]."

The Maltese Bodkin continues Fri., April 24 to Sun., April 26 at Winchester's Old Town Hall.







Above:
Rick Ventrella (left), Sam Moss Nafekh, Harvey Blais, Shannon Murdock, and Tracy Howe performing a scene in the second half of the Dundas County Players' latest production, The Maltese Bodkin.

Far left:
Birnam Wood (Tracy Howe) examining the mysterious murder weapon, the maltese bodkin.

At left:
No one can get the best of Birnam Wood, not even Iago (Rick Ventrella).

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Going above and beyond for patient care at WDMH

WINCHESTER – The latest Values Excellence Award recipients share a common theme – they go beyond the call of duty to ensure the very best care for patients at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

The trio honoured earlier this month included hospital auxiliary member Marg Merkley, nurse Mary Thompson, and Dr. Patricia Moussette.

According to colleagues, Merkley has volunteered in countless areas of the medical facility, from helping out in pharmacy to filling in at cardiac services and physiotherapy.

"When the work is done, she goes looking for more to keep her busy," her nomination form read. "Marg never complains with the mountain of paperwork, and this collaboration helps departments focus on patient care. That is teamwork."

Thompson is a nurse on the medical/surgical unit, and is described as the symbol of Canadian healthcare quality.

Her positive and enthusiastic attitude does not go unnoticed by her colleagues: "She is a role model for quality. She always meets her patients and colleagues with a beautiful and relaxing smile on her face."

Meanwhile, Moussette's commitment to quality and compassion is said to be an example for others.

Recently, the doctor suspected a patient had a rare disorder, and shared her findings with a specialist. He conferred with colleagues worldwide, and Moussette's diagnosis was confirmed.



Auxiliary member Marg Merkley (left), nurse Mary Thompson, and Dr. Patricia Moussette are the latest recipients of Winchester District Memorial Hospital's Values Excellence Award.



Winchester resident Carrie Crellian has collected nearly 200 dresses, which she is donating to underprivileged teens in time for this year's prom season. She had the collection on display at Main Street Clothing Company Sat., April 18 some of which were donated by Bridals By Al-Mor. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

Paying it forward with elegant style

by Nina Guy

WINCHESTER – There's a new way to pass on old dresses without throwing them out.

Since beginning last month, Carrie Crellian has gathered nearly 200 dresses in order to donate them to underprivileged teens who cannot afford to purchase new ones for this year's prom.

Whether from her own closet or donated by various businesses and families, each dress will go to someone less fortunate.

"You've got to have a good job to be able to afford any type of thing," Crellian said. "Families have to work two to three jobs to afford [to play] sports. Everything is just overpriced and expensive. I just figured that giving these dresses [for] free to people that can't afford them [is the right thing to do]."

Most of the dresses given to Crellian are top of the line, varying from Alfred Angelo to David's Bridal and other designers. The dresses vary from $565 to thousands of dollars and are sized zero to 24, while designs vary from wedding to prom styles.

Along with the dresses, Crellian is also donating shoes, purses, and assorted accessories to complete the package. She has also given contributors the opportunity to donate the dresses to various charities.

In order to showcase the collection, Crellian has also taken it upon herself to open her house to girls who need a dress, allowing them to sift through the different styles. They were also set up at Main Street Clothing Company Sat., April 18.

"I've felt like giving back," Crellian said. "There's enough depressing stuff happening in the world, and it's nice to pay it forward."

If everything goes well this year, Crellian will make this an annual initiative.

Meanwhile, North Dundas High School will host a fashion show later this month to feature the dresses.



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South Mountain's Aaron Burns revs up for full racing season

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Now 20 years old, Aaron Burns is about to enter his 16th year riding motorcycles.

The North Dundas District High School graduate is currently completing his final semester at St. Lawrence College in the Motive Power Technician course, which fits nicely into his plans to race competitively full-time this season.

Burns started riding at the age of four. He competed in a motocross race the next year and then rode leisurely in and around his South Mountain home until he mounted his first race bike at the age of 18. He then completed multiple track days at Calabogie Motorsports Park.

Last year, Burns finished FAST (advanced instruction) riding school Phase 1 at Shannonville Motorsports Park and graduated with the Top Rider Award. That summer, he also competed in the Novice 600 bracket racing into third place in the Novice 600 Race Super Series Round 8 at Shannonville. Overall, Burns wound up 11th in his class.

"I began my track riding/racing on my father's old hand me down 1995 Honda CBR 600 f3, which was a perfect way to get my feet wet," Burns explained. "Over the winter I have picked up the newer 2001 Suzuki GSXR-600 which is putting out a bit more power [roughly 112 HP as compared to the 98 HP Honda] and is much more technologically advanced then the '95."

Burns plans to start the 2015 road circuit season in the Novice 600 class and hopefully move up to the Amateur 600 division.

One might think that straddling a high-powered bike around multiple snake-like curves at high speeds (210 kph – 230 kph back straight stretch at Shannonville) with one knee sliding along the asphalt track surface is a rather dangerous way to spend a weekend.





Aaron Burns is about to put his 2001 Suzuki GSXR-600 on the track for the 2015 RACE Superseries, which is five rounds of racing at Shannonville Motorsports Raceway. In his second season competing in the sport, the South Mountain resident will be entered in the Novice 600 class. Burns' 425-pound, 112 HP bike's number 895 is derived from his North Dundas Demons minor hockey jersey number (8) and the year of his birth (1995).
Press Photos – Van Bridger



Aaron Burns, 20, and his Suzuki GSX-600 will rip around the Shannonville circuit, cornering in similar fashion indicated in the accompanying file photo, during the 2015 RACE Superseries 600 Novice class.

According to Aaron's father Alan, who launched his racing career as a 23-year-old and will still be competing at 52, the speed gets the adrenaline pumping and creates plenty of thrills, but quickly added, "it is much safer than one would think."

"First, you must remember that everyone is going in the same direction and no one is going to pull out in front of you," Alan, who will share the Burns Racing Suzuki this season with his son, added.

The elder Burns will compete in the Middleweight Masters and Middleweight Sportsman classes at Calabogie.

"I am one of the oldest riders still racing," he said. "But I really like the 'Bogie [Calabogie]. The course has 22 corners."

"My dad is where I get my inspiration from," Aaron added.



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Racing is expensive

"Financially, it is tough being younger and trying to make it out to every event, but I am doing my best and am happy with the results and budget I have made for the year," he explained.

In order to learn more about building his independent race team, Burns was invited through the Road Race Stars of Tomorrow program, to attend the Spring Motorcycle Show in Toronto in March. There he met new people made new contacts, attended seminars learning more about the business aspect of the sport and how to approach new sponsors with a professional attitude.

Burns put the sport into perspective pointing out that a single race weekend (Thursday through Sunday) can cost more than $1,500, especially when you consider a set of tires that only lasts the weekend is worth $500. There is also the cost of fuel for bike and hauler, accommodation (Burns Racing usually stays at the track to cut costs) and food for the team.

The young entrepreneur has already attracted sponsors including Marriner Design (Winchester), 613 Motorsports (Ottawa), ShawnAir, and the Road Race Stars of Tomorrow. He would certainly like to display more sponsorship decals on his bike.

Burns explains that racing motorcycles is something he finds hard to explain.

"Either you get it or you don't," he said. "It's a feeling that you get hooked on and can't get enough of. I have gotten my drive through my father, who is the person I look up to and always want with me at the track."

If you would like more information on Burns Racing or joining the team as a sponsor, check out their Facebook page (Burns Racing) or email aaron_burns_burnssy_95@live.ca.

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Shifting focus to concussion management



Crista MacMillan, a registered physiotherapist at Summers Physiotherapy, is the only certified physiotherapist in the area who can help patients enter the healing process after receiving a concussion.

by Nina Guy

WINCHESTER - Concussions are becoming increasingly more common, especially among athletes.

To stem the rise, the company Shift Concussions has developed a program to bring awareness to communities throughout Canada. This company, affiliated with the non-profit organization Stop Concussions, founded by former Philadelphia Flyers captain Keith Primeau and onetime European hockey player Kerry Goulet, helps physiotherapists get down to the "grassroots" of the problem.

Summers Physiotherapy in Winchester is offering the concussion management program in hopes of enlightening the population on the complications concussions can inflict.

Crista MacMillan, a registered physiotherapist, is the only employee who has completed the course thus far. Since she started the program in November 2014, MacMillan has helped several people, two of which were athletes.

"People would go to the hospital or go to their family doctor [to get checked]," MacMillan said. "[The doctors] didn't have a lot of stuff for them to do. Normally, it would be to go home or sit in a dark room to take away the visual stimuli until the symptoms went away. People are hearing more about them."

Currently, there is no method of diagnosing a concussion, which is why people go to the hospital and wait the symptoms out. But there are assessments that can be made to speed up the healing process.

With concussions being related to both balance and sight, there are issues that cannot be seen at home. For example, if you have a concussion and it is related to your sight, an optometrist may have trouble diagnosing you, which may worsen your condition.

> ***"The symptoms are so out there and severe that you don't feel like yourself. You even wonder if you'll ever feel like yourself again."***
>
> *— Crista MacMillan, registered physiotherapist*

"Receiving a concussion isn't something you've experienced before, and isn't always something you can describe to someone," MacMillan said. "The symptoms are so out there and severe that you don't feel like yourself. You even wonder if you'll ever feel like yourself again."

Indicators vary from patient to patient, depending on the severity of the injury. Some people may have one symptom, whereas another can have 20. Such symptoms include headaches, light and sound sensitivity, balance problems, and fatigue.

Baseline testing is the method used to detect the injury and how to approach its healing process. Considering baseline testing is linked to physiotherapy, the specialists use this technology to determine the patient's neurocognition, balance and postural stability, and visual co-ordination.

"[These tests] give us an idea of where they were, where we need to get them back to, and sometimes it can also lead us in the direction we're going to do management strategies to tell us what aspects are affected as opposed to other ones," MacMillan said.

Receiving treatment for a concussion may take away some aspects of a person's routine, but there are other activities that can be completed while still allowing the body to heal properly. Listening to music is one of those options.

Unfortunately, in today's society, listening rather than watching is a giant step that isn't easy to take.

"You tell a 13 year-old girl to call their friends and talk to them on the phone," MacMillan said. "Tell them to call instead of text. [Unfortunately, they'll say] 'we can't call our friends. That's old. You don't call people on the phone anymore.'"

As it stands, hockey is one of the sports in Canada that causes more concussions than any other, football being a close second. A few seasons ago, the hockey community was affected greatly by Sidney Crosby's absence from the rink due to concussion-like symptoms. But what about the children who play the sport? They're also at risk, maybe even more so because of their small size. In 2013, it was noted that hockey resulted in nearly half of all traumatic brain injuries among children and teens in Canada.

Team Roach crowned OVCA champs

OTTAWA – Following its win of the zone tile, Team Roach went on to capture the Glen Sage Memorial Little Rock Championship Trophy Sun., April 19.

Representing the Winchester Curling Club, the foursome faced the Rideau Curling Club in game one of last weekend's event.

The team won 3-2, and then went on to beat the Granite Curling Club entry 9-1 in game two.

In the final, Roach's rink faced Trenton, winning once again by a 9-1 score.

Team Roach consists of skip Alison Roach, third Taryn Cooper, second Zoe Hogan, and lead Frannie Richardson. Tim Mark is the coach.

The team reached the Ottawa Curling Association's regional event after taking down the competition at a zone contest in Navan late last month.

April 19's tournament was played Sun., April 19 at the RCMP Curling Club in Ottawa.



Team Roach, one of the Winchester Curling Club's Little Rocks teams, brought home the Glen Sage Memorial Little Rock Championship Trophy after sweeping the competition at Sun., April 19's Ottawa Valley Curling Association regional event. Team members include: skip Alison Roach (left), third Taryn Cooper, coach Tim Mark, second Zoe Hogan, and lead Frannie Richardson.

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For more information on this program, its requirements and an application form, please visit the City of Cornwall website, **www.Cornwall.ca**. Copies of the application form can also be obtained from the Social Housing Division at the City of Cornwall at 340 Pitt Street or by calling (613) 930-2787 ext. 2344.

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NDDHS rugby team nursing 500 record after two tourneys

MAPLE RIDGE – With two tournaments in the books, the North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) Devils rugby team is rounding into form.

The girls fifteens squad took the field at two tournaments last week – Mon., April 13 at Carleton University and Wed., April 15 at Queen's University – in a continuation of pre-season action.

"It's a young team, and they are learning and improving very well," head coach Scott Reaney said.

At Carleton, the team faced Russell's St. Thomas Aquinas, Merivale High School's varsity team, and Holy Trinity from Kanata.

The squad drubbed St. Thomas 7-0, and hung on for a 2-2 tie against the more experienced Merivale team. The team then fell 5-0 to Holy Trinity.

"We were tired and unfocused for that game, and although we threatened to score near the end of the game, that is a large school with a lot of experienced girls, and they had a big team with a lot of [substitutes]," Reaney said. "They were too much for us that day."

Following a day off, the girls' team was in Kingston April 15.

"We had an even better day there," Reaney said.

Though NDDHS dropped its first game 3-1 to Belleville's Bayside Secondary School, they rebounded to beat Smiths Falls 4-0 in game two.

"[Smiths Falls] was new and green, and even our one days experience was an advantage," the coach said.

The final match of the day was against St. Michael Catholic High School from Kemptville.

NDDHS went on to win 4-1, though Reaney said the game "was closer than the score indicated."

The squad only had the team minimum of 15 players available for the tournament, but lost Chantal Puenter during game action after she injured her knee. The Kemptville squad loaned NDDHS two players. At Queen's, North Dundas finished second in their pool, and faced off with the first place team from the other pool: a Trenton squad that has won OFSSAA.

"They were very well organized, and we lost 3-0, but it was a good game," Reaney said. "It was a very fun tournament – very friendly, collegial, and relaxed."

On Mon., April 20, the NDDHS team took part in a tournament at Rockland District High School. The team was scheduled to face the host team, Sir Wilfrid Laurier from Orleans, and Pembroke's Bishop Smith.

North Dundas' Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry league action begins Fri., April 24 against the Holy Trinity Falcons.



North Dundas District High School's girls' fifteens rugby team took part in two tournaments last week as the squad preps for league play. Pictured during the Queen's University competition are Mallory Hutchinson (ball carrier) followed by Amy Lydiatt (left), Lynette Klein-Boonschate, Olivia Gibson, Kim Roberts, team captain Jessi Zandbelt, and Frankie Moss-Nafekh. *Deanna Corbett-White photo*



Diligent dancers

Twelve dancers from The Academy of Dance and Fitness recently took part in two separate events at the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau. There were 28 different events they competed in, and participants brought home gold, high gold, platinum, and ultimate platinum ribbons. Some participants also received special awards and overall place trophies. Pictured are: Anna Chambers (left), Georgia MacGillivray, Chloe Roy, and Emily Ryan. Middle row: Olivia Pereira (left), Melodie Roy, Frederique Guyot, Lauren Kluke, and Faith Jorgensen. Back row: Nakita Steele (left), Toni Steele, Patricia Barlow, and instructor Hollie Clayton.



Fish stories

It was an angler's dream Sat., April 18 as fishing aficionados gathered at Winchester's Lions Hall for the "Paddletales is the Bass" spring seminar. Experts, including Queen's University's Dr. Bruce Tufts, Rob Jackson, and JP DeRose, discussed a variety of topics throughout the daylong event. Hosted by Paddletales Tackle, the event drew more than 40 participants to the village location and prepped many for the coming bass fishing season. Pictured is Andy Kintsler, a competitor in the Renegade Bass circuit, discussing river systems.

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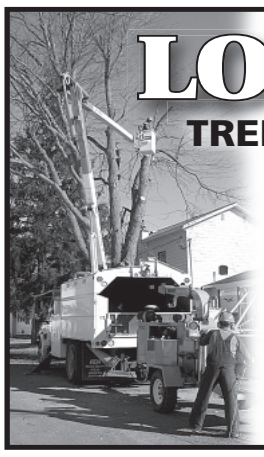

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Beryl Elaine Beattie

May 7, 1929 - March 24, 2015

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Beryl Elaine Beattie (nee Thompson) after a brief battle with cancer on Tues., March 24, 2015 in Nanaimo, B.C. She was 85.

Beryl was predeceased by her parents, James Cecil (1979) and Sarah Thomson (nee Bell) (1992); husband, James Alfred (2009); and daughter, Lynda Marie (2001). She is survived by her children, Bruce (Barb) of Bonnyville, Alta., and Susan of Nanaimo, B.C; three granddaughters, Amber (Glen) Porter, Brianna (Matt) Loree, and Meagan; as well as great-grandchildren, Morgan, Jayden, Logan, Austin, and Madelyn.

Beryl was born on May 7, 1929 in Detroit, Mich., but was raised in London, Ont. She raised her family in Winchester, where she worked for Canada Post. After retiring, Beryl and James moved to Gabriola Island, B.C in 2003. Following James' death, Beryl moved to Nanaimo to live with her daughter.

Beryl will be interred at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in London.

Roy Mcdonald Campbell

1925 - 2015



Roy Campbell, a caring, gentle man, passed away with his family and his loving wife, Dawn, at his bedside on Tues., April 14, 2015 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital in his 90th year.

Roy was the second son of the late Lillie and Dan Campbell of Ormond. He was the dear brother of Helen (Erwin Duncan), Donald R. (Lucille), Daniel J. (Ellie), and the late Glenn (Vivian). He was predeceased by his first wife, Margaret Gilroy. He was the loving stepfather of Joy McIntosh (Jack Aliberti), Steven McIntosh, and Dean McIntosh (Elaine). He will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, Laura (Warren Williams), Colin, Brandon, Ben, Evan; great-granddaughter Ruby; and daughter-in-law Sue.

Roy was born in Ormond. Following high school, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, after which he attended Queen's University. He spent 30 years working for Northern Electric. He enjoyed many wonderful years with Dawn, and leaves many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Roy was very involved in many Winchester fundraisers, a member of the Baptist Church, musical groups, and was instrumental in starting Meals on Wheels in Winchester.

Family and friends paid their respects at the Daley Family Funeral Home in Metcalfe on Mon., April 20 from 1 pm until the time of the memorial service in the chapel at 3 pm.

Donations made to Winchester District Memorial Hospital or Winchester Baptist Church would be most appreciated by the family.

Doris Jean Ennis

May 12, 1923 - April 16, 2015



Doris Ennis (nee Suffel), a wonderful mother, passed away after a very full and enjoyable life on Thurs., April 16, 2015.

Her husband of 63 years, Gordon, predeceased her in 2010. Doris was born in Mountain Township to Arnold and Christina Suffel, and remained a life-long resident of Dundas County. She is survived by her six children, Marilyn (Allan) Assance, George (Susan), David (Mary), Colleen (David) Howard, Janine (Chris) Christensen, and Arlene (Jamie) Sommerville. She is also survived by her sister, Donna Metcalfe, and sister-in-law, Lorna Suffel. She was predeceased by George (Geraldine) Suffel, Russell, Marion (Joe) Kilgour, and Rose (Bob) Thompson, and by Roy (Audrey) Ennis, Hilda (Lloyd) LaPorte, and Lena (Arrington) Stewart.

She derived tremendous enjoyment from her 15 grandchildren, aged 13 to 38, who will miss her love and wisdom. Eight great-grandchildren form part of her legacy.

She will be remembered for her constant and enduring love and support for her large family. She instilled a love of learning in her children, and encouraged an interest in music and community participation. She was a talented wordsmith, and her collection of letters to her sisters entitled "Roots & Wings" is still inspirational to young parents. Her commitment to the Winchester United Church was important, as were her friends at the Beachcroft, and her friends and neighbours encountered over her 91 years.

Her family wishes to thank Dr. David Flowers for his constant and unwavering support to her throughout many years.

Doris rested at Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain (613-989-3836) from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm on Tues. April 21. The funeral service will be held today (Wed. April 22) at Winchester United Church, 519 St. Lawrence St., at 11 am.

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

Online condolences may be made at
www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com

Lawrence David Fife

Larry Fife of Winchester passed away peacefully at Dundas Manor on Tues., April 14, 2015. He was 74.

He was the beloved husband of Monica Fife. He was the Dad of Tracy, Laura, Brett, Bray, and Larry. He was the father of Tresa St. Catherine and Nijah St. Catherine. He was the cherished Grandpa of Sabrina, Kara, and Destiny Rose Mills. Larry was the dear brother of Gary and Grant Fife. He was predeceased by his parents, Donald and Ruby Fife.

Larry rested at Harmony Community Church, 12010 Ormond Rd., Winchester on Thurs., April 16 from 9 am until the time of the funeral service at 11 am.

By family request, donations may be made to Harmony Community Church.

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

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www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com

Isobel Williams

Isobel Katherine Williams died peacefully at the Garden Villa in Chesterville on April 16, 2015. She was 93.



She was the fondly loved wife of the late William Williams. She was predeceased by her sister, Marion McGuin (Ralph), and her brother, Robert Beger. She was the much-loved mother to Bronwen and Dave (Cathy), and best Grammy ever to Evan, Olivia, and Theo.

She was born to the late Emanuel John Beger and Annie Ethel Isabella Campbell on June 24, 1921. She graduated from the Loretto Academy in 1940, and the Wellesley Nursing School in 1944. Throughout her nursing career, she brought compassion, hope, and optimism to her patients, earning her the nickname "Sunshine." The Williams family lived in Beaconsfield, Que., where Isobel was a volunteer with the I.O.D.E., and worked at the Ste. Anne de Bellevue Veteran's Hospital. She moved to Williamsburg in 1991, and participated in many community events.

Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Sat., April 25 from 2 pm until the time of the memorial service at 4 pm. Refreshments will follow the service.

Donations to the hospice campaign at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, Ont. would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BILL McMILLAN
April 28, 2013

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But that is nothing new.
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God has you in His arms,
We have you in our hearts.

Miss you so much,
Your loving wife, Mary
& family

Memorial Service

for

WILSON FREEMAN

1943-2015

Wilson, Billy as he was called by his Nova Scotia family, neighbours and school chums, was the first-born to Norma and Whitman Freeman. His siblings are Barbara, Bobby, Alan and Birdie. His Mom was a high school teacher, avid gardener and yoga instructor in her senior years. He learned his farming practices from his Dad, who milked Jersey cows, raised layers and taught him how to make the meadows in a dry year.

When he was young, he loved to hunt and fish. His Mom would pack him a lunch and off he went to the bush. On a few occasions, he played hooky and headed off to the bush and came home at the regular school dismissal time. He and his teen-age buddies built a hunt camp near a brook where it still sits today. If only those walls could talk! He attended the local schools, Pleasant River and Caledonia, and then the Nova Scotia Agricultural College/ He then attended McDonald College and graduated with a science degree from McGill University in 1966.

Wilson became the father of eight children by choice and circumstance. He and Marilyn got married and chose Shane and Craig to be their sons. Later he married Shirley and added Kim and Connie to his family. In 1981, his family grew by three more, Darryl, Derrick and Chrystal, Gail's children. Gail and Wilson created a special bond with Michael as foster parents.

He was well respected at Statistics Canada, Census of Agriculture. He met farmers across Canada and spent time understanding their farming practices. He retired in 2009 after 37 years and returned in 2011-12 part-time. He was a go-to for Ag knowledge and only a phone call away for co-workers. Wilson always said he really did not need to travel. His world was at his fingertips sitting under the maple tree in the front yard with his family and friends.

Peace be with you!

Saturday, May 2, 2015
at 2:00 pm
at Mountain Township Agricultural Hall,
2967 Lough Road, South Mountain

Family and friends are invited to attend



NDDHS Notes

by Abby Fawcett

Halfway point of semester reached at NDDHS

MAPLE RIDGE – This week marks the halfway point of our semester at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS), and mid-term reports will be sent home with students.

Congratulations to all midget and junior badminton players who participated at the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry tournament last week. Special mention goes out to the mixed doubles team of Jarrett Williams and Katherine Steele who finished first in their pool and advanced to the finals undefeated where they placed second after a very close game.

Congratulations also goes out to the many teams that advanced to the quarter finals: midget ladies doubles – Payton Halpenny and Jaime Brennan; junior mixed doubles – Brett Lannin and Lexy Carruthers; men's doubles – Jack van Kessel and Evan Durant; and ladies doubles – Maddie Henderson and Madison Scheepers.

The girls' rugby team, coached by Mr. Reaney and Mrs. Corbett-White, also kicked off their season last week with one loss, one tie, and one win in a tournament at Carleton University and then two wins and two losses at Queen's University in Kingston.

Today (Wed., April 22), tickets for the Glow Dance on Thurs., May 7 go on sale outside of the guidance offices. Tickets are $12 for this dance to cover the cost of glow paint for students to use upon their arrival.

Another activity that will happen in May is the NDDHS Pan Am Summer Games. Sign-ups for this event will begin Mon., April 27 during the lunch hour. Students will be asked to divide into teams of six, and each team must pay a $50 fee to cover the cost of activities and a provided lunch.

Lastly, a reminder to all students that all this week yearbooks are on sale outside the guidance office. The cost is $50.


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SOUTH MOUNTAIN - Three-bedroom 1.5 bath home with lots of living space in the finished basement, spacious bedrooms and a cheater en suite in the master! Superbly maintained! Deck and gazebo overlooking the good-sized fully-hedged back yard. A great place to call your own! MLS 950095 **$249,900**



WILLIAMSBURG - Brick-front 2-bedroom + 2-den bungalow with 2 bathrooms on 5.5+ acres of country. Located on a quiet paved road with expansive forest at the rear and maturing trees dotting the property. Fantastic kitchen, hardwood and bamboo floors, comfy woodburning stoves. MLS 941308 **$259,900**



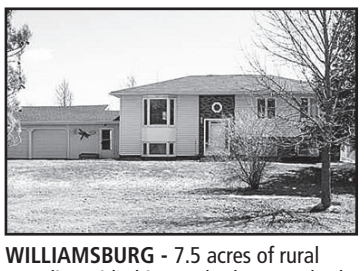
IROQUOIS - Classic 3-bed, 2-bath, red-brick home on 1.59 acres with garage and over-height shop/studio! Mix of soft and hard wood floors, 'invisible' glassed-in front veranda, woodstove, oversized 2-car garage with loft, big side deck with gazebo, and a yard full of mature trees! MLS 948849 **$259,900**



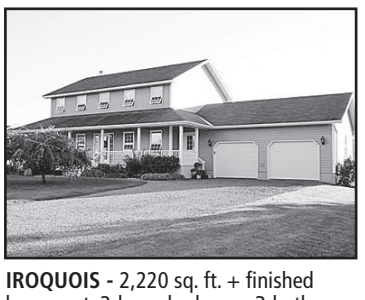
SOUTH DUNDAS - House and shop! Large 4-bedroom home nestled in on an acre along a super quiet road. Lots of room inside for a growing family as well as a spectacular and very bright sun room. Shop features 10' ceilings, hoist rail, heated and insulated! Recent furnace and shingles. MLS 949931 **$267,000**



MORRISBURG - Super-clean 3+1-bed, 2-bath home features a huge yard, pool, large deck, rec room with gas fireplace, 2-car drive-through, huge garage, garden shed, fish pond. It is bright and has lots of room with large kitchen, dining area and sunny living room. Walk to the St. Lawrence River! MLS 949562 **$269,900**



WILLIAMSBURG - 7.5 acres of rural paradise with this 3+1 bedroom, 2-bath home with detached garage/shop. Finished basement features lots of extra living space, and the main floor has an updated kitchen and a beautiful sun room that leads to the rear deck, where you'll find a pool and hot tub. MLS 949367 **$289,900**



IROQUOIS - 2,220 sq. ft. + finished basement, 3-large-bedroom, 3-bathroom home! Let the kids play while you enjoy the peace of country living almost within view of the St. Lawrence River. Immaculate home boasts hardwood floors, 2014 windows, and a large master en suite and walk-in! MLS 940199 **$309,900**



CHESTERVILLE - Like brand new, this 3+1-bedroom, 2-bath home shines from its superior finishes to its full complement of appliances including stainless steel kitchen set. Come see the spacious kitchen with lighting and space for an island, finished basement, overbuilt quality, garage, and more! MLS 945949 **$298,900**



LIMOGES - Fall in love with this 2010-built 3-bed, 2-bath home. Kitchen features granite counter tops and large breakfast bar. Also dark hardwood floors and stairs, huge master suite, and tons of extra living space in the finished basement. It is all in spectacular condition! MLS 947242 **$359,900**



SOUTH MOUNTAIN - Stunning 2013 built, 3-bed, 3-full bath, 1,650 sq. ft. bungalow boasting 2,500+ sq. ft. of living space. Extra-large lot! It's all here! Your jaw will drop when you see the vaulted ceilings, quartz counters, spacious en suite, and don't forget the HUGE fully finished basement with full bath! MLS 948677 **$439,900**

Hounds in House

It's barking love and happiness!

by Nina Guy

WINCHESTER – Is your dog feeling under the weather lately because he's home alone for hours on end while you're at work? What better way to cheer him up than to bring him to Hounds in House?

This Ormond Road facility allows you to bring your dog in for several hours a day, where he or she will be played with and taken care of.

From playing outside to having a nap in the middle of the afternoon, Hounds in House has everything your dog needs.

"It's about them getting exercise, outdoor activity, fresh air, playtime, and also rest and relaxation," owner Kimberlee Anderson-Hamelin said.

A graduate of Carleton University, Anderson-Hamelin received a bachelor's degree in social work. Because two of her animals have health issues, she wanted to stay home to take care of them, which resulted in creating Hounds in House.

Not only can she take care of her own dogs, but since the beginning of January, Anderson-Hamelin has been taking in others, as well.

"What better way to have fun than to have a business where you can play with dogs all day, be outside, and meet some wonderful people?" Anderson-Hamelin said. "It's just a fun area of work to be in."

The Hounds in House logo represents Anderson-Hamelin's house with her three dogs front and centre, Rubie, Riley and Sadie. The daycare allows only four animals a day, five per special occasion, along with Anderson-Hamelin's three young dogs.

The dog daycare is open Monday to Friday, from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. The fact that this daycare is open only during the day appeases neighbours because the noise doesn't bother them.

Not only does this daycare offer a playroom, built with anti-slip, heated floors, but also has five-foot chain link fences, allowing dogs to play outside in the large backyard. Two sections have been created outside, separating the larger animals, such as Golden Retrievers and Black Labs, from the little pups. This separation helps both kinds of dogs have a pleasurable experience while being taken care of.



Ceiran (left) having some fun with fellow daycare buddy, Kenobi.



Rubie (left), Sadie and Riley, the dogs on the Hounds in House logo, accompanied by their owner, Kimberlee Anderson-Hamelin.

Whenever playing outside, the dogs can also interact with Anderson-Hamelin, allowing them to play ball, catch Frisbees and alternate between toys, depending on the dogs' temperaments. The canines also get to enjoy some relaxation time whenever they become tired.

"The most important thing to me is that the groups get along well," Anderson-Hamelin said. "I take a lot of time figuring out who will match, personality wise, and to make them happy."

One of the things that distinguishes Hounds in House from a kennel is the controlled environment. Because of the small group of animals allowed at the dog daycare, she can watch them closely, which will give a sense of relief to the dog owners.

"When you go to a dog park, you don't know what dogs are going to be there," Anderson-Hamelin said. "There could be a dog that is a bit more aggressive or fights can happen. Something could happen to your dog and it can scar them. By sending your dog to a daycare, you have someone there that has already gone through the process of screening, to see whether or not a dog is appropriate for the daycare. I'm going to make groups that the dogs are happy with, so that everyone will know that this is a safe place to be."



Ceiran (left) playing with his 'brother,' Riley.

When you own a dog, you create a bond with it that will stay with you forever and it's hard to live without one. That's exactly what happened with Anderson-Hamelin and all the dogs she takes care of. She builds a bond with each and every one of them, allowing her to love and care for them.

"I love all of the dogs. They become like family," she said. "My work motto is: caring for your canine companion like family. People can leave their dogs in the morning and know that they're going to get an experience [where] they don't have to worry. They know that [their pets] are getting affection, they're getting plenty of care and attention. That's the goal."



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